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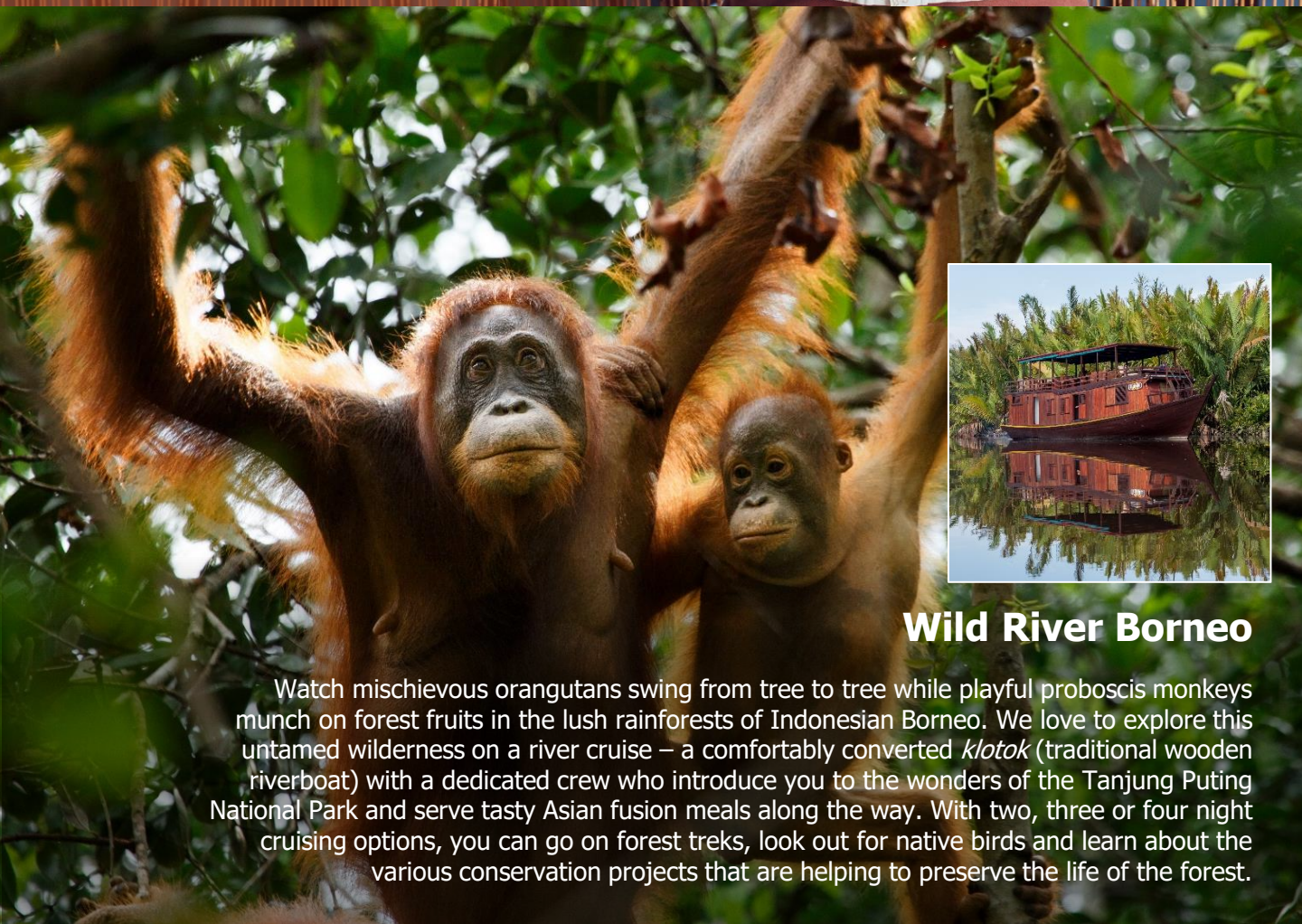
New Vietnam Insider: A Chef's Table with Chef Duc

Fancy a lemongrass, chili and garlic-infused red snapper? Or how about a prawn and squid salad tossed with a spicy Hoi An dressing? These are just some of the tantalizing creations you can expect from Chef Duc, our new Akorn Culinary Insider and creator of Mango Mango and Mai Fish, two of our favorite restaurants in Hoi An, Vietnam.

Now Akorn guests can spend a morning with this charismatic chef, learning about his personal food journey – from Texas to Mexico, Europe and New Zealand - and taste his unique fusion Vietnamese cuisine during a private Chef's Table experience at his home cooking studio.



