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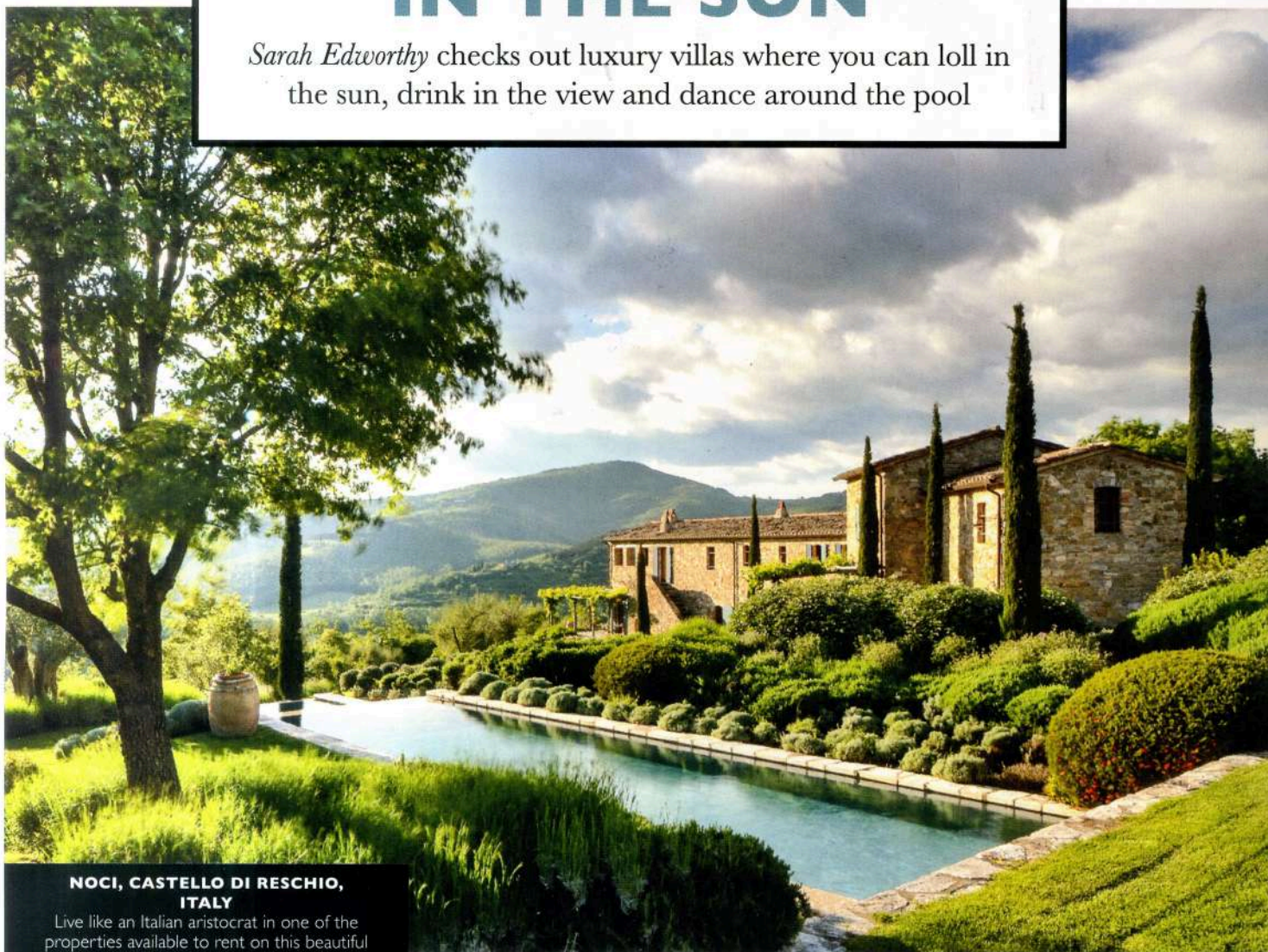
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YOUR SANCTUARY IN THE SUN

