

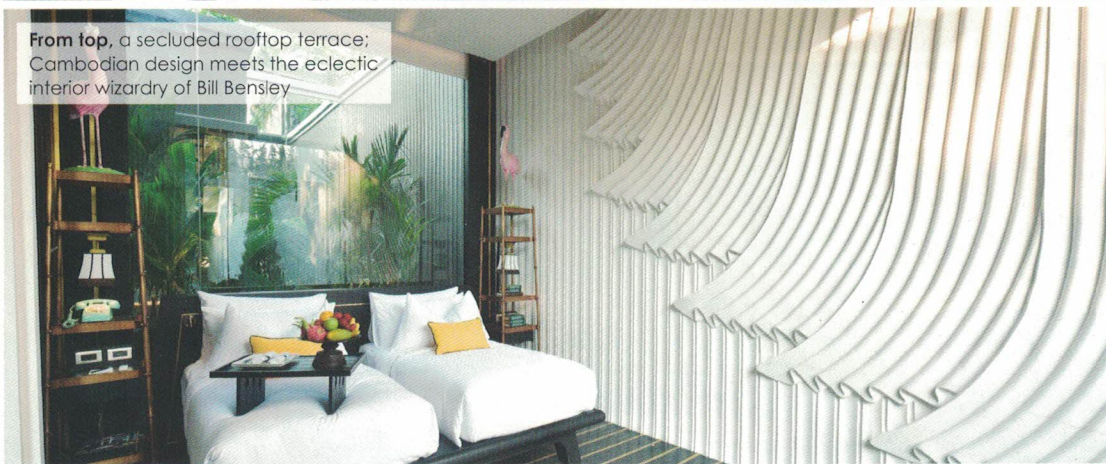
An aerial photograph of a tropical island, showing a small, dark, rectangular building on a sandy beach. The surrounding water is a deep blue, and the island's terrain appears to be a mix of sand and vegetation. The overall scene is serene and remote.

WORLD'S MOST LUXURIOUS VILLAS 2019

Our list of villas this year features hidden gems including over-the-top indulgence to the best of barefoot elegance. From sand and surf to remote mountain retreats, fast-paced city spreads to secluded hideaways—you are sure to find your favourites here too. Thrills and romance are lavishly alive and well at these luxury getaways, whether you fancy fairytale forests and rugged hills; breaching dolphins and fair trade winds; flowering gardens, or breathtaking beaches. Need some help deciding where to go next? Why not pick a villa to suit every mood? You might just want to pack up and check in with every change of season.



From top, a secluded rooftop terrace; Cambodian design meets the eclectic interior wizardry of Bill Bensley



Seductive and stylish in Indochina

Shinta Mani Angkor, Cambodia

The dramatic entrance to this exotic property finds guests walking through a fantastic white marble arch, a replica of Angkor Wat's ancient façade. Soft lighting, the smell of incense and a sense of the exotic greet you upon your arrival at this boutique hotel where Cambodian design meets the eclectic interior wizardry of Bill Bensley.

Relax among your mod, luxury accommodation after touring Angkor's world-renown temples. Then take a soothing spa treatment after a swim in the pool. Each of the ten private villas comes with a private lap pool surrounded by an art deco black-and-white terrace, a secluded rooftop terrace, and a private tropical garden. Swing-seat dining will bring out the playful and romantic in you, as will the library and gallery. Informal by day and elegant at night, you might want to pack something long as they caution against swinging in skirts.

Created as an environment Bensley would personally enjoy, every attention to detail and privacy has been paid. Each villa includes 156 sq. metres of space in two pavilions and bathroom with floor-to-ceiling garden views. Exotic, romantic artistic details include three-dimensional textured murals depicting the folds of Jayavarman's robe, known as the greatest Khmer King. You will enjoy being spoiled by a Bensley Butler, legendary clandestine miracle makers.

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