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Lizard Island Resort

[QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA]

Positioned at the northernmost tip of the Great Barrier Reef, Lizard Island attracts visitors who come to dive, fish and snorkel in the waters around it.

But there are many opportunities for adventure on land too, with 24 beaches to explore. It also happens to be one of Australia's best gourmet getaways; the main restaurant Osprey's delivers mouthwatering seafood dishes such as grilled octopus with salsa verde, pickled vegetables and chorizo oil.

*From about £1,090 a room a night
(www.lizardisland.com.au).*



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Bequia Beach Hotel

[BEQUIA, ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES]

From swimming with eagle rays to dining on freshly caught lobster, you will discover the joys of island life at Bequia Beach Hotel. Built on seven square miles of lush greenery in St Vincent & the Grenadines, the resort has its own nine-seater plane to fly guests over from Barbados' airport, and a charter yacht. The colourful interiors reflect the island's past as an exporter of coffee, rum and indigo, with art deco travel posters and vintage luggage dotted around.

*Seven nights at Bequia Beach Hotel, from £1,599
a person with the Private Travel Company
(www.thprivatetravelcompany.co.uk).*



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&Beyond Mnemba Island

[ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA]

Lured by the promise of remote luxury, guests including Bill Gates, Naomi Campbell and Tom Cruise have journeyed to &Beyond Mnemba Island, just off the coast of Zanzibar. There are no televisions in the 10 open-plan beach lodges, which have been exquisitely crafted with wood, rattan and reed, but traditional entertainment is available in the library in the form of board games, books and magazines. After a romantic dinner on the beach, at certain times of year you may be lucky enough to witness turtles laying their eggs in the sand before disappearing into the inky ocean.

From about £960 a room a night (www.andbeyond.com).



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Park Hyatt St Kitts Christophe Harbour

[ST KITTS & NEVIS]

Opened in November last year, Park Hyatt's debut resort in the Caribbean spans the sheltered beach of Banana Bay, with St Kitts' rolling hills as a suitably dramatic backdrop.

This tropical playground houses two pools, powdery pale-gold sands and a Miraval Life Spa – another first for the region – where relaxing treatments are finished with a cup of lemon-grass, basil and thyme tea. The minimalist bedrooms are supremely tranquil thanks to a soothing palette of white, cream and grey, and bathrooms have

deep soaking tubs and rain showers.

From £508 a room a night (www.park.hyatt.com).

