

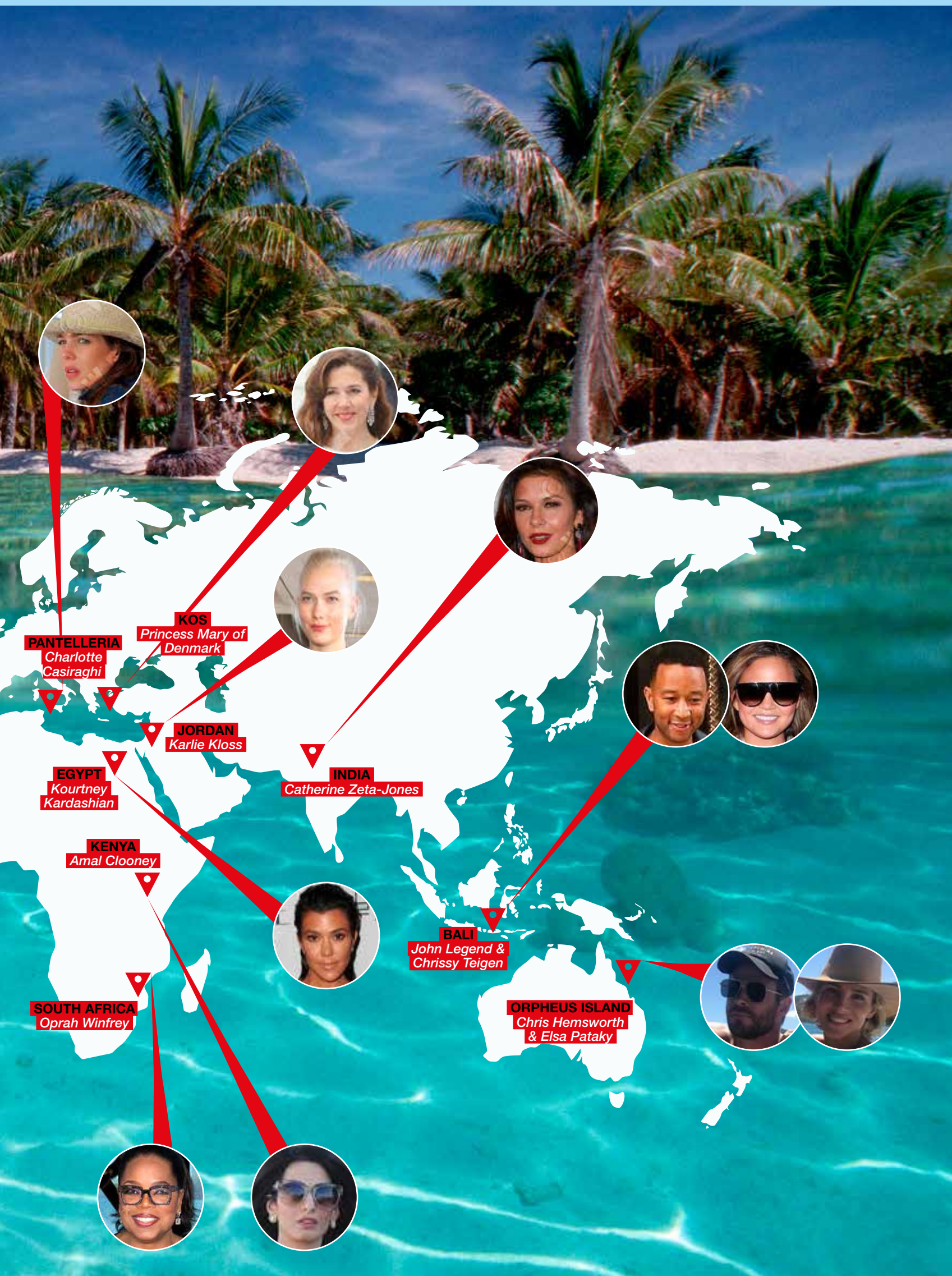
# CELEBRITY HIDEAWAYS

FROM SUNKISSED CARIBBEAN CAYS TO EXOTIC CULTURAL ESCAPES AND ACTION-PACKED ADVENTURES, THE STARS SHOW US HOW TO HOLIDAY IN STYLE



