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## FOREWORD

Welcome to the March 2020 edition of Travel Aggregator – WebBeds’ newsletter dedicated to the travel trade in Asia Pacific!

This month, we’re excited and proud to reveal the winners of the inaugural WebBeds Hotel Awards for Asia Pacific, celebrating the region’s finest hotels and resorts! A total of 36 properties have been honoured, divided into three categories: “Best Hotel Partners”, “Most Popular Hotels” and “Most Inspiring Hotels”.

Springtime is a wonderful time of the year to travel and we’ll be revealing the best places to soak up the splendour of the season, including vibrant city breaks and colourful carnivals. We’ll also raise a glass to Asia Pacific’s best hotel bars with our special feature, and WebBeds’ Huiting Chay offers her tips on how to spend 72 hours in Singapore, her home city.

As always, we’ll present some of Asia’s most exciting new hotel openings, including the spectacular Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok at Chao Phraya River, plus all the latest news, photos and exclusive offers from WebBeds in Asia.

Enjoy the read!

**Daryl Lee**  
CEO of WebBeds  
Asia Pacific

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Travel Aggregator is the monthly newsletter published in-house by WebBeds Asia Pacific. Created especially for our travel trade partners and clients, this informative newsletter will include the latest updates from WebBeds Asia Pacific, including our news and developments, plus exciting offers from our partners, a selection of the hottest hotel deals, and much more!

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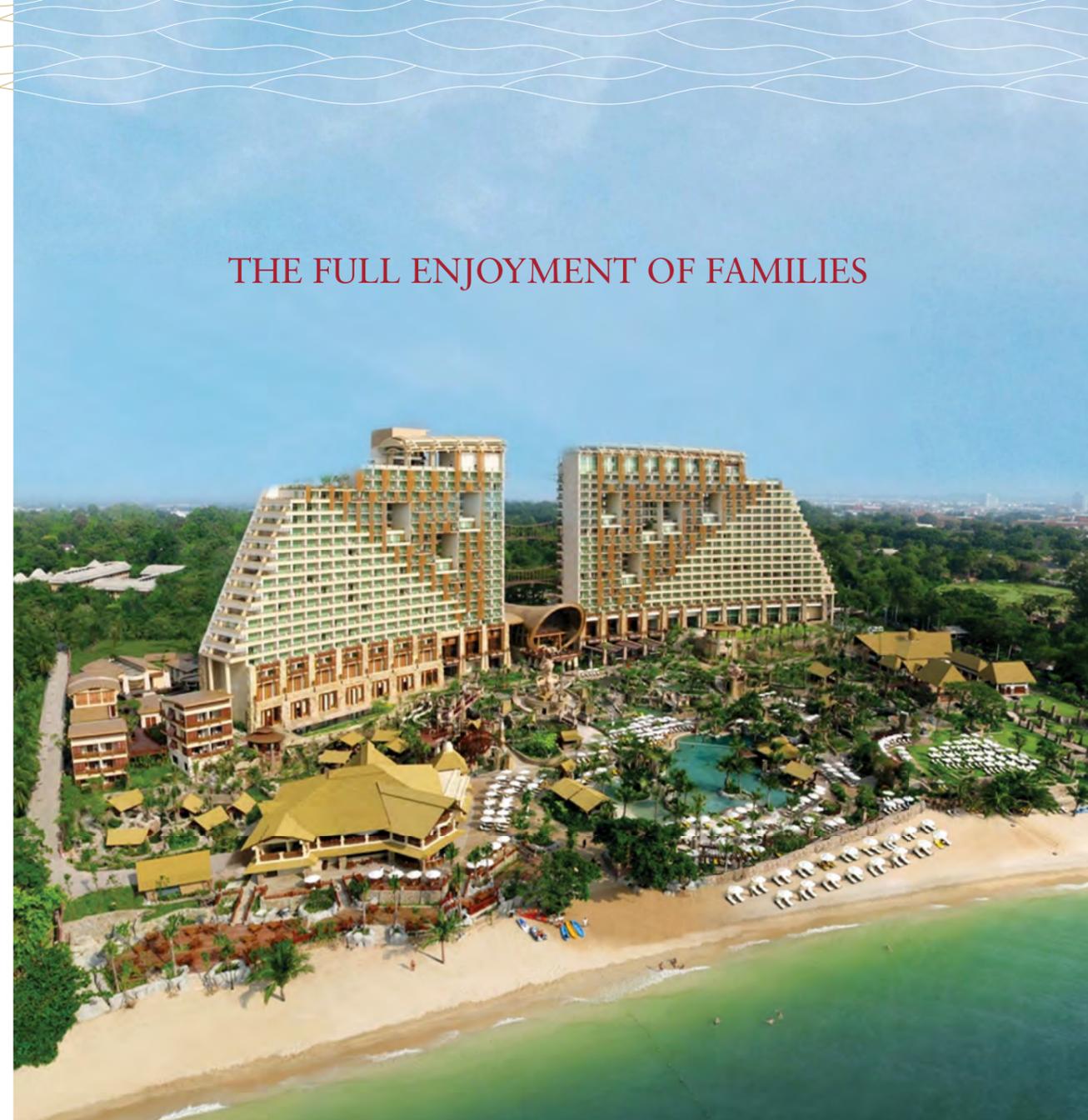


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The 2019  
WebBeds Award

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## THE FULL ENJOYMENT OF FAMILIES



Two gigantic cliffs connected by rope bridges, a cavern that reveals a jungle with a river and waterfalls, and a pathway leading down to a golden beach and the blue ocean. You are in the Lost World, a place of enchantment and beauty.

Centara Grand Mirage Beach Resort Pattaya is an exciting themed resort that is a destination in its own right, an entire world of pleasure, a place where everyday cares are laid aside and where everyone will find something to amaze and delight.



NEWLY  
OPENED

## Four Seasons Hotel by the Chao Phraya River

Four Seasons Hotel by the Chao Phraya River is one of Asia's most eagerly-anticipated new luxury hotels. Nestled on the waterfront and interwoven with tranquil ponds and pools, this new urban resort appears to blend seamlessly with its riverside surroundings.

The 299 rooms and suites all offer river views through floor-to-ceiling windows. With a minimum room size of 50 square metres, all guests have plenty of space to unwind and soak up their surroundings. The stunning tenth floor Presidential Suite meanwhile, is ideal for exclusive events.

Speaking of events, the Four Seasons Grand Ballroom Terrace includes a terrace and pre-function area, while The Conservatory is a separate MICE hub with a river-facing ballroom, three function rooms and boardroom.

Alternatively, guests can simply relax and discover an array of indulgent amenities, including two outdoor infinity pools, a spacious fitness centre, soothing spa, salon and kids' club, all of which promise state-of-the-art amenities. A series of classes are also available, such as anti-gravity yoga and Pilates. Memorable dining experiences can be enjoyed at exceptional Italian, Chinese and French restaurants, plus a stylish Latin American cocktail and cigar bar and a chic lounge.



