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*Xigera Safari Lodge, Botswana*

## Exclusive-Use Destinations for the Ultimate Vacation Luxury

Dear Friends,

Few vacation experiences are more indulgent than having a place all to oneself. In these special destinations, guests are invited to make themselves at home, with all the comforts they're used to ... and then some. Within decadent surroundings, one can dine when one wishes, sleep in, read a book on the porch for hours, wiggle one's toes in the sand, or set off on magnificent adventures with total freedom and the knowledge that luxurious amenities and total serenity await at day's end. Our Rebecca Recommends collection offers a world's worth of exclusive-use opportunities, from historic castles and graceful estates in the pastoral English or Scottish countryside to farther-flung private residences in Sri Lanka or New Zealand's South Island. Whether for an extravagantly romantic, private vacation for two, or an expectation-exceeding family reunion, these are exquisite destinations that allow one to relax, reconnect, and recharge without agenda or boundary.

A cocoon of luxury awaits your clients at the historic homes, private villas, safari lodges, and more that follow. For more information, inspiration, or an introduction, please reach out. We'd love to connect you with the team at any of these fine exclusive-use destinations to help you craft the ideal holiday for your discerning clients.

Fondly,

*Rebecca*



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## [Aldourie Castle, Loch Ness, Inverness, Scotland](#) - A Castle Stay that Gives Back

Aldourie, a 300-year-old Baronial castle set on the banks of Loch Ness, has been sympathetically reimaged to create a beautiful house and one-of-a-kind exclusive stay surrounded by 500 acres of gardens, woodland, and wildflower meadows. A further five charming cottages - all private, self-catered, and distinctive in character - are also available to rent within the grounds. Aldourie Castle is a classic example of Scottish Baronial architecture. Having achieved that status in the 19th century, the property has evolved, both physically and in its use, over a period of around 220 years. The castle, with its bewitching silhouette characterized by multiple towers and turrets, is situated on the southern shores of the famous Loch Ness and the steep sides of the Glen. The property is part of Wildland, an organization dedicated to a 200-year vision of ecological rehabilitation in the Scottish Highlands founded by Anne and Anders Holch Povlsen. By staying at Aldourie, guests are contributing towards its vision to protect the essential nature and rewilding of the Scottish Highlands.

*For clients planning their summer 2024 adventure in Scotland - Aldourie Castle Estate has availability for stays over the following dates: 15<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 18<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> July, and 20<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> August. \*Availability is correct at the time of writing.*

[Dream Escape](#) plans luxury trips to the Scottish Highlands, orchestrating stays at Aldourie. Guests have access to 12 bedrooms, a great hall, a billiards room, a library, and more - the ideal retreat for up to 24 guests. Each room is individually designed to reflect the castle's rich history and unique character, with antique furniture, Scottish textiles, and original artwork. Guests can enjoy breathtaking views of Loch Ness and the surrounding countryside from the comfort of their rooms or explore the castle's extensive grounds and gardens. Read more here: <https://issuu.com/articles/37193170>. To read Dream Escape's Spring Magazine issue please visit [HERE](#). Print copies of this issue and past issues can be purchased [HERE](#).

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*A lounge within The Hall at Bolton Abbey. Photo credit - Anna Batchelor*

## [The Hall at Bolton Abbey, Yorkshire, England](#) - A Duke and Duchess Welcome in the Yorkshire Dales

Welcome to an extraordinary place to stay, the private home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and their family in the heart of their 30,000-acre Yorkshire Dales estate.

Surrounded by ancient moorland on the banks of the River Wharfe, The Hall at Bolton Abbey was originally built in the 1300s as an Augustinian Priory gatehouse. It sits within a landscape immortalized by artist J.M.W. Turner, who famously painted The Hall's Abbey ruins in the early 1800s.

Throughout the centuries, the home has hosted poets, painters, and pageantry. King George V, Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, and H.M. Queen Elizabeth II all enjoyed extended visits to the Bolton Abbey Estate, staying at The Hall.

