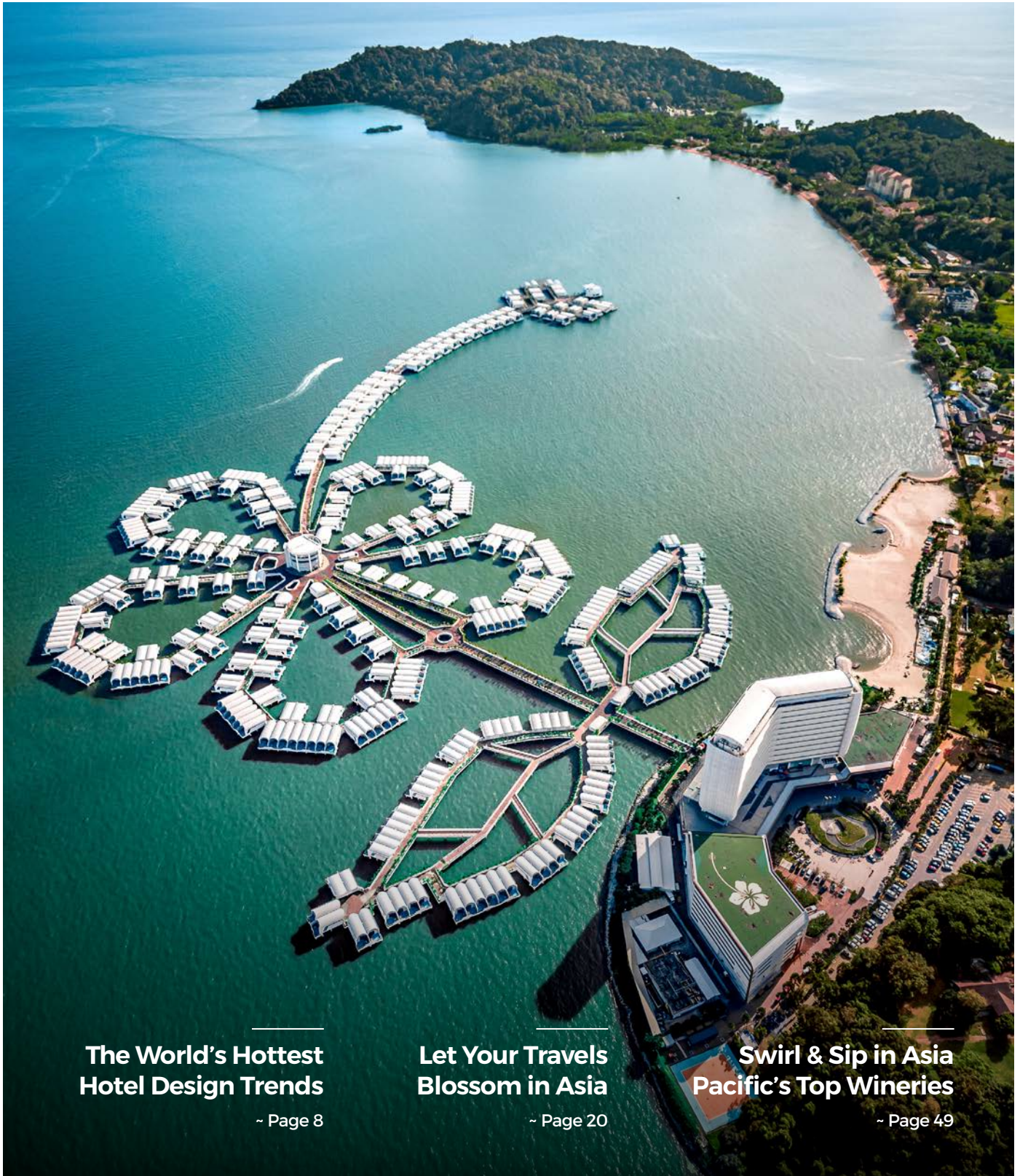


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FOREWORD

Welcome to the March edition of Travel Aggregator, WebBeds' monthly newsletter dedicated to the travel trade in Asia Pacific.

Spring is in the air this month, as flowers start to blossom and sweet fragrances fill the air. To celebrate this rejuvenating time of year, we take a floral tour of Asia to see some of the region's most iconic national flowers and botanical gardens.

Growing rapidly alongside Asia's beautiful flowers are its grapevines. Asia Pacific is emerging as one of the world's most exciting new wine regions, as the well-established wineries of Australia and New Zealand are joined by vineyards in countries such as Thailand, China and Indonesia. Our article will uncork the best places to sip Asia's new world wines.

Interior design is one of the biggest trends in the hotel sector, as properties move away from basic functionality and aim to create more immersive and emotive guest experiences. In this edition, we check out the latest design movements to look out for in 2023.

The elegant Bay Resort Hoi An is our "Featured Hotel of the Month". "Newly-Opened" offers an exclusive sneak preview of Novotel Suites Manila at Acqua, and of course, you can catch up with all the latest news, photos and exclusive offers from WebBeds in Asia Pacific.

Enjoy the read!

