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FOREWORD

Welcome to the final edition of Travel Aggregator of the year!

In this issue, WebBeds' dedicated newsletter for the travel trade in Asia Pacific will be waving goodbye to 2020 and hoping for a brighter year ahead, with a special edition that focuses on domestic travel for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The festive season is always a time of optimism, but never more so than this year. For most people, the end of 2020 cannot come soon enough, and a year-end staycation could be a great way to revive your body and mind after a difficult year. We've highlighted eight distinct vacation styles for every type of traveller, along with a selection of high-end hotels and resorts that adhere to the highest health and safety standards – perfect for your year-end escape.

And that's not all; WebBeds' in-house travel experts will also share their insider tips, revealing the best places to explore in their home destinations.

We understand that 2020 has been a challenging time for everyone in the travel trade. Please remember that WebBeds is always by your side and ready to support you – we are stronger when we work together.

We look forward to continuing our journey with you in 2021. Happy holidays!

Daryl Lee
CEO of WebBeds
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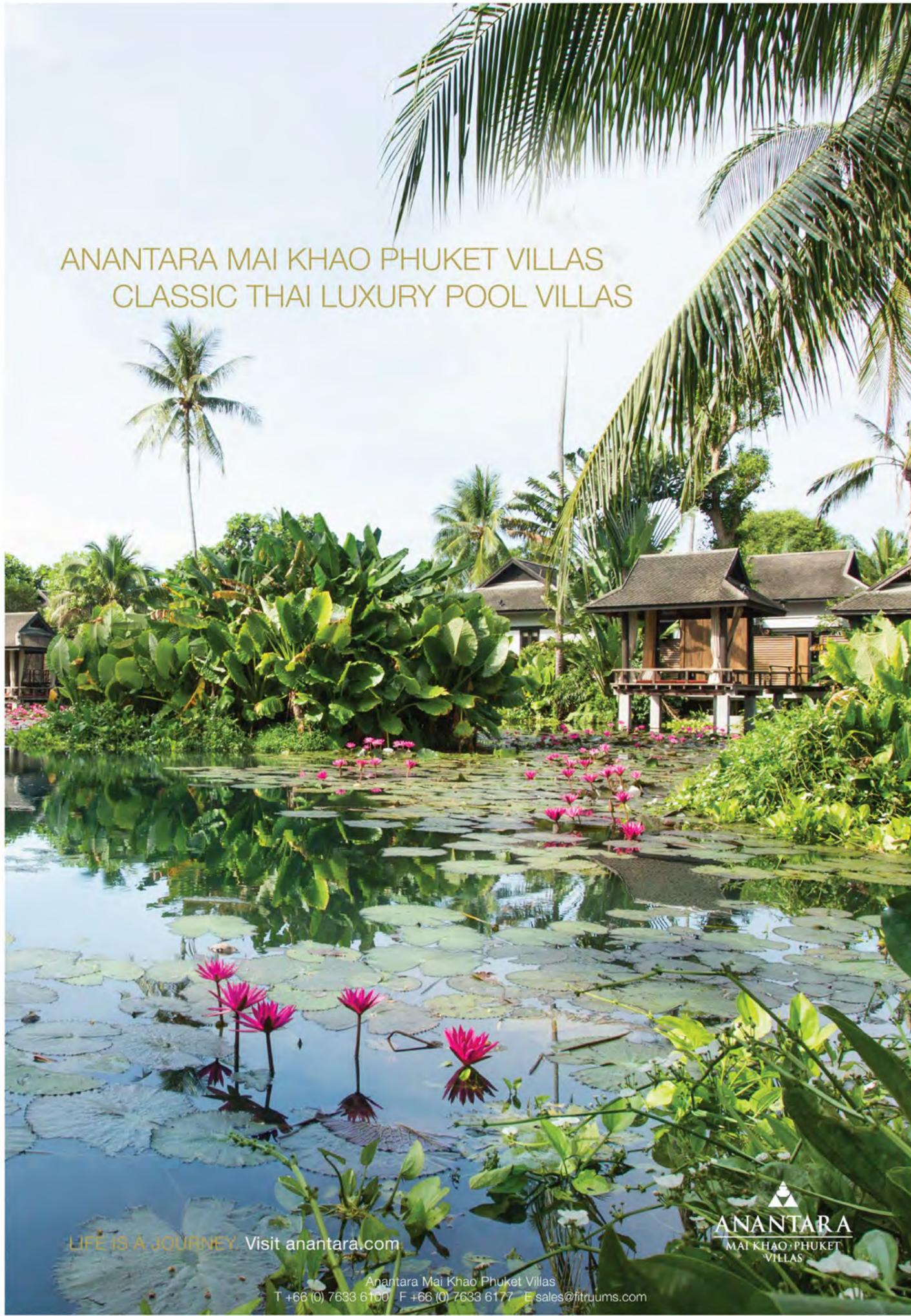
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A view from an airplane window showing the wing and a city at sunset. The wing is on the left, and the city is below, with a sunset sky in shades of orange and yellow.

Wave Goodbye to 2020 with Your Perfect Year-End Escape

The end of the year is always an occasion to celebrate – a time of optimism, when people around the world look forward to the possibility of a bright and prosperous future. For many however, the end of 2020 cannot come soon enough. And after a year of uncertainty, a staycation could be just what you need to stimulate your senses. All across Asia Pacific, destinations, hotels, resorts and attractions are now ready to welcome back guests for the festive holiday season. Just pick your favourite spot and treat yourself to a well-deserved year-end break!

