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Cambodia's Living Lake

Though just a short drive from Siem Reap and the Angkor temples, the farmers and fishermen of Tonle Sap Lake seem to be in a world of their own. Hop on a kayak for a closer look at the mangroves where water birds forage for fish and other wildlife and stay to experience the magical sunset on the lake. The best time for this experience is between July and February when the water level is high.

Legends of Dance, Indonesia



Balinese dance is deeply rooted in the nation's religious traditions. Every movement of the hand, every look of the eye is perfectly choreographed to express centuries-old Hindu legends. Discover the inner workings of the performance on an Akorn journey and enjoy the accompanying gamelan orchestra which features the unique rhythms and sounds of Balinese instruments.



Layers of Design in Bagan

This intricate piece of lacquer art took seven months to complete. In Bagan, Myanmar, the art of lacquer-making is a skill that has been refined and perfected over centuries. Stop by our favorite local studio to see how artisans spend their days carefully applying each layer of lacquer – sometimes up to seven – and then completes the piece with the delicate touch of fine gold leaf - a truly beautiful and very personal work of art.



Vietnam's Lotus Rice

Stir-fried with dried shrimp, lotus seeds and mung beans, this fragrant bouquet of fried rice in a lotus flower bowl is a Vietnamese specialty historically reserved only for royals. This simple, aromatic dish is one of our favorite go-to meals at Hum Vegetarian – the center of healthy cuisine in Ho Chi Minh City, where you should also try the lightly fried lotus root in sesame salt, homemade tofu with trio spice sauce and the fresh and tasty banana blossom salad.



Morning with Monks: A Bangkok Blessing

Each morning, Thai monks chant ancient Pali scriptures, filling the air with an almost hypnotic sound. Experience an exclusive Akorn morning at a small Buddhist temple just beyond Bangkok's Grand Palace walls for an insight into this daily practice and a personal, spiritual blessing from a senior monk.



ROSEWOOD YANGON | Myanmar

Built by the same company that brought us Sydney's iconic Harbor Bridge and the railways of India, Myanmar's former Law Courts have entered a new phase of life in what is set to become the new home of luxury in Yangon. Featuring the lavish stylings of Lillian Wu, the building has been transformed into 205 contemporary living spaces without ever losing sight of its almost 100-year history.

Why we love it: Although the hotel is still in soft opening, we are excited to see the property already adding a new dimension to the city's dining and lifestyle scene. The original features, including the grand staircase, teak handrails and three-story Ionic columns, are beautifully blended with a modern, chic style.

RACHAMANKHA Chiang Mai, Thailand

Brought to life by local architect, Ong-ard Satrabhandhu, Rachamankha is a boutique hotel inspired by old-world Lanna Thai design. Set around a series of interconnected courtyards, the whitewashed buildings are topped with sweeping gables and are decorated with handpicked antique furniture from across Southeast Asia, Africa and Europe.

Why we love it: Located inside Chiang Mai's old city walls, just steps away from the famous Wat Phra Singh temple, this property oozes zen with its lotus and frangipani-filled gardens and turquoise-tiled pool. The rooms look and feel like something out of an antiques catalogue, where you can admire the owner's personal objects d'art in every corner.



COMO POINT YAMU PHUKET Phuket, Thailand

Located on a quiet peninsula, COMO Point Yamu is an idyllic resort overlooking the dramatic Andaman Sea and Phang Nga Bay's beautiful limestones cliffs, the property delivers contemporary style with a blue and turquoise color palette and touches of traditional Thai elegance. Floor-to-ceiling windows flood the space with natural light and perfectly capture dreamy ocean vistas and the hilly green landscapes of Phuket's eastern shores.

Why we love it: The perfect starting point for yachting, diving and kayaking excursions around the bay by day, the property comes complete with some of the best Asian-inspired massages and holistic wellness treatments at COMO Shambhala Retreat.



“The journey changes you. It leaves marks on your memory, on your consciousness, on your heart.”

- Anthony Bourdain





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