# Women of **webBeds**



International Women's Day is held annually on 8th March to celebrate the achievements of women all over the world. To mark this important occasion, and to show the vital role that women play in the success of WebBeds, we sit down with three of our senior female executives in Asia Pacific and ask them to reflect on their success, discuss how they stay inspired, and find out what it means to be a woman in the workplace in 2020.



## Joy Huang

### Managing Director, China - WebBeds

#### What achievements or contributions at work are you most proud of?

We recently achieved high growth, which outpaces the market growth ratio at 30 percent and above. As a team we keep a positive and determined mindset, which has really helped us in achieving great results.

#### Who is your role model?

My role model is Sir Richard Branson, the Virgin founder. I love his motto: "Screw it - just do it!" It's important to live life to the fullest, which is what I try to do each and every day.

#### What would you say is something that has helped you progressed in your job?

Success is all about good and effective teamwork especially in fast-growing and fast-changing China where it is so important to react faster than our competitors on the ground and work cohesively as a team.

#### What is your favourite hotel to recommend?

I love the InterContinental Bali Resort, where I can enjoy amazing sunset views on the shore of Jimbaran Bay. It is perfect for couples, families and even business travellers who enjoy fantastic dining options!

#### What qualities would you attribute to being successful in the workplace?

I believe it's important to be nimble and agile, both mentally and physically, with a positive attitude and a focus on achieving results. I always aim to stay motivated and to keep my team engaged.





## Linda Kim

### General Manager, South Korea - WebBeds

#### What are you most proud of in your career?

When we first started in Korea, we did everything from scratch, including setting up an office, learning the systems and products, and most of all developing our clients. Promoting our brand name and increasing our product range were also critical. After three years of hard work from the team we've made amazing progress in our business, for both inbound and outbound, even becoming the leading supplier to most of our clients and breaking records month after month. I am really proud of our team and what we have achieved.

#### How do you stay inspired and motivated?

When I face challenges, I try to look on the positive side and get rid of any negative thoughts so that my feelings don't influence my team. Reading self-improvement books and watching lectures on YouTube has helped me whenever I feel unsure. I like to listen to the words of Buddhist monks, which help me to remain positive, try harder and stay humble.

#### What is your favourite holiday destination to recommend?

Singapore and Bangkok. My family likes Singapore and often say they would like to go again. If I travel alone or with friends, my favourite destination is Bangkok; there are so many things to enjoy, like spas and massage shops, which are inexpensive compared to Korea. The hotels are great and the people are so friendly.

#### What qualities would you attribute to being successful in the workplace?

I believe that honesty is the most important quality in the workplace. To me, honesty comprises of many different things - working hard, persisting, doing your job well, taking responsibility, being fair, telling the truth, working effectively and thinking of others.



## Jintana Porntanapat

### General Manager, Thailand-Indochina - WebBeds

#### What are you most proud of in your career?

The opportunity to lead the hardworking and professional team for Thailand and Indochina where I am not only exposed to product and contracting, which is where my background is, but also other areas such as sales, accounts, HR and operations. Achieving a 34 percent growth in the past year with my amazing team has given me confidence in a great performing 2020.

#### Who are your role models?

The answer is definitely my parents, who made enormous sacrifices to help me succeed and were the most important teachers in my personal and professional life. They both inspire me with their "can-do" attitude and always teach me to look for a win-win solution - not only to take, but also to give. If I am a tree, they are my roots.

#### What would you say has helped you progressed in your career?

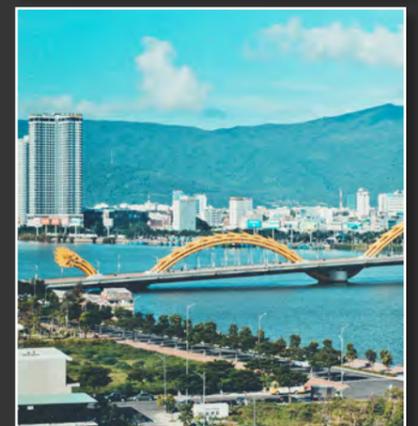
I would say my progress is thanks to the equal opportunities my bosses granted me. The respect of my colleagues at every level has also been an important part of my progress too; I could not have achieved my success without their support. My dedication, eagerness to learn new skills and ability to learn from my mistakes have also helped me.

#### What is your favourite holiday destination to recommend?

I am falling in love with Danang and Vietnam's central coast. It is such a fantastic destination; I can enjoy the beaches, the river, the charming ancient city of Hoi An, as well as the Bana Hills - four different experiences in one destination.

#### Any personal or professional goals you are currently working towards?

I believe in teamwork. Without great teamwork, I don't think that any leader can succeed. I want to empower my team and develop their professional skills, so that they will have an opportunity to grow within the company.



