



FOUR RESORTS, FOUR WAYS. HERE, WE PICK FOUR STANDOUT NEW ISLAND STAYS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. BY LIANG XINYI

FOR DESIGN ADDICTS

Casa de La Flora | Khao Lak, Thailand

Owner Sompong Dowpiset, together with Bangkok-based VaSLab Architects, brings ultra-modern design to the Andaman coastline with this angular, low-slung resort. The 36 slate-gray pool villas are Brutalist cubes nestled among manicured greenery; the four-room spa's wood-and-cement interior looks like a cross between a Swedish log cabin and a space cabin. 67/213 Moo 5, Khuk Khak, Takuapa, Phang Nga; 66-76/428-999; casadelafloira.com; doubles from Bt15,309.

FOR CASTAWAY WANNABES

Pulau Joyo Private Island

Retreat | Riau Archipelago, Indonesia

A 25-minute speedboat ride from Bintan takes you to this shipping magnate's private residence turned sybaritic escape. Hole away in one of eight thatched-roof villas, or "Palaces": the expansive interiors boast teakwood furniture, four-poster beds draped in gauzy fabric, and vintage objets d'art collected by the globe-trotting Hong Kong-based owners. With a tear-shaped pool, an indulgent spa and a 43-meter luxury

GREAT ESCAPES

Clockwise from top left: Rustic luxe at Pulau Joyo Private Island Retreat, in Indonesia; Casa de La Flora's glass-and-concrete pool villas; Mövenpick Heritage Hotel Sentosa, designed by Japanese firm Super Potato; a room at the Anantara Mui Ne Resort & Spa, in Vietnam.



FOR HERITAGE FANS

Mövenpick Heritage Hotel Sentosa | Singapore

Historic charm underpins Mövenpick's sleek Singapore debut, overseen by hip Japanese design firm Super Potato. Two parallel structures embody old and new: the sea-facing 105-room Contemporary wing is a modern steel-and-glass box, while behind it, the colonial Heritage wing—a 1940's British army barracks with terracotta roofing—lends the property character. In the latter, 61 minimalist, comfortable guest rooms are set to open at the end of this year. Watch this space. 23 Beach View Sentosa; 65/6818-3388; moevenpick-sentosa.com; doubles from S\$300.

FOR SERENITY SEEKERS

Anantara Mui Ne Resort & Spa | Phan Thiet, Vietnam

Fresh from an Anantara makeover, this idyllic coastal getaway reopens this month with 89 sumptuous guest rooms (outsized beds; local artwork; exposed beams) and a stylish beachside restaurant helmed by Alain Ducasse-trained Vietnamese chef Alain Nguyen. Don't miss a dip in the infinity pool overlooking the cerulean South China Sea. Khu Pho 1, Nguyen Din Chieu St.; 84-62/741-888; anantara.com/mui-ne; doubles from US\$260. +