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# WANDERLUST

WHAT TO DO NOW & WHERE TO GO NEXT

## Heaven Can't Wait

No members. No tee times. No restrictions. Total freedom to play the game on a championship standard course. Sound like your idea of golf heaven? Welcome to your very own 18th-century French Chateau and private golfing estate in the Loire Valley.

A 20-minute sprint by private jet, or a 90-minute drive south of Paris, **Chateau du Coudreceau** redefines luxury golf with tour-quality fairways and USGA Greens tucked into the quiet French countryside. This private estate is ideal for families, executive retreats, and high-level board meetings, with seven elegant suites inspired by classic French artists and a 12-bedroom guesthouse on the sister property, **Chateau de le Chesnaye**.

The lush sprawling grounds of the Chateau include an exclusive 14-hole golf course that borders the Forêt de Orleans, France's largest national forest. Clusters of sandy bunkers, fairways carved through ancient woods, and an expansive lake provide a golf course with the perfect balance of risk and reward. The concierge service may also arrange short 20-minute helicopter rides to Le Golf National in Saint-Quentin-en-Yveline, home of the 2018 Ryder Cup.

Should privacy be paramount, the thick line of trees that circles the Chateau and round-the-clock security maintain complete seclusion for guests and ensure they enjoy a quiet respite from the outside world.

Unwind in the Chateau's indoor swimming pool, use the well-equipped gym, or lounge in the stunning Jardin du Lac to bask under the French sun. Dining at the Chateau is an equally exquisite affair and the Chateau's extensive wine collection is stored in a 250-year-old cellar not to be missed.

Dreaming of Paris? Never fear! Chateau du Coudreceau provides easy access to all the cultural highlights of Paris and the best restaurants, nightlife, and shopping amenities in and around the French capital. The 24-hour concierge service based at the Chateau exists for your exclusive use—commission a Michelin-starred chef for an extraordinary gastronomic experience or charter a helicopter for a personalized and private excursion to iconic French landmarks such as The Palace of Versailles, the Cathedral at Chartres, the UNESCO listed Chateau Chambord, and the Loire Valley vineyards.

*For more details and to secure the Chateau du Coudreceau for exclusive purposes, please visit [www.cdcestates.com](http://www.cdcestates.com). —CORRY COOK*





## WE ARE IN XANADU

Fill your senses with the aroma of spices, the sounds of abundant wildlife, and the views of picture-perfect beaches and reefs.

Located just a 20-minute flight from Tanzania, Zanzibar is a culturally rich archipelago and an ideal follow-up to a Tanzanian safari. With endless crystal white sand and glorious shades of blue water, the world-famous

beaches in Zanzibar are a paradise, interspersed with picturesque fishing villages where the people live a simple way of life, unchanged over the years.

At just 60 miles long and 20 miles wide, Zanzibar is host to 25 fantastic beaches. Some are so peaceful and remote that the only noise breaking the silence is likely to be the ocean. One such treasure hidden within a lush tropical garden on the island's



southeast coast is **Xanadu Villas & Retreat**. This is definitely the place to get off the grid.

Featuring six private villas circling a lovely pool, each hide-away comes complete with its own plunge pool, private butler, outside shower, bathrooms, daily housekeeping and laundry service, a private kitchen, and exclusive beach access. Xanadu's brilliant white beach, lapped by the warm waters of the Indian Ocean, provides the perfect place to relax, soak up the sun, and take a break before your re-entry into the modern world.

Now in partnership with epic luxury outfit Scott Dunn, Xanadu offers extraordinary adventure and luxury activities with a "nothing is too much trouble" philosophy. Through the lens of the experienced and hands-on experts at Scott Dunn, Zanzibar's rich history, influenced by African, Arabic, and European traditions, opens itself up to you. Together, this "dream team" delivers a once-in-a-lifetime introduction to a fascinating melting pot of cultures, histories, and people.

Xanadu is available through Scott Dunn as part of a greater itinerary in East/Southern Africa. [www.scottdunn.com/luxury-holidays/africa/east-africa/tanzania/zanzibar-and-the-coast/xanadu-villas](http://www.scottdunn.com/luxury-holidays/africa/east-africa/tanzania/zanzibar-and-the-coast/xanadu-villas). —CORRY COOK