





#### **Laos on Track**

Exploring Laos' rural landscapes and rugged mountain ranges just got easier with the launch of a new high-speed passenger train connecting Luang Prabang, Vientiane and Vang Vieng. Reaching a top speed of 160 kilometers (99.4 miles) per hour, the railway line opens up new routes and significantly cuts journey times, allowing travelers to explore more of this beautiful country and its people.



## Tea and Organic Flavors in Ho Chi Minh City

In a small tea house in downtown Ho Chi Minh City, a Vietnamese entrepreneur and tea enthusiast shares her love for the humble aromatic leaf during a private tea tasting. Hear how she discovered sustainable, old-fashioned growers in the highlands of northern Vietnam and taste a variety of organic Vietnamese teas. This is a chance to learn the art of tea-making and experience true essence of traditional tea culture.



#### VANA BELLE, A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT, KOH SAMUI Koh Samui, Thailand

Nestled between tropical forests and a secluded stretch of white sand, Vana Belle, A Luxury Collection Resort, Koh Samui is a haven of tranquility in the calm and inviting Gulf of Thailand. The suites and villas feature private pools on the terrace overlooking verdant gardens or crystal clear, ocean waters.

Why we love it: This property is the perfect place to unwind with its beachfront infinity pool, uninterrupted views of the sea and laid-back tropical vibes. We spent our time sipping cocktails at the pool bar and dining on southern Thai cuisine at the restaurant in between sessions of pampering at the spa.

### AZERAI CAN THO Mekong Delta, Vietnam

Presenting a contemporary interpretation of traditional architecture, Azerai Can Tho is an oasis in the heart of Vietnam's Mekong Delta. Located on a private islet framed by calm waterways and mangroves, the property is stylishly minimalist, made of local materials and integrated into the lush, tropical landscape filled with banyan trees, palms and jasmine flowers.

Why we love it: Restful and quiet, this property captures the peaceful nature and lifestyle of the region, with river, lake or garden views from every room. Arrive by boat and let your worries melt away while you relax by the tranquil pool and explore the scenic gardens. Add to the experience with traditional treatments at the spa and Vietnamese cuisine at the restaurant.



#### ROSEWOOD PHNOM PENH Phnom Penh, Cambodia

A sophisticated urban retreat, Rosewood Phnom Penh overlooks the sprawling city from the lofty heights of one of the city's tallest skyscrapers. The rooms and suites create the feeling of being at home with plush furnishings and modern design elevated by elements of Khmer art and color.

Why we love it: The view! Each room looks out onto the city lights below and some offer views of the Mekong and Tonle Sap Rivers. The rooftop bar is the place to go for curated cocktails and a buzzing vibe or choose to unwind with natural Khmer healing remedies, massages, wraps and scrubs at the spa.



In Hanoi, Vietnam, a man lights an incense stick to honor Buddha and bring good luck and prosperity to his family Cover photo: A fire dancer lights up the night on the island of Koh Samui in the Gulf of Thailand

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