

## Five homes for childhood adventures

From a house in California with a fort, moat and 'dragons' to a Caribbean villa with forest paths and waterfalls

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### **Tranquility, Moonhole, Bequia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, \$1.59m**

**Where** In south-west Bequia, the second largest island in the Grenadines. The island's airport is about 10 minutes by car and has connections to St Vincent's Argyle international airport as well as Barbados and St Lucia.

**What** A four-bedroom, four-bathroom house with 7,600 sq ft of living space. The villa sources its energy from solar and wind power and uses collected rainwater and recycled water for irrigation.

**Why** The villa is part of the gated Moonhole private nature reserve, with winding paths through 35 acres of forest and waterfalls that are ideal for any young explorer. Children can also snorkel by the coral reef or see turtles at the sanctuary.

**Who** Sotheby's Realty, sothebysrealty.com, tel: +1 214 288 3299

### **771 Garden Lane, Montecito, California, US, \$26.75m**



The property in Garden Lane, Montecito, comes with 5.5 acres

Where In Riven Rock, an area in Montecito on the Californian coast. Los Angeles international airport is about an hour and 50 minutes down the coast by car.

**What** A five-bedroom, five-bathroom main house, with 5.5 acres of land that includes an outdoor pool, eight-car garage and additional guest house and studio.



The towered fort

**Why** At the end of the garden, hidden among trees and bushes, is a children's enchanted forest with a towered fort, moat and oversized dragon sculptures.

**Who** Riskin Partners at Village Properties, [villagesite.com](http://villagesite.com), tel: +1 805 565 8600

**Pinewood House, Oxshott, Surrey, UK, £15.5m**



Pinewood House in Oxshott is Grade II listed

**Where** In Oxshott, a village 20 miles south-west of central London and 19 miles from Heathrow international airport.

**What** A Grade II-listed house built in 1880, with nine bedrooms, nine bathrooms, a double-height hall, ballroom and 20-car underground garage. There is also an observatory tower with views across the property's three acres.



In the grounds of the house is an adventure playground

**Why** In the garden is an adventure playground with two playhouses, a rope obstacle course, rock climbing and a slide. On rainy days children can retreat to the indoor pool.

**Who** Knight Frank, [knightfrank.com](http://knightfrank.com), tel: +44 20 7861 1552

**Soneva Fushi, Kunfunadhoo Island, Baa Atoll, Maldives, \$15m**



The nine-bedroom property is part of the Soneva Resort

**Where** The largest private home at the Soneva Resort on 35-hectare Kunfunadhoo. Malé international airport is 30 minutes by sea plane.

**What** A nine-bedroom house, with access to the resort's spa, dolphin cruises and glass-blowing studio.



The resort's den for children comes with an outdoor water slide

**Why** Young children will love the resort's "den", with its Lego room and outdoor waterslide. Older children may prefer snorkelling with manta rays or stargazing in the observatory.

**Who** Sphere Estates, [sphereestates.com](http://sphereestates.com), tel: +44 20 3617 1360

**145 West 11th Street, New York City, New York, US, \$25m**



The private garden at [145 West 11th Street](#)

**Where** Part of the [Greenwich Lane](#) development in Manhattan's West Village. Newark Liberty international airport is just over a half-hour drive.

**What** A recently built, 6,998 sq ft townhouse set over six floors, with five bedrooms, seven bathrooms, two rooftop terraces, a lift and a landscaped garden. The property has use of [Greenwich Lane's](#) 24-hour concierge, as well as the fitness suite, pool and screening room.



[The Greenwich Lane](#) building has a large children's play area with a fort made of books

**Why** Via the cellar of the house, you can reach the main [Greenwich Lane](#) building, where there is a large children's play area that has a fort made of books at its centre, perfect for the more studious child.

**Who** Corcoran, [corcoran.com](http://corcoran.com), tel: +1 212 633 1112