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DOMESTIC TRAVELLERS DRIVE THE TOURISM REVIVAL

FOREWORD

Welcome to September's edition of Travel Aggregator – WebBeds' newsletter dedicated to the travel trade in Asia Pacific.

The travel industry's recovery from the pandemic is underway, as the governments of countries across Asia Pacific try to jump-start their tourism industries with stimulus packages and local promotions. At present, only domestic tourists can travel – but this provides a unique opportunity for residents to rediscover their home countries.

This month, we look at the incentives being offered to travellers and tourism operators in eight countries and territories across the region, and which destinations are most likely to benefit from them. Domestic guests can now head out and explore the most attractive rural retreats and urban escapes close to their homes, in line with the latest health and safety regulations.

Please stay safe and enjoy the read. Together we will recover stronger than ever!

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Cape Dara The Beachfront Resort, Pattaya

Domestic Travellers Drive the Tourism Revival

In the fast-paced whirl of the modern world, it can be easy to lose sight of what is right in front of us. Sometimes we just need to step back and take a fresh look at the beauty that surrounds us. While the global pandemic has had a devastating effect on the world, it has created a unique opportunity for people to re-evaluate their plans and priorities. And with APAC governments having pledged billions of dollars in stimulus packages and domestic tourism deals, there has never been a better time for local residents and expats to take a memorable staycation.

AUSTRALIA

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With the devastating bushfires in the early months of the year and the global pandemic that followed, Australia has suffered terribly in 2020. The government reacted decisively, pledging a AU$1 billion (US$717m) stimulus package and initiating a series of campaigns to drive domestic travel. The Land Down Under offers a wealth of natural charms, and Tourism Australia is now inviting Aussies to "Holiday Here This Year" and discover their home country's unique wildlife, beautiful beaches and unspoilt islands, whilst also helping to boost the economy.

RECOMMENDED STAYS IN **AUSTRALIA**

Hamilton Island Reef View

Hamilton Island Reef View provides a choice of spacious rooms with balconies and amazing views of the Coral Sea or tropical gardens. Located opposite Catseye Beach, there are plenty of activities to keep all ages entertained. Guests can also "Stay 5 Pay 4" and enjoy AU$150 resort credit with a special promotion that runs until 30th September 2020.

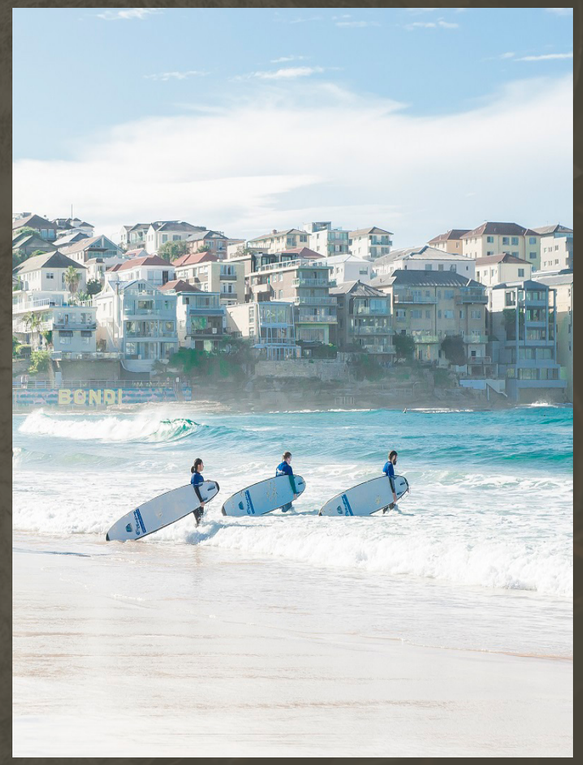
Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge

Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge is an wonderfully remote setting for guests to experience the great outdoors and reconnect with Australia's wildlife. Nestled in bushland overlooking American River Bay, close to Penneshaw Penguin Centre, this is a blissful base for nature lovers and adventure seekers. Some rooms capture bay views and hotel facilities include a restaurant, bar and pool.

RECOMMENDED STAYS IN **AUSTRALIA**

Mandalay Luxury Beachfront Apartments

Mandalay Luxury Beachfront Apartments in Port Douglas is the starting point for your Great Barrier Reef adventure. The foreshore location offers a direct path to the beach and Coral Sea, while the apartments exude a timeless blend of tropical style and upscale amenities. When guests are not exploring the sublime seascapes, the outdoor pool is a great place to chill out.