Naturally, WebBeds understands that not all travellers are alike. So our in-house travel experts have highlighted eight distinctive vacation styles that can be enjoyed all across the region. Whether you're seeking adventure, wellness, shopping, gastronomy, culture, beachfront retreats, short weekend sojourns or fun-filled family vacations, we have a rewarding recommendation for your New Year getaway. And of course, every option is elevated with world-class accommodation – including our curated selection of hotels and resorts that adhere to the highest health and safety standards.

So wave goodbye to 2020 with an extraordinary escape in Asia Pacific with WebBeds!

YEAR END ESCAPES FOR... ADVENTURE SEEKERS

Having spent so much of 2020 stuck indoors, what could be more appealing than heading out and exploring the great outdoors? Adventure seeking travellers have a wealth of options in Asia Pacific, from exhilarating winter sports to enchanting wildlife encounters. Surrounded by nature and fresh air, a rural retreat could be just what you need after a year of travel restrictions. Every country has its own opportunities for soft adventure, so put on your skis, lace up your hiking boots and find your own sense of space and freedom, away from the city.



 CHIANG RAI, THAILAND

Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp & Resort

The Golden Triangle is a legendary region where Thailand, Laos and Myanmar converge along the mighty Mekong River. Perched on a hilltop overlooking all three countries, Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp & Resort is a sublime spot to rise above the stress. Stay in a collection

of luxurious rooms or suites with spectacular three-country views, savour authentic northern Thai cuisine, cool off in the pool, and connect with elephants in a responsible way at the award-winning Elephant Camp.



 HOKKAIDO, JAPAN

Hilton Niseko Village

In the volcanic mountains of Hokkaido, the most northerly of Japan's major islands, Niseko is a world-class winter sports haven that attracts skiers and snowboarders from all across Asia and beyond. Set at the foot of Mount Niseko-Annupuri, Hilton

Niseko Village offers ski-in and ski-out services, with gondola access to the top of the mountain in just seven minutes. Enjoy exhilarating day on the slopes, unwind in a soothing onsen or dine at a choice of restaurants, including a teppanyaki grill.

 QUEENSTOWN, NEW ZEALAND

The Rees Luxury Hotel and Residences

The adventure tourism capital of New Zealand, and arguably the world, Queenstown offers an amazing array of outdoor activities, from skiing, hiking and mountain biking to bungy jumping, jet boating and skydiving! Hugging the shores of Lake Wakatipu, The Rees Luxury Hotel and Residences

showcases the breath-taking beauty of this pristine region. Choose from hotel rooms, apartments and residences, all with terraces that frame mountain and lake views, and taste the organic produce of the South Island, including fine wines.

YEAR END ESCAPES FOR... SPA LOVERS

Throughout the year, pressure gradually builds up in all of us. Unfortunately in our fast-paced lives, it is easy to overlook the need to take care of ourselves and relieve our stress. But self-care has never been more important, so a soothing spa session could be just what's needed to rejuvenate your mind and body. Asia Pacific is the perfect place for a spot of personal pampering, with a rich heritage of healing to ease even the most deep-rooted tension. Treat yourself to a serene spa escape and indulge in a choice of body therapies and beauty treatments to leave you feeling fantastic.



 CHIANG MAI, THAILAND

RatiLanna Riverside Spa Resort

Thailand is the spiritual home of wellness, and there is no better setting to experience this ancient art than the exotic hills of Chiang Mai. For a sensational spa break, RatiLanna Resort transports you back into an exquisite era of Asian culture. On

the banks of the Ping River, you can alleviate your pent-up tension with an invigorating Thai massage at the award-winning RatiLanna Spa, enjoy a Hmong-style tea ceremony, or learn the art of northern Thai cuisine with a cooking class.



 HAKONE, JAPAN

Hotel Indigo Hakone Gora

Immerse yourself in the magic of Japan's Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park, the home of Mount Fuji and several hot springs, naturally heated by the volcanic landscape. Hotel Indigo Hakone Gora stands close to Gora Station, the last stop on Hakone's century-old mountain railway line.

Fusing contemporary Japanese design with natural and cultural elements, including a private onsen bath in every room and suite, this striking hotel lets you absorb the area's authentic essence. The art-inspired spa and onsen blends traditional local wellness techniques with a trend-setting vibe.



 PUNCAK, INDONESIA

Le Eminence Puncak

For the 10 million residents of Jakarta, the cool highlands of Puncak, West Java, provide a wonderfully enticing place to find peace and tranquillity, away from the capital. To elevate your escape to exceptional new heights, Le Eminence Hotel offers five-star accommodation, panoramic

views of the surrounding hills, and first-class leisure facilities. For guests seeking pampering, the onsite Health Club Spa & Massage promises a wide range of body treatments, including classical Indonesian massages.

YEAR END ESCAPES FOR...

SHOPAHOLICS

For many people there is nothing more soothing than retail therapy, and there is no better time of year to indulge your passion for shopping than the festive season. Whether you're seeking special gifts for your friends or family, or a shamelessly self-indulgent trip to re-stock your wardrobe, Asia Pacific has a wealth of world-class retail offerings. From bustling markets selling arts, crafts and souvenirs, to magnificent mega-malls that house the world's biggest brands, every shopaholic can satisfy their urge to splurge! And surely after such a challenging year, everyone deserves to spoil themselves.

