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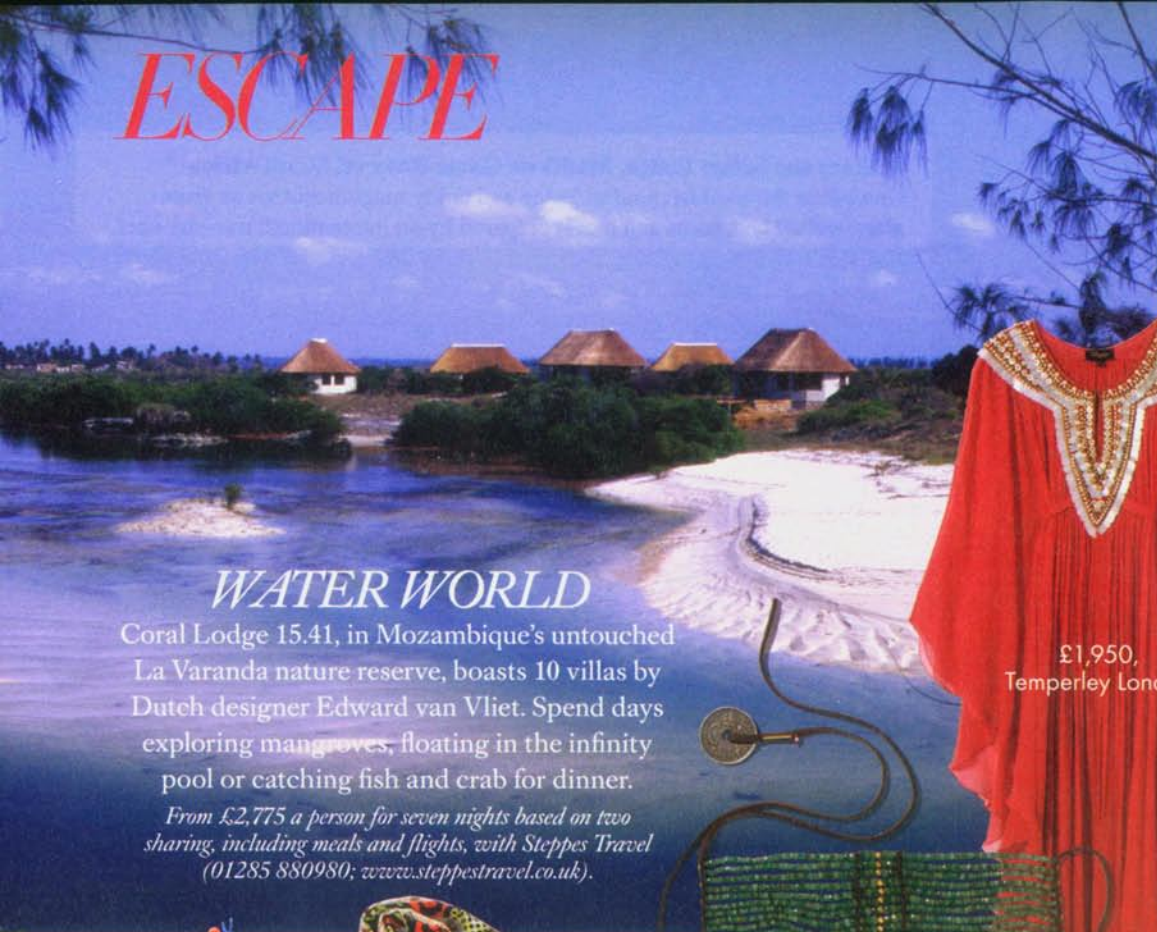
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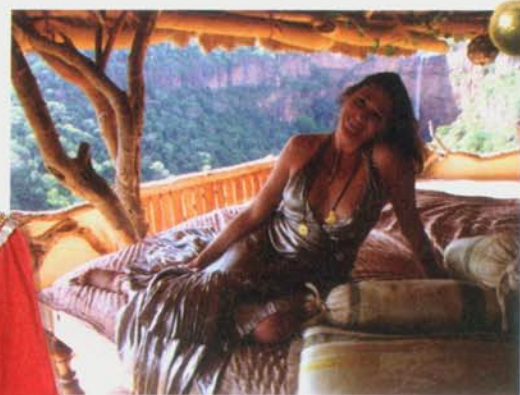




## WATER WORLD

Coral Lodge 15.41, in Mozambique's untouched La Varanda nature reserve, boasts 10 villas by Dutch designer Edward van Vliet. Spend days exploring mangroves, floating in the infinity pool or catching fish and crab for dinner.

From £2,775 a person for seven nights based on two sharing, including meals and flights, with Steppes Travel (01285 880980; [www.steppestravel.co.uk](http://www.steppestravel.co.uk)).



## INTO AFRICA

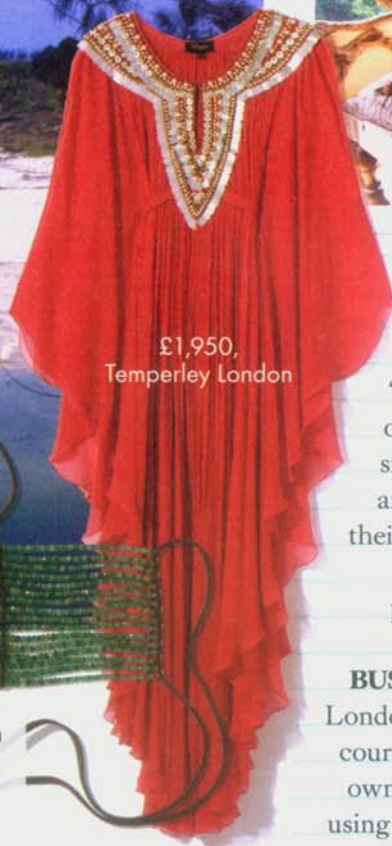
Jeweller Carolyn Roumequère gives her top travel tips

'What I love about Africa is the sense of freedom under such big skies; the smell of the red earth after the rains; and the people who have hung on to their traditions, costume and jewellery.'

**TOP TIP** 'Don't take too many pictures – it's a barrier between you and your experience.'

**BUSH STYLE** 'A long silk Temperley London kaftan with cowboy boots and, of course, my own jewellery – perhaps my own interpretation of a Masai choker using precious stones.'

INTERVIEW BY KAT LEVY  
Carolyn Roumequère for CoutureLab is available at [www.couturelab.com](http://www.couturelab.com).



£1,950,  
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£2,810, Carolyn Roumequère for CoutureLab

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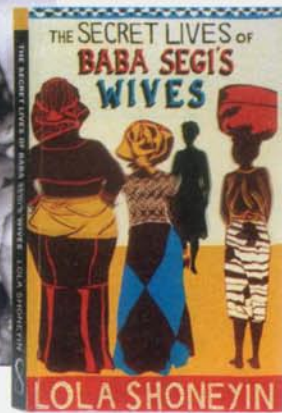
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DESTINATIONS AND  
EXOTIC BUYS

BY CATHERINE FAIRWEATHER

## BESPOKE BUSH

Lady Lori's helicopters are the ultimate way to travel in Africa – little wonder Sting and Branson are fans. The highly skilled pilots-cum-guides will organise anything, from tribal-art-buying missions to oystering on the Indian Ocean's coral reefs.

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## NEW WIVES' TALE

*The Secret Lives of Baba Segi's Wives* (£10.99, Serpent's Tale) is the rich debut novel by poet Lola Shoneyin (above), an engrossing and beautifully written domestic tale of polygamy and rivalry set in her native Nigeria.

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