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From left: a suite at the Silo Hotel; the exterior of a suite at andBeyond Matetsi River Lodge

## THE ST. REGIS MALDIVES VOMMULI RESORT

Spread across 22 acres, all its 77 villas are fully iPad-controlled and feature a private pool, a Bang & Olufsen TV, free wi-fi and a mirror-embedded TV in the bathroom. Walk across to the Whale Bar, named for its tubular shape, and sip an Island Mary (the hotel's take on the brand's signature Bloody Mary) out of a seashell as you watch the sun set over the sapphire water. **Good to know:** Decanter, the underground wine cellar, houses more than 2,000 bottles, including one that's 262 years old. Book a dinner here during your stay. ([www.starwoodhotels.com](http://www.starwoodhotels.com))

## THE WAREHOUSE HOTEL Singapore

Take one portion historic 19th-century waterfront warehouse, add a good helping of rooms with double high ceilings, throw in some industrial-chic furnishing and you have a recipe for a hotel as smooth as the speciality cocktails served at the

in-house lobby bar. Located on the banks of the Singapore River, the property feels like a hipster bar that's graduated into a slick hotel. **Good to know:** When dining at Po, the signature restaurant, be sure to order the beautifully smokey charcoal-grilled Iberico satay, spicy tamarind barramundi and the carabinieri prawns and konbu mee. ([www.thewarehousehotel.com](http://www.thewarehousehotel.com))

## VILLA MAHABHIROM Thailand

Set in Chiang Mai, the "villa of great pleasure", as the name translates to, is a collection of a century-old duplex cottages kitted out with modern comforts. Built of teak, each villa comes with a garden and a saltwater plunge pool. There's a variety of activities on offer, including yoga sessions, cooking lessons and tea picking at the plantations nearby. **Good to know:** You can join the staff members when they head out to offer alms to the monks early in the morning. ([www.villamahabhirom.com](http://www.villamahabhirom.com))

## AFRICA ANDBEYOND MATETSI RIVER LODGE Zimbabwe

Confused between scoping out Africa's famous wildlife and the stunning Victoria Falls? This lodge is connected to a private reserve and is set on 15km of the Zambezi waterfront, so you don't have to choose. Despite being in the heart of the wild, it offers creature comforts like a fully equipped gym, a 76ft swimming pool along the river bank and a massage sala. **Good to know:** Adrenaline junkies should ask the hotel staff to arrange for a gorge swing above the Zambezi River, a bungee jump off the Victoria Falls Bridge or zip lining between Zambia and Zimbabwe. ([www.andbeyond.com](http://www.andbeyond.com))

## THE SILO HOTEL South Africa

Enjoy Cape Town's glorious mountain and ocean views from this six-storey 1920s granary repurposed as a 28-key luxury hotel. Think afternoon tea overlooking Table Mountain,

sunset cocktails at the rooftop bar and late-night city views from the infinity pool atop the property. **Good to know:** Guests get a private art tour of the upcoming Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa, located below the hotel. ([www.theroyalportfolio.com](http://www.theroyalportfolio.com))

## L'HOTEL MARRAKECH Morocco

Designer Jasper Conran's 19th-century riad in the heart of Marrakech harks back to the elegant age of travel with sheer voile curtains, tasteful antiques, an enviable rug collection and a terrace that's naturally perfumed by the local jasmine, bougainvillea, honeysuckle and geranium in the garden. With five spacious suites, it is perfect for a celebration with friends, or a decadent getaway with a loved one. **Good to know:** The 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque, the largest in Marrakech, is just steps away; the staff can book you a tour with a local expert. ([www.l-hotelmarrakech.com](http://www.l-hotelmarrakech.com))