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Lexis Hibiscus Port Dickson, Malaysia

MENJANGAN *Dynasty* RESORT
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Resting on the outer perimeter of Bali's most magnificent, untouched wilderness – The West Bali National Park, Menjangan Dynasty Resort offers intimate and private seclusion. The resort combines African safari-style tented rooms and villas with a series of magnificent communal spaces crafted in bamboo and 'alang-alang' thatches to be in total harmony with the surroundings.

Enjoy a luxurious glamping experience and interact with nature through a wide range of land and sea activities.





Novotel Suites Manila at Acqua



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Throughout their stay, travellers can dine at Novo@6th, the all-day restaurant, work out at InBalance by Novotel, the well-equipped fitness centre, or cool off in the spectacular glass-sided infinity pool, which overlooks the city. Corporate guests and meeting planners can stay connected with a choice of two meeting rooms and a private dining room, each of which can host up to 30 delegates for impressive events.

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THE WORLD'S HOTTEST HOTEL DESIGN TRENDS

Today's discerning hotel guests are no longer simply seeking a place to sleep or dine; they want an experience - a point of difference that makes their hotel stand out from the crowd. This is especially important in the world of Instagram, where eye-catching interiors, statement pieces and original artworks can transform an ordinary post into a sparkling story. As the world changes and travel trends evolve, here are four of the hottest new design trends that could transform your stay.

 BANGKOK, THAILAND

THEMATIC DINING EXPERIENCES

SRA BUA BY KIIN KIIN AT SIAM KEMPINSKI HOTEL BANGKOK

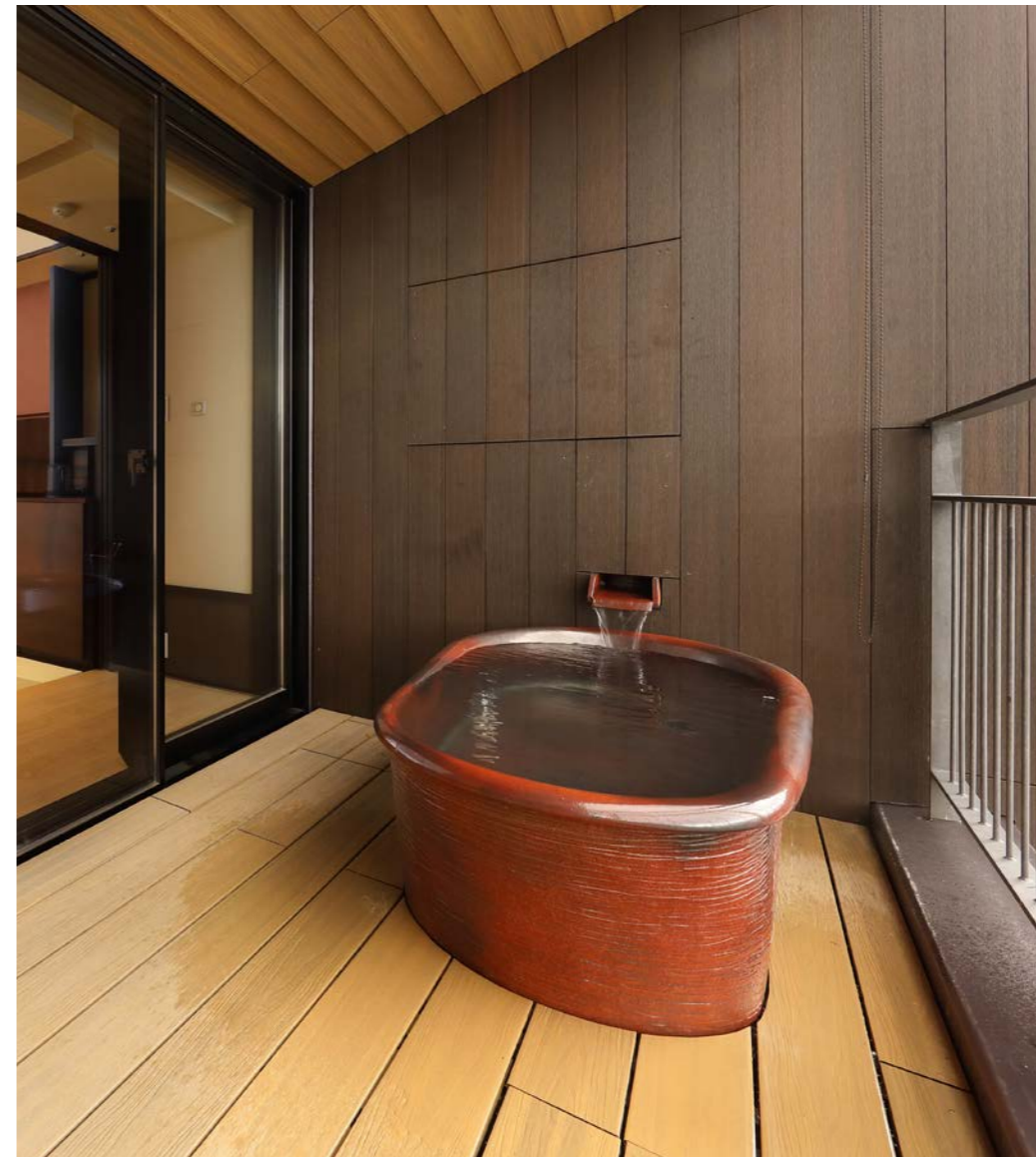


The hotel experience is about more than just its interior design; many properties strive to stimulate their guests' senses in order to create an evocative ambience. One way to achieve this is with a themed dining destination. At Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok, Sra Bua by Kiin Kiin immerses diners in a world of classical Thai grace and elegance, with teak interiors, crafted furniture, lotus ponds and, of course, the exotic flavours and fragrances that transport guests to a royal Thai palace.

