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It's like summer in the South of France — without the jet lag.
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STAY HERE

Koh Kood, Thailand

Look at a satellite map of Koh Kood, an hour's flight from Bangkok. The linear pattern of coconut and rubber plantations merges with untouched jungle. No cities, no towns, barely any roads. Just endless greenery. Where that green meets the shore is a string of crisp white canopies — the Soneva Kiri resort.

Each shelters a room — a bedroom, a living room, an outdoor bathroom — all separate, but joined into villa compounds by sprawling pine decks and private infinity pools. Stylishly assembled with raw and reclaimed wood, each is an artwork paying homage to Koh Kood's natural state. soneva.com



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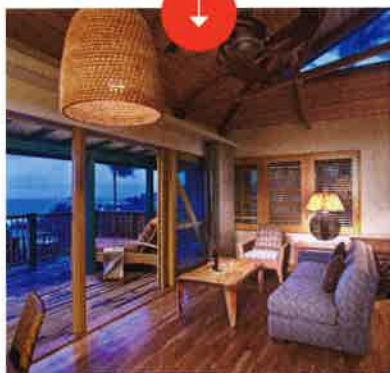


ESTATES OF PLAY

Live at a Caribbean resort year-round: In the BVI, Oil Nut Bay's Jewel Box Beach Villa (above) lets you enjoy the private island resort's amenities and direct beach access (\$4.9 million, oilnutbay.com), while Turks and Caicos' Dunes at Grace Bay Resorts offers up one-bedroom villas with outdoor showers and private pools (from \$4.25 million, gracebayclub.com).

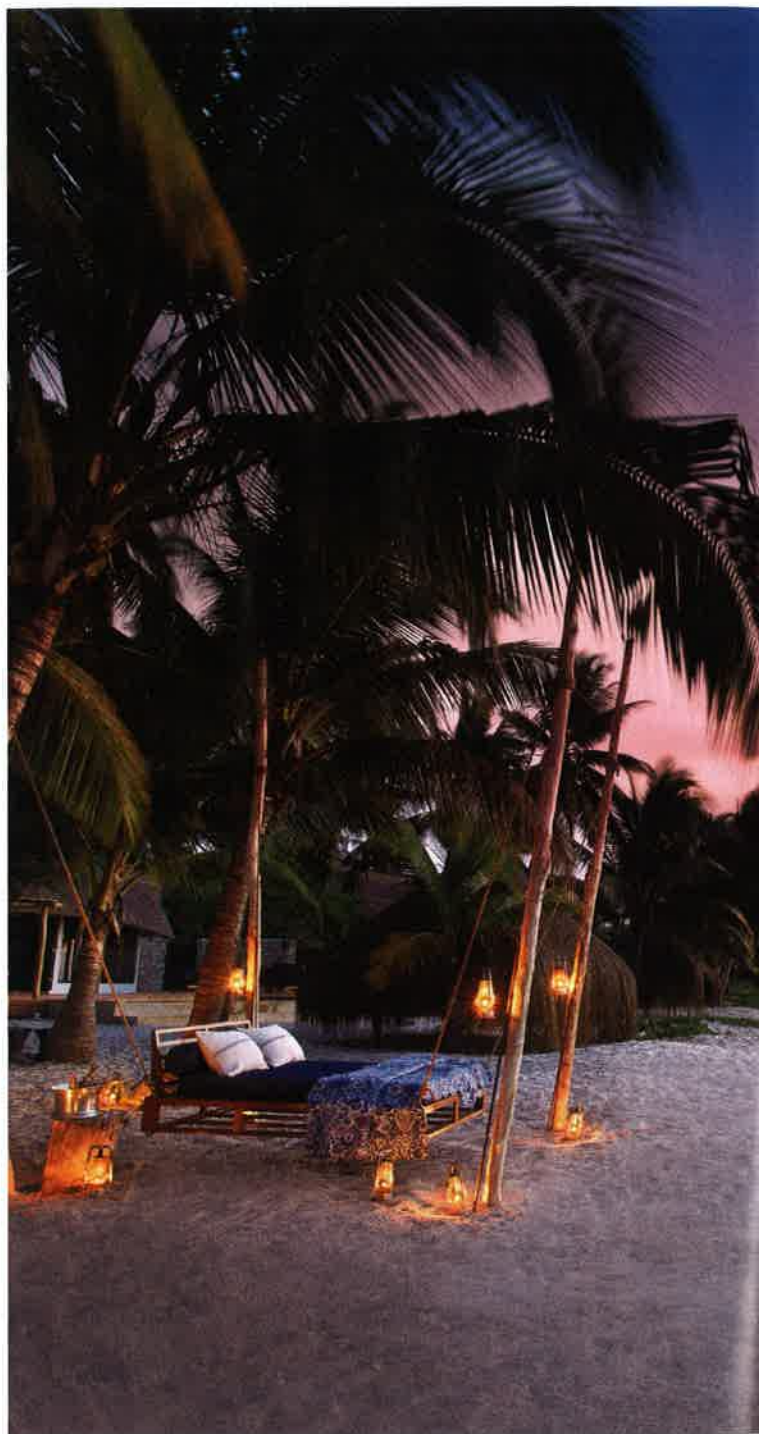
OLD IS NEW AGAIN IN MAUI

The legendary Travaasa Hana Maui (from \$400, travaasa.com) has just begun a \$12 million restoration project, meaning the resort at the end of the Road to Hana will be newly paved by year's close. Look for restored lanais, panoramic sliding-glass doors, and handcrafted furniture forged from sustainable materials and *kapa*, Hawaiian bark cloth. And yes, all 70 bungalows will stay true to their 1946 roots: no radios, no clocks, no televisions.



KEYS TO THE KEYS

Key Largo's hotly anticipated Playa Largo Resort & Spa (from \$319, playalargoresort.com) opens in December, with 144 rooms, 10 bungalows and a villa, plus four dining options, including a steakhouse and a ceviche bar. Watch the sun set from the 745-foot-long strip of powdery bayfront beach as bonfires and lounge music set the low-key mood.



ANTIGUA'S SHAPING UP

Take that carried-over week of vacation and turn it into a full-body makeover at Antigua's all-inclusive Curtain Bluff during its January boot camp, hosted by celebrity trainer Adam Rosante, author of *The 30-Second Body*. Days start with sun salutations on the sand, followed by all the Zumba, aqua-aerobics and guided walks you can fit in. Plus, get a bit of TLC with two spa treatments per guest included. (Jan. 16-21, \$3,375 per person per week; curtainbluff.com)

