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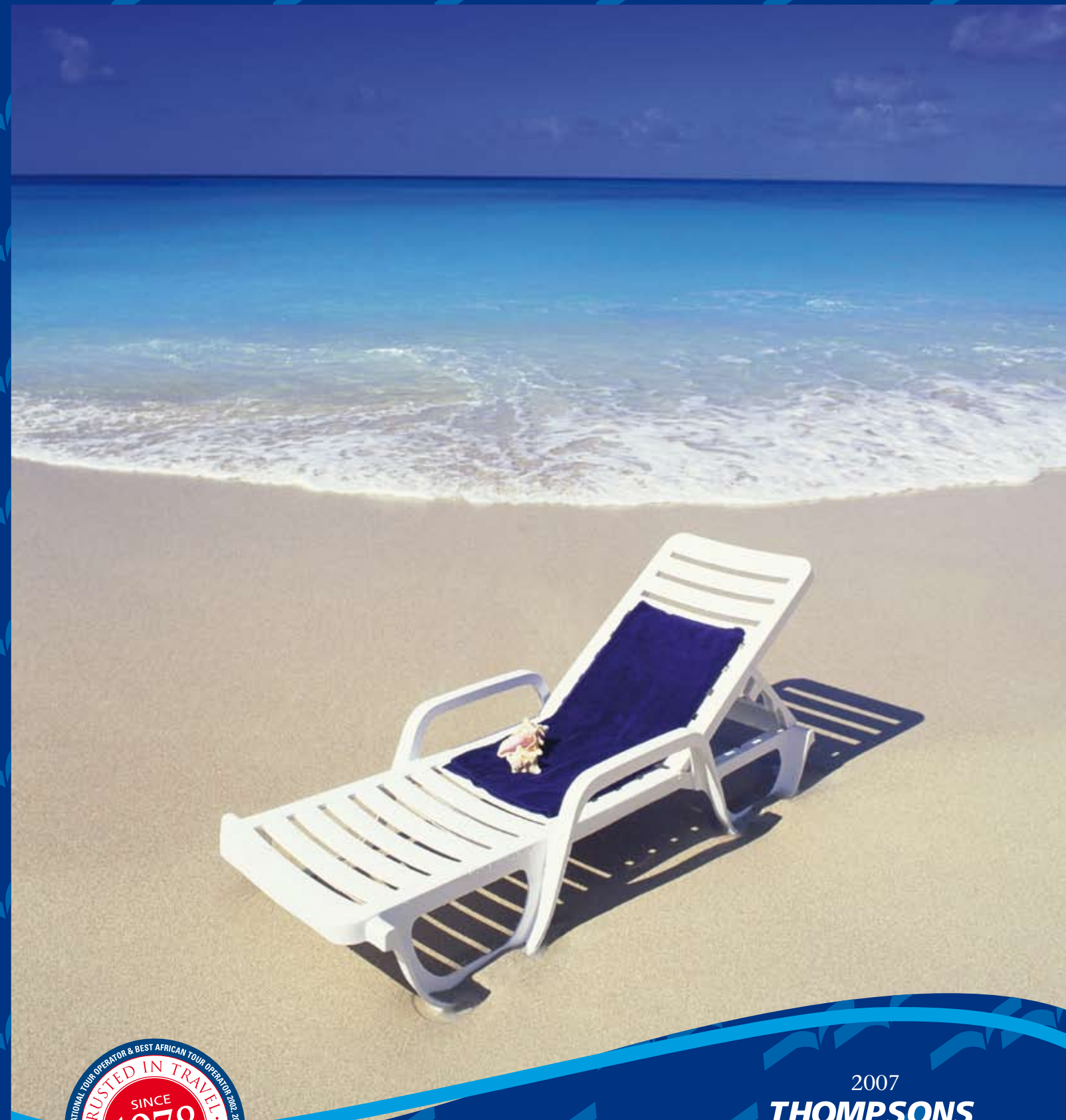
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Australian Islands



★★★★★ Hayman Island Resort

OUR OPINION

Hayman Island is Australia's most celebrated island in the Great Barrier Reef. It is the perfect setting for couples wanting to celebrate their wedding or reaffirm their vows. This Island offers unique and breathtaking surrounds for a ceremony. Throughout the resort, shady ponds and gentle waterfalls thread their way among stunning gardens, spacious walkways and open-air lanais.

LOCATION

Situated around a crescent-shaped, white, sandy bay on the south-western side of the island. The resort is the only facility on the island and has been designed to blend in with the natural beauty of the surroundings.

