

Home away from home

Sometimes hotel suites just don't cut it – especially for longer stays. Treat a group of friends or family in 2023 with one of these ten incredible villa and resort experiences from around the world, offering something for everyone

With new regions on the map, and a renewed outlook for resorts, renting villas – or even islands – can be an excellent solution.

OVER YONDER CAY RESORT BAHAMAS

This property earns its title as a resort, with four separate villas – each comprising a private beach – which can be booked for a stay. The entire island can be rented too, with experienced staff, renewable energy systems, infinity pools and jacuzzis for each villa. Each villa has six bedrooms and bathrooms, with the nightly villa rate at US\$49,000 and the night island rate around US\$200,000. overyondercay.com

VILLA ALAYA, BARBADOS

This gorgeous beachfront home on the island of Barbados has a main house with six bedrooms, with separate guest houses on the same property, one with two bedrooms and the other a one bedroom flat. Full-time staff include a Michelin-starred chef, chauffeurs and a boat skipper – who come with vehicles. The 1.75 acres include a garden leading to the beachfront, with walkways that simulate floating over lily ponds. One night at this luxury all-inclusive villa costs around US\$20,000, with the price including all meals, snacks and beverages, including alcohol, as part of the stay. firstclasscollection.com

VILLA RICA IBIZA

Right by the beach in Ibiza, this villa offers five bedrooms of comfort and relaxation on the iconic Spanish island, overlooking the exclusive Bay of Cala Jondal. Each bedroom has its own ensuite, satellite tv and mini fridge, with a gym, sauna and steam room for all the guests to use together. As if that weren't enough, the rooftop hot tub and underwater bar and disco with a subaquatic pool are perfect for relaxing or celebrating. It is fully staffed with a butler, chauffeur and a personal chef, as well as round the clock cleaning when required. One night at the villa costs around US\$5,000. villaroaibiza.com

ANI PRIVATE VILLA RESORTS SRI LANKA

Nestled in the gorgeous region of Dikwella, this Sri Lankan paradise boasts two separate villas with fifteen bedrooms between them, spread across the five-acre property. Spa treatments are available, inspired by different Asian treatment techniques, and pools are available for both adult guests and any youngsters, with waterslides for the brave. A personal chef prepares food for the guests and the spacious grounds of the villa provide privacy and solitude for those wanting time to themselves. One night at ANI Villa costs around US\$21,000. aniprivateresorts.com



CASA TRES SOLES, MEXICO

Right on the edge of a cliff, this villa is situated in Punta Mita, Mexico, with gorgeous ocean views and a focus on Mexican culture and traditions. The infinity pool, which almost seems to pour over the edge of the cliff, blends into the view of the ocean, while the sauna, gym, massage room and satellite tvs offer alternative means for relaxing. The villa has nine bedrooms on its 18,000 sqf property, a tennis court and access to a close by golf course. The nightly cost is around US\$12,500, and the casa comes fully staffed with a butler, private chef and housekeepers, round the clock. ourvillacollection.com/casa-tres-soles



LA BERGERIE, SOUTH OF FRANCE

This eight bedroom villa in the South of France is surrounded by incredible lavender gardens and the beautiful countryside. The grounds include 1.4 hectares of gardens and facilities, including the pool, exclusive spa, tennis courts and the nearby golf course. With many areas for private dining and access to close by resort restaurants, as well as

a full kitchen on the premises, this villa offers a quieter stay for those searching for solitude. One night at La Bergerie costs around US\$5,100. villacollective.com/villa/la-bergerie

HOLLYWOOD MANSION, SOUTH AFRICA

This six bedroom villa in Camps Bay, Cape Town is surrounded by beautiful views of the mountains by the stream running alongside

the grounds. A sizeable infinity pool is complemented by a BBQ for entertaining outside, as well as nine balconies through the property, a gym and even a home cinema. A personal bar is complemented by the wine cellar and pool table, as well as places for the children to play. A butler and maid make up the staff, and an outdoor jacuzzi and indoor library cap off the stunning offerings of the place. One night at the villa costs around US\$15,600. hollywood-mansion.com

CALIVIGNY ISLAND, GRENADA

This island is available for a private getaway in the Caribbean and promises an experience never to forget. The beachfront villa houses 10 luxury suites on the 8,000 sqm property, with private entrances and ensuite bathrooms for each. A second villa with nine suits of its own also inhabits 3,000 sqm of the island, and three cottages with two bedrooms each. World class ▶



Left: Over Yonder Cay in The Bahamas Top: Aerial view of the Indian Ocean at Hiriketiya Beach in Dikwella, Sri Lanka Above: The pool area at Casa Tres Soles in Mexico



chefs prepare food on the island, and there are many locations on both properties for formal and informal dining. With full staff available, this is the perfect location for a big event or a completely private getaway with loved ones. One night costs US\$132,000. calivigny-island.com

CRYSTAL SPRINGS BARBADOS

Another villa located on the island of Barbados, the Crystal Springs villa has 10 bedrooms on the 1.7 acre estate, right on the beachfront. Lush gardens and a private beach give the place an intimate feel, and the on-site waterfall finishes the heavenly surroundings. A heated infinity swimming pool and a fitness centre are among some of the amenities, as well as a staff butler, chef and assistant, housekeepers



and laundresses. A home cinema with a personal popcorn machine is a good representation of the charm of this place. One night at the villa costs around US\$12,500. crystalspringsbarbados.com

DELPHIS JUMBY BAY ANTIGUA

This five-suite estate is also located on a private island in the Caribbean, an incredible

lookout at the highest point of the property with a dining area and its own infinity pool to enjoy. Each bedroom has its own ensuite bathroom, with a shared living area and large kitchen. Another infinity pool, a beach gym, yoga pavilion and 500m of coastline can be found outside on the 3.2 acres of land. A chef, a butler and a housekeeper are on staff at the villa as well as a gardener and

house manager, and access to gurus for yoga and other spiritual practices available. Prices start around US\$18,900 a night. jumbybay-residences.com ■

Top: Casa Tres Soles, set on a cliff at Punta Mita in Mexico
Above: A reception room on the Delphis Jumby estate, which includes 500-metres of Antiguan coastline