

Ocean's eight

Nowhere does fly-and-flop better than the Indian Ocean. But with shoals of new and revamped hotels on every shore, where should you wash up? Tatler goes barefoot and fancy-free



Mozambique

VAMIZI ISLAND

Opening a sophisticated lodge on a remote island in true wilderness was never going to be easy. But after a catalogue of crazy setbacks, Vamizi finally delivers. This bountiful beach is in the capable hands of new managers Hungry and Leigh; 15 breezy open-plan villas with a cool, laidback African rhythm. Walk for miles along deserted white sand and gorge on the softest avocados in the world. The Indian Ocean is like a vast bath here, except you might spot a humpback whale. And the diving is some of the best anywhere: scooting turtles, gaping moray eels, angel fish that follow you like curious puppies. Vamizi now hits its mark and is thrilling in its smart simplicity. **Website** vamizi.com. **Book it** The Ultimate Travel Company (tel: 020 7386 4646) offers six nights from £3,455, including flights and transfers.

After years of civil war, this eastern African country has emerged as an unspoilt hotspot, with some of the best coastline on the continent. The fat beaches pull in post-safari crews wanting wide-open spaces and untouched coral reefs crawling with fishy friends