

TRAVEL

Relax! There's a villa that's right for you

From gîtes and eco-retreats to a converted lighthouse, Sophie Butler picks 50 rentals for every taste and budget





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Hotel villa in Sardinia

Villa Le Pietadi – which sleeps eight adults plus two children – is part of Torreruja Villas, a cluster of 10 modern, self-catering properties adjacent to the four-star Hotel Relax Torreruja, on the northern headland of Isola Rossa. The villa has a private pool, relaxing cream interiors and a shaded terrace, and guests can use the hotel's facilities, including the spa. £4,321; 01202 484858; justtsardinia.co.uk



▲ Relax in 120 acres at Le Clos des Vignes, a converted winery in Languedoc

◀ Newly renovated, Bougainvillea sleeps 14 and is close to the nightlife of Gaios, on Paxos

▶ Many villas come with the luxury of a private chef

Staffed finca in Mallorca

New for 2023, Villa Can Totxa, sleeping eight, is a traditional Mallorcan finca sited between the old town of Pollensa and nearby beaches in the north of the island. Facilities include a large pool, an all-weather tennis court, table tennis and games room, with a chef to provide either one or two meals per day. £15,900; 01885 488799; purplexsummer.com



Hillside bolthole in Corsica

A collection of three modern villas in the grounds of the five-star La Villa Calvi hotel includes Villa Serra, sleeping eight, with private pool and garden views. Villa guests can make use of the hotel facilities, which include five pools, a spa and fitness centre, a tennis court, plus a restaurant and bar. £7,319; 01202 703500; husicorsica.co.uk

a big living area, a cinema room and a sheltered al fresco dining, plus a large garden with a pool and tennis court. £15,446; 01242 787800; redsavannah.com

Luxury pad in Kea

Surrounded by wild Mediterranean oak trees and with glorious sea views, Kea NM sleeps 10 (plus two on a sofa bed), on the north-east coast of this unspoilt Cycladean island. An independent guesthouse has an ensuite double, and facilities include a tennis court, home cinema, games room, gym and hammam. A chef prepares breakfast and one meal daily. £20,250; 020 8427 4885; fivestarsgreece.com

Family riad in Morocco

Views of the Atlas Mountains, extensive grounds planted with olive groves and orchards, a pool, a clay tennis court and a nearby waterpark are among the many plus points of Villa Adilah, a low-rise retreat, sleeping 16, decorated in colourful Moroccan style, just outside Marrakech. Activities also include table tennis and pétanque. £6,235; 0333 888 0205; ofverstravels.com

Traditional house in Paxos

Bougainvillea, a grand Paxiot house close to the low-key nightlife hub of Gaios (good for older teenagers), is newly renovated for summer 2023. It sleeps 14 (six in the main house plus four each in a guesthouse and garden house), and in the summer months the price includes a cook to prepare five breakfasts and five main meals. £15,000; 01749 812721; scottwithhams.co.uk

Mod cons in the Algarve

Part of a newly-built, modern development in Praia da Luz, Villa 2518 sleeps nine (including a comfortable single room for an older relative, teenager or nanny). As well as a spectacular infinity pool, facilities include a trampoline and table tennis, and the beach is just a 15-minute walk away. £11,861; 0800 988 5586; ullaavretreats.com

Laid-back chic in Ibiza

Low-rise and luxurious, whitewashed Villa Aracari, sleeping 12, offers stylish interiors spread across a main house and guesthouse, with shady lounging areas and a pool, in the hills above Ibiza Town and close to Formentera's beach clubs. It comes with an optional private chef and nanny service. £20,500; 020 3811 4332; scottduwn.com

Sporty villa in the Algarve

Villa Destiny, sleeping 10, stands in 10 acres of grounds near Carvoeiro, close to beaches and golf courses. The whitewashed villa offers stylish, ground-floor rooms, with an additional overflow room for two, a gym, tennis court, superb sea views, and chef service for breakfast and dinners. Yoga, tennis and swimming lessons are also available. £26,080; 03308 281631; akovillas.com

Converted winery in Languedoc

Le Clos des Vignes, sleeping 14, is a large, stone-built retreat in 120 acres near Carcassonne, providing flexible accommodation across the main house, a cottage and a guest wing. There is



Whether you're taking
in the views

or sampling the
local hospitality