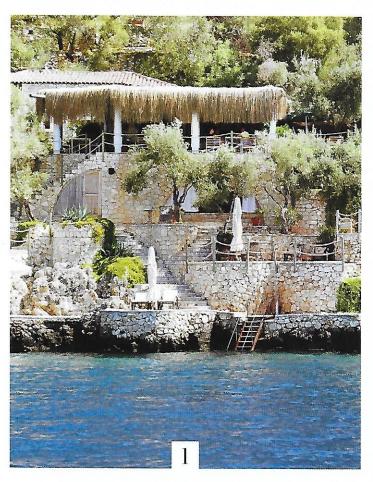




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## HOME FROM HOME WITH A DIFFERENCE

ARTA GHANBARI rounds up a stylish selection of luxury villas for the discerning traveller to enjoy

[1] HOTEL VILLA MAHAL, TURKEY This much-loved bolthole on the Turkish riviera offers a handful of private villas alongside its 13 rooms. Guests in the three-bedroom villas – each with its own private pool, terrace and garden – also have access to the hotel's amenities including a restaurant on the water's edge and private yacht to explore the Turquoise Coast. From €2,900 a week at Villa Gunbatimi. villamahal.com

[2] CITRINE, GREECE A striking, modernist villa tucked away on Santorini's rugged southern coast, this architectural marvel boasts many unexpected design details as you walk through the maze of rooms and outdoor areas. The 8-bedroom property also has two guesthouses, each with a private pool and separate entrance, ideal for families or groups of friends travelling together. From £1,690 per night. the greekvillas.com

[3] ALLAMANDA, SRI LANKA Set within 20 acres of lush jungle, Allamanda is one of 15 Sri Lankan properties recently added to the CV Villas roster. This luxurious rural retreat, made up of three contemporary buildings, has five bedrooms and is centred around the original plantation house built in 1820. Highlights include an impressive 19-metre lap pool, outdoor dining pavilion seating 20 and a personal cook. Prices from £6,442 a week. cvvillas.com

[4] CA' DI LISTA, ITALY This historic villa in Veneto was first used as a hunting lodge in the 16th century and has been immaculately preserved. Original frescoes adorn its loggias with wide-reaching views over the gentle hills, while trompe l'oeil scenes remain intact in the living areas and seven bedrooms. A classical hedged garden and 6-hectare private park with a heated pool make up the grounds. From  $\mathcal{L}10,022$  a week. tuscany now and more. com

[5] FOUR SEASONS FAIRWAYS, PORTUGAL Situated within a nature reserve in the Algarve's Quinta do Lago complex, Four Seasons Fairways offers a range of two- and three-bedroom villas with pools or Jacuzzis. Combining the the privacy of a villa with hotel-style facilities (restaurants, a spa and new food delivery service), it is no wonder this sunny, tranquil pocket of Portugal has provided a welcome escape for many. From €1,000 for a week. fourseasonsfairways.com

[6] CASA ELECTRA, PORTUGAL Ideally located just over an hour's drive from Lisbon, Comporta draws in a cool, creative crowd for its rugged beauty and laid-back atmosphere. With five bedrooms, Casa Electra is a design lover's haven, tucked between fragrant trees, cactuses and grasslands, just a few minutes' walk from the beach. This is barefoot luxury at its finest. From £10,143 a week. lecollectionist.com

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- [7] TOUR ST THERESE, FRANCE Step back in time as you enter this 14th-century tower, part of a medieval house in the heart of a rural village in the Charente region. Surrounded by wooded valleys and beautiful countryside, this romantic retreat makes an ideal base for peaceful walks, exploring the beautiful scenery and nearby villages with a charming soundtrack of cuckoos, frogs and owls. It has two bedrooms and a generous living area downstairs with a roaring fire, perfect for relaxing over a bottle of local wine. From £738 a week. oliverstravels.com
- [8] MASSERIA COSTANZA, ITALY This painstakingly restored farmhouse set among lemon groves in the south of Sicily is an enchanting setting for a tranquil holiday steeped in history. Original features are complemented by subtle furnishings which leave the focus on views out to the sea, groves and lawned gardens in each direction. With several al fresco sitting areas dotted around the gardens and by the pool, there are plenty of spots to claim your own as you while away the afternoon. From £10,414 a week, sleeping 14. thethinkingtraveller.com
- [9] VINELLA ESTATE, CROATIA This lovingly restored 15th-century farmhouse on a large private estate in Istria provides a characterful base from which to enjoy one of Croatia's most delightful regions. The main house has four ensuite bedrooms and there is a separate studio, with interiors featuring antique oak beams and reclaimed stone floors lending a warm country feel. From the large infinity pool, enjoy uninterrupted views to the forested Mirna Valley and the medieval hilltop town of Motovun nearby. From €5,500 a week. scottwilliams.co.uk