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No. 13

Zanzibar.



Above: Per Aquum Zalu Zanzibar. Opposite, from top: Masseria Le Carrube; Irie Fields golf course at Kittitian Hill.

FROM THE PORTUGUESE to the British, foreigners have attempted to settle in Zanzibar for aeons. The universal attraction of the Indian Ocean archipelago is no mystery; in addition to being a strategic stop on ancient trade routes, Zanzibar is a perfect picture of palm-fringed beaches and impossibly blue waters. Not surprisingly, luxury hotel brands are now staking claims of their own, with a handful of new resorts adding to the Tanzanian islands' allure.

Park Hyatt chose Zanzibar's main island of Unguja for its first African property, opening the **Park Hyatt Zanzibar** (park.hyatt.com) in the historic city of Stone Town last March. The 67-room hotel, which occupies a

17th-century structure on the edge of a dhow-lined harbor, resembles a modern sultan's palace with colorful textiles and Zanzibari carved doors.

While the Park Hyatt offers a worthy cultural complement to Zanzibar's outlying resorts, the archipelago's beach retreats—from the east coast's new **White Sand Luxury Villas & Spa** (whitesandvillas.com) to the south's **Residence Zanzibar** (cenizaro.com)—are the main draw. The beach's newest resident will debut early this year with the completion of the first phase of the **Per Aquum Zalu Zanzibar** (peraquum.com), a 4-acre retreat with 49 suites and villas that is sure to encourage visitors to settle in for the long haul. —SANDRA RAMANI

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Puglia.

BEST KNOWN AS Italy's heel, the peninsular region of Puglia has always had the trappings—picturesque beaches, baroque towns, rolling vineyards—of a top tourist destination. With the recent arrival of a few elite-level hotels, the region appears to be finally getting its due. Last June, **La Fiermontina** (lafiermontina.com) opened in a historic palazzo in charming Lecce with 16 guest rooms, a swimming pool, and a sculpture garden. **Masseria Trapanà** (masonrose.com), located just outside of town in a restored 16th-century farmhouse, followed in October with six gardens, nine suites, and a bijou chapel adorned with sixth-century frescoes. This March, the 19-room **Masseria Le Carrube** (masserialecarrubeostuni.it)—a sprawling chalk-white manse on the outskirts of Ostuni—will bring further proof that the spotlight is shifting to Puglia. Not to be left behind is the property that started it all: **Borgo Egnazia** (borgoegnazia.com), a 49-acre resort that itself resembles a Puglian town, recently debuted the region's most over-the-top accommodation, the seven-bedroom Villa Padronale. —R.K.



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St. Kitts

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