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Top deck: Laucala's outdoor living area; (inset, from top) Wall bedroom; Udu Peninsula residence (and inset, below); and leisure lounge



A drop in the ocean GQ re-energizes the soul at Red Bull founder Dietrich Mateschitz's super-exclusive Fijian resort

How "super" exclusive is the £2,500-a-night Fijian resort of Laucala Island? So elite you need a PIN to access the website.

Owner Dietrich Mateschitz (the founder of Red Bull) bought the air space surrounding his reported Elbn paradise to stop paparazzi getting close to the rich and famous. "If people are not the very best at their jobs, you won't find them here," says restaurant manager Thomas Gunkelmann.

But, then, maybe half the fun of being on Laucala is guessing who the other guests are. Sleeping a total of 78 guests spread across 12 square kilometres, just don't expect to see anyone but your chosen holiday companion, as each guest here has enough room to feel as if they're holidaying in paradise alone (despite there being 350 members of staff waiting on hand to knock up your dirty martini).

Given the clientele Laucala caters for, there's everything you could wish for and then some.

Naturally, there's an 18-hole golf course, which has never been played to par – and a pro on hand to tempt you to think otherwise – a spa using natural products made only on the island, clay pigeon shooting into the South Pacific, its own sailing catamaran (last seen competing in the Beijing Olympics), and, of course, private plunge pools for each of its 25 private residences.

Laucala Island has truly upped the ante in the exclusive holiday market, while trying to remain as sustainable as possible. However, when asked if Laucala could ever be 100 per cent sustainable the general manager Maja Kilgore laughs and retorts, "No! Where would we get our champagne?" Stephanie Sleep 

 **GO INFO** Prices for a one-bedroom villa start at £2,359 a night, subject to a local government tax of 15 per cent. Air New Zealand flies three times a week to Fiji from London Heathrow via Los Angeles. Fares from £1,344. laucala.com, airnewzealand.co.uk