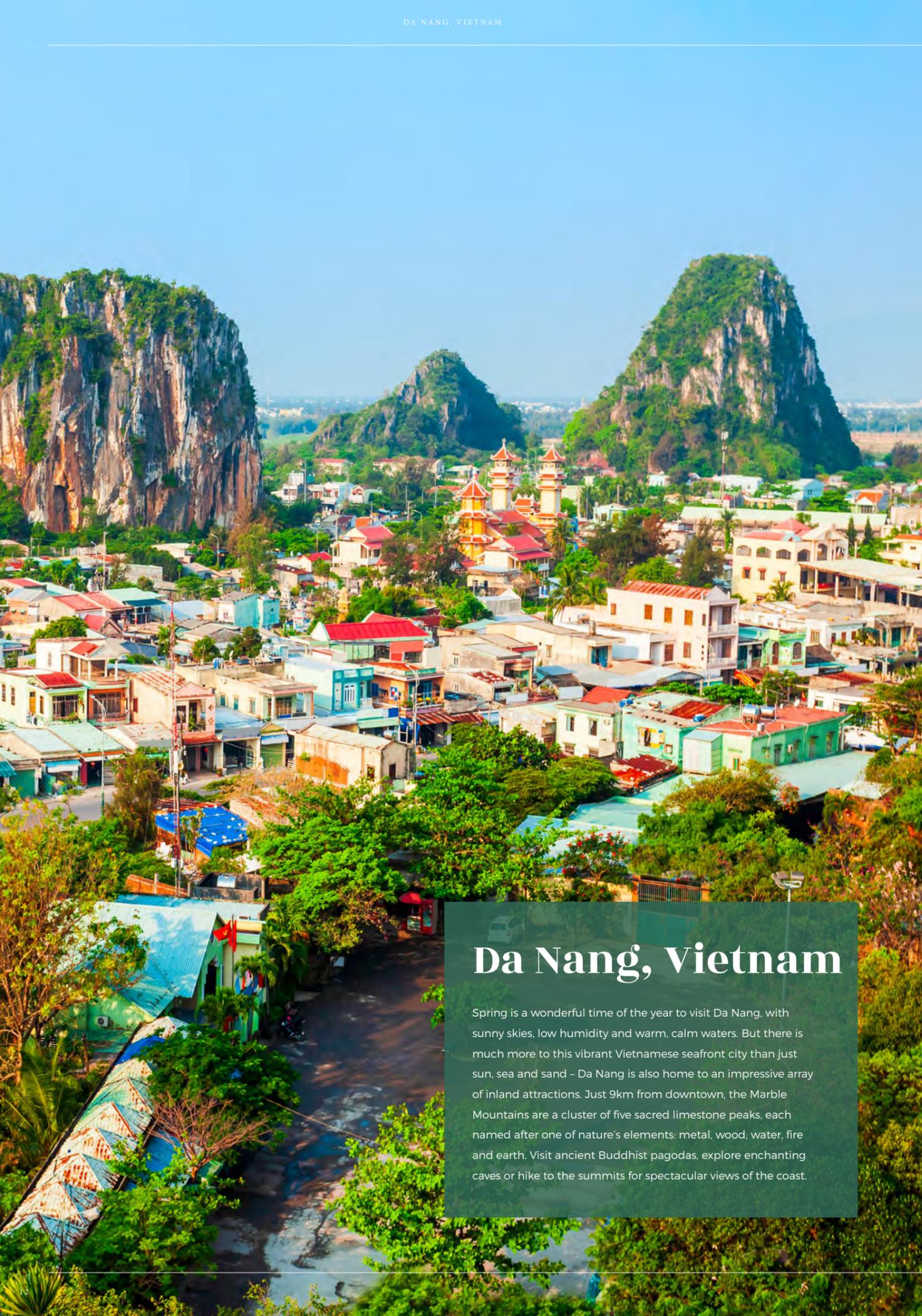


## Let Your Senses Bloom with a Springtime Break

Spring is a wonderful time of the year to travel. This is the season the world wakes up: woodlands turn back to green, birds start to sing, flowers come into bloom, animals awaken, rivers start to rise, and fresh energy seems to flow through every living thing.

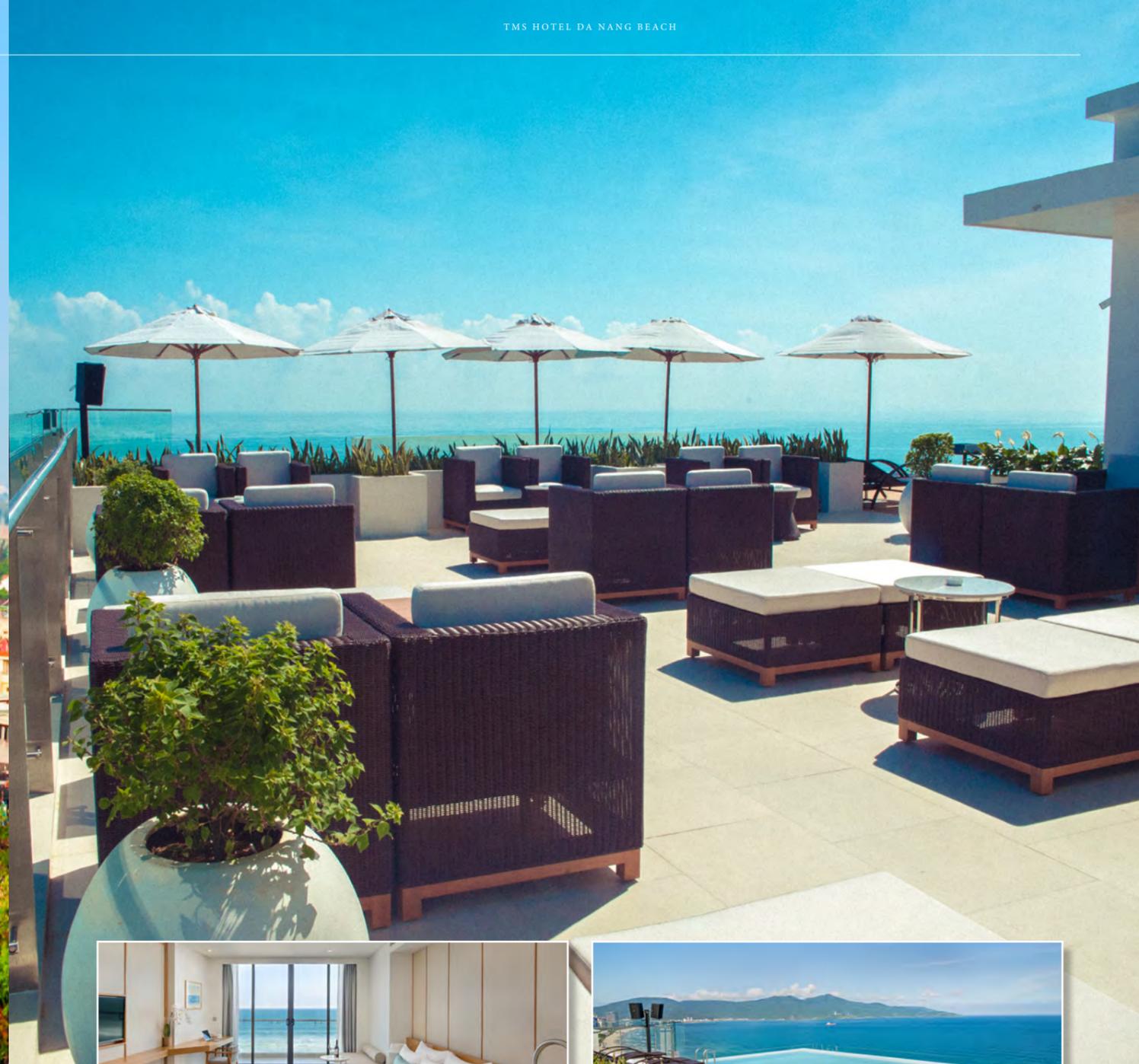
This sense of rebirth is marked in many countries by colourful festivals. Humans have long understood the power and importance of spring, and the spirit of renewal is reflected in many intriguing and eye-catching rituals. Whether you want to escape to the great outdoors, surrounded by spectacular natural scenery, or take a city break that showcases the most captivating cultural carnivals, springtime offers many amazing opportunities to revive and reinvigorate your body, mind and soul.

Here are WebBeds' top travel tips for spring 2020:



## Da Nang, Vietnam

Spring is a wonderful time of the year to visit Da Nang, with sunny skies, low humidity and warm, calm waters. But there is much more to this vibrant Vietnamese seafront city than just sun, sea and sand – Da Nang is also home to an impressive array of inland attractions. Just 9km from downtown, the Marble Mountains are a cluster of five sacred limestone peaks, each named after one of nature's elements: metal, wood, water, fire and earth. Visit ancient Buddhist pagodas, explore enchanting caves or hike to the summits for spectacular views of the coast.



