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FOREWORD

Welcome to the July 2022 edition of Travel Aggregator – WebBeds’ newsletter dedicated to the travel trade in Asia Pacific!

As the world opens up again, travellers from all across the globe are starting to rediscover the wonders of Asia. But what’s changed since they last visited? In this issue, we check out the latest attractions and activities that travellers can look forward to in four of the region’s most exciting cities: Bangkok, Danang, Jakarta and Singapore.

Did you know that 24th July is International Self-Care Day? Personal wellness is said to be the new luxury, so we take a look at the best places to improve our mental and physical wellbeing, including idyllic island retreats in Asia and beyond. For a more indulgent celebration, let’s mark World Chocolate Day! This is an opportunity for travellers with a sweet tooth to bite into some of Asia Pacific’s sweetest attractions.

In our new “Ask the Insider” feature, we chat to our clients and learn about what motivates them to travel, and “Newly-Opened” offers an exclusive glimpse of one of Asia’s newest places to stay: Almas Hotel Bangkok.

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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Almas Hotel Bangkok



Almas Hotel Bangkok is a new midscale property which opened its doors in late May 2022.

Favourably located at Ramkhanhaeng Road, close to the Airport Rail Link, this modern hotel showcases the simple pleasures of comfortable rooms and easy accessibility – perfect for business and leisure travellers seeking a convenient stay in the Thai capital.

The hotel's accommodation includes 23-square metre Standard Rooms, 25-square metre Superior Rooms and 46-square metre Deluxe Rooms, each of which comes equipped with comfy king or twin beds, free Wi-Fi, a wall-mounted TV, safety box, small desk, kettle and bottled water. For guests travelling together, the Family Connecting Rooms can accommodate up to four adults and two children.

When visitors are not exploring the city's vibrant shopping malls, markets, restaurants and other attractions, they can cool off in the swimming pool, with its Middle Eastern-style tiling, or work out at the fitness centre. Muslim guests can also make use of the prayer room.

The hotel is operated by the same company that successfully launched Bangkok's Al Meroz Hotel, which caters to Muslim and non-Muslim guests alike with halal-certified restaurants and no alcohol served throughout the property. Almas Hotel Bangkok now brings this intuitive concept to the midmarket sector with stylish stays at affordable prices.





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Satisfy Your Sweet Tooth in Asia Pacific

Is there any delicacy on Earth more desirable than chocolate? This confection has inspired books and movies, while tempting children and adults around the world for centuries. Held annually on 7th July, World Chocolate Day is an opportunity to celebrate the joy of chocolate. In this edition, we'll introduce some Asia Pacific's sweetest attractions.



📍 ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

Haigh's Chocolates Visitor Centre

Photo credit: South Australian Tourism Commission

Australia's oldest family-owned chocolate maker, Haigh's is a must-see attraction for travellers with a sweet tooth. At 150 square metres, this is also one of the country's biggest choccy shops! Take part in a free guided tour which features information about the history of Haigh's, how the company is ethical and sustainable, and the opportunity to watch the team of confectioners hard at work, using their artisanal skills to create award-winning delicacies.

 WHERE TO STAY

MAJESTIC M SUITES

Nestled in North Adelaide yet only a few minutes from the city centre, Majestic M Suites offers a collection of spacious and well-equipped one-, two- and three-bedroom suites, each of which features a private balcony or terrace. Guests can unwind at the leafy outdoor courtyard area, work out at the gym or even admire original artworks.



 WHERE TO STAY

MAJESTIC MINIMA HOTEL

Majestic Minima Hotel is a stylish and affordable midscale hotel located in North Adelaide. The studio rooms may be compact (approx. 14 square metres) but each features an original design created by a local South Australian artist, and every unit is well equipped with a king bed, LCD TV, free Wi-Fi and laundry services.





JEJU, SOUTH KOREA

Chocolate Museum

When you think of the world's leading chocolate makers, who do you think of? Belgium, Switzerland... South Korea? In fact, the Korean island of Jeju is home to the second largest chocolate museum in the world! Set in a historic and highly distinctive volcanic stone building, this huge factory features a wealth of guest activities including workshops, a bean-to-bar room, an art gallery, theatre, café and of course, a chocolate store.

 WHERE TO STAY

HEYY SEOGWIPO

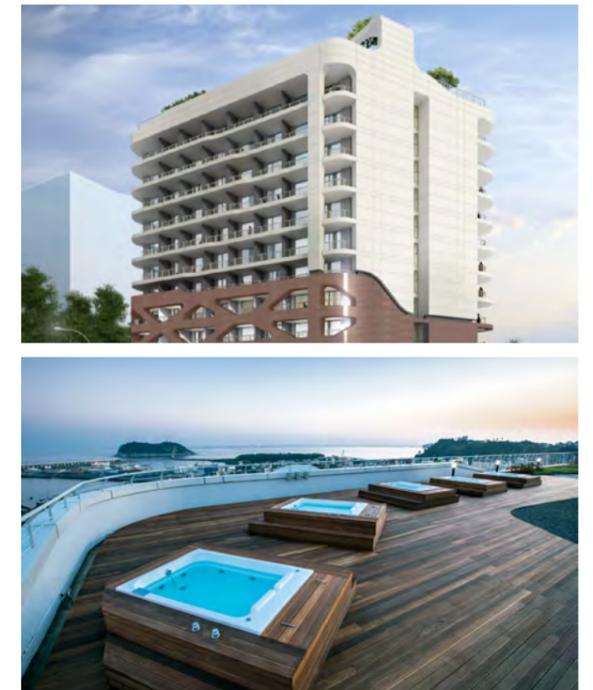
The second hotel from Korean lifestyle brand Heyy, this upbeat midscale property is perfectly positioned overlooking Seogwipo Port, with sea views from its rooms and a wide range of activities and experiences. Visitors can enjoy yoga classes, free book rental from the onsite library or simply head out and explore the many wonders of Jeju.



