

## Escape to an eco lodge

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For unspoilt tropical island escapes, Cape Verde is still very much under the radar. The island of Boa Vista is home to the most impressive beaches on the archipelago and is closest to the African mainland. Here, there's little to do but spot turtles on the island's southern beaches, take long walks and try your hand at windsurfing. For total escapism, check into Spinguera Eco Lodge – a collection of stone cottages in perfect harmony with the natural setting. Bedrooms have elegant white-draped beds, and sculpted wood, stone and seashell details. There are hammocks for a snooze and the beach is just a 10-minute walk away. NEARBY Explore Praia de Chaves, where the sand dunes have been sculpted by the wind into amazing arcs. **BOOK IT** Cape Verde Experience offers seven nights with breakfast at Spinguera Eco Lodge on Boa Vista from £1,270 per person, including return flights from London Gatwick, lounge access, private transfers and visas. Flights to Boa Vista are also available from Manchester and Birmingham. Visit capeverde.co.uk.



## The coolest 'copter

For an all-ages thrill, stay in a converted military helicopter! Hoseasons offers nights in a 1982 Xray Zulu 676 Helicopter at Ream Hills Holiday Park in Lancashire. Kids will love to imagine flying this beast!  NEARBY The bright lights of Blackpool are just a short drive away, with its famous Tower
 and Pleasure Beach amusement park.
 BOOK IT A three-night break for two adults and two children costs from £276. Visit hoseasons.co.uk.

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 Firsst-classs

 airplane

You usually have to pay thousands of pounds for a proper bed on a plane in first class, which makes a stay in this decommissioned plane in Saint-Michel-Chef-Chef in western France all the more enticing!

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Prices correct at time of

Jane Anderson.

Feature:

 NEARBY The delightful seaside resorts of Tharon-Plage, Pornic and Saint-Brevin are all within easy reach.
 BOOK IT From £78 per night (sleeps four). Visit airbnb.co.uk/rooms/1405703.
 Brittany Ferries offers Channel crossings from £155 each way for a car and a family of four. Visit brittanyferries.com.

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