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Akorn Insider: Chiang Mai's Sustainable Arts & Design

Get the low down on northern Thailand's art, design and traditional crafts scene with Akorn Southeast Asia's newest insider, a well-connected Thai-Italian who knows where to find all the best artisan boutiques, from home décor to sustainable crafts, jewelry designers and ceramics studios. Explore some of her favorite shops and meet with local artisans on a personalized shopping day around Chiang Mai, customized according to your interests.

Image by Golden Triangle Hang Dong



A Taste of Bali

A festival of flavors on every plate, a Balinese meal brings together a variety of different dishes, including satays, spiced vegetables and meats steamed and wrapped in banana leaf. Every dish has its own character, but one common ingredient is sambal, a dense paste made from a variety of chilis, garlic, ginger, shallots and palm sugar, which is used in many dishes. Spend a day with a Balinese chef to learn all about the spices, flavors and ingredients that go into making your own Balinese feast.

Vietnam Revisited

Sometimes it is important to take a journey into the past. Akorn Vietnam has worked with several war veterans and their families on these special trips. Each journey is carefully crafted and highly personalized to include sites that are particularly impactful for the individual. On a recent trip, one U.S. war veteran was eager to revisit his former base in Vietnam's Mekong Delta. Although the names and roads have changed, our Akorn operations team in Vietnam scouted the area in advance and consulted with locals to help the former soldier reconnect with the places in his memory.



Clean Water for Myanmar

Over 200 households now have access to clean water through our new philanthropy project at Inle Lake, Myanmar. The villagers of Kay La and Myay Ni Gone no longer need to travel long distances to collect water from neighboring villages because they now have clean water in their own village through Akorn Southeast Asia's donation of four LifeStraw community filters which remove 99% of bacteria from any water source. You can make a difference to communities like these by visiting www.akphilanthropy.org.



Cycling Laos' Heritage Town

Cycle past a Royal Palace, glittering gold temples and the meandering Mekong River on a leisurely morning in Laos. Visit colonial mansions and heritage homes in the heart of town or cross over the river to discover a rustic pottery village and a lush forest sanctuary where Lao royals went to meditate. This is one of our favorite ways to start the day in the quiet streets of Luang Prabang.

A special sneak peek at our new villa collection



PA SAK TONG ESTATE | Chiang Rai, Thailand

Surrounded by endless rice fields and quiet walking trails, Pa Sak Tong Estate is an idyllic, private sanctuary complete with gentle streams and koi fish ponds. With 11 bedrooms spread across two villas and three garden cottages, the estate is the perfect home base in northern Thailand complete with all-inclusive meals made using organic produce from the garden.

Why we love it: This beautiful countryside estate offers a rare experience of the real Thailand, with rice fields and buffalo at your doorstep. We loved walking directly from the estate to nearby tea plantations and villages. Estate guests also enjoy priority seating at Locus Native Food Lab, an intimate venue serving innovative, locally sourced cuisine.

THE HEADLAND VILLA 5 | Samui, Thailand

Located on the quieter, western coast of Koh Samui, The Headland Villa Estate is a chic and comfortable home away from home. Villa 5 is a two-story, four-bedroom villa with sleek white interiors and modern design where all living areas and bedrooms open up to breathtaking views of the Gulf of Thailand. Ideal for families, the villa comes with a garden pool with a shallow end for the kids as well as a games room and play space.

Why we love it: The villa encapsulates oceanside living with spectacular panoramas from every room. The perfect base for exploring Koh Samui, the villa also offers access to a semi-private beach in a quiet cove.



HOWIE'S HOMESTAY | Chiang Mai, Thailand

Designed by Bill Bensley, Howie's Homestay is an eco sanctuary nestled among northern Thailand's rustic mountains. The property showcases timeless arts from the old Lanna Thai kingdom as well as reclaimed teak wood, custom bronze details and vaulted ceilings. The accommodation comes with scenic mountain views, hand-carved furnishings and home-cooked Thai meals prepared to your taste.

Why we love it: Featuring curated art treasures in every corner, the property has a strong sense of character, surrounded by lush gardens and native bird and butterfly life. Villa hosts, Howie and Jerri warmly welcome you into their home and offer thoughtful, personal touches throughout your stay.



A gold-gilded bell hangs at a Buddhist temple in Thailand. The sound of the bell is said to represent the voice of Buddha.

Cover photo: The Tree of Life glass mosaic adorning the wall of Wat Xiengthong in Luang Prabang, Laos.

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