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## Serenity in Sapa

Escape to the lush mountains and terraced rice fields of Vietnam's northern highlands. A few hours north of Hanoi, this stunning landscape creates the perfect backdrop for immersive trekking adventures. Experience the simple life in remote villages of the Tay, Hmong and Xa Pho people and trek to a river lodge. For a truly immersive experience, stay at our favorite hilltop retreat, Topas Ecolodge, where rustic yet comfortable bungalows come with picture-postcard views.

## Vietnam By Bike

Discover scenic farmland and countryside villages on bicycle trails throughout Vietnam. One of our favorite places to explore on two wheels is Hue, in Central Vietnam, where quiet village paths take you past local markets, family temples and a wooden bridge that has been wonderfully preserved since the 18th-century.



## Coffee Connoisseurs

As the second largest coffee-producing nation in the world, the Vietnamese really know what they're doing when it comes to harvesting these rich, aromatic beans. Discover the source of the magic at coffee plantations near Dalat and Lak Lake in the fertile mountains of the Central Highlands of Vietnam. Coffee lovers will enjoy visiting artisanal roasters and taking in the coffee culture of Ho Chi Minh City's buzzing streets.

## A Moment of Meditation

From hilltop meditation with monks in Cambodia to ancient Buddhist rituals in Thailand or lunch with novices in Myanmar, Southeast Asia offers everything you need for a spiritual re-awakening. Wake up to the sound of monks chanting, be blessed by the abbot or recalibrate your life with a personally-tailored program at one of our top wellness retreats.



## Luxury Villa Stays

Experience personal service and authentic moments at our handpicked selection of resorts and private villas in Southeast Asia. Whether you are traveling to the verdant mountains of northern Thailand, the islands in the Gulf of Thailand or the pristine coast of central Vietnam, Akorn offers personally vetted accommodation, many of which come with dedicated butler service and in-villa chefs to ensure you get the most out of your travel experience.



## LEGACY YEN TU – MGALLERY Quang Ninh Province, Vietnam

An inspired property loaded with personality, Legacy Yen Tu – MGallery is a tribute to the rich cultural traditions of the Tran dynasty of the 13<sup>th</sup>-century. Nestled in the sacred mountains just north of Ha Long Bay, a few hours' drive from Hanoi, the property features designer Bill Bensley's colorful and eccentric style.

**Why we love it:** With rustic interiors, stone corridors and bright Asian tapestries, this unique property evokes the feeling of a highly-stylized 13<sup>th</sup>-century temple. Focusing on health and wellness, the spa offers a range of inspired treatments and herbal baths as well as a window into the region's spiritual traditions derived from an ancient sect of Zen Buddhism.

## SALA SAMUI CHOENGMON BEACH RESORT | Koh Samui, Thailand

An idyllic seaside retreat framed by swaying coconut palms and soft white sands, Sala Samui Choengmon Beach Resort offers a collection of private one- or two-bedroom pool villas and suites in a dreamy corner of Koh Samui island. The lavish villas feature traditional Thai style with striking white-washed walls and contemporary interiors.

**Why we love it:** The idyllic beachfront is perfect for walking barefoot on the sand or soaking up the tropical sun, sand and sea with cool cocktails from the bar. Morning yoga at the ocean-facing sala is a great way to start the day while the spa in the frangipani-filled garden offers a little extra indulgence.



## SIX SENSES CON DAO | Vietnam

A remote island paradise off the coast of southern Vietnam, Six Senses Con Dao is an all-pool villa retreat just a short flight from Ho Chi Minh City. Set in a protected national marine park., the resort's soft white sands and spectacular views create the perfect backdrop for a relaxing escape, complete with a range of watersports, island trekking and personalized wellness options to choose from.

**Why we love it:** With its sleek, wooden finishes and an open, contemporary design, the villas ooze serenity. After exploring Con Dao's heritage and sea turtle sanctuary by day, we loved to sip cocktails by the beach at night and indulged in a little extra R&R with soothing Vietnamese massages at the spa.

"If in our daily life we can smile, if we can be peaceful and happy, not only we, but everyone will profit from it."

- Thich Nhat Hanh, Vietnamese Buddhist monk



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