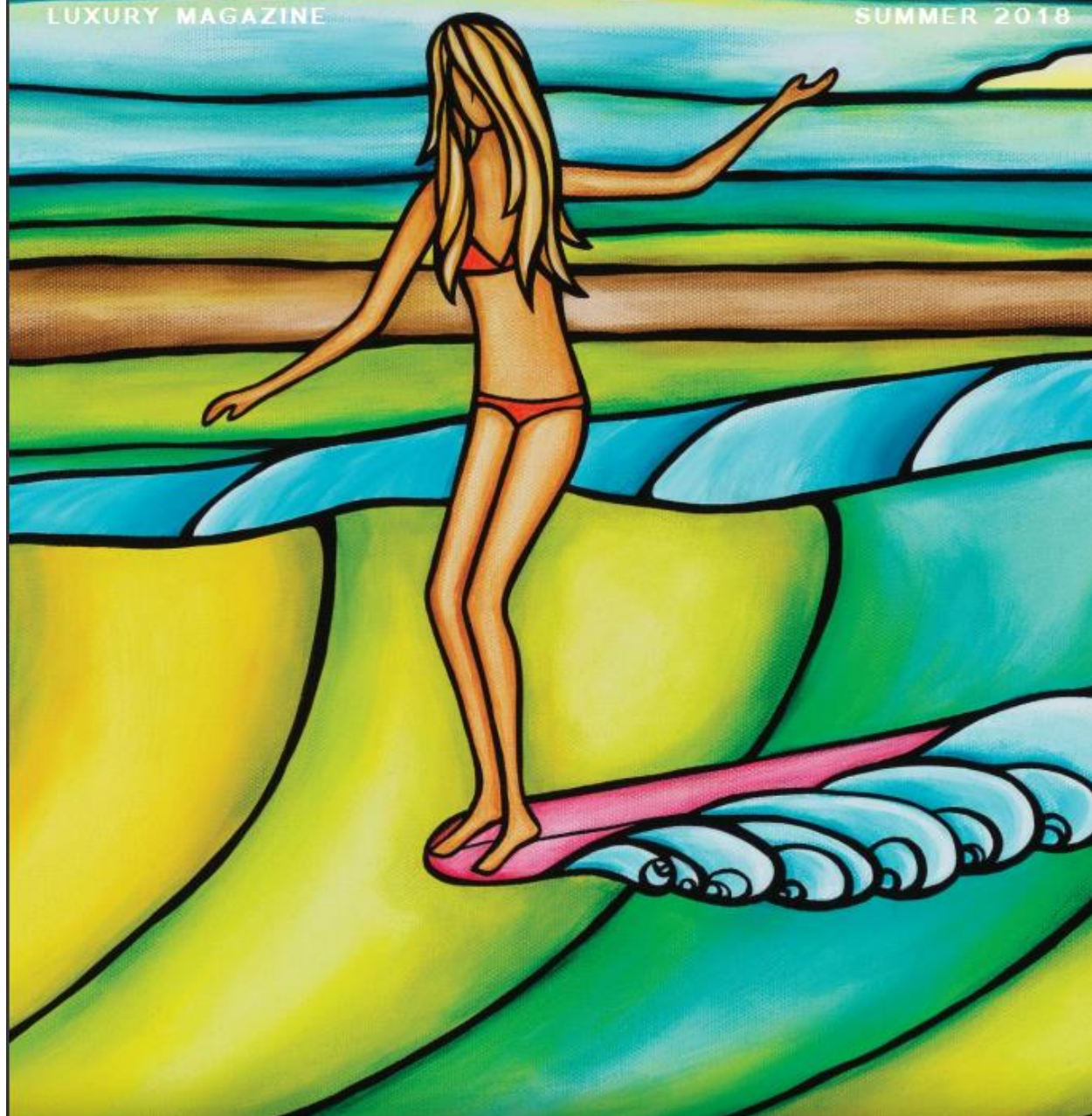


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# *Tours du Jour*

Whether planning a big family holiday or a romantic getaway for two, consulting a travel outfitter can make all the difference.

**HERE, THE TOP OPERATORS TO CALL FOR ADVENTURES OF A LIFETIME.**

Kelley: Tom McEneaney; Ombak: Jackson Watson; Hong Kong

Paris

Morocco

Africa

Seychelles

New Zealand



Mahé Island in the Seychelles; the striking blue buildings of Chefchaouen, Morocco; the highlands of Iceland; an African lioness and her cub; a Northern Vietnamese woman in traditional garb; sailing charters on the Aegean; evening game drives in Africa.



Richard Year, McCullough, Oliver, Corbett and Jackson, Wikimedia, Bing, Cor

## SEYCHELLES

*Turquoise waters as far as the eye can see and incredibly private snorkel sessions among uninhabited islands.*

While some travelers consider adding it as a quick stop to the end of an East African safari, the Seychelles—that idyllic archipelago of 115 islands in the Indian Ocean—is a destination in and of itself, says DanaLee May, senior specialist for Africa and the Middle East for **Cox & Kings** ([coxandkings.com](http://coxandkings.com)). “The Seychelles offers a lot of history, a lot of culture, and miles and miles of amazingly beautiful beaches. There are a plethora of things to choose from, with hotels that start at a four-star level and go up to seven-star, like the private Fregate and North Islands.”

The company, which has been in business since 1758 when it was appointed as general agents to Her Majesty’s Foot Guards in India, offers the Seychelles: Jewel of the Indian Ocean tour that suggests three nights on the main island of Mahé followed by a couple of nights on Praslin for beach time and day trips to La Digue and Silhouette Islands. “You can spend a week or more sailing to the little islands on a yacht, mooring near an uninhabited island to snorkel,” says May. “We focus on making a trip special—so we ask pointed questions: What is it specifically that you’re interested in? Do you like art? Do you want to be with families? Do you want to go diving even if you won’t know who your dive master is going to be and you don’t know the boat?” Most of the company’s local tour operators have been working with them for a minimum of five years. “At Cox & Kings we are here to literally make dreams come true. I know that’s a cliché, but that’s what travel is,” says May. ▶



*From top: Anse Source D'Argent beach on La Digue Island; the exclusive Fregate Island Private Resort; the archipelago's uninhabited islands. Opposite from top: Private lodging; African giraffes; spa treatments in the bush.*

