



#### MY OWN PRIVATE ISLAND-OH!

A stay at Cheval Blanc Randheli's Owner's Villa in the Maldives is about as close as it gets to renting your own island. Located on its own pocket of paradise in the north-eastern Noonu Atoll, an unspoiled island chain with silky-soft beaches and crystalline waters, the contemporary four-bedroom villa includes its own spa, an oversized 25-m pool, exotic gardens, a private cinema and a dedicated team of staff available 24/7. Guests can enjoy moonlit yoga sessions set among the gardens, drinks at the villa's exclusive cocktail bar and gourmet food prepared by three-Michelin-starred chef Yannick Alléno. Designed by architectural wizard Jean-Michel Gathy, the blissful retreat is kitted out with bespoke furniture and even a grand piano. And if private island fever sets in, you can head down to your personal jetty and hop on one of the island's fleet of *dhonis* to the resort's Spa island or to one of the four restaurants. Here, the Maldivian sea is your oyster.

PRICE: US \$35,000 per night AVAILABLE: From now  
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# ESCAPES

Surrender to your wanderlust this month with our pick of luxury getaways, including a maiden voyage to Papua New Guinea's most remote and mysterious region, an eccentric stay in one of Switzerland's most risqué suites and the ultimate VIP Maldivian retreat in Noonu Atoll

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#### CAMBODIA IN THE FRAME

If simply witnessing Angkor Wat, the unofficial eighth Wonder of the World, wasn't enough, you can now master the skills to capture its beauty on camera with a one-off photo tour of the iconic UNESCO temple ruins. Staying at the Anantara Angkor Resort and Spa, located deep within the Cambodian jungle at the gateway to the magnificent Khmer empire in Siem Reap, guests will be mentored by award-winning photographer John McDermott. Dubbed the "Ansel Adams of Angkor" for his ethereal photos of Angkor's lost temples, the acclaimed photographer will tailor the tour to each guest, making it accessible to both novice and more experienced photographers. Guests will be guided around the vast treasury of Angkor – which is twice the size of Manhattan – exploring and photographing its astonishing array of ancient religious monuments, including magical Bayon, jungle-encased Ta Prohm and of course the chief attraction – Angkor Wat. And if you're not sure your pictures are quite ready for their wall-hanging debut, you can always pick up one of McDermott's original prints at the resort's on-site McDermott Gallery. PRICE: Rooms from US \$215 per night; photo tours from \$350 per couple AVAILABLE: From now BOOK: [ANGKOR@ANANTARA.COM](mailto:ANGKOR@ANANTARA.COM)

#### VINTAGE VOYAGE

Oenophiles can combine Mediterranean cruising with the cultural and culinary delights of not one or two but three European countries on Sea Dream's bespoke Winemakers voyage, hosted by Bollinger's export director, Guy de Rivoire. Kicking off in Rome, the trip takes in the boutique yachting ports of Portofino, Monte Carlo and St Tropez before cruising to Barcelona and Valencia, and ending with Malaga on Spain's Costa del Sol. Guests can indulge in private winery visits at top-class vineyards, take a master class in wine tasting with expert instructors and enjoy specially-crafted, on-board degustation dinners paired with local vintages. Highlights include visits to the 1,500-acre private estate of Château de Berne in Provençal countryside and the Cavas Recaredo Winery in Spain's Sant Sadurní d'Anoia. And with a crew of 95 staff tending the needs of just 112 guests, the level of service and attention to detail is more akin to a private yacht experience.

PRICE: From US \$4,950 AVAILABLE: October 23 – November 1, 2015  
BOOK: [WWW.SEADREAM.COM](http://WWW.SEADREAM.COM)



#### UNCHARTERED TERRITORY

Papua New Guinea has long been a destination that has captured the imagination of travellers, but its geography makes it challenging for even the most intrepid of explorers. Not anymore. Steppes Travel's bespoke 12-day Adventure Cruise has made PNG more accessible with its luxury adventure cruise ship, *True North*. Guests will travel 112 kilometres up the Sepik River, one of the world's greatest river systems, exploring remote islands with Chris Packham – naturalist, author, TV presenter and nature photographer – who will lead the voyage. The adventurous itinerary includes visiting jungle grottos, diving in one of the world's most prolific dive sites, Tufi, hiking up volcanoes, taking a heli ride over the epic Baining Mountains and the chance to visit the stilted village and community at Lake Kambarumba. The on-board crew of 20 even includes naturalists and marine biologists to keep you on point with the area's astonishing array of wildlife, which includes turtles, tree kangaroos, dolphins and rare species of butterflies. The highlight has to be experiencing *True North*'s maiden voyage to East New Britain's coastline – a mysterious area that is home to virgin rainforests, fringing coral reef and isolated tribal villages.

PRICE: US \$16,790 including private charter flights  
AVAILABLE: November 8, 2016 BOOK: [WWW.STEPPESTRAVEL.CO.UK](http://WWW.STEPPESTRAVEL.CO.UK)

#### WANDERFUL SWITZERLAND

Design junkies are in for a treat at Kameha Grand Zürich Hotel, which has just unveiled three new suites designed by the "Lady Gaga of Design" – Dutch product and interior designer, Marcel Wanders. Know for his signature daring approach that blends glamour, indulgence and eccentric style, the flamboyant designer's vision was to create a lifestyle experience for guests that goes beyond the aesthetic. Guests can choose from Diva, a Hollywood-themed suite inspired by glamorous film stars of a bygone age; Burlesque, which is decked out in sumptuous fabrics of velvet, tulle and silk satin (and even a box of Agent Provocateur surprises – ooh la la); or Princess, a palatial suite that takes sartorial cues from regal characters with pink and white bell lamps and rose-marbled carpets. Guests can indulge in a two-night "Fifty Shades of You" package, staying at the risqué Burlesque Suite, which includes a professional photo shoot with makeup and pose coaching, a bottle of bubbly and free use of the hotel's Spa and Power House. PRICE: Suites from US \$795 per night; "Fifty Shades of You" package from \$2,140 AVAILABLE: Year round (weekends only)

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