 WHERE TO STAY

HOTEL BRIDGE SEOGWIPO

Hotel Bridge Segowipo is an elegant upscale hotel that overlooks the sea and Seogwipo Moonseom Island. All 241 rooms and suites have private balconies with ocean and mountain vistas. Facilities include an excellent restaurant, a fitness centre, rooftop terrace and jacuzzi, which provides the perfect place to unwind and soak up the sea views.





 KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

Chocolate Museum Kota Damansara

The ancient art of chocolate making is given a modern makeover at this impressive Kuala Lumpur attraction, which is one of the most interactive and state-of-the-art museums in Southeast Asia. Full of fascinating facts and innovative equipment, this is a great place for youngsters to be immersed in the world of confection. Five areas highlight the history, health benefits and modern manufacturing of chocolate, and guests have the chance to purchase over 100 different brands.

 WHERE TO STAY

ROYALE CHULAN DAMANSARA

Set in the heart of Petaling Jaya, Royale Chulan Damansara is a five-star hotel with a wealth of activities and experiences. Visitors can stay in luxurious rooms and suites, dine at a choice of four F&B outlets including a Japanese restaurant, unwind at the spa, work out at the gym or simply chill out at the outdoor pool.



 WHERE TO STAY

ROYALE CHULAN THE CURVE

Royale Chulan The Curve is an upscale hotel that offers fantastic facilities for guests in Petaling Jaya. The comfortable rooms and suites, excellent restaurants and outdoor pool offer a wide range of ways for travellers to relax. Retail therapy can be experienced at The Curve, the lifestyle shopping mall located adjacent to the hotel.



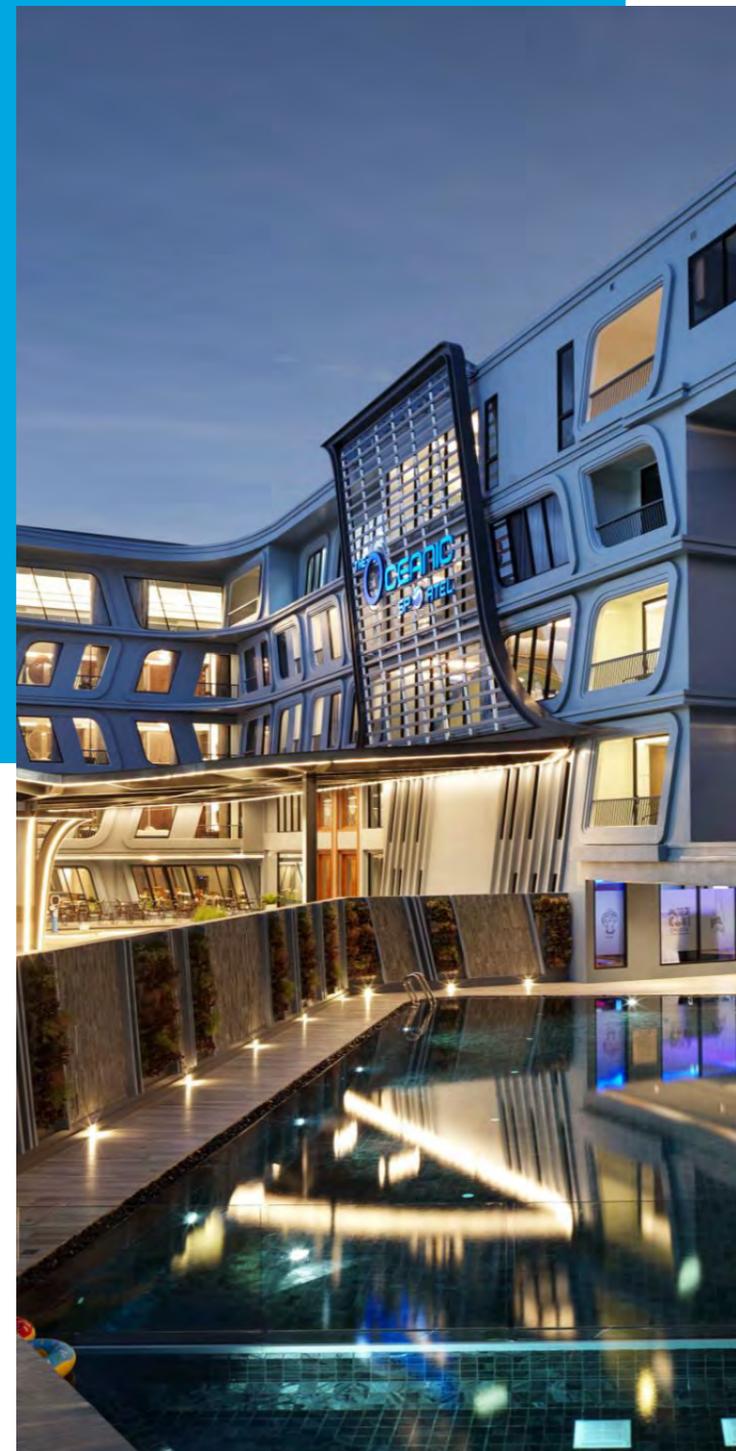
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BEACH RESORT



Designed in traditional Thai-Lanna style, Maikhao Palm Beach Resort boasts fully-furnished and spacious guest rooms surrounded by free-form pools and landscaped garden next to the peatland and facing the iconic Maikhao Beach.