QT Bondi

QT Bondi brings a chic urban vibe to Sydney's coolest coastal neighbourhood. Infused with art, this contemporary hotel promises a collection of rooms and suites, free entry to the Speedo Fitness Club, and easy access to Bondi Beach. The QT team will also help guests uncover the hottest places to go and things to do in this famous district.

HONG KONG

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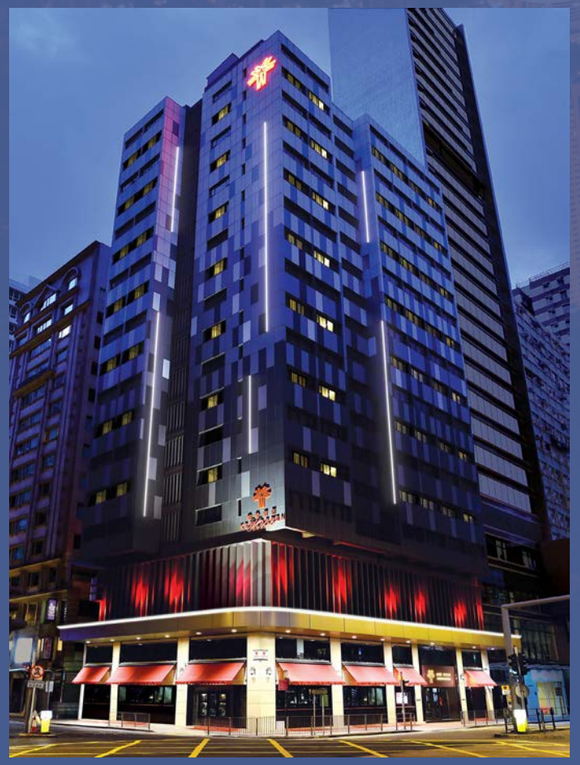
COVID-19 came at a difficult time for Hong Kong, as internal issues had already caused a fall in tourism arrivals to this glittering Asian city. The local government has responded by injecting a significant stimulus of HK$700 million (US$90.3m) into the local economy and the Hong Kong Tourism Board's "Holiday at Home" campaign is inviting local residents to look at Hong Kong with a fresh pair of eyes. In a usually crowded city, this is an amazing chance to shop and dine in peace!

RECOMMENDED STAYS IN **HONG KONG**

Eaton HK

Eaton HK is perfectly located in the heart of Kowloon, giving guests easy access to the bustling bazaars of Chungking Mansions and Temple Street. The Eaton Rooms come equipped with high-tech amenities like USB ports and Smart TVs, plus minibars stocked with treats. One of the main attractions is the onsite food hall, which has 11 trendy stalls.



Kew Green Hotel Wanchai Hong Kong

Kew Green Hotel Wanchai Hong Kong is a contemporary business hotel. But with fewer corporate travellers, locals can now choose this cutting-edge property for a stylish staycation! The 173 rooms include family units, while the Kew Space combines a café, dining room and library. Adjacent to Pacific Place mall, this is an ideal base for retail breaks.