Despite The Hall's centuries-old history, guests will find modern comforts, with ensuite bathrooms, WiFi, smart TV, and more. The 12 bedrooms, 10 of which were recently decorated by interior designer Rita Konig, comfortably host up to 22 guests. An expert team of chefs, butlers, and gardeners are on hand to meet every need.

A stay at The Hall is a special experience, with every detail curated by the Devonshire family, for whom this spectacular retreat remains a private residence.

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*Pugin Hall at Lismore Castle.*

## [Lismore Castle, County Waterford, Ireland](#) - Live Out a Chapter of History in Ireland

Discover the much-loved Irish Home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and their family. Rising from the banks of the Blackwater River in County Waterford, Ireland, Lismore Castle is a sought-after, exclusive-use residence.

Lismore Castle is a place of extraordinary history. Built on the site of a 7<sup>th</sup>-century abbey, the castle passed briefly through the hands of Sir Walter Raleigh and more recently was the retreat of Adele Astaire, also known as Lady Charles Cavendish, as the 9<sup>th</sup> Duke of Devonshire's daughter-in-law. Adele's brother, Fred Astaire, Cecil Beaton, Lucian Freud, and John F. Kennedy were all drawn to Lismore, and all spent a night or more in this, the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Ireland.

Despite its long history, modern luxuries are found throughout the castle today, with ensuite bathrooms, a cinema room, WiFi, and much more. Up to 27 guests can be accommodated, and all are attended by the family's private staff, led by Denis Nevin, who has been the castle's butler for over 35 years.

Every detail at Lismore has been carefully considered and overseen by the Devonshire Family and Lord and Lady Burlington, for whom this special sanctuary remains a private home.

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## [The Egerton House Hotel, Knightsbridge, England](#) - Exclusive, Enchanting & Entirely Yours

Indulge in the epitome of exclusivity at The Egerton House Hotel. A hidden gem perfect for those seeking an intimate escape, this luxury residence offers an exclusive-use experience with its 28 rooms and suites. One distinctive feature of a private stay at The Egerton House Hotel is the opportunity to partake in a martini masterclass in the sophisticated Drawing Room. Elevate your clients' group stay with a touch of class as they and their guests learn the art of crafting the perfect martini, an experience curated for discerning tastes.

Situated in the heart of London, The Egerton boasts an unparalleled location, mere minutes from iconic landmarks such as the V&A museum and the world-renowned Harrods. Elevate their stay further by participating in a Make Travel Matter® Experience. In a unique collaboration with The Clink, a charitable organization dedicated to rehabilitating inmates, guests are afforded an opportunity to engage in philanthropy as they and their group dine at The Clink, supporting a cause focused on breaking the cycle of reoffending.

Indulge in the luxury of seclusion, the art of mixology, and the joy of making a positive impact during an exclusive-use stay at The Egerton House Hotel - where every moment is tailored to perfection for the most discerning travelers.

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*Falconbrae Villa in the Abel Tasman National Park*

## [Southern Crossings, Australia, New Zealand, and South Pacific](#) - Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji's Exclusive-Use Properties

Beachfront, mountain top, or lakeside - even a private island or two, an exclusive romantic hideaway, or a private getaway with room for all the family, the team at Southern Crossings can match you with your perfect place to enjoy your very own exclusive-use slice of Down Under.

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*The House at Lizard Island. Photo credit - Elise Hassey*

## AUSTRALIA

An island nation surrounded by islands, from the tropics to Tasmania, the Southern Crossings team can find your clients an island of their very own. The brand-new Pelorus Private Island (opened December 2023) in the nation's tropical north provides welcoming contemporary Australian coastal accommodation in a purpose-built, four-suite, fully serviced homestead surrounded by the technicolor treasures of the Great Barrier Reef. In the southern reaches of Tasmania, find Satellite Island, one of Australia's best-kept secrets and a sublime private hideaway from the rest of the world.

Another spectacular newcomer of note is the all-new, three-bedroom exclusive-use House at Lizard Island that, together with the neighboring one-bedroom Cottage (ideal for multi-generational families or staff) occupies a private peninsula on Australia's Lizard Island - combining the luxury of space and privacy with all the facilities and services of the luxury Lizard Island resort on the Great Barrier Reef.

