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Artisanal Dining in Chiang Mai

A unique experience in Chiang Mai's trendy Nimmanhaemin district, Blackitch Artisan Kitchen serves a creative nine-course tasting menu showcasing fresh Thai flavors and local ingredients. Seating just 16 guests at one time, the intimate restaurant is the brainchild of self-taught and passionate foodie, Chef Black, whose latest smorgasbord delivers classic northern Thai cuisine with a chic modern twist, such as 'larb pla' (fish tossed with mixed vegetables, chili and kaffir lime leaves) and 'khao soi' braised beef infused with mixed spices. Definitely one to try on your next visit to Thailand.

Coconuts and Cocoa in Vietnam's Mekong Delta

If you're looking to escape the hustle and bustle of modern life, we recommend spending a day or two at a charming little island lodge in the middle of the Mekong Delta. Set in a leafy tropical garden, this idyllic retreat is an excellent starting point for slow-life experiences, where you can explore the canals by sampan (local rowboat), cycle beneath a canopy of coconut trees or meet plantation owners who harvest some of Vietnam's finest cocoa beans.



A Traditional Arts Insider in Luang Prabang, Laos

In a home filled with gold-embroidered leaves, traditional tapestries and intricate stencil murals, Tiao Nithakhong Somsanith welcomes guests into the world of Lao art. Single-handedly keeping Lao traditional arts alive, the renowned artist spends much of his time working with young artists to preserve the art of the nation's palaces and temples. Enjoy a private viewing of the artist's collection and join him for a traditional baci blessing ceremony for a truly memorable Luang Prabang experience.

Private Tuk Tuk Breakfast

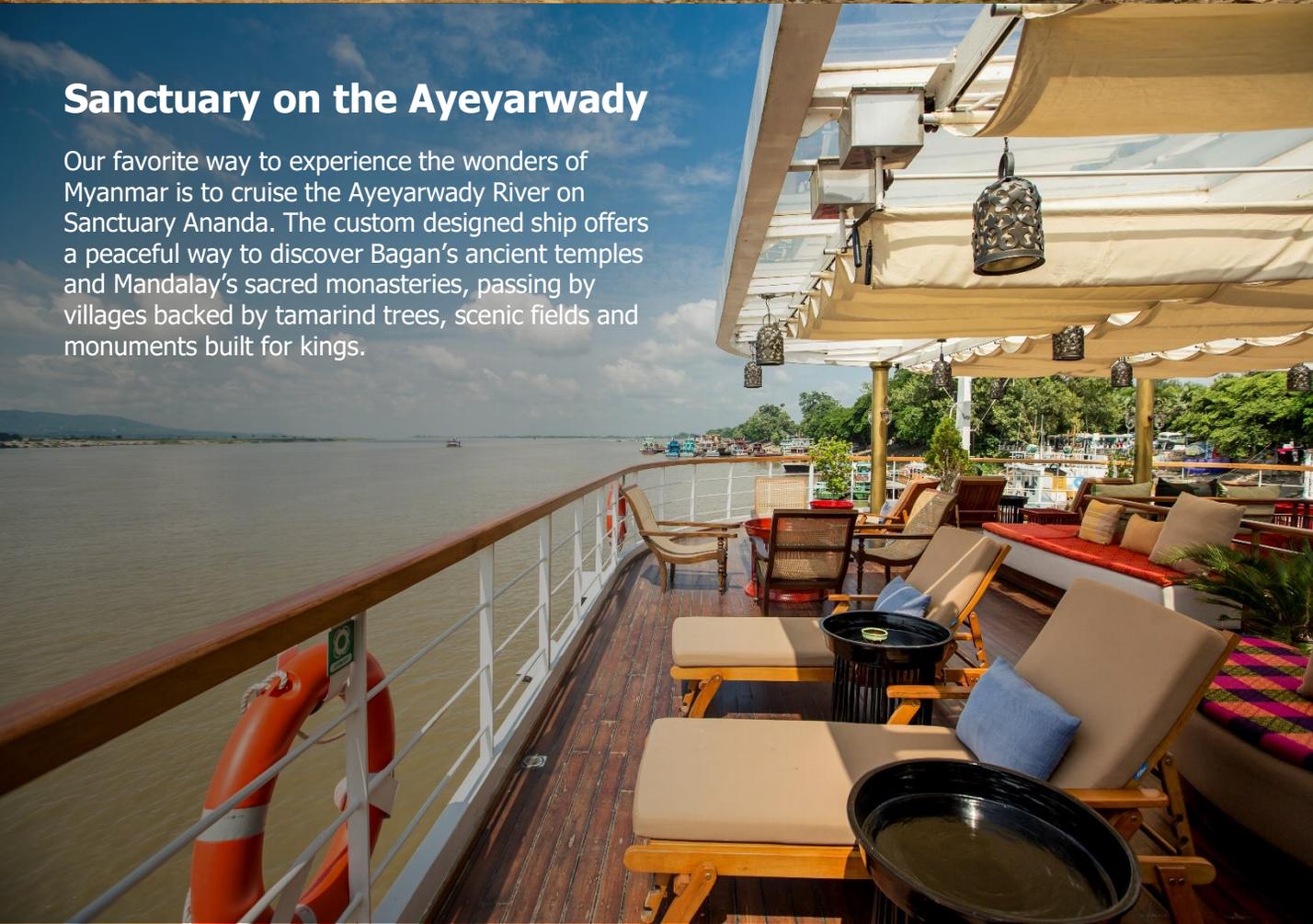
While exploring the forest-covered temples of ancient Angkor, why not stop for a light gourmet breakfast served in the comfort of your custom-designed tuk tuk? A unique mode of travel and also a great way avoid the crowds, this private and memorable morning meal is a great addition to any journey in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

