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Beyond Bali:

Indonesia's other indulgent islands

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For many, the tropical island of Bali evokes images of white sandy beaches and absurdly clear water offset by vibrant coral reef. But recent years have seen the popular holiday destination become increasingly reminiscent of a small city.

While the bustling areas of Seminyak and Canggu certainly do offer extraordinary culinary experiences and innovate cocktail list to boot, if you're seeking a true island experience you may be best off venturing to some of Indonesia's lesser-known gems.

Thankfully, with over 18,000 islands in the Indonesian archipelago, when it comes to the pursuit of untouched powder soft sand, you're spoilt for choice. In fact, the options can be downright overwhelming – which is why we've helped out by picking four other Indonesian islands:

Tanjung, Lombok



Though relatively unknown – and well off the beaten track – one island across from Bali in Lombok you'll find Tanjung, an area unofficially known as the land of extravagant villas. Here you can experience opulence without having to forgo the opportunity to immerse yourself in local culture.

With meandering stalls and kiosks stocking handmade offerings and intoxicating Indonesian home cooking sold by grinning locals, in Tanjung you'll get a true taste of Indonesia. Contrasting culture and luxury, here you'll also have the chance to shoot some palm fringed holes with an obstructed view of the Indian Ocean at the Sire Beach Golf Club.

Where to stay

While [The Lombok Lodge](#) and [The Oberoi](#) are both five-star resorts that definitely will not disappoint, it's hard to go past the expansive, private villa that is [Villa Sepoi Sepoi](#). Set on six sprawling acres of tropical gardens, it features six bedrooms, a private chef, a large beachfront pool, and easy access to the Sire Beach Golf Club right next door.

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