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HOT PROPERTIES

A pair of exquisite private villas for solitudinous sojourns



LAKESIDE LUXE

It would be easy to dismiss the well-trodden Lake Garda area with a been-there-done-that shrug, but a rarefied new retreat fittingly named **Villa Eden** on its southwestern coast may pull visitors back once more. Here, a cluster of seven über-modern villas and penthouses as well as a central clubhouse – designed by a team of celebrity architects (David Chipperfield, Matteo Thun, Richard Meier) – make for a newfangled nirvana worth an investment, or a prolonged stay at the very least: while most villas are for purchase only, British firm Oxford Private Travel offers a rare glimpse into the ultra-private complex with bookable stays at the stunning Villa Sphere Ovest. oxfordprivatetravel.com



PARADISE Found

A postcard-perfect hideaway in slightly Sri Lanka

In the sandy white, palm-fringed shores of southern Sri Lanka rests SJ Villas' **Nerissa House**, a colonial-style manor with immaculately manicured gardens, a romantic infinity pool and a majestic terrace built for lazy afternoons languishing in the tropical air. Inside, splashes of

bright orange, pink and red are a playful contrast to the villa's Victorian-era, dark wood outfittings. With the added bonus of an in-house library and home cinema, it would be hard not fall in love with this intimate, beachside milieu – a scene that'd be hard to replicate elsewhere. sjvillas.co.uk

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