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## An Architect's Cambodia

Discover the work of Cambodian architect, Vann Molyvann, who left his mark across the city of Phnom Penh during the mid twentieth century. From the Independence Monument to the Institute of Foreign Languages, the architect was instrumental in shaping New Khmer Architecture and Akorn guests have a rare chance to learn more about the architect's life and inspiration on a private excursion with his daughter, Delphine Vann.



## Ninh Binh

Discover scenic pastoral landscapes framed by towering limestone karsts and rolling mountains in the countryside province of Ninh Binh. The seat of the ancient capital of Vietnam, Ninh Binh is a UNESCO heritage site located just a two-and-a-half-hour drive from Hanoi. Take a rowboat for a ride along the river through the reserve and watch the rugged landscape unfold before your eyes. Explore caves, natural wonders as well as sacred, historical temples with exquisite stone carvings.

Zip through the streets of Singapore on a vintage Vespa sidecar. Truly the most stylish way to get around the city – this adventurous ride lets you feel the wind in your hair while exploring trendy local spots and old enclaves lined with chic shophouses and cafés. Along the way, you may recognize some landmarks from the film, *Crazy Rich Asians*, and discover where in-the-know locals like to see and be seen.

## Spectacular Singapore Sidecars



## A Bangkok Riverside Venue Returns

Recently reopened, Baan Phraya at Mandarin Oriental Bangkok offers a refined Thai dining experience in a 19th-century house beside the Chao Phraya River. Previously owned by a prominent Thai couple, the house has played host to high-ranking international officials during state visits and was also the site of Thailand's first cooking school. Today, the menu is orchestrated by Chef Pom Phatchara, who serves Thailand on a plate, with a menu inspired by classic and traditional Thai dishes.

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## Indonesia: A Dream of Diving

Explore paradise islands and underwater gardens in the waters of Indonesia. From the coral reefs of Raja Ampat to the idyllic islands of the Komodo National Park, Indonesia offers an amazing diversity of diving experiences including some of the most celebrated dive sites in the world such as the Maluku Spice Islands, the Gili Islands and Tulamben Bay. Combine great dives with a private yacht charter where you can view inspiring ocean vistas, go kayaking in open seas and sip sunset cocktails from the privacy of your floating home.





Opening July 2023

## ANANTARA KOH YAO YAI Phang Nga Bay, Thailand

Set to open its doors in July 2023, Anantara Koh Yao Yai Resort is a new haven of tranquility surrounded by the beauty of Phang Nga Bay. Accessible by a short boat ride from either Phuket or Krabi, the resort offers a collection of suites and pool villas that unfold over a stretch of golden sands.

**Why we love it:** Presenting an immersive experience of island life, the resort offers unsurpassed views of the bay's limestone islets. You can spend the days exploring coconut plantations and fishing villages and return for beach barbecues and sunset cocktails at the resort.

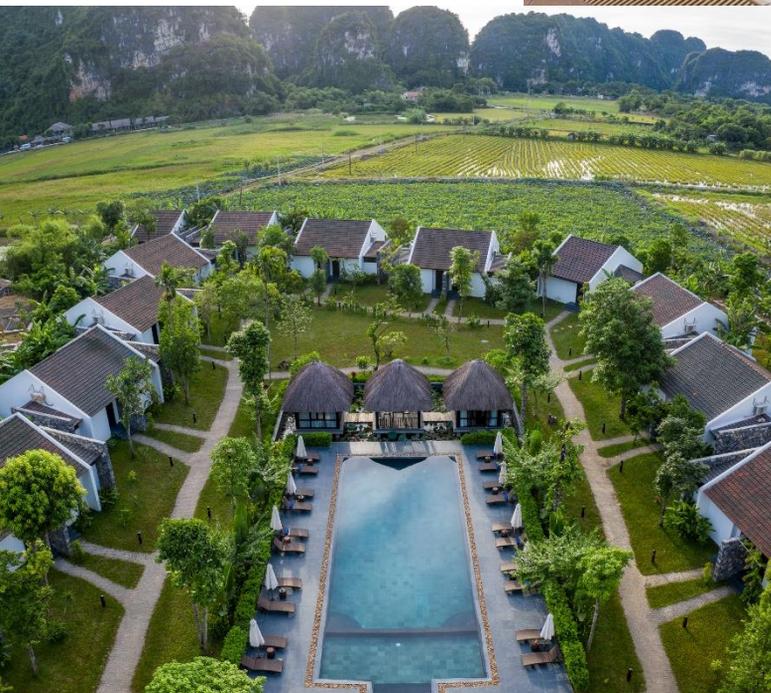
## SETTHA PALACE Vientiane, Laos

Nestled in the center of vibrant Vientiane, Settha Palace exudes old colonial charm and traditional elegance. Originally built in 1932, the boutique property has been lovingly restored by the same French-Lao family who ran the hotel in its former glory days.

**Why we love it:** The property exudes a sense of history and the accommodations are thoughtfully decorated in traditional style with plush loveseats, rosewood furniture and Italian marble bathrooms to create a sense of comfort and relaxation.



Re-opened since February 2023



## ARAVINDA RESORT NINH BINH Ninh Binh, Vietnam

With a name that means "blue lotus", Aravinda Resort Ninh Binh offers an experience of tranquility surrounded by rice fields and lotus ponds. Featuring red brick roofs and natural materials such as wood and stone, the property blends easily with the natural environment and opens up to idyllic views of the countryside, mountains or garden greenery.

**Why we love it:** This resort is the perfect place to unwind and escape from the noise of the modern world. The rooms and villas are spacious, built in traditional Vietnamese style, and the restaurant serves an enticing range of Vietnamese and fusion delights.



A woman in Vietnam's Mekong Delta making conical hats, a time-honored craft passed down from artisan to artisan

Cover photo: Mural of an ancient palace guard keeping watch over the exterior courtyard of the Grand Palace, Bangkok, Thailand

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