Travel to the resort by transfer from Australia's main gateways.

ACCOMMODATION

234 rooms that consist of suites, penthouses and a villa, situated in Pool, Palm, Lagoon and Beach Wings, all featuring private terraces or balconies

FACILITIES

Hayman offers restaurants, bars, lounge and outdoor island settings for dining. The Chakra Hayman Spa offers guests an exclusive selection of personally tailored programs made to restore wellness and balance. Enjoy a range of adventures in the waters such as Reef cruising, Yacht sailing, snorkelling and waterskiing – to name a few.



★★★★ Hamilton Island Resort

OUR OPINION

With four hotels, Hamilton Island caters for everyone - romantic palm-fringed bungalows, self-contained apartments, an exclusive beach-front boutique resort and a hotel with panoramic Coral Sea views. The island features the only island marina in the Whitsundays, complete with its own yacht club where guests can enjoy a relaxed tavern ambience.

LOCATION

Hamilton Island Resort is situated in the heart of the Whitsundays, lying in the Coral Sea between the Queensland coast and the Great Barrier Reef.

Fly from Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Cairns to get to Hamilton Island Resort.

ACCOMMODATION

Hamilton Island's accommodation includes the 3 star Palm Terrace and Palm Bungalows, the 3 1/2 star Whitsunday Holiday Apartments, the 4 star Reef View Hotel and the 5 star Beach Club.

FACILITIES

Activities include Great Barrier Reef cruising, yacht sailing, fishing, snorkelling, waterskiing, windsurfing and diving, to name only a few. Families are especially welcome on Hamilton Island with children under 15 years staying, playing and eating for free.



★★★★★ Lizard Island Resort

OUR OPINION

Lizard Island, peaceful and exclusive... If you are looking for something special then Lizard Island should be top of the list. Here you can snorkel off a secluded beach to discover a garden of giant clams, many a metre long and some reputed to be over 120 years old. And there are 23 soft, powdery white beaches just waiting to be explored.

LOCATION

An amazing location of breathtaking beaches and clear emerald waters right on the Great Barrier Reef - just an hour by air from Cairns. Lizard Island is one of the most luxurious resorts in Australia. Fly from Cairns to Lizard Island Resort.

ACCOMMODATION

From The Pavilion and Anchor Bay Rooms to Suites. The hotel consists of 40 rooms all with air-conditioning, modern access, telephones, aroma-therapy, mini bar, tea & coffee making facilities, bath robes, beach towels, umbrellas, private deck and evening turndown service.

FACILITIES

Swimming pool, azure spa, library and gym. Activities include catamarans, glass bottom boat trips, motorised dinghies, snorkelling, tennis (equipment supplied), picnic hampers, self-guided island walks and nature trails.

Far East



Thailand

Land of Smiles

Providing the perfect compliment to its numerous cultural sites are Thailand's superb tropical islands and beach resorts. The country offers more than 2.500 km of coastline composed of sandy beaches fringed with palms to sheltered bays, quiet coves, limestone cliffs and idyllic islands. Here is our pick of the best beaches in Thailand and recommended accommodation.

Koh Samui

Off the opposite shores of the peninsula is Samui, Thailand's third largest island. It is famous for its beautiful, long beaches with powdery white sand and sparkling clear waters.

★★★★ Chaweng Regent Beach Resort

Walking distance from Chaweng Town, this beautiful Hotel comprises of 145 air-conditioned rooms with modern facilities. The Resort offers a variety of sport activities such as volleyball, snorkelling, scuba introduction course (free of charge) in the hotel swimming pool and deep-sea fishing and scuba diving service with certified organization.

Phuket

Just an hour's flight from Bangkok, lies the breathtaking destination of Phuket with spectacular beaches, azure waters and picture perfect landscapes.

★★★★ Amari Coral Beach Hotel

Overlooking the popular Patong Bay in Phuket. This stunning Hotel has 197 air-conditioned rooms with balconies and is walking distance from the main beach in Patong.

Krabi

Nearby on the mainland, Krabi is rich with pristine beaches backed by palm groves and is surrounded by towering cliffs making it a picturesque location. This Tropical Island is an ideal place for beach and nature lovers.

★★★★ Aonang Villa Resort

This Resort consists of 157 air-conditioned, spacious modern, contemporary Thai style decor with touches of wood, silk and cotton and accents of colour.

