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Best Secret Islands on Earth

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Chile: Robinson Crusoe

A two-hour flight west of Santiago, this rugged isle earned its fame from the 18th-century sailor Alexander Selkirk, whose wild spell as a castaway here inspired the novel *Robinson Crusoe*. The aura of adventure still endures (there s even a rumor of buried treasure). Travelers arrive on a seven-seater plane, then take a 30-minute speedboat ride to the town of San Juan Bautista. At the new **Crusoe Island Lodge** (*Bahía Pangal*; 56-23/460-103; crusoeislandlodge.com; doubles from \$330, all-inclusive), all 15 rooms are made with recycled materials and wood from the nearby forest. Hire guide Michelangel Trezza from the hotel to organize a scuba dive (from \$150), on which you ll see a centuries-old shipwreck.



Courtesy of Crusoe Island Lodge

T+L Tip: Try **El Mirador** (dinner for two \$100) for piping-hot lobster empanadas. *Kristina Schreck*

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rspal POSTED OCT. 25, 2011 12:12AM EST

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What about the Seychelles? the Groix, Batz, Ouerssant and Sein Islands in Brittany (France) ?
The Cabo verde Islands? The Iles de la Madeleine in Quebec? Amorgos, Chios, Andros in Greece?
The Marquises Islands in the Pacific?

wequire POSTED JUL. 20, 2011 3:07PM EST

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I live in WA and had never heard of lummi Island... wow!

ArebbuschLodge POSTED JUN. 20, 2011 10:51AM EST

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One word: WOW! Looks really amazing. Thanks for the list of mouth-watering holiday locations

edens POSTED JUN. 6, 2011 12:53AM EST

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They are all nice places. Take a look at Palawan in the Philippines. I think its more beautiful than the islands mentioned here.

dvndarlin POSTED JUN. 5, 2011 4:06PM EST

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Cayman Brac of the Cayman Islands. Not a traffic light, world class scuba, great people, affordable accomodations.

maxy212 POSTED JUN. 4, 2011 11:09AM EST

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Just wondering why the Abaco Islands are not mentioned? They are the most beautiful, quite and clean islands that I have ever seen.

bapakjason POSTED JUN. 4, 2011 3:41AM EST

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To whom it may concern, Mabul is a beautiful place indeed, but if we are to do our research we will find that it is actually an island off the coast of "Sabah" (with a H) not Saba. Also, Sabah (with a H) is a state of Malaysia located on the northern portion of the island of Borneo. Thanks~

ChileTravel POSTED MAY. 30, 2011 5:45PM EST

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Great to see mentioned Robinson Crusoe Island in this article. It is a unique place to visit.

Rolly POSTED SEP. 17, 2010 7:52AM EST

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Go Siargao, Philippines!

MylesMellor

POSTED JUL. 21, 2010 3:09PM EST

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WOW Koh Phra Thong in Thailand made it into this. I thought only I knew about it. Looks like its not a secret any more.

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