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The diagram features a central circular illustration of a seated figure, possibly a deity or a person of significance, surrounded by a decorative border. This central figure is encircled by eight smaller, diamond-shaped grids, each containing a 3x3 arrangement of numbers and text in a script that appears to be Burmese. The entire diagram is set against a background of faint, larger-scale illustrations, including a large figure at the top and bottom, and circular symbols with numbers on the sides.

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Thailand's Red Lotus Sea

The arrival of the cool season in Thailand brings the blossoming of the "Red Lotus Sea." Though actually a vast lake filled with pink water lilies, the magical scene unfolds each year between November and February, just south of the Laos border in Udon Thani province. A one-hour flight from Chiang Mai or Bangkok followed by a one-hour drive, the journey is its own reward and offers a rare chance to see nature in full bloom!

The Master Carvers of Indonesia

I Wayan Muka was almost born to make masks. Having learnt the ancient craft from his father and grandfather, the third-generation artist continues the sacred tradition and performing ritual dances in which the masks are used to communicate with ancient gods. Discover the work of I Wayan Muka and other inspiring craftsmen with Akorn in Indonesia.

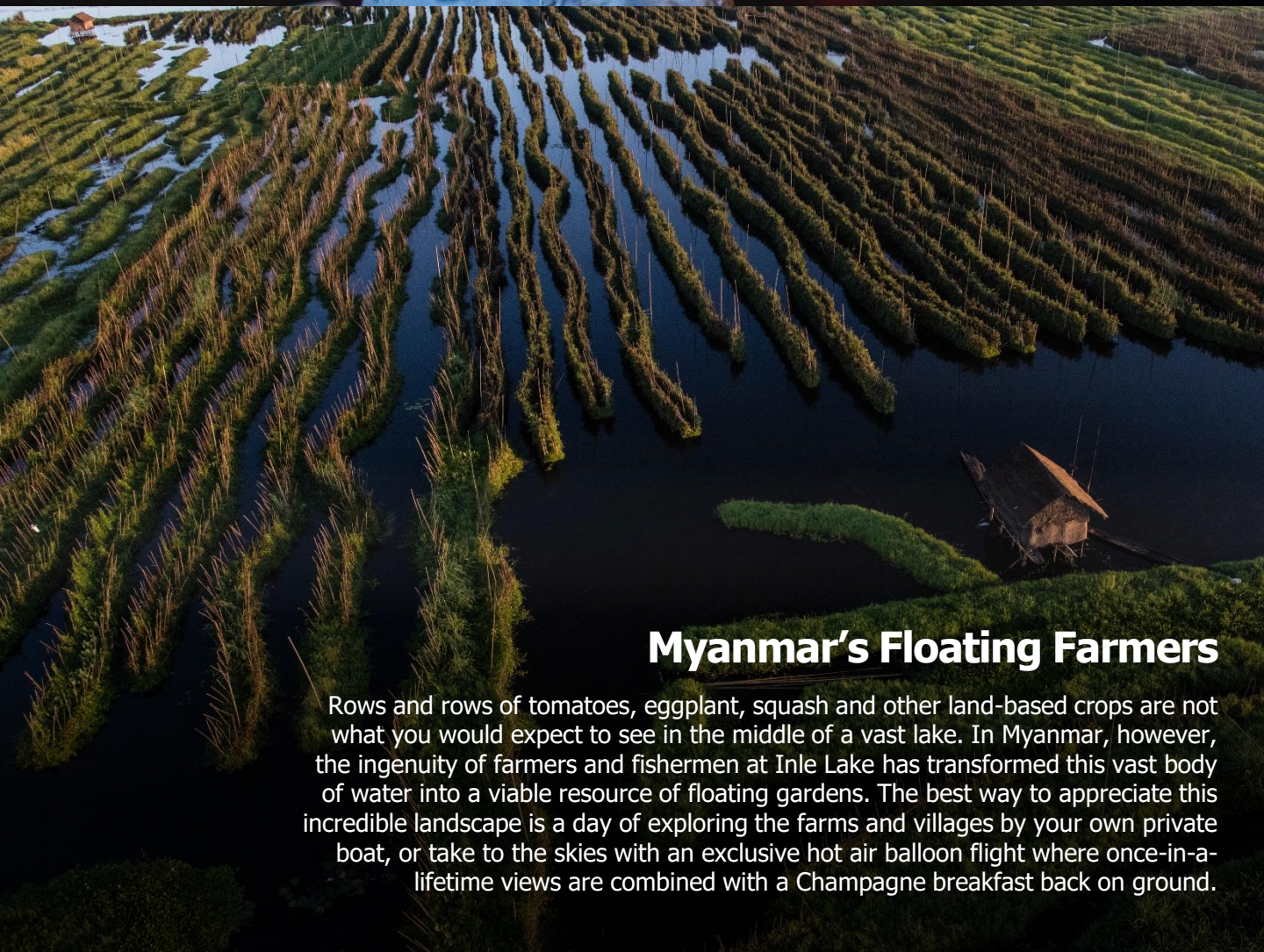


Craving Cambodian Curry

Succulent fish steamed with a coconut-y concoction of lemongrass, turmeric, garlic galangal – the basic ingredients of Cambodia's delicious national dish, Fish Amok. After steaming, the banana leaf parcel becomes a smooth, custard-like curry with gentle flavors that almost melt in your mouth. One of our favorite places to try this divine dish is Malis Restaurant in Siem Reap.

Hue Life and Traditions

One of our favorite experiences in Hue, Vietnam, is a private lunch at a historic garden home where owner Pham Ba Vinh displays his private collection of antiques and cultural relics. Spend time with your charismatic host, learning about his traditional way of life, the story of the house surrounded by lotus ponds and its place in Hue history and society.



Myanmar's Floating Farmers

