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LEBANON'S HOTTEST NEW STAR
GOES GLAM IN LONDON

“I
always
knew I
was going
to be a
star”

The **10**
& **BEST**
& **WORST**
In OSCARS
GLAMOUR



SUMPTUOUS SECLUSION

When life with an entourage gets a little too hectic, escape to some of the world's most secluded spots; hideaway havens which cater to you and you alone. *Enigma* uncovers the ultimate in luxury alone-time.

THE POINT RESORT, SARANAC LAKE, NY

A welcome change of scenery from sandy beaches, bikinis and sun exposure, The Point offers unique New England charm and secluded sophistication – the perfect respite from big city working hours and fast paced nightlife. Check into the exclusive Boathouse for added privacy and tranquil lake views. Built in 1933 by a great nephew of John D. Rockefeller, The Point is a haven of posh comfort for the savvy holiday connoisseur. Frequented by celebrities like John F. Kennedy Jr. – who holidayed there with Daryl Hannah – it's the quintessential upscale, upstate destination for the upper crust. Feel the stress melt away as you curl up with a loved one to be lulled to sleep on one of the swinging beds; on the elegant wraparound deck; or on the lavish sofa by a roaring fire. Leave your cell phone, blackberry and children behind, because all are prohibited to maintain the sophisticated and isolated decorum. As far as meals are concerned, there's no menu but be sure to inform the five-star kitchen staff of your dietary needs in advance, as specialty foods are flown in from around the world. Enjoy breakfast in bed but dress to impress to dine *en famille* with some of the world's most glamorous guests around a table that includes a premier selection of the *Who's Who* list.

\$2600 per night for the Boathouse

www.thepointresort.com

CHALET RASCARD, FRANCE

Overlooking the historic and charming Ayas Valley sits Chalet Rascard. The picture perfect hideaway lies under a thick blanket of snow and is accessible only by snowmobile. And don't expect any visitors other than the dedicated catering and housekeeping staff. The village below has remained virtually unchanged since the 14th century, and this timeless escape is sure to lift your spirits to Alpine heights as you settle down in this remarkable example of Walser architecture. If you choose to emerge from the warmth and allure of your rich, warm, wood-beamed dwelling, ski slopes and the village are both just 3km away. Boasting the most exquisite bathroom of any chalet in the area, guests can relax in the Jacuzzi as they set their idle gazes to the reflecting hues of purple and red while the sun sets over the snow-capped mountains. With impressive mezzanine floors covered in rich oriental rugs, warm accents and the utmost opulence, this chalet is the red wine and dark chocolate holiday alternative to poolside canapés and cocktail umbrellas.

Approximately \$4,600 per week

www.indigolodges.com





BEDARRA ISLAND RESORT, AUSTRALIA

Guests at Australia's most exclusive resort on Bedarra Island are whisked away to an enchanted place – an uninhabited wonderland where hidden tunnels ensure you never have to meet or greet another soul. With only 16 villas on the island, disappearing in this dazzling setting couldn't be easier. For the definitive escape, stay in one of their open plan pavilions, offering the most deliciously decadent experience – located separate from the main resort with breathtaking views of Wedgerock Bay. Explore the island on foot or by sea, make use of the spa, scuba and tennis courts, or simply spend the day isolated on your deck in the sun. When the mood strikes, you can dip your toes or take a plunge in your private infinity pool which seems to cascade into the heavenly abyss that surrounds your sanctuary. If the pristine beachfront serviced by the staff is too 'crowded' for your taste, push off in a boat with a pre-prepared gourmet picnic hamper and head for one of the island's isolated virgin beaches.

\$2,200 per night
www.bedarraisland.com



WADIGI ISLAND, FIJI

If you were never taught to share, the idea of other guests spoiling *your* secluded harbour might produce a tantrum. So, if it's all about you, try Wadigi Island, seductively hidden in the Mamanuca Islands off the coast of Fiji, near the remote island where the movie *Cast Away* was filmed. Unlike some of its larger cohorts, this intimate three-acre private island is designed for guests without a thronging entourage. A mere 10 minute helicopter ride from Nadi International Airport, the only other inhabitants of the island are the gracious staff of nine, headed up by your hosts Jim and Tracey Johnston. Your private chefs, maids, hostess and boat captain are waiting to pamper you – but will make themselves scarce so you can enjoy total serenity in one of three deluxe suites perched enchantingly on the island bluffs. The stunning seascape can be enjoyed while soaking in your luxurious bath with landscape windows. But don't waste a thought on modesty – the only living things in view are seagulls and a vast expanse of endless blue waves stretching in every direction. Gardens groomed to perfection and two exquisite beaches with vibrant turquoise lagoons will let you bask in utter peace and solitude.

\$13,000 per week
www.wadigi.com