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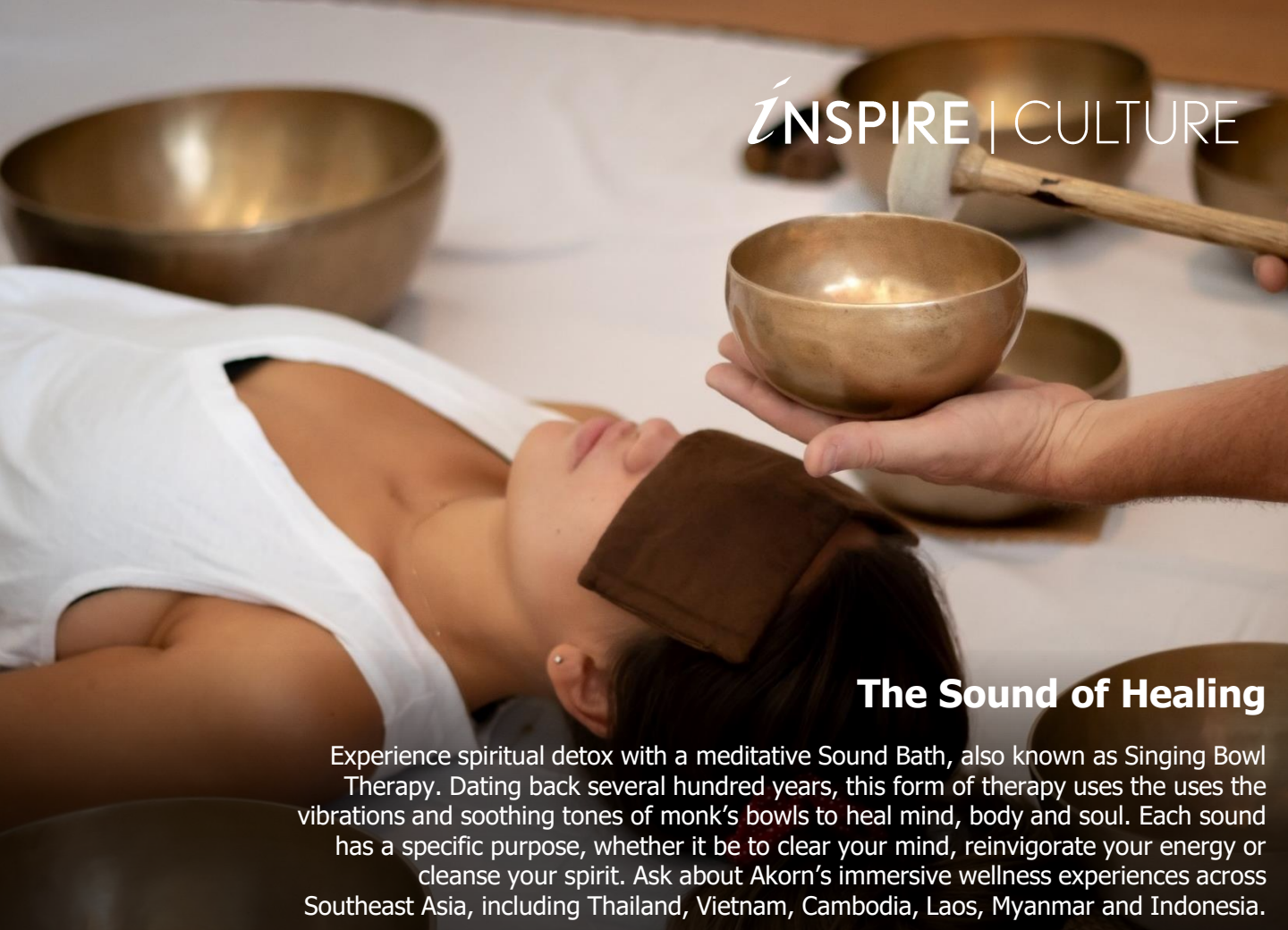
## Northern Thai Tuk Tuk Rally

Take off on a self-drive tuk tuk adventure into the countryside of Chiang Mai, Thailand. This is a bucket list opportunity to get behind the wheel of your own custom-built tuk tuk that comes with a rollback roof and Bluetooth speakers so you can drive to your own tunes. Feel the wind in your hair as you zip through northern Thailand's mountain valleys, rice terraces and hill tribe villages. Extend your stay with an overnight at a Karen hill tribe lodge.



## A Private Island Retreat

Dream of an ethical paradise in a far-flung archipelago off the southern Cambodian coast where giving back through environmental conservation comes with beautifully crafted overwater bungalows, private pools and fresh seafood served with organic, locally-sourced ingredients. Song Saa Private Island is a carefree sanctuary that works to preserve the coral reefs, mangrove forests and seagrass meadows of the Koh Rong Archipelago. Get involved by diving or snorkeling with a marine biologist and placing artificial reefs in the marine protected area or "Pack for Purpose" and donate old clothes or school materials to the local village. Learn more about ethical travel in Southeast Asia with Akorn and discover more ways to arrange a rewarding, sustainable stay.