 WHERE TO STAY

## TMS Hotel Da Nang Beach

**TMS Hotel Da Nang Beach** is a contemporary hotel with panoramic views of My Khe Beach, on Vietnam's central coast. The suites are bright, spacious and include family options with two bedrooms. Guests can unwind in the serene Melange Spa, work out at the fitness centre, dine at a choice of restaurants and plunge into the dramatic rooftop infinity pool.



## Kyoto, Japan

If any country captures the spirit of springtime, it is Japan. Every year, the "Land of the Rising Sun" blooms with pink, white and purple flowers, and visitors flock to parks around the country to celebrate "Hanami", the annual cherry blossom festival. In Kyoto, Japan's ancient capital and cultural heart, visitors can view plum blossoms in March, before the cherry trees start to flourish in April. There are plenty of opportunities to see sakura in Kyoto, especially at Kitano Tenmangu, Maruyama Park, the Philosopher's Path, Arashiyama and Haradani-en Garden.



 WHERE TO STAY

## Good Nature Hotel

For guests who want to experience the natural beauty of Japan, the **Good Nature Hotel** in Kyoto is the perfect place to stay. Newly-opened in October, this sustainable hotel has been designed in tune with the environment. Guests can stay in eco-friendly rooms adorned with natural materials, enjoy healthy cuisine and shop for fresh local produce at the Market.



## Malé, the Maldives

The Maldives is a breath-taking year-round destination, but this idyllic archipelago really comes to life in spring. The temperatures start to rise as the winter ends, making it ideal for visitors seeking a sun-soaked vacation after a cold winter. The sea is also calm, creating great conditions for water sports and snorkelling. The Maldivian capital Malé, often overlooked by visitors, is a fascinating place to visit, with bustling markets, small mosques and charming tea houses. This makes it a fantastic place to stop for a day or two, on your way to and from the country's famous beach resorts.



WHERE TO STAY

## Kandima Maldives

Nestled in the Dhaalu Atoll, **Kandima Maldives** is a smart and stylish island retreat that promises a wealth of facilities for all ages. Guests can plunge into the longest outdoor pool in the Maldives, work up a sweat on the sports courts, chill out with yoga sessions, head out on the waves, or enjoy art and cooking classes. Indulge in a sumptuous meal at any of the ten sensational restaurants and bars located in the resort.

## New Delhi, India

March is the perfect month to visit New Delhi. While the Indian capital swelters in the summer, the early spring experiences pleasant average temperatures of 20-25 degrees Celsius. March is also the time of the year when New Delhi celebrates Holi - the ancient Hindu festival that simply bursts with colour! Head out onto the thriving streets and join thousands of revellers as they throw brightly coloured paint and powder. The resulting scene is truly unforgettable, and it is no surprise that Holi has become one of the most iconic festive celebrations anywhere in the world.



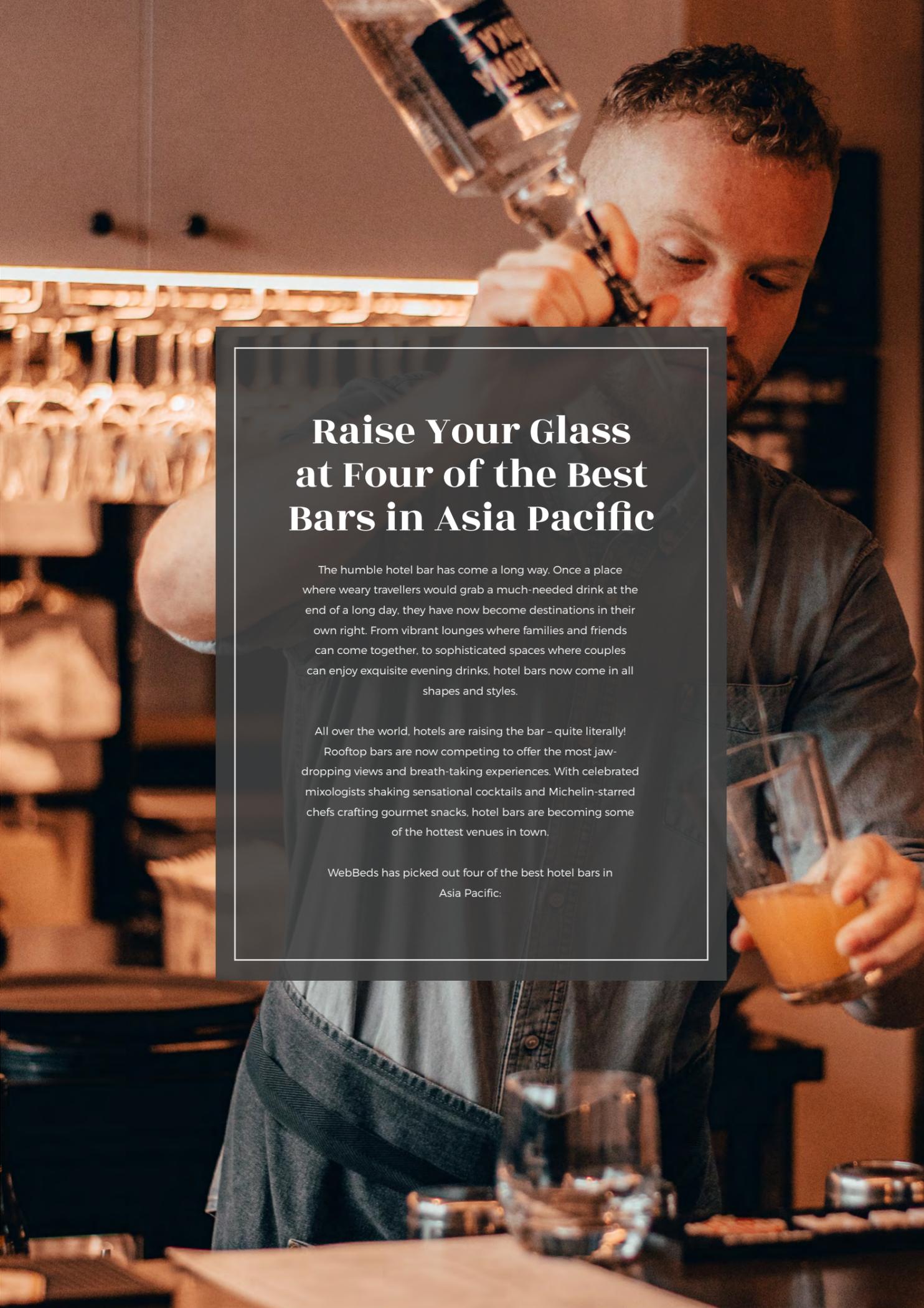
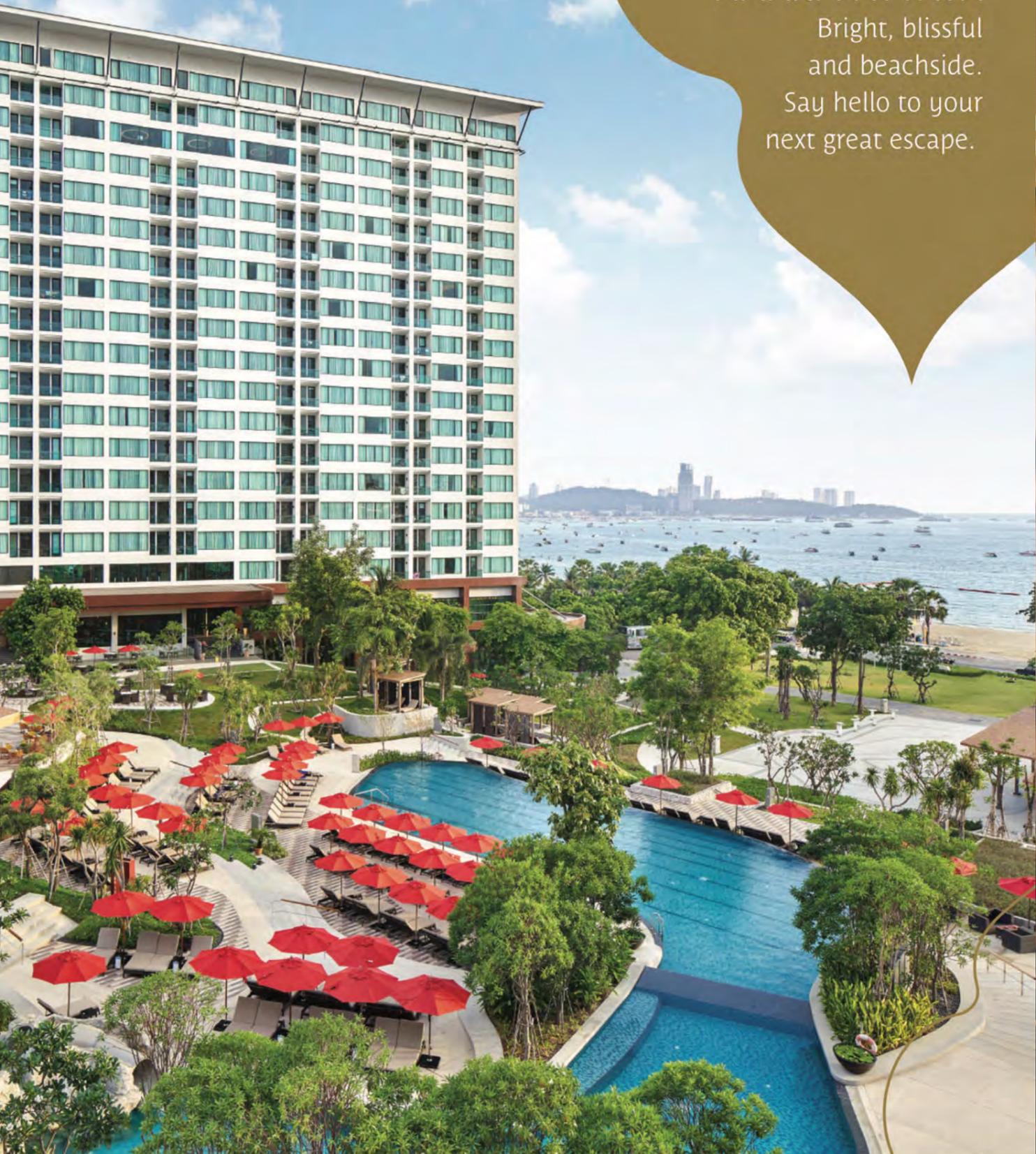
WHERE TO STAY

