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With the pandemic going on, we are all eagerly awaiting until we can take a trip to a faraway place so we can truly enjoy a well-deserved vacation. We're bringing you some ideal locations where you can indulge yourself in some of the Far East's Havens.



Noku Beach House — Bali, Indonesia

Noku Beach House is the ultra-glam star of Seminyak's exclusive beachfront. With six bedrooms, an army of six-star staff including a gourmet chef, and your maître'd, this Seminyak beachfront villa ensures the ultimate in holiday pleasure. An enormous entertaining *bale'* with decks and covered terraces, a spa with plunge pool plus vast tropical gardens and a fabulous ocean-front all flank the sparkling 27-meter pool. Rooftop gardens overlook the ocean making gorgeous hideaways for sundowners. Noku Beach House is an epic retreat as Zen as it is chic right in the heart of hip Seminyak, Bali.



Pandawa Cliff Estate — Bali, Indonesia

The Pandawa Cliff Estate is set high above the ocean on Bali's Bukit Peninsula and is one of the island's most spectacularly located luxury private holiday venues. Together, the estate's three villas: The Pala, Villa Rose, and Villa Marie offer 21 bedrooms, capable of sleeping 42 adults – plus extra beds for the kids. This, coupled with superbly landscaped clifftop gardens, extensive decked areas, a 40-strong professional staff team, and purpose-designed guest facilities, make The Pandawa Cliff Estate a wedding and special event venue par excellence. The four villas also share a sports center with a full-size tennis court, squash court, gym, and spa.



Kaba Kaba Estate — Bali, Indonesia

Kaba Kaba Estate is a majestic, no-expense-spared property in Bali's Tabanan regency, arranged among three acres of gardens with spectacular views over rice terraces stretching to the distant, volcano-strewn horizon. It's a series of individual pavilions house eight bedrooms, a home theatre, games room, library, gym, spa, and multiple living areas showcasing antiques, artifacts, and contemporary art. Within the gardens is a choice of pools – including a children's wading pool – as well as a tennis court and croquet lawn. Fully staffed by a highly professional team, Kaba Kaba Estate offers five-star service and is the ideal location for luxurious holidays, parties, celebrations, and romantic weddings.



The Layar — Bali, Indonesia

The Layar is a spectacular design-led villa resort in the heart of chic Seminyak, moments from Bali's best restaurants, boutiques, and sunset beach bars. Cutting-edge contemporary architecture and ultra-chic interiors characterize the 23 villas, which offer stunning living spaces sculpted by the planes of the architects' signature sloping roofs. Each villa is set within a private landscaped garden with a large swimming pool, and from one to four spacious bedroom suites oriented for privacy. With its cool design, hot location, and five-star service provided by staff, The Layar is designed for those with strong aesthetic principles seeking original experiences.



Villa Sapi — Lombok, Indonesia

Six-bedroomed Villa Sapi is a masterpiece of design on the peaceful island of Lombok. Bordered by the almost deserted Sira Beach against a backdrop of soothing seas, soaring peaks, and sensational sunsets, it presents the funky architecture, three swimming pools plus a children's pool, a stand-alone two-bedroomed guesthouse, a tennis court, exemplary service, and gourmet cuisine. This is tropical living and barefoot luxury at its very best, a place where guests can truly escape. Villa Sapi is secluded and lusciously private but by no means isolated; prestigious neighbors include the Sire Beach Golf Club, Hotel Tugu and The Oberoi, and the coral-fringed Gilli Islands, with their superb dive sites, are just a short boat ride away.



Panacea Retreat — Koh Samui, Thailand

Five exceptional hilltop villas at Panacea Retreat located on the north-eastern coastline of Koh Samui, away from the buzzing touristy areas yet close to the white sandy beaches of Bophut, Big Buddha, and Chaweng. All villas enjoy the dramatic jungle and panoramic ocean views, contemporary Thai in style, and has high-vaulted ceilings. The villas have either four, five, or six bedrooms and complete with modern facilities, private living areas, equipped kitchen, and swimming pool. The team of staff includes a villa manager, chef, housekeepers, attendants, and estate security guards. The five-star amenities, superb service, and luxurious accommodation promise a perfect tropical island getaway for families or a group of friends.



Malaiwana Estate — Phuket, Thailand

Malaiwana is an ultra-exclusive hillside estate on Phuket's tranquil northwest coast, only 20 minutes from Phuket Airport. Each villa and residence in this premier collection blends award-winning design with spectacular ocean views to create a sleek modern oasis for the discerning traveler. The units are all stylish and stunning, but differ in the magnificent view they offer as well as small design touches that make each unique. Private swimming pools, chic indoor and outdoor living areas, and lavish bedroom suites are complemented by the first-class service from a team of staff dedicated to meeting every holiday need. The soft sands and clear waters of Naithon, one of Phuket's most stunning and least developed beaches, beckons, as makes a wide choice of restaurants, from world-class fine dining to exceptional local cuisine. With elevator facilities for the elderly and specially-abled, it is a safe and convenient haven for large families. Add to that, a fully equipped gymnasium for fitness enthusiasts, an indulgent spa to destress, and child-friendly facilities such as a pool fence and kids' rooms, make it the perfect vacation home.



Baan Paa Talee Estate — Phuket, Thailand

This superb nine-bedroom luxury villa estate overlooks the beautiful Andaman Sea between Kamala and Patong on Phuket's west coast. At this unique private estate, guests will be spoilt for choice between breathtaking living and dining spaces both indoors and out. Expect a 25-meter pool with jacuzzi, gym, spa, media, and games room among the superb facilities. Two of the nine bedrooms are housed in the spectacularly situated and self-contained 'ocean villa' just below the main property, located near the fantastic open deck with surrounding by ocean views. At Baan Paa Talee Estate, a team of dedicated staff, including a private chef, will cater to your every whim. This estate is an outstanding choice for groups of friends or family, corporate stays, wellness retreats, or special celebration events.



Sava Beach Villas — Phuket, Thailand

A collection of seven spacious, private, and ultramodern villas, the luxury Sava Beach Villas is located 30 minutes from Phuket airport on the spectacular and pristine Natai Beach. Offering direct beach access, staggering sunsets, and open-plan living, the villas here range in size between four and seven bedrooms and feature floor-to-ceiling glass 'walls,' private gymnasium, modern décor, and black-tiled infinity pools. These fully staffed holiday havens come with a private chef, villa manager, and housekeepers. It is perfect for hosting weddings and other special events, or for large groups of friends or family seeking seclusion, but with all the modern amenities of a dream home.



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Seshu — Niseko, Japan

Chalet Seshu is a designer five-bedroom mountain mansion in Hirafu Village, Niseko, with stylish interiors. This three-story chalet has four spacious ensuite bedrooms with king-size beds and a fifth Japanese '*tatami*-style' room with twin mattresses. A large open-plan kitchen adjoins the dining area and lounge, warmed by a fireplace, creating an inviting space for socializing. Meanwhile, the eight-seater outdoor jacuzzi is perfect for soaking after a tiring day. The chalet is a stone's throw from some of Hirafu's best restaurants, bars, and traditional Japanese *onsen*.

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