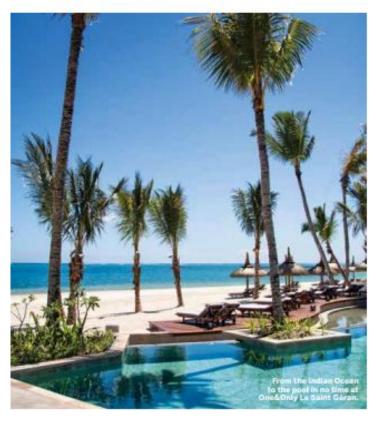


Book It to the Beach

The recently reopened One&Only Le Saint Géran on Mauritius beckons for many reasons – white-sand beaches, idyllic sunsets, that oceanfront pool – but what really raises the tropical-paradise bar is the new Villa One, a two-bedroom residence within its own private garden. With a dining room, full kitchen (personal chef included), and a pool and patio overlooking the ocean, guests could hide away in their own corner of Mauritius for their entire trip, but there are plenty of reasons to venture out and explore the 142-room resort. The ten-month remodel that wrapped up in December also added a new Asian tapas restaurant, a beachfront barbecue, and a lagoon-side boathouse stocked with paddleboards, sailboats, and other water toys. Doubles from \$950, including a welcome bottle of Mauritian rum, breakfast daily, and one 45-minute spa treatment per adult. Villa One from \$8,025, including a private chef, a butler, and valet service.





Spirited Away

Tequila lovers, rejoice. The 267-room Grand Velas Riviera Navarit takes guests to the spirit's roots in style: A new experience whisks travelers via private jet - or six-hour car ride to Jalisco, where they can fill up on the classic Mexican spirit at Casa San Matías, one of the country's oldest tequila distilleries. Before a four-course lunch with tequila pairings in the agave fields, guests explore the ins and outs of modern and traditional tequila production, from cutting the leaves off agave plants to roasting, grinding, and distilling its pulp into liquid. The day ends with an expert-led tequila-blending session, and guests return to the coast with their own custom bottle (pictured above) - perfect for an oceanfront nightcap. Tequila experience from \$8,244 via private jet or \$3,544 via car, including three nights' accommodation, all meals and beverages, and a one-way private airport transfer.



ISLAND STYLE: The late fashion icon Oscar de la Renta spent much of the last 20 years of his life in the Dominican Republic, where he designed his only hotel, Tortuga Bay, in 2006. The 13-villa property revealed an expanded restaurant, a new wine cellar, and refreshed villas with whitewashed shutters and fabrics from the designer's own line. Doubles from \$8.32, including a welcome amenity, breakfast daily, and one 30-minute massage per adult.