## The Leela Palace New Delhi

**The Leela Palace New Delhi** is one of the finest and most famous hotels in the Indian capital. This "modern palace" blends traditional opulence and luxury with state-of-the-art amenities, plus an ESPA wellness centre and the only terrace infinity pool in the city. Guests can dine at a choice of exceptional restaurants, including Jamavar, its signature Indian dining destination.

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AMARI PATTAYA

Bright, blissful  
and beachside.  
Say hello to your  
next great escape.



**Raise Your Glass  
at Four of the Best  
Bars in Asia Pacific**

The humble hotel bar has come a long way. Once a place where weary travellers would grab a much-needed drink at the end of a long day, they have now become destinations in their own right. From vibrant lounges where families and friends can come together, to sophisticated spaces where couples can enjoy exquisite evening drinks, hotel bars now come in all shapes and styles.

All over the world, hotels are raising the bar - quite literally! Rooftop bars are now competing to offer the most jaw-dropping views and breath-taking experiences. With celebrated mixologists shaking sensational cocktails and Michelin-starred chefs crafting gourmet snacks, hotel bars are becoming some of the hottest venues in town.

WebBeds has picked out four of the best hotel bars in Asia Pacific:

## Best Atmosphere: Marble Bar

There are few bars in Asia Pacific that can offer a genuine slice of Victorian era, but the beautiful Marble Bar successfully transports guests back to this bygone age. Opened in 1893 and fully restored in 2005, this heritage-listed underground bar has the soul of a speakeasy. Visitors will be wowed by its ornate décor and marble arches, while the signature cocktails and an extensive collection of Scotch single malts will delight the taste buds. Simply sit back and soak up the atmosphere, including regular live music.

**Hilton Sydney** is one of the city's leading hotels. The bright, modern rooms and suites, inviting pool, state-of-the-art fitness centre, Glass Brasserie and Wine Bar contrast perfectly with Marble Bar's moodier vibe.



## Best Alfresco Scene: Sir Elly's Terrace

The Bund in Shanghai has one of the world's most recognisable skylines, as stunning glass and steel skyscrapers contrast with the historic low-rise landmarks that line the Huangpu River. Promising unsurpassed views of this elegant cityscape, Sir Elly's Terrace is one of the best spots to spend an evening in the "Paris of the East". Relax and sip sunset cocktails, fine wines and rare whiskeys before heading out for a night in the town, or stay around and socialise until the early hours at one of Sir Elly's famous alfresco parties.

The Peninsula Shanghai is a multi-award-winning hotel that has raised the bar for five-star hospitality in Mainland China. Guests can discover luxurious accommodation, Michelin-starred dining, world-class wellness and more in a refined riverside setting.



## Best View: Bar 81

Guests who want to elevate their evening in the South Korean capital should head up - way up - to Bar 81 at Signiel Seoul. As the name suggests, this spectacular space is perched on the 81st floor of this luxury hotel, ensuring extraordinary views of the sparkling city below. To make the experience even more memorable, guests can choose from an extensive list of unique Recoltant Manipulant Champagnes, accompanied by a mouth-watering menu of contemporary bites by the Michelin-starred chef Yannick Alléno.

Rising from the banks of the Han River, **Signiel Seoul** is the newest luxury landmark from Korea's Lotte Hotels & Resorts. Guests are promised panoramic views from every room, fine-dining restaurants, an Evian Spa, LOTTE Duty Free store and much more.



