

INTERNATIONAL

FROM LUSH MAURITIUS TO BORACAY'S BEAUTIFUL BEACHES, WE ROUND UP THE BEST EXOTIC ISLAND HOMES



MAURITIUS

Off south east Africa, the lush, friendly island of Mauritius – where both English and French are spoken – has opened its doors to foreign buyers. There will be about 12 developments with IRS (Integrated Resort Scheme) status dotted around the 1792 square mile island – including Valriche Villas, overlooking the sea in the south west. The development will have 288 two-, three- and four-bedroom villas, designed by a renowned Mauritian architect, which curve around the back of the 18-hole Golf du Chateau signature course with a beach club, water sports club and spa. **Prices start at around £400,000. Cluttons Resorts: 020 7584 3050 (www.cluttons.com).**



BORACAY

Boracay might be 17 hours away, but it's an idyllic paradise off the north-west corner of Panay Island in the Philippines, 200 miles from Manila. Although the island is tiny, just over 11 miles long, it is a well-established destination with five-star resorts and fabulous beaches. Beside the Fairways and Bluewater 18-hole golf course, The Pearl is being built – a development of 180 luxurious studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments just behind White Beach with spa, fitness centre, restaurant, beach bar, tennis courts, pools and 24-hour security. Buyers will be given a Special Investors Residents Visa and be exempt from paying 12% VAT on the purchase price. **Prices start at around £67,000. UK sales office: 020 7193 1390 (www.sansonanddunne.com).**

LA GOMERA

La Gomera, the second smallest and least known of The Canary Islands, is known for its tranquillity and healthy outdoor activities. There are fabulous walks through deep gorges and through the nature reserve, which takes up 60% of the island. Behind the Jardin Tecina Hotel and Resort, built by shipping company Fred Olsen 20 years ago, is Pueblo Don Thomas. This 'village' development, being built by the same company, has 400 villas and apartments set behind the golf course with stunning sea views. **Prices start at around £331,000 for the apartments and from around £675,000 for the villas. Resorts International: 01248 670006 (www.pueblodonthomas.com).**