From a spectacular private estate in the Byron Bay hinterland (that served as the set for Nicole Kidman in *Nine Perfect Strangers*) to stunning luxury waterfront homes in Sydney; a fabulous regenerative farm-stay that provides behind-the-scenes access to one of Australia's finest restaurants; to a secluded beachfront retreat on Kangaroo Island (often referred to as Australia's Galapagos for the unique wildlife experiences it offers), the Southern Crossings team can match you with their own very exclusive corner of the Australian continent.

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## [NEW ZEALAND](#)

Wherever your clients choose to travel in New Zealand, Southern Crossings has an exquisitely exclusive offering to share. Almost at the tip of New Zealand's North Island, the Landing's collection of four luxurious residences (perfectly proportioned for family or groups of friends) offers the intoxicatingly inviting combination of a private vineyard estate that rolls gently into the sparkling beaches and waterways of the beautiful Bay of Islands.

Less than two hours north of Auckland, Clifftops at Andersons Cove is a wonderful new secret slice of coastal paradise. Inspired by the safari camps of Africa, this private two-bedroom, two-bathroom "tented" escape comes complete with outdoor hot-tub from which to soak up the Pacific Ocean vistas or soak under the stars.

In New Zealand's South Island, Falconbrae Villa offers sublime seclusion combined with opportunities for fly-fishing in the Nelson Lakes and secret streams or coastal hikes and kayaking in the Abel Tasman National Park.

Only a short heli-hop inland from Christchurch, the fabulous Flockhill Homestead provides a refined high-country retreat for up to eight indulged guests enjoying curated experiences: from cooking classes to caving, hiking, or mountain biking - returning each evening to chef-prepared meals tailored to your tastes. Alternatively, head east from Christchurch to enjoy a private coastal escape on the Banks Peninsula; Annandale's stunning Seascapes occupies its own private bay to offer a romantic retreat for two.

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Further South, Lodge Lorien (Lake Wakatipu), Piwakawaka Point Estate (Lake Wanaka), and Mt Isthmus (Lake Hawea) offer the ultimate in lakeside luxury and New Zealand alpine adventures. Each of these exceptional exclusive-use estates provides privacy and indulgence in spades, while also offering easy access to some of New Zealand's favorite outdoor adventures year-round.



*Vatuvara Private Islands Resort. Photo credit - Chris Park*

## FIJI

If it is palm-fringed beaches and wide Fijian smiles that are calling, the team at Southern Crossings has a collection of private-island escapes to share. In the Northern Lau group of Fiji, just three stand-alone villas (each with its own private beach and infinity swimming pool) share the secluded paradise that is Vatuvara Private Islands Resort. Alternatively, only 20 minutes from Fiji's main island of Viti Levu, Dolphin Island is a private tropical escape for a maximum of just eight guests. If it's a larger gathering that your clients are planning (perhaps a special celebration in mind?), the Southern Crossings team can arrange that, too.

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*Babylonstoren's Manor House. Photo credits - Babylonstoren*

## [Babylonstoren, Franschhoek Wine Valley, South Africa](#) - Rest, Reset & Restore as Family and Friends

Babylonstoren's exclusive-use family houses, each accommodating ten guests, are idyllic farm stays where one can truly disconnect. The Cape Dutch Manor House, which dates back to 1777, includes five bedrooms. All rooms have a king-size bed, with two of the rooms having the option of twin beds. Rooms are serviced daily, and breakfast is included in the room rate. There is always access to the garden, with games set up on the private lawn. Guests may choose to curl up in front of the hearty fireplace and admire the architecture, or enjoy refreshments in the garden while savoring the exquisite views.



Secondly, the Fynbos Family House is nestled at the foot of the Simonsberg and Franschhoek mountains. This secluded spot is a peaceful retreat like no other. In keeping with the style of Babylonstoren's heritage buildings, some of which date back to the 17th century, this new five-bedroom addition combines the best elements of a comfortable villa with the rustic charm of a country farmhouse. Up to ten guests are accommodated in five individual bedrooms, each with a fireplace and a spacious ensuite bathroom with marbled tile floors and luxurious freestanding baths to soak away all worries.

