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CRUISING ALASKA AND WHY AUSTRALIA'S BARRIER REEF IS STILL GREAT



Best by boat

Naladhu Private Island, Maldives

A petite private island lying in the baby-blue water of South Malé Atoll, Naladhu is home to 19 colonial-style villas. Step off the resort's Sunseeker yacht, after a 30-minute blast from the airport and collect the key to your private paradise - complete with an infinity pool and house master (butler) to take care of your every whim. The star of the island is the Pool Residence: 600 square metres of seclusion spread over two floors, with stunning views of the Indian Ocean at dusk.

The resort's promise of privacy lures castaways ranging from love-struck honeymooners to paparazzi-dodging celebrities - Kate Moss and Roger Federer are both rumoured to have been spotted on shore. But the island also has easy access (via a bridge and boat) to the amenities of its neighbours Anantara Dhigu and Anantara Veli. Their 10 restaurants, two spas and outdoor cinemas are just a quick paddle away - if you can be persuaded to leave your villa, that is. anantara.com