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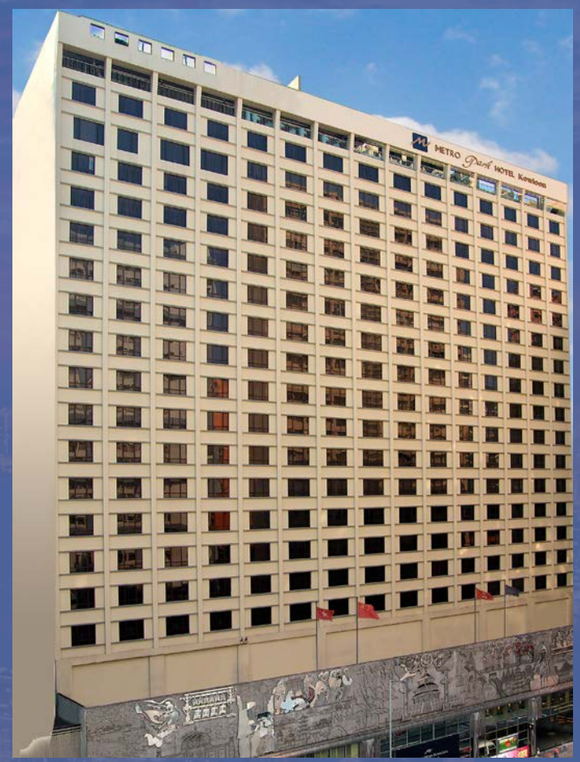
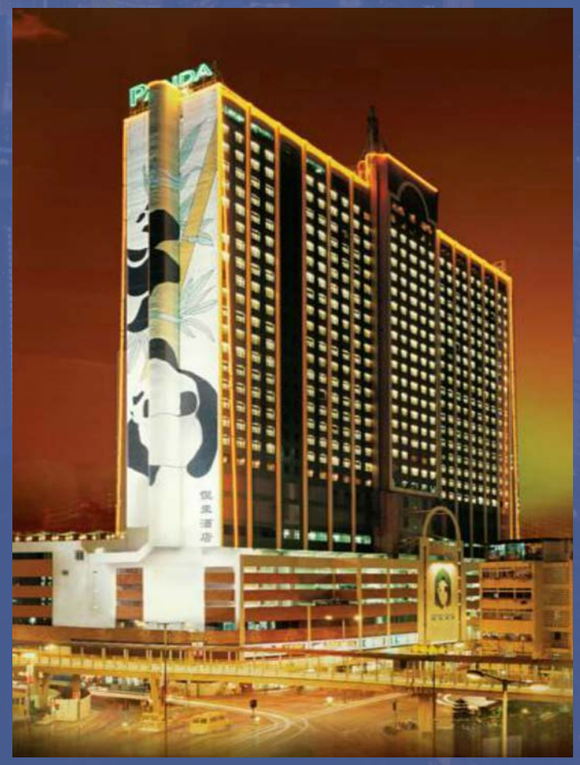


Metropark Hotel Kowloon

Metropark Hotel Kowloon is set in a 33-storey tower with harbour views from the rooms and a rooftop pool. This impressive property puts guests on the doorstep of the Langham Place and MOKO shopping malls. Surrounded by transport links and with free shuttle services to Mongkok, this is a great choice for urban leisure breaks.



Panda Hotel

Panda Hotel is a destination within a destination. This huge hotel in Tsuen Wan features 900 rooms and suites and a wealth of facilities, including an outdoor pool, health club, games room, kid's playground, gift shops and four F&B outlets, including the Michelin-recommended Chinese restaurant, YinYue. This makes it fantastic for families seeking a stress-free staycation.

INDONESIA

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Indonesia is a wonderful country to make domestic discoveries. With thousands of islands, many of them filled with exotic attractions, local residents have plenty of excuses to escape the city and uncover somewhere new. The government has earmarked IDR3.8 trillion (US$258m) to launch the #JustinIndonesia campaign and drive visitation to key destinations such as Bali, Labuan Bajo, Likupang and Mandalika. It is also pushing forward with the development of new tourism villages near Lake Toba in North Sumatra. There's always plenty to explore in Indonesia!

RECOMMENDED STAYS IN **INDONESIA**

FuramaXclusive Ocean Seminyak

FuramaXclusive Ocean Seminyak is nestled at the north end of Legian Beach, just steps from the chic boutiques of Seminyak. This all-suite resort offers a choice of accommodation, ranging from studios to three-bedroom units, making it ideal for all types of escape. Spend endless days in the pools, on the beach or in the spa.

The Bali Dream Villas Seminyak

The Bali Dream Villas Seminyak is a collection a 30 spacious, self-contained pool villas, hidden away in a secluded corner of this fashionable district. Guests can find their own personal paradise with open-air living and dining areas, lush gardens and private pools. Learn the art of Balinese cuisine with a cooking class or unwind at the spa.

INDONESIA

RECOMMENDED STAYS IN **INDONESIA**

Pesona Alam Puncak

Pesona Alam Puncak lets guests breath in the fresh mountain air. Nestled in the hills of Bogor, West Java, this resort is surrounded by pine forests. A choice of rooms and villas includes options for up to six guests, families can explore the area by bike, relax at the pool and kid's club, or dine at the restaurant.

Atria Hotel Malang

Atria Hotel Malang puts travellers in the heart of East Java's breath-taking volcanic landscape. Located in the centre of Malang, on the doorstep of Bromo Tengger Semeru National Park, this hotel features a series of modern rooms and suites with mountain views, an outdoor pool and sun deck, a fitness centre and an authentic Indonesian restaurant.