📍 HAKONE, JAPAN

THE RISE OF OUTDOOR BATHING

HAKONE KOWAKIEN TEN-YU

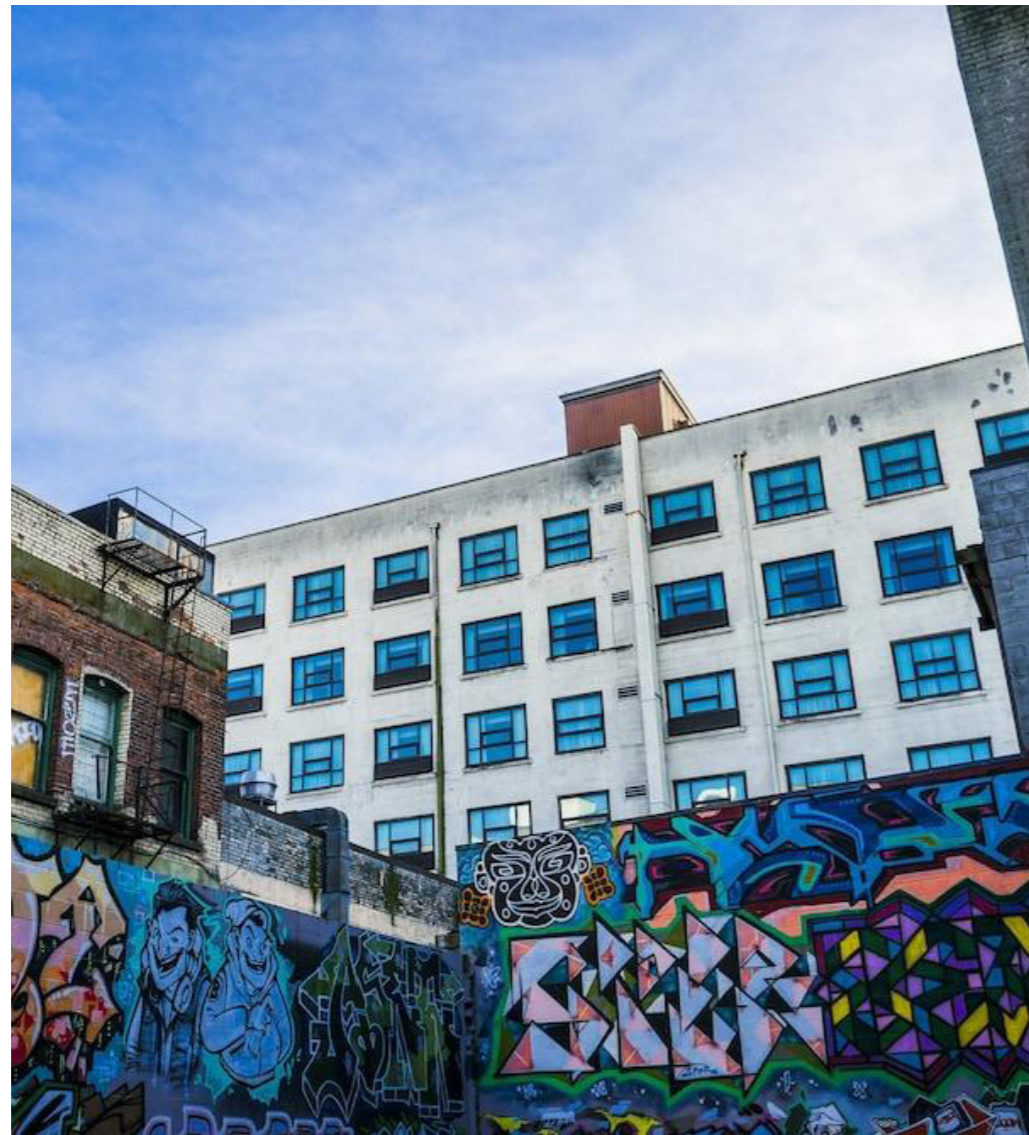


Seamlessly blending the rising trend of natural wellness with the timeless style of Japanese minimalist design, an outdoor bathing pool is a great way to meet the needs of today's travellers. At Hakone Kowakien Ten-yu, the contemporary ryokan close to Mount Fuji, every room features its own private open-air onsen, or Japanese hot spring bath. Travellers can soothe their bodies, feel the healing power of the mineral-rich water and soak up spectacular views of the mountains or forested valley.