## Best Beach Club: Sundara

Bali is not short of breath-taking beach bars, but Sundara (aptly named after the Sanskrit word for "beautiful") promises a truly sublime tropical experience. This sultry space appears to cascade down the lush hillside to the beach at Jimbaran Bay, where cosy cabanas, daybeds and an infinity pool await. Guests can relax during the day with light salads, fresh seafood and sushi, then sip handcrafted cocktails as the sun sets over the Indian Ocean. After dark, this hip venue comes to life with modern Asian à la carte dining and live music.

Nestled on the soft sandy beach, **Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay** reflects the charm of a traditional Balinese village. Each villa offers a private pool, and a range of five-star facilities which captures the exotic essence of the destination.



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2019

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# HOTEL AWARDS 2019

Welcome to the inaugural WebBeds Hotel Awards for Asia Pacific, celebrating the region's finest hotels and resorts! A total of 36 properties are honoured this year, divided into three distinct categories: "Best Hotel Partners" and "Most Popular Hotels" were personally selected by WebBeds Asia Pacific executive team, while the "Most Inspiring Hotels" category was voted for by the region's travel trade.

## BEST HOTEL PARTNERS 2019

### AUSTRALIA

Four Seasons Hotel Sydney  
Hilton Sydney  
Holiday Inn Darling Harbour

### CHINA

Radisson Blu Hotel Shanghai New World  
The Garden Hotel, Guangzhou  
The Langham, Shanghai, Xintiandi

### HONG KONG

Kowloon Shangri-La  
Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel  
Regal Riverside Hotel

### INDONESIA

Grand Mirage Resort & Thalasso Bali  
Inaya Putri Bali  
Le Eminence Puncak Hotel Convention & Resort

### JAPAN

Holiday Inn Osaka Namba  
Hotel Metropolitan Tokyo Ikebukuro  
Hotel Rose Garden Shinjuku

### MALAYSIA

Berjaya Langkawi Resort  
Impiana KLCC Hotel  
Traders Hotel Kuala Lumpur

### SINGAPORE

Hotel Boss  
Mandarin Orchard Singapore  
Marina Bay Sands Singapore

### SOUTH KOREA

GLAD MAPO  
Koreana Hotel  
Sotetsu Hotels The Splaisir Seoul Myeongdong

### TAIWAN

Caesar Metro Taipei  
Hotel PaPa Whale  
Sonnien Hotel

### THAILAND

Ambassador Hotel Bangkok  
Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok  
The Landmark Bangkok

## MOST POPULAR HOTELS 2019

Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo  
The Fullerton Hotel Singapore  
The Royal Paradise Hotel & Spa

## MOST INSPIRING HOTELS 2019

Anantara Mai Khao Phuket Villas  
Four Seasons Hotel Seoul  
Rayavadee

# BEST HOTEL PARTNERS 2019

The "Best Hotel Partners" awards were given to the properties that provided exceptional support to the travel trade in 2019. A total of 30 awards were up for grabs in this category, with three hotels being selected from each of our ten main Asia Pacific markets: Australia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand. WebBeds strives to create strong partnerships between our travel agency clients and hotel partners, and these awards recognise the excellent efforts of hotels and resorts to support the region's travel trade.

## CHINA



**RADISSON BLU HOTEL SHANGHAI NEW WORLD**



**THE GARDEN HOTEL, GUANGZHOU**



**THE LANGHAM, SHANGHAI, XINTIANDI**

## HONG KONG



**KOWLOON SHANGRI-LA**



**MARCO POLO HONGKONG HOTEL**



**REGAL RIVERSIDE HOTEL**

## AUSTRALIA



**FOUR SEASONS HOTEL SYDNEY**



**HILTON SYDNEY**



**HOLIDAY INN DARLING HARBOUR**

## INDONESIA



**GRAND MIRAGE RESORT & THALASSO BALI**



**INAYA PUTRI BALI**



**LE EMINENCE PUNCAK HOTEL CONVENTION & RESORT**

JAPAN



HOLIDAY INN OSAKA NAMBA



HOTEL METROPOLITAN TOKYO IKEBUKURO



HOTEL ROSE GARDEN SHINJUKU

SOUTH KOREA



GLAD MAPO



KOREANA HOTEL



SOTETSU HOTELS THE SPLAISIR SEOUL MYEONGDONG

MALAYSIA



BERJAYA LANGKAWI RESORT



IMPIANA KLCC HOTEL



TRADERS HOTEL KUALA LUMPUR

TAIWAN



CAESAR METRO TAIPEI



HOTEL PAPA WHALE



SONNIEN HOTEL

SINGAPORE



HOTEL BOSS



MANDARIN ORCHARD SINGAPORE



MARINA BAY SANDS SINGAPORE

THAILAND



AMBASSADOR HOTEL BANGKOK



SIAM KEMPINSKI HOTEL BANGKOK



THE LANDMARK BANGKOK

## MOST POPULAR HOTELS 2019

The "Most Popular Hotels" awards were given to the most searched-for properties on WebBeds' range of booking platforms, including FIT Rooms, Totalstay and Destinations of the World (DOTW). Following the expansion of our business, WebBeds now has a unique ability to harness big data, track booking trends and gain market insights. We are also able to discover which properties our travel agency partners search for the most, and this prestigious award honours the top three.



**KEIO PLAZA HOTEL  
TOKYO**



**THE FULLERTON HOTEL  
SINGAPORE**



**THE ROYAL PARADISE  
HOTEL & SPA**

## MOST INSPIRING HOTELS 2019

The final category is dedicated to discovering the "Most Inspiring Hotels" in Asia Pacific – the distinctive properties that made the greatest impression in 2019. This could be a beautiful new five-star resort, a one-of-a-kind boutique retreat, or any hotel that offers something truly unique. Ten properties were nominated and the three winners were voted for by our trade partners, including travel agents, airline partners and tourism boards.



**ANANTARA MAI KHAO  
PHUKET VILLAS**



**FOUR SEASONS HOTEL  
SEOUL**



**RAYAVADEE**

## CONGRATULATIONS

to all winners and we look forward to working with you in 2020 and beyond!

One of the most recognized symbols in the world, the ampersand ('&') is a character with distinct and inclusive meaning: of close collaboration and partnership. The Tiffany & Co. Crystal Ampersand awarded to 36 hotels encapsulates our steadfast commitment, longstanding relationship and marks the partnership between our hotel partners and us.



# 72 HOURS IN SINGAPORE

**WITH HUITING CHAY, MARKETING MANAGER, ASIA PACIFIC - WEBBEDS**



While Singapore may be small – just 721.5km<sup>2</sup> – this multicultural city is packed with plenty of exciting attractions. From the vibrant food scene to innovative architecture, the “Lion City” makes a great getaway for visitors short on time – especially solo travellers and first-time Asian explorers. What really excites me are the hidden gems that will surprise you in the distinct and colourful neighborhoods. There really is an innumerable amount of unique things to discover, but to help get your planning underway, here’s an insider’s guide to Singapore!

