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FOREWORD

Happy New Year and welcome to the first Travel Aggregator of 2023!

WebBeds' dedicated travel trade newsletter for Asia Pacific is back this month with a series of insightful articles and fantastic features to set you up for the year ahead.

A new year is a great time to try new experiences. As a bright new era dawns, we will highlight a selection of dynamic destinations and exciting attractions that are sure to spark your curiosity. From culinary delights to cultural discoveries and more, everybody can try something new in 2023!

January is also a great time of year to revamp your wardrobe, and there are few better places to redefine your style than Asia Pacific. This innovative region is home to some of the world's top designers and most chic cities, so start planning a vacation that satisfies your passion for fashion.

WebBeds invites you to spend "72 Hours in Busan" with the latest in our series of three-day itineraries in Asia Pacific's most lively destinations, including the top activities, cultural experiences and street food in South Korea's second largest city.

"Newly-Opened" shines a spotlight on Amari SPICE Penang, "Ask the Insider" reveals top tips from one of our esteemed travel agent partners, and we exclusively reveal our best-selling hotels and most popular destinations. And of course, you can catch up with all the latest news, photos and offers from WebBeds in Asia Pacific.

Enjoy the read and have a wonderful year ahead!

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President, Asia Pacific WebBeds

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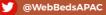
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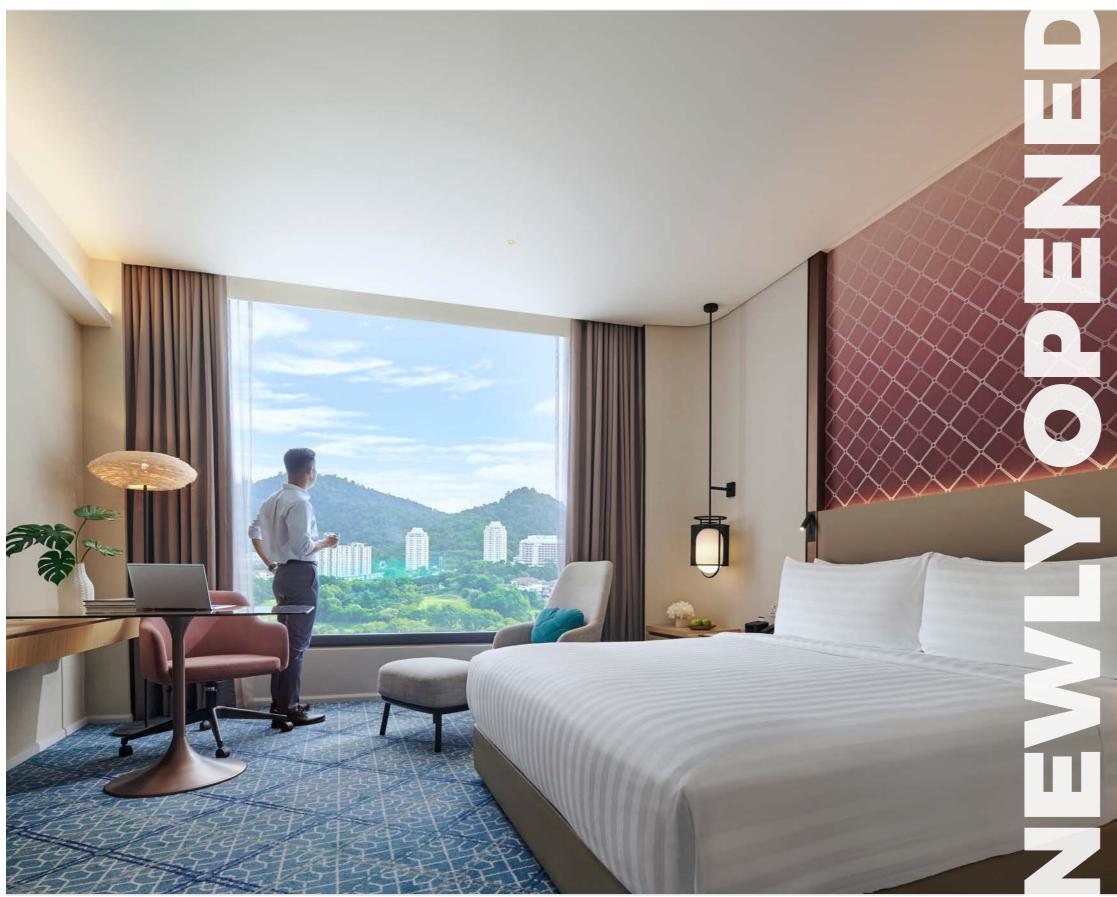
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Amari SPICE Penang



Amari, one of Southeast Asia's most iconic hotel brands, has made its debut in Penang, one of the region's most historic destinations.

