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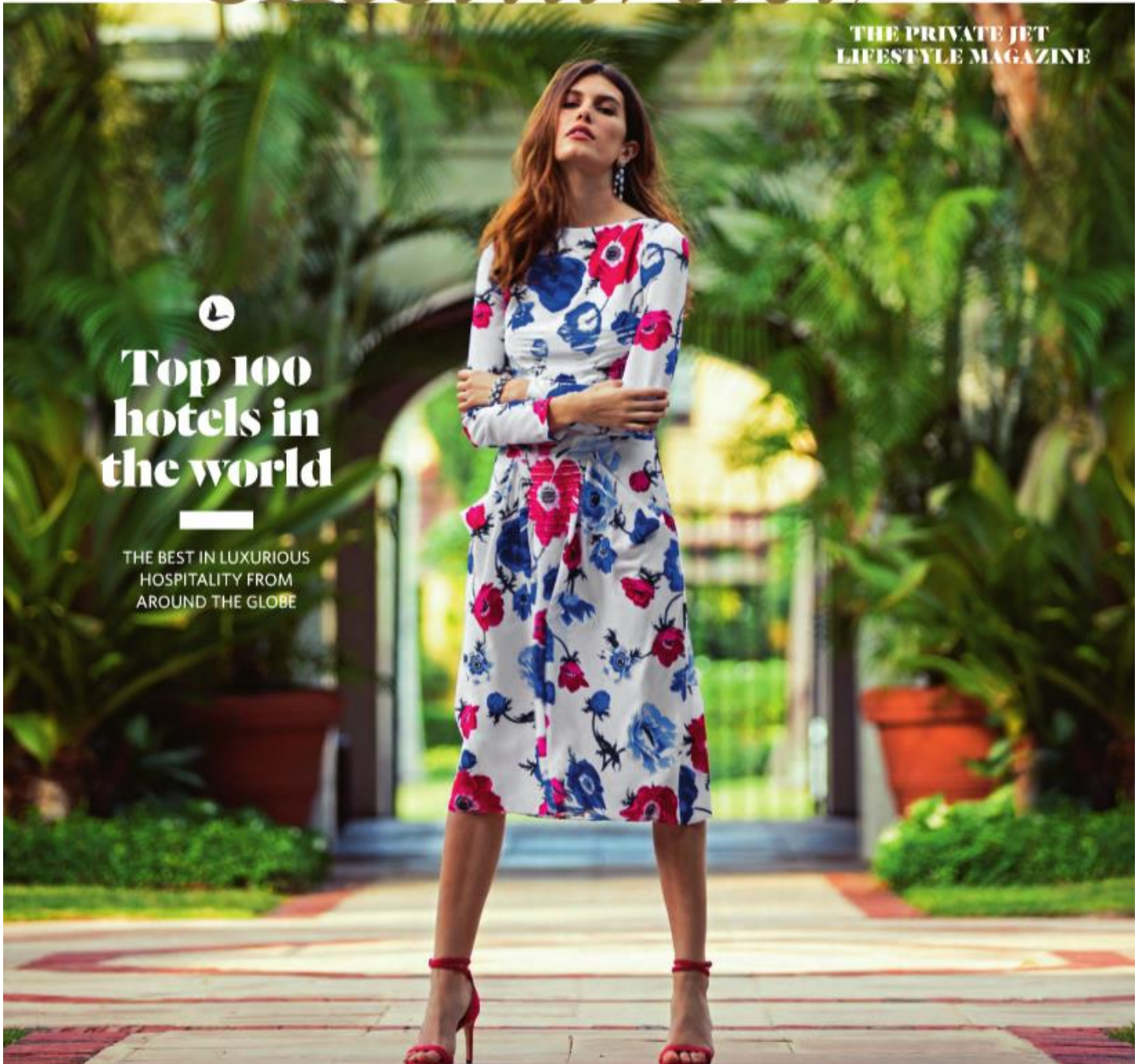
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Top 10 Caribbean Villas

Luxurious island living should encompass thoughtful design, the finest luxurious comforts and unparalleled ocean views. Our pick of villas showcases some of the best experiences the region has to offer

by Alix O'Neill



Rio Chico on the Beach

JAMAICA

It is no surprise the guest list of this vast oceanfront estate on Jamaica's celebrated north coast includes celebrities and noted diplomats. Set amid 14 acres of tropical gardens complete with a series of waterfalls and rivers joining the Caribbean Sea, Rio Chico has two private beaches and two freshwater swimming pools. Each of the six bedrooms enjoys breathtaking ocean views, while a two-bedroom guest cottage overlooking the lush vegetation offers couples a more secluded piece of paradise. A full staff is at guests' disposal and 24-hour security ensures absolute privacy at all times. Helicopter transfers to Ocho Rios, plus the services of a masseuse and tennis pro can be arranged at an additional charge. There are a variety of water sports to choose from, including sailboating, kayaking, wind surfing, aqua cycling, snorkeling and paddle boating.

Special amenities Tennis court, a half basketball court, gym, darts, croquet, trampoline and a private office.

Size 8,000 sq ft

Number of bedrooms Eight

Weekly rate From \$60,750

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Ambre

ST BARTHS

More chic Parisian apartment than laid-back Caribbean retreat, this elegant and spacious four-bedroom villa exudes Gallic charm. A magnificent kitchen is equipped with everything gourmands need to cook up a feast, although coffee, French pastries and fresh fruit are delivered to the villa each morning. There's a grand salon, furnished with Louis chairs, French antiques, giant urns filled with flowers and an opulent gold and crystal chandelier; and a petit salon for reading, watching TV or simply indulging in some private relaxation. Not that you'll be spending much time indoors - a large heated pool overlooking the ocean and a huge terrace framed by palm trees are the real draw here.

Special amenities A fitness room with a treadmill, elliptical trainer, exercise bike, rowing machine and free weights.

Size 5,400 sq ft

Number of bedrooms Four

Weekly rate From \$19,070

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