Two bedrooms, each with its own private terrace overlooking the fynbos and vineyards, lead off the house's convivial living area that features a Klompie brick-lined hearth and floor-to-ceiling bookshelves filled with inspiring works. The lounge also opens up onto a large terrace where guests can enjoy a drink or a meal - a front-row seat overlooking the majestic mountains, fynbos, farm dam, and near-endless vineyards.

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Leading off the spacious lounge is a contemporary glass cube with a fully equipped kitchen. The double-glazed glass walls offer a 180-degree view of the surrounding courtyard, emulating the feeling of outdoor cooking and immersing guests in an authentic farm stay experience. A private central courtyard with a crystal pool in the center offers a gathering space for friends and family to share.

The elevated position of the house above the farm dam delivers glorious vineyard views, as well as the farm's natural soundtrack. Above all, it offers a welcome sense of privacy - even though it is just a few hundred meters from the heart of the estate.

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*Norwood Bungalow at Ceylon Tea Trails*

## [Resplendent Ceylon, Sri Lanka](#) - Singular Experiences in Sri Lanka

### [Ceylon Tea Trails](#)

Your clients can experience unparalleled luxury and privacy at Ceylon Tea Trails by indulging in the exclusive buyout option for their luxurious bungalows. Elevate their stay to extraordinary heights by reserving an entire bungalow for an intimate retreat or special occasion. Immerse them in the breathtaking landscapes of Sri Lanka's hill country while they enjoy personalized service and attention to every detail.

With a buyout, guests can relish in the freedom to tailor their experience, from customizing menus with the private chef to arranging personalized excursions. This unique opportunity guarantees an intimate and unforgettable escape, where the serenity of the surroundings meets the opulence of exclusive accommodations at Ceylon Tea Trails.

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*Your panoramic ocean view at Cape Weligama.*

## [Cape Weligama](#)

Guests embark on an unparalleled coastal escape when securing exclusive use of the Garden Cluster at Cape Weligama, a haven of tranquility where lush tropical landscapes meet panoramic ocean views. This unique buyout opportunity ensures an intimate and personalized experience, allowing guests to enjoy the entire cluster of villas in utmost privacy. They may indulge in the luxury of dedicated staff, including a private chef catering to their culinary desires. Tailor their stay with personalized activities, from private yoga sessions to curated excursions. With the Garden Cluster buyout, Cape Weligama promises an unforgettable, bespoke retreat where every moment is crafted to perfection.

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## [Dwarika's Hotel and Resort, Kathmandu, Dhulikhel, Nepal](#) - A Himalayan Haven

Spanning across 20 acres of land, The Dwarika's Resort offers a panoramic view of the Himalayas and the adjacent valleys. The luxury resort is rooted in a fusion of Vedic philosophy and Buddhist medicine, dedicated to fostering the holistic well-being of each individual. The resort is a perfect getaway for those who are looking to escape the hustle and bustle of city life and yearning for holistic rejuvenation amidst the majestic Himalayan backdrop. The Dwarika's Resort is designed to provide a sanctuary for guests to reconnect on all body, mind, and spirit levels.

It offers a range of elegant venues, including three-bedroom villas, an infinity pool, and several restaurants, making it the perfect location to host intimate or grand events. The resort's indoor and outdoor locations create a truly magical setting for any ceremony, with every detail taken care of to ensure that both hosts and guests feel completely at home.

The resort embodies pure escapism with spiritual charm, offering a haven to guests seeking a luxurious experience. The buyout option ensures complete privacy and personalized service. Whether your clients are looking for a romantic getaway, a place to host their dream wedding, or simply a peaceful retreat, The Dwarika's Resort is the ideal destination.

