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Beats Airbnb! The people with the pick of the poshest pads out there. By Francisca Kellett

AVENUE

BEST FOR Grand British estates and A-listers' homes.

USP Owner Annabel Brooks, sister to Charlie, started life acting in Hollywood, and her formative villa experiences included staying in Versace's pad on Lake Como with Rupert Everett. Her standards, in other words, are sky-high.

BELLS AND WHISTLES

Outrageously glamorous properties and top-notch contacts. She recently arranged an 11th-hour VIP jaunt to Palm Springs, including a last-minute trip to watch a meteor shower in Joshua Tree National Park and a stay in Leonardo DiCaprio's house.

BEST IN SHOW

The Hampshire Estate, owned by Viscount Lymington, is a stunner, a kind of Downton Abbey for the 21st century (£46,200 a week, half board). Or try Quinta do Açude, in fashionable Comporta in Portugal – where you want to be seen – with beautiful interiors, a pool and a tennis court (£11,900 a week). avenueproperty.com; 020 3859 7763.



BELLINI TRAVEL

BEST FOR Villas in Italy. Palazzos in Italy. Parties in Italy. Anything in Italy.

USP Emily FitzRoy is THE authority on all things Italian. She has a monopoly on the best houses in Val d'Orcia in Tuscany, for example, as well as corkers throughout the country, including the top private palazzos in Venice, Rome and Florence. If you want to sleep in a principessa's bed or under a van Dyck, call her.

BELLS AND WHISTLES Bellini's clients have staggeringly high demands. Want to fly by helicopter to Pompeii after it's closed and be shown around by an antiquities professor from Naples University? Done. Need to grab a last-minute table at Da Adolfo on the Amalfi Coast and have the owner, Sergio, roll out the red carpet when you arrive? No problem. Will only one single butler



The Bamfords' place, Pink Cottage, in Barbados

in all of Italy do? Emily has already flown him to your villa.

BEST IN SHOW One of the most delightful properties in all of Tuscany is Podere Zingoni, which has views to make you weep, a swoon-worthy infinity pool and oodles of stylish space to bring the troops (from £3,200 a week). Or there's Principessa Ruspoli's mind-boggling residence in Rome, an incredibly handsome 16th-century apartment on Via del Corso, sleeping six (from £7,200 a week). bellinitravel.com; 020 7602 7602.



BLUE SKY LUXURY

BEST FOR Top dog in Barbados and a few other Caribbean islands.

USP This family-run outfit provides access to the smartest villas in Barbados and has second-to-none local contacts.

BELLS AND WHISTLES A pre-stocked pantry crammed with your favourite food and booze, divine staff that have been with the villas for years and a butler who can arrange anything from sailing on the fastest catamaran in the Caribbean to your own spa retreat with paddleboard-yoga lessons.

BEST IN SHOW Pink Cottage, which is owned by the Bamford family, has the perfect beachfront location, plus dreamy, wafy white interiors, a very zen pool and 20 acres of grounds to mooch around (from £18,000 a week). blueskyluxury.com; 0800 0885574.

ESCAPE TO HIDDEN CHIC

BEST FOR Fashionable, photoshoot-ready villas, especially in Ibiza.

USP Clare de la Poer Beresford has ace contacts (and friends) with stonking houses across Europe, as well as in more off-the-radar destinations like Peru or Malawi. Refreshingly, she can accommodate budgets from bashful to blowout.

BELLS AND WHISTLES Loads of local info and passion to match. She's very much a word-of-mouth operation, and some clients might want the yacht, the clubs, the top tables in Ibiza (tick, tick, tick), while others simply need a nice pad to be left the hell alone in.

BEST IN SHOW Villa del Mar Ibiza, overlooking the bay of Cala Mastella, has a vast infinity pool, breezy-fresh interiors and all sorts of terraces and outdoor eating areas for sprawling with a big gang (price on request). escape-to-hiddenchic.com; 07786 463862.

LOYD & TOWNSEND ROSE

BEST FOR Scottish estates and the grandest English houses.

USP Impeccable service and astonishing attention to detail. An example: picking out and flying in the exact right (French) bicycle seat for a particular client.

BELLS AND WHISTLES

House parties are big business, and they've arranged everything from private Highland games and Icelandic-pony riding across

