

They say life's a beach. And for beachcombers craving for endless lounging and relaxation under the sun, these destinations are solid proof of just how beautiful living can get. WORDS BY SJ ROXAS

When the temperature rises, there's really no better way to embrace the heat than by setting off to a seaside retreat and giving in to the glorious rays of the summer sun. Imagine that moment of bliss when you dig your toes into the sand, looking out to an endless scene of sea and sky, a freshly concocted champagne mojito in hand – pure paradise, don't you think? It's a good thing about three quarters of the earth is made up of water, providing plenty of options for beach devotees of all persuasions. From castaway chic to contemporary flair, the world is brimming with island destinations that are nothing short of heavenly. Explore each with this selection of exceptional escapades serving as your guide to the best spots under the sun.

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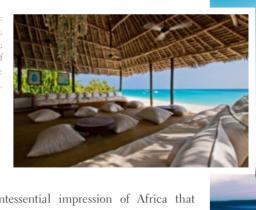
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There's an endearing beach culture unique to the enchanting crescent land mass belonging to the Quirimbas Archipelago in Africa that anyone fortunate enough to experience will never forget. With a native community whose way of life is grounded on traditions, miles of white sand beaches and a surrounding underwater ecosystem that's one of the most abundant in the world, Vamizi Island is a secluded utopia carefully crafted by nature More than a regular holiday, Vamizi offers a more and further enriched by the warmth of its residents. The meaningful interlude. It's a place you are bound to revisit villas, especially the collection of new accommodations to catch fish, which the chef later turns into the freshest designed by award-winning South African architects, sashimi, to check on the Vamizi turtles that the World are certainly exquisite. However, staying at Vamizi feels Wildlife Fund has been conserving, to immerse the kids more like visiting your family vacation home rather than in a different culture and let them run freely on the shore checking in at a resort, thanks to the welcoming nature and to simply kick your shoes off and let your toes dig deep of the locals.

Main lodge view from the sea; Pool and deck on a sunny day. Photos Courtesy of © Vamizi Island, Mozambique.

into the sand.

Clockwise: Beach lounge Dinner by the bay Photos Courtesy of andBeyond; Bridge by the beac



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There's that quintessential impression of Africa that conjures up images of a sprawling savannah and a watering hole satisfying a herd of wildebeests. But the lesserknown side of it is just as bewildering – a small, remote wonderland in the middle of a crisp blue ocean. Situated off the coast of northern Zanzibar, Mnemba Island Lodge proves that the marine community of Africa is just as rich as its safaris. Experience it for yourself through a personalised diving trip. Beginners need not worry as the resort has its own PADI dive school with knowledgeable instructors. Take the plunge and interact with dolphins as well as most of the 430 fish species in this part of the Indian Ocean.