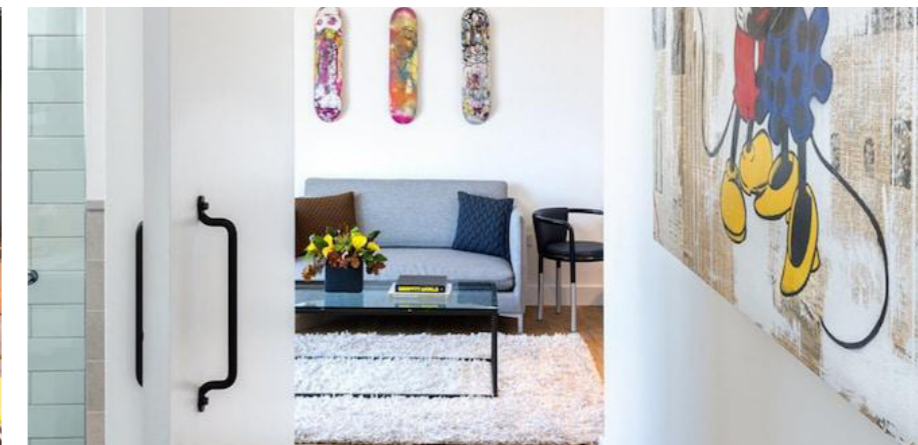
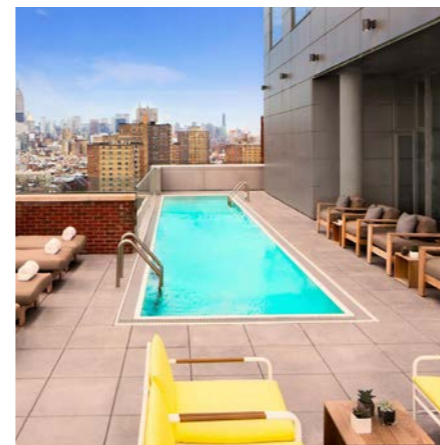
📍 NEW YORK CITY, USA

A TASTE OF LOCAL ART & CULTURE

HOTEL INDIGO LOWER EAST SIDE NEW YORK



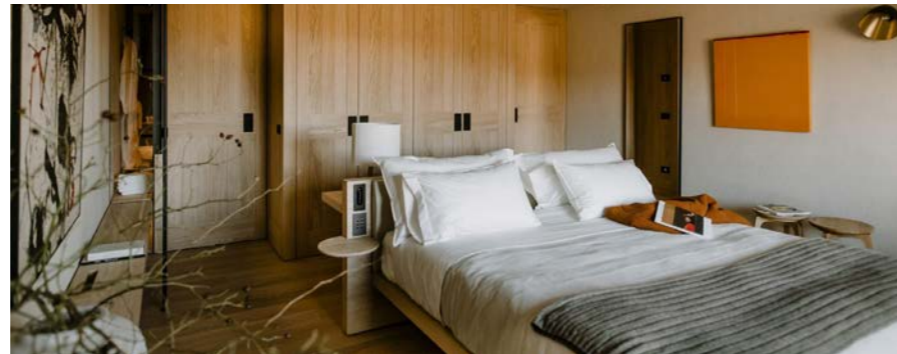
Experience-seeking travellers want to uncover the authentic spirit of their destination, so many hotels are now introducing local artworks into their design. All Hotel Indigo properties are heavily influenced by their neighbourhood, including Hotel Indigo Lower East Side, which features the work of New York City's legendary graffiti artist Lee Quinones. Guests will be wowed by the massive 60-square metre ceiling mural in the lobby which features painted recreations of iconic Polaroids, plus individual murals in each guestroom.



📍 PIEDMONT, ITALY

BRINGING THE OUTDOORS INSIDE

CASA DI LANGA



By introducing natural elements into a hotel, guests can feel more relaxed and at one with the environment. One hotel that blurs the boundaries with nature is Casa di Langa, a five-star retreat in the hills of Piedmont, Italy, which uses locally-sourced materials throughout its interiors, including authentic Pierta di Luserna stone, recyclable terracotta and raw, earth-based plaster. The aim is to create a connection between the hotel and its destination, and to let guests feel truly immersed in the rolling countryside.