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*Photo credit: Sirikoi.com*

## [Exeter Safari Company, Eastern Africa](#) - Experience the Exclusive-Use Sirikoi House

Sirikoi House, located in the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy in Kenya, and Exeter Safari Company offers a luxurious and exclusive safari experience for families or groups seeking a unique and immersive adventure. Guests will embark on thrilling game drives, guided walks, and even horseback safaris to observe a wide variety of species and unparalleled access to some of Africa's most diverse and abundant wildlife. Sirikoi House provides elegant and spacious accommodations, including three en-suite bedrooms with a private living room, dining room, and deck, all beautifully appointed with modern amenities and adorned with traditional African decor. Each space offers privacy and stunning views of the surrounding landscape.

The staff at Sirikoi House prides itself on providing exceptional service tailored to each guest's preferences and needs. From personalized game drives to intimate bush dinners under the stars, every aspect of each stay is carefully curated to ensure a memorable experience.

As part of the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, the lodge is committed to conservation efforts to protect and preserve Kenya's wildlife and natural habitats. Guests can learn about these initiatives firsthand and contribute to conservation efforts throughout their stay. In addition to wildlife safaris, Sirikoi House offers opportunities for cultural immersion, including visits to nearby Maasai communities to learn about their traditional way of life and customs. Guests will indulge in delicious cuisine prepared by talented chefs using fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Whether dining in the elegant dining room, alfresco on the terrace, or picnicking in the bush, every meal is a private culinary delight. Let Exeter Safari Company assist you with an unforgettable experience at Sirikoi House for your safari-seeking clients - a luxurious yet authentic experience in one of Africa's most iconic wildlife destinations.

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*Svjetionik, Veli Rat, Croatia*

## [Dinaric Adventures, Croatia, and Beyond](#) - Experience Tailor-Made Luxury in Croatia

Croatia boasts a rich array of luxurious hotels, cozy boutique lodges, and private villas. Dinaric Adventures, Croatia and Beyond has forged strong partnerships with the finest properties, allowing them to tailor personalized recommendations to match your client's unique desires. With their deep understanding of the local hospitality scene, they can ensure an exceptional and unforgettable experience for every traveler.

What truly sets Dinaric apart is their dedication to crafting distinctive itineraries. Imagine your clients waking up to the sound of waves crashing against cliffs or leaves rustling in a quiet forest. Dinaric can arrange for stays on properties that include secluded accommodations ranging from historic lighthouses on coastal cliffs to charming tree houses in lush forests. We carefully select each property to provide a one-of-a-kind experience, allowing your clients to immerse themselves in nature's beauty while enjoying modern luxury.

Partner with Dinaric to create a journey like no other and let your special travelers discover the true meaning of seclusion in Croatia's most captivating destinations. Whether they're seeking a peaceful escape or an adventure-filled getaway, Dinaric's offerings will provide them with the perfect blend of luxury and nature.

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## [Meadowood Napa Valley, California](#) - A Place of Repose for the Most Refined Travelers

With unparalleled opportunities meticulously crafted and tailored to clients' needs, Meadowood Napa Valley's secluded wine country estate seamlessly blends sophistication with natural beauty, offering an ideal setting for both social and corporate events.

Wellness initiatives include sound healing, breathwork, and meditation classes. Fitness enthusiasts may engage our tennis pros and fitness instructors for a group clinic, an energetic HIIT class, or a restorative yoga session. The Wine Center's team of renowned experts leads classes, tastings, and winery tours in the culture and context of wines from Napa Valley and beyond to enrich your wine-country experience. Guests can embrace the outdoors with a hike along three miles of picturesque trails, a visit to the Meadowood Labyrinth, a cocktail poolside in a spacious cabana, or breakfast on their private outdoor terrace.

Reserve an evening at Forum, Meadowood's central restaurant. Gather first on the expansive outdoor lounge and deck for a wine reception before moving indoors for dinner featuring seasonally inspired cuisine using ingredients freshly picked from the Meadowood gardens, complemented by a world-class wine list and craft cocktails.

From milestone celebrations to impactful corporate retreats, Meadowood presents your clients with a unique blend of refined comfort and serenity, ensuring that their gatherings transcend the ordinary in the picturesque setting of Napa Valley.

