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Recognizing Myanmar's Heritage

The birth of a mighty empire, the rise and fall of kings and the inception of the Burmese language – the old city of Bagan has seen it all. Recently recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage, the remarkable kingdom with over 3,500 ancient stupas, temples and monasteries laid the foundation for modern-day Myanmar's arts, architecture and culture. Vast and mysterious, this magnificent landscape nestled on the Ayeyarwady River offers a surreal window to the past.

Handmade in Hanoi

On the cusp of a creative revolution, the streets of Hanoi are brimming with exquisite design and handmade fashion - all crafted by Vietnamese artists. Explore our favorite independent craft-makers and boutiques on a private Akorn journey through the city, discovering hand-embroidered silk dresses made by a four-generational family and intricate quilts sewn by Vietnamese villagers.



New Art in Old Chiang Mai

Look beyond the temples and old brick ramparts of Chiang Mai, Thailand, to discover colorful works of art – flame-juggling birds, fashionable tribal women and green-faced locals on scooters - splashed across the city's walls. The best way to explore is with a privately guided bike ride. Start pedaling through an ever-changing exhibition of street art showcasing the work of local talents such as [@alexfacebkk](#), [@sanimbass](#), [@muebon](#) and many others.

A Moment of Reflection in Laos

There's nothing better than taking time out to reconnect with your inner self and nurture your spiritual well-being, unless that moment of peace and tranquility comes with the blissful sound of a cascading waterfall deep in the Lao jungle. On the outskirts of Luang Prabang, Kuang Si Waterfall is popular during the day, but is all but deserted in the early morning when Akorn arranges private meditation with an experienced instructor followed by a healthy breakfast by the falls.



Khmer Candlelight Dinner

Surrounded by flickering tealights, you arrive at a rustic teak house on the edge of an ancient bathing pond where tenth-century kings once bathed. This is one of our favorite venues for an exclusive memorable meal in Siem Reap, Cambodia, where a private and beautifully-prepared Cambodian feast cooked over charcoal is arranged just for you in the vicinity of the mysterious Angkor temples.



SIX SENSES YAO NOI Phang Nga Bay, Thailand

Set among Phang Nga Bay's limestone cliffs and awe-inspiring coastlines, Six Senses Yao Noi is an all-pool villa sanctuary less than an hour from Phuket by speedboat. Combining natural materials with modern design, the villas embrace chic island living with private terraces that open onto magnificent jungle or sea views.

Why we love it: The resort offers the best of both land and sea with possibilities for forest hiking and biking, PADI diving and watersports or an Akorn private yacht excursion. In between adventures, we loved the farm to table cuisine that came with gorgeous ocean views at the restaurant and could not resist indulging in a few Thai-inspired treatments at the spa.

KNAI BANG CHAT | Kep, Cambodia

A minimalist retreat on Cambodia's southern coast, Knai Bang Chatt is inspired by the Japanese "wabi sabi" philosophy where understated is elegant and imperfect is beautiful. Housed in three beautifully converted historical villas, the boutique resort offers rustic accommodation with plenty of style and character, just minutes from the famous crab market with its delectable Kampot pepper crab.


Why we love it: An excellent base for exploring nearby pepper plantations and Rabbit Island, the hotel offers a chance to switch off, unwind and simply enjoy the tropical surroundings. Knowing that every stay contributes to sustainability projects makes the experience all the more rewarding.



BAWAH RESERVE | Indonesia

Resting among remote Indonesian waters with blue lagoons and coral reefs, Bawah Reserve is an exclusive island resort, beautifully positioned in a previously uninhabited marine conservation area. Take the resort's private plane from Batam, just across the strait from Singapore, and land on the water right in front of your villa.

Why we love it: With a range of overwater bungalows as well as beachfront and garden suites, the island resort offers true indulgence, ideal for a private break or a romantic escape. We loved relaxing in this timeless paradise with picnics on the beach and amazing snorkeling opportunities in pristine waters teeming with clown fish, parrot fish, long-nosed trumpet fish and more!

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a large metal ladle, pouring a clear, aromatic broth into a yellow bowl. The bowl is filled with fresh ingredients, including green noodles, vibrant green cilantro leaves, and several round fish balls and pieces of pork. The background is dark and out of focus, highlighting the steam rising from the hot liquid. The lighting is dramatic, creating strong highlights on the metal and the food.

“Every dish should have a balance of sweet, sour, hot and salty which you can only achieve by tasting, tasting and tasting.”

David Thompson, Chef and Specialist in Thai Cuisine



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