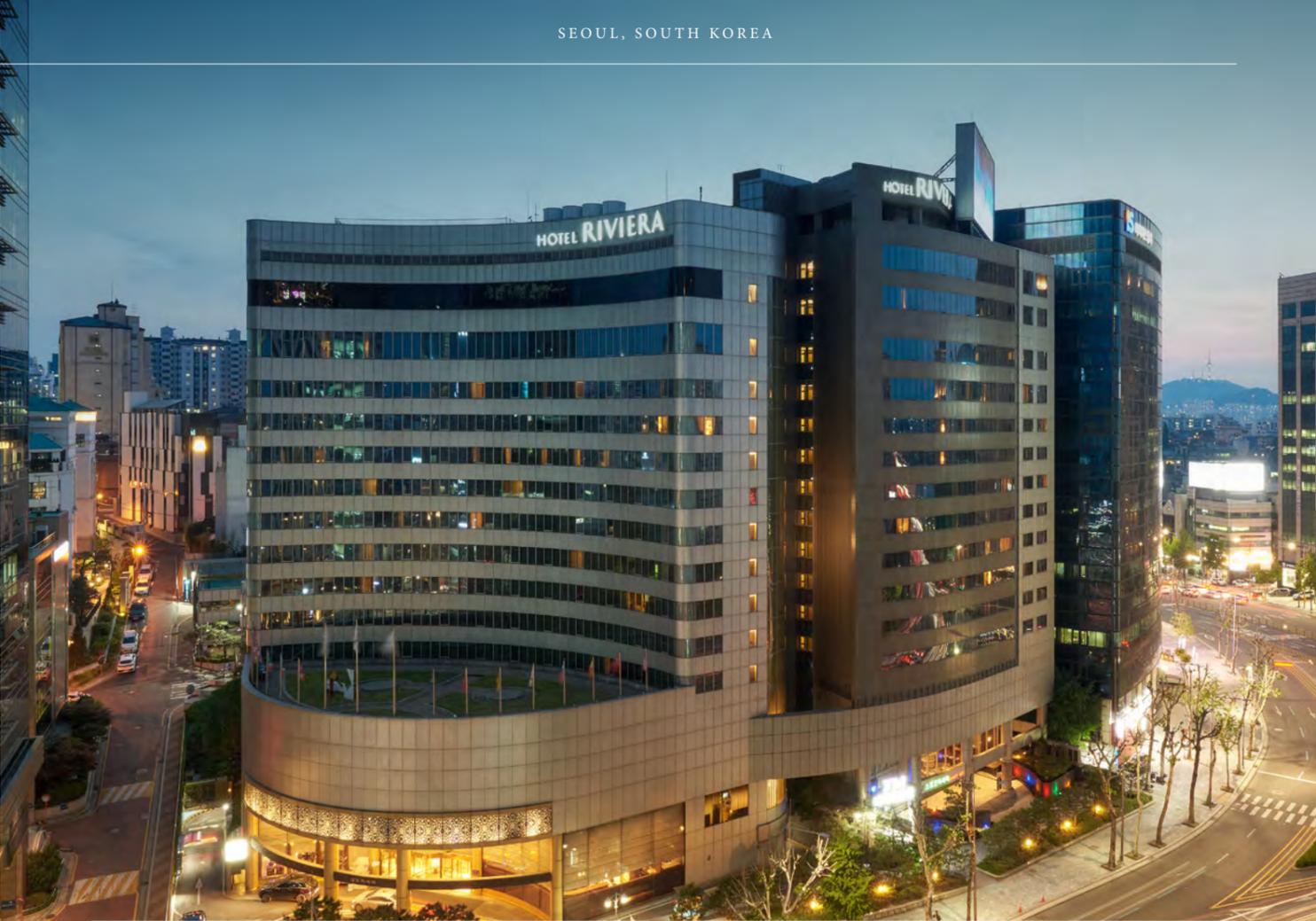


 BANGKOK, THAILAND

Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok

The name "Shangri-La" derives from the fabled heaven on Earth, and Bangkok is a paradise for shopaholics! The Thai capital was made famous by its markets, but more recently it has become the spiritual home of the shopping mall. Overlooking the Chao Phraya River, the luxurious Shangri-La

Hotel Bangkok puts guests on the doorstep of the city's newest waterfront retail venues, while the adjacent BTS skytrain station puts every bazaar and boutique within reach. After a busy day, savour an alfresco riverside dinner.



 HONG KONG

Park Hotel Hong Kong

Hong Kong is an iconic global city where exciting discoveries await around every corner. Overlooking the glimmering waterfront of Victoria Harbour, Tsim Sha Tsui is an amazing place to stay and shop, with an array of high-end boutiques, specialty markets and large-scale department stores. Park

Hotel Hong Kong is situated in the heart of this dynamic district and features newly-renovated rooms, including brand new family suites, and upscale amenities. Tsim Sha Tsui MTR station is right on the doorstep.

 SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

Hotel Riviera Cheongdam

Is Seoul's Gangnam district Asia's trendiest place to stay? This stylish neighbourhood is a high-end retail haven that showcases the world's biggest brands and Korean labels. Shoppers can spend their days browsing the latest designs on Cheongdam Fashion Street and Rodeo Street. Then head back

to the Hotel Riviera Cheongdam to try on your new clothes, in the comfort of a chic and spacious room or suite. Guests have plenty of ways to unwind, including a gym, sauna, pool and a choice of restaurants.

YEAR END ESCAPES FOR... FOODIES

Imagine strolling through a bustling market, as street-side stalls steam and sizzle amid a buzz of excitement from the crowds. Or picture yourself sitting at a high-end restaurant and gazing down at an elegant menu full of delicious dishes, each one promising an amazing new taste sensation. Yes, the food and beverage industry has changed in recent months, having had to adapt to the "new normal" of social distancing and strict safety standards, but travellers can still experience memorable culinary moments. This Christmas and New Year, foodies can treat themselves to truly exciting epicurean adventures, all across Asia Pacific.

