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**EXPANDING HORIZONS**  
NEW PRIVATE ISLAND RESORTS



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**Wander woman** Maria Shollenbarger  
**fast-tracks international intelligence**  
**on where to be and what to see**

✈ The Datça peninsula, in the southwest of **TURKEY**, has cast its spell over wanderers since time immemorial (or at least since about the third millennium BC, when the Carians pitched up and decided to stay awhile). Lying west of busy Marmaris and south of gilded Bodrum, with densely wooded, often empty hills shearing out of cerulean coves, it's ideal private charter territory, especially in May and June. **Red Savannah** ([www.redsavannah.com](http://www.redsavannah.com)) has added several prime gulets that ply the Datça's waters to its select portfolio lately, from two-cabin gems to **Euphoria** (from €1,500 per night), an 88ft beauty that sleeps eight and is a recent arrival on the market. She'll appeal to the old-school sailor, with her gleaming burlwood panelling, ample deck space and ace chef (long employed by *Euphoria*'s owners).

✈ The sere elegance of the Palmeraie in **MARRAKECH** has long attracted those seeking the privacy of a staffed home with the tranquillity and luxury of expansive gardens and easy access to Jemaa el-Fna and the medina's retail temptations (and then an escape from both, if and when exotica fatigue sets in). As of last month, one of the area's most spectacular private estates is offering a new villa option, **Azzaytouna** ([www.ezzahra-morocco.com](http://www.ezzahra-morocco.com); from £1,500). Its three bedrooms (two with private pools), multiple indoor-outdoor lounges, candlelit Berber drinks tent and sleekly imagined interiors (by Philip Hooper of Colefax & Fowler) add up to small and intimate, but still supremely luxurious, accommodation. Not that "small" has to be the mandate: the estate's other two houses, seven-bedroom Villa Ezzahra and two-bedroom Villa Alkhozama (prices on request), can be taken over too,

creating a perfect party venue accommodating up to 26 revellers.

✈ In the **BAHAMAS**, a venerable grande dame has just quietly emerged from a painstaking, comprehensive renovation. The genteel vibe at the **One&Only Ocean Club** ([www.oneandonlyresorts.com](http://www.oneandonlyresorts.com); from £640) – the 1962-vintage resort that dominates 8km-long, 1.5km-wide Paradise Island – thankfully hasn't gone anywhere, but the hotel's horizon will, to any of its habitués, seem vastly enhanced by the addition of a 30m-long infinity pool whose edge meets the fine white sand of the private beach, managing somehow to improve on what many thought was already one of the Caribbean's most alluring stretches of coast. All the rooms, meanwhile, have been completely overhauled, with those in the Hartford Wing invigorated with particular drama, achieved with lashings of vermillion and turquoise, by Jeffrey Beers.

✈ Last September saw the Goodwood Revival roll through the Earl of March's **WEST SUSSEX**



Above: the 20m infinity pool at Villa Lario, Lake Como, Italy. Below: a private terrace at Azzaytouna villa in Marrakech's Palmeraie district



Above: *Euphoria*, based off Turkey's Datça peninsula, can be hired through Red Savannah





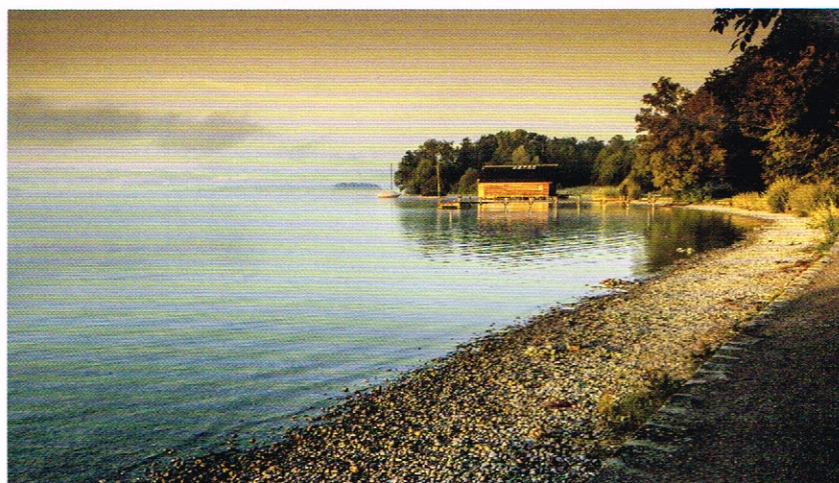


Above: the terrace of Dune restaurant at One&Only Ocean Club, Bahamas. Below: Lake Starnberg, one of the stops on Butterfield & Robinson's Bavarian cycle tour

([www.butterfield.com](http://www.butterfield.com)) has been crafting mixed adventure, cultural and gastronomic itineraries with the best of them for half a century. To celebrate their original passion – cycling – founders George and Martha Butterfield and Sidney Robinson will be among the leaders of a six-day tour across **BAVARIA** (from £4,020 per person, excluding flights), tracing the route of the very first cycling trip B&R ever offered, back in 1966, from Munich to Salzburg. Guests will stop at Lake Starnberg, spend a night in the *gemütliche* surrounds of Kitzbühel's Hotel Tennerhof and take a turn at glassblowing with the masters at Riedel. There are five departures: June 12 and 26 and September 4, 11 and 18.

✈ Total wellness is the mission at **Vana Malsi Estate** ([www.vanaretreats.com](http://www.vanaretreats.com); five-night programmes from £963), which opened in early 2014 in the northern Indian state of **UTTARAKHAND**. From physical manipulations to therapeutic meditations to cuisine, the goal is to be the vanguard of bespoke holistic health. To this end its visionary owner Veer Singh this month debuts a Tibetan healing centre on the estate, spread across a series of new buildings housing meditation pavilions, a library, a shrine and, of course, multiple treatment rooms. The director and his staff have all completed training under specialists at the Men-Tsee-Khang – also known as the Tibetan Medical and Astro Institute, revived in 1961 in Dharamsala by His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

✈ For a hotel making its debut at the very tail end of the Mediterranean season, **Villa Lario** ([www.villalarioresort.com](http://www.villalarioresort.com); from €380), in Pognana Lario on the eastern shore of **LAKE COMO**, managed to generate quite a bit of buzz. Ten years in the making, the all-suite resort was literally carved from the rock cliff into which it nestles, surrounded by gardens and unfettered by the



hum of traffic. Indeed, while Pognana has its charms and is considered to be on the “sunny” side of the lake, you won't find much in the way of a scene (restaurant, bar or otherwise) in the immediate environs. But the two-storey Pavilion suite more than compensates with sheer glamour and space, its enormous arched windows facing the water and its two bedrooms floored in French oak, washed in monochromatic touches and endowed with a huge terrace. The 20m infinity pool below, decked in teak and surrounded by patrician lawns, is a bonus. ✦

estate in all its vintage, revvy glory. Next month, Lord March and company are making the former kennels – now reinvented as a 10-bedroom, fully serviced villa – available to those who wish to partake of Goodwood's attractions, from cars to horses to bucolic grounds. **Hound Lodge** ([www.goodwood.com](http://www.goodwood.com); from £10,000 per night) will allow VIP access to all festivals – but with staff on hand at all times, it is (much like Goodwood itself) a compelling option throughout the year.

✈ Canada-based **Butterfield & Robinson**



Above: one of the treatment rooms at Vana Malsi Estate, Uttarakhand, India