JAPAN

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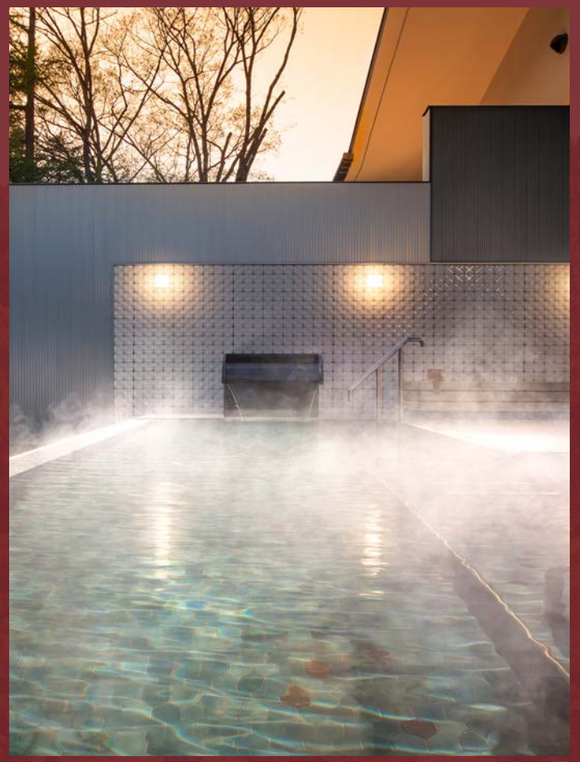
Like many countries, Japan's strategy for fighting COVID-19 has included a ban on international arrivals. For Japanese residents, this creates an unprecedented opportunity to revisit their own country. The government is driving this with a JP¥1.7 trillion (US$15.9bn) stimulus and the "Go to Travel" initiative, which subsidises 50% of domestic travel costs. As Tokyo is excluded from the campaign, urbanites are being encouraged to head out into Japan's captivating countryside. This is especially enticing in autumn, when the forests burst with colour.

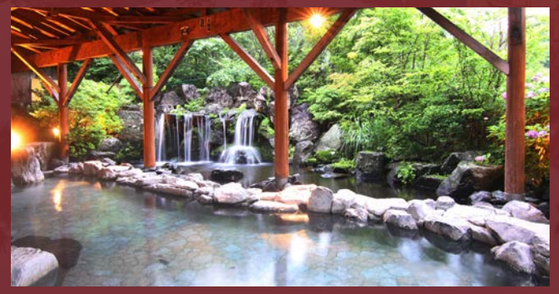


ANA Holiday Inn Resort Shinano-Omachi Kuroyon

ANA Holiday Inn Resort Shinano-Omachi Kuroyon lets guests soak up the dazzling landscapes of Omachi City and the Northern Alps. Go hiking, skiing, swimming, golf and sightseeing in this beautiful outdoor destination. Back at the hotel, guests can unwind by the open fireplace, enjoy a soothing hot spring bath, or simply rest in their recently-refurbished room.

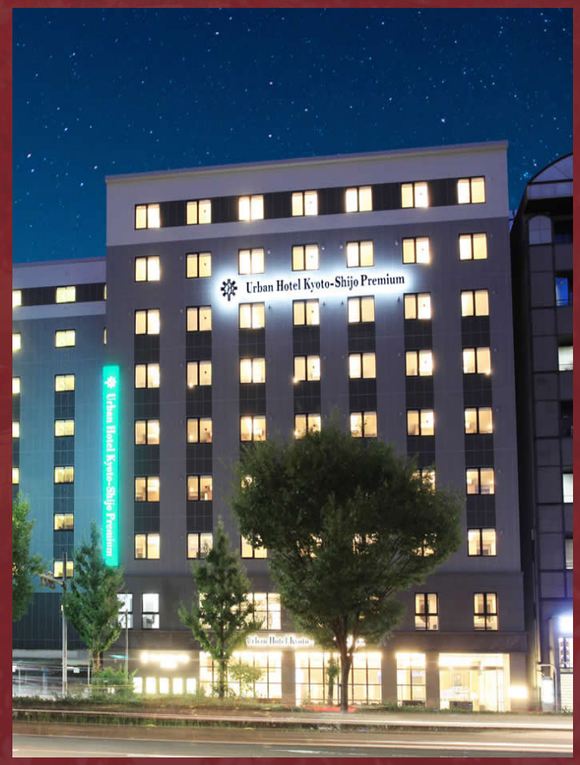
Epinard Nasu

Epinard Nasu is perfectly positioned for city-dwellers seeking a rural staycation. Just 75 minutes by bullet train from Tokyo, this picturesque location was a summer retreat for Japan's emperors. With stunning natural scenery and hot springs, it is easy to see what attracted them. Diners can also experience fresh local produce, including the famous Nasu beef!