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NEW DISCOVERIES IN ASIA'S DYNAMIC CITIES

As the world opens up again, travellers from all across the globe are starting to rediscover the wonders of Asia. But what's changed since they last visited? During the lockdown, many countries created exciting new attractions to entice visitors back to their shores and re-establish their status as world-class destinations.

In this article, we reveal four of Asia's best new and revamped tourist attractions that guests can look forward to when they return to the region in 2022 and beyond.



 **NEW DISCOVERY**

BENCHAKITTI FOREST PARK

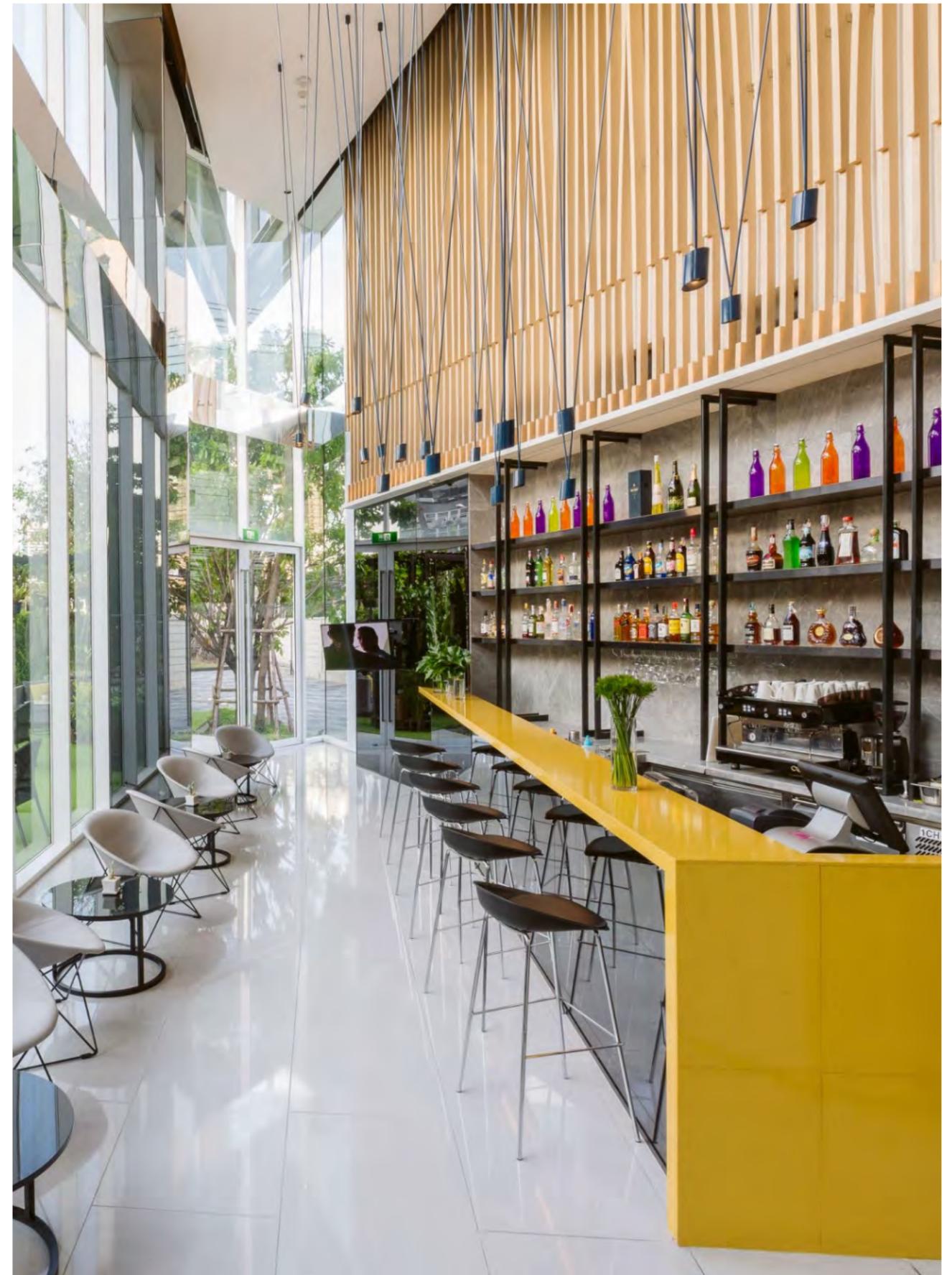
BANGKOK, THAILAND

In a bustling mega-city of more than 10 million people, what could be more refreshing than strolling through a lush, natural oasis? Occupying the site of a former tobacco factory, Benchakitti Forest Park offers approximately 480,000 square metres of green space, including wetlands where wildlife thrives. Even better, an elevated Green Bridge connects Benchakitti with Lumpini Park, so residents can walk, jog or cycle through the city without encountering any traffic.

 WHERE TO STAY

MODENA BY FRASER BANGKOK HOTEL RESIDENCES

Modena by Fraser Bangkok Hotel Residences is great for guests who desire a little more personal space. Located next to Queen Sirikit MRT station and on the doorstep of Benchakitti Forest Park, this stylish and sustainable hotel residence offers a choice of spacious rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows and kitchenettes, a 24/7 fitness centre, sauna and steam rooms. The Coffee & Cider Bar is a great place to unwind after a day exploring the city.



