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Personal space

A new wave of private-island retreats is washing up on the most remote and unspoilt shores

If you've been to all seven continents, it's time to venture to the elusive 'eighth': Madagascar. Some say the island is difficult to classify – not quite African, not quite Asian – but that otherness means its biodiversity rivals the Galápagos. By October 2016, there will be a new reason to go, as Miavana, *pictured*, opens as a rival to supreme North Island in the Seychelles, with 14 sensational villas on Nosy Ankaof off the north-east coast, where you can kite-surf, hike into the rainforest and trek to see lemurs. The natural world is also the focus at eco-conscious Bawah Island, new this coming autumn, on a secluded Indonesian atoll in the Anambas archipelago. The 35 villas have been built entirely by hand using bamboo, stone and recycled teak, with the aim of protecting local plant and marine life. A holistic approach is also at the heart of Arovada by AKARYN, a serious new destination spa on the Cambodian island of Koh Krabey. Opening in June, the 40 glass villas have been created by the fashion designer Kenzo and on check-in guests will meet a consultant to assess their wellbeing and prescribe a tailored programme, including treatments such as vibration-focused chromo-therapy and an anti-ageing placenta injection. SARAH KHAN www.timeandtideafrica.com/miavana; doubles from about £2,600. www.bawahisland.com; prices not yet available. www.akaryn.com/cambodia; doubles from about £1,235

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