



Akorn

Akorn DESTINATION MANAGEMENT

INSPIRE

March 2019

One of Thailand's best-kept secrets is a beautifully-preserved Khmer temple built in the style of Angkor Wat, just a short helicopter flight from Bangkok. Locals call it the "miracle" of Phanom Rung as the sun's orb shines magnificently through the temple's 15 perfectly-aligned gates on four auspicious dates each year - on 7 March, 4 April, 9 September and 1 October.

**Dates vary annually.*



Pulling the Strings of Mandalay's Past

At 86, U Pan Aye is the oldest living Master Puppeteer in Myanmar today. Bringing to life the tales of gods and mystical creatures with the mere flick of his hand, the master honors the tradition of *yoke thé*, or marionette theater, which has entertained Myanmar's kings and nobility for over four hundred years.



Flavors of the Upper Mekong

An assortment of melt-in-your-mouth meats and leafy greens grilled to perfection on a charcoal stove in the center of the table – *sin dad* is a Lao-style barbecue and a local foodie tradition which is simply not to be missed. For a great local night out, we recommend dining in a bamboo garden at Dyen Sabai, followed by a round of pétanque (lawn bowls) with locals in Luang Prabang.

INSPIRE | EXCLUSIVE

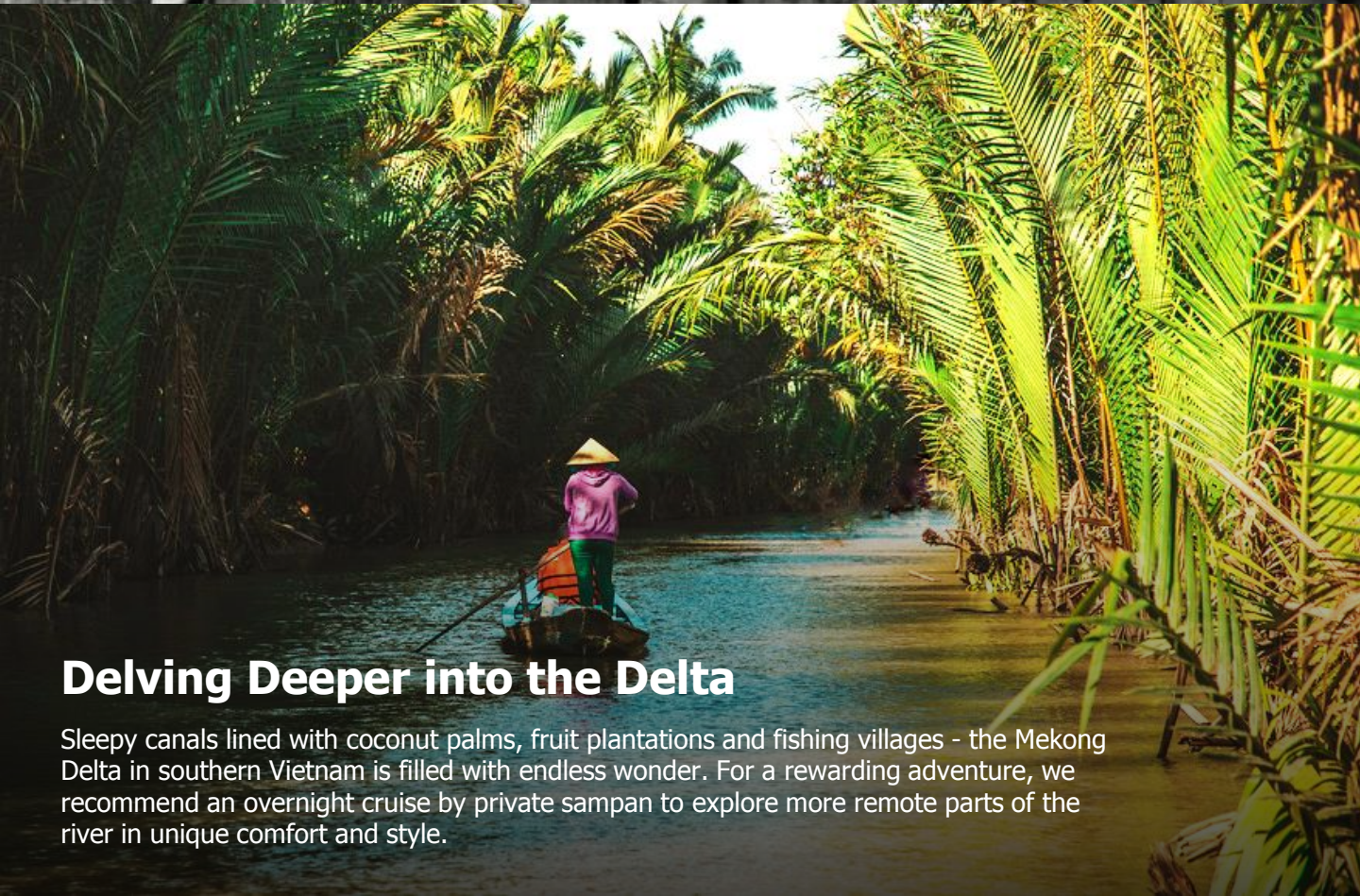
Angkor Through the Lens

Capture Cambodia's ancient Angkor temples on a private excursion with one of our favorite New York Times and Condé Nast photographers, John McDermott. Having photographed Cambodia's magnificent landscapes for over 20 years, John has an intimate knowledge of each temple's best angles and offers valuable tips to help you develop your own photographic style. Personally-tailored, this experience is suitable for any level, from budding amateurs to seasoned professionals.



Delving Deeper into the Delta

Sleepy canals lined with coconut palms, fruit plantations and fishing villages - the Mekong Delta in southern Vietnam is filled with endless wonder. For a rewarding adventure, we recommend an overnight cruise by private sampan to explore more remote parts of the river in unique comfort and style.





ROSEWOOD BANGKOK Bangkok, Thailand

Later this month, Rosewood makes its much-awaited debut in Bangkok and we were lucky enough to get a sneak peek. Perfectly positioned among Bangkok's top dining and retail venues, the distinctive property adds a touch of sophistication and boasts the only sky pool villas in the city.

Why we love it:

Combined with Rosewood's signature service, the suites are designed to reflect the lavish style of a manor home complete with thoughtful furnishings and Thai motifs. The indoor-outdoor saltwater pool was simply divine as were the healing remedies of the wonderful Sense Spa.