Hotel Nikko Nara

Hotel Nikko Nara lets guests connect with the rich heritage and natural wonders of Japan's Kansai region. Visitors can visit ancient temples, shrines and artworks in this former Japanese capital, while the traditional sake brewery and rice cake factory expose the area's culinary culture. Back at the hotel, guests can dine at a choice of restaurants, including a teppan grill.



Urban Hotel Kyoto-Shijo Premium

Urban Hotel Kyoto-Shijo Premium commands a prime position in Japan's most enchanting city. Discover a wealth of cultural charms, including approximately 2,000 temples and shrines. With fewer tourists than usual, there has never been a better time to unearth the jewels and gems of Kyoto. The hotel also offers a soothing sauna and bath – ideal after a long day of sightseeing.

NEW ZEALAND

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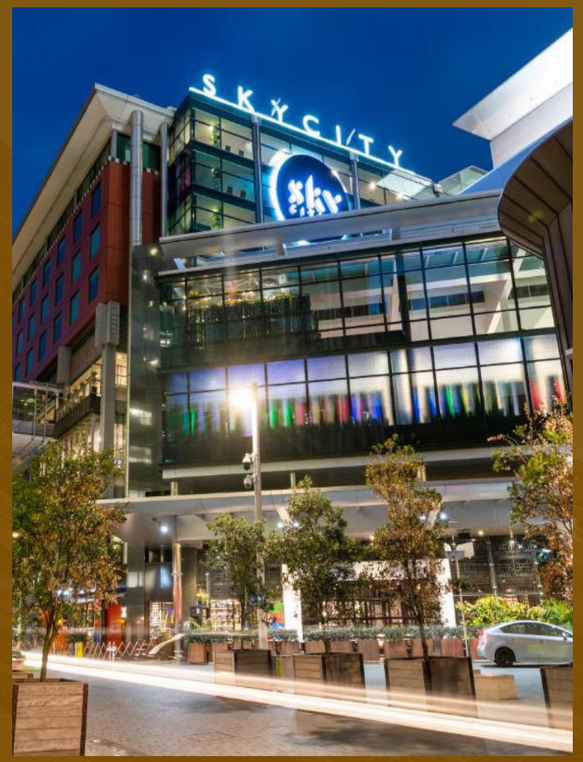
With so much wide open space and spectacular scenery, social distancing comes naturally in New Zealand. The country's borders are still closed and Jacinda Ardern's government has announced an "initial contribution" of NZ$400 million (US$262m) to boost the economy, alongside the "Do Something New" campaign to kickstart domestic travel. With a wealth of outdoor activities available, including river rafting, hiking expeditions, bike hire packages, skiing holidays and more, New Zealanders have plenty of options for their next family holiday.

RECOMMENDED STAYS IN **NEW ZEALAND**



Sky City Auckland and Sky City Grand Auckland

Sky City Auckland and Sky City Grand Auckland let guests stay in style, high above the streets of New Zealand's largest city. Immersed in this exceptional entertainment complex, there is no reason to leave! Guests have a choice of 20 restaurants and bars, theatres, a spa, gym and the SkyCity Casino. All the rooms and suites frame views of the city.

