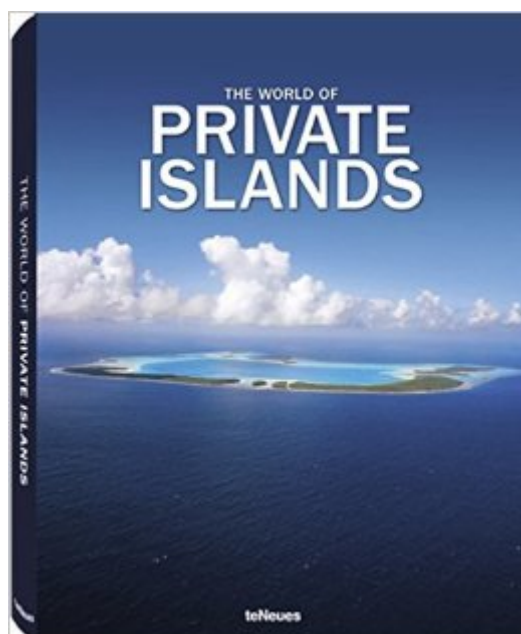


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# The World Of Private Islands (English, German, French, Spanish And Italian Edition)



## Synopsis

If you can dream it, it's out there for you. From the idealism of Moore's "Utopia" to the ease of Gauguin's "Tahiti," islands fuel the imagination. Indeed, who hasn't day-dreamed of a unique slice of paradise? Editor Farhad Vladi showcases a variety of private islands in this compelling volume, featuring everything from Canadian lake isles to Pacific atolls. Within these chapters you will discover a world of islands replete with castles in addition to more contemporary vacation properties owned by celebrities like Johnny Depp and Richard Branson. Islands, however, are not just for the wealthy; for those working with a smaller budget, prices start at a perfectly reasonable \$30,000! Lovers of nature and adventure seekers alike will be intrigued by the independence remote islands offer while more sociable types will appreciate the many beautiful resort isles.

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## Customer Reviews

The idea of a book of island pictures is enticing, exciting, and inviting. Casually flipping through the more than 200 pages and almost 100 islands, I was struck by the exotic and beautiful locations. Unfortunately, for me, this book did not live up to all those expectations. My wife, however, enjoyed the book very much. The World of Private Islands is a compilation of photographs mostly taken by Farhad Vladi with text by Martina Matthiesen. The islands are grouped by style, Islands with Lighthouses, Celebrity Islands, Atolls, etc., not geography. Each island is presented in a two page spread, with a paragraph or two in English and German. The book is large format, roughly 10 x 12, and many photographs span two pages. The paper is very heavy, the printing and binding is perfection. For a time, I enjoyed dreaming about these islands. They are beautiful and the thought of

maybe going to one or two of them (the Thousand Island area is inexpensive and very accessible) was a nice dream. I'm very happy, the islands I know and love were not included in this book - they are wonderful secrets that publicity would ruin. I am predisposed to love islands - some of the more memorable times in my life were spent on beautiful secluded islands. I love Paul Theroux - somebody that is an expert at island living and an incredible author. The difficulty I have with this book is the quality of the photographs. From the introduction and photo credits, Vladi has personally taken most of these pictures. Sadly, they do not hold up well to the extra large format of this book. I have become accustomed to the incredible high quality of TeNeues publishing, and the source photographs fall short.

This is the perfect book for days when work is crazy or when you just need a change of pace. It's the ideal book for imagining yourself on a warm, sunny, uncrowded beach with a drink in your hand staring out over miles of turquoise water or beautiful landfalls in the distance. Or on rocky cliffs, not far from your own castle, holding a hot drink while watching the waves crash against the shore. I want to go on vacation! If only I had a gazillion dollars so I could afford to rent (or buy!) one of these luxurious islands. This large coffee table book, 12.8 x 10.1 x 1.1 inches is substantial. The pages are heavy, glossy quality stock. The photographer, Farhad Vladi is the founder and owner of the company Vladi Private Islands which is the world's leading island brokerage company. He sells and rents out private islands, island-related properties and island shares around the world. Over the years, he has assembled an archive covering over 12,000 islands all over the world, probably the world's largest archive on privately-owned islands. He photographs private islands from a helicopter, like those in this book. The only thing that I thought could have been better about the photos, is that some could have been a little higher resolution. That's not to say that they were fuzzy or anything, just that some of the little tiny details nosy people like me want to see were hard to pick out in some photographs. Considering he's flying around in a helicopter and probably taking pictures through the glass of the windshield (while moving) they were more than acceptable to me. There is a map in the front of the book showing all the destinations, some of which I had never heard of. The book was divided into sections which I liked, because he divided them up the way I would have.

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