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ISLAND ESCAPES

Beau Rivage, on the east coast of Mauritius, has opened 12 new modern villas, adding another luxury accommodation option to its already five-star facilities. The villas all offer 24-hour butler service, kitchens, air conditioning, flat-screen TVs and DVDs, and boast a swimming pool, garden and gazebo for alfresco dining. The other 173 suites of the property have also recently been refurbished making Beau Rivage the flagship of the Natade Resorts group. A spa, watersports centre (offering snorkelling, kite-surfing, fishing, windsurfing and diving) and choice of restaurants are also on hand for guests. For more information, visit www.nataderesorts.com.

Meanwhile, in the Maldives, Natade Resorts has just opened its **Diva Island Resort & Spa** on Dhidhoofinolhu island. The five-star resort has its own 4km sandy beach, a lagoon, a PADI dive centre, two swimming pools, six restaurants, six bars and a spa. The current selection of villas and suites will be added to, when a second wave of accommodation – including over-water villas and beach villas – is completed in the autumn. For more information, visit www.nataderesorts.com.

Grace Hotels Group is about to unveil its latest chic boutique hotel in the Greek islands, **Santorini Grace** hotel. As with its sister property, the **Mykonos Grace**, it has a stunning location – on the hillside at Imerovigli overlooking the Aegean – and state-of-the-art facilities. Its nine rooms and suites are all individually designed and, while most have their own plunge pool, there's also a swimming pool, restaurant, bar, gym and sundeck with jaw-dropping views. For more information, visit www.santorinigrace.com.

Upmarket tour operator Seasons in Style is offering exclusive villas in Barbados and Mustique in its new Caribbean Villa brochure. The villas sleep from four to 12 people and many have butlers, chefs and housekeepers as well as jacuzzis and direct beach access. A typical villa in **Callaloo** in Mustique, which sleeps up to 10, and costs from £1,735 per person for seven nights, including flights and transfers. For a brochure, call 01244 202000 or visit www.seasonsinstyle.com.

The island of **Porto Santo**, 25 miles from Madeira, is gearing up to welcome tourists for the first time following the development of several new five-star hotels. The Pestana Porto Santo opened in April, while Colombo Beach & Spa will launch in the autumn; both offer upmarket rooms and facilities. Attractions on the island include an 18-hole golf course, designed by Seve Ballesteros, a tennis academy and an equestrian centre. Scuba diving, deep-sea fishing, kite surfing, canoeing, sailing and windsurfing are also on offer. In contrast to Madeira's rocky coasts, Porto Santo has a 9km sandy beach, while it shares a similarly consistently sunny climate year-round. Atlantic Holidays (www.atlantic holidays.net) has a three-hour direct flight from London Gatwick to the island. For information, visit www.madeirapromotionbureau.com.

BEAU RIVAGE



BANYAN LAGOON 1



CALLALOO

BARGAIN LUXURY

Upmarket bargain hunters should check out this summer's offer from Seasons in Style to the world-renowned luxury resort **Coco Island** in the Maldives. Until 15 October, the tour operator is offering seven nights for the price of five (from £1,990 per person B&B, including flights and transfers) or 14 nights for the price of 10 (from £2,971 per person B&B, including flights and transfers) to the resort. For more information, call 01244 202000 or visit www.seasonsinstyle.com. For a full tour of the resort, visit the website at www.cocoisland.com.bz.

Spa hotel specialist, Banyan Tree, has added even more luxury to its 60-villa property in the Seychelles. The **Banyan Lagoon 1** is a 47-foot twin-bullied catamaran which guests can use to explore the Seychelles' glorious inner islands or, with two en-suite guest cabins, it can take up to four people on an overnight cruise. There's fishing, snorkelling and diving equipment on board, too. Visit www.luxuryholidaysdirect.com.

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