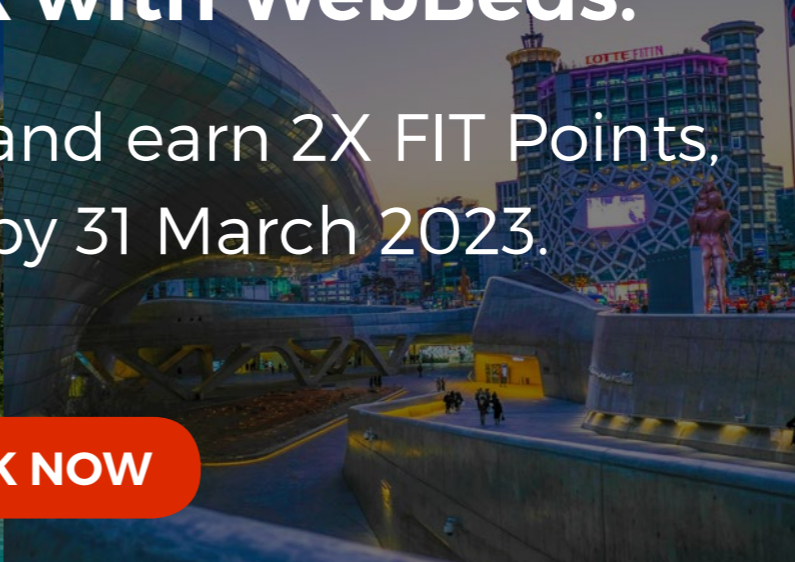
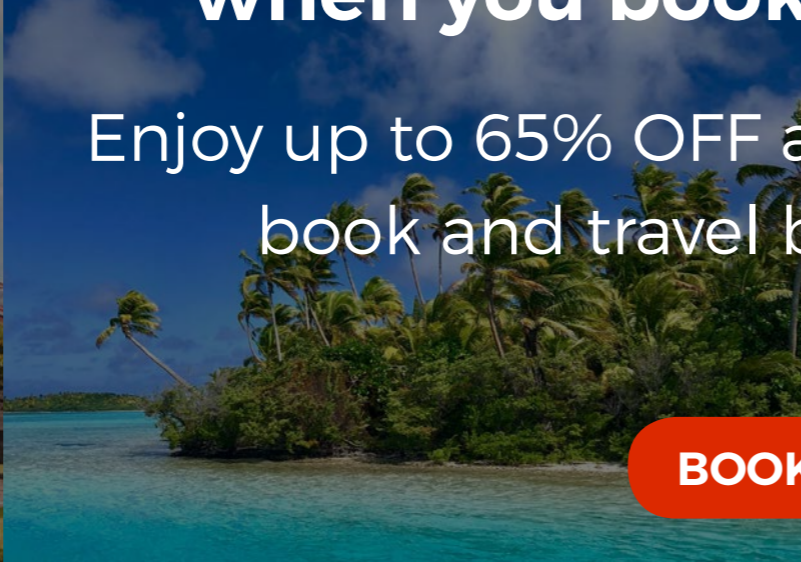
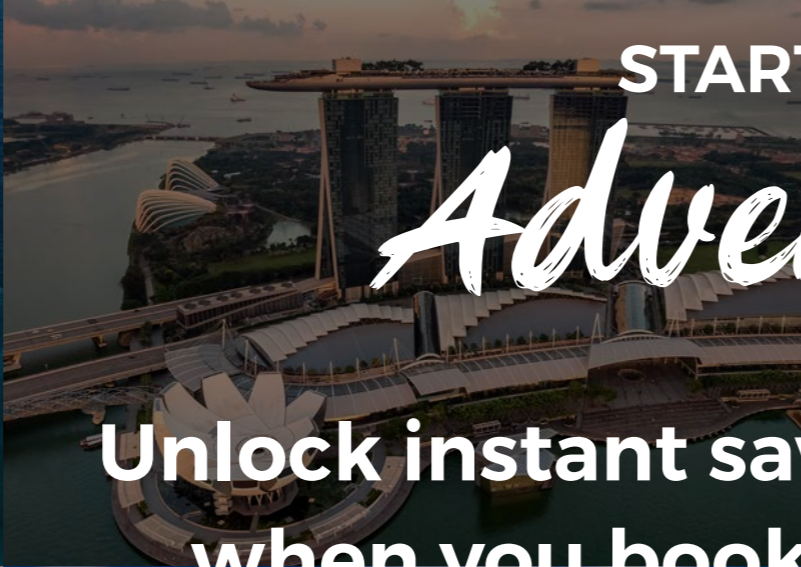


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LET YOUR TRAVELS BLOSSOM IN ASIA

As winter ends and flowers start to blossom, Asia's landscapes seem to burst into life. All across the region, travellers can discover the vibrant colours and amazing fragrances that signal the arrival of spring. But did you know that some flowers have greater significance than others? In many countries, one special species has been selected to symbolize the nation.

In this edition of Travel Aggregator, we take a look at the national flowers of six Asian countries, and the best places to see them in full bloom.



PEONY

 CHINA

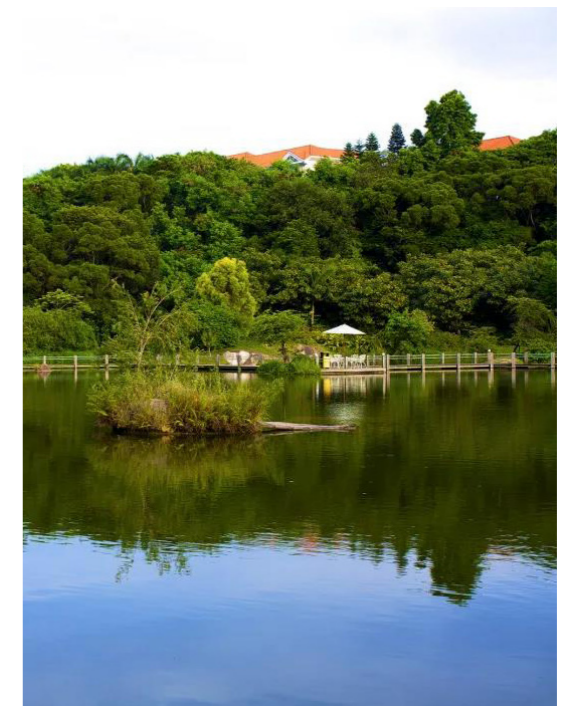
China went a long time without a national flower, but in 2019 a nationwide poll decided that the peony should become the country's floral symbol. This elegant bloom is celebrated in many parts of China, such as the ancient city of Luoyang, Henan province, which hosts a 10-day peony festival every spring.



