



JET-SET, GO!

The summer escape is fast approaching but where will your wanderlust take you?

Jessica Hudson has the insider knowledge to point you in the right direction

This summer, the only way to get around is on board The Residence by Etihad for the ultimate in luxurious travel. With a Dh\$73,500 price tag it takes fine flying to a whole new level. Enjoy Egyptian cotton sheets and a pillow menu for your bedroom, an en-suite bathroom with a power-shower and bathrobes, and a private living area with your personal butler on call. **Travelistas-in-the-know are taking advantage of** award-winning luxury tour operator Scott Dunn's tailor-made travel services and firsthand destination knowledge. Recently introduced to

the UAE market, Scott Dunn's team of travel designers take all the hassle out of holiday planning, from offering trusted advice and hotel recommendations to on-the-ground private guides. See the Vatican up close with an exclusive tour, or make your way to the coveted front row at fashion weeks. **This summer's top spot for travel is** Bali, with Emirates' launching a direct flight in

June, making the friendly island even more accessible from the UAE. **For anyone wanting a real escape,** I recommend checking in to Nihiwatu on Sumba Island, for barefoot chic and tribal culture. Recently bought by Chris Burch (co-founder of Tory Burch), this is a hidden gem, formally known by only the surfing elite and now very much on every jet-setter's radar. **For pure,**

unadulterated luxury, stay in the Solio Lodge at the foothills



The gorgeous Velaa Private Island is the ultimate escape, an idyllic isle in the Maldives with no neighbours... save for a few fish

of Mount Kenya. Set in your own private game reserve this is a luxurious safari experience in one of the most beautiful areas of Africa. Each room is a vast villa with floor-to-ceiling glass walls allowing you to lie back in bed and watch the African sunrise and the animals stroll past. Take a private helicopter flight around Mount Kenya, enjoy a champagne breakfast on top of the peak, treat yourself to an idyllic spot of trout fishing, or set up a lantern-lit dinner under the trees. During your stay you'll spot the endangered rhino up close – Solio is home to over 200 of these majestic beasts. **The ultimate adult playground is** Velaa Private Island in the Maldives. Owned by Czech billionaire Jiri Smejck, this private island playground spares no expense. For boys' toys, there are jet skis, sea bobs and a submarine to explore the Maldives' incredible marine life,

as well as an immaculate golf course with Golf Pros on hand to perfect your swing. There's a Snow Room to chill out in, but the Champagne Cru Bar is where to be seen at sunset, with over 90 labels to choose from. For the ladies, the island's palm-fringed gallery of boutiques stock exquisite coral jewellery by Czech designer Zorya. Opening just one year ago, this is the hottest destination in the Indian Ocean, where you can choose to mingle with the well-heeled wanderlusts of the world, or hideaway in one of their mega four-bedroom private residences equipped with your own spa, gym and private chef. **My essential travel app is** JetLag Genie. Just type in your travel dates, the destination and your usual sleeping times and it comes back with personalised alarm clocks to help soften the jet-lag blow.