Get Some Alone Time

A new wave of private-island resorts are opening in exactly the kinds of places you'd want to have all to yourself.

The Indian Ocean as seen from the Six Senses Zil Pasyon in the Seychelles.

> We know, we know. Hear the words private-island resort and you think: not for me. Obviously those white sand beaches are the exclusive province of unimaginative billionaires and trophy spouses bored by St. Barts. But with new resorts opening from coastal Africa to Asia (there will be five in the Maldives alone by the end of the year), a private-island vacation isn't out of the question for us mere mortals who want a bit more adventure than an infinity pool.

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Retreats like the Six Senses Zil Pasyon in the Seychelles, where you can swim with sea turtles or hike through jungle in the Coco de Mer Nature Reserve, are practically made for multi-gen families, with their three- and four-bedroom villas and open-air movie nights. Of course, there's still plenty of OTT beachside luxury to be had, like at the Four Seasons Maldives, where $38,000 a night will get you pretty much everything but island ownership. JENNIFER MURPHY