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*Villa in Deauville along the oceanfront.*

## [Decouvertes, France](#) - Live the Waterfront Villa Lifestyle

Decouvertes proudly unveils its collection of three extraordinary oceanfront villas. Prepare to be captivated by these hidden gems, where luxury and natural beauty harmoniously merge. Your clients will be treated to the ultimate beachfront experience, leaving them spellbound and longing for more.

Indulge in the ultimate beachfront getaway at the stunning 15-room villa in Deauville. Guests may relax and unwind in the summer lounge, take in the panoramic views from the terrace, and enjoy the fantastic amenities including an indoor pool, tennis court, sauna, jacuzzi, and home cinema.



For outdoors lovers, the magnificent 12-room villa in Cassis boasts direct access to the Mediterranean Sea and a range of luxurious amenities. With a heated outdoor pool, a sea-view jacuzzi, and a petanque ground, this property offers the ultimate beachfront experience and a spectacular location within Calanques National Park.

*Villa in Cassis within the Calanques National Park.*

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## [The Lodge at Ashford Castle, Co. Mayo, Ireland](#) - Travel that Matters

Nestled within the sprawling Ashford Estate, The Lodge at Ashford Castle stands as an intimate retreat, offering a bespoke experience for those seeking exclusivity. With 38 rooms and 26 suites, this charming haven combines sustainable luxury with an intimate atmosphere.

One of the defining features of The Lodge is its privileged access to the expansive 350-acre Ashford Estate. This verdant playground invites guests to immerse themselves in a range of activities, from the exhilaration of falconry and clay shooting to the tranquility of equestrian and lake cruising.

Opened in late 2023, Éalú, a state-of-the-art leisure and wellness facility, encompasses a swimming pool, jacuzzi, steam room, sauna, and gym, providing a haven for relaxation and rejuvenation. The center reflects a commitment to holistic well-being, ensuring that guests can indulge in wellness activities amid the breathtaking backdrop of the Ashford Estate.

For those with a passion for cultural immersion, The Lodge offers a choice of four unique MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences, which allow guests the exclusive opportunity to connect with the custodians of traditional Irish culture, while supporting local artists and artisans. This is a chance to delve into the heart of Ireland's rich heritage while making a positive impact on cherished local communities.

Recently named one of the Top 10 Best Resorts in the World in the Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards 2023, The Lodge at Ashford Castle beckons discerning travelers. With its intimate size, unparalleled access to outdoor activities, world-class wellness facilities, and cultural engagement initiatives, it stands as a beacon of luxury, promising an unforgettable escape in the heart of Ireland's most enchanting landscapes.

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## [100 Princes Street, Edinburgh, Scotland](#) - Indulge in Scotland's Finest Hospitality and Heritage

For those seeking an extraordinary and intimate escape, 100 Princes Street - coming in April 2024 - stands as the epitome of exclusive luxury in the heart of Edinburgh. With 25 exquisitely appointed bedrooms and five stunning suites, this boutique hotel promises an unmatched experience.

Formerly the Royal Overseas League, the hotel pays homage to its storied past by infusing the interiors with a nod to Scottish exploration. Signature suites, named after illustrious pioneers Archibald Menzies and Isobel Whyllie Hutchinson, serve as a testament to the property's rich heritage.

Perched on Princes Street, the hotel boasts panoramic views of Edinburgh Castle and the Old Town skyline, placing guests at the nexus of the city's cultural and historical wonders. The central location ensures easy access to Edinburgh's major attractions.

Upon arrival, guests are warmly welcomed by the dedicated team, and for those desiring a quintessentially Scottish touch, bagpipes can be arranged for both arrival and departure with advance notice. The Wallace, an all-day dining lounge, offers a culinary journey from breakfast to dinner and beyond with optional tastings of the county's finest Scotch and gin. For more intimate gatherings, The Ghillies Pantry provides a private dining space suitable for boardroom meetings or dinners for smaller groups.

In addition to the opulent setting, 100 Princes Street offers bespoke experiences that elevate your stay. Private tours, transfers, and even helicopter tours of Scotland can be arranged. Collaborations with Kingdom Scotland, Scotland's premier luxury perfume house, and Upper North Wark Fishing, a private fishing beat just an hour from Edinburgh, ensure unique and off-the-beaten-track encounters.