**T**he A-list certainly know how get far from the madding crowd. When the mercury rises and it's time to unwind, well-known faces such as Serena Williams, Amal Clooney and Chris Hemsworth head for their secret retreats. From a secluded haven in French Polynesia once owned by Marlon Brando to trips to view the world's ancient treasures and the most envy-inducing safaris in Africa and India, let these stars inspire you with holidays that are well and truly off the beaten track. ►









## SERENA WILLIAMS

Kamalame Cay,  
Bahamas

If your idea of tough choices is whether to sip champagne on a deserted white sand beach or by your private pool then Kamalame is for you. Tennis champ Serena and husband Alexis Ohanian certainly looked as if they'd stumbled upon their very own Love Island during their honeymoon. Accompanied by baby daughter Alexis Jr, the newlyweds stayed in Magnolia Villa, one of nine bougainvillea-draped cottages dotted amid flowering jungle and coconut palm groves. A 15-minute seaplane ride from the Bahamas capital Nassau, Kamalame is a family-run resort off the Andros barrier reef that boasts the archipelago's only overwater spa – with the glass floor allowing guests to spot sea life during their massage.



## AMAL CLOONEY

Giraffe Manor, Kenya

Six months into their relationship George Clooney took Amal on the secret safari that sealed their courtship. The Hollywood heavyweight later said: "Amal loves giraffes; they're her favourite animal. We went to this place called Giraffe Manor, where the giraffes stick their heads through the windows and kiss you." While showing a friend a picture of their trip George had a revelation. "In the photo she was looking back, smiling at these giraffes," he recalled. "And I said, 'I think I'm going to ask her to marry me'." That's the magic of this boutique hotel set within 140 acres of indigenous forest in the Langata suburb of Nairobi.



## KOURTNEY KARDASHIAN

Giza, Egypt

Mixing culture with beach life, the reality TV Queen made a *Raiders of the Lost Ark*-style odyssey to view the Pyramids of Giza, the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Kourtney, 38, looked thrilled at the once-in-a-lifetime experience, having left her three children at home, most probably with their father Scott Disick, from whom she separated in 2015. She was joined on the break by her boyfriend, Algerian boxer-turned-model Younes Bendjima, 25, and four of the couple's friends as they toured the historic complex by camel. The good times continued as the group hit Hacienda Bay, a trendy resort on Egypt's north coast which is known for its restaurants and nightlife as well as its beautiful lagoons.







## CHRIS HEMSWORTH & ELSA PATAKY

### Orpheus Island, Australia

A little known slice of paradise off Australia's north-east coast, Orpheus Island was the setting for the birthday of a lifetime for *Thor* star Chris Hemsworth. When Hollywood's hottest actor turned 34, he and his wife, Spanish actress Elsa Pataky, invited a group of close friends to celebrate with an action-packed, child-free break at the Great Barrier Reef resort. After days spent hiking, diving

or kayaking, the pals could dine on locally caught tuna, mackerel or trout with vegetables grown right in the lush tropical gardens of the 11km isle. And the power couple practically had the pristine beaches to themselves. Secluded and intimate, Orpheus Island Lodge is one of the smallest in Queensland's Coral Sea, accessible only by helicopter and able to accommodate just 28 guests at a time.



## SCOTT DISICK & SOFIA RICHIE

### St Barths

In high season megayachts jostle for space in the docks. But strip away the glitz and St Barthémely – to give the Caribbean isle its full French name – is a naturally gorgeous setting with a fascinating history. With its Gallic charm and pretty coves, St Barths was the sophisticated choice for Scott Disick to enjoy his 35th birthday with girlfriend Sofia, 19. The loved-up duo shared pictures of themselves frolicking at one of the island's 14 beaches. But there's plenty to do aside from sunbathe. The capital Gustavia, named after the Swedish royals who controlled it for 90 years, is known for its distinctive red-roofed buildings. Up the hill is St Jean, presided over by Eden Rock (right), the Caribbean's most glamorous hotel, owned by Pippa Middleton's in-laws.