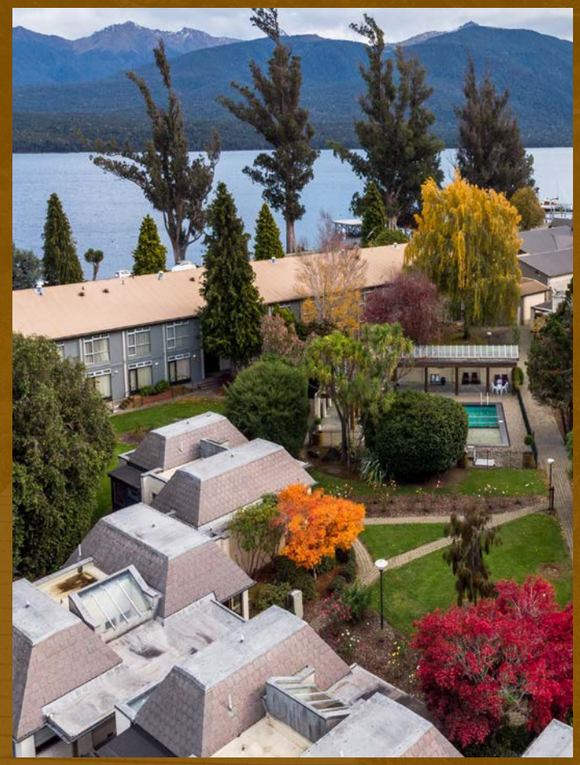
Distinction Rotorua Hotel

Distinction Rotorua Hotel is a centre of adventure for travellers who want to embrace nature. Next to Whakarewarewa Forest, the hotel features diverse accommodation for different budgets, a heated outdoor swimming pool, a spa and four dining outlets. Guests can also hire mountain bikes and explore the area's many tracks and trails.

RECOMMENDED STAYS IN **NEW ZEALAND**

The Rees Luxury Hotel & Apartments Queenstown

The Rees Luxury Hotel & Apartments Queenstown showcases the spectacular natural beauty of New Zealand's South Island. Situated right on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, this five-star hotel offers a choice of rooms, apartments and residences, all with terraces that overlook The Remarkables range. Guests can stroll along a private beach or take a jet-boat on the lake.



Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas overlooks Lake Te Anau and the dramatic Fiordland ranges, giving guests an unsurpassed opportunity to admire this breath-taking landscape. Stay in hotel rooms or villa suites, dine at a choice of restaurants, unwind on the Lakefront Terrace and chill out at the spa, sauna, outdoor swimming pool. Simply serene.

PHILIPPINES

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The Filipino community is one of the world's great diasporas, with approximately 20 million overseas residents all across the globe. But following COVID-19, local Filipinos can now only travel within their own country. Fortunately with over 7,600 islands there is plenty to explore! The government's US$8.2 million stimulus has been accompanied by the "Wake Up in The Philippines" campaign, which is showcasing destinations such as Boracay, Cebu and Bohol in a series of videos, and enticing residents to visit them when the time is right.

RECOMMENDED STAYS IN **PHILIPPINES**

Crimson Resort & Spa Boracay

Crimson Resort & Spa Boracay is an idyllic tropical retreat. Set in an exclusive bay with white sands and crystal clear waters, this new resort embraces the natural beauty of Boracay. The ultimate island experience is completed by an infinity pool, a spa, kid's club and a choice of restaurants, including a Latin American grill.

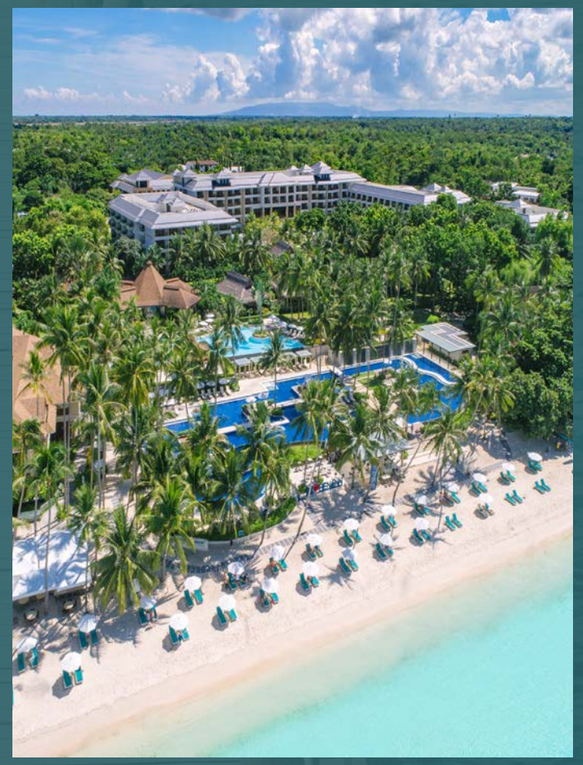
Belmont Hotel Boracay

Belmont Hotel Boracay is a contemporary hotel that offers access to a string of beaches along the island's east coast. Discover stunning sunrises and secluded stretches of sand, lapped by the cerulean Sibuyan Sea. Alternatively, plunge into the hotel's outdoor pool, have a drink at the bar or dine in the Trellis Garden.