Amari SPICE Penang introduces contemporary upscale hospitality to the Bayan Lepas region of the island, close to Penang International Airport. The hotel is directly connected to the SPICE Convention Centre, creating an outstanding new option for conference delegates and guest attendees, or visitors to SPICE Aquatic Centre and SPICE Canopy shopping and lifestyle complex.

The 453 rooms and suites come fully equipped with modern amenities such as a Smart TV and wireless soundbar, along with comfy bedding and floor-to-ceiling windows. The executive rooms and suites also offer access to the 25thfloor Executive Lounge, with daily breakfast, refreshments, and bespoke services.

Throughout their stay, guests can unwind at the Breeze Spa, work out at the FIT Centre or take a revitalizing dip in the outdoor saltwater pool, which also features a pool bar. The street food-inspired Amaya Food Gallery is an all-day restaurant with live kitchens, Amaya Bar offers cool drinks amid tropical gardens, and the chic soon-to-be-opened Observatory Sky Bar is a spectacular setting to chill out, savour tapas and cool cocktails as the sun sets over the rolling hills.

With extensive event spaces, Amari SPICE Penang is the ideal option for business or leisure travellers seeking an uplifting escape in Penang.

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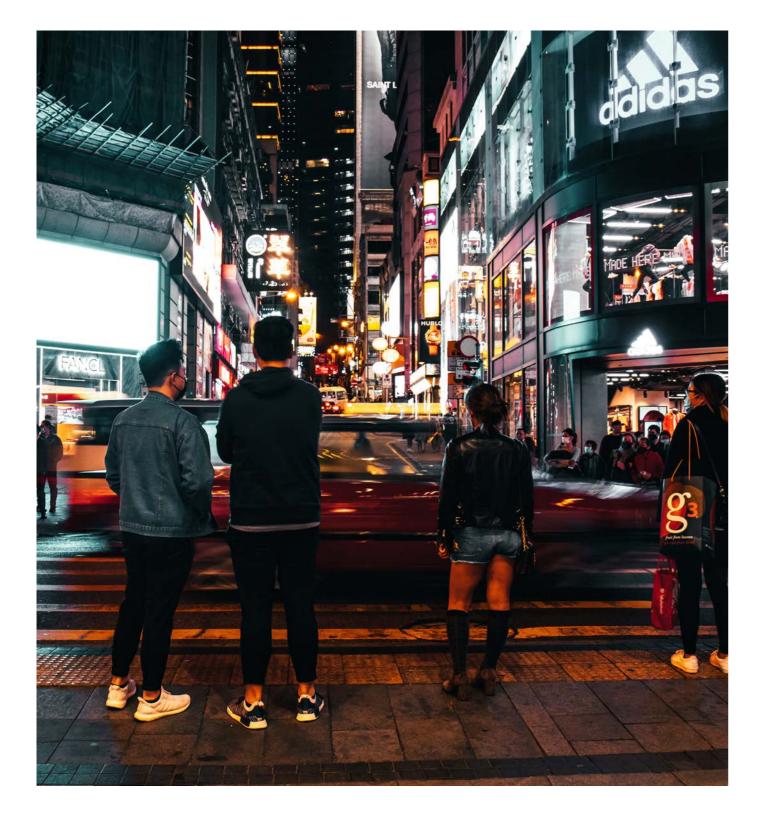
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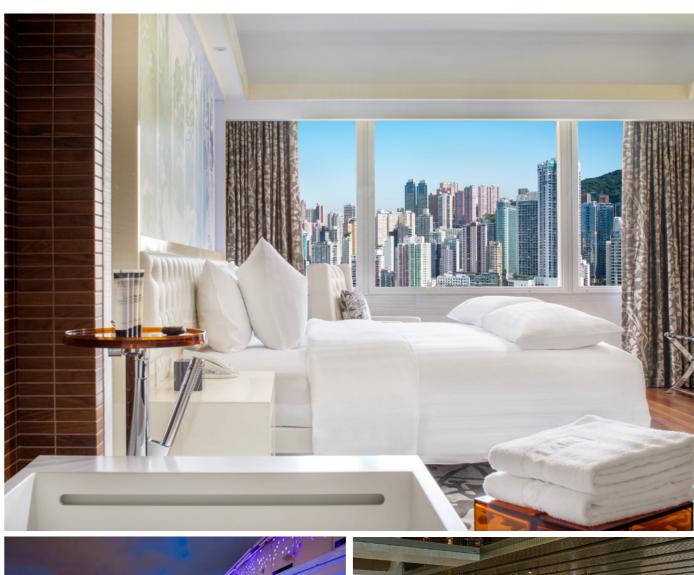
Fashion and travel go so well together. Both evoke a sense of discovery and personal freedom. Both change with seasons and are subject to the latest trends. Both reflect your individual style. So, what could be more rewarding than taking a vacation that weaves your passion for fashion into your stay?