 **NEW DISCOVERY**

APEC SCULPTURE PARK

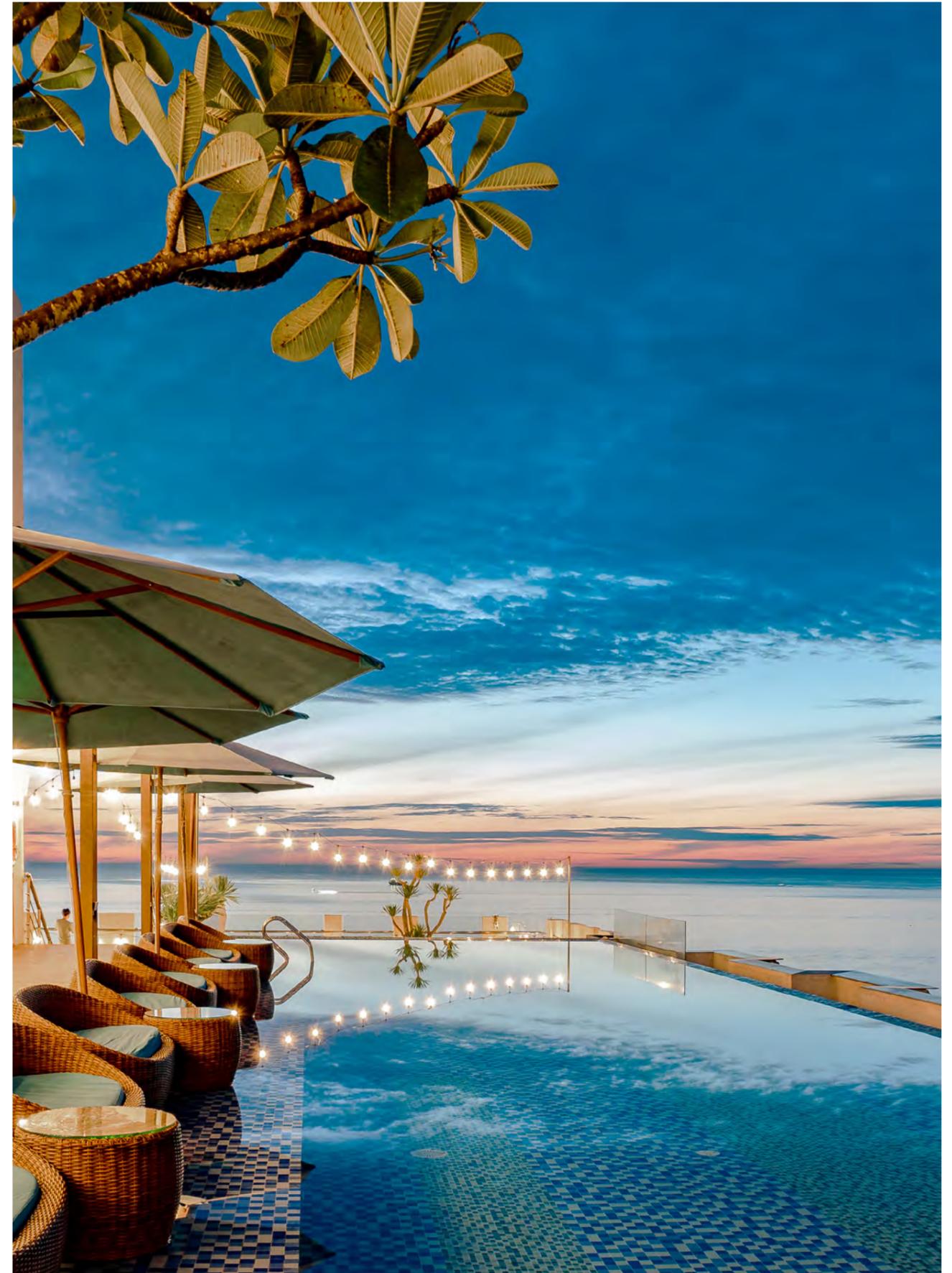
DANANG, VIETNAM

Danang is rapidly becoming one of Asia's most tourist-friendly seafront cities, with a wealth of activities and attractions for all ages. Art enthusiasts and culture seekers can now discover the spectacular APEC Sculpture Park, an architectural marvel on the banks of the Han River. Built at a cost of US\$33 million, this large freeform steel archway displays 18 sculptures - one representing each of the APEC member countries - while also hosting public exhibitions and events.

 WHERE TO STAY

HAIAN BEACH HOTEL & SPA

HAIAN Beach Hotel & Spa is so eye-catching that it could be considered an attraction in its own right. Rising 21 storeys from seafront at My Khe Beach, just eight minutes' drive from the APEC Sculpture Park, this upscale hotel is illuminated with a multi-coloured neon façade after dark. Guests can stay in modern rooms and suites and chill out at the dramatic rooftop infinity pool and stylish sky lounge, overlooking the ocean.



