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## Meet a Cambodian Fashionista

Update your look with one-of-a-kind creations by Cambodia-based, Madagascan-born designer, Eric Raisina. Having worked with the likes of Yves Saint Laurent and Christian Lacroix, the charismatic designer is one of Cambodia's most illustrious fashionistas, putting Cambodian fashion on the map with his vivid colors and hand-crafted textiles. You will find Raisina's couture pieces in the boutiques of Paris and Phnom Penh, and meet the designer in person on our Ethical Artisans experience in Siem Reap, with Akorn.



## Inside Vietnam's New Luxury Rail

Step aboard the Vietage, a new luxury railway experience on the central Vietnamese coast, from Da Nang (Hoi An) to Quy Nhon. Framed by wooden floors and rattan panels, the custom-designed, 12-seater carriage delivers the perfect backdrop for the six-hour ride through Vietnam's peaceful countryside.



## Singapore's Food Gains UNESCO Status

Craving spicy chili crab? How about a bowl of laksa noodles or a classic Hainanese chicken rice? You'll find it all at a hawker food center in Singapore! Now recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage, these foodie hotspots gave rise to two of the world's first Michelin-star street food restaurants and are the soul of Singapore society, uniting everyone from office workers to socialites with a love of good food. Plan your next journey with Akorn to discover foodie delights at Maxwell, Newton and other trendy hawker centers around town.

## Soulful Southern Laos

Dream of easy walks through lush forests, or travel by private boat through a riverine maze of 4,000 islands in remote southern Laos. A 90-minute flight from Luang Prabang, the incredible landscapes of Champasak, are made for rustic retreats or active trekking and biking adventures to coffee plantations and Southeast Asia's most beautiful waterfalls. Stay longer with a few nights at our favorite spot, The River Resort, where you can kayak on the Mekong or enjoy sunsets at an inland beach.



## Bangkok After Dark

Bring on the night with our new Bangkok After Dark experience, with herb-infused cocktails, satay skewers and Thai tapas at our favorite trendy spots that only locals know about. Travel around by private electric tuk tuk, a new addition to the Bangkok scene, on this Akorn-designed evening of progressive drinking and dining around town, from a bar in a converted 200-year-old warehouse on the river, to an old Chinese shophouse whisky bar, and a secret garden rooftop bar.

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### CAPELLA HANOI | Hanoi, Vietnam

Soft opening this month, Capella Hanoi features just 47 rooms and suites that are all individually designed by the whimsical Bill Bensley. With the designer's usual bright color palettes and flair for the eccentric, the hotel, celebrates its proximity to Hanoi's iconic Opera House with opera themed artworks, costumes and 1920's memorabilia scattered throughout.

**Why we love it:** Transporting us into a world of singers, composers and costume designers from a bygone era, the hotel maintains a theatrical theme throughout with the Diva's Lounge decorated with musical instruments and set designs, and Backstage, the restaurant, serving Vietnamese epicurean delights.

*The hotel plans to fully open in September 2021.*

### COMO UMA CANGGU | Bali, Indonesia

Located in a bohemian village on the southern coast of Bali, COMO Uma Canggu is a surfer's paradise surrounded by off-beat art galleries and roadside cafés. Featuring a minimalist design, the hotel is set on one of the island's best surf beaches, overlooking soft volcanic sands and constant, rolling waves.

**Why we love it:** The beach here is perfect for Bali's surf scene with private surfing excursions available for all experience levels. Sunsets come with live music at the Beach Club and we love to unwind with COMO Shambhala's signature wellness experiences, including massage, yoga, Pilates and Jungle Sports.



### THE RIVER RESORT | Pakse, Laos

Perched on the edge of the Mekong River overlooking a lush landscape of rice paddies and vegetable gardens, The River Resort is one of our favorite boutique eco-resorts in southern Laos. Committed to sustainability, the hotel helps to minimize your travel footprint with solar-heated hot water, a well-planned system of recycling and eco-friendly furnishings made from bamboo.

**Why we love it:** Surrounded by native flora and fauna, this property is the perfect place to catch up on rest and relaxation. After a day of walking, biking or boating adventures on the Mekong River, we love to soak up the serenity from the infinity pool or simply relax in our villa, enjoying the panoramic river views.

## Superyachting in Style in Thailand

Originally built in one of the most prestigious shipyards of The Netherlands in 1997, this jewel of the ocean has just been refurbished, shining with the highest standard of custom-designed, high-gloss woods and soft furnishings in an elegant and classic style. This 34-meter (111-foot) vessel, with 4 cabins, provides space rarely seen on any boat built today. The yacht's stabilizers enable longer journeys across oceans or around the Andaman sea, making for a perfect multi-day adventure. Akorn will work to customize a bespoke experience, ensuring the itinerary reflects the cruising experience the guest is looking for. Of course, no cruise is complete without an array of toys to choose from – diving and snorkeling gear, underwater scooters, paddle boards and water skis – making this one of the most fun above and below water experiences in Thailand!



Each year in April, locals in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar celebrate the Buddhist New Year by pouring water and flowers over Buddha statues as a way of cleansing the spirit and bringing in good luck.

Cover photo: Discover a whole new world underwater and get your SCUBA diving certification in Southeast Asia. Thailand's Similan islands, and Indonesia's Wakatobi and Raja Ampat have some of the most diverse marine and coral life in the world.

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