Vietnam

Mystical Wonders of the World

With around 2,000 miles of coastline, Vietnam does not host quite as many beaches as the figure leads one to believe. It does however have some fabulous beaches in the southern part of the country and a few in the north near Hanoi which, due to weather, are really only suitable for a visit in May to July and August. We have chosen two of the best beaches and their resorts for you to explore on your travels to this beautiful country.

China Beach

China beach is home to one of Vietnam's most luxurious beach hotels, the Furama Resort. Danang, Marble Mountain, My Son and Hoi An can be explored by day-trips from China Beach.

★★★★★ Furama Resort

Located in Danang overlooking China Beach and just 15 minutes away from the International Airport and City Centre. Furama Resort features 198 luxurious rooms with spacious balconies or terraces facing the ocean, the tropical garden of the freshwater swimming lagoon.

Nha Trang

South-Central Vietnam's Nha Trang is the closest thing Vietnam has to an "international" beach resort destination. The waters are still clean and clear, making for good diving conditions. Nha Trang can be reached by air from Saigon, Hanoi and other cities. Travelling to this destination will be unforgettable and will leave visitors deeply impressed.

★★★★ Ana Mandara Evason Resort

Located directly on the beach, the Ana Mandara Resort overlooks the beach and is complimented by a stunning view of the Nha Trang Bay. Ana Mandara Resort comprises of 16 villas providing 74 well-appointed guest rooms, all with a private terrace and modern facilities. Besides a tennis court, the Ana Mandara Resort has a swimming pool and a Jacuzzi for relaxation. Alternatively, guests can enjoy the warm crystal clear waters off the resort's private beach.

Maldives



★★★ Kuredu Island Resort

OUR OPINION

Kuredu Island Resort is located on Lhaviyani Atoll, an area famous for its abundant fish life. A paradise dream in real life, with more than 3 km's of white beaches and aquamarine lagoons. Enter a world of complete sensory heaven, where time is left at the door and a new journey begins, step the Duniye Spa.

LOCATION

Situated on the Northern reef of the Lhaviyani Atoll, 130km from Hulhule International Airport and 40 minutes by seaplane from the airport.

ACCOMMODATION

Exotic, thatched bungalows and spacious villas accommodate guests, with the villas

and bungalows lining the white sand beach. The hotel has a choice of 7 restaurants and 5 bars.

FACILITIES

A floodlit tennis court is also available with volleyball on the beach organised daily. There is also a fully equipped air-conditioned gym. Other facilities available are football, badminton, table tennis and darts. The newest addition to the sports facilities is the 6-hole pitch & putt golf course and a full length driving range. The golf course also features a Pro Shop where you can rent or purchase golf clubs as well as other golf equipment and a bar.



★★★★ Hilton Maldives Resort & Spa

OUR OPINION

Discover barefoot luxury at the award-winning Hilton Maldives Resort & Spa, set on 2 private islands among miles of idyllic white sand beach and unspoilt coral reef. The resort is renowned for its attentive service and fine cuisine, along with an abundance of leisure activities. This is a stunning island resort offering sophisticated barefoot luxury, surrounded by glorious natural beauty.

LOCATION

Situated on the South Ari Atoll, 100 km from Hulhule International Airport and 30 minutes by seaplane from the airport.

NOTE: Clients who arrive on late night flights will overnight in a city hotel, as seaplanes do not operate after sundown.

ACCOMMODATION

The resort is a sybaritic combination of three luxurious resorts on two islands offering a total of 150 villas, surrounded by a vibrant coral reef and lagoon. The hotel offers a choice of 10 restaurants and bars.

FACILITIES

Facilities include jet skiing, jogging track, paddle tennis, pool table, sailing, scuba-diving, sightseeing tours, snorkeling, tennis court, water-skiing and windsurfing. Unwind at the Spa Retreat or snorkel and dive dramatic coral reefs at the PADI dive centre, alternatively work up an appetite with Thai kickboxing or yoga.



Mauritius



★★★★★ Belle Mare Plage

OUR OPINION

Belle Mare Plage is situated along one of the most beautiful beaches on the East Coast of Mauritius. The Resort is set in almost 15 hectares of tropical gardens and boasts a 2km long white sandy beach. As the beach is protected by an offshore coral reef, this makes it ideal for swimming, watersports and snorkelling. The hotel also boasts two 18-hole Championship Golf Courses as well as the Shiseido Beauty Pavilion where guests can enjoy a wide range of massages and body treatments. A mini club for children aged between 4 and 12 years with daily organised indoor and outdoor activities is available.

LOCATION

Set on the East Coast of Mauritius, approximately 1 hour from the airport.

