Elite Traveler’s 100 best suites, Komodo dragon hunting in Indonesia and behind the scenes at Saut Hermès in Paris

Villa at the Brando, French Polynesia
BEACHES

MONARCH SUITE,
Viceroy Santa Monica, USA
Taking the glamorous penthouse
Monarch Suite guarantees ocean
views, and the hotel is just one block
back from the beach. It has a marble
entrance hall, a fully stocked
bar and a lavish marble bathroom.
From $2,026
viceroyhotelsandresorts.com

THE FLEMING VILLA,
Goldeneye, Jamaica
Imagine sitting at the desk where Ian
Fleming wrote his James Bond novels,
looking out over Oracabessa Bay. This
three-bedroom villa, once owned by
Fleming (and later by Bob Marley),
comes with two satellite guest
cottages – it sleeps up to 10 in total
and the private Fleming Beach. There
is also a butler, housekeeper and cook.
From $5,665
goldeneye.com

THE VILLA,
St Regis, Mauritius
Set in a secluded part of the island
surrounded by palm trees, this elegant
four-bedroom villa with a Balinese-style
roof comes with a butler who can whip
up cocktails at your own private bar. The
resort also offers Indian cuisine from
Michelin-starred chef Atul Kochhar.
From $8,000
stregismauritius.com

COMO SUITE,
Metropolitan Miami, USA
Art Deco styling and Miami Beach
views combine atop this new hotel in
the up-and-coming Mid Beach area.
The suite can be configured as one-,
three- or four-bedrooms. For further
indulgence head to the Shambhala spa.
From $1,415
comohotels.com/
metropolitanmiami

VILLA LES CEDRES,
Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc, France
This tranquil five-bedroom villa at this
legendary French Riviera hotel has
columned terraces, private gardens
and a whirlpool bath. Add to that the
excellent restaurant, headed by chef
Arnaud Poëlle, and it is easy to see
why Eden Roc is so favored by
celebrities and seasoned travelers.
From $8,200
hotel-du-cap-eden-roc.com

EXCLUSIVE VILLA,
D-Hotel Maris, Turkey
Billed as “a masterpiece of modern
design”, the D-Hotel Maris in Datca,
Turkey certainly boasts fine designer
credentials. But it also offers plenty of
natural beauty. Perched on the spot
where the Aegean and Mediterranean
seas meet, there are five private
beaches for guests, with silky white
sand imported from Egypt (it’s gentler
on the feet). The top suite is the 1,017
sq ft Exclusive Villa, which has its own
separate entrance, swimming pool, a
private hammam and 24-hour butler
service. Take time to catch the sunset,
which locals claim is the most beautiful
in the world.
From $6,550
dhotel.com.tr

PRESIDENTIAL VILLA,
Banyan Tree, Seychelles
The Presidential Villa, which used to be
the Seychellois retreat of Peter Sellers
and George Harrison, has its own
private cove and pool. There are
his-and-hers dressing areas, spacious
decks with sun loungers and beds, and
plush bedroom quarters.
From $1,522

OWNER’S VILLA,
Cheval Blanc Randheli, Maldives
Designed by Jean Michel-Gathy, one of
the world’s top hotel architects, the
three-bedroom Owner’s Villa and
accompanying guest villa are set on
their own island a short boat ride from
the main Cheval Blanc Randheli resort.
There’s an 82ft pool, a grand piano in
one of the living rooms, an outdoor
cinema, a dedicated team of staff and
a private spa with Guerlain treatments.
Price on request
chevalblanc.com