Sarah Edworthy checks out luxury villas where you can loll in the sun, drink in the view and dance around the pool



NOCI, CASTELLO DI RESCHIO, ITALY

Live like an Italian aristocrat in one of the properties available to rent on this beautiful 3,700-acre estate on the Tuscan/Umbrian border with infinity pool, landscaped garden and breath-taking views over rolling hills. Sleeps 6. www.reschio.com

Expectations do not come higher than for your annual holiday villa rental. Whether your dream summer setting is poolside at an ancestral Tuscan hilltop idyll or in a contemporary Ibiza retreat with an at-home spa, your chosen sanctuary has to fulfil a year's worth of dreams about soul-soothing views, rosé-fuelled lunches and sumptuous languor.

So many questions arise in the quest for the perfect destination. Should you give your favoured Côte d'Azur locale a break and decamp to Corfu instead? Will your villa's amenities live up to your plans to entertain a large group of friends or should you settle on a location close

to a town with lively restaurants and nightlife? Is the swimming pool natural, salt water or chlorinated – and is there an outdoor sound system? How close is the villa to sites of interest for the more restless in your party?

Consultation with a villa specialist gives peace of mind, answering all your questions and eliminating the risk of reality not meeting online appearances. 'Our experts travel extensively throughout the regions they cover and inspect each property on a regular basis, putting them in an ideal position to help you fine-tune your next luxury villa holiday,' says Ben Briggs of Abercrombie & Kent Villas. 'We have a wide network working across Europe who ensure that the expectations we set before you arrive are matched, and indeed exceeded, by the end of your trip.'

For some, a stay in a luxury European villa is an opportunity to revel in a gorgeous setting: to loll on a sunbed, listen to a chorus of cicadas with an Aperol Spritz in hand, or forage in local markets for in-season ingredients.

More exploratory souls look for a menu of activities, such as those on offer at the eight houses available to rent at the splendid Castello di Reschio (there are also farmsteads available to buy and develop, to create your own bespoke retreat). At this historic estate on the Tuscan/Umbrian border, you can ride Andalusian horses and take dressage lessons. Art appreciation, tennis, clay-pigeon shooting, cookery lessons and mountain biking are also offered by its owners, the Bolza family, to encourage immersion in their *dolce vita*.



1. KINGFISHER POINT, CORFU

You won't stop saying 'wow' when you arrive at this fabulous rental on a private waterfront estate with direct beach access. Two adjacent houses, each with a stunning infinity pool, are available to rent together or on an individual basis.

Sleeps 16.

www.sfvillas.co.uk

2. LE MOULIN DE GORGES, PROVENCE

Equipped for year-round entertaining, this renovated mill is situated within walking distance of Gordes, one of the prettiest villages in the region. It has been stylishly and sensitively renovated, with six bedrooms and spacious living areas.

Sleeps 12.

www.akvillas.com

3. AMANZOE VILLAS, GREECE

Surrounded by olive groves and archaeological ruins in the fabled Peloponnese, these chic villas combine privacy and top-notch service with views of the Aegean Sea. Guests also have access to the beach club, spa and amenities of the nearby Aman hotel. Sleeps 2 to 20.

www.aman.com

4. TAGOMAGO, IBIZA

One of the most exclusive hideaways in the Med, this private island and villa, a few minutes from Ibiza by speedboat, fulfils every wish list imaginable for the ultimate summer party: huge terraces, private boat, chef, saltwater pool, water sports, mixologist and DJ. Sleeps 10.

www.tagomago-island.com

5. SA TERRA ROTJA, MAJORCA

Tucked between mountains and the Mediterranean on a private estate of extraordinary natural beauty, this perfect villa near the village of Banyalbufar shares a saltwater pool, tennis court and private pebble beach with two sister properties.

Sleeps 8.

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