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Is there anybody there?

Three eco-aware hotels are about to open on Australia's unexplored north-west coast. Be first to go

There are still corners of the world that have escaped the ravages of mass tourism. This particular stretch of Western Australia's north-west coast, from Exmouth to just north of Broome, is such a place: 1,400km of stunning scenery, including the vast Eighty Mile Beach, and barely a hotel along the whole stretch. So the opening of three new places to stay comes as welcome news; they will provide a base for travellers wanting to explore this unspoilt region. Reassuringly, all three properties aim to minimise their environmental impact. Ritziest of the bunch is Pinctada ([\[cablebeach.com.au\]\(http://cablebeach.com.au\)\), due to open outside Broome in April. Sustainable elements at this 71-room resort and spa include an intricate water-management system and innovative 'daylight-harvesting technology'. In the Mackerel Islands \(\[www.mackerelislands.com.au\]\(http://www.mackerelislands.com.au\)\), a solar-powered Eco Villa is about to open on its own island surrounded by coral reef. And at Sal Salis \(\[www.salsalis.com.au\]\(http://www.salsalis.com.au\)\), six low-impact tents are hidden so well among the dunes that wallabies scamper between them, while guests watch whales and dolphins from their hammocks.](http://www.pinctada</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Cape Leveque, accessible by four-wheel drive, at the tip of the Dampier Peninsula, Western Australia