RECOMMENDED STAYS IN **PHILIPPINES**

Bluewater Maribago

Bluewater Maribago is an outstanding beachfront retreat in Lapu-Lapu, the tropical city just across the bridge from Cebu. Only 25 minutes' drive from Mactan-Cebu International Airport, this blissful Filipino retreat covers seven hectares, including a private island. Relax and enjoy the fantastic facilities, including a spa, pool, water sports and kid's club, plus themed dinners and cultural shows.



Henann Resort Alona Beach

Henann Resort Alona Beach is the biggest beach resort in Panglao, the tropical island paradise in Bohol. Nestled in 6.5 hectares of exotic grounds with a 120-metre-long stretch of sandy beach, this expansive retreat comprises 400 rooms and extensive amenities, including three swimming pools, pool bars, multiple restaurants, a spa, water sports and more.

SINGAPORE

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As an international hub of travel and trade, Singapore has been significantly impacted by the global lockdown. As a result, the city's tourism authorities have rolled out the "SingapoRediscover" campaign, which offers a series of value-added packages and promotions for local residents. The STB is inviting Singaporeans to take a "Singapoliday" at major attractions, as part of a SG$45 million (US$32.8m) stimulus plan. Over 30 attractions and activity operators have been approved to reopen, including Universal Studios, Wildlife Reserves Singapore and Gardens by the Bay.

RECOMMENDED STAYS IN **SINGAPORE**

Mandarin Orchard Singapore

Mandarin Orchard Singapore is an iconic hotel in the Lion City. The currently situation has created a unique opportunity for Singaporeans to appreciate this local landmark, which is usually filled with travellers from all over the world. Stay in a spacious room or suite and dine at a choice of restaurants, including the two Michelin-starred Shisen Hanten by Chen Kentaro.

PARKROYAL on Beach Road

PARKROYAL on Beach Road is perfectly positioned for local guests who want to indulge in a spot of retail therapy. The shops and services of Bugis Street are on the hotel's doorstep, while the CBD is just a stone's throw away. A choice of rooms and suites are available, while St. Gregory Spa is a wonderful place to unwind.

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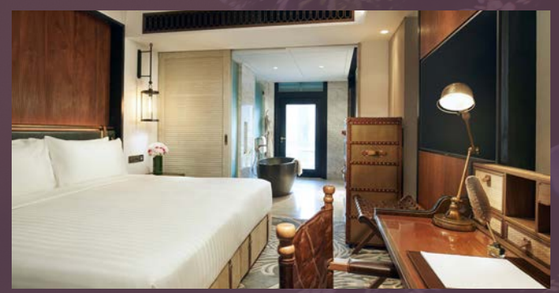
RECOMMENDED STAYS IN **SINGAPORE**

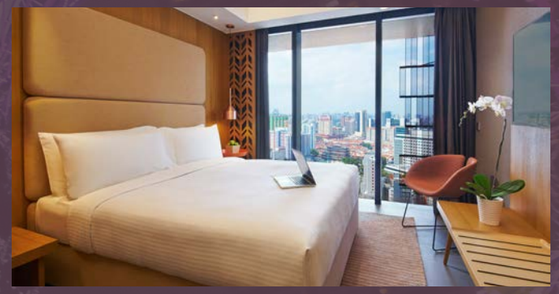
The Barracks Hotel Sentosa

The Barracks Hotel Sentosa is a refined resort that exudes historical grace and elegance. A former British artillery outpost, this colonial building now features 40 luxurious rooms and suites, an outdoor pool and a private lounge. Guests can learn all about the area's heritage with a complimentary guided walking tour, or simply discover the many modern attractions of Sentosa Island.



Oasia Hotel Downtown

Oasia Hotel Downtown lets Singaporeans experience the city's trendiest district. Designed by architecture firm WOHA, this 27-storey hotel is sleek and stylish, with sky gardens and green terraces. Guests can uncover the vibrant and multicultural Tanjong Pagar area, including its cool shops, restaurants and bars, or recharge with a refreshing dip or weekly "Aquaspin" classes in the rooftop pool.



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As one of the world's most desirable tourism hotspots, Thailand has been hard-hit by the global slump in overseas travel. But with a large local population and many dream destinations, the kingdom is now aiming to drive domestic trips through its THB22.4 billion (US$718m) stimulus plan and "We Travel Together" staycation campaign. Thai nationals and expats can enjoy subsidised stays at hotels nationwide. Popular places include those within driving distance of Bangkok, such as Hua Hin, Pattaya and even Chiang Mai.

