



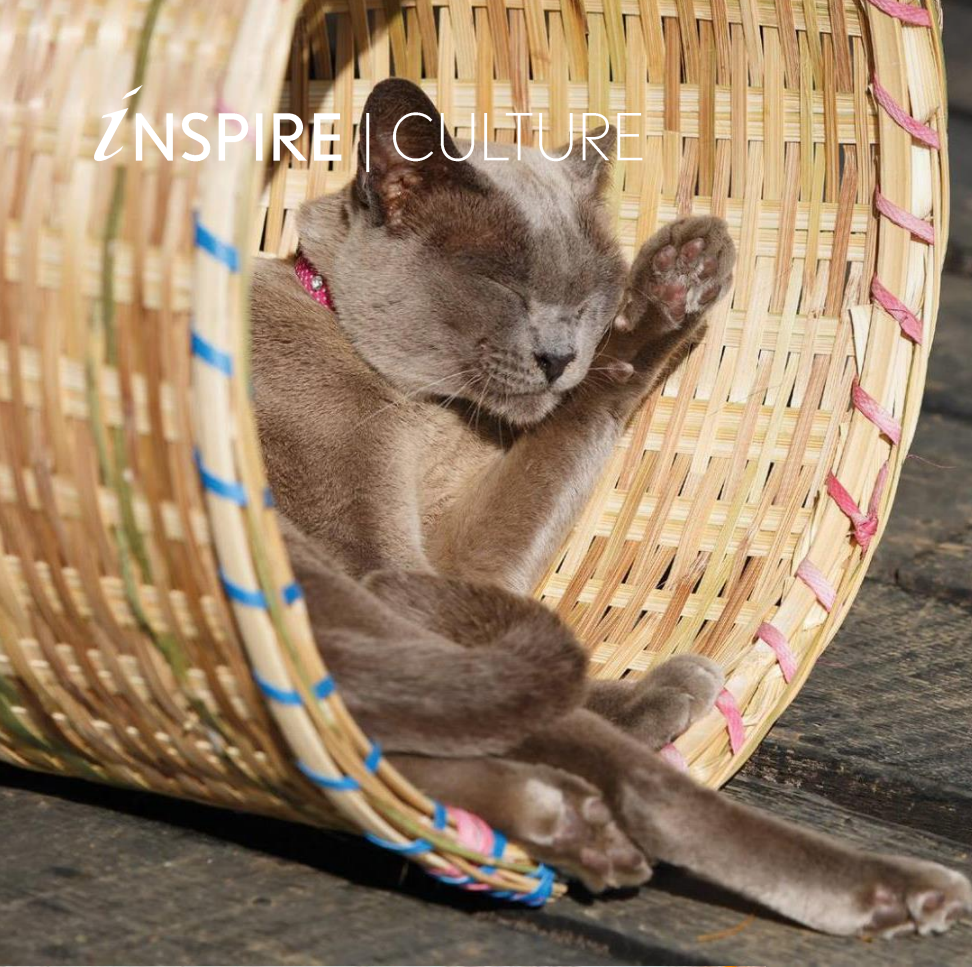
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## Bringing Back Burmese Cats

Pure-bred Burmese cats are known for their intelligence and good nature, and, let's face it, they are downright adorable! Brown, blue, lilac or champagne in color, these noble creatures were once prized possessions of Myanmar royals but, surprisingly, became extinct in their home country in the 1930's. Now the breed is thriving thanks to a non-profit cat sanctuary at Inle Lake that is helping to bring back the nation's heritage. Don't miss the chance to cuddle or play hide-and-seek with these fascinating felines on your next Akorn journey in Myanmar.

## Cambodia's Great Boat Race

For three fun-filled days in November, Phnom Penh's Sisowath Quay is taken over by live bands, market stalls and crowds of onlookers cheering their favorite teams paddling ferociously down the Mekong River. The vibe is electric and we love being part of this festive occasion which is one of the most anticipated events on the Cambodian calendar. *Bon Om Touk takes place this year on 10-12 November 2019.*



## Building on Lanna Culture

A well-balanced composition of light and dark tones and thoughtful transitions between indoor and outdoor spaces are some of the defining traits of northern Thai architecture. Able to withstand the rains yet stay cool in the hot season, this ancient building wisdom has been passed down for over seven centuries, dating back to the Lanna Kingdom, a vast empire that influenced northern Thailand and parts of Myanmar, Laos and southern China. Admire stunning examples of this unique heritage with Akorn.





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## **Vietnam by Motorbike**

We love to get as close to the action as possible and there's no better way than to jump on the back of a motorbike with your personal driver at the helm, and head out of town to discover Vietnam's scenic countryside and rural villages. Weaving in and out of markets, passing working rice farms and lush forests, whether you are exploring Hanoi and the north, Ho Chi Minh city in the south or Hoi An, Hue and the central coast, our Akorn private guided motorbike adventure is an experience you will never forget.

## **One Night in Bangkok**

Enjoy a night out in Bangkok – Akorn style! Start with cocktails at the city's newest swanky rooftop bar on the 76<sup>th</sup> floor of the Mahanakhon Tower where the drinks are well-crafted and come with spectacular views. Feast on Asian gastro cuisine by celebrity chef, Ian Kittichai, who presents playful fusion fare in a hot pink Thai villa. Then round out the night with an exciting tuk tuk ride.







## THE LUANG SAY RESIDENCE Luang Prabang, Laos

Encapsulating the romantic, old-world charms of Luang Prabang, Luang Say Residence is an idyllic escape to a slower pace of life. A tribute to the style of early French explorers, the spacious suites feature four-poster beds, wooden furniture and marble bathrooms. The colonial-style villas are set in a beautiful garden with white bougainvillea, hibiscus and lantana flowers.

**Why we love it:** Walking into the lobby with its grand staircase, tiled floors and old French clock is like stepping back to a time when velvet sofas and art nouveau were in vogue. Surrounded by lush, green gardens, this boutique property is ideal for a quiet retreat, just a stone's throw from the heart of town.

## COMO METROPOLITAN BANGKOK Bangkok, Thailand

Sleek and contemporary, COMO Metropolitan Bangkok is a sophisticated urban retreat that expresses style through its simplicity. Combining elements of both East and West, the interiors create a sense of calm with clean lines, natural light and plenty of space to relax and unwind amid the busy, bustling metropolis.

**Why we love it:** An excellent base for exploring Bangkok's hip markets and buzzing nightlife, this property is chic minimalist living at its best. Highlights include feasting on innovative Thai food at the Michelin-starred Nahm restaurant and Asian-inspired therapies at COMO's signature wellness center.



## SONEVA KIRI | Koh Kood, Thailand

Accessible only by the hotel's private plane and speedboat service, Soneva Kiri is an exclusive beach resort hidden in a remote corner of Thailand's Koh Kood island. The one- to six-bedroom villas feature private pools and al fresco living spaces that highlight spectacular ocean views and tropical jungle foliage.

**Why we love it:** It is not everyday we get to dine in a lofty treepod overlooking the Gulf of Thailand where waiters deliver food by zipline. During the day, we enjoy walking to waterfalls and fishing villages, sailing the vast ocean by luxury yacht and simply basking in the sun, sand and sea. Kids will love the slide directly from their treehouse room into the pool and the 64 flavors of ice-cream on tap throughout the day.







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- Confucius



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