ACCOMMODATION

All 92 Prestige rooms and 137 Junior Suites offer sea views and are comfortably furnished and have a terrace or balcony with air-conditioning, TV/Satellite channels, music channels, internet access, minibar, and individual safes.

FACILITIES

7 restaurants and 5 bars with 24 hour room service also available. Green fees at two 18-hole Championship Golf Courses, 4 pools, kayaks, windsurfing, pedal boats, glass-bottomed boats, water-skiing, 4 tennis courts, table tennis and snorkelling.



★★★ The Sands Resort & Spa

OUR OPINION

250m of long sandy white beach! Situated on the West Coast of Mauritius, The Sands Resort & Spa is a hideaway for those seeking comfort, tranquillity and personalised service. This 4 star hotel is situated in landscaped gardens with a view across the lagoon and the Bay of Tamarin with the majestic "Le Morne" mountain in the distance. The Spa will delight you in its simplicity of style. You will find peaceful surroundings and highly trained therapists who exude the Mauritian warmth and grace. Body and beauty treatments rely solely on the power of nature and the wisdom gained from centuries-old traditions, leaving you relaxed and rejuvenated with soft, fresh skin that glows with vitality.

LOCATION

Set on the West Coast of Mauritius, approximately 1 hour from the airport.

ACCOMMODATION

All 92 hotel rooms and 1 suite are sea facing and offer air-conditioning, direct dial telephone with voice mail system, electronic safe, mini bar, TV with local channels and tea/coffee making facilities. The bathrooms offer a separate shower with a hairdryer and walk in dresser.

FACILITIES

Swimming pool, beach volley ball, pentaque, games room, water-skiing, sailing, pedal boats, kayak, glass-bottom boat, windsurfing, snorkelling,



Mombasa



★★★★ Diani Reef Beach Resort & Spa

OUR OPINION

Poised above soft white sands on a glorious stretch of coastline, overlooking a turquoise sea and set in 30 acres of secluded tropical gardens, the luxuriously stylish Diani Reef Beach Resort & Spa is a paradise waiting for you. Nirvana Spa is more like a unique destination rather than just any other spa. It is a tranquil balance of nature, soothing stress & easing strain.

LOCATION

Situated 45 km from Mombasa Airport.

ACCOMMODATION

The hotel offers a choice of 144 garden or ocean facing rooms. All standard rooms have tea/coffee making facilities, satellite T.V., air-conditioner, internet

connectivity, hairdryer and complimentary mineral water daily. The electronic locks enhance the security system along with the peepholes, night latch & electronic safe in the room.

FACILITIES

The hotel offers 7 speciality restaurants plus 5 bars. A wide choice of land and water based activities are available including tennis, squash, windsurfing, kite surfing, jet skis, sea kayaks, darts, pool and table tennis, plus an entertainment programme that caters for all ages. In addition to these activities the hotel offers snorkelling, glass-bottom boats, golf nearby and scuba-diving.



★★★ Pinewood Village Beach Resort

OUR OPINION

Pinewood Village is a small boutique beach resort offering an experience that is truly special. It is ideally situated on the quiet and deserted shores of Galu Beach, one of the finest beaches in Kenya, South of Mombasa. Pinewood Village is small, private and very personal. The hotel is set amidst tropical flora and palms and offers an ambience that is supremely tranquil.

LOCATION

Situated 45 km from Mombasa Airport.

ACCOMMODATION

Pinewood Village Beach Resort is a small boutique hotel offering 58 rooms (38 hotel rooms and 20 suites) with air-conditioning, ceiling fans and mosquito nets. Standard

rooms are spacious with en-suite bathrooms and a balcony. Suites include a kitchen, living / dining area with a choice of meal plans and a covered veranda. Meal plan - you can either eat at the restaurant/bistro or you can organize a personal chef who will prepare your dinner in your suite from a large selection of menus. All suites overlook the gardens and the neighbouring woodland teaming with monkeys and birds.

FACILITIES

The hotel has 4 restaurants and 3 bars. Facilities include a swimming pool with a swim-up pool bar, Aqualand Watersport Centre, tennis court, squash court, Zawadi Boutique, beauty & massage salon, table tennis and pool.



Mozambique



★★★★ Matemo Island Resort

OUR OPINION

Situated in the magnificent Quirimbas Archipelago off the coast of Northern Mozambique, the remote island of Matemo offers idyllic Mozambique island accommodation. Experience an Island holiday of unspoilt beauty, breathtaking scenery, spectacular marine life and extreme relaxation.

