

There's still ample time to plan that much-deserved summer vacation. So why not indulge in some luxury living?

From a Sicilian Castle to a Swiss Lodge, from a Florida Penthouse to 5 Star living in the south of France - we've uncovered some dream getaways for the discerning traveller.

Isn't it time for something special?

The best des res in the West...

...and, while we're at it, the North, South and East too!

Le Mas Candille
Mougins, Cote d'Azur
www.lemascandille.com

A week in Provence

Between Cannes and Grasse, Le Mas Candille is a five-star luxury hotel in Mougins, on the Cote d'Azur. An exceptionally individual hotel, Le Mas Candille offers a sense of informal luxury, exclusive tranquility and classic elegance. Guests benefit from all the advantages of staying in a hotel in Cannes, close to the Mediterranean Sea, yet surrounded by the peaceful and tranquil countryside of Provence.

Originally an 18th-century 'mas' or farmhouse, Le Mas Candille hotel and spa is located in the medieval village of Mougins, just seven kilometres from Cannes. Nestled within 40,000 square metres of terraced Provencal parkland and surrounded by mature cypress trees and old olive groves, the hotel offers mesmerising views across the Mougins Valley to the Pre-Alps.

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Paradise found

Been there, tried that and looking for somewhere utterly unique? Habitation Eden Roc in Northern Haiti offers a never to be forgotten adventure. One of the most intriguing and exotic of all Caribbean destinations this is perfect for the more experienced traveller. The main house and 3 independent guest cottages offer a luxurious colonial lifestyle, fully staffed and totally ecological with state of the art solar power and pure fresh water. This is where paradise is found. Flowering shrubs, meandering paths, turquoise sea, white coral sand, bathing terraces, tree shaded sand dunes, fresh water swimming pool and private boat moorings.



Prices from £3,180.
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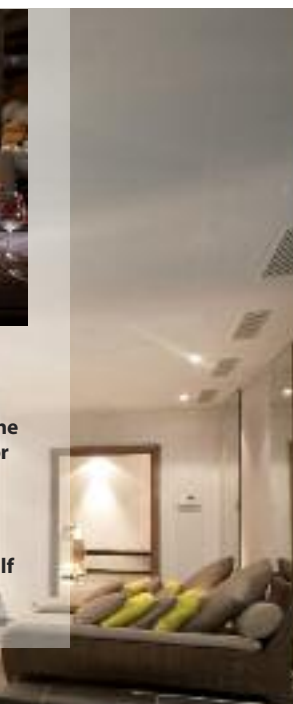
SWITZERLAND



Virgin snow...

Sir Richard Branson's mountain retreat in Verbier, perched high in the Swiss Alps, is the perfect year-round escape. Complete with nine stunning bedrooms and suites, an indoor pool, indoor and outdoor Jacuzzis and a friendly team of experienced staff including an activities coordinator, spa therapist and chef trained by Raymond Blanc. The Lodge is a true alpine paradise.

7 Nights from £2,960 per person for exclusive use of The Lodge, half board and flights from Gatwick with British Airways. Based on 18 sharing.





A room with a view



www.morganshotelgroup.com

With Mondrian South Beach, Morgans Hotel Group has made a move away from the bustle of Miami Beach's oceanfront tourist centre to the fashionable, growing neighbourhood of Biscayne Bay. The Hotel Residences are built on a prime waterfront location with views of the bay, ocean and downtown. Consisting of 335 studios, one and two-bedroom apartments and penthouses, Mondrian South Beach will combine the most exhilarating design elements of a fantasy modern get-away with all the comforts and conveniences of home. Facilities will include a spa featuring wet and dry treatment rooms, a state-of-the-art gym, a world-class, five-star restaurant, a dynamic nightlife experience, chic event spaces and a private 47 slip marina with a private dock master and sand barge.

The residences may be purchased, offering the owners the opportunity to participate in the hotel rental program.



Florida fantasy



SICILIAN STYLE

Castello Mortellito stands on a fertile hillside covered in olive trees and lemon groves near Venetico, Sicily, Italy. The present owners come from an aristocratic family, which has owned the property since 1447. Since then they have gradually changed and renovated the property. In this house you can feel a magic atmosphere with traces of times gone by, such as the photos of the members of the Italian royal family, who in the 1800s were close friends of the family.

The castle is surrounded by large, sunny terraces covered by palms. On one of these terraces lies a private swimming-pool. The interior of the castello is furnished in wonderful taste with elegant furniture, from the large dining-room to the beautiful library full of precious books.

Prices start from £4,412 per week sleeping up to 16.

Property reference IT9705.800.1

Specialist rental agency Interhome - 020 8780 6629 - www.interhome.co.uk



This location is certainly spectacular and there is a definite wow factor as you make your way through the very unassuming front door and are suddenly presented with a glorious sweeping view of the Western Galapagos Islands that the property overlooks. This place is low key, private, tastefully decorated and designed. The overall impression is of nature, beauty and relaxation. It is intended as a post-cruise luxury add-on option to see a different side to the Galapagos and relax. It is uniquely located in the middle of Santa Cruz Island, far from anywhere else and on the edge of the park boundary limits.

