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Food, Glorious Bangkok Food!

From succulent grilled satays to fiery lemongrass-infused curries, Thai cuisine is known around the world for its rich variety of flavors. Treat your taste buds on an Akorn Insider's journey, meeting some of our favorite vendors at popular foodie spots, local markets and the newest trendy restaurants. Save space for delicious desserts and tasty local snacks along the way!

The Gift of Clean Water

Get involved in the AKP Philanthropy Clean Water project in Cambodia and help change the lives of rural villagers, one well at a time. Since 2008, the non-profit project has provided access to clean water to more than 20,000 people in Siem Reap. Pre-purchase a clean water well ahead of your travels for the chance to meet and interact with the family that will benefit from your donation - an invaluable opportunity to witness firsthand the impact that clean water has on their lives.





A String of Luck in Laos

Receive a Baci blessing, a centuries-old custom in Laos, often performed at weddings, births and other special occasions. We offer a rare chance to experience this authentic moment with a local family. After performing a ritual prayer, each member of the family ties a white string around each of your wrists for good luck and future happiness.

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Thai History and Heritage with an Akorn Insider

Fly by private helicopter to discover the secrets of Ayutthaya, Thailand's former capital city, with an Akorn Insider and archaeologist. Just a short flight from Bangkok, the city captures the imagination with ruins of palaces and temples as well as a Buddha head wrapped within the trunk of a tree.

Memorable Meals: A Field of Dreams

Enjoy the gentle fragrance of newly grown rice in the paddy while basking in the fresh evening breeze and feasting on a barbecue dinner prepared exclusively for you by your private chef. Savor this memorable meal on the outskirts of Hoi An, Vietnam, with dishes such as freshly grilled catch of the day, roasted pepper duck and other gourmet specialties.



PHULAY BAY, A RITZ CARLTON RESERVE, Krabi, Thailand

Set within a marine national park dotted with limestone karsts, Phulay Bay, A Ritz Carlton Reserve is a paradise of white sand and blue skies. The spacious, private villas overlook the sparkling turquoise waters of the Andaman Sea and come with an outdoor bath or private pool.

Why we love it:

Our favorite moments were watching those stunning sunsets over Krabi's dramatic coastline while listening to live music at the beach. The boat to Hong Island's hidden lagoon was a highlight and the attentive personal butler service made our stay even more memorable.

PHUM BAITANG Siem Reap, Cambodia

A breath of fresh air surrounded by lush lemongrass meadows and rice paddies, Phum Baitang is a pleasant retreat on the footsteps of ancient Angkor and its many wonders. The private stilted villas offer a taste of traditional Cambodian life enhanced by modern comforts and a timeless, rustic charm.

Why we love it:

After a day of temples, we loved nothing more than to relax by the pool overlooking lush green fields. The century-old farmhouse cum cocktail lounge offers an indulgence in fine wines and vintage liqueurs.



TOPAS ECOLODGE Sapa, Vietnam

An excellent base for exploring the highlands of northern Vietnam, Topas Ecolodge is an idyllic retreat set on a hilltop just 45 minutes' drive from Sapa town. The cozy chalets are stylish and comfortable, each featuring large terraces with spectacular views of sunrise or sunset over terraced rice fields.

Why we love it:

Although internet access is only available in the reception and restaurant, we relished the chance to escape from the trappings of modern life and truly engage in the natural world, trekking to nearby hill tribe villages and simply relaxing in this remote haven.



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"Every day is a journey, and the journey itself is home." - Matsuo Basho, poet

> Buddhist monk statues in the forest Mawlamyaing, Myanmar



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