 WHERE TO STAY

C&D Hotel Xiamen

C&D Hotel Xiamen is located 20 minutes' drive from Dongping Peony Garden, where more than 3,000 peonies are exhibited, including all nine colours. This five-star hotel is similarly elegant; nestled in the Xinyue Garden, an ecological paradise with a large natural lake, its 437 rooms offer views of the floral gardens and mountains, the indoor pool is a wonderful place to relax, and jogging tracks wind through the scenic gardens. Dining options include an authentic Chinese courtyard restaurant.





SAMBAC JASMINE

 **INDONESIA**

Known locally as “melati putih,” sambac jasmine is a small white flower with a sweet fragrance. Often featured in wedding ceremonies, it is considered sacred in Indonesia as it represents purity, grace and sincerity. Not only beautiful to look at, this flower is also wonderfully aromatic and used to make tea.



 WHERE TO STAY

Royal Tulip Golf Resort Gunung Geulis

Royal Tulip Golf Resort Gunung Geulis is nestled in the scenic hills of Bogor, just over an hour's drive from downtown Jakarta. It is also only 20 minutes from the Bogor Botanical Gardens, which cover 87 hectares and boast more than 3,500 species of plant, including many tropical flowers.

Hotel guests can stay in a choice of contemporary rooms with private balconies and panoramic views, plunge into the impressive outdoor pool, or be revived at the Dedari Spa.





LOTUS

 INDIA

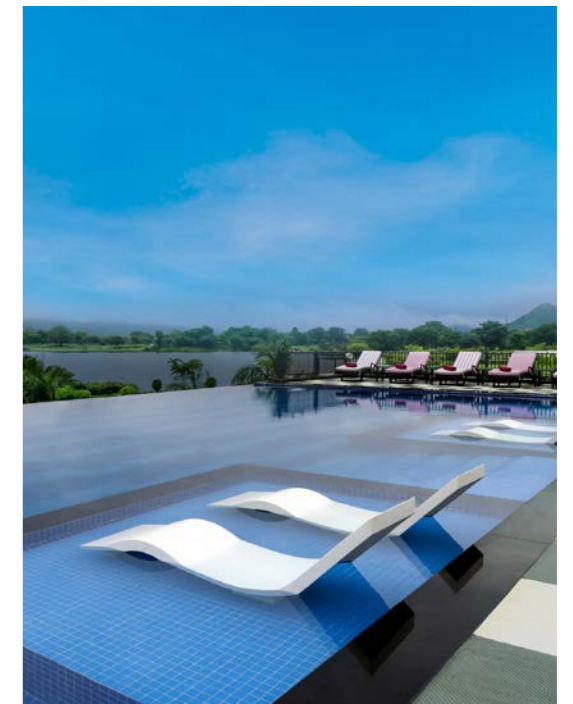
An auspicious symbol of Indian culture, the lotus was enshrined as India's national flower at the time of independence in 1950. The large, pink blossoms feature symmetrical petals that exude a sense of serenity. An aquatic flower, it floats above the murky waters – a metaphor that people should rise above their earthly problems.



 WHERE TO STAY

ZANA Lake Resort, Udaipur

ZANA Lake Resort, Udaipur is set on the banks of Udai Sagar Lake, an aquatic paradise in the heart of Rajasthan. It is also just 30 minutes' drive from Saheliyon Ki Bari, the "Garden of the Maidens," which is famed for its beautiful lotus ponds, fountains and marble pavilions. Guests can unwind and soak up the serene ambience in spacious lakeside rooms and suites, savour farm-to-table dining with handpicked local ingredients, take a dip in the infinity pool or achieve inner peace at the spa.





HIBISCUS

 MALAYSIA

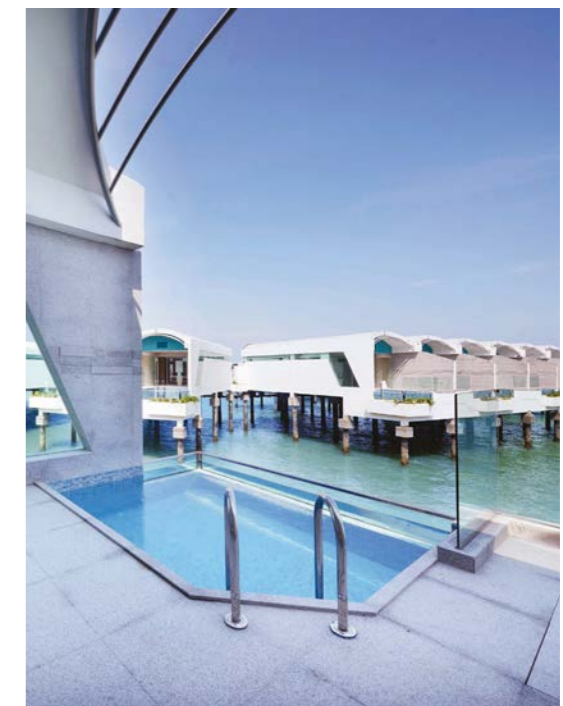
Hibiscus can be seen in homes and gardens all across the country. Known locally as “bunga raya,” this flower is said to embody the courage and vitality of the Malaysian people, and the five petals represent the five principles of the “Rukun Negara,” which are enshrined in the Malaysian national philosophy.



