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Other Semi-Deserted Isles

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JUST YOU AND SOME SEA TURTLES/ Song Saa, Cambodia
Opening in February 2012, Cambodia's first private island resort is sustainable (built from local, natural materials), with a wellness bent and overwhelming opulence (the spa commands its own island). There's also an untouched archipelago to explore. Kayak through mangroves, hike the rain forest, or monitor turtle populations with resident conservationists. **Capacity:** Up to 54 guests (855-236-860-360, doubles, \$1,596-\$1,836, all-inclusive)

JUST YOU AND JOHNNY DEPP WANNABES/ Petit St. Vincent, Caribbean
Things you won't find on **Petit St. Vincent**, which just reopened after a multimillion-dollar overhaul: room keys, cars, TVs, phones, Wi-Fi, and an airstrip (guests fly into Union Island, a 20-minute boat ride away). What you *will* find are 22 terraced stone cottages, white sand beaches, and boats for cruising the Grenadines—where Jack Sparrow swashbuckled in *Pirates of the Caribbean*. **Capacity:** Up to 44 guests (800-654-9326, doubles, \$1,080-\$1,620, all-inclusive)

JUST YOU AND THE STARS/ Pulau Joyo, Indonesia
"You've never seen stars quite so bright," says Antony Marden, owner of **Pulau Joyo**, who describes his Indonesian island as "Survivor with 20 staff, great wines, and every comfort." Stay in a "Driftwood Palace" with a terrace that catches the sea breeze. And peel yourself away from the pool to take a sunset cruise on a private yacht or snorkel in coral reefs teeming with tropical fish. **Capacity:** Up to 28 guests (62-812-700-6756, doubles, \$767, all-inclusive)



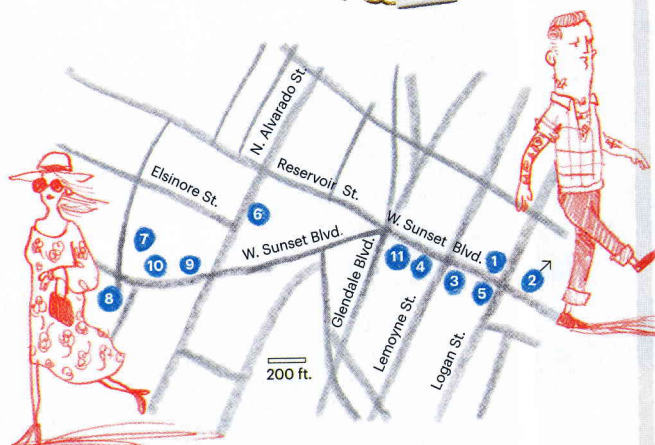
OBJECT

Bonita Bauble

Can't get to the tropics this winter? Pretend with a **Frieda&Nellie** necklace inspired by the designers' travels. This one evokes Puerto Escondido, Mexico, where they surfed and trawled markets for vintage gems (friedaandnellie.com; \$525).



TACO BELLE
A happy Tacos Ariza's patron.



HOT HOOD

L.A., Hold the Glitz

Touring the city's alt-cultural (and vegetarian) epicenter: **Echo Park**

THE SCENE A vintage slice of Los Angeles right out of a Raymond Chandler novel, Echo Park (EP to the truly trendy) is a Latino working-class neighborhood that's recently attracted fringe seekers of every stripe: tatted hipsters, musicians, geek-chic writers and artists, and vegans and vegetarians galore

HOW TO GET THERE It's a 10-minute drive from downtown, 30 minutes

from Beverly Hills
THE NEIGHBORHOOD Begin with an only-in-L.A. breakfast: a chorizo quesadilla from **1 Tacos Ariza's**, a taco truck with serious street food cred (corner of Sunset and Logan). Then take a 10-minute stroll to **2 Feeding Birds Boutique**, stocked with vintage birdcages and kitschy cookie jars from the 1970s (1825 Echo Park Ave., 323-665-8551) **3 E.P.I.C.** is full

of hip, haute, and all-local designs, our favorites are Chelsea Rebelle's pretty, prim dresses (1712 W. Sunset Blvd., 213-483-0260). A block away, at **4 Origami Vinyl**, Modest Mouse seven-inches sit next to mint Led Zep rarities (1816 W. Sunset Blvd., 213-413-3030) Lunch is at **5 Sage Vegan Bistro**, known for its flavorful Jamaican jerk portabella burgers and scoops of rich vegan-chocolate ice

cream (1700 W. Sunset Blvd., 213-989-1718) At **6 Echo Park Film Center**, take a Final Cut class or rent rare Super 8 gear (1200 N. Alvarado St., 213-484-8846) The nearby **7 DeKor** is a Swedish shop rife with mod Scandi furniture and colorful kilim rugs (2145 W. Sunset Blvd., 213-375-7627) From there, the evening begins. Drinks are at **8 City Sip**, which pours an abundance of California wines (2150 W. Sunset Blvd.) The vegetarian dinner option is **9 Elf Cafe**, known for ambrosial Mediterranean tagines (2135 W.

Sunset Blvd., 213-484-6829, entrées, \$14-\$19), while scenesters like **10 Mohawk Bend**, a vaudevilian space serving strictly Californian tap beers, plus cocktails and two menus: one for vegans, one for omnivores. The second includes dates stuffed with local chorizo (2141 W. Sunset Blvd., 213-483-2337, entrées, \$12-\$21) Top the night off with high-octane riffs at **11 Echo and Echoplex**, a latter-day CBGB; recent shows have included Yellowman and Shonen Knife (1822 W. Sunset Blvd. and 1154 Glendale Blvd.)