LOCATION

Situated on the remote Island of Matemo in the Quirimbas Archipelago off the coast of Northern Mozambique. It is a 20 minute flight from Pemba in a light aircraft.

ACCOMMODATION

The Matemo Resort accommodation consists of a total of 24 thatched chalets

with en-suite bathrooms fitted with indoor shower and separate bath as well as a private outdoor shower. All chalets are beautifully furnished and are equipped with air-conditioning, outdoor hammock, ceiling fans, fully mosquito screened, hairdryer, mini bar, personal electronic safe, satellite TV and the convenience of tea/coffee making facilities.

FACILITIES

The hotel offers a main restaurant and lounge/bar. Experience breathtaking snorkeling, scuba-diving, a variety of beach games, deep-sea fishing and sunset cruises. You can even take a "Water Taxi" to Ibo Island for a cultural experience. The ultimate in undiscovered Mozambique island adventure.



★★★ Barra Lodge

OUR OPINION

Barra has secluded, unspoilt beaches, bordered by the Inhambane estuary on one side and the sea on the other. The lodge is nestled among groves of coconut trees. With the warm Indian Ocean offering safe bathing all year round. The wide open, squeaky clean beaches offer endless hours of strolling pleasure.

LOCATION

Located half an hour from Inhambane Airport. It is 485 km from Maputo.

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation at Barra Lodge is comfortable and all rooms have beach and sea views. There are various options

of accommodation that meet each individual's needs. Barra has 16 Twin bedded Casitas, 4 Family Casitas, 20 Self-catering cottages and 2 Bunk Houses. The traditional Casitas made of thatch, brick and reeds create a charming atmosphere. The Casitas are fitted with two beds, a shower and toilet, en suite. The family rooms have two extra beds for children under the age of 12.

FACILITIES

Guests can enjoy excellent scuba diving & snorkelling from the lodges dive centre. Barra Lodge offers a bar/lounge, restaurant and beach bar.



Seychelles



★★★★ Paradise Sun

OUR OPINION

Paradise Sun is located on Praslin, Seychelles' second largest island, only 15 minutes from Mahe and the mainland by plane. This charming resort is set in tranquil lush gardens, fringed by the soft, white beaches of the Côte d'Or, in one of the world's most romantic locations. Praslin is best known for the Vallée de Mai Forest Nature Reserve, home of the Coco de Mer, and reputed to be the original "Garden of Eden".

LOCATION

Set on the North East Coast of Praslin (15 minute flight from Mahe) and approximately 20 minutes from Praslin airport.



ACCOMMODATION

The hotel has 80 French Creole styled chalets that are simple and uncluttered which provide all comforts and overlook the lush gardens and the sea beyond. All rooms have air-conditioning, ceiling fan, hairdryer, table & chair, personal electronic safe, mini bar, tea/coffee making facilities and IDD telephone.

FACILITIES

The hotel offers a main restaurant open for breakfast daily and a la carte dinner and the beach restaurant offers an a la Carte lunch and a buffet dinner, based on seven different theme evenings.

Facilities offered at the hotel are an outdoor pool, volleyball, bicycle hire, table tennis, sunset boat cruise, massage facilities on request, petanque, yoga, aerobics, an out-sourced 5-star PADI dive centre that operates from the hotel.

There is a daily non-motorised water sports programme offering: pedaloes, windsurfing, kayaking, snorkeling, island excursions (at a nominal charge) and scuba diving (at a nominal charge).

★★★★ Berjaya Beau Vallon Bay

OUR OPINION

Berjaya Beau Vallon Beach Resort & Casino is idyllically located on the fabulous Beau Vallon Bay. The lush tropical rainforests and stunning white sandy beaches surrounding the resort have made it a perfect holiday getaway for all. Entering the Berjaya Beau Vallon Bay Beach Resort & Casino is like entering an oasis of peaceful retreat and discreet service.

LOCATION

Situated on the North West Coast of Mahe Island, approximately 30 minutes from the airport.



ACCOMMODATION

The 232 tastefully furnished rooms are spread out within eight separate two-storey buildings in beautifully landscaped tropical gardens. The resort is located on the beachfront overlooking the breathtaking Indian Ocean. All rooms have air-conditioning, TV with in-house movies and CNN, IDD phone line, en-suite bathroom with shower, hairdryer, minibar, coffee/tea making facilities.

