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## INDIAN OCEAN ISOLATION



■ On the western fringe of the Indian Ocean lies an islet called Nosy Anko, one of a tiny, mostly uninhabited archipelago strung like seed pearls off the northeast coast of Madagascar. This 2,500-acre private island is home to the Miavana resort by Time + Tide, a luxury travel company specializing in remote African locations—and there are few more secluded than Nosy Anko. Madagascar remains one of the most isolated and untouched places on Earth; according to the World Wildlife Fund, about 95 percent of the country’s reptiles, 92 percent of its mammals and 89 percent of its plant life exist nowhere else on the planet.

Miavana, which is accessed by helicopter from Madagascar, is available as a full-island buyout for up to 44 guests. Exclusively for *Robb Report* readers, the experience will include the full-time services of a kitesurfing instructor and a “Robinson Crusoe” picnic on the palm-fringed, white-sand beach of Manampou, a nearby uninhabited island. The similarities to Crusoe will surely fade as staff set up a gourmet lunch on the beach while guests arrive by Jet Ski or helicopter.

Staff are on hand to arrange kayaking, water-skiing, heli-surfing, surf-skiing, fishing, whale-watching, snorkeling, paddle-boarding and a range of diving experiences. On land, guests can take part in guided treks in search of lemurs, chameleons and rare orchids and enjoy yoga classes as well as sample local rum while exploring the island’s village.

The accommodations consist of 14 beachfront villas, each with a private pool, a beach buggy, beach cruiser bikes and a personal butler. Guests may choose to dine 24/7 around the main pool and rooftop bar, in the island’s pizzeria or privately; local specialties include mangoes, vanilla, pink peppercorns, yellowfin tuna and caviar. *From \$149,600 per night for full buyout for a minimum of four nights, including helicopter transfers from Madagascar, excluding \$300 per person per night for conservation levies; michele@timeandtideafrica.com L.A.*



## ENJOY A PRIVATE PERFORMANCE BY RUFUS WAINWRIGHT AND TAKE HOME A NEVER- BEFORE-SEEN STEINWAY

■ Singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright has been playing piano since he was six years old, and he’s been touring professionally since age 13. So in addition to his many professional accomplishments, which include earning two Grammy nominations, composing multiple operas and mounting Judy Garland tribute concerts at Carnegie Hall to great acclaim, he knows how to tickle the ivories. One *Robb Report* reader, along with five friends, will have the opportunity to enjoy a short private performance from the musician on a stylish new piano from Steinway & Sons—and then take home the instrument.

The day will start with a tour of the Steinway factory in Queens, New York, where the brand has been making pianos since 1873. The one in this offer isn’t like the others there, though: It’s the first Steinway Model B Spirio in Jet Noir, which has all-black hardware (except for the ivory keys, of course). The interior plate and pedals are black, and the exterior is rendered in Steinway’s signature, super-shiny DiamondGloss finish. After you meet with Wainwright and listen to him play a few numbers, he can autograph the plate in silver for you. \$250,000; [agilroy@steinway.com](mailto:agilroy@steinway.com) H.M.