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Finding a deserted beach in Thailand is a daunting task. Finding a deserted beach with a reasonably priced, eco-friendly, comfortable resort we thought was impossible. However, on the gem of an island, Koh Lipe, on Thailand's Andaman Coast there remains a pristine slice of island life. Castaway Resort, opened in November 2007 by Bangkok's Face Bar designer Pierre Drake, has set the benchmark for resort planners. With bungalows that emulate the local style and constructed by local sea-gypsies, the resort has been active in working in harmony with not only the environment but also the local community. There is no air conditioning in the resort: the elimination of the gas-guzzling appliances has been made possible by careful design, which allows air to blow freely through the accommodation. And with solar power is used to heat all water, the resort hopes to be carbon neutral in the very near future. All of which gets it a resounding cheer and two thumbs up.

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