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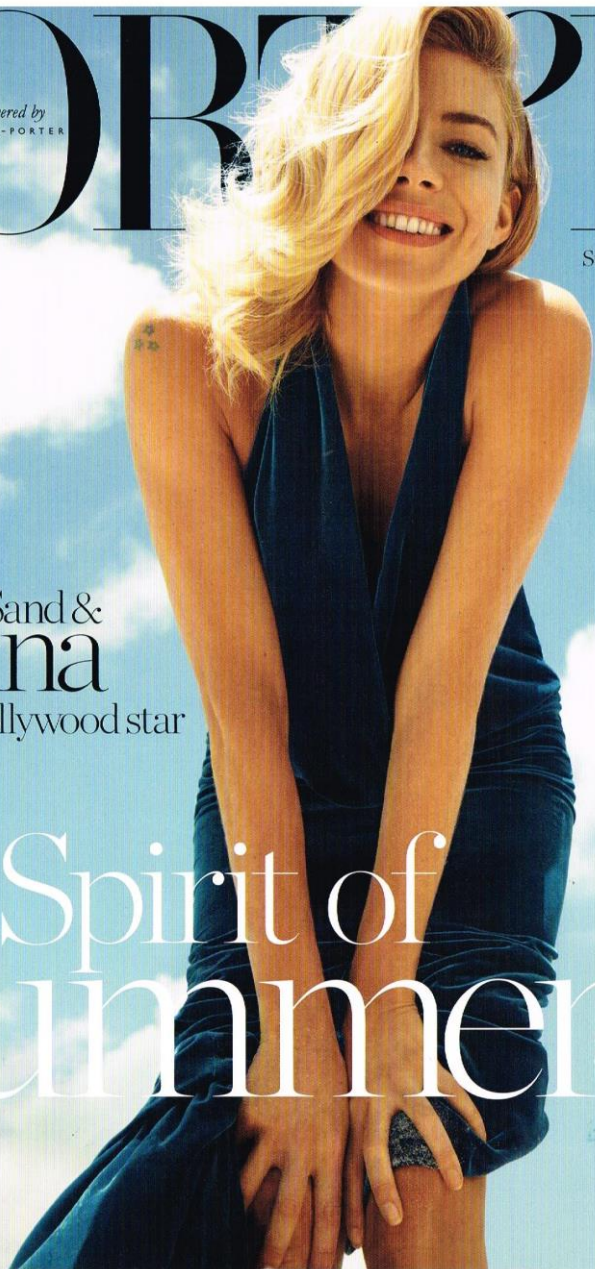
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Sun, Sand &
Sienna

From It girl to Hollywood star

Spirit of
Summer

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out of this world

SONG SAA, CAMBODIA

Treasure Island

*Among the many islands and dreamy beaches of southeast Asia, those in and around Cambodia still feel like virgin territory, with the private island of Song Saa the jewel in the crown. Small-scale and high-end, it has a wonderfully eclectic feel. There may be features you would find anywhere—over-water villas, infinity pools, ocean-front massage tables—but the style is personal not corporate. The two-bedroom villas, with secluded terraces and pools, soaring central living spaces and palatial bedrooms, make a Manhattan loft look cramped. The aesthetic is elegant bohemian with weathered and reclaimed woods setting off lustrous hardwoods, rich fabrics framing distressed verdigris art pieces, and untrimmed thatch overhanging terraces and plunge pools. At one end of the island, a boardwalk leads to the dining pavilion set on a series of open-sided platforms, with a menu that draws on local ingredients. At the heart of the island is the spa run by an inspiring Indian practitioner steeped in wellness disciplines. There are organized diving and snorkeling expeditions, mangrove tours, nature walks, deep-sea fishing and picnic excursions to empty beaches throughout the archipelago, and day trips to see the humanitarian and environmental work the resort does with local communities, from medical care to soil-management schemes. But the real joy of Song Saa is that there are moments when the issues and problems of the world feel a little unreal. The island seems to have been cut adrift, a place untethered to any continent. At night, when you step from your terrace into the warm sea and swim with the phosphorescence under a moonlit sky, the real world seems wonderfully distant. Stanley Stewart songsaa.com; *The Ultimate Travel Company* offers a one-week stay in a Jungle Villa at Song Saa from £3,920 for two; theultimatetravelcompany.co.uk >*



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VILLA JOGLOVINA, INDONESIA
Surrounded by emerald-green paddy fields and a clove plantation, these six traditional **JAVANESE** houses on **BALI** have been immaculately restored, with an infinity pool carved out of local Sukabumi stones, tribal Batak statues and wooden totems. *Sleeps up to 12; from £1,650 per person including flights; ampersandtravel.com*



GAEL FORCE, AUSTRALIA
This extraordinary holiday home owned by Gael and Francesco Bogliome (who created the Michelin-starred restaurant Petersham Nursery in London) is just 45 minutes from **SYDNEY**. A 1940s Spanish hacienda, it has a large sea-water pool and a jetty with a converted boat house that sleeps two. *Sleeps up to 14; from £1,350 per night; avenueproperty.com*



TREVILLE ON ANDAMAN, THAILAND

The **ASIAN** outpost of the legendary Tre Ville in Positano opens this fall in **PHUKET** and comes with six sprawling suites, an infinity pool, spa, hammam and three private beaches. *Sleeps up to 12; price on request; villatreville.com*