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Sands of Time: Koh Yao Yai

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Surrounded on all sides by the Andaman Sea, this stunning curve of soft white sand is a natural phenomenon that appears only during low tide. Located on the northern end of Koh Yao Yai island in Thailand's Phang Nga Bay, the sandbank is a picture-postcard moment, ideal for a leisurely beach stroll. Complete the day with snorkeling, swimming and watersports activities on a private chartered yacht journey by Akorn – a great option for end of year travels.



Access Angkor: Focus on Conservation

Elevate your Angkor experience and enjoy behind-the-scenes access to archeological sites with the German Apsara Conservation Project (GACP). Learn about their efforts to preserve the intricate carvings of Apsara dancers which adorn many Angkorian temples and gain Akorn Insider Access to restoration areas that are closed to the general public.

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New! Aman Journey by Rail

Watch the central Javanese countryside unfold as you pass through the stunning volcanic scenery and fertile plains from Jakarta to Yogyakarta on the new luxury Indonesian rail journey by Aman. A professional anthropologist provides cultural and historical anecdotes along the way, while breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea are served in the private carriage for up to 15 guests. We recommend combining the seven-hour rail journey with a stay at Amanjiwo, a peaceful retreat overlooking the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Borobudur.



Singapore Foodies are Back!

With Singapore reopening to several countries this month, we can't wait to get back into the islandnation's exciting foodie scene. From UNESCO World Heritage hawker food centers to eight of Asia's 50 Best Restaurants in 2021, Singapore offers up an amazing variety of dining experiences. Whether it's fine French fare at Odette (Asia's Best Restaurants #2), delectable grilled meats at Burnt Ends (Asia's Best Restaurants #14) or a simple bowl of Hokkien noodles at a street food stall, Singapore has us salivating for more.

Designer Bangkok

If you are looking for one-of-a-kind local designer items, check out one of our favorite Thai textile makers at Bangkok's Chatuchak weekend market. Specializing in hand embroidery, Somporn Intaraprayong, is a Thai textiles artist that produces modern crafts and unique fashion pieces with a distinctly Thai traditional patterns and motifs.

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COMO POINT YAMU PHUKET Phuket, Thailand

Overlooking the Andaman Sea, COMO Point Yamu Phuket is a private, oceanfront sanctuary with interiors by Italian designer Paola Navone. Floor-to-ceiling windows capture iconic views of Phang Nga Bay's limestone karsts while the rooms are contemporary and uncluttered with striking bursts of color.

Why we love it: The serene ocean views combined with the beautifully-designed villas create a sense of calm. We enjoyed the chance to unwind with signature wellness experiences by COMO Shambhala and fine Italian and Thai dining at the resort's restaurants.

FUSION RESORT PHU QUOC Phu Quoc, Vietnam

Hidden away in a quiet and secluded bay, Fusion Resort Phu Quoc is an idyllic island escape off Vietnam's southern coast. Featuring light colors and earthen tones, the thatched-roof villas are calm and inviting, with floorto-ceiling windows and open plan living areas that open up to tropical gardens and private pools.

Why we love it: A convenient and comfortable base for exploring Phu Quoc's nature trails, waterfalls and fresh seafood markets, this resort is a home away from home with breakfast served anywhere, anytime and all-inclusive spa experiences.





ANANTARA RASANANDA KOH PHANGAN VILLAS Koh Phangan, Thailand

Framed by scenic mountains and the sparkling Gulf of Thailand, Anantara Rasananda Koh Phangan Villas features private pool suites and villas set amongst towering palms. With natural jungle, lagoon or beach views, the rooms come with private sundecks – perfect for soaking up the ocean breeze.

Why we love it: Just a speedboat ride from Koh Samui, this resort offers a chance to explore Koh Phangan's jungles and island life by day and retreat to a blissful beachfront haven with a glass or two of your favorite tropical cocktail by night.

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Cover photo: Shop traditional batik textiles at markets across Indonesia and meet the artisans at creative textiles workshops

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