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# PARADISE *personalised*

Pick a private island fit for a VIP (that's a *very* important party)

## COCO PRIVÉ KUDA HITHI ISLAND THE MALDIVES

    **POPULAR WITH EUROPEAN ROYALTY AND HOLLYWOOD CELEBS** for its splendid isolation (we're talking far from prying paps), this pinprick island is perfect for private hire. With just six chi-chi villas and a well-stocked wine cellar, you're encouraged to treat it as your very own desert-island home, and with an attitude of 'we really can do anything, providing it's legal', your wedding will be as extravagant or as low-key as you both want. Our favourite A-list touch? A flip-flop-clad squad of butlers and private chefs on hand 24/7. Mojito, anyone? [cocoprive.com](http://cocoprive.com)

## ONE&ONLY HAYMAN ISLAND AUSTRALIA

  **IN THE HEART OF THE GREAT BARRIER REEF** (where you'll find the best snorkelling on the planet) and accessible by yacht, helicopter or seaplane, One&Only Hayman Island is the epitome of far-flung extravagance. There are infinite options for your ceremony: pristine white-sand beaches, coconut groves, a charming chapel or a clearing in the rainforest. Post-celebration, how about treating your guests to a helicopter ride to a heart-shaped coral reef, or zipping them over to Blue Pearl Bay for a picnic? Plus, there's the celeb spot factor: Elle Macpherson, Johnny Depp and Chris Hemsworth are fans. [oneandonlyhaymanisland.com](http://oneandonlyhaymanisland.com)




## NORTH ISLAND SEYCHELLES

  **ONLY A HANDFUL OF INSIDERS KNOW ABOUT NORTH ISLAND** – that is, they *did*. That all changed after a certain royal couple honeymooned here in 2011 (cough, Kate and Wills). Nevertheless, with just 11 villas, it still feels remote and exclusive. Book North and you'll have the entire place – the highlands, beaches, palm groves and barefoot bars – to yourselves. It operates in a totally different way to any other resort: every detail of your wedding (and 'moon) is organised to suit you, and the island's motto is: 'Spoil. Surprise. Personalise.' A great option for eco-conscious travellers, North Island is part of a Noah's Ark-style crusade to save the island's flora and fauna – including Aldabra giant tortoises. In a word: extraordinary. [north-island.com](http://north-island.com)



## ANANTARA BAZARUTO ISLAND RESORT MOZAMBIQUE

 **FOR AQUATIC FUN, REVELRY UNDER STAR-LIT SKIES AND LUXURY PRETTY MUCH ON TAP**, this private island off the coast of Mozambique ticks all the boxes if you're looking for a small, intimate beach wedding. Say your vows on the sand dunes or on a trad dhow sailing boat during a cruise on the sparkling waters. Between festivities, there's sunbathing, snorkelling and deep-sea fishing – if you're lucky, you may see a pod of dancing dolphins. That's got to be good luck. [bazaruto.anantara.com](http://bazaruto.anantara.com) 