## JOHN LEGEND & CHRISSY TEIGEN

### Ayung Gorge, Bali

If Bali is known as the island of the gods, then the sacred Ayung river gorge may well be their dwelling place. Chrissy Teigen and her husband John Legend certainly had a heavenly time there during a yoga and massage holiday at the COMO Shambhala Estate, with their daughter Luna. Nestled on the slopes of the misty, mossy valley, the Ayurvedic wellness retreat is just 15 minutes' drive from Bali's artistic and cultural centre, Ubud. Model Chrissy may even have picked up some fashion tips for an exotic red carpet look when the staff dressed the family up in sumptuous traditional dress. Afterwards she enthused: "We had the most beautiful, wonderful time. My body and mind have never felt so clear."



## PIPPA MIDDLETON

### Tetiaroa, Tahiti

After their English country wedding, Pippa and her husband James Matthews touched down for a honeymoon on Tetiaroa in French Polynesia. Once the summer retreat of Tahitian royalty, it was where young warriors competed in archery tournaments and sharpened their war skills, while their *arii vahine* (Princesses) retreated to the deep shade of the coconut trees to be pampered. Marlon Brando bought the exquisite coral atoll after falling in love with it while filming *Mutiny on the Bounty* in the 1960s. After his death, the actor's heirs gave permission for the development of an eco-friendly resort, named The Brando in his honour, allowing a whole new generation of visitors to be enchanted by the island's rare beauty.



## OPRAH WINFREY

### Sabi Sand, South Africa

For anyone who longs to experience the raw exhilarating thrill of nature up close and personal then an African safari is just the adventure for you. Oprah, who loves South Africa, having built a school for female leaders of the future in the country, was bowled over by her first safari. To holiday like the TV legend stay at the Singita Castleton (below) in the Sabi Sands reserve bordering the Kruger National Park. It's one of a new concept in lodges which aim to offer an extraordinary tourist experience while safeguarding vast swathes of wilderness. So while you marvel at spotting a lion or watch a pack of cheeky monkeys scooping up your leftover picnic you can feel happy that you're helping save the planet too.





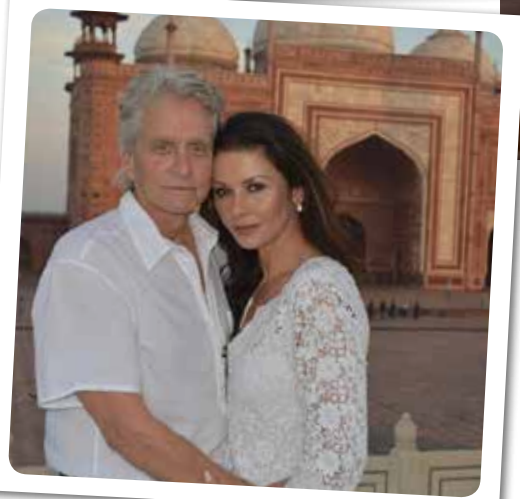
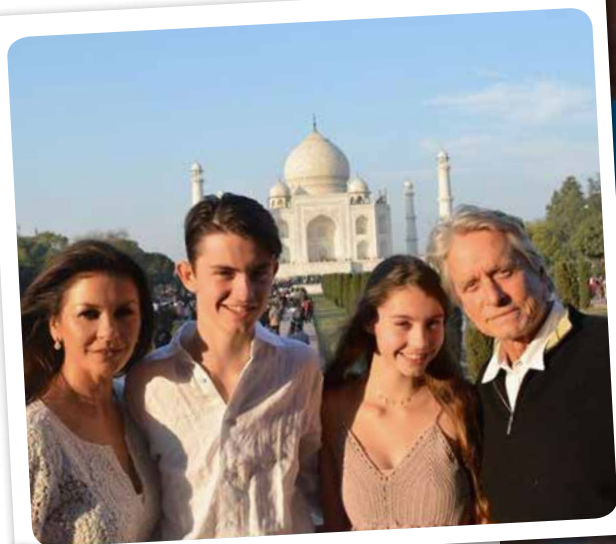
## LUPITA NYONG'O

### Riviera Maya, Mexico

It's no secret that the fashionable folk love Cabo on Mexico's eastern seaboard, but the Riviera Maya on the Caribbean side of the country is just as Instagram-worthy. Born in Mexico City, hence her typically Latin name, Lupita likes to return to the country. Last time she stayed in considerable style at Hotel Esencia, originally built for an Italian Duchess. This aristocratic oasis lies at the point where the Yucatan jungle dissolves into the immaculate ivory sands of Xpu-ha beach, where sea turtles come to nest. Although it's tempting to stay put, Lupita did manage to tear herself away to visit the stunning Sian Ka'an nature reserve. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, whose name means 'where the sky is born', it is teeming with mangroves, coral reefs and marine life.



