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OUR GUIDE TO HEAVEN ON EARTH

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1 PINK SANDS HARBOUR ISLAND, BAHAMAS

Most regular visitors to the Bahamas declare Pink Sands one of their favourite beaches – and our panel of *Ultratravel* writers and experts voted it the best in the world. The attraction, says Nina Buesing, who photographed wild horses there (left), is not just its colour – a soft pink that turns salmon in the setting sun, due to the thousands of shells that have been pounded into fine sand. You can also walk for miles without bumping into anyone. Other bonuses are the water quality (“pristine, like Evian, albeit saltier,” according to Buesing), the gently sloping beach, safe snorkelling and sheltered swimming – plus the two “chic shack” hotels (one by Barbara Hulanicki, founder of Biba; and The Landing, tastefully designed by India Hicks) that pull in A-list celebrities by the boatload. *The Landing* (00 242 333 2707, www.harbourisland.com) is offering rooms from £125; *Pink Sands* (00 242 333 2030, www.pinksandsresort.com) has rooms from £302, based on two people sharing.

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The world's best beaches