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10 miles north of Siwa; 20-2/738-1327; doubles from \$400, including all meals and activities.

20 | Al Natural Resort, Panama

THE SETTING An area of Bocas del Toro that hasn't changed much since Columbus sailed these waters 500 years ago.

GREEN FACTOR The simple pleasures at Al Natural act as an antidote to the distant, digitized world. Inspired by the ancient craftsmanship of the nearby Ngobe-Bugle Indian village, the five spare wood-and-thatch bungalows are open to the seas yet private enough even for jungle greenhorns. Showers come from vats of collected rainwater, and a 12-volt solar energy system powers the ceiling fans and mood lighting. The calypso-loving Belgian owners-managers are Panama's hippest castaways.

Old Point, Isla Bastimentos, Bocas del Toro;
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