A Home Away from Home
Move in for a while to these totally private villa rentals fit for the whole clan. *by Jackie Caradonio*

EVERYBODY HAS ONE: that familiar notion of home, where they feel most like themselves, at ease and unreserved. These days, that comforting place can exist in many locales, as more travelers and their families take up new residence for weeks—even months—in search of a satisfying (and secure) change of scenery. We’ve rounded up the top properties for every mood or style, whether your ideal version of home is a St. Bart’s beach villa, a Malibu mountaintop lair, or a historic Hawaiian hideaway.

The Hipster Hideaway
Made for Instagram
There are no tropical design clichés at [Haiku House Maui](http://www.haikuhousemaui.com). No tribal patterns or wicker—not a single tiki torch—yet the nine-suite Maui plantation house for 20 is without a doubt Hawaiian. The North Shore estate’s white balustrades and wraparound lanai date back to 1860, and the banyan and coconut trees spread throughout its 20 acres are even older (they’re best viewed from the pool terrace). Inside is light and bright, with original koa-wood floors and the occasional bit of Hawaiiana (a vintage schooner model, shell leis). Few private villas on the island are as stylish or spacious, and even fewer offer such a true sense of place. Pick pineapples and papayas in the organic garden, cook dinner in a traditional imu pit oven, learn to play the ukulele, and, yes, you can even have a private luau. $6,500 per night; haikuhousemaui.com.

Your Very Own Villa Portfolio
Destination clubs have nothing in common with the dodgy time-shares of the past. Villa-rental programs like those pioneered by [Exclusive Resorts](http://www.exclusiveresorts.com) and [Inspirato](http://www.inspirato.com) give clients access to vacation homes all over the globe—a villa in Tuscany, a beach pad in Cabo, a penthouse in New York City—through memberships that reserve a specific number of nights per year, depending on size, location, and demand. Both clubs offer guests concierge services, hotel-style amenities, and curated experiences during their stays. Tweaking the model for a new generation of travelers, meanwhile, is [Thirdhome](http://www.thirdhome.com), which operates like a VIP Airbnb program, with members entering their own vetted homes into an exclusive pool in order to access thousands of other luxury properties in sought-after locations around the world.
Because Everybody Loves a Beach House

There's no place like paradise: nothing to do but swim and sun and stroll on the shore—and when you've got the keys to the sandcastle, you don't have to share it with another soul. In St. Bart's, Villa Vue de Névé ($40,000 per week; cuvee.com) is the kind of extravagant retreat that tricks you into thinking you own the whole island. The five-bedroom property hovers over Blaye de St.-Jean on a hilltop with a pool terrace that gives its 12 guests little reason to leave—not even for dinner at Eden Rock resort, which offers many of its services directly in the home. In Puerto Rico, the five-bedroom Su Casa ($15,000 per night; ritzcarlton residencespuertorico.com) is located in Dorado Beach, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, and offers a modern hacienda with a chic pastel color palette and murals by local artist Sofia Mal Pondodato to the original 1920s architecture and Livingston's own antiques. While no man is an island, guests of Bareas Luxury Resort's Isla Kintor ($65,000 per week; islaalicerom.com) can bask in the solitude of a castaway stay all on their own. The villa is on a private spack of land off the coast of Curaçao and includes four bedrooms, a pool, a marina (speedboat included), and a helipad.

Like a Night at the Museum...

...except this art collection comes with a helipad, a private chef, and an infinity pool. Subtle is the modern Malibu villa is not: The six-bedroom hilltop home is brimming with treasures, from Hollywood's Grauman's Chinese Theatre to the psyche-delic lounge crammed with neon art and objects. But what lies beyond the home's retractable glass walls might be even more impressive: 20 private acres backed by the majestic Santa Monica Mountains. From $20,885 per night; homes-and-villas.com/malibuvilla.

Make It a Town-and-Country Double

Hit the city, then head for the hills on a proper English getaway, one that satisfies everyone. In London, stay at the palatial Templeton House (from $59,000 per night; richstone.co.uk) for more space and privacy than any Mayfair hotel could offer. The 234-year-old Georgian mansion in Roehampton was once the home of Winston Churchill; now the eight-suite estate comes with plenty of excuses to stay lulled up for days, with a gym and spa, indoor pool, wine cellar and tasting room, and two-acre garden. Then it's a jaunt to Hampshire, for a sporting stay at the 11-bedroom Farleigh Wallow (from $170,590 per week; akvillas.com), a 15th-century country retreat where you can live like the earls, lords, ladies, and queens who stayed there in generations past. Its 4,000 acres and grand quarters are as much for the boating-fishing-clay-pigeon-shooting sort as they are for massage-cocktails-and-a-stroll-through-the-gardens types.

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Come for the Wine, Stay for the Winemaking

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