 **NEW DISCOVERY**

SARINAH

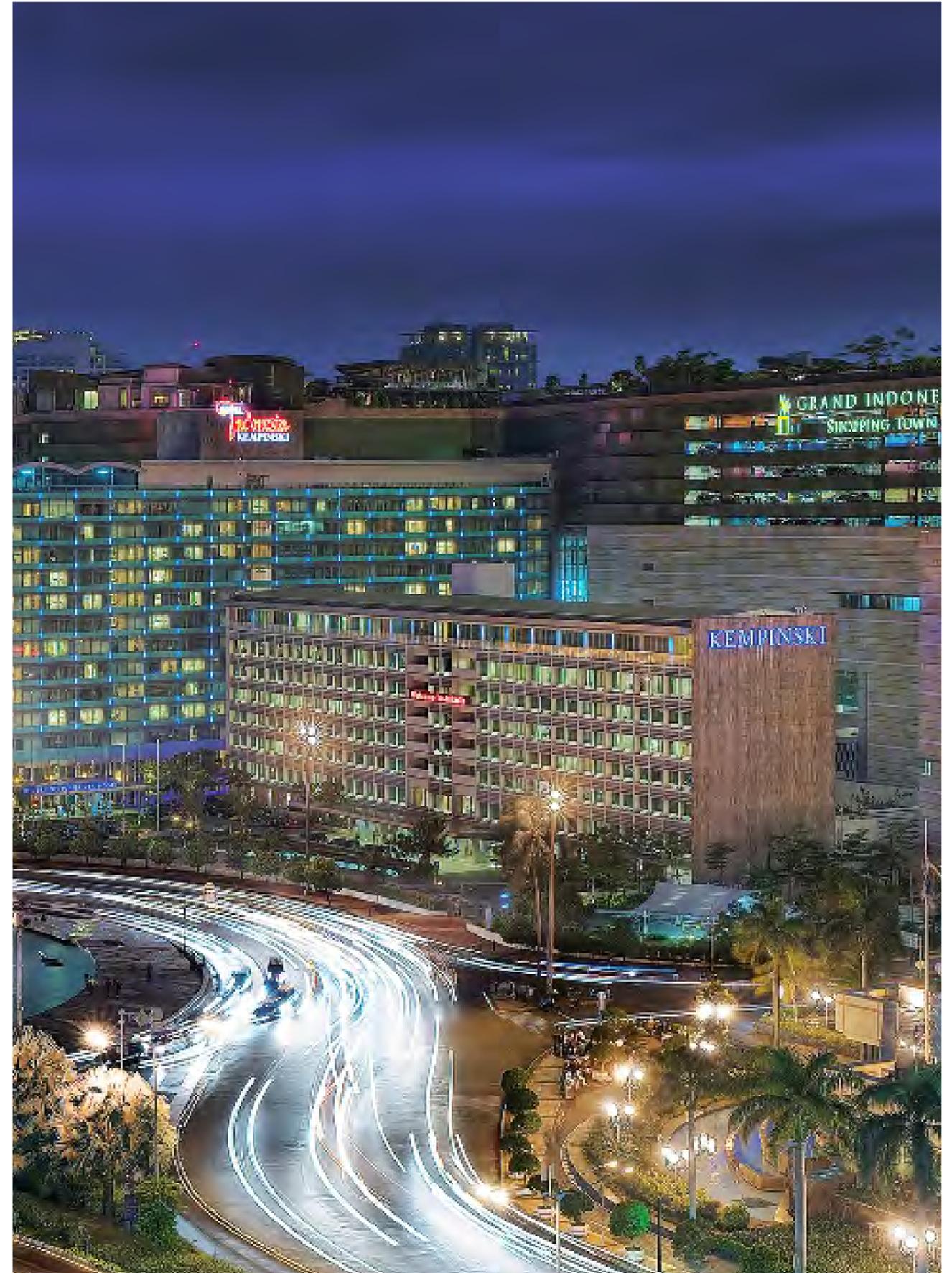
JAKARTA, INDONESIA

Jakarta is home to many shopping malls, but Sarinah makes a refreshing change from the usual brand names and designer labels. Relunched in March 2022 following a major renovation, this “community mall” is dedicated to authentic Indonesian culture. Visitors who want to discover the country’s heart and soul can pick up batik clothing, traditional furniture, arts & crafts and much more. There is also a new outdoor amphitheater for events.

 WHERE TO STAY

HOTEL INDONESIA KEMPINSKI JAKARTA

Hotel Indonesia Kempinski Jakarta is a stunning five-star hotel that weaves modern luxury hospitality together with timeless Indonesian heritage. Nestled in the heart of Central Jakarta, approximately 10 minutes by car from Sarinah, this outstanding property features refined rooms and suites, six restaurants and lounges including a sky bar, an inviting outdoor freeform pool, a spacious fitness centre and traditional spa, making it a great option for culture-seeking explorers.