FACILITIES

The hotel has 3 restaurants and 4 bars to choose from as well as 24-hour room service. There is a casino, swimming pool, children's pool, diving centre, mini gym, paragliding, tennis court, deep-sea fishing, beach volleyball and games room. The hotel also boasts a casino and includes a myriad of games for everyone including American Roulette, Black Jack, Poker and slot machines. There is also a shuttle service available to Victoria or Berjaya Mahe Beach Resort or Port Launay Beach.

Zanzibar



★★★★★ Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa

OUR OPINION

Bluebay Beach Resort is situated on the finest wide, white, sandy beach on the island of Zanzibar. Bluebay Beach Resort offers a wide range of facilities in addition to the magic Indian Ocean "Spice Island" itself. Bluebay Beach Resort is situated on the most beautiful 25-acre site with its bedroom cottages located on rising ground overlooking verdant gardens.

LOCATION

Bluebay Beach Resort is situated in the Kiwengwa area on the North East Coast of Zanzibar, approximately 1 hour from the airport.

ACCOMMODATION

Bluebay Beach Resort offers 88 sea-facing rooms, including 80 superior rooms, six

deluxe rooms and two Sultan rooms, all of which enjoy magnificent views of the Indian Ocean. All rooms are tastefully decorated using traditional Zanzibar furniture to include large four poster beds with mosquito nets, a writing bureau, coffee table and easy chairs. Split level air-conditioners, ceiling fans, satellite TV's, mini bars, hairdryers and telephones add a touch of luxury to each room.

FACILITIES

The hotel offers 2 restaurants and bars. Room services is also available. There is a floodlit tennis court, PADI scuba diving centre, a fully-equipped watersports centre, games room with table tennis, snooker and billiard tables, an open-air discotheque, fresh-water swimming pool as well as a children's paddling pool.



★★★★★ La Gemma Dell 'Est

OUR OPINION

La Gemma Del Est is located on the North West Coast of Zanzibar, on a magnificent stretch of beach near to Kendwa Rocks. The beauty of this side of the island is that it is not as affected as the East by the tidal fluctuations. You are able to swim during low and high tide. The hotel not only offers a great beach, they also have a massive swimming pool with a sunken bar on the Northern end where you are able to enjoy cocktails.

LOCATION

Gemma Del Est is located on the North West Coast of Zanzibar, approximately 1 hour from the airport.

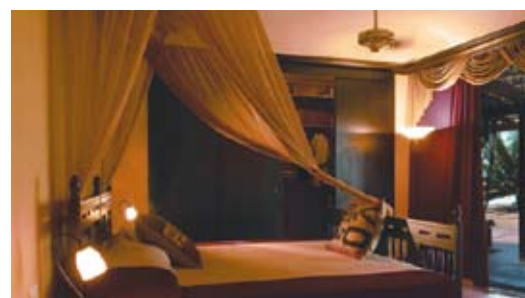
ACCOMMODATION

The resort boasts an impressive 138 rooms, including 17 junior suites, 23 executive villa guest rooms and a presidential villa which consists of 5 bedrooms. All rooms are fitted with French doors that open out on to a landscaped garden. The rooms also have small balconies where guests can sit and enjoy the view of the ocean.

All the rooms have modern amenities including satellite television, ceiling fans, air-conditioning, mini bar, safe and telephone. The bathroom includes a great shower, bidet, hairdryer, bath robes and hotel personalised toiletries.

FACILITIES

The hotel has 1 restaurant and 3 bars. Full watersports centre, big game fishing facilities, Full PADI certified dive school, snorkelling, water-skiing, windsurfing, kayaking, dhow cruises and deep-sea fishing are also offered at the hotel.



South Africa



★★★★★ Beverly Hills Hotel

OUR OPINION

With miles of glorious golden beaches and near perfect subtropical weather, this idyllic playground attracts sophisticated visitors from around the globe and South Africa, seeking the best of sun, sea and glamour.

LOCATION

The Beverly Hills Hotel at Umhlanga Rocks is a mere 20-minute's drive from Durban along a sub-tropical drive. With hard-to-match views of the Indian Ocean and miles of unspoilt beaches, this fine hotel is the perfect location to unwind and relax in first class surroundings. Beverly Hills is located in Lighthouse Road, in Umhlanga Rocks in KwaZulu-Natal.

ACCOMMODATION

The Beverley Hills comprises 90 comfortable rooms that are broken down into 2 Presidential Suites, 4 Suites, 7 Cabanas, 3 Cabana Suites, 24 King Bedded Rooms, 1 Wheelchair Room and 49 Standard Rooms. Each elegant suite is luxuriously furnished, with spectacular views of the ocean.