# DAY ONE

## DISCOVER KALEIDOSCOPIIC KATONG

Any visit to Singapore should include an hour or two in the charming neighbourhood of **Katong**, an area steep in Peranakan and Eurasian history and known for its colourful two-storey shophouses adorned with ornate façades, intricate motifs and ceramic tiles. You cannot miss the old-world coffeeshops selling the famous Katong Laksa, the fragrant broth is flavoured with coconut milk and dried shrimp and it comes topped with slices of fried fishcake, tofu puffs, prawns, and blood cockles.



## 2 KILOMETRES OF SHOPPERS' PARADISE

As the sun sets over the city, take a leisurely stroll down Orchard Road, Singapore's world-class shopping street and home to a lavish range of world-class dining experiences for discerning gourmands. Within proximity of **Orchard Road** lies **Emerald Hills**, a historic street with a fascinating mix of local and western influences and well-preserved Peranakan architecture. It's one of the few places to enjoy al fresco drinks and tapas.



## BE CHARMED

Discover the culturally rich heritage hub of **Kampong Glam** with its cool vibes, eclectic boutiques and brightly painted walls along **Haji Lane** and quaint shophouses selling knick-knacks, textiles and souvenirs along **Arab Street**. The best thing about the back roads - endless cafes, bars and ice-cream parlours!



## SIGHTS, SWEETS & SAMOSAS

Singapore is a melting pot of cultures. Continue your day exploring key cultural precincts such as **Little India** and **Kampong Glam** to learn about the ethnic groups that make up the city's multicultural population. Once you've worked up an appetite, it's the perfect opportunity to pick up some sweet treats from the Moghul Sweet Shop at the Little India Arcade. You'll be spoilt for choice with a delightful selection of sweets and desserts in all shapes and flavours. Don't miss their samosas and gulab jamuns (deep fried sweets soaked in rosewater syrup)!

# DAY TWO



HONG LIM MARKET & FOOD CENTRE



THE FULLERTON HOTEL



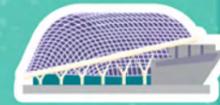
MERLION PARK



CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT



CHINATOWN



ESPLANADE



SINGAPORE FLYER



ART SCIENCE MUSEUM

FLOWER DOME



CLOUD FOREST



MARINA BAY SANDS



GARDEN BY THE BAY

## 1 EAT YOUR WAY THROUGH CHINATOWN

Kick-start your day with a local breakfast of soft-boiled eggs and toast slathered in kaya (coconut jam) at Tong Ah Eating House, then discover the diversity of **South Bridge Road**, the "Street of Harmony", which houses a mosque, a church and temples. Test your bargaining skills against street vendors when picking up souvenirs at **Chinatown Street Market**. As you get eager for lunch, it's easy to be overwhelmed by the rows of bright stalls that greet you at **Hong Lim Market & Food Centre**. Among the slew of established local favourites and even a Michelin Bib Gourmand awardee, be sure to have a taste of Char Kway Teow and Hainanese Chicken Rice.

## 2 BE ENTHRALLED IN AN ENCHANTING FLOWER DOME

A good way to escape the heat is to explore the cooled conservatories at **Gardens by the Bay**, a multiple award-winning national garden spanning 250 acres across central Singapore. Admire the thousand-year-old olive trees and beautiful array of flowers and plants from five continents in the impressive Flower Dome and encounter the towering mist-filled landscape in the Cloud Forest, a surreal showpiece of lush ferns and rare flowers.

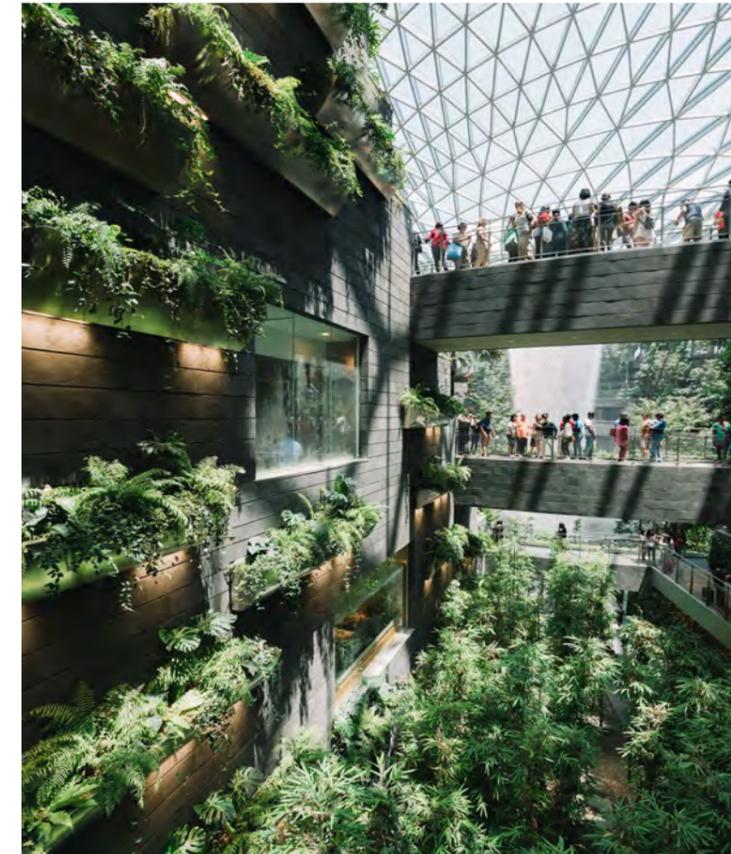
## 3 TAKE IN SPECTACULAR CITY VIEWS

Experience a dazzling laser light show at dusk as you stroll along Singapore's world-famous waterfront, past **The Esplanade**, **Merlion Park** and **The Fullerton Hotel**. Treat yourself to dinner at one of Marina Bay Sands' celebrity chef restaurants, then elevate your evening at **CE LA VI** - an iconic sky bar with one of the best night views of Singapore with an opportunity to try our local beer or cocktail.