Rows and rows of tomatoes, eggplant, squash and other land-based crops are not what you would expect to see in the middle of a vast lake. In Myanmar, however, the ingenuity of farmers and fishermen at Inle Lake has transformed this vast body of water into a viable resource of floating gardens. The best way to appreciate this incredible landscape is a day of exploring the farms and villages by your own private boat, or take to the skies with an exclusive hot air balloon flight where once-in-a-lifetime views are combined with a Champagne breakfast back on ground.



VILLA INLE BOUTIQUE RESORT Inle Lake, Myanmar

Beautifully encapsulating the style and character of the ethnic Shan people, Villa Inle Boutique Resort is a charming lakeside property surrounded by lush gardens - a peaceful haven on the edge of Inle Lake. The wooden chalets feature high ceilings and spacious living areas with gorgeous views from the floor-to-ceiling windows.

Why we love it: The comfortable bungalows are thoughtfully decorated with local crafts and have us feeling completely at home. We love relaxing on the balcony, watching the water buffalos in the fields and taking leisurely strolls in the gardens. The Shan-style massages at the spa added another layer of indulgence.

PHU CHAISAI MOUNTAIN RESORT Chiang Rai Province, Thailand

A wellness-focused sanctuary, Phu Chaisai Mountain Resort is an idyllic mountaintop hideaway with rustic bamboo cottages overlooking northern Thailand's scenic landscapes. Surrounded by natural forests, water reservoirs, springs, rivers, fruit orchards and an organic vegetable farm, the resort is a welcome detox from the trappings of modern life with no television or media to distract you.

Why we love it: We love the cool mountain breeze and the chance to feel the earth beneath our feet again while engaging in the ancient wisdom of Thai culture. The days here are filled with mindful meditation, mountain treks in the Mae Salong valley, guided yoga sessions healing aromatic massages at the spa.



INTERCONTINENTAL DA NANG SUN PENINSULA RESORT | Da Nang, Vietnam

A private beach resort nestled on the gentle slopes of Central Vietnam's Son Tra Peninsula, InterContinental Da Nang Sun Peninsula Resort offers the best of both land and sea. Another masterpiece of designer Bill Bensley, the resort combines traditional Vietnamese village architecture with modern aesthetics and a playful eccentricity.

Why we love it: Protected by the surrounding national park, the resort is a perfect haven for enjoying nature's gifts, just 45 minutes from the ancient town of Hoi An. The view from our large, private terrace is breathtaking and there is never a dull moment with wild forest monkeys as neighbors!





“Dare to live the life
you’ve always wanted.”

- Anonymous



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