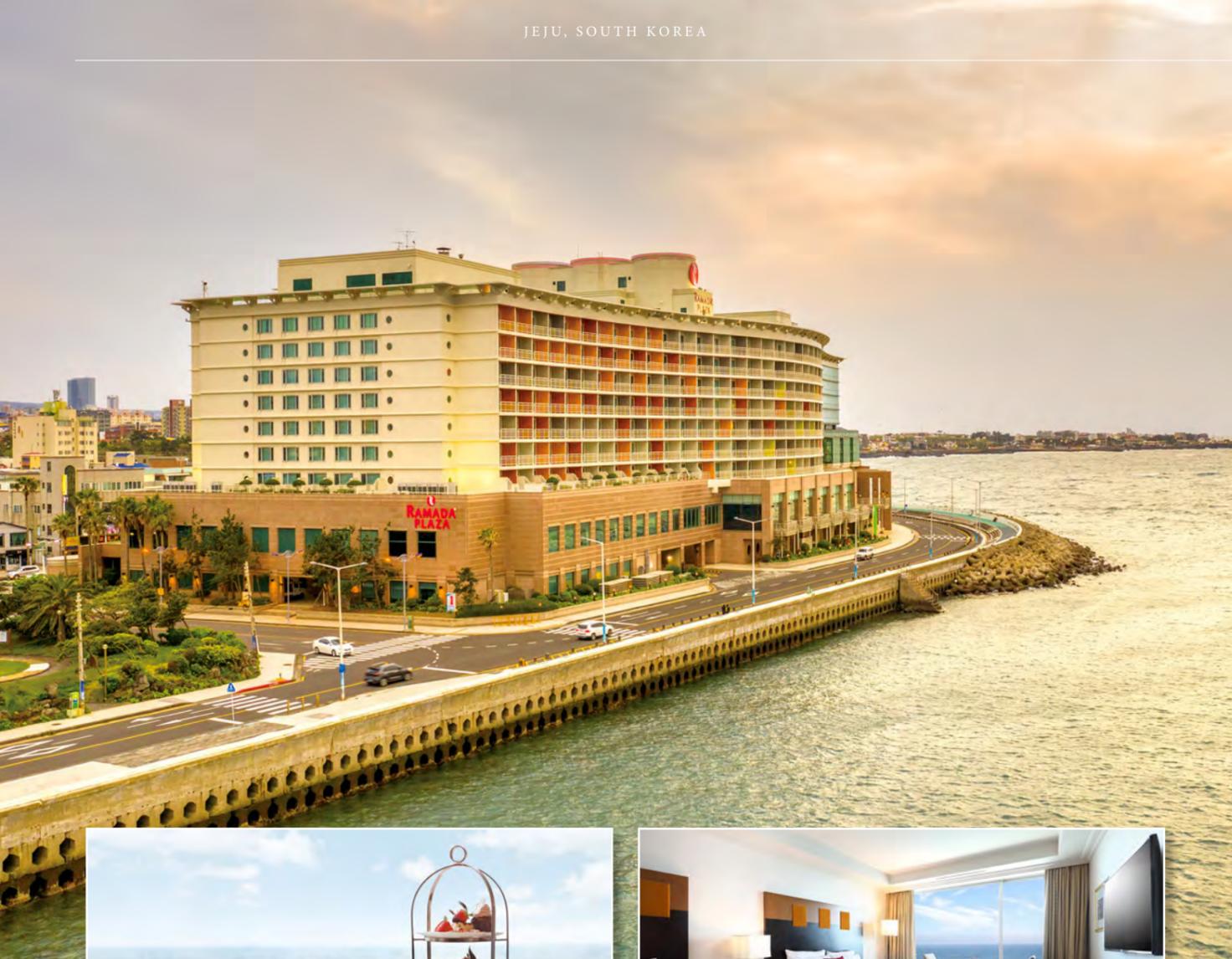


 **BANDUNG, INDONESIA**

Hotel De Paviljoen Bandung

Bandung is the home of Sundanese cuisine, one of Indonesia's most popular culinary styles, which is characterised by its fresh flavours, crisp vegetables and spicy sambal. Hotel De Paviljoen Bandung puts guests in the neighbourhood of many

gastronomic hotspots. Connect with the city's vibrant street life at Jalan Progo and Jalan Riau, then return to Keuken, the hotel's all-day restaurant which highlights traditional Indonesian recipes, and head up to the Vesper Sky Bar for a sunset drink.



 JEJU, SOUTH KOREA

Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Jeju Ocean Front Hotel

The enchanting South Korean island of Jeju is a paradise for gourmands. Treat your taste buds to fresh abalone, a local specialty, or try the spicy flavours of haemultang, a rich seafood hotpot. There are also many sashimi restaurants that showcase daily-caught produce. Ramada Plaza

by Wyndham Jeju Ocean Front hotel is on the shoreline just minutes from Jeju's downtown area, and features rooms and suites with spectacular sea views, as well as an onsite restaurant overlooking the ocean.