Asia Pacific is home to some of the world's most chic cities. If you're planning to revamp your wardrobe for the year ahead, don't miss these sensational shopping destinations...



HONG KONG

Hong Kong is famous for its glittering malls and shopping streets that attract millions of guests from all over the world. One of Asia Pacific's luxury fashion capitals, travellers can pick up all the world's big-name brands and international labels, as well as an increasing range of up-and-coming local and regional designers. The city features many vibrant retail districts, including Central, Tsim Sha Tsui and Mongkok, but the biggest is surely Causeway Bay.







THE PARK LANE HONG KONG, A PULLMAN HOTEL

The Park Lane Hong Kong, a Pullman Hotel is perfectly positioned in the heart of Causeway Bay, right next to SOGO, Fashion Walk and Lee Gardens. This contemporary five-star hotel features a collection of stylish rooms, suites and restaurants with breath-taking views of the city's famous harbour, Victoria Park and the Kowloon skyline. Just seconds from the subway station, all of the city's most compelling shopping areas are within easy reach.

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JAKARTA MANDARIN ORIENTAL JAKARTA



JAKARTA

Jakarta has a thriving fashion scene. While it may not be as famous as other major Asian cities, haute couture in the Indonesian capital is being driven by an exciting new generation of emerging local designers, many of which have embraced elements from the country's cultural traditions, such as batik. As a bustling Asian metropolis, Jakarta is also home to many sparkling shopping malls and the biggest global brands.



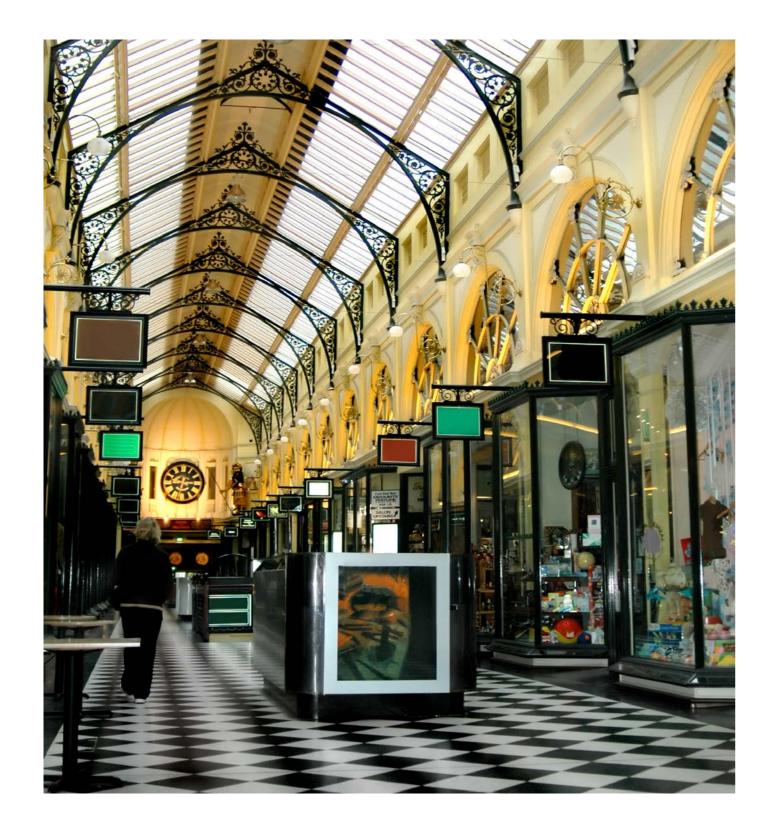




MANDARIN ORIENTAL JAKARTA

Mandarin Oriental Jakarta is one of the city's most prestigious places to stay and a great base for a shopping break. This five-star hotel is within walking distance of two major retail malls, Plaza Indonesia and Grand Indonesia, and offers an immersive two-hour batik experience at the Textile Museum. With six dining and social venues, an outdoor pool and fitness centre, this is also a wonderful place to unwind.

