

WALKING ON SUNSHINE

*Your summer holiday requirements are sun, sea, sand,
and seclusion. Accept no substitutes, sun worshippers.*

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*Nihiwatu Resort,
Sumba (Indonesia)*

This is a private island resort that ensures privacy is not another one of those misused terms in the travel dictionary. For starters, it used to be nothing more than a surfer's sanctuary for those visiting – still is a credible site for the activity – housing those in the know wanting to catch the best breaks this region can offer without the judging eyes of the community. Today, under the vision of Nihiwatu's new owner Chris Burch, the resort has become one of luxury travel's best kept secrets. The island has only two handfuls of luxury villas and suites, and it has a strict quota on the number of guests on the premises at any given time. This ensures that its facilities are not overbooked or that its pristine beach shares the overwhelming body count of Waikiki's. The spacious accommodations reflect what Nihiwatu is all about – comfort, conservation, and community outreach. Each residence is constructed with locally sourced materials like bamboos, stone, teak and clay, providing a rustic Sumbanese feel to the overall experience. It is safe to say that there is nearly nothing here that Nihiwatu cannot offer to the beach-bumming, adventure-seeking, culture-curious holiday goer (more than even our column inches can fulfil). Apart from lazing at its beautiful beach, there are options to ride on one of Sumba's notorious horses, or take up a hiking trail that leads to a gorgeous waterfall. Out at sea, catch a 300-pound Marlin with your very own fully-equipped deep sea fishing boat or dive at one of the most beautiful sites in Indonesia at the west coast of Sumba. For us, we are just happy to get the infinity pool all to ourselves for a change.

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