

# Your Own PRIVATE ISLAND

For the ultimate in A-list escapism, visit one of Bazaar's favourite exclusive island paradises

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Up to 28 guests can stay on the 74-acre island

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## NECKER ISLAND, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

The likes of Elizabeth Hurley, Robert De Niro and Kate Moss have visited the exclusive Necker retreat, owned by Sir Richard Branson.

Surrounded by crystal-clear waters, coral reefs and stunning beaches, the 74-acre island is a tropical paradise. Stay in the nine-bedroom Great House, perched on a hill with breathtaking ocean views, or enjoy one of the five Balinese guesthouses. A stay on Necker is a bespoke experience – choose from an array of watersports, dine on sushi by the pool or have a barbecue on the beach, or sample a massage at the Bali Lehar spa. It costs about Dhs187,000 per night to rent the entire island (for up to 28 guests), but the resort offers Celebration Weeks throughout the year, when individuals or couples can stay. The perfect excuse to experience Necker for yourself.

**COST:** Dhs93,300 per couple on Celebration Weeks (the next is on May 30), including meals, drinks, transfers and selected activities.

**GETTING THERE:** The nearest airport is on Tortola island, a 30-minute boat ride away.

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Relax in style in one of the five Balinese guest houses

Feeling sporty? Try your hand at the many activities

Elizabeth Hurley

Robert De Niro