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A person wearing a dark, quilted jacket is sitting on the back of a silver SUV. The SUV is parked on a grassy hillside. The person's hands are resting on their lap. The background shows a clear blue sky and a distant horizon. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

# *Stay* Differently

YOU'LL WANT TO WRITE HOME  
ABOUT THESE UNCONVENTIONAL  
ACCOMMODATIONS



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As much as I enjoy hotels and their fancy amenities, I often find myself searching for accommodations that have a bit more spunk. After all, scoring a unique home base during your travels can often be the highlight of the trip. For starters, these alternatives mean you likely won't hear your neighbor next door.

"I often laugh when I hear stories of people staying the night in a hotel and before going to bed, they'll put a sound machine ON," says Jennifer Young, co-founder and chief marketing officer of [Outdoorsy.com](https://www.outdoorsy.com), an RV rental company. "Do they realize they could actually be sleeping next to the real thing? I've fallen asleep to the sound of a waterfall, brushed my teeth beside a calm lake and started hikes at trailheads that began just a few steps away from the (RV) driver's door."

And in the ongoing state of pandemic recovery, there's no better way to social distance than to have a place all to yourself. Try these hotel alternatives to literally "stay away": >



Timbers Kaua'i Ocean Club & Residences

## Book a *luxé* vacation rental

**S**tay in an oceanfront luxury residence at **Timbers Kaua'i Ocean Club & Residences** in Hala, Hawaii, where you can spend days on end wandering the trails (there are 13 miles' worth), golfing at the **Jack Nicklaus Ocean Course** and surfing. Explore Kaua'i further with a cruiser from the self-serve bike garage.

Recover at the spa, lounge at the two-tiered infinity pool, take a yoga class and dine at **Hualani's**, which uses ingredients grown at the on-site farm. With two-bedroom, three-bedroom and

four-bedroom units as well as bilevel townhouses, your friends and family will have room to spread out.

**ADDED BONUS:** If you have a green thumb, join the agrication program at the **Farm at Hokualea** to learn about the history and tradition of canoe crops, farming and harvesting techniques. The former golf course-turned-farm supplies produce to Hualani's and also to owners and guests. Adults will appreciate the easy access to papayas, mangoes, bananas and coconuts. And kids will dig the rabbits and chickens. On Tuesday nights, the chef whips up a three-course meal straight from the farm.

You can also immerse yourself in



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cultural activities such as lei-making, ukulele lessons and Hawaiian language instruction. There's even a weekly pop-up market featuring products made by local artisans.