

and other wildlife. The 17 ocean-view villas, each with a private infinity-edge pool, are ideal for couples seeking privacy. Buyouts are encouraged. (Three-night packages from \$4,425 to \$16,350, all-inclusive) www.fregate.com

North Island

This 519-acre former coconut-and-spice plantation is now home to 11 expansive, eco-chic villas hidden among restored plant life and tended by butlers. A private island with few peers. (\$3,000–\$4,725 per person, all-inclusive) www.northisland.com



SOUTH AFRICA

Birkenhead House

HERMANUS

Perched above Walker Bay, this grand and urbane 11-room mansion is the ultimate address in the seaside resort town of Hermanus and serves as a perfect post-safari retreat. From May through December, sit on the back patio to watch the migration of the southern right whale. (\$350–\$550 per person, including meals) www.birkenheadhouse.com

Delaire Graff Estate

STELLENBOSCH

British jeweler Laurence Graff's 100-acre wine estate delivers all the services of a mega-resort for just 10

stand-alone lodges—each with a private pool and vineyard views. Mr. Graff's contemporary art collection alone is worth the trip. (\$950–\$3,500) www.delaire.co.za

La Residence

FRANSCHHOEK

Hotelier Liz Biden's *Alice in Wonderland* dream in the Cape Winelands. Each of the 11 suites and five villas showcases Biden's imaginative aesthetic, while farm-fresh dining and nearby wineries highlight the region's bounty. (From \$525 per person, including breakfast) www.laresidence.co.za

Royal Malewane

THORNYBUSH RESERVE

Safari-goers reside in eight exquisite one- and two-bedroom suites or

in a private residence that sleeps 12. Big Five sightings are the norm during excursions into the private reserve, which is set adjacent to Kruger National Park. (Suites from \$1,400 per person, Africa House from \$13,750, both all-inclusive) www.royalmalewane.com

Singita Lebombo & Sweni Lodges

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

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TANZANIA

Singita Grumeti Reserves

Private access to 350,000 protected acres along the Great Migration path in the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem. Track wildebeests, impalas,

and gazelles, as well as carnivores large and small. Guests of the 36-room reserve choose among three lodges and a new villa that opens this June. (\$850–\$1,700 per person, all-inclusive) www.singita.com

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara

ABU DHABI

Set among 500-foot-tall sand dunes in the Arabian Peninsula's aptly named Empty Quarter, Qasr Al Sarab was developed by the UAE's ruling family. The resort's 206 rooms, suites, and villas are served by 430 employees and decorated with locally sourced artworks. (\$425–\$2,075) www.anantara.com