



NORTH ISLAND, SEYCHELLES

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THE SUITE: VILLA ELEVEN, THE NORTH ISLAND

PERCHED ON GRANITE BOULDERS AT THE FAR END OF THIS SEYCHELLES RESORT'S PRIVATE BEACH, VILLA ELEVEN IS THE QUINTESSENCE OF PRIVACY AND SECLUSION

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Not one to mix names, the North Island is the northernmost of the 115 islands that make up the Seychelles archipelago. It is part nature reserve and part ultra-luxurious all-inclusive resort made up of just 11 villas. Managed by South Africa's Wilderness Safaris, the island was cleared of any unwanted guests (cats, mice and any non-indigenous vegetation) and re-stocked with endangered Seychellois wildlife — including giant tortoises, fruit bats and birds.

The villas are constructed in a style its architect, Silvio Rech, calls 'haute-couture meets Robinson Crusoe' and spread out along the island's east beach. The last villa — number 11 — is the grandest. There's an oval pool, a marble bath for two, and stunning views from the (vast) master bedroom. The atmosphere is more private home than formal hotel, and the property is known for being peaceful, spacious and relaxed. The North Island has a number of A-list fans (George and Amal Clooney honeymooned here), no doubt attracted to the seclusion. In fact, it's doubtful that any guest would be disturbed by anyone or anything, save for the occasional nesting turtle. ☺