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## CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

### Rajasthan, India

Driving from Delhi to Rajasthan's capital city Jaipur in north west India you see women in bright pink and yellow saris, camels pulling carts, historic forts, history on each and every corner. Like travellers for centuries before her, Catherine Zeta-Jones was fascinated when she made the trip, writing on Instagram: "When you dream of visiting a country all your life, and it lives up to everything you hoped it would be." In

Delhi she visited Humayun's Tomb, dedicated to a famous Emperor, and the breathtaking Taj Mahal at Agra. Then the Welsh beauty, husband Michael Douglas and their kids moved on to Rajasthan. The state is known for its opulent palaces, among them the Umaid Bhawan Palace in Jodhpur (pictured), a stunning 350-room royal residence and hotel, as well as its tiger and elephant safaris.



# COVER IMAGES



## JESSICA BIEL Iceland



**E**ndless natural beauty, geothermal outdoor pools and the bustling capital Reykjavik have made the Land of Vikings a favourite with the celeb set. Jessica and husband Justin Timberlake spent six days exploring the central highlands by helicopter and heli-boarding, with the actress writing that she felt like “a real life Bond villain” while relaxing in a hot spring. According to local news sources the couple’s base was The

Trophy Lodge, a luxury cabin which has hosted Beyoncé and Jay-Z, as well as Bill Gates. Another A-list fan of Iceland is David Beckham, who raved about his recent boys-only fishing holiday with Guy Ritchie, saying he loved the country so much he could forgive them for beating England in the European Championship.



## CHARLOTTE CASIRAGHI Pantelleria, Italy

**N**ights are especially starry on Pantelleria, a volcanic island just off Sicily. One of its most mesmerising spots is the Specchio di Venere (Mirror of Venus) – a heart-shaped lake whose water shimmers emerald, aquamarine and turquoise. Dubbed the ‘black pearl of the Mediterranean Sea’, the isle is a home away from home for a few shy celebrities, such as Giorgio Armani, whose home is pictured here, and model and actress Carole Bouquet. Her estate there will host the wedding of her son Dimitri Rassam to Monaco royal Charlotte Casiraghi this autumn. Pantelleria’s ashy soil produces the delicious sweet wine *passito*, and it is at Carole’s vineyard that the duo will pledge their troth.



## PRINCESS MARY OF DENMARK Kos, Greece

**W**hat better way to spend summer than cruising the Mediterranean? Last year Princess Mary and Prince Frederik were pictured lounging on a yacht as they soaked up the sun off the island of Kos. Although close to Bodrum on the Turkish coast, the island has belonged to Greece since 1947. Fringed by the finest beaches in the Dodecanese archipelago, dwarfed beneath mighty crags, and blessed with lush valleys, Kos is an island filled with treasures. When you’ve finished viewing its abundance of Greek and Roman landmarks, unwind at a beachside taverna over a meal of fresh salads, zucchini and lamb with rosemary, or the day’s catch of seafood such as sardines, cod and octopus.



