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BIG ISLAND, HAWAII

Your tropical estate

Think of it as the anti-resort. Not that **Puakea Ranch's** four private bungalows on a rural, grassy slope at the Big Island's northern tip are short on luxury: You'll nap in four-poster beds dressed with Italian linens, cool off in your own dipping pool, and enjoy views of the Pacific from your tree-shaded front porch. But the low-key property, once a sugar mill and a cattle ranch, is also refreshingly rustic. Collect eggs for an omelet from the chicken coop, and ride one of the ranch's horses to the top of the grassy hill for a view of the famed Kohala Coast—a short drive away when you're ready to hit the beach (we like Kauna'oa, at left). *From \$200, plus \$100 cleaning fee per stay; 2-night minimum; puakearanch.com or 808/315-0805. —E.J.*





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