 WHERE TO STAY

Lexis Hibiscus Port Dickson

Lexis Hibiscus Port Dickson is a spectacular resort that features a collection of overwater villas designed in the shape of a hibiscus flower. With stems and petals that stretch almost a kilometre from the shore, guests will be immersed in a world of contemporary luxury. All 639 villas promise private pools and panoramic vistas, and an amazing array of attractions and activities offer endless opportunities for adventure. Multiple dining options include the Satellite Restaurant & Bar, which frames stunning sea views.





SINGAPORE ORCHID

 SINGAPORE

The orchid holds a special place in the hearts of Singaporean people, and this exotic flower was even featured on the first Singapore dollars. Also known as “Vanda Miss Joaquim” after Agnes Joaquim who first cultivated it, the Singapore orchid is a hybrid species that embodies the national qualities of vibrancy and resilience.



 WHERE TO STAY

Goodwood Park Hotel

Goodwood Park Hotel is a five-star heritage hotel that also captures the spirit of Singapore. Housed in an elegant building that dates from 1900, it features the Grand Tower which has been listed as a National Monument. This is also an outstanding setting for nature lovers, just 10 minutes' drive from the Singapore Botanic Gardens which house the world's largest collection of orchids, with over 1,000 species and 2,000 hybrids. The hotel offers two outdoor pools, health and beauty services and five renowned restaurants.





ROSE OF SHARON

 SOUTH KOREA

The rose of Sharon, or “mugunghwa” in Korean, is a cultural icon. The name translates as “everlasting flower,” which reflects how it closes every evening and bursts back to life at sunrise, while also symbolizing the indomitable spirit of the Korean people. This flower is even praised in the country’s national anthem.



 WHERE TO STAY

Royal Square Hotel Seoul

Royal Square Hotel Seoul is a contemporary hotel that elevates the midscale experience with upmarket facilities and services, including a modern restaurant and a gallery that exhibits local artworks. Guests can discover the natural heritage of South Korea at Seoul Botanic Park, which is just 10 minutes away and features at least 8,000 species of plants, including several varieties of mugunghwa. Four areas – Open Forest, Lake Garden, Wetland Garden and Themed Garden – showcase diverse plants from all around the world.





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SWIRL & SIP IN ASIA PACIFIC'S TOP WINERIES

Asia Pacific has emerged as the most exciting new frontier in the world of wine. While Australia and New Zealand have well-established reputations as leading wine producers, many Asian countries are now embracing the time-honoured traditions of viticulture to craft some truly outstanding vintages. Travel and wine are the perfect pairing, and guests now have exciting opportunities to swirl and sip with vineyard tours and tastings in some of Asia Pacific's most desirable destinations.

 **BALI, INDONESIA**

HATTEN WINES

Hatten Wines is Bali's original winery, founded in 1994. The vineyards on the island's picturesque north coast take advantage of rich volcanic soil and cool sea breezes to produce three harvests per year and create a collection of award-winning wines. Using a combination of international and heritage grape varieties, Hatten produces white, red, rosé and sparkling varieties plus a sweet, fortified wine.



 **WHERE TO STAY**

PLATARAN MENJANGAN RESORT & SPA

Plataran Menjangan Resort & Spa lets travellers explore the unspoiled landscapes of West Bali National Park, which is only 50 minutes' drive from Hatten Wines. Guests can stay in a choice of villas overlooking the ocean and forest, unwind in the spa, infinity pool and beach club, or head up to the observation deck which showcases panoramic 360-degree views of the landscape.



 **BEIJING, CHINA**

CHATEAU CHANGYU AFIP

Chateau Changyu Afip brings a taste of rural France to the Chinese capital. Located in Miyun County, a suburb of Beijing, this winery is centred around a grand French-style chateau and features a 200-hectare vineyard, based on soil that is comparable to the earth found in Bordeaux. Proudly "Made in China," its wines have been used in state banquets for visiting world leaders.



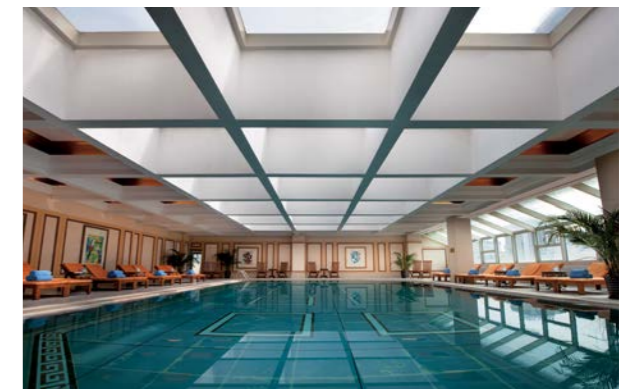
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 **WHERE TO STAY**

SUNWORLD DYNASTY HOTEL BEIJING WANGFUJING

Sunworld Dynasty Hotel Beijing Wangfujing is located in the heart of the city, just one hour's drive from the chateau. A member of WorldHotels, this landmark hotel features 395 rooms and suites, plus extensive facilities such as a pool, gym and beauty centre. The Royal Chinese Restaurant specialises in authentic local cuisine and the Dynasty Plaza is a spectacular setting for afternoon tea.