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Sanctuary on the Ayeyarwady

Our favorite way to experience the wonders of Myanmar is to cruise the Ayeyarwady River on Sanctuary Ananda. The custom designed ship offers a peaceful way to discover Bagan's ancient temples and Mandalay's sacred monasteries, passing by villages backed by tamarind trees, scenic fields and monuments built for kings.



Spice of Life in Indonesia

Sail Indonesia's ancient spice route around the Maluku islands, where most of the world's nutmeg, pepper and cloves are produced. Also known as the Spice Islands, these remote waters near Raja Ampat and the Coral Triangle offer some of the best diving and snorkeling in the world.

The only way to truly appreciate this remote paradise is by private yacht – an idyllic way to travel for families or small groups. The Sequoia is one of our favorites – an intimate three-cabin, low-emission wooden vessel that comes with a Balinese spa and freshly prepared local food by chefs on board.

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COMO SHAMBHALA ESTATE Bali, Indonesia

Hidden among the green rice fields and tranquil forests of Bali, Indonesia, COMO Shambhala Estate is an engaging wellness retreat that offers holistic healing remedies, massages and fitness therapies, all personalized for each individual by the team of resident health experts, including a yoga teacher, Ayurvedic doctor and dietician.

Why we love it: The lush tropical views from each room and suite are truly inspiring and create the perfect backdrop for a positive and personal wellness journey. A walk through the emerald fields to receive a Balinese blessing and to bathe in the property's own holy water spring is a moment that will truly capture your spirit - mind, body and soul.

BENSLEY COLLECTION – SHINTA MANI SIEM REAP | Siem Reap, Cambodia

Showcasing eccentric designer Bill Bensley's sense of style and extravagance, Bensley Collection - Shinta Mani Siem Reap is a collection of 10 private and sumptuous villas shaded by tropical gardens belonging to the Royal Residence. Each villa comes complete with a private pool, custom Khmer inspired bed sheets and an outdoor rain shower and bathtub.

Why we love it: Representing the epitome of luxury living, the hotel comes with a crew of Bensley Butlers who are uncannily there when needed, but invisible when not. And with the option of in-villa barbecues and private dining on your rooftop terrace, why would you be anywhere else?



AZERAI KE GA BAY | Vietnam

Slated to open in October 2020, Azerai Ke Ga Bay boasts a scenic, oceanfront setting on Vietnam's southern coast, framed to the north by Hon Ba Island and to the south by soaring sand dunes. An idyllic beach retreat located a few hours' drive from Ho Chi Minh City, the property presents a pleasant seaside haven with a secluded white sand beach.

Why we love it: Embracing a minimalist philosophy, the guest rooms, suites and villas all evoke a sense of serenity, where a contemporary aesthetic is defined by a refined, understated design. Choose a room with a private pool for that added sense of luxury and indulgence.





A fisherman prepares for work on the waters of Inle Lake, Myanmar
Cover photo: Walking on the terraces of rice in Lao Cai in northern Vietnam

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