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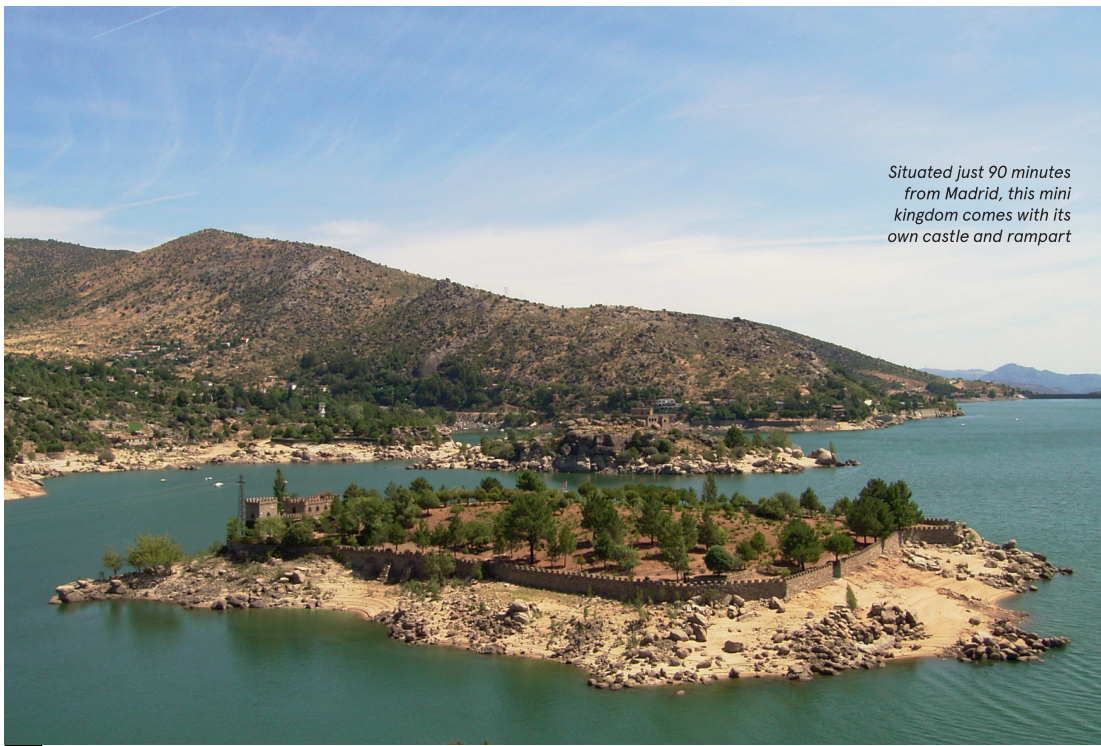
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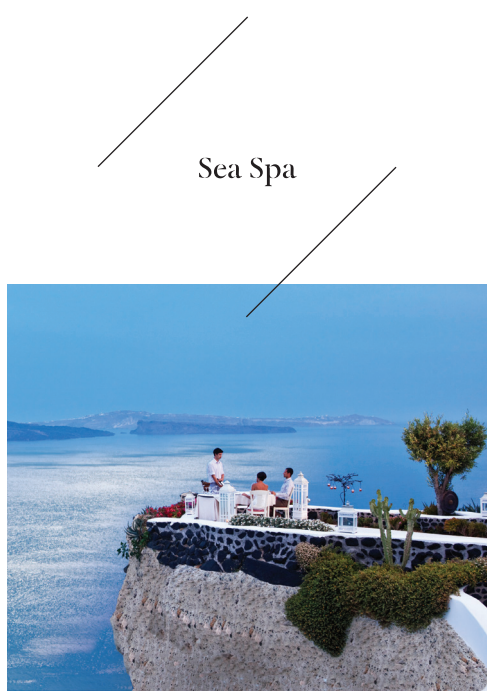
Hollywood director ROLAND EMMERICH on his life afloat



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Situated just 90 minutes from Madrid, this mini kingdom comes with its own castle and rampart



Sea Spa

# Buy Me an Island

This fortified island on a Spanish reservoir is the perfect choice for those wanting to be king of the castle, says *Sophia Wilson*

**S**et in the El Burguillo Reservoir in central Spain, this island may not be reachable by yacht, but it does offer a purchaser the chance to own a property worthy of the *Game of Thrones*.

Covered with vineyards, fruit trees and pine forest, the 8,000-square-metre Isla del Burguillo is encircled by a four-metre-high granite wall. Inside sits an eccentric castle, which can offer accommodation for up to 10 guests (or subjects).

The reservoir is situated between the municipalities of El Tiemblo and El Barraco, around 90 minutes' drive from Madrid, and borders the Iruelas Valley Nature Reserve. The island is 300 metres from the shoreline and can be reached in a few minutes by rowing boat or a power boat if required. There is a pier to land on the island and three doors that offer access through the stone rampart.

The castle was a watchtower before El Burguillo Reservoir was created in 1927. It has four bedrooms and might need some updating, depending on the new owner's taste. On the

ground floor a large porch leads onto an open-plan kitchen with a fireplace and access to the wine cellar. The most impressive bedroom is in the tower, which opens to a terrace with spectacular views of the reservoir. The current owner also offers glamping for up to 34 guests.

The island is home to a wide array of trees and flora, with plenty of opportunities to grow your own produce. Peaches, apples, pears, cherries, figs and black elderberries already thrive on El Burguillo. It is also a twitcher's paradise with a wide variety of birds – including griffon vultures, golden eagles and red kites – frequently spotted.

The granite rock basin of the reservoir means that the water is beautifully clear and clean. Several beaches are perfect for swimming, and the reservoir can be used for canoeing, rowing, water-skiing and sailing. There are also ample fishing opportunities, with black bass, barbel, carp and rainbow trout all found in the waters.

While the island may be less than a hectare, for the right purchaser it could be the perfect mini kingdom to rule over.



## Fact file

- Location** 40°25'44.1"N 4°33'50.5"W
- Price** €3,000,000
- Agent** Vladi Private Islands, [vladi-private-islands.de](http://vladi-private-islands.de)
- USP** A private castle in the heart of Spain

## Andronis Luxury Suites, Santorini

### Where is it?

Step off the central pedestrian strip in the bustling coastal town of Oia and this 29-suite hotel stretches like a vertiginous labyrinth down the cliffside, offering some of the most spectacular views of the caldera on the island.

### What's the hype?

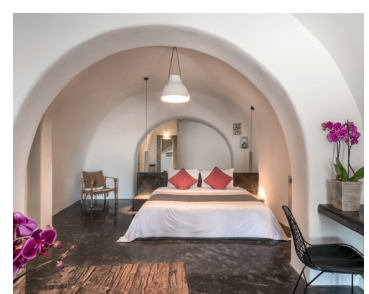
The hotel's private infinity pools, butler-style service and clifftop terrace restaurant ensure it is popular with actual royalty and modern royalty (aka the Kardashians) alike. Its Mare Sanus Spa is built in a canava – a cave that would have been formed by the volcanic eruption 3,500 years ago – offering a welcome respite from the summer heat.

### What to have?

The spa has recently launched a partnership with high-performance anti-ageing brand Valmont. To ensure you leave feeling like a Greek god or goddess, book in for the Vitality of the Glaciers facial, which includes a plumping, regenerating collagen mask and Valmont's signature massage, which helps improve circulation.

### Best by boat

Try and nab one of the mooring buoys in the caldera in front of Skala Port, or Vlikhada Marina on Santorini's southern coast is a 30-minute drive away. [andronis.com](http://andronis.com)



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