All rooms are air-conditioned and boast the latest in comfort and convenience. Each room has its own full bathroom, colour TV, radio, telephone, individual room safe and mini-bar. The TV comes standard with local channels, M-Net with satellite pay movie channel, German satellite, CNN, and Supersport. Beverly Hills guest facilities comprises 24-hour room service, 24 hour internet access, fitness centre, shop, secure parking, 24-hour reception and professional concierge.

FACILITIES

The Sugar Club – Signature restaurant and fine dining open daily from 07h00 to 23h00. Elements Café Bar – café style from 11h00 to 21h00. The Terrace – alresco dining.

Guests can relax on the magnificent pooldeck, and enjoy the view of the ocean and unspoilt beaches. Enjoy a swim in the hotel's pool or wander for miles along the beach. Tennis, deep-sea fishing, bowling, horse riding, gym, golf and squash are all available in close proximity to the hotel.

ACTIVITIES

uShaka Marine World - Durban

Spend an exciting day at uShaka Marine World, the largest marine theme park in Africa.

The park is tastefully themed with African imagery and has five zones offering entertainment, dining, a retail village, water slides and access to uShaka Beach.

The Sea World zone incorporates an aquarium, dolphinarium, a seal pool and penguin rookery, as well as interactive activities in the dive tank, snorkel reef and touch pool, while Wet 'n Wild offers heart-stopping, adrenalin-pumping rides as well as water-based activities for the less adventurous.



South Africa



★★★★ Diaz Strand Hotel & Resort

OUR OPINION

Family friendly and situated on the beach, the sea-facing rooms and suites, each with their own balcony, offer unsurpassed views of the Indian Ocean - nothing to obscure your matchless view of the whales at play.

LOCATION

Just 20 minutes from George airport at the heart of the Garden Route, in the historically-rich and exceedingly beautiful town of Mossel Bay, lies the magnificent Diaz Strand Hotel & Resort.

ACCOMMODATION

The hotel offers guests a choice of 86 Luxury Rooms and Suites, including two beautifully-appointed Honeymoon Rooms, romantic Joao Grego, the Honeymoon Suite, and Bartholomeu Diaz, the extravagantly opulent Presidential Suite.

All rooms and suites are finished in rich cherry-wood, and the en-suite bathrooms in lustrous marble. Rooms have their own sea-facing balcony, air-conditioning, minibar fridge, writing desk, opening windows, hairdryer, radio, DSTV and telephone.

FACILITIES

With an outdoor pool, restaurants a cocktail bar and kilometres of un-spoilt beaches - the best on the Garden Route....what more could you possibly want?

Relax in a jacuzzi nestled in amongst lush greenery making up the tropical Jacuzzi Garden, or for the more adventurous Diaz Adventures, an on-site adventure company, offers a range of activities in and around the resort, including horse-rides along the beach, boat trips around Seal Island, whale-watching, sea-kayaking, abseiling, and scuba-diving, either at sea or in the on-site training tank.

Revel in the warm, stylish ambience of the Bahia Dos Vaqueiros, Mossel Bay's premier restaurant; unwind in the heated indoor swimming pool: indulge body and mind at the Wellness Centre and experience thrill after thrill on the Diaz Water World rides. Take advantage of this quality seaside resort for your next family holiday.

ACTIVITIES

In and around Mossel Bay

Dolphin, Whale and Seal watching cruises. Play golf at the Mossel Bay Golf Club. Try your luck at the Garden Route Casino. Visit the Diaz Museum Complex or try bridge swinging at Gouritz. Dine at Stonehill for an organic experience. Go horse riding on the beach or pay a visit to the Aloe Ferox Factory in Albertinia. There are many more activities in the area for you and your family to enjoy.

Thompsons Top-Up

- Cango Wildlife Ranch **R48pp**
- Safari Ostrich Farm **R27pp**
- John Benn Cruise in Knysna - Cruise to the Heads including lunch **R253pp**
- Protea Hotel Botlierskop Private Game Reserve - elephant feeding **R72**



Dubai



★★★★★ Jumeirah Beach Hotel

OUR OPINION
Vibrant and luxurious, Jumeirah Beach Hotel is Dubai's premier lifestyle destination, and has given itself completely to the pleasures of the life, and the senses of every guest who stays in the resort.

LOCATION
Set on the shores of the Arabian Gulf and built in a startling shape that mirrors a breaking wave, the award winning Jumeirah Beach Hotel has its own private beach.

