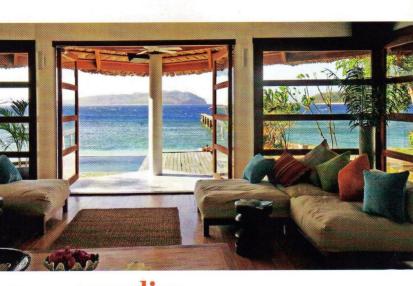
Arrivals



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Treat yourself to the ultimate holiday this Christmas on your own luxury private island in the Phillippines. After six years spent refurbishing the 125-acre tropical paradise of Ariara (one of the Calamian Islands), British couple Charles and Carrie McCulloch open the doors to their home this month. With just eight villas along the 600m main beach, spend your days exploring neighbouring islands (there are hundreds), scuba diving and fishing before enjoying the cuisine of Swiss-born Jacqueline Haessig Alleje, who has lived in the Philippines for 18 years and knows how to make the most of the daily catch, be it lobster, tuna, snapper or grouper. ariaraisland.com