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As luxury hotels around the world know, nothing says “I’ve got away from it all” like a beautifully appointed bathroom with an oversize soaking tub. Case in point: You’ll have to travel all the way to South America to slide into this amazing stand-alone tub, which we found at [Estancia Vik](#), a 12-suite hotel on a 4,000-acre estate near Punta del Este, a beach resort in Uruguay.

The custom beech wood tub, which was designed by the owners of the hotel and handmade by a local Uruguayan boat builder, has proved so popular with guests that many have commissioned tubs of their own to take home. We love the way the tub’s natural materials and honest unpretentious craftsmanship are put in the service of a gracefully sophisticated shape. And the elegantly austere surroundings—smooth concrete walls and floor, clean-lined fixtures, a simple wood cabinet—set the tub off to perfection. The equally perfect light comes courtesy of a large window that also offers an expansive view of the Arroyo River and Jose Ignacio Lake, which meet the southern Atlantic a mile away.

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