# DAY THREE

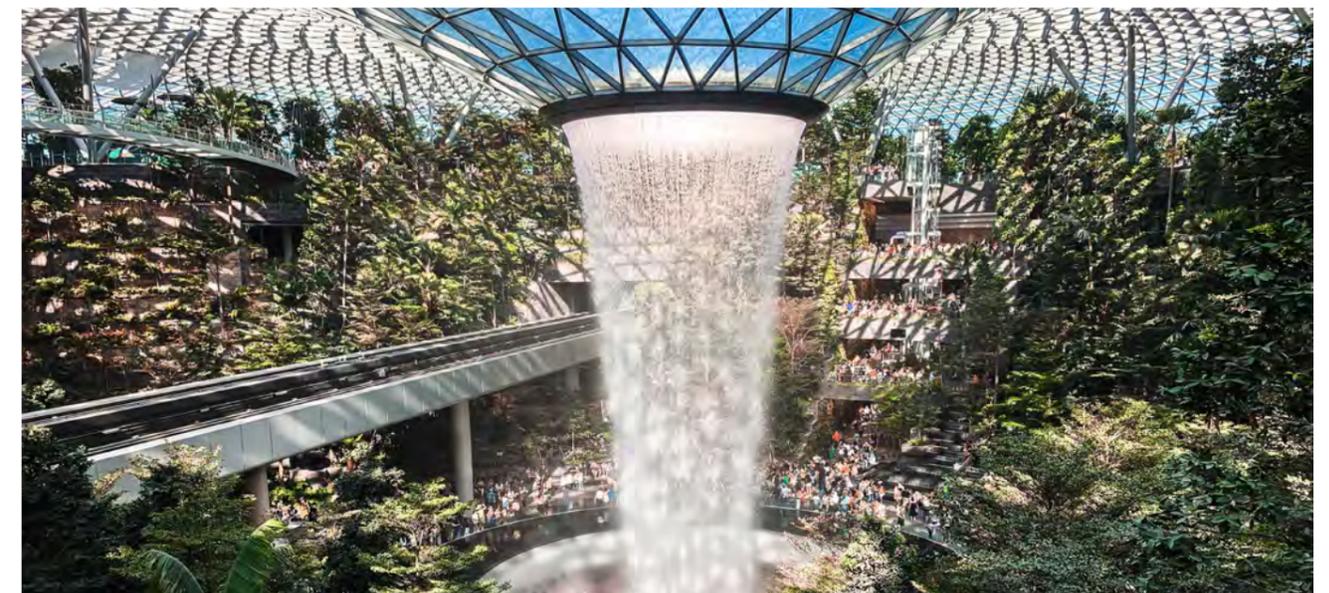
## DISCOVER A QUIETLY ALLURING ESTATE

Sleep in and enjoy a late morning stroll around one of Singapore's oldest housing estates, **Tiong Bahru**. Wander through the whimsical neighbourhood of quaint residential blocks and blend in with the local community. Settle down for a relaxing brunch at Tiong Bahru Bakery, Forty Hands or Plain Vanilla Bakery.



## EXPLORE THE WONDEROUS URBAN OASIS

Before bidding farewell, head to the airport early to enjoy **Jewel Changi Airport**, an outstanding new nature-themed attraction with a 40-metre-high Rain Vortex – the world's tallest indoor waterfall! It is a must-see attraction with staggering options for retail and dining.



## WALK AMONGST THE TREES

Singapore is a green city with a network of park trails at **The Southern Ridges**. I recommend picking up the trail at Pasir Panjang MRT station, then heading towards the Canopy Walk, passing through **HortPark** and crossing the 80-metre-long Alexandra Bridge. For those who can go further, aim for the **Henderson Waves** and spot the saga trees along the Marang Trail before ending at HarbourFront MRT.

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STAY AT

## Capri by Fraser, China Square / Singapore

Centrally located in the heart of Singapore's business district, Capri by Fraser, China Square / Singapore features 304 stylish rooms designed in a distinct modern twist of old Chinatown. Head up to The Den, a social hub which offers guests the freedom and flexibility to co-work, relax or even engage with new friends over a range of board and card games.



STAY AT

## The Fullerton Hotel Singapore

The Fullerton Hotel is an Asian icon. Built in 1928 and listed as a National Monument in 2015, this waterfront landmark is a symbol of Singapore. Guests can stay in a choice of stylish and spacious rooms (minimum 35m<sup>2</sup>), unwind in the spa or dine at a choice of restaurants, including an elegant outdoor terrace and a rooftop bar overlooking the city.



STAY AT

## Mandarin Orchard Singapore

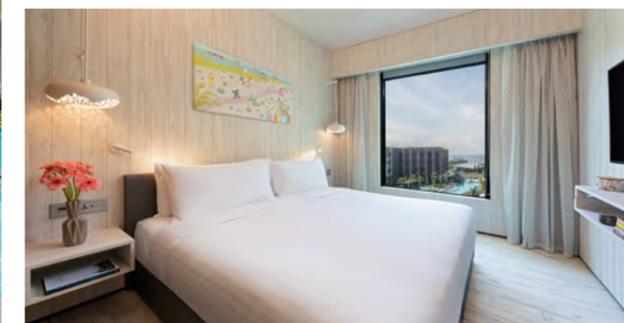
Nestled on Orchard Road, this 1,077-room five-star hotel puts you in the heart of the city's commercial district. Plunge into the pool or play tennis on the outdoor court, shop at the Mandarin Gallery or savour sensational cuisine at a choice of dining destinations, including Shisen Hanten by Chen Kentaro, the two Michelin-starred Szechuan restaurant on the 35th floor.



STAY AT

## Village Hotel Sentosa

Take a break and unwind at Village Hotel Sentosa, which opened its doors in 2019. The 606 rooms and suites are bright and spacious, with cutting-edge amenities and island, pool or sea views. When you're not exploring Sentosa's many attractions, head to the hotel's spectacular sea-facing pool deck which includes an adventure pool, a lazy river and a multi-tiered Pamukkale Pool.



## FEATURED HOTEL OF THE MONTH

A section dedicated to hotels in Asia Pacific that possess distinctive characteristics, from standout rooms and facilities to unique character and individual charm. This month, we check in to WOLO Kuala Lumpur.

## WOLO Kuala Lumpur



Travellers seeking sleek, stylish and affordable stays in the commercial heart of Kuala Lumpur can now stay fully connected at WOLO Kuala Lumpur. Perfectly positioned on Jalan Bukit Bintang, surrounded by restaurants, bars and shopping malls, this urban midscale hotel offers 138 rooms in four types: Copper, Gold, Platinum and WOLO Suite. Whichever option guests choose, they are promised premium mattresses, free minibars, high-speed Wi-Fi, universal power sockets, USB ports and rain showers – everything a millennially-minded traveller could need. The suites offer additional space and state-of-the-art facilities, such as Smart TVs, cutting-edge audio systems and Nespresso coffee machines.





The Bukit Bintang area offers an array of attractions, including popular malls like Pavilion Kuala Lumpur, Starhill Gallery and Isetan The Japan Store. Then after a day of discovery, Mr Chew's Chino Latino Bar provides a chic setting to enjoy cocktails with friends. Whether guests are staying for business or leisure, WOLO Kuala Lumpur helps to keep their finger on the pulse.



## IDYLLIC DESTINATION FOR A TRULY UNFORGETTABLE GETAWAY

With scenic green hills as a backdrop, Centara Grand Beach Resort Phuket offers a beachfront location along Karon beach facing the crystal-clear blue waters of Andaman sea. The architectural design of the resort is inspired by the classical Sino-Portuguese style that was brought to Phuket in the nineteenth century. This resort offers a perfect setting for every occasion.



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