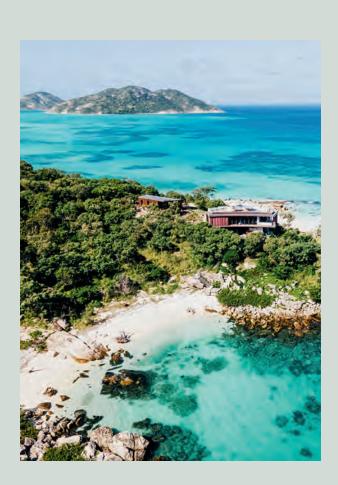
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THE TRAVEL ISSUE

## Is This the Great Barrier Reef's Most Exclusive Villa?

"PART PAUL HOGAN, part George Clooney." That is how owner Steve Wilson describes The House at Lizard Island, the new four-bedroom retreat on the Great Barrier Reef. Downstairs has a laid-back sand-on-your-feet vibe; upstairs, the glamorous rooftop terrace with its dazzling views invites you dial up the dress code a notch. Interiors feature tropical timbers and stone and an impressive indigenous art collection, while your support team includes a chef, a naturalist to lead hikes, a masseuse and a yoga instructor. Lizard Island's perch on the outer reef, 240 kilometres north of Cairns, makes for memorable underwater encounters. Grab a snorkel and swim out from one of your three private beaches or summon the skipper of your personal 140hp Seaswift RIB (a 17m Riviera Motor Yacht can also be booked) to visit worldfamous dive sites such as the Cod Hole, where you may spot everything from potato cod and manta rays to moray eels and cuttlefish. Says Steve Wilson, "It's an underwater safari," thehouseatlizard.com - Ute Junker





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