

Bug risk for Kate and Wills, Vietnam boat sinks, and spinning plates

Fancy your own private island?

Mosquitoes notwithstanding, following Wills and Kate's example and disappearing to a private island sounds appealing. But which rock do you pick? Here are our top five. All prices are per person for a week, full-board, including flights from London.

Petit St Vincent, Grenadines

This leafy little island has 22 cottages dotted around it, so you can pretend you're castaways — until you raise a flag and a waiter appears. From £3,170, with Expressions Holidays (01752 878045, expressionsholidays.co.uk).

Lizard Island, Australia

Swimming with minke whales, sunbathing with goannas, diving with sharks — this Queensland eco-retreat delivers a week as David Attenborough's stunt double. From £3,955, with Bridge & Wickers (020 7483 6555, bridgeandwickers.co.uk)

Sonora, British Columbia

Not all private islands are tropical. This forested Canadian outcrop serves up fishing, kayaking and grizzly spotting — with a gorgeous country lodge to come home to. From £2,475, with Bales (0845 057 0600, balesworldwide.com).

Vamizi, Mozambique

The star resort in the most up-and-coming tropical location, Vamizi Island combines informal luxury and laid-back local service with a serious commitment to the surrounding community. From £2,851, with Expert Africa (020 8232 9777, expertafrica.com).

Fort Clonque, Alderney

Sleeping 13, this spectacular 19th-century Channel Island fort is ideal for ruffy-tuffy family gatherings. Pack toy guns. From £3,732 a week in August, self-catering (01628 825925, landmarktrust.org.uk).



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