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## Private islands, remote residences and hotel takeovers: 7 of the best socially distanced holidays

If you're looking to holiday in isolation once international travel resumes fully, check out these spots



Have an entire Maldivian island to yourself with Velaa's island buyout. Courtesy Velaa Private Island

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As destinations around the world slowly begin to reopen to tourists, many people will be wary of holidaying in crowds. Safety will be a priority and bustling city breaks may feel overwhelming. So here are some luxury options that are guaranteed to keep you at a safe distance.

Have an entire island to yourself in the Maldives

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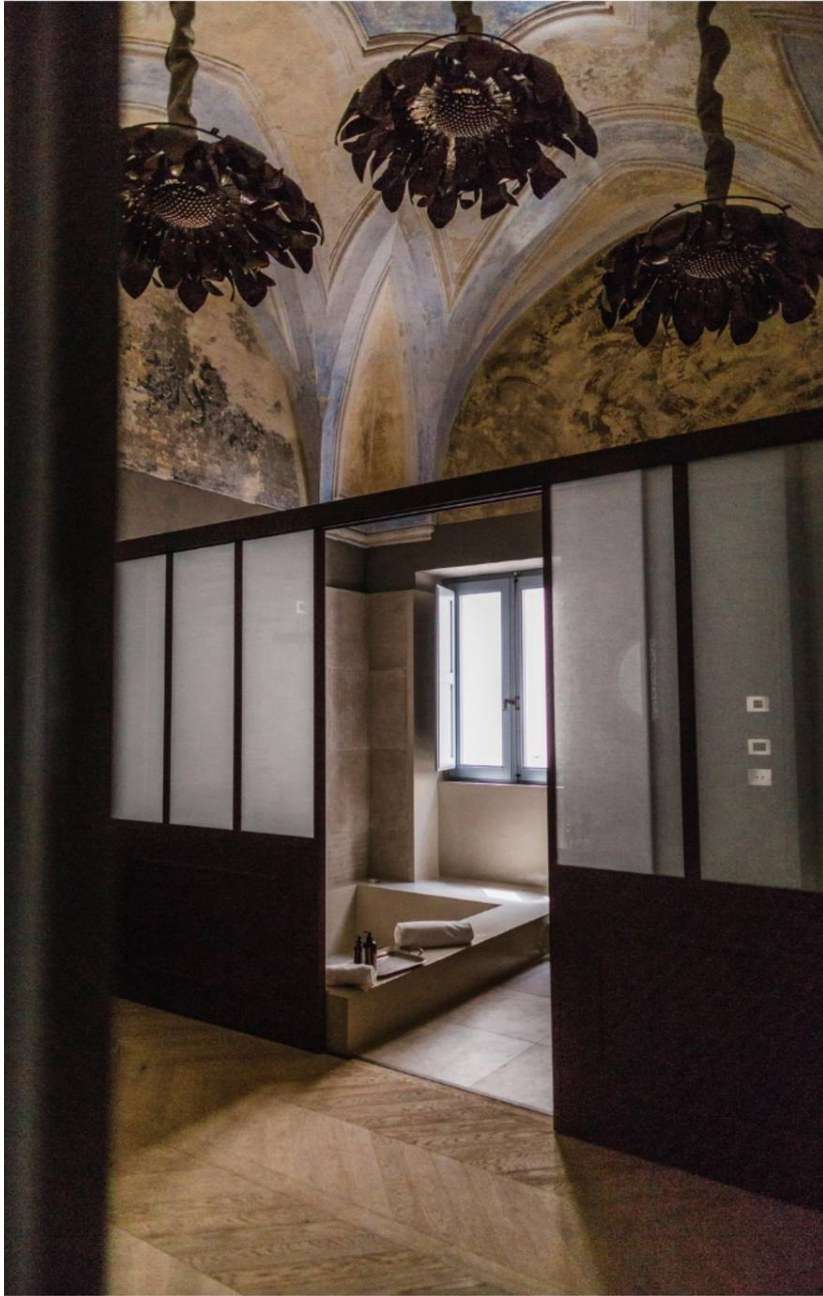
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## Buyout in Puglia



ewly opened Paragon 700 Boutique Hotel & Spa has 11 rooms. Courtesy Paragon 700

jon 700 Boutique Hotel & Spa in Ostuni, Puglia, Italy, opened its doors for the first on June 18, and if you want to be among the first to stay in this boutique property, you

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ow invest in an exclusive takeover of all 11 of its rooms. A red brick facade hides lush  
ens and a private swimming pool – a rare bit of green space in the midst of the city of  
ri. The hotel is a five-minute walk from the city's main square, if you do want to go  
nd see some sites, otherwise you can make use of the property's private spa or  
tic bar. Private boat trips, motorbike tours, art and cooking classes, and open-air  
ra nights can also be organised. An exclusive buyout will cost from from Dh41,000 for  
ights.

[paragon700.com](http://paragon700.com)

## litary safari



jo is one of Africa's few not-for-profit safari lodges. Courtesy Lepogo Lodges

ed more than 300km from Johannesburg, and consisting of just five private villas, is  
Camp by Lepogo Lodges, one of Africa's few entirely not-for-profit high-end safari  
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Its remote location within the 50,000-hectare, malaria-free Lapalala Wilderness Reserve, makes it an ideal spot for a socially distanced stay, while 100 per cent of any financial gains made by the camp are reinvested back into the reserve for the benefit of wildlife, conservation and the local community.

Lepogo Lodges is also the first luxury camp in Africa to offset the carbon footprint of every visiting guest, from the time they leave their home to the moment they return.

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