ACCOMMODATION
Jumeirah Beach Hotel's ingenious design provides a sense of endless space, ensuring every one of the 598 luxury rooms and suites enjoys an unhindered view of the sea through floor to ceiling windows.

FACILITIES
Discover the world and its blissful delights whilst you embark on a unique culinary journey through the 22 restaurants and bars. Learn a new game or simply practice your favourites. You can enrol for tennis or golf lessons, enjoy diving by the coral reef, watch the smiles of your family at the Sinbad's Kids Club or enjoy the thrills of Wild Wadi Waterpark free of charge to guests of Jumeirah Beach - the choices are endless. After a long day soaking up the rays, why not treat yourself to a relaxing Jacuzzi, massage or beauty regime at The Spa or peruse the first floor gallery of assorted shops for branded accessories and clothes.



★★★★★ Madinat Mina a' Salam

OUR OPINION
Whether you have been dreaming of a relaxing beach break or an activity filled fun holiday, Madinat is the place for you.

LOCATION
Nestled on the shores of the Arabian Gulf, Mina A' Salam is the 'harbour of peace' - and gateway to Madinat Jumeirah, The Arabian Resort of Dubai.

ACCOMMODATION
With every detail meticulously researched, all 292 rooms and suites enjoy a private balcony with breathtaking views across the clear waters of the Arabian Gulf. Guests are spoilt for choice of room type from Deluxe Balcony and Club Executive/ Premium Leisure rooms to a variety of suites.

FACILITIES
Treat your palate to succulent delights at Mina A' Salam uniquely offering alfresco dining from extensive terraces overlooking the tranquil harbour and waterways in all five restaurants and bars.

Mina a' Salam has 1 large pool and is set on a 2km stretch of private beach, only open to the guests of the Madinat Complex. Wild Wadi Water Park is located across from the complex and guests qualify for a special rate for the duration of their stay. A wide variety of watersports is available at a reasonable cost at the beach. The Six Senses Spa will relax and rejuvenate you and for the energetic there are squash and tennis courts to get the blood pumping.



Greece



★★★★ Petassos Beach Resort & Spa, Mykonos

OUR OPINION
All you see is extraordinary Aegean beauty, all you hear is the whisper of a breeze, all you feel is completely at peace. Mykonos - the word itself brings a treasure of valuable elements into our minds - the azure beaches, the charm of the landscape, the harmony of architecture, the unique Aegean light and the kind hospitality of its inhabitants.

LOCATION
Petassos Beach Resort is located between two beaches, Platis Yialos beach and Psarou beach and is just 4km away from Mykonos Town.

ACCOMMODATION
Pamper yourself in any one of the rooms ranging from standard, superior and deluxe to a choice of suites, all decorated in fresh white with hints of greens and blues so familiar to the Mediterranean. All rooms have a view - choose a view of the deep blue Aegean Sea or a tranquil garden setting. You won't be disappointed. There are also luxurious suites designed to make you feel like royalty. Suites either have a private pool or a shared pool - you choose.

FACILITIES
The cuisine masterfully reflects the Greek heritage. Breathtaking views of the Aegean and impeccable service will complete your culinary experience. You can relax beside the pool and still enjoy the view of the Aegean. The tropical umbrellas will protect you from the sunrays and the freshly made drinks of our pool restaurant will keep you refreshed.

All your troubles will melt away with a poolside massage by an Italian beautician followed by a sauna or a jacuzzi.

For those who fancy a more active break, a scuba dive can be arranged for you. Soak up the sun on the beach during the day but don't miss out on the nightly entertainment in Mykonos town where the food is good and the nightclubs are hopping.

Enjoy a sundowner in town, watching the sunset behind the windmills. Afterwards walk the cobbled streets in search of small trinkets to remind you of your Grecian adventure. Find taverna and sample delightful treats of the med - souvlaki, klejtiko and of course some mezze. Take your time over dinner and then spend the evening at one of the many bars or nightclubs. you may even dance till dawn.

SPA

Anagenessis Thalasso Spa
The brand new Anagenessis Thalasso Spa Centre is a 500sqm Spa located in the new wing of the Petassos Beach Resort offering a variety of up to 64 treatments, including a multi functional Thalasso Pool.

Great emphasis has been placed on the exclusive treatments on offer for each part of the body.

Thalasso therapy uses the nutrients found in seawater and seaweed to nourish and cleanse the body. The theory is that sea water has practically the same chemical make-up as human plasma, so the body easily absorbs the water-rich with nutrients from indigenous plants or plant matter.

