

Private Life

Enjoy your sea view in total seclusion on one of these luxurious private beaches



1 Maafushivaru Island Resort, Maldives

Guests staying at this idyllic island hideaway, complete with azure waters and stunning coral reefs, can enjoy an exclusive desert island on Maafushivaru's uninhabited sister island, Lonubo. There, they will be treated to empty white sandy beaches and the choice of a champagne picnic or candlelit dinner. Stay in a villa on stilts over the sea or on the beach on the main island, where the resort has a wine cellar and overwater spa and gym.

→ Seven nights full-board in a beach villa starts at £1,448 per person based on two sharing and includes flights and transfers | kuoni.co.uk



2 Porto Zante De Luxe Villas, Greece

For a secluded beach with some Greek charm, things don't get much better than this five-star boutique resort on the island of Zakynthos. The resort was voted *Condé Nast Traveller's* Best Greek Hideaway in 2009. Have a piece of the sandy beach with turquoise water all to yourself in the Executive Spa Villa, which also has a private heated pool and spa and includes selected Armani Casa furnishings. Private chef and butler services are also available.

→ An Executive Spa Villa starts at €790 (£662) per night portozante.com



3 The Chedi, Oman

Sitting at the foot of the dramatic Hajar mountains, Muscat's The Chedi has won a host of awards. And it's easy to see why: guests have access to the hotel's own private stretch of beach, lined with palm trees, with its own seafood restaurant, plus beachside pool and water garden. The super-stylish hotel – which has an elegant and minimalist Middle Eastern design – also has its own tennis courts, art gallery and spa, which specialises in Balinese therapies. Utterly decadent.

→ Prices start at £1,645pp for seven nights, including flights seasons.co.uk



4 Vamizi Island Lodge, Mozambique

One of the finest in barefoot luxury and among the hottest in alfresco dining, Vamizi Island Lodge is home to 13 spacious one and two-bedroom villas spread out over 8km of private beach. Enjoy dinner and cocktails at the beach bar and restaurant, ocean-side barbecues or remote island picnics on white sand. Venture inland for a glimpse of the eco resort's protected tropical birds.

→ Six nights (plus one night in the Oyster Bay Boutique Hotel in Dar es Salaam) at full-board including flights, transfers and activities costs from £4,280pp | exsus.com



5 Frégate Island, Seychelles

This private island sits four degrees south of the equator and is fringed by seven white sandy beaches, each with their own unique attraction. One offers complete privacy from other guests with a do-not-disturb sign and another is a famous hawksbill turtle nesting ground (the island's eco programme protects rare flora and fauna). Enjoy a treatment in the Rock Spa, which only uses ingredients grown on the island.

→ From £11,925 per person for seven nights full-board in a one bedroom villa with flights and helicopter transfers abercrombiekent.co.uk