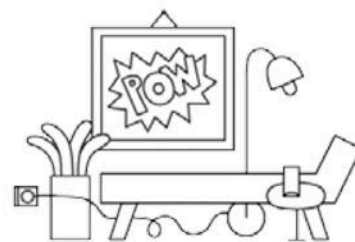


A ROCK OF ONE'S

Own

Private islands were once the exclusive domain of the Bransons and Brandos of the world. But the past few years have seen a relatively large number of private-island resorts open, letting many more of us play out a (coddled) castaway fantasy. In what's quickly become a crowded market, several newcomers stand out, like luxe Miavana off of Madagascar, with marine safaris and, of course, lemurs. Or Indonesia's legitimately eco, all-inclusive Bawah Island (left), which is an easy tack-on to a trip to Singapore. Also, Kokomo Private Island Fiji, in the less-touristed south, has some of the archipelago's best snorkeling. And then there's Gladden Private Island, the most romantic slip of sand 20 miles off the coast of Belize, where there's nothing to do, but, well, you know.



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