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Sentosa Private
Villas and Spa
Resort — Bali,
Indonesia

Romantic Getaways. Check into these ultra-luxe resorts for that perfect weekend escape, adventurous retreat, or week-long rendezvous that will put an extra spark into any romance.

Quick Jaunts

Bali, Indonesia — Sentosa Private Villas and Spa

Down a narrow winding driveway in Seminyak lies one of Bali's best-kept secrets — until now. The new Sentosa Private Villas and Spa resort is a quixotic, tucked-away haven of luxury that makes you feel like you own a secluded piece of island, complete with private bedroom pavilions and outdoor ensuite bathrooms. The 32 three-bedroom villas that comprise the five-star resort each boast their own private swimming pool as well as a common pavilion that includes living and dining areas as well as a full-scale kitchen.

Have a personal chef prepare breakfast in your villa, take the resort's speedboat out to a remote beach for a picnic lunch on the sand, then partake in a romantic dinner for two at your poolside gazebo, surrounded by candles. Feel like dining under the stars at the resort's restaurant? You won't be disappointed by the innovative Thai cuisine cooked up by famed chef Will Meyrick (of Sydney's Longrain, Jimmy Liks, and Hong Kong's Lotus), whose mastery of aromatic Thai flavours comes through with every bite.

Get pampered poolside with a mani/pedi on one of the loungers while your partner gets a relaxing rub-down next to you. Or you can

both indulge in one of the Luxe Lounge Spa's invigorating treatments: We recommend the chocolate fondue body treatment (including a silky chocolate mousse body mask and chocolate milk bath) which smells so good, you'll want to lick every inch of the cocoa-scented lotions off of each other. What could be sexier than both of you being lathered in the world's most potent aphrodisiac?

Sentosa Private Villas and Spa, Bali, Indonesia.
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Phuket, Thailand — Evason Phuket Resort

Located off Thailand's southern peninsula, Phuket is the ideal spot for a tranquil seaside escape, blessed with lush palm-lined hillsides and valleys patterned with emerald green rice paddies that provide a breathtakingly romantic backdrop for the ultimate weekend getaway.

Evason Phuket Resort is the perfect place to unwind in style. The resort offers a

What to wear...

Cotton floral dress with lace trim, Marciano



Plastic framed sunglasses, \$330, Kate Spade

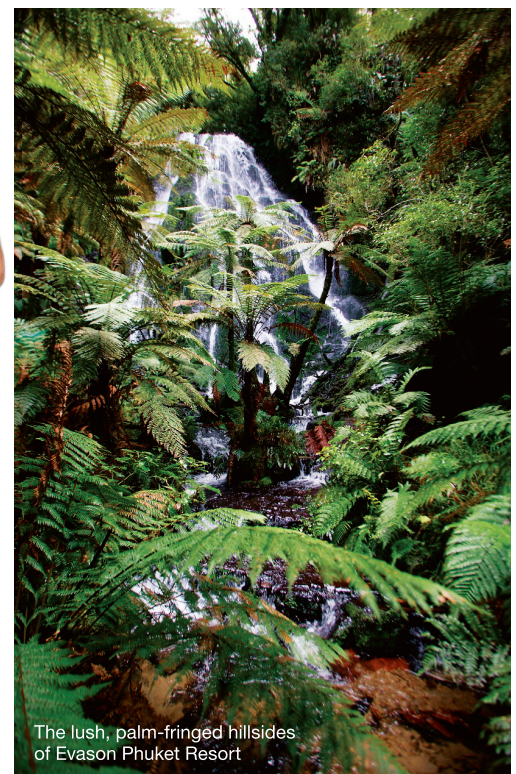


Lather knitted tote, \$7,490, Bottega Veneta



Suede wedge heel with fabric tie, Boss Orange by Hugo Boss

Diane von Furstenberg spring/summer 2007



The lush, palm-fringed hillsides of Evason Phuket Resort



What to wear...



