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**43** Song Saa
Cambodia

Cambodia's coastline has largely resisted modern flourishes. But, strung across two islets in the Koh Rong archipelago, the 27-villa Song Saa has brought gourmet fare and holistic spa treatments to this undisturbed area. The resort has also established social programmes to support local communities and a marine reserve. Villas from US\$1,336 (£837) per night. www.songsaa.com

44 Banyan Tree
Seychelles

Hidden at the southern tip of Mahé, the Banyan Tree Seychelles is the soul of discretion — its 60 villas nestled amid virgin jungle — to the extent the house spa, halfway up a steep hillside, is near-invisible as it overlooks Anse Intendance beach. With high ceilings, verandas and louvre doors, the villas combine contemporary, colonial and 'plantation' décor. Villas from £704 a night. www.banyantree.com/en/seychelles

45 Guludo Lodge
Mozambique

Posited far from 'civilisation', on the northern reaches of Mozambique's Indian Ocean coast, Guludo Lodge strips life back to basics — a clutch of beachside adobe bandas, half open to the elements, sitting next to waters where whales breach. Notably it's won a number of international awards for the benefits brought to the local region. Bandas from US\$245 (£153) a night. www.guludo.com

46 Inkaterra Reserva
Amazonica Peru

Injecting sophistication into the dense confines of the Amazon Rainforest, this hideout has 35 luxurious thatched-roof cabanas full of soft furnishings — and a Canopy Tree House, goft up in the boughs, for leaf-shrouded privacy. Excursions include jungle treks, rainforest trails, treetop canopy bridge and bird watching. Two-night stays from US\$492 (£308) per person. www.inkaterra.com

Six Senses
Zighy Bay
Oman

While Dubai dances in the spotlight as the main Gulf travel destination, Oman has quietly established itself as a calmer, cultural alternative. Here, a Six Senses resort offers spa glamour on the rough edge of the uber-remote Musandam Peninsula. Villas from US\$612 (£383) a night. www.sixsenses.com

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