The ideal visit to the Galapagos would be on a 7-night cruise. You could then spend two nights at this camp to relax. As a package minimum - day flight out, 2 nights Quito, 7 nights Cruise, 2 nights Camp, 1 night Guayaquil, overnight flight back (13 nights) approx price depends on Cruise quality but from about £4000 inclusive of flights.

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GALAPAGOS

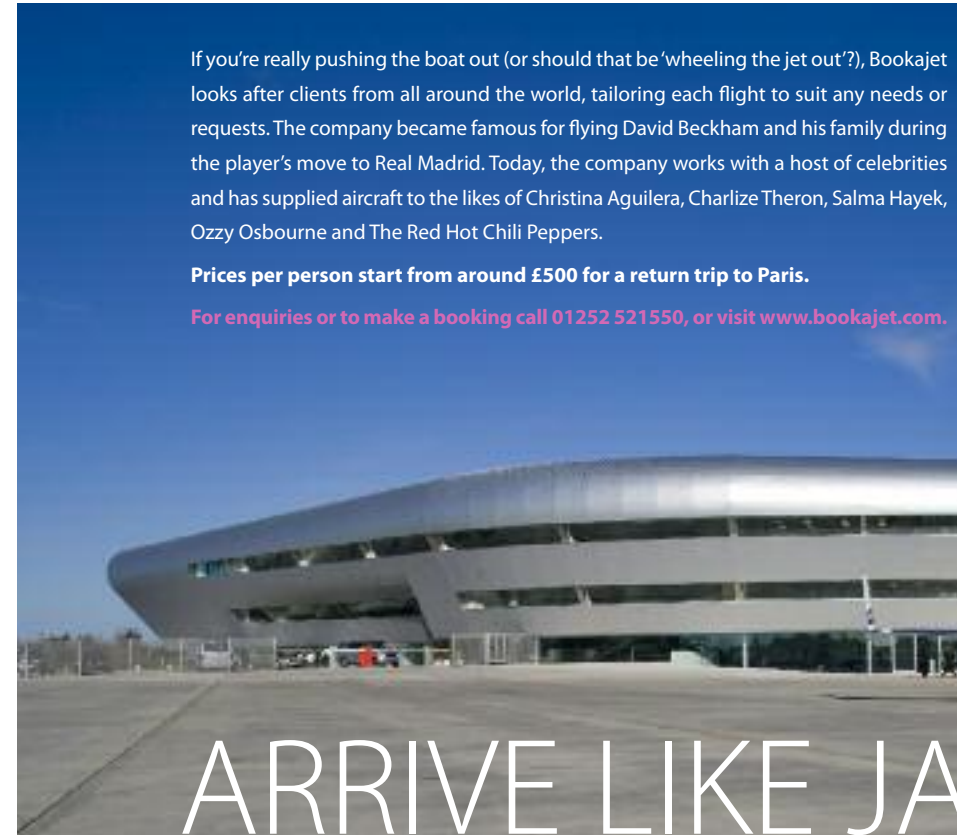


Situated on the Eastern seaboard of Thailand, in the Bangsaray area, only 90 minutes drive from Bangkok airport. The 180 acre exclusive gated community known as 'Buraran', is located in the foothills overlooking the fishing village of Bangsaray in Chonburi province. Enclosed within a 3 acre secluded compound and surrounded by lush tropical landscaped gardens and lake, voted one of the top 10 gardens of Thailand.

Magnificent views overlook picturesque Bangsaray Village coastline and the islands dotting the horizon. The Tamarind is created in Balinese style, a fusion of Asian art and architecture resulting in luxury and comfort assured by 12 dedicated, full-time staff. The complete services include a professional cook and two meals a day (breakfast and either lunch or dinner), full housekeeping, drivers, and 24 hour security.

Low Season: 16 Apr - 15 Jul / 1 Sept - 15 Nov
\$1,650 daily rate
www.ppaproperties.com

Old school THAI



If you're really pushing the boat out (or should that be 'wheeling the jet out?'), Bookajet looks after clients from all around the world, tailoring each flight to suit any needs or requests. The company became famous for flying David Beckham and his family during the player's move to Real Madrid. Today, the company works with a host of celebrities and has supplied aircraft to the likes of Christina Aguilera, Charlize Theron, Salma Hayek, Ozzy Osbourne and The Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Prices per person start from around £500 for a return trip to Paris.

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A HOME FROM HOME

Felmingham Hall located between Aylsham and North Walsham in Norfolk, 20 minutes drive from Norwich station. This Grade II Elizabethan property sleeps 14 in 7 double bedrooms plus one room with day bed which can be used as a single bed for a child.

Set in 6 acres of land which comprises of a walled garden, summer house, fountain, barbecue area and child friendly lawn area. A butler and chef can be hired as an optional extra.

£2,500 per night - minimum two nights, includes housekeeper.
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