SOFITEL INLE LAKE MYAT MIN Inle lake, Myanmar

Comfortable and tastefully modern, this boutique property is a refreshing change from Inle Lake's more traditional-style offerings. Nestled between rice fields and floating gardens, each room features a large terrace, oversized rain showers and separate bathtubs with gorgeous views.

Why we love it:

We loved simply relaxing by the lakeside infinity pool and watching magical sunsets across the lake while buffaloes graze in the nearby fields. Choose a lakeside room which comes with a private jetty for direct access to the wonders of the lake.



AMANOI | Vinh Hy Bay, Vietnam

A fusion of contemporary elegance and traditional Vietnamese styles, the exquisite Amanoi is framed by central Vietnam's sapphire blue seas, golden sands and pristine natural forests. Now even more accessible, the resort benefits from new direct flights from Bangkok, as well as Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

Why we love it:

Set beside a stunning national park, this resort offers the quintessential Aman experience. We loved exploring the natural wilderness and simply chilling at the isolated beach, along with magical views from our private villa – ideal for families, romantic escapes or wellness retreats.



INSPIRE | STORIES

"It gives not only joy but great merit to feed others with a generous heart."

- Ma Thanegi, Myanmar writer



Mohinga, a staple of Myanmar cuisine



Akorn DESTINATION MANAGEMENT

Start planning your next inspirational journey to Southeast Asia!

*Over 30 years
of luxury travel
expertise in
Southeast Asia*



Sonja Stoerr
Director of Sales
North America, Australia & UK
sstoerr@akorndmc.com



Baptiste Dauvergne
Director of Sales
Europe & Latin America
bdauvergne@akorndmc.com

Our offices:

Thailand, Cambodia & Laos
thailand@akorndmc.com

Myanmar
myanmar@akorndmc.com

Vietnam
vietnam@akorndmc.com

If you like *Inspire*, you'll love
THE INSIDER by Akorn Southeast Asia!

Click here to subscribe now

www.akorndmc.com/newsletter-sign-up

www.akorndmc.com

Cover photo: Where the forest meets the sea in Khao Lak, southern Thailand

Check out our past issues for more *Inspire*-ation

***Inspire* February 2019**

An inland archipelago in Laos | Mixology at a Khmer liqueur house | The traditional dress of Vietnam | Phnom Penh with an anthropologist | Thai traditions and textiles

***Inspire* January 2019**

Food, glorious food in Bangkok | The gift of clean water in Siem Reap | A blessing ceremony in Laos | Ayutthaya by helicopter | Dining in a rice field in Hoi An

***Inspire* December 2018**

Vietnam's New Year flower markets | Light up a pagoda in Yangon | The taste trail of Siem Reap | Mark of an ancient "Sak Yant" tattoo | Sunset on Cambodia's great lake