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## [The Torridon, Wester Ross, Scotland](#) - A Perfectly Crafted, Exclusive Stay in the Highlands

Whether it's a wedding, a special occasion, or a corporate event, your clients may enjoy exclusive escapes at The Torridon. The diligent, caring staff will create a getaway like no other, with access to the whole house, including the whisky bar, drawing room, and library.

An exciting range of special events can be organized, from a hands-on session feeding Highland Cattle to kayaking on the loch. Outside adventure gives way to indoor relaxation with group whisky tastings, sumptuous afternoon teas, and exclusive dinners. From murder mystery events to stargazing or a traditional Highland Ceilidh, the magical evenings are bound to be remembered by all.

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## [Great Fosters Estate, Egham Surrey, England](#) - Stay, Gather, and Play Outside London

An endlessly charming Tudor estate steeped in royal history and located just outside Windsor, Great Fosters is an exquisite hotel perfectly suited to exclusive use. With 56 luxury bedrooms and suites, cozy lounges, six diverse meeting rooms, the magnificent Tithe Barn, a heated outdoor pool, and food to get really excited about - all spread across a glorious 50-acre estate - it provides the ideal venue for an exclusive-use takeover for up to 110 guests.

The luxurious and elegant rooms and suites are spread across four buildings, with plenty of options for families, too, while the cozy lounges provide intimate spaces for relaxation. Their diverse range of meeting rooms flooded with natural light, offer flexibility with several smaller rooms suitable for breakouts or more intimate gatherings.

The historic Tithe Barn serves as a stunning backdrop for a wedding or banquet for up to 160 guests. Beautiful gardens with a Saxon moat, a sunken rose garden, and formal parterres provide a very English setting for outdoor ceremonies, team-building activities, or alfresco parties.

Only 15 minutes from London's Heathrow airport (and yet a world away), arriving at Great Fosters from afar couldn't be simpler, too. The combination of history, contemporary touches, and beautiful surroundings makes Great Fosters a standout choice for an unforgettable event.

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## [Hartwell House & Spa, Buckinghamshire, England](#) - Country House Hospitality that Exceeds Expectation

Discover Hartwell House, a magnificent National Trust-owned stately home, set in over 90 acres of gardens and parkland, is ideal for exclusive use. Guests have access to 48 bedrooms for an elegant English wedding, house party, or corporate retreat, all located just one hour from central London.

With 32 bedrooms and suites in the main house, accommodating up to 61 guests, an additional 16 bedrooms and suites in the Hartwell Court, and a two-story, restored, 18th-century stable block for up to 32 guests, Hartwell House is a spacious venue for special occasions.

With four magnificent drawing rooms, your clients will have ample space and comfort to relax in historic surroundings looking out onto landscaped gardens. For corporate events, exclusive use includes the Hartwell Rooms, and two air-conditioned, flexible meeting rooms, ensuring the utmost privacy and discretion.

A visit to the Hartwell Spa is a must, a time to relax and unwind. Treat yourself and your guests to a range of spa services, offering the perfect escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

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## [Bodysgallen Hall & Spa, Llandudno, North Wales](#) - Rooms with a View, Just for You

Staying at Bodysgallen Hall & Spa is an experience for the memory book, and when it is for exclusive use, it's very special indeed. Commanding the hillside of Pydew Mountain, Bodysgallen Hall & Spa is an idyllic location for every type of exclusive-use occasion, be it a business retreat, product launch, or wedding venue, offering complete privacy and discretion. It is renowned for its quality dining menus, using locally sourced ingredients and seasonal produce grown on the estate. The Grade 1 17<sup>th</sup>-century Hall is set in over 220 acres of wooded parkland and boasts magnificent views across its award-winning gardens to Conwy Castle with a backdrop of Eryri (Snowdonia) Mountain range. This stunning location is in North Wales, just 2 miles from the Victorian coastal town of Llandudno, with excellent access to the road and railway network, and has its own helipad. The hotel is approached along a winding drive taking you through an avenue of trees before opening up to reveal the Hall. Its central tower dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century, was originally built as a watchtower during the construction of Conwy Castle.