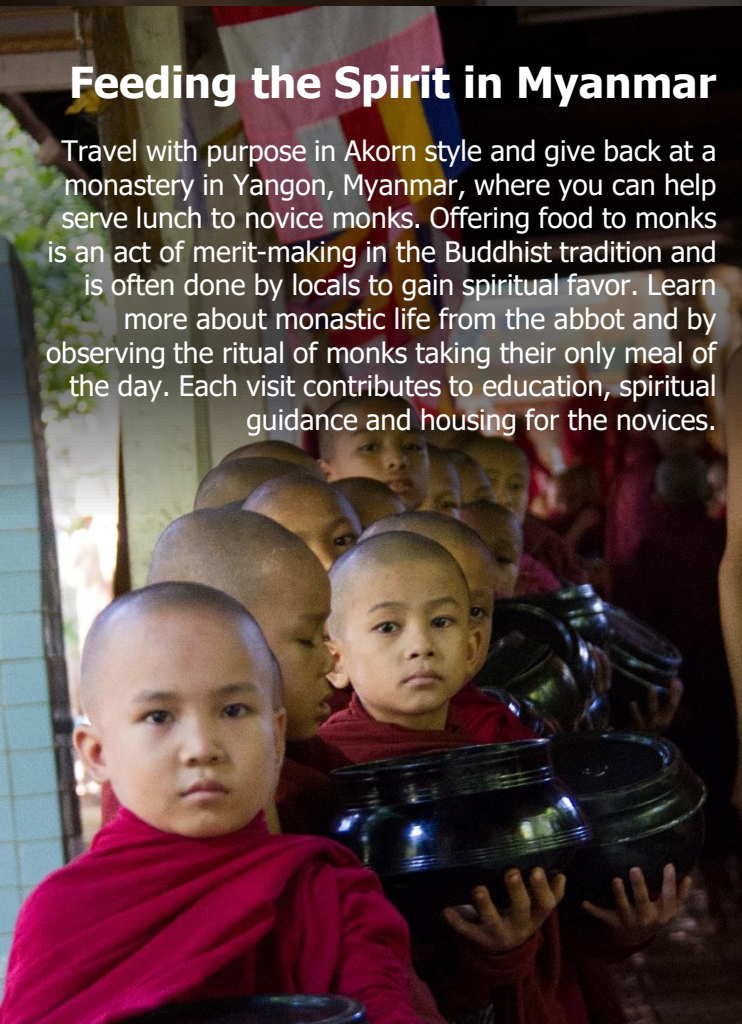


## The Sound of Healing

Experience spiritual detox with a meditative Sound Bath, also known as Singing Bowl Therapy. Dating back several hundred years, this form of therapy uses the vibrations and soothing tones of monk's bowls to heal mind, body and soul. Each sound has a specific purpose, whether it be to clear your mind, reinvigorate your energy or cleanse your spirit. Ask about Akorn's immersive wellness experiences across Southeast Asia, including Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Indonesia.

## Feeding the Spirit in Myanmar

Travel with purpose in Akorn style and give back at a monastery in Yangon, Myanmar, where you can help serve lunch to novice monks. Offering food to monks is an act of merit-making in the Buddhist tradition and is often done by locals to gain spiritual favor. Learn more about monastic life from the abbot and by observing the ritual of monks taking their only meal of the day. Each visit contributes to education, spiritual guidance and housing for the novices.



## Hoi An's Noodle Legacy

It is a noodle unlike any other noodle, and it cannot be reproduced anywhere else in the world! *Cao lau*, a rice noodle dish usually served with grilled pork and fresh herbs, is a specialty of the central Vietnamese town of Hoi An. The noodles have a unique, soft and springy texture which locals say is due to the water which is sourced from the town's Ba La water well, a landmark dating back to the Champa kingdom. Try an authentic bowl of *cao lau* on your next Vietnam journey and you can even try making the noodles yourself using time-honored family recipes.

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## ORCHID PREMIUM CRUISE Lan Ha Bay, Vietnam

With just five cabins, Orchid Premium is the most intimate cruising experience in Vietnam's most scenic bay and is perfect for exclusive private charters for a family or group of friends. Cruising through limestone karst visions of Lan Ha Bay, the quieter and lesser visited part of Ha Long Bay, the ship is beautifully decorated with chic modern design and touches of Indochinese style.

**Why we love it:** The cabins are spacious and comfortable, decorated with exotic woods and marble furniture. We enjoyed soaking up the breeze and taking in the view from our private balcony. The outdoor Jacuzzi on the sundeck adds an extra layer of indulgence.

## CAPELLA BANGKOK Bangkok, Thailand

The newly opened Capella Bangkok is an urban resort that boasts the only villas perched right on the edge of the Chao Phraya River as well as panoramic river views from every suite. With just 101 suites and villas, the hotel enjoys an atmosphere of calm and intimacy where each room comes with a private balcony or a verandah with Jacuzzi.

**Why we love it:** The hotel's riverside villas add a new element to the city's five-star luxury scene. With contemporary décor and spacious living, each villa features a plunge pool and a private courtyard, perfect for relaxing and watching life go by along the river.



## RAFFLES | Singapore

First opened in 1887 and fully renovated in 2019, the iconic Raffles Singapore is housed in a grand colonial property that embodies old-world elegance and classic sophistication. The stately guest suites feature a spacious living area and are outfitted with fine oriental carpets, warm teak flooring, lush Asian textiles and carved hardwood furnishings.

**Why we love it:** Wandering the historic grounds of this hotel feels like a step back in time. High tea is a classic affair with an assortment of sumptuous pastries. And you have not been to Singapore unless you have tried a Singapore Sling, the Raffles' signature cocktail famously crafted with a rosy pink hue to tempt upper class ladies in 1915.



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Bangkok Art Biennale has returned with installations around the city examining “escape routes” in art, creativity, and culture. The event continues through end of January 2021.

Cover photo: A private yacht sailing around the Flores Islands near Bali, Indonesia

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