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We're a fussy bunch these days, so it's no surprise that some seriously canny travel agents are emerging. Here are two that can hand you the blueprint to your wildest far-flung fantasies...

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Courtesy of Carte Blanche Travel (carteblanchetravel.com), a brand-new guru of tailor-made holidays where no request is too big or too small, comes more exotic excursions. One week at a marine sanctuary at Quilála Island, Mozambique, in one of only nine private villas overlooking the Indian Ocean costs from £6,948 pp including flights, meals, a massage and boating shenanigans.



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