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# 10 PRIVATE ISLAND GETAWAYS

**LAUCALA ISLAND** \$3,800 TO \$34,000/NIGHT  
\$150,000/NIGHT FOR ISLAND

FEATURING ONE OF THE ONLY TWO REMAINING traditional villages in Fiji, Laucala Island, owned by Red Bull cofounder Dietrich Mateschitz, has something rare among tropical resorts: the ability to immerse visitors in a local culture. Visitors can check out the Bure Kalou, a traditional Fijian temple dedicated to the ancestral gods; participate in a kava ceremony, a social activity where you drink a special beverage made from the root of the local Yaqona plant and share stories; and take a cooking class using the traditional lovo oven. The island is 85 percent sustainable: Most of the fruits, vegetables and herbs that you'll enjoy are grown on-site, much of the meat you'll be served is raised on an island plantation, and even the spa products in your room use local ingredients. Recreation includes golf on the 18-hole championship course, a beachside horseback ride or a boat

ride on the South Pacific. Each of the 25 villas has a private pool. Some, perched high in the volcanic mountains of the island, offer panoramic water views; others, set amidst the mangrove trees, are just steps from the sea.

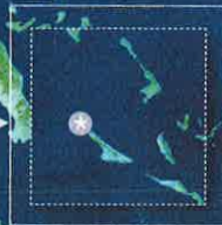
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**MUSHA CAY** STARTS AT \$37,500/NIGHT FOR UP TO 12 PEOPLE, FIVE-NIGHT MINIMUM

**MAKING THE STATUE OF LIBERTY DISAPPEAR** isn't the only surprise from David Copperfield. He's also developed one of the most magical private islands on earth, Musha Cay, which has attracted visitors such as Google cofounder Sergey Brin, who was married here in 2007. Nestled among the outer islands of Exumas, in the Bahamas, this 700-acre resort has five guesthouses, which are decorated with antiques and treasures from Copperfield's travels—everything from a vintage fortune-telling machine to a statue of boxer Jack Johnson that once stood at the foot of the Eiffel Tower. Each villa has its own private beach, and guests also have access to more than 40 private beaches across the 11 islands that Copperfield owns in the area—launching pads for jet skiing, snorkeling and paddle-boating. In the evening, guests can watch movies at the outdoor two-story "drive-in" movie theater, play billiards on a pool table once owned by Houdini or request a private fireworks display.

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**CAYO ESPANTO** \$1,395/NIGHT; \$13,500 FOR THE ISLAND, 18 GUESTS MAXIMUM

**PEEKING OUT JUST A FEW FEET ABOVE THE CARIBBEAN**, this small island off the coast of Belize is simple and understated, yet romantic. Your days will be spent snorkeling and scuba

diving (Cayo abuts the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef, the world's second largest barrier reef) or at the spa (try the Essence de Cafe and Coconut Scrub, made from ground coffee beans and fresh coconut). At night you can have a candlelight dinner—the menu emphasizes just-caught fish and local fruit—on your private dock and a moonlit beach walk amidst palm trees. Opt for Casa Ventanas, which is surrounded by water and features a glass window in the floor so you can watch the fish swim beneath your room.

Owned by American real estate entrepreneur Jeff Gram.

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