 HUA HIN, THAILAND

MONSOON VALLEY

Monsoon Valley is one of the most famous Asian wineries, with a collection of classic, premium, signature and flagship products that can be enjoyed all around the world. Nestled between the mountains and the sea in Hua Hin, this 110-hectare vineyard offers tours and tastings, a mountain bike trail and a responsible elephant sanctuary. The onsite Sala Wine Bar pairs fine wines with panoramic views.



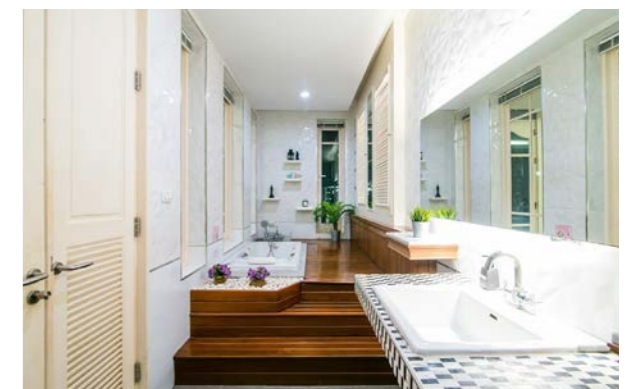
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 WHERE TO STAY

THE SEA-CRET GARDEN HUA HIN

The Sea-Cret Garden Hua Hin is an elegant boutique retreat just 40 minutes' drive from Monsoon Valley. The accommodation is impressive, with a choice of bright and spacious rooms, each of which offers direct access to the resort's pool, or luxurious two-bedroom villas that come equipped with private pools, Jacuzzis and roof terraces. Fresh, local cuisine is available at the Jin & Juice Restaurant.



 HUNTER VALLEY, AUSTRALIA

TEMPUS TWO

Tempus Two is an innovative Australian winery that has grown an impressive reputation for its bold and elegant wines. Located in the famous Hunter Valley region of New South Wales, it uses grapes that are globally sourced to craft a series of high-quality red, white, rosé and sparkling wines, and even wine-based gins. Tasting experiences are also available at Tempus Two Cellar Door.



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 WHERE TO STAY

LEISURE INN POKOLBIN

Leisure Inn Pokolbin covers 10 hectares in the verdant Hunter Valley, just 10 minutes' drive from Tempus Two. When guests are not sampling the area's famous wines, they can play tennis on the onsite court, cool off in the outdoor pool, or cook up a feast in the barbecue area. A choice of studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments offer options for every stay.



 **NEW ZEALAND**

CLOUDY BAY

Cloudy Bay is one of New Zealand’s leading wineries, which embraces organic and sustainable cultivation. Having started life in 1985 when it released its first bottles to international acclaim, it has now grown to offer a selection of exceptional wines, including Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pelorus and of course, New Zealand’s famous Sauvignon Blanc, at vineyards in Marlborough and Central Otago.



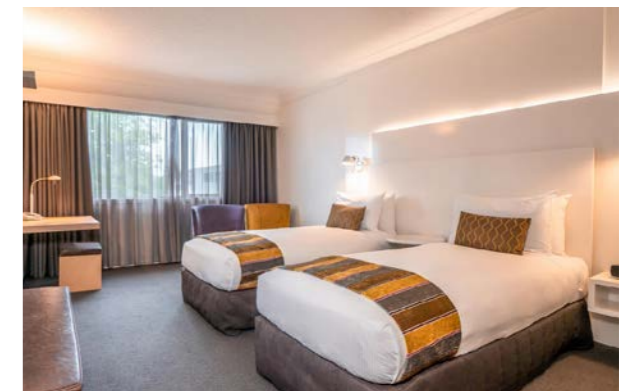
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 **WHERE TO STAY**

SCENIC HOTEL MARLBOROUGH

Scenic Hotel Marlborough puts guests in the heart of the Marlborough wine region, just 10 minutes’ drive from the Cloudy Bay vineyard. Located in Blenheim, the property features 54 rooms and soothing wellness facilities, including a spa, sauna and solar-heated outdoor pool. Savvy Restaurant and Bar is a great place to sample New Zealand’s fresh cuisine alongside a glass of local wine.





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★ Featured Hotel of the Month



BAY RESORT HOI AN

Bay Resort Hoi An is a brand-new waterfront hotel that embraces the grace and elegance of Hoi An, central Vietnam's enchanting UNESCO World Heritage town. Designed in a classical style, this 128-key retreat seamlessly blends Hoi An's heritage-rich aesthetic with modern hospitality.



Guests can choose to stay in spacious and contemporary rooms, suites or pool villas, many of which offer views of the Hoai River and ancient town. When travellers are not exploring Hoi An, they can dine at Olive Tree, which specialises in Mediterranean cuisine, sip cool refreshments at Olah! Lounge, the chic poolside bar, cool off in the pool or soothe their senses at Breathe Spa, a haven of tranquility that harnesses the natural power of local herbs.

With its outstanding riverside setting, just moments from Hoi An's historic centre, this boutique resort is perfect for curious explorers who want to uncover the many wonders of this unique heritage port, including its cobbled streets, charming shophouses and iconic Japanese Covered Bridge.





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