Paradise may be exclusive, but could it be made more

accessible?

Travel site **Hostelworld** has revealed some of the most exotic locations in the world

that can be accessed on a budget

Paradise sometimes feels out of reach. Sometimes, the most staggeringly beautiful locations on the

planet are slightly off the beaten track.

But travellers have found some of the most spectacular spots across the world by diverting from the

'luxury hot-spots'. If you're on a budget, but you are eager to travel, explore and meet others in the

world's most exotic locations, Hostelworld has revealed the top 10 on the must-visit list.

Koh Rong Samloem, Cambodia

Where to stay: Mad Monkey Backpackers Resort

Most of this island is unexplored, which means Mad Monkey is the ultimate base for adventure. This

hostel is tucked away on a private beach on the tranquil island of Koh Rong Samloem and is only

accessible by tail boat. Not only is the hostel's schedule packed with activities, the large bar situated

right off the shore line is a perfect place to meet other islanders.

Magnetic Island, Australia

Where to stay: **Base** 

The Great Barrier Reef, wild rainforest, untouched beaches and 800 koalas surround Magnetic

Island, just off Queensland. It's certainly not deserted here though - the hostel bar is one of the

liveliest on the Island, and every month they ignite their beach to throw the legendary Full Moon

Down Under party. A note to Scuba enthusiasts – you better get your flippers on because Base

ensures that you won't find a cheaper diving qualification anywhere else in Australia!

Minca, Colombia

Where to stay: Casa Elemento

Do you long for that fresh mountain air on your face and to wake up to the sound of toucans and monkeys? In the heart of the Colombian Sierra Nevada Mountains, situates a hostel that hosts a

campfire every night, a BBQ every Sunday and beds hand-made locally from jungle pine

los, Greece

Where to stay: Far Out Beach Club

The island of los has over 40 different beaches, some small and secluded and only accessible by

boat. The Greek Island also holds a reputation for a wild nightlife and anchored on Mylopotas beach

with the idyllic backdrop of the Agean Sea, is Far Out Beach Club, which combines party with

paradise. It also hosts an outdoor cinema for spectacular starry nights.

Tulum, Mexico

Where to stay: El Jardin de Frida

This charming "Eco-Cultural" hostel is inspired by the legendary artist Frida Kahlo and has that

certain kind of magic in the air with lots of art, Mexican culture and a spiritual healing essence.

Tulum is a place that exposes beautiful botanical gardens with fruit trees, herbs, a running well and

hammocks facing the jungle.

**Uvita, Costa Rica** 

Where to stay: Cascada Verde

Uvita's main attraction is Parque Nacional Marino Ballena, a pristine marine reserve famous for its

humpback migrating pods of whales and wilderness beaches.

Away from the crowds and hidden in the jungle, you'll find a treehouse retreat surrounded by

tropical nature, including monkeys and the waterfall of Uvita de Osa.

**Gregory Town, Bahamas** 

Where to stay: **Surfer's Manor** 

Here, you can go for a double room or set up camp at this peaceful sanctuary on the remote and

unspoiled island of Eleuthera. There are discounted surf lessons and the owners encourage yogis to

practice their cobras and lotuses with a work exchange for anyone interested in teaching. There is

also an annual Pineapple Festival in Gregory Town, which honours the pineapple farming with fruity

activities such as the Pineappleman Sprint Triathlon.

Punta del Este, Uruguay

Where to stay: F&F Hostel

Something to see in the named 'Monaco of South America' is the spectacular beach sunsets. For

surfers or beach hoppers combined, F&F is a hostel with a pool and garden bar and is located next to

the famous surfers' beach Playa Brava in Punta del Este.

Nadi, Fiji

Where to stay: Smugglers Cove Beach Resort

Nadi hosts a number of magnificent Indian temples, amazing beaches and hike trails that display its

unique blend of culture and idyllic beaches. Situated on the famous party beach of Wailoaloa Beach,

Smugglers Cove hosts a beachfront deck with a restaurant and bar that offers a free continental

buffet every morning and an extensive cocktail menu for drinks at sunset.

Sandakan, Malaysia

Where to stay: <u>Sepilok Jungle Resort</u>

Sandakan, will take you back in time when humans were closer to nature. To stay amidst beautiful

landscape gardens and thousands of acres of tropical rainforest, adjacent to the world famous

Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary, is a truly rejuvenating and unforgettable experience.

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