



Buy me an island

If privacy is the ultimate commodity then this atoll in the Tuamotu Archipelago – more than 300nm from its closest neighbour – is rich beyond measure, says Sophia Wilson

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► The aquamarine waters of French Polynesia were the setting for one of the greatest seafaring tales, the mutiny on *HMS Bounty*, and this oval atoll has remained virtually unchanged since William Bligh's dissident crew sailed here.

Approximately a two-hour flight, or a 418nm sail, from Tahiti, Nengo Nengo is just over 12 kilometres long and eight kilometres wide (at its widest point). Its white and pink sand beaches encircle a sparkling lagoon, which for the past 20 years has been used to farm Tahitian black pearls.

As a result of minimal human intervention, its crystal clear waters are still densely populated with fish and coral.

The island has some basic buildings, which have previously been used to accommodate up to 80 workers, and a private landing strip. A cargo ship also stops at the island on a monthly basis to deliver supplies (and thereby



The white and pink sand beaches are a joy to stroll along

prevent modern-day mutinies).

The atoll could potentially be further developed as an aquaculture base or transformed into a luxury resort. Alternatively, you could simply drop anchor and enjoy your own private slice of paradise.

FACT FILE

LOCATION 18°44'51.6"S 141°48'09.1"W

PRICE \$55.7 million

AGENT Private Islands Inc privateislandsonline.com

USP One of the most remote private atolls on the market

CELEBRITY NEIGHBOURS

Not exactly nearby, but French Polynesia's most luxurious hideout, The Brando (named after its late owner Marlon Brando), is 500 miles away

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The atoll has its own private landing strip



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SEA SPA

Erosantorini Santorini, Greece

Where is it?

Clinging to the side of Santorini's caldera, this 4,000 square metre private estate is just two kilometres from the bustling white-walled capital Fira and offers vivid views of the island's pink, orange and gold sunsets.

Why the hype?

Santorini may be known as the "island of love" but with 800 hotels and probably double the number of selfie-sticks fighting for space on its volcanic shores, romance can seem scarce, even if you are wearing rose-tinted glasses. This exclusive hillside sanctuary will be entirely yours and give you and your partner the privacy to fall in love all over again, both with each other and the island.

What to have?

During your stay, its cavernous underground spa is at your personal disposal: start in the hammam, where through the billowing steam you can spot Greek mosaics covering the curved ceiling, and then try the aromatherapy shower – a button will spritz out a tonic of invigorating herbal aromas. Afterwards wrap yourself in a fluffy towel and head through for a Greek Olive Oil Massage with your personal on-call therapist. The treatment uses Swedish massage techniques and harnesses the antioxidant benefits of Greek olive oil, which is renowned for its anti-ageing and anti-inflammatory properties. The treatment will leave your skin feeling moisturised, supple and firm.

Best by boat

Perched 300 metres above sea level, you can spot superyachts in the bay below while swimming in the infinity pool and it's less than 10 minutes by car from Athinios Port, which can host superyachts of any length. erosantorini.com