Cotton tank top, Puma

Gucci Cruise 2007

Cotton striped shorts, Moschino

Straw bag with multi-colour embroidery, Kate Spade

sandals with straps and rhinestone details, \$860, Bottega Veneta

5-day Adventure

New Zealand – Treetop Lodge & Estate

For an adventurous getaway in the majestic setting of New Zealand's lush countryside, head to the North Island's newest luxury eco-lodge, Treetops Lodge & Estate. Set in the hillside of Rotorua on the North Island, Treetops offers sophisticated travellers an adventurous retreat in New Zealand's spectacularly blessed terrain.

Treetops' unique ecological surroundings include rugged landscapes and verdant hillside views for a truly romantic escape. The journey to Treetops is relatively easy, with a direct flight to Auckland followed by an hour flight to Rotorua. Treetops is a short 30-minute drive from Rotorua's airport and the scenery is incredible, with a mix of natural wildlife, green and blue lakes, and thermal hotspots dotting the region.

Treetops' owner, Jon Sax, was committed to creating a resort without causing harm to the indigenous animals or damaging the existing flora. The end result is a magnificent array of nature that offers the active plenty to do. There are seven streams, four lakes, three waterfalls, and 60 miles of walking track shielded by fern trees.

A natural stream and man-made waterfall surround the entrance to the stone and timber lodge. Comfortable, natural elegance is the



A luxury eco-lodge at Treetops Lodge and Estate, New Zealand

theme, with 35-foot ceilings, a large stone fireplace, native wood furniture, carved beams and cosy oversized couches. The lodge's veranda overlooks the picturesque hillside and is the perfect spot for an afternoon drink.

Guests can try an educational excursion to the Maori Indigenous Food Trail, located in the estate's 800-year-old forests and valleys. The trail shows exotic plants that have been used by the Maori since they migrated from Polynesia more than a millennium ago.

The dining at Treetops is truly divine. In keeping with Treetops' eco-friendly ethos, a key focus of the fine cuisine is that it is prepared with locally grown produce, which includes sourcing and utilizing native herbs and ingredients traditionally used by the Maori. The chef also incorporates fresh game caught on the property. Before guests head out for

the day, a member of the staff describes the daily menu, and a delectable five-course meal is offered every evening.

For adventure-seekers, the resort offers horseback riding, hiking, trout fishing, archery, kayaking, and skeet shooting. For even more of an adrenaline rush, take a quick trip to Rotorua to try bungee jumping or new adventure sports like Zorbing — a thrilling adventure that involves rolling down an incline in an inflatable, usually transparent, double-hulled sphere. After an afternoon of adventure, soak in the spring-fed jet tubs inside the secluded villas at Treetops for a romantic end to an adventurous getaway.

For more information on Treetops Lodge & Estate in Rotorua, New Zealand, log onto treetops.co.nz. Doubles from \$8650.

refreshingly modern take on five-star luxuries with oversized suites and lush ocean views from most of the rooms. Set amid 64 acres of magnificent tropical gardens facing the Andaman Sea, the resort is surrounded by powder white sand and warm clear waters that offer some of the best snorkelling and scuba diving in the world. One of the highlights not to be missed is the private stretch of attractive beach on nearby Bon Island. Reserve a table on the island for an unforgettable private dining experience.

In the land that has a massage style named after it, and with a world renowned spa like Six Senses, it is a sensible choice to book multiple treatments. The spa is spread over three floors and sets new standards in sybaritic pampering. Choose from a wrap, body scrub, foot bath, mud pack, hydrotherapy, herbal polish or hot stone therapy. Or perhaps try a milk and honey bath or a detoxification treatment. The "harmony" face, scalp and shoulder massage features aromatic almond oil. There are several double treatment rooms available for couple massages complete with an outdoor bath for a romantic soak.

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What to wear...



Sea Quest watch in stainless steel with rhinestones and croc-print strap, D&G Time

Cotton jacket with piping and pants, Valentino

Silver thin cuff, Diesel

Bottega Veneta Resort 2006

Wedges in calf leather, Hugo by Hugo Boss