



ABOVE, A BEACH  
ON ARIARA IN  
THE PHILIPPINES.  
BELOW, A JETTY  
ON ARIARA



## BEACH

Get remote and rowdy on **THANDA ISLAND**, south of Zanzibar – it's a brand-new private number with a five-bedroom beach house, plus a pool and a private coral reef with a 1,000-yard exclusive-use zone (no paps). Toys include a dhow, three other sailboats, a motorboat for snorkelling excursions, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards. Teens will love the whale-shark snorkelling trips, and smaller ones will go bananas for midnight trips to see baby turtles hatching.

**BOOK IT** *Turquoise Holidays* ([turquoiseholidays.co.uk](http://turquoiseholidays.co.uk); 01494 678400) offers five nights, full board, from £38,800 for up to 10 adults and 10 children, including domestic flights but excluding international flights.

Far-flung **ARIARA** is a 125-acre private island in the Philippines and sleeps up to 18 in stilted jungle villas or beach cottages – think posh Swiss Family Robinson. There are a dozen boats, various jet-skis, beach volleyball at sunset, scuba-diving on the house reef and a crewed motor yacht for island-hopping around Tubbataha Reef Marine Park. Kids can go squid-fishing, trek to waterfalls and sit in on classes at local schools. It's educational – up to a point. **BOOK IT** *cazenove+loyd* ([cazloyd.com](http://cazloyd.com); 020 7384 2332) offers seven nights from £88,200 for 18 people, including flights.

**MOSKITO ISLAND**, Sir Richard Branson's newest baby in the British Virgin Islands, is a three-villa private island for 22 guests that's just a zippy boat ride from Necker, his original Caribbean hideaway. You'll get the requisite palm-fringed, white-sand beaches and lots of organised fun if that's your bag – like *Amazing Race*-style challenges, scavenger hunts and movie nights. Brown + Hudson can arrange a *Pirates of the Caribbean* immersive-cinema experience involving the whole family dressing up and reciting lines with a full cast – with a surprise cameo from your favourite actor for an extra fee of about £120,000. If it's Johnny Depp, we reckon that's money well spent. **BOOK IT** *Brown + Hudson* ([brownandhudson.com](http://brownandhudson.com); 020 3358 0110) offers seven nights from £589,000 for 22 people, including some meals and the immersive-cinema experience; no flights included. ▷



Dhows sailing near  
Thanda Island



Mangrove Beach Villa  
on Moskitos. Below left,  
Sir Richard Branson