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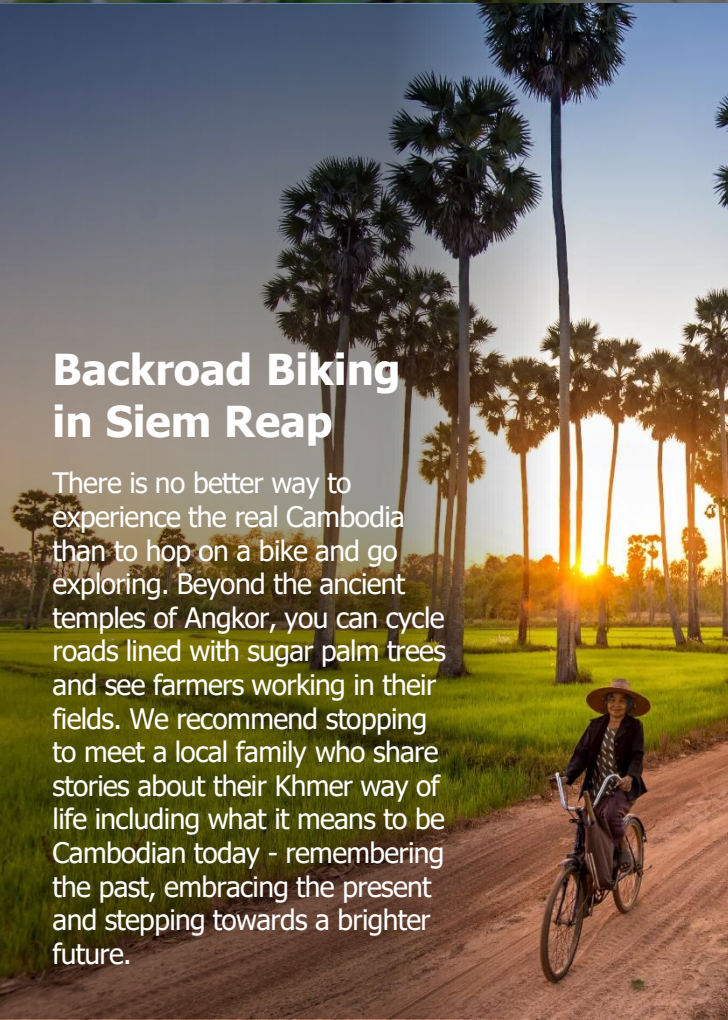
Wild River Borneo

Watch mischievous orangutans swing from tree to tree while playful proboscis monkeys munch on forest fruits in the lush rainforests of Indonesian Borneo. We love to explore this untamed wilderness on a river cruise – a comfortably converted *klotok* (traditional wooden riverboat) with a dedicated crew who introduce you to the wonders of the Tanjung Puting National Park and serve tasty Asian fusion meals along the way. With two, three or four night cruising options, you can go on forest treks, look out for native birds and learn about the various conservation projects that are helping to preserve the life of the forest.



The King's Crops

Head to the hills of northern Thailand to taste fresh strawberries, mushrooms, herbs, nuts and a variety of organic vegetables from Royal Project growers. Promoting quality, chemical-free and sustainable farming practices, the Royal Project Foundation was founded by the Thai King's father in 1969 to improve the lives and livelihoods of hill tribe farmers. Royal Project farms can be found throughout the country, but if you are in Bangkok, you can pick up Royal Project goods at Or Tor Kor Market, just across the road from the famous Chatuchak Weekend Market.



Backroad Biking in Siem Reap

There is no better way to experience the real Cambodia than to hop on a bike and go exploring. Beyond the ancient temples of Angkor, you can cycle roads lined with sugar palm trees and see farmers working in their fields. We recommend stopping to meet a local family who share stories about their Khmer way of life including what it means to be Cambodian today - remembering the past, embracing the present and stepping towards a brighter future.



Lao Morning Traditions

One experience you simply cannot miss when visiting Luang Prabang, Laos, is the morning almsgiving ritual where monks walk in single file through the town, giving blessings to the pious locals in exchange for offerings of food, candles, robes and other items that are essential in the life of a monk. This daily tradition offers an insight into deep-rooted Buddhist beliefs that date back several centuries – and it is even worth the early start!

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NEW OPENING

THE STANDARD | Bangkok, Thailand

We got a sneak peek inside The Standard, Bangkok Mahanakhon which is set to open at the end of July, 2022. Bringing the brand's sense of style and unconventionality to Bangkok, the hotel is located within one of the city's tallest buildings and breaks the mold with playful interiors by Spanish designer, Jaime Hayon, who uses bright colors and fluid shapes.

Why we love it: The rooms have a relaxed, retro-chic feel, and we love the fun and youthful vibe here, including some very Instagrammable moments, from the rooftop bar to The Standard Grill, an American steakhouse, the trendy tearoom called Tease and sky-high, Mexican fine dining at Ojo, by award-winning chef, Francisco Paco Ruano.

SONEVA KIRI | Koh Kood, Thailand

Tucked away in a corner of Koh Kood island in the Gulf of Thailand, Soneva Kiri is the perfect backdrop for wellness retreats, with private pool villas framed by rainforests and white sands. The resort offers a chance to reset, rejuvenate and reconnect with personalized programs including wellness treatments, daily yoga and meditation, an Abhyangam session (Ayurvedic massage) and consultations with nutrition and fitness experts.

Why we love it: You can go from Bangkok to beach in just over 90 minutes with the resort's own plane and speedboat service and bookings through Akorn Southeast Asia for stays of three nights or more enjoy special rates on wellness until 17 December, 2022.



SPECIAL OFFER

NEW OPENING



BUAHAN, A BANYAN TREE ESCAPE Bali, Indonesia

Newly opened in 2022, Buahan, Banyan Tree Escape is an intimate sanctuary with just 16 private pool villas overlooking the Ayung River in the lush jungle of Ubud. Deeply rooted in the traditions of nearby Buahan village, the resort presents a "no walls, no doors" concept, which creates a seamless flow between indoors and outdoors while maintaining a complete sense of seclusion and privacy.

Why we love it: Hidden away within a natural paradise, this resort stole our hearts with its amazing views at every turn. The zero-waste restaurant serves delicious plant-based cuisine and we loved to unwind with the signature spa treatments designed by local healers.



Baby turtles take their first steps during hatching season which can be seen in August at Six Senses Con Dao, Vietnam
Cover photo: A scene from the epic Ramayana legend painted on the walls of the Grand Palace in Bangkok, Thailand

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