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VILLA AZZAYTOUNA *Marrakech, Morocco*

THE TOP LINE The city's newest private villa.

WHO RENTS? Heat-seeking sophisticates who want to avoid the madness of the Medina.

TELL ME MORE... This three-bedroom pad is a haven of vivid-green palms, terracotta brickwork and wafting linen curtains, with a jade-coloured pool flanked by peppermint-striped daybeds at its heart. Sheer serenity: no traffic noise, no hotel lounge music, and, crucially, no other honeymooners in sight.

THE LUXE FACTOR Eye-popping interiors courtesy of British designer Philip Hooper. The living room really wows with a vivid mix of palm-leaf prints, intricate lanterns and copper urns overflowing with pink roses.

STAYING IN Enjoy a lavish fireside dinner of artichoke hearts, charcoal-grilled kebabs and traditional tagines, followed by mint tea and shisha in your own boho-style Berber tent.

ON THE DOORSTEP The Medina, where you can hit the souk and stock up on babouche slippers, is a 15-minute drive away.

WHAT TO PACK Very little. The villa provides sunhats, sunscreen, after sun and floaty cotton djellabas (traditional Moroccan robes) for when the mercury rises.

HONEYMOON HIGHLIGHT Raja, the spa therapist, will make you feel amazing with unlimited massages, hammams and facials. Now who fancies a pedi by the pool?

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10 best private islands

THEY'RE THE ONLY RESORT ON THE ISLAND, SO YOU CAN GUARANTEE YOU WON'T SEE YOUR NEIGHBOURS OR HAVE TO QUEUE FOR THAT SUNLOUNGER

For high-rolling, A-list indulgence **Velaa Private Island** Maldives

VELAA IS ROUND. PERFECTLY ROUND. And perfectly formed. Serving the best gazpacho in the Indian Ocean, this is undoubtedly where the elite come to recharge, dream and repeat. Refreshingly non-naïf, it's the ultimate honeymoon fantasy *sans* twee – think Soho House Maldives. Villas lean just the right side of *outré* with boho-chic Balinese rugs, shimmering walls of mother-of-pearl and sexy Conran-style lighting. Look up and you'll find living orchids dangling from the teak rafters. Rooms are technically accomplished, too. Step out of bed in the middle of the night and the floor gives off a gentle glow leading to the bathroom; every inch is considered. But it's not just Velaa's good looks that impress; there are toys at every turn. There's a nine-hole golf course, and where else can you explore the depths of the ocean in a two-person submarine? For beauty geeks, the 'My Blend by Clarins' spa really delivers. Pipette-wielding facialists concoct bespoke face creams for you to take home, and for added thrills, the resort's owners have installed a Cloud 9 machine (one of only four in the world). It's a cloud-shaped reclining treatment pod that slowly sways and cradles you into deep relaxation – we dare you not to fall asleep.

WOW FACTOR The spa's 'snow room' with *actual* compacted ice and snow for you to dive into after being in the sauna – like a freezing plunge pool...

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10 HOURS

