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# ISLAND LIFE

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## SIX SENSES ZIL PASYON The Seychelles, Indian Ocean

Like many resorts, Six Senses Zil Pasyon in the Seychelles is now offering itself on an exclusive-use basis – but that’s where the comparison with anyone else ends. This heavenly Indian Ocean retreat is uniquely relaxed and stylish and its centre, which has 160’s nest balconies strung up between the trees, looks like a magical little village. Thirty miles northwest of Mahé International Airport, it’s a hassle to get there, either in 20 minutes by private chopper or on a one-hour boat trip. The 26-villa resort, which takes up a third of the island, leaving the rest to get resplendently overgrown, can now be enjoyed exclusively by just 20 people, with guided island hikes, sunset cruises, snorkelling and fishing trips aplenty.

All meals are covered and tailored to your group, including a sunset barbecue on the beach.

From approx. £200,000 for a one-week stay, based on up to 20 people sharing. [sixsenses.com](http://sixsenses.com)

## FORTE SAN GIORGIO

### Capraia, Italy

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At the heart of the Tuscan Archipelago National Park, the wild, little-touched island of Capraia takes a bit of effort to get to – flight to Pisa, transfer to the port at Livorno, two-and-a-half-hour ferry crossing to the island – but it's worth it, not least because it is home to the most extraordinary holiday house. High up on a craggy headland, luxuriously restored 16th-century Forte San Giorgio (left) is a listed National Monument of Architectural and Artistic Merit. It sleeps up to 21 people in a series of rooms, suites and self-contained apartments in three wings. Highlights include two stainless steel-lined pools, a frescoed drawing room, a games room in a restored ruined church, a kitchen and hanging-out space designed by chef Riccardo de Prà of Michelin-starred Veneto restaurant Dolada, four ecologically sustainable Mediterranean gardens and a staircase sweeping down to secret swimming spots.

*A seven-night stay for up to 16 people from £23,282 (or £28,240 to fill it to full capacity), [thethinkingtraveller.com/italy/minor-italian-islands/villas/forte-san-giorgio](http://thethinkingtraveller.com/italy/minor-italian-islands/villas/forte-san-giorgio)*

## KEA NM

### Kea, Greece

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The fact that you can only get to Kea by ferry (an hour from the Athenian port of Lavrio) or yacht means this Greek island has long been popular with in-the-know Athenians but few others. But its barren headlands, surf-washed beaches and amazing waters for snorkelling and diving have begun to attract international attention, and luxury hotel groups have been circling. One&Only will soon open its first Greek resort there. So go now. There are a handful of extraordinary villas to rent (right). Ultra-modern, yet constructed using traditional methods and natural local materials, Kea NM sits on a quiet hill overlooking the sea at the end of an unpaved road. The house sleeps 10 in five bedrooms and its focal point is the infinity pool with a beach-style edge and daybeds aplenty. There are also in-and-outdoor dining areas, a home cinema, tennis and basketball courts, a gym, hammam and wine cellar.

*From £16,300 per week between June and October, [fivestargreece.com](http://fivestargreece.com)*

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