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The Last Dragons of Indonesia

Fascinating creatures, the carnivorous Komodo dragons dominate the verdant forests of the Komodo National Park in Indonesia's Lesser Sunda islands. To protect their dwindling population, Komodo Island will be closed to visitors from January 2020, so start planning your private chartered cruise with us - and explore the island's volcanic hills, pink sand beaches and stunning mangrove forests - before it's too late. After the closure, smaller populations of Komodo dragons can be spotted on neighboring Rinca and Flores islands, which will remain open for visitors.

World's Best in Bangkok

Having just entered the Bangkok dining scene in 2016, Sühring retained its Top 5 position in Asia's 50 Best Restaurants in 2019 after debuting at #17 on the World's Best list in 2018. Led by twin brothers Thomas and Matthias Sühring, the restaurant sets the bar for German cuisine in Thailand, if not the world, and offers an intimate dining experience in a beautiful garden home with glass house seating and an open kitchen.



The Value of Lao Silver

The process of shaping and carving each intricate bowl by hand takes over a month. In Laos, these silver bowls are often used for religious and ceremonial purposes and families of hill tribe villagers have passed on the traditional art through generations. With a higher purity of around 95%, Lao silver is softer than common silver. Some of our favorite pieces are from a village in Luang Prabang where artisans craft silver bowls as well as jewelry and tableware commissioned by the royal family.

Chiang Mai's Blissful Morning Blessings

A monk's sacred blessing and a gourmet picnic at a quiet temple in northern Thailand are the ingredients for Akorn's perfect morning in Chiang Mai. Capturing the city's engaging cultural traditions and morning rituals, this private experience takes you to lesser-visited temples and a hidden waterfall at sunrise as well as Chiang Mai's famous mountaintop temple, Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, where you can enjoy the peaceful ambience before the tourist crowds arrive.



The Island in the River

Set on a small area of land in the middle of the Ayeyarwady River, Sin Kyun is a small community that specializes in peanut farming and hat making. Stop by to meet the villagers and learn about our AKP Philanthropy project that has helped provide much-needed facilities including a teachers' living quarters and a middle school building. This village is a stop on the Sanctuary Ananda cruise between Bagan and Mandalay, which recently launched new gourmet menus and sailing dates for 2020.

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ROSEWOOD PHUKET Phuket, Thailand

Hidden in a quiet cove, Rosewood Phuket is an idyllic retreat with a gorgeous beachfront on the island's west coast. The pavilions and villas feature private pools and contemporary-chic décor, creating a sense of home surrounded by the Andaman Sea's crystalline waters.

Why we love it:

Opening out onto spectacular ocean vistas, the villas offer spacious living—the smallest room is 130 sqm (1,400 sqft). Luxuriating by our private infinity pool, indulging in moments at the spa or simply relaxing beachside with a cocktail in hand were just some of our favorite experiences.

FOUR SEASONS RESORT CHIANG MAI Chiang Mai, Thailand

Nestled among emerald rice fields backed by rolling mountains, this peaceful resort is a haven of tranquility amid northern Thailand's verdant landscape. Each pavilion features ample indoor and outdoor living space decorated with traditional textiles, contemporary furnishings and decorative Lanna Thai motifs.

Why we love it:

An escape from city life, on the outskirts of Chiang Mai, this property exudes style and serenity. We love starting the day with yoga led by the resident yogi, dining at the restaurant's open terrace and lounging by the sparkling pool surrounded by ponds and working rice fields.

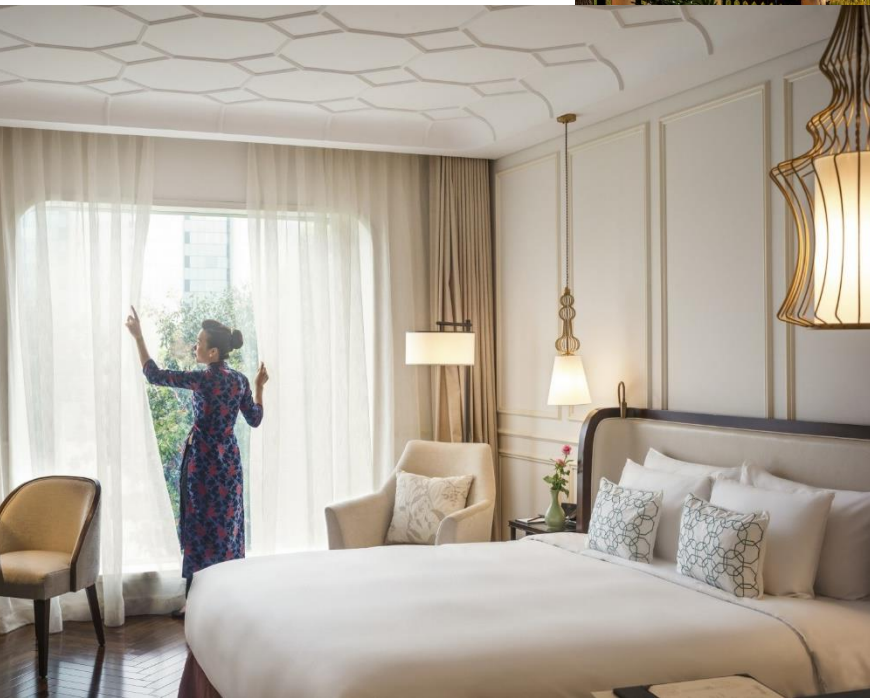


HOTEL DES ARTS SAIGON – MGALLERY COLLECTION Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Set in an up and coming neighborhood, just a stone's throw from the city's historical landmarks, this art-filled boutique hotel boasts a unique Indochinese style that combines the romance of Vietnam with contemporary and comfortable furnishings.

Why we love it:

Reviving the charm of the 1930's, the hotel's soft curves and classic tones create a warm and inviting ambience. We spent several evenings drinking in the views from the rooftop bar and browsing the antiques and paintings scattered throughout the property.



"An understanding of the natural world and what's in it is a source of not only a great curiosity but great fulfilment."

- David Attenborough,
broadcaster & naturalist



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