 KAOHSIUNG, TAIWAN

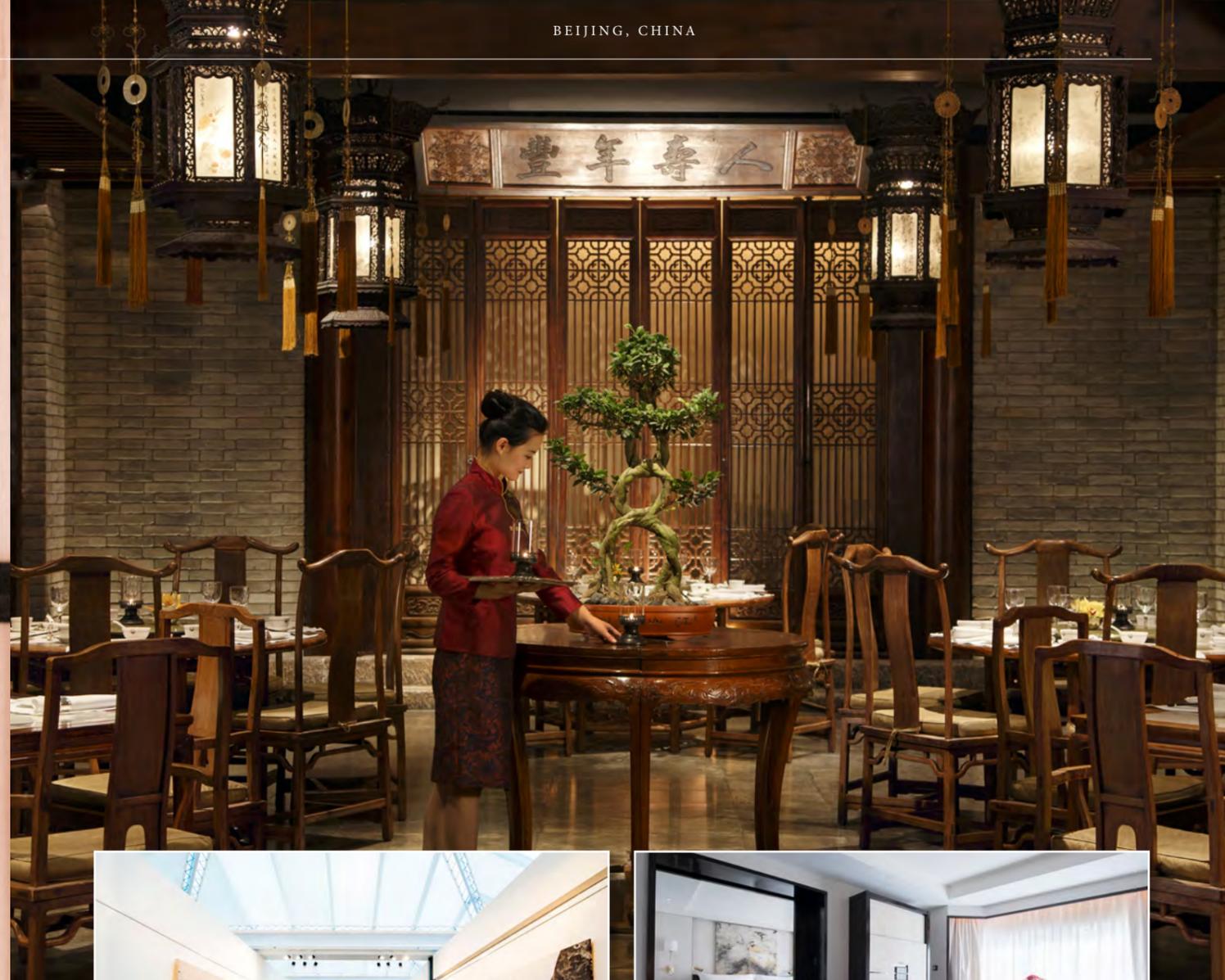
H2O Hotel

The largest city in southern Taiwan, Kaohsiung has its own distinctive food culture. Visitors can spend endless hours drifting through the city and discovering simple street-side snacks, such as pancakes and deep-fried egg crisps. There are also plenty of opportunities to find fresh fish and

seafood, including the local noodle soup. H2O Hotel is a great base for any gastronomic adventure in Kaohsiung. Located in the coastal Gushan district, the hotel houses modern rooms and a delectable dim sum restaurant.

YEAR END ESCAPES FOR...
**CULTURE
 CULTURES**

The wonderful thing about humanity is that there is always something new to learn. Even when international travel is not achievable, it is still possible to broaden your mind with a cultural exploration. Head out and visit your local museums, temples, churches, mosques and markets, or those parts of the city that you have previously overlooked. There are a wealth of cultural wonders out there, just waiting to be uncovered, and residents are usually delighted to share their secrets with strangers. Even if you're stuck at home, this is an outstanding opportunity to expand your horizons.



 **BEIJING, CHINA**

The Peninsula Beijing

Beijing is one of the oldest cities in the world, with a story that stretches back three millennia. The thriving metropolis of today has retained much of its ancient charm. In the historical heart of the city, moments from the Forbidden City, The Peninsula

Beijing is a stunning all-suite hotel that evokes the capital's imperial grandeur. Discover sublime therapies at The Peninsula Spa and dine at a choice of restaurants, including Huang Ting, with its fine Cantonese cuisine and Ming Dynasty furnishings.



 CHIANG MAI, THAILAND

Sibsan Luxury Hotel Rimping

Nestled in the hills of northern Thailand, the walled city of Chiang Mai was the capital of the ancient Lanna Kingdom. Blessed with many ancient attractions and magnificent mountain-top temples, this enchanting city has become the country's cultural capital. Set on the banks of

the Ping River, Sibsan Luxury Hotel Rimping lets guests immerse themselves in the area's heritage. Designed in a classical Lanna style, it offers just 32 rooms with authentic décor, plus a traditional Thai spa and restaurant.

 HANOI, VIETNAM

Lotte Hotel Hanoi

With more than 1,000 years of history, Hanoi is an inspiring city for culture seekers. Lotte Hotel Hanoi is conveniently placed between the Vietnamese capital's Old Quarter and new business district, giving guests easy access to a wide range of intriguing sites, including museums, markets,

parks and gardens. From its position on the upper floors of the 65-storey Lotte Center, this dramatic new landmark houses 318 rooms and suites, fantastic facilities and world-class dining, including a Michelin-starred dim sum restaurant.

