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Oceanfront villas at Azura Marlin Beach, on Mozambique's Benguerra Island

Paradise Found These idyllic islands are where the *Departures* editors are most looking forward to going – or returning to – as soon as it's safe.



Clockwise from left: a suite at Can Ferrereta; a view of Mallorca's rural southeast, from Can Ferrereta; a guest room at Can Ferrereta; looking out at Mounts Lidgbird and Gower from Capella Lodge, on Lord Howe Island



Mallorca, Spain

THE IDYLIC INLAND of this largest of Balearic Islands is undergoing a revival at the moment, as hoteliers who've conquered Palma, the island's capital, look to the handsome architecture and natural wonder of the lesser-known villages and hills. Topping the anticipation charts is **Can Ferrereta** (hotelcanferrereta.com), a majestic 17th-century home that's been thoroughly renovated into 32 individually decorated rooms by the team behind the Sant Francesc Hotel, along with a private garden, restaurant, bars, spa and 25m pool. Also planned – but not yet confirmed – is **El Vicenç de la Mar**, a 35-key beachfront property from the owners of **El Llorenç Parc de la Mar** (ellorenc.com) in Palma, as well as **Casa Cook Sa Torre** (casacook.com). The latest addition to the emerging portfolio of laidback, millennial-orientated boltholes, this one is spread out across multiple buildings, some dating back to the 14th century, in the coastal village of Sa Torre.



Lord Howe Island, Australia

VISITORS ARRIVING at the single runway on this 1,450ha islet, wedged between Australia and New Zealand in the Tasman Sea, may feel like they've landed on an entirely different planet – or at least our planet as it existed thousands of years ago. There's a baker, a butcher, but likely no candlestick-maker – and, for that matter, no mobile-phone service, no public transport and no malls. Still, for all the staples of modern life the island lacks, it makes up in primordial beauty – from a pair of twin peaks and dense forests to a glittering lagoon. In an effort to preserve its rare flora and fauna, no more than 400 visitors are allowed on the island at any time. **Capella Lodge** is an excellent choice among the few hotels, offering nine contemporary suites with stunning ocean views, a brilliant spa for a post-hike foot massage and top-tier cuisine featuring the likes of Nambucca oysters and lodge-chured ice cream. lordhowe.com