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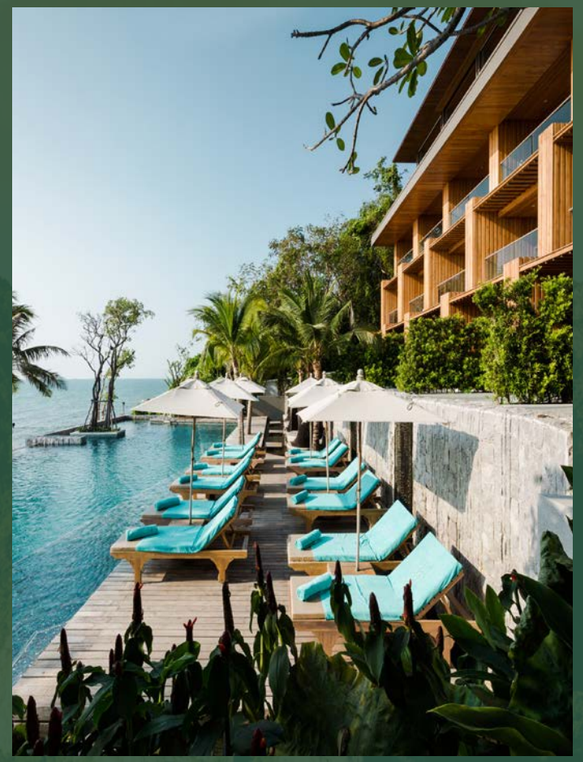

Cape Dara The Beachfront Resort

Cape Dara The Beachfront Resort is one of the newest stars in Pattaya, the ever-popular seaside town just 150km from Bangkok. This trendy five-star beachfront retreat offers a collection of bright rooms and suites with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking Pattaya Bay, plus a sea-facing infinity pool, beach bar, spa and delectable dining options, including a contemporary Chinese restaurant.

Ace of Hua Hin

Ace of Hua Hin is a boutique-inspired beachfront resort where stressed-out city-dwellers come to relax. Sleek and stylish, this contemporary retreat features 118 bright rooms, including 22 pool access rooms that let guests slide straight into the inviting waters of the sparkling blue swimming pool. At night, the beachfront restaurant is a magical place to dine.

RECOMMENDED STAYS IN **THAILAND**

Silavadee Pool Spa Resort

Silavadee Pool Spa Resort is a breath-taking clifftop hideaway in Koh Samui, where guests can discover romantic bliss in a choice a tropical pool villas. Created using natural materials, this authentic retreat blends seamless into the hillside. Each unique villa is blessed with an infinity pool and spectacular sea views. A spa, alfresco restaurant and rooftop bar complete the dreamlike guest experience.

Sai Kaew Beach Resort

Sai Kaew Beach Resort showcases the tropical charm of Koh Samed, an idyllic island that is easily accessible from Bangkok. Three separate zones – Hip, Hub and Hide – reflect different aspects of this chic resort, which comprises contemporary rooms and villas, a pool, spa, restaurant and bar. Guests can also stroll along a sublime stretch of white sandy beach.

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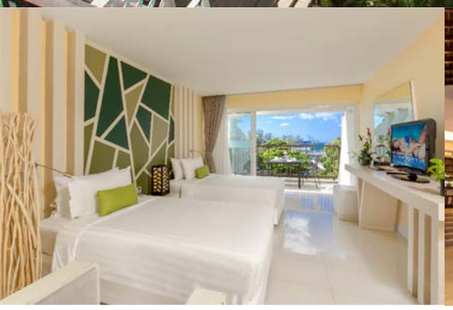

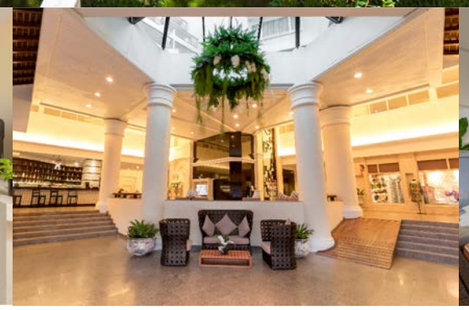

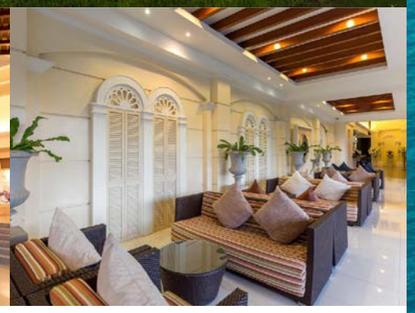

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