



**Superyacht connection**

The resort has brought on board former superyacht captain and chief stewardess team Heinrich and Victoria Steyn as island managers.

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**BANWA PRIVATE ISLAND, PALAWAN ARCHIPELAGO**  
*Philippines*

The freshest addition to the private island rental pool, Banwa opened its shores earlier this year after a 10-year development. With a \$100,000-a-night price tag, it could give some of the world's leading charter yachts a run for their money. Available only for exclusive use, the 15-acre island can host up to 48 of your nearest and dearest in a mixture of contemporary beachfront villas and garden residences, complete with private infinity pools and hot tub decks. Tailored service is the order of the day – from private Pilates to personalized meals using produce grown on the island's own organic farm – but it's Banwa's natural beauty that makes it stand out. Sitting within the Palawan archipelago, which is famed for its pristine habitats, the island's perfect white sand beaches offer sea views across distant verdant mountains.

– [banwaprivateisland.com](http://banwaprivateisland.com)



**Green light**

The Aquos Foundation was created to nurture the resort's fauna and flora, such as endangered hawksbill turtles, tabon scrubfowl and rare Mantanani scops owls that call the island home.



**Best by boat**

Yachts can moor outside the reef and tender in, or Air Tetiaroa flies from Faa'a International Airport to land on the private runway for a true Tahitian welcome.

**THE BRANDO, TETIAROA**  
*French Polynesia*

If you want to go one better than Leonardo DiCaprio, Pippa Middleton and President Barack Obama, who have all stayed here, then take over the whole of this world-famous paradisiacal retreat for 60 of your closest family or pals (you might suddenly find you have more friends than you think). The best part is that you can lounge guilt-free by your sparkling pool overlooking the spectacular lagoon, because the resort prides itself on being the most environmentally friendly in the world (the air-conditioning is created by a pioneering deep seawater system, solar heating provides all hot water and the resort is fully biofuel capable). Set in the Tetiaroa Atoll, once a favored vacation retreat for Tahitian royalty, the resort was the passion project of the late Marlon Brando, who discovered the islands in 1960 while filming *Mutiny on the Bounty*. Bikes are the best way to navigate your way through its palm-tree-lined sandy tracks and days can slip by paddleboarding to one of the neighboring motus (small islands) or kayaking above the rainbow-colored coral gardens. Adding a touch of French flair, the island's restaurants are overseen by Guy Martin, the chef behind two-Michelin-starred Le Grand Véfour in Paris. The Brando's fine-dining Les Mutinés restaurant – which is surrounded by a moat and shaped to resemble the upturned hull of a boat – features Martin's classic dishes with an emphasis on local ingredients such as papaya and reef fish. And, in case you get peckish on your tipsy bike ride back to your villa, you leave armed with a patisserie gift.

– [thebrando.com](http://thebrando.com)



**Honey to the bee**

The 11 motus of the archipelago are home to numerous beehives that produce the honey used to make delicate macarons and specialist cocktails.



**Best by jet**

Fly by private jet from Manila to either San Vicente or Puerto Princesa and then enjoy a short helicopter hop to the island.



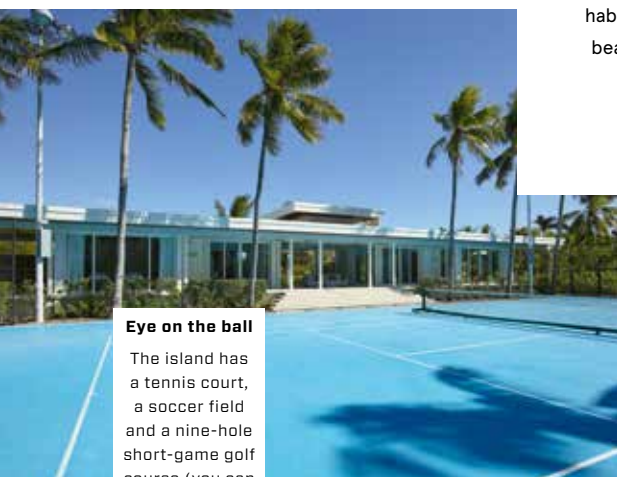
**Dive a little deeper**

The Tubbataha reef nearby will keep scuba enthusiasts happy for days and a short heli trip takes you to the underground river near Puerto Princesa, which was chosen as one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature in a global poll that ended in 2011.



**Traditional touches**

The Brando's Varua spa is set around a freshwater pond and focuses on Polynesian healing techniques, such as Taurumi massage.



**Eye on the ball**

The island has a tennis court, a soccer field and a nine-hole short-game golf course (you can also tee off from a jetty using fish-food balls).