YEAR END ESCAPES FOR... SUNSEEKERS

After a stressful year, what could be more alluring than spending your festive season on a soft, sandy beach, sipping cocktails as the ocean waves lap gently on the shore, and the sea breeze makes the palm trees sway? This vision of bliss awaits visitors in tropical beach resorts all across Asia Pacific. With many world-class resorts now lining the region's sublime shores, all featuring fantastic facilities, such as cool bars and spas, beachfront breaks have never been more rewarding. Simply leave your cares at home and transport yourself into a world of exotic wonders – you deserve it!



 **BORACAY, PHILIPPINES**

The Lind Boracay

The Philippine island of Boracay is one of the jewels in Asia's tourism crown. Blessed with powder-soft sands and warm, shallow seas, this is a pure paradise for sunseekers. Visitors can now combine this natural beauty with five-star luxury at The Lind Boracay, a stylish seafront property that commands

a prime location, spacious accommodation, a restaurant, beach bar and spa. An aquatic arcadia, the resort also promises a sea-facing pool, kid's pool, Jacuzzi, and its famed rooftop infinity pool.



 PATTAYA, THAILAND

Mövenpick Siam Hotel Na Jomtien Pattaya

The vibrant Thai resort town of Pattaya delivers the perfect combination of beachfront fun, family attractions, superb shopping and electric nightlife, all within easy reach of Bangkok. This makes it an excellent choice for every type of traveller. Positioned directly on the seafront, just a short

distance from the main town, Mövenpick Siam Hotel Na Jomtien Pattaya houses a full selection of facilities, including the Wave Spa, kid's club and four F&B outlets, such as a tapas bar and beachfront restaurant.



 PERTH, AUSTRALIA

Seashells Scarborough

Australia's west coast is a dream destination, blessed with endless stretches of sand, kissed by the Indian Ocean, and illuminated every evening by spectacular sunsets. Just 15 minutes from the centre of Perth, Scarborough Beach has long been a popular place for locals to kick back and relax.

At Seashells Scarborough, guests can combine the beach's natural beauty, revitalised facilities and outdoor activities, such as surfing and swimming, with spacious apartments, a choice of pools and beachfront barbecue facilities.



YEAR END ESCAPES FOR...
FAMILY FUN

The festive season is a time for families to reconnect and spend quality time together. This has never been more important than in 2020, when family bonds have been stretched and strained by the pressures of lockdown, and when different generations have been separated from each other for extended periods. As the year comes to a close however, parents and kids can leave their cares at home and unwind in the comfort of a high-end resort. Let someone else cook the Christmas dinner and organise the New Year party, while you just chill out in the company of your loved ones.



 **JOHOR, MALAYSIA**

Anantara Desaru Coast Resort & Villas

Nestled on the sun-soaked east coast of Malaysia's Johor state, lapped by the South China Sea, the Desaru coast is an idyllic up-and-coming region for family travel. Anantara Desaru Coast Resort & Villas comprises a collection of spacious rooms, villas

and residences with space for between three and 12 guests, along with a wealth of facilities including a waterpark with slides and a lazy river, separate clubs for kids and teens, an outdoor cinema, water sports, beach games and more!

