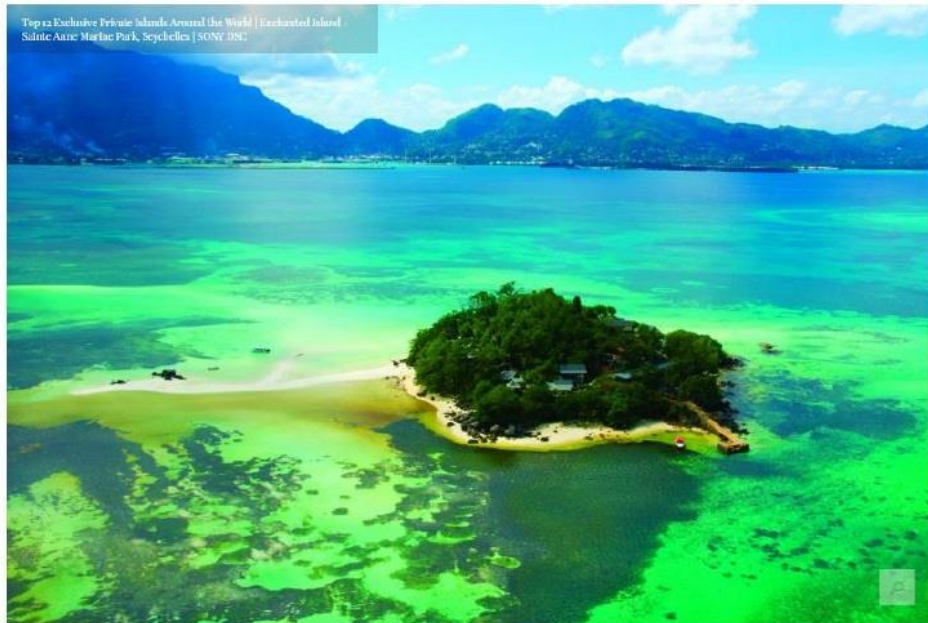


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TOP 12 PRIVATE ISLANDS AROUND THE WORLD

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It is sometimes hard to imagine that such places exist when you are caught up in the bustle of city life—but they do! Stretches of golden sugar-like sand, azure blue waters lapping at the shores and the peaceful sound of nothing at all. These are H&L's picks of the top 12 private islands around the world to get your travel juices flowing.



Top 12 Exclusive Private Islands Around the World | Mnemba Island – Zanzibar

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For couples looking for utter seclusion and serenity, in a location off-limits to everyone except a few guests and staff to cater to their every whim, andBeyond Mnemba Island Lodge is *the* place to go for barefoot luxury. Three miles off the north-eastern tip of Zanzibar, this private island is sophisticated yet totally relaxed. Its alluring 'shoes-off' ethos is combined with first class treatment, luxurious anonymity and just ten simple but top-notch bandas dotted amongst tropical forest pine and fringed by powder white sand. The calm seas surrounding the island offer irresistible snorkelling, kayaking, fly fishing, windsurfing, swimming and dhow cruises – all directly from the beach.

Accessible only by boat and part of an exclusive atoll which has been declared a marine conservation area, the destination is also home to some of Africa's most magnificent dive sites. PADI certified guests can enjoy two complimentary dives a day and PADI courses are offered for non-licensed guests. So, from catching the first bonefish as the sun drifts towards the horizon, to enjoying an evening Mojito on the beach or watching the tiny turtle hatchlings, Mnemba Island ensures simple pleasures are turned into treasured memories.

Sleeps 20 guests. Rates at andBeyond Mnemba Island Lodge from £900 per person per night, based on two sharing and including all meals and transfers. For more information please visit www.andBeyond.com