 **NEW DISCOVERY**

SKYHELIX SENTOSA

SINGAPORE

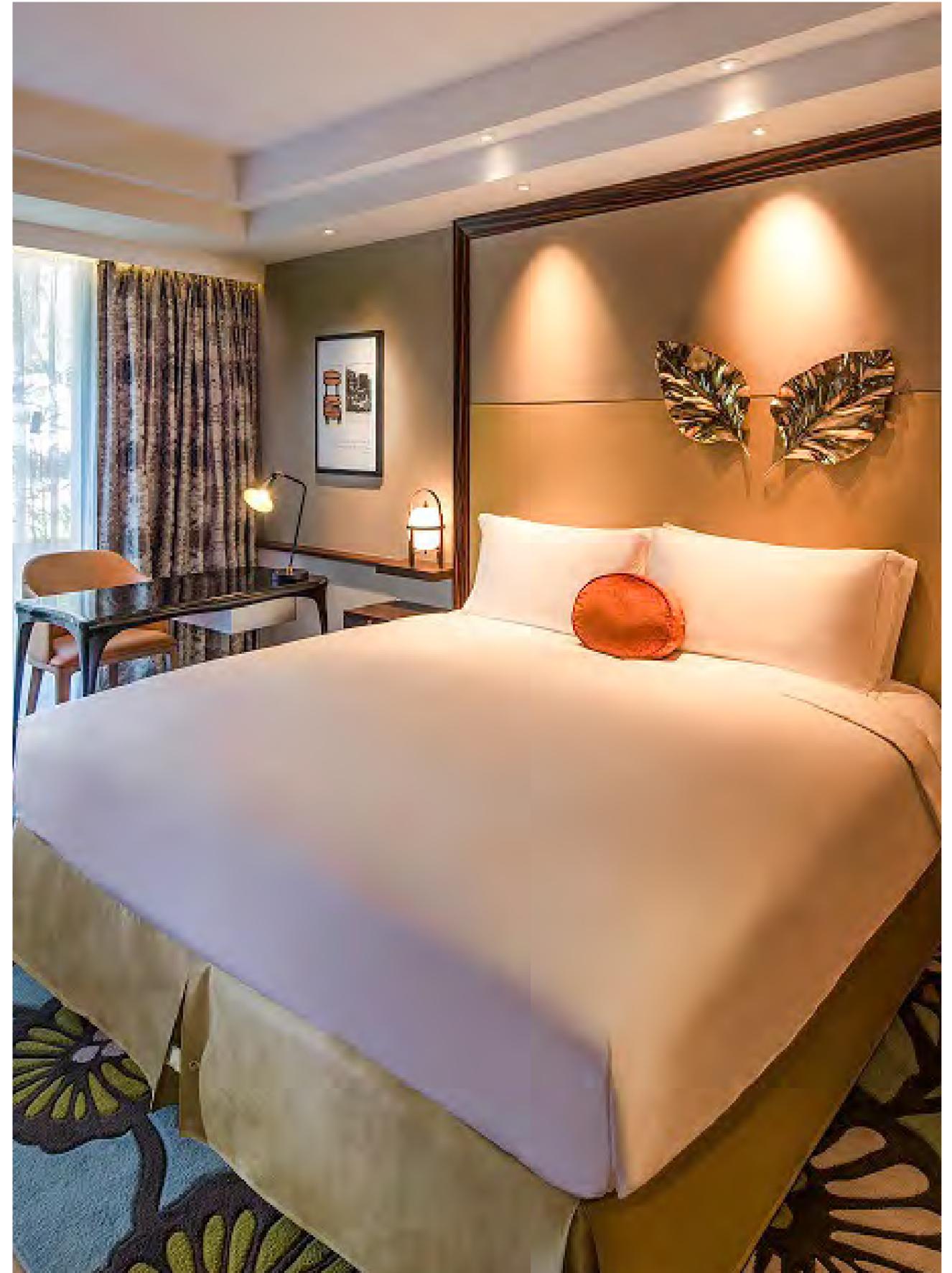
SkyHelix Sentosa is Singapore's highest open-air ride. Guests can relax in their gondola and rise 79 metres above sea level, while dangling their feet in the air and soaking up breathtaking 360-degree views of Sentosa and the sea. Open day and night, each "flight" lasts 12 minutes, including 10 minutes at the highest point. Riders can celebrate their experience with exclusive cocktails from the snack bar like Helix Xpresso Martini or Helix Singapore Sling.



 WHERE TO STAY

SOFITEL SINGAPORE SENTOSA RESORT & SPA

Sofitel Singapore Sentosa Resort & Spa is an enchanting five-star sanctuary that blends the brand's French flair with Singapore's colonial heritage. Set on a clifftop overlooking Tanjong Beach and the South China Sea, just a short distance from SkyHelix, this low-rise retreat features a choice of luxurious rooms, suites and villas, two world-class restaurants, an outdoor sea-facing swimming pool, and the Sofitel Spa with a mud pool, float pool and waterfall.





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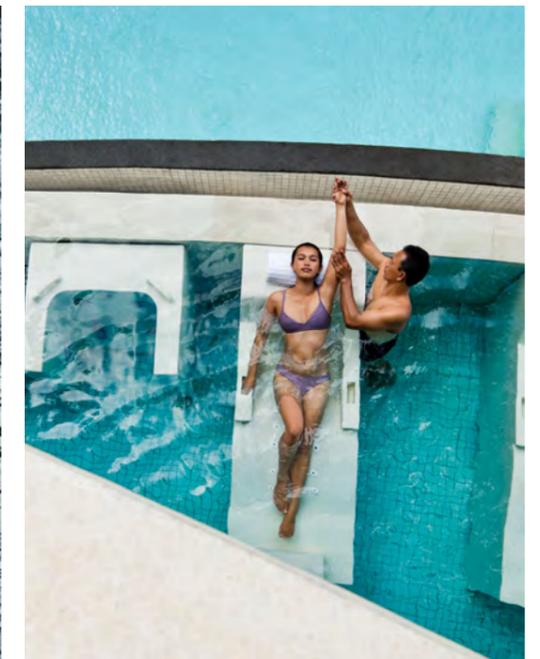
Self-care and personal wellness are new luxuries. We all need to take time to enjoy activities that enhance our mood, so to celebrate International Self-Care Day on 24th July, this article looks at the best places around the world to improve our mental and physical wellbeing. Whether you're a yoga expert seeking an immersive retreat or a beginner who just needs a little space and time away from the world, these idyllic island resorts will let you discover your best self.



 **BALI, INDONESIA**

COMO Shambhala Estate

COMO Shambhala Estate is nestled in the lush jungles of Ubud, the cultural heart and soul of Bali. Within this soothing setting, you will be immersed in a holistic, 360-degree wellness programme including spa therapies, Ayurvedic treatments, outdoor activities, healthy cuisine and more. This luxury retreat's "Integrated Wellness Programmes" are tailored to individual goals, so whether you want to lie back and enjoy a Balinese massage, achieve mindfulness in a riverside pavilion, or take an invigorating hike through the forest, everybody can discover their own personal path to wellbeing.





📍 KOH SAMUI, THAILAND

Kamalaya Koh Samui

Kamalaya Koh Samui is a multi-award-winning wellness retreat where busy executives and A-listers come to relax, revive and rebalance their bodies and minds. Founded on the philosophy of holistic healing, this serene sanctuary is supported by a wide range of multi-disciplinary experts, including Thai spa therapists, Ayurvedic specialists, meditation experts, lifestyle coaches, nutritionists, fitness instructors and more, who will assist you in your journey back to health. Each guest can embark on a personalised journey to rejuvenation.