Enter the Hall, and you step back in history. Its oak-paneled walls, stone-mullioned windows, and antique furniture set the scene of an age gone by. The Hall offers very comfortable accommodation in its 31 rooms, encompassing four Principal Suites in the house, 11 bedrooms with views across the estate, and 16 delightful stone cottages, some near the Hall and others near the health and beauty Spa.

Exclusive use gives access to all the public rooms, including the handsome drawing room, two dining rooms, the library, the bar, and the Wynn Rooms in an adjacent converted coach house, as well as all bedrooms and cottages and the gardens.

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## [Middlethorpe Hall & Spa, North Yorkshire, England](#) - Marry, Meet, and Mingle in York

Located on the perimeter of the historic City of York and surrounded by over 20 acres of award-winning gardens and parkland, Middlethorpe Hall, a Grade II William III house built in 1699, offers the ideal venue for exclusive use. Its elegant interconnecting public rooms look out over manicured lawns leading down to a ha-ha and meadow beyond. Adjacent are a series of walled gardens allowing space for inspiration and contemplation.

The Hall offers a variety of very individual accommodations, with 10 comfortable and beautifully appointed bedrooms and suites in the main house, 16 further rooms situated in the adjacent 18<sup>th</sup>-century courtyard, and a further three suites in two cottages. Its dining rooms are renowned for their imaginative menus, incorporating locally sourced ingredients and seasonal produce grown in the garden. For larger events, there is the option to hire a marquee and erect this on the lawn in front of the main house.

Exclusive use gives access to all public rooms - Drawing Room, Library, Oak Dining Room, Pineapple Room, and Yellow Room, as well as the Barlow Suite which is self-contained with a capacity of 45 people. All bedrooms and suites are included, and whether the exclusive use is for a business event or private celebration, a dedicated team is there to manage from concept to delivery. For civil partnerships and wedding celebrations, the public rooms are licensed for the formal ceremony.

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## [Château de Raymond Pierre, The Living Circle, Swiss Jura, Switzerland](#) - Nature and Elegance as a Harmonious Whole

The Living Circle proudly presents Château de Raymond Pierre in the picturesque Swiss Jura. It's a private hideaway of unspoiled nature as far as the eye can see, tantalizing cuisine, unforgettable celebrations, and creative retreats and events - all nestled at more than 3,200 feet and enveloped by 1,600 acres of pristine forest.

Château de Raymond Pierre offers a unique blend of luxury and proximity to nature. Guests stay in 14 rooms within historic walls and next door to one of the country's most cutting-edge farms. Originally constructed circa 1600 by Georges Hugué, the Château de Raymond Pierre has witnessed ownership by several noble families throughout its storied history. Following two years of meticulous renovation, the château now radiates in renewed splendor and will open its doors on June 1, 2024.

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## [Xigera Safari Lodge, Botswana](#) - A One-of-a-Kind Okavango Delta Safari Experience

A journey to Xigera Safari Lodge in Botswana is to take time to reflect, recharge, and revive. In the iconic, western Moremi Game Reserve, gazing out at the seasonal floodplains of the Okavango Delta, this uniquely located luxury safari lodge offers buyout guests a fantastically memorable experience to renew relationships with family and close friends, and to reconnect with the earth we call home.

Families with children aged six and up are welcomed at the 12-suite resort. (If your client is considering a buyout, children of any age are welcome, if agreed upon with the lodge prior to arrival.) Kid-friendly amenities include backpacks, an activity book, children's guidebooks, cooking classes for the kids (think chocolates, bread, and pizza), painting kits in every suite, beading and basket-making sessions, sleepouts with parents at the baobab treehouse, stargazing in the winter, a kids' menu, and s'mores and hot chocolate around the fire in the evening.

Add to this the life-altering experience of witnessing leopards, lions, elephants, hippos, giraffes, and more, as well as the lodge's distinctive setting on a densely wooded island within an open floodplain, and it's the stuff of daydreams. Each of the 12 suites has been carefully designed to give endless views over the floodplains and the chance to watch passing wildlife.