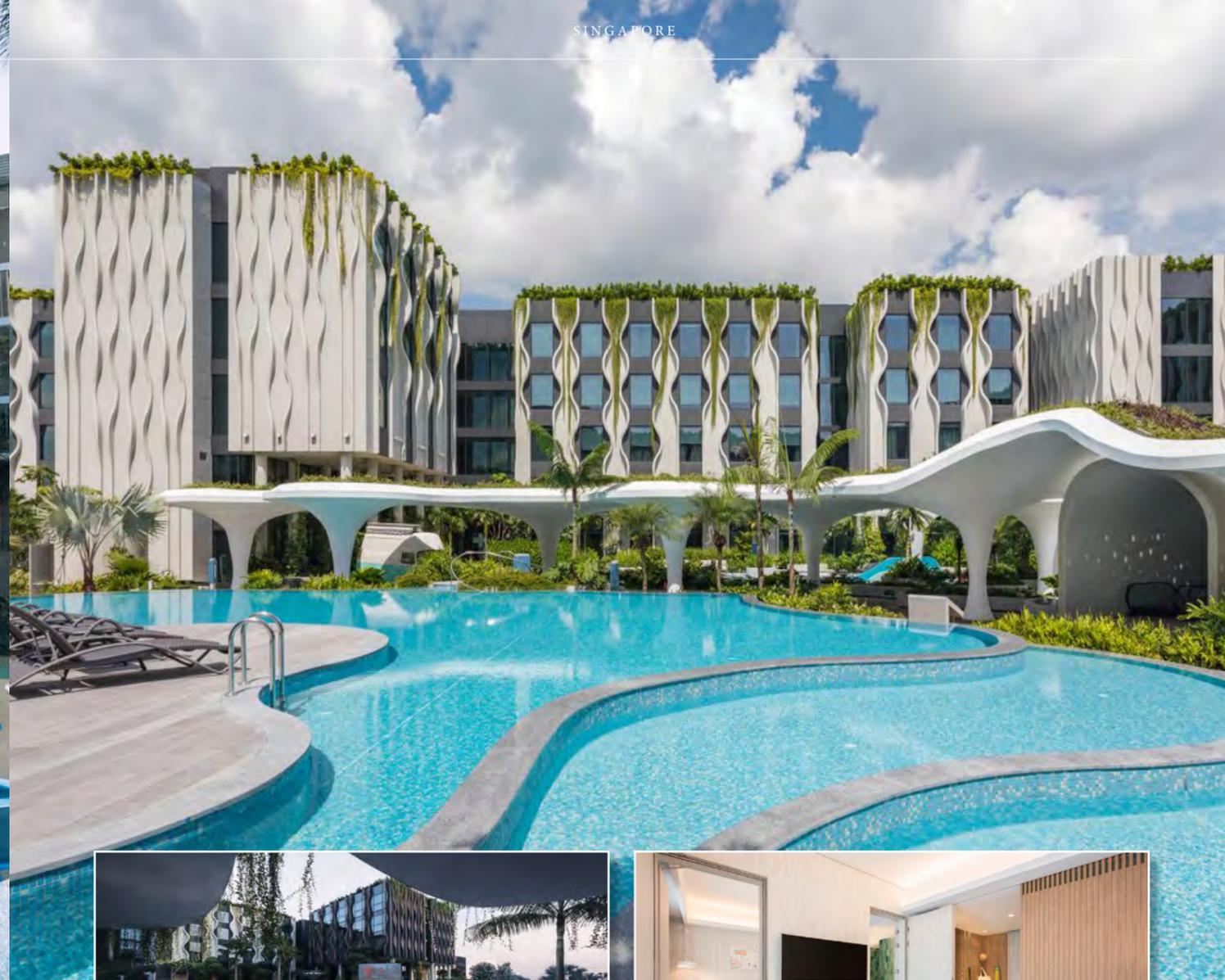


 GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA

Paradise Resort Gold Coast

Australia's Gold Coast is a world-class family destination, with an amazing array of attractions and activities for all ages. Paradise Resort Gold Coast encapsulates the excitement of this popular tourism area by providing a full collection of family

facilities, including its own waterpark, kid's club, climbing wall and even an ice rink, complemented by spacious rooms and vibrant restaurants, all just moments from the beach. It's little wonder it holds the title of "Australia's best family resort".



 SINGAPORE

Village Hotel Sentosa

For Singaporeans, Sentosa is a private playground where families can escape the city and enjoy beautiful beaches and international theme parks, such as Universal Studios Singapore. Village Hotel adds to the appeal of this exciting island with its spectacular pool deck – a tropical oasis

that features an adventure pool, children's pool, lazy river and the multi-tiered "Pamukkale Pool", all overlooking the sea. A monorail station is also on the hotel's doorstep, putting the entire island within easy reach.



YEAR END ESCAPES FOR...
**WEEKEND
BREAKS**

One of the biggest travel trends in recent years has been the shift away from long, lazy vacations to short weekend breaks. For many people, life and work don't stop for the festive season, but this can be a great time to enjoy a change of scenery – if only for a few days. What makes these trips so much fun is how flexible they are; simply pack a toothbrush and a change of clothes and off you go! This is a fantastic opportunity to get away from it all, eat delicious food, do some shopping, or just to discover somewhere completely different.



 **PENANG, MALAYSIA**

OZO George Town Penang

Beautiful beaches, sumptuous street food, captivating cultural sites, natural attractions; Penang is a superb spot for short breaks. Located in the heart of this island state's UNESCO World Heritage-listed capital, OZO George Town Penang

puts guests in the centre of the action. When you are not exploring the many wonders of the "Pearl of the Orient", take a dip in the rooftop pool, work out at the fitness centre, or savour memorable meals and panoramic views at the 21st floor restaurant.



 HUNTER VALLEY, AUSTRALIA

Leisure Inn Pokolbin Hill

Just three hours' drive north of Sydney in New South Wales, the Hunter Valley is one of Australia's leading wine regions, home to many vineyards that provide tours and tastings. This makes it an enticing destination for Sydneysiders seeking a rewarding retreat. Waiting to welcome weekend

visitors is Leisure Inn Pokolbin Hill, a scenic resort in 25 acres of grounds that comprises a series of self-contained villas, a tennis court, outdoor swimming pool, games room, playground and barbecue facilities.



 CHONGMING ISLAND, CHINA

Shanghai Yiqinyuan Resort

Escape the fast pace of Shanghai and soak up the tranquillity of Chongming Island, in the Yangtze River Delta. While it is easily accessible from the mainland via a bridge and tunnel, this alluvial island feels far away from the busy city streets. Set close to Dongping National Forest Park,

surrounded by nature, Yiqinyuan Resort Shanghai is an elegant three-storey property with plenty of attractions and activities, including an indoor pool, sauna, tennis, golf, karaoke, fishing, a games room and restaurant.



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A vintage Volkswagen van with a pop-top roof is parked on a dirt road overlooking the ocean. The van is light-colored and has a white pop-top roof that is extended. The background shows a clear blue sky, a calm sea, and distant hills. The van is parked on a dirt road next to a paved area.

Uncover the Best of Domestic Travel with WebBeds

This year we have foregone vacations, cancelled reunions, and postponed celebrations. While international travel plans may have been put on hold, it does not stop us from finding meaningful ways to continue celebrating life's special moments – from anniversaries to birthdays and other milestones. In this article, the team at WebBeds Asia Pacific share their personal domestic travel adventures and how a healthy dose of fresh air and freedom brought some sanity back into their lives.



Siau Island, North Sulawesi, Indonesia

This was a trip back to my hometown before the pandemic, and it was also my mother's birthday celebration, so we visited Siau Island together. I love it as there are many beaches and small islands that are yet to be explored, so I can have a different experience each time.

The islands are easily reachable by boat and, when I'm lucky, I can even get to see some dolphins! Next time, I'd love to dive in the ocean, but I'm still a bit scared!

-Vinsensia Stella Anggi, Contract Support, Indonesia



Batur Lake, Kintamani, Bali, Indonesia

Kintamani is currently my favourite spot in Bali, with many newly-opened cafés. Just 90 minutes' drive from Nusa Dua, I love the amazing views from Mount Batur as well as beautiful Lake Batur. While enjoying a lovely cup of coffee, we also took a nice family photo together!