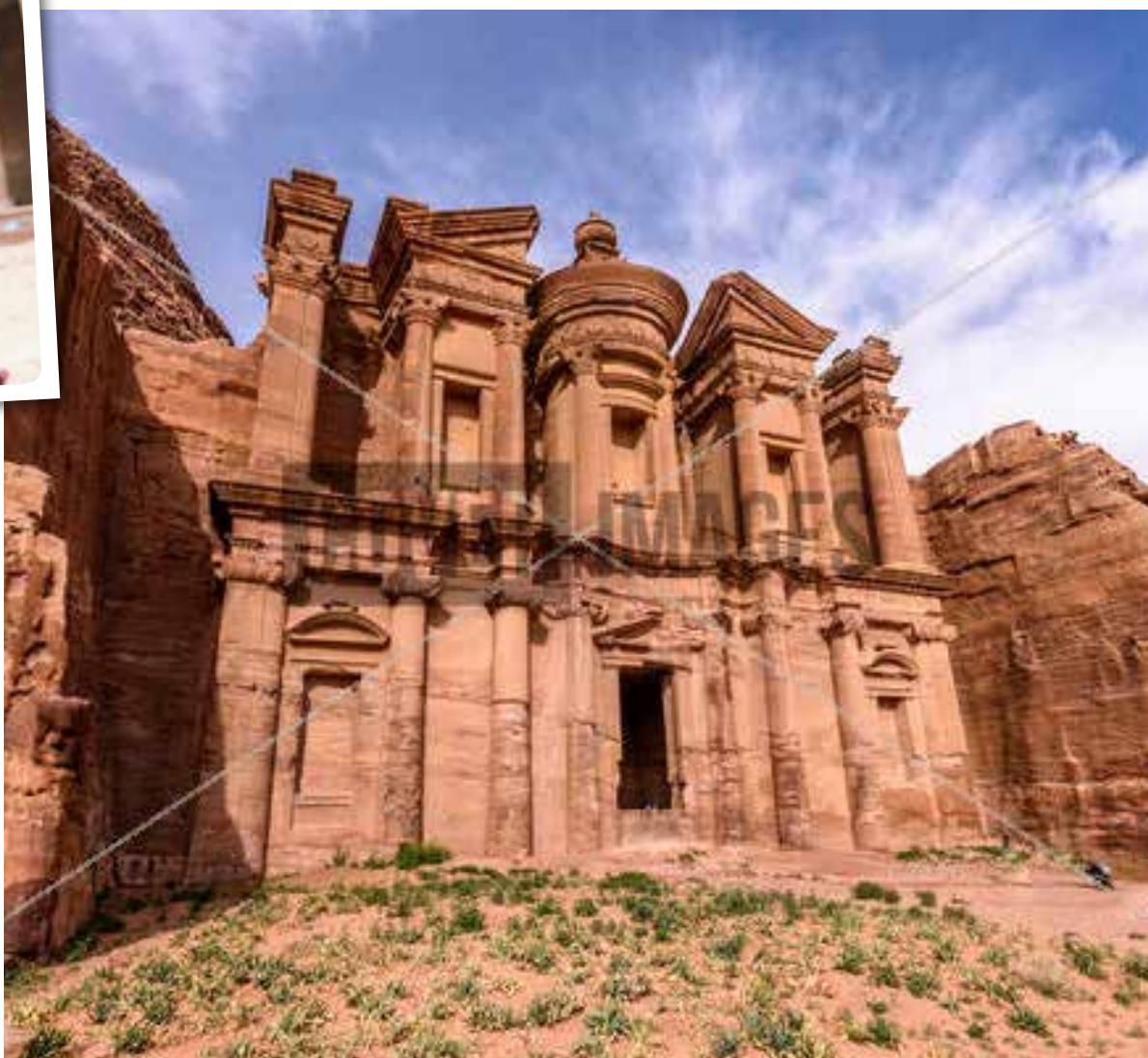




## KARLIE KLOSS

### Petra, Jordan

The supermodel hit the ancient city of Petra with a gaggle of celebrity friends including her boyfriend Joshua Kushner, Princess Beatrice, Meghan Markle's designer pal Misha Nonoo and singer Ellie Goulding. And their guide was none other than Crown Prince Hussein of Jordan himself, who, along with his mother Queen Rania, has been encouraging visitors to sample the delights of the desert kingdom. The group were #squad goals as they posted pictures of themselves riding camels, quadbiking and visiting historic sights. Perhaps the most awe-inspiring was Petra's monastery (right), reached after a hike up the side of a mountain. The intricately carved monument, as much as 7,000 years old, has panoramic views of the neighbouring valley.



## OLIVIA MUNN

### Turks & Caicos

The locals, known as Belongers, pride themselves on their welcoming spirit. Which is just as well, because it would be tempting to keep this collection of 40 cays and islands, between the Bahamas and the Dominican Republic, all to themselves. Among the celebs who've enjoyed their hospitality is *X-Men* actress Olivia Munn, who combined her birthday and US Independence Day celebrations there. She spent a long weekend at an oceanfront villa near picturesque Grace Bay with some girlfriends. When the ladies tired of sunning themselves they could ride horses, play golf and snorkel, with opportunities to see turtles, manta rays, whales, reef sharks and countless tropical fish.

