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4,000 Wonders of an Inland Archipelago

Catch sight of the endangered Irrawaddy dolphins that revel in the freshwater pools of Si Phan Don at the southern tip of Laos. In a place that captures the imagination, the mighty Mekong diverges around the crags of 4,000 islands, creating a dramatic and diverse natural ecosystem ideal for pioneering travelers. Hear the thunderous roar of Southeast Asia's largest waterfall and experience the slow life in this remote, yet rewarding destination. Dolphins can be seen year-round, but are best spotted between January and May.

The Khmer House of Liqueur

Take brewed black tea, a sprinkling of brown sugar, a dash of red wine and a generous helping of Sombai's house-made rice wine, then boil it all together with a clove-infused mandarin and you have the perfect start to a salacious Cambodian soirée. We love getting hands-on with this All Season Spiced Wine recipe and more at a spirits-tasting and cocktail-crafting session in Siem Reap.



A Vision of Beauty in Vietnam

A flowing long-sleeved tunic and a matching pair of trousers - *ao dai* (pronounced "ow zai" in the north or "ow yai" in the south) is a symbol of grace and elegance. Inspired by aristocratic gowns of the 19th and 20th centuries, this form-fitting look is fashioned from silk and is a staple in every Vietnamese woman's wardrobe. Browse the intricate fabrics and have an *ao dai* personally tailored to your body shape at one of our favorite boutiques in Hanoi's Old Quarter or in Ho Chi Minh City's designer district.

Hidden Histories of Phnom Penh

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The stories of kings and leaders are brought to life on this private "Insider's" experience of Phnom Penh. Walk with Dr. Jean-Michel Filippi, PhD, a linguist and anthropologist with a well-rounded knowledge of Cambodia's dynamic history, to learn about the extraordinary life of King Norodom Sihanouk, a great poet, movie maker and singer, and understand the rich iconography of Khmer art and architecture.



Thailand, Textiles and Traditions

Woven into the details, the diverse cultures of Southeast Asia are revealed in over 2,000 pieces of clothing, ceremonial items and household accessories displayed at a little-known venue in the heart of Bangkok's CBD. Gain access to this private collection with an expert in Southeast Asian art and one of our most sought-after Akorn Insiders who also offers an exclusive viewing of his own personally curated and remarkable collection of Thai textiles and antiques.



ANANTARA QUY NHON VILLAS **Qui Nhon, Vietnam**

Cradled by dense mountains, Anantara Quy Nhon Villas offers exclusive beachfront living on Vietnam's central coast. The villas boast unobscured ocean vistas from floor-to-ceiling windows and private pools overlooking the emerald cove.

Why we love it:

Easily reached by flight from Hanoi or Ho Chi Minh City, this newly opened retreat is the ideal place to de-stress. Our private butler took care of all our needs while we indulged in in-villa martial arts and water sports. Plus, we simply could not get enough of the four-hand massages at the spa.

THE SIAM | Bangkok, Thailand

An urban sanctuary in the heart of Bangkok, The Siam is a living museum bursting with garden greenery and elegant water features. On the banks of the Chao Phraya River, the suites and pool villas are individually styled, paying tribute to Southeast Asian art and design with the creative touch of designer Bill Bensley.

Why we love it:

From the picture-postcard atrium to the chic art deco accommodations, we were swept away by the sophisticated tranquility of this property. Dining in the traditional Thai teak wood house was a treat, and we loved perusing the antique ceramics, carvings and paintings thoughtfully placed throughout the hotel.



PARK HYATT SIEM REAP **Siem Reap, Cambodia**

Contemporary Khmer-inspired décor framed by polished timber flooring and Italian white marble create a refreshing sense of style and warmth. Just a stone's throw away from the temples of Angkor, the property offers space and comfort, along with a private garden or plunge pool in the suite categories.

Why we love it:

The highlight was tasting the expansive collection of tipples from the wine library and lazing by the part-indoor-part-outdoor pool.

Combine two nights at Park Hyatt Siem Reap with two nights at Sofitel Luang Prabang for exclusive rates and benefits. Contact your travel advisor for more details.



"There are no shortcuts to any place worth going."
- Beverly Sills, opera singer



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