Bukit Merese, Lombok, Indonesia

As we were not able to travel overseas, my family took a short holiday to our neighbouring island, Lombok, which is just a short flight away. Lombok has many hidden gems and Bukit Merese is definitely one of them! It takes about 15 minutes to hike to the peak, but it is totally worth it when you reach the top and see the beautiful landscape.



Komodo Island, Labuan Bajo, Indonesia

A visit to Komodo Island is a truly amazing experience as you can see the Komodo dragons up-close! Komodo dragons are protected animals and can only be found in Labuan Bajo, on Rinca Island or Komodo Island, a 45-minute flight from Bali.

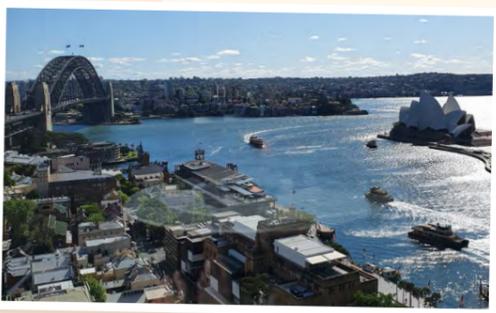
Besides seeing these giant lizards, the island is also blessed with beautiful water which is very good for snorkelling or diving to explore the underwater life.

-Mitha Uloli, Contracts Manager, Indonesia



Byron Bay and Coffs Harbour Road Trip, Australia

I went on a birthday road trip to northern New South Wales. This was a great opportunity to escape from the city and visit some iconic sites, such as Cape Byron lighthouse, standing on the most easterly point of Australia. And who could miss Coffs Harbour's Big Banana and Clog Barn?!



Sydney, Australia

Who needs to travel anywhere else when you have the magnificent view of Sydney Harbour on your doorstep? This photo was taken from our room while we were enjoying a staycation at Four Seasons Sydney.



Hunter Valley, Mudgee and Blue Mountains, New South Wales, Australia

A fabulous long weekend and wine trail in our home state. Beautiful scenery and quaint country towns that were delighted to welcome tourists again after the lockdown. A great alternative to an overseas destination.

-Chris Baltussen, Hotel Procurement Manager, Pacific



The Barracks Hotel Sentosa, Singapore

Due to restrictions on group gatherings, I had to modify my marriage proposal plans to fit something more private and intimate.

The Barracks Hotel provided the perfect venue as it was both exclusive and quiet. The pool access rooms come with a small courtyard which was perfect for a picturesque colonial-style set-up.

Although we were not able to have many friends present with us during this special occasion, we had a very memorable time celebrating the start of the next chapter of our relationship.

-Jerome Lau, Head of Contracting Operations, Asia Pacific



📍 Bang Rachan, Chanthaburi Province, Thailand

This is one of my favourite places. When Burma invaded Siam in the past, the army had to pass along this route, but could not break through the fortress of Bang Rachan. Later, the Burmese king decided to destroy the place with stronger forces.

On that day, the villages defended the area and fought bravely. This fortress has enjoyed seven victories against invaders and inspires me to be strong and brave like the villagers.



📍 Lod Cave, Mae Hong Son Province, Thailand

Lod Cave is an impressive natural limestone cave system. It is an archaeological site of great antiquity. I saw the cave in its full glory by boarding a bamboo raft with an experienced guide, and slowly gliding along the natural stream. This is a must-visit destination if you love an adventure in northern Thailand.



📍 Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn), Bangkok, Thailand

I visited this beautiful temple on the Chao Phraya River. This temple was envisioned by King Taksin in 1768. There are many restaurants opposite the temple, and it was a great pleasure enjoying my dinner along with stunning views of the river and temple.



📍 Ayutthaya, Thailand

Ayutthaya was the capital of Thailand before it was destroyed by Burma in the past, and the capital was moved to Bangkok. This place is not far from Bangkok and is very popular among Thai locals who come to visit to the ancient temples.

We believe that your wish will come true if you pray at nine temples within a single day. Exploring the Ayutthaya ruins reminds me that there is no strength without unity.

–Watin Wiriyasirikul, Senior Contracts Manager, Thailand



📍 W Hotel Sentosa, Singapore

We planned a romantic escape to Sentosa Cove for our first wedding anniversary. While we were bummed about not celebrating it overseas like we planned, the experience at W Hotel made up for it. We had a great time chilling by the pool and enjoying sunset views by the quayside. This also reminded us of our stay at Berkeley Marina in California, especially when we were surrounded by sailboats and yachts.

–Sara Lee, Marketing Executive, Asia Pacific



📍 Gongju Hanok Town, Gongju, South Korea

Due to COVID-19, “low contact” destinations are popular with domestic travellers. We visited Gongju Hanok Town, where you can stay and experience the unique ambience of traditional Korean houses, also known as Hanok. Each Hanok is standalone, so these dwellings are authentic and offer a sense of privacy.

They also minimise contact with other guests during their stay. There is an old palace located near the town, and you can learn about the history and culture of the Baekje Kingdom (18 BC – 660 AD) at a heritage site called Baekje Cultural Land.

–Don Koh, Senior Product Manager, South Korea



📍 Old Airport Road Food Centre, Singapore

Ask any traveller and they'll agree that food is a great way to experience a place. The no-frills and inclusive nature of Singapore's hawker centres attracts local and international visitors from every background, and lets them explore and enjoy the best of this cultural melting pot.

When Singapore's partial nationwide lockdown came to an end, the buzz at the hawker centres quickly returned – especially at the Old Airport Road Food Centre, where I went to savour my favourite bowl of wonton noodles.

–Huiting Chay, Marketing Manager, Asia Pacific



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