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(Just a little something.)

fishing and sport diving at islands farther afield, and the Vallée de Mai on Praslin Island remains much as it was when British explorers declared it to be the original Garden of Eden.

During Ammann's final white-glove inspection, a stranger mysteriously appeared and wandered from room to room.

"I finally asked him, 'Can I help you?'" Ammann says. "He was a Russian staying at the Banyan Tree, and I think the only three words in English he knew were 'Will you sell?'" The answer: "Nyet."

"I'm never going to build another place like this in my lifetime," says Ammann, who is 59. He and his wife plan to hang

out there occasionally, but the rest of the time, it's up for grabs—unless, of course, Will and Kate have first dibs.

Rates from approximately \$2,500 to \$5,000 a day, depending on season and number of bedrooms occupied. www.residenceontherocks.com.



Frontierland: Bahia Mala on Chile's Patagonia coast

YOUR MEN IN PATAGONIA

➤ There's getting away from it all, and then there's getting to Bahia Mala, a 1,729-acre coastal property in remote Chilean Patagonia. From the U.S., you fly commercially to Puerto Montt, Chile, then hop a helicopter trip direct or charter a plane to a small airstrip 30 minutes from the property—by boat. Bahia Mala has a furnished 1,300-square-foot lodge, four smaller cabins with beds, plenty of well water and a generator. What it doesn't have is a road connecting to civilization. This is off-the-grid living, a wildlife and

fishing paradise, and yours for \$3.5 million.

"Southern Chile's a frontier area," says Trent Jones of Hall and Hall, a 50-year-old Montana-based ranch management and realty firm that represents Bahia Mala, along with a selection of other properties for sale in Patagonia. "You have to have a spirit of adventure. It's not for every buyer, clearly."

Hall and Hall's service is to take a risky enterprise—buying remote land in countries where titled ownership can be difficult to verify—and making it as transparent and streamlined

a process as possible.

They've been in this business as long as anyone, first venturing to the southern hemisphere in 1992 when Ted Turner sent them to find him an Argentinean fishing ranch. After completing that sale in '95 and letting another decade of economic and market uncertainty pass, they began forging contacts in Chile and Argentina (and more recently Brazil), amassing a portfolio of varied properties on both sides of the Andes with excellent fishing, dramatic scenery and wildlife.

"Hall and Hall brings a

credibility factor to the table," says Spencer Moore of Silver Spring, MD, who has just listed his 3,500-square-foot Chilean fishing lodge, Río Palena, with the firm for \$925,000. When he bought the 18-acre riverfront parcel in 1995 he lacked the help of an agent, "which was a little tricky," he says. "Chileans are a very friendly and hospitable people, but they'll never tell you how many acres they have—or how many cows they have. It was a challenge." www.hallhall.com.

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