The Monk's Cave is a wonderfully spiritual setting for quiet meditation.





📍 NOONU ATOLL, MALDIVES

Soneva Jani

Soneva Jani is like a jewel set within a sparkling lagoon, with uninterrupted ocean views in every direction. This highly exclusive, low-density island sanctuary provides the perfect place to achieve complete tranquility. Two spas offer a wide range of therapies in open-air treatment suites, plus yoga and meditation pavilions that overlook the endless Indian Ocean. With environmental excursions led by a Marine Biologist, physical activities such as tennis, water sports and diving, and organic dining experiences created by raw food chef Diana Von Cranach, Soneva Jani is a haven of health and wellness.

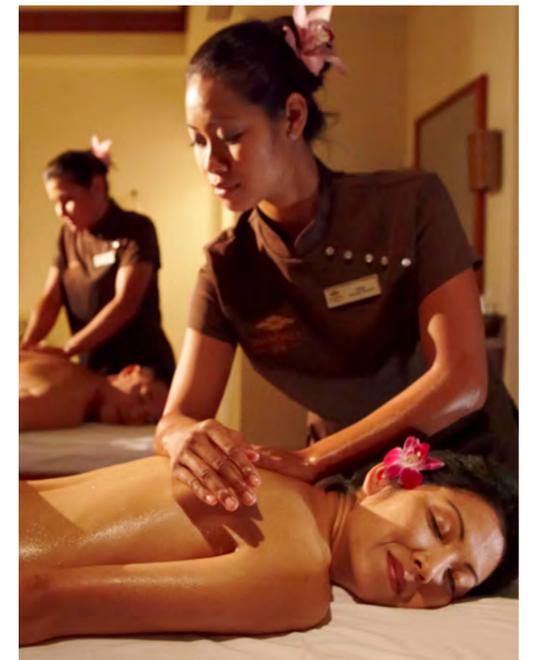
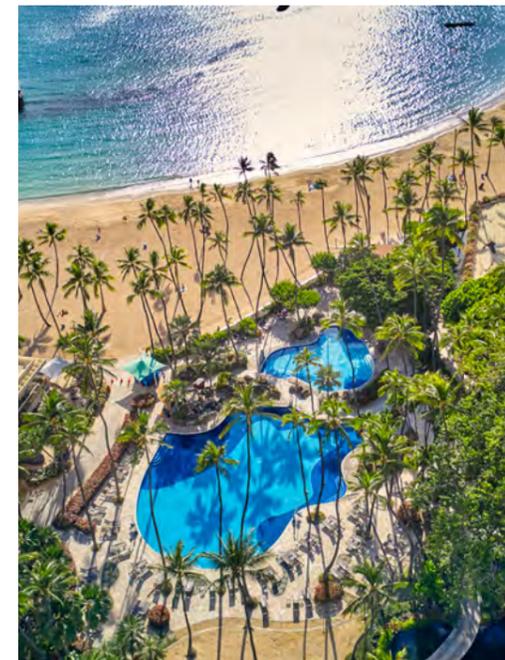




📍 WAIKIKI, HAWAII

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort is a breath-taking 22-acre oceanfront retreat in Honolulu. Nestled on the widest stretch of Waikiki Beach, this tropical hideaway invites wellness seekers to relax and restore their senses in the Mandara Spa, which features treatment rooms for singles and couples and specializes in Balinese and Hawaiian-style therapies. Guests can revive their bodies in Honolulu's only saltwater lagoon pool, work out in the fitness centre with state-of-the-art Life Fitness equipment, or dive into the local Hawaiian culture with daily activities.



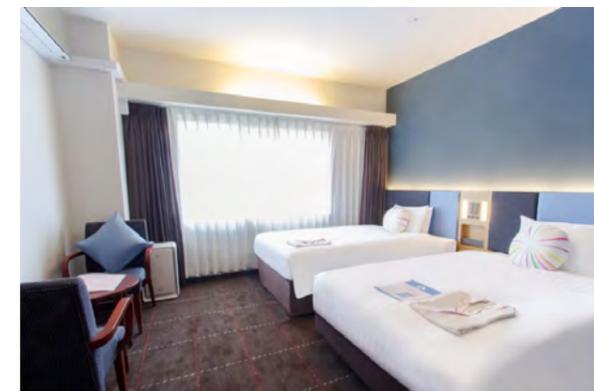


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Ask the INSIDER

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This month, Aida Nordin from Travel Sight chats about her favourite things to see and do in Bali this summer...



My favourite summertime activity is to have a picnic with my best friends or family. It's so nice to just relax in the sunshine, enjoying good food and even better company.



“ Bukit Asah Desa Bugbug is one of the most stunning places to have a picnic in Bali. Sitting on top of a hill enjoying delightful snacks while overlooking the stunning blue Indian Ocean, with steep green cliffs surrounding you; what a beautiful sight! ”

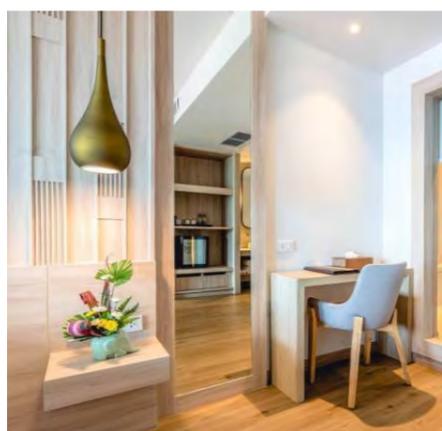
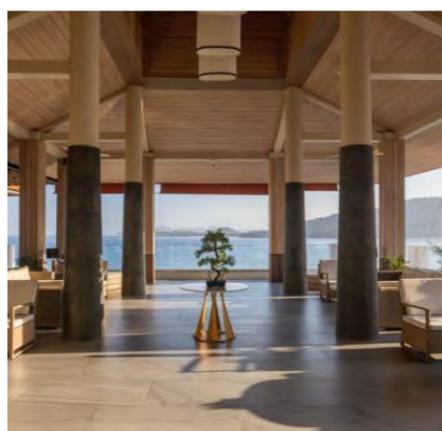
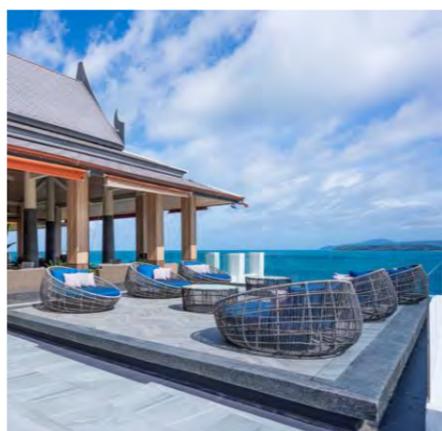
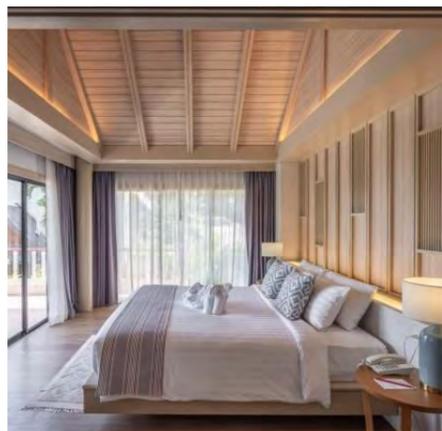
- Aida Nordin

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Bali Botanic Garden is another one of my preferred picnic spots. It is a mixture of open space, landscaped gardens, and unique plants including the island's biggest collection of orchids. It's such a joy to sip on Balinese coffee and savour local snacks from the traditional market, with the scent of flowers wafting through the air alongside the chatter and laughter of great company.





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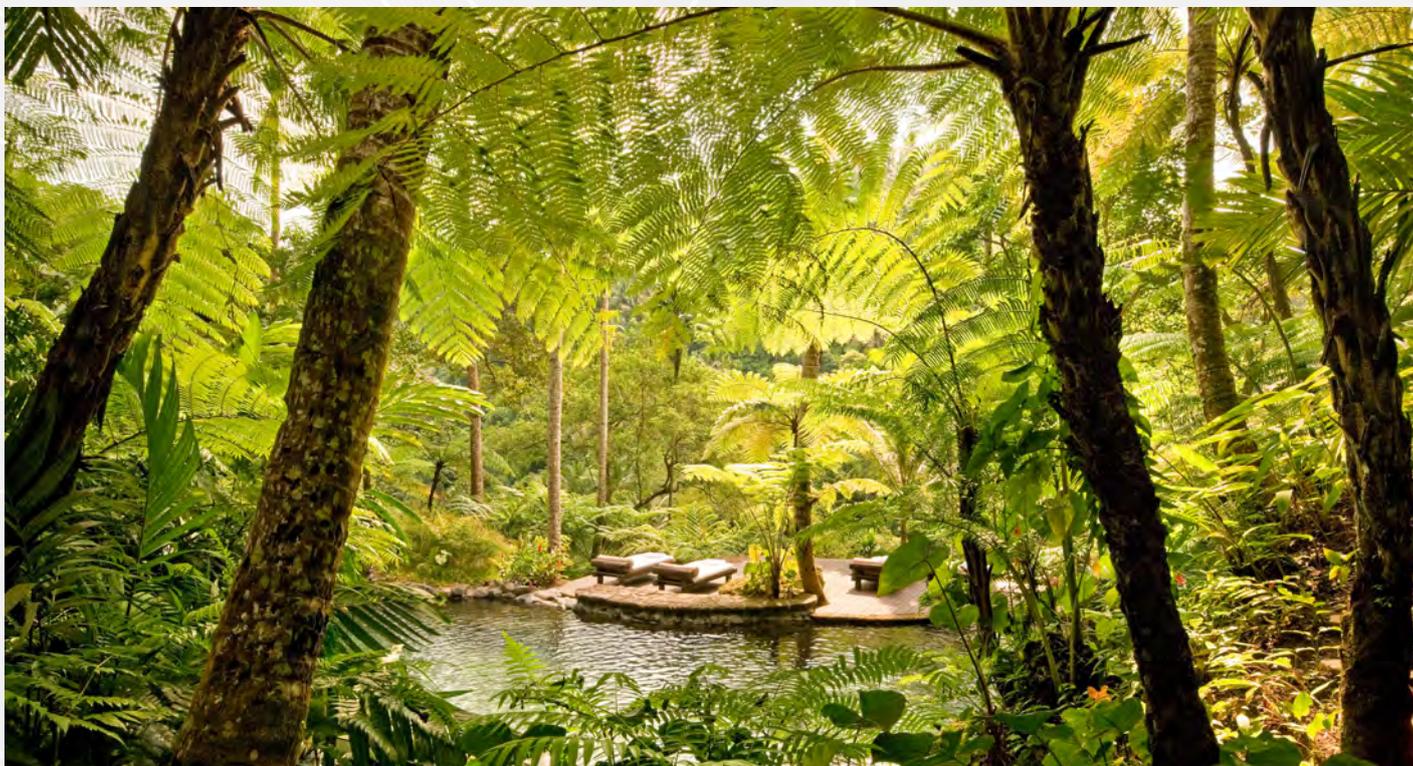
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Quiz of the Month

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