MELBOURNE STAMFORD PLAZA MELBOURNE





Melbourne is often considered to be Australia's fashion capital. With so many shopping areas to discover, from the urban centre to the cool inner-city suburbs, amazing malls to intriguing markets, this is a city that rewards curious explorers. Bourke Street Mall is the most iconic destination for style seekers, while Queen Victoria Market will help you revamp your wardrobe and Collins Street is a haven for designer labels.



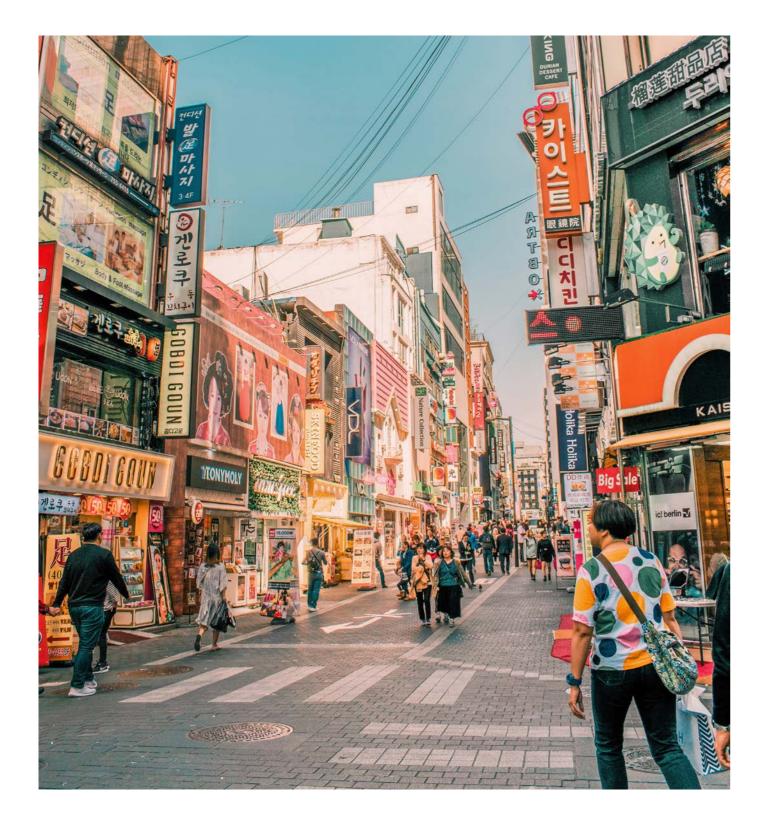




STAMFORD PLAZA MELBOURNE

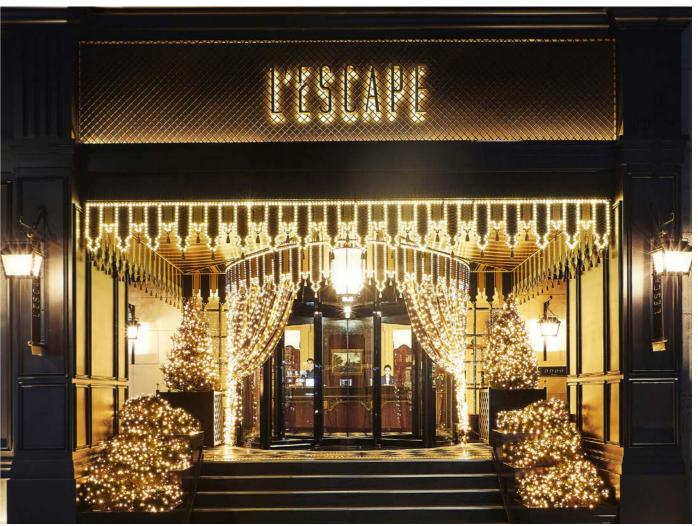
Stamford Plaza Melbourne is an all-suite five-star hotel with a perfect position on Little Collins Street, one of the city's most chic shopping streets. Explore the haute couture boutiques and branded stores that surround the hotel, or take a shuttle bus to the outlet mall. Harry's Restaurant and Bar is a great place to relax after a day of retail therapy or before a night on the town.

SEOUL L'ESCAPE HOTEL





South Korean contemporary culture has become popular all around the world, and the success of K-Pop and K-Drama is driving the rise of "K-Fashion". Seoul is a thriving style capital with a wide range of go-to retail districts, including Myeongdong, Dongdaemun and, of course, Gangnam. From the latest beauty and skincare products to cutting-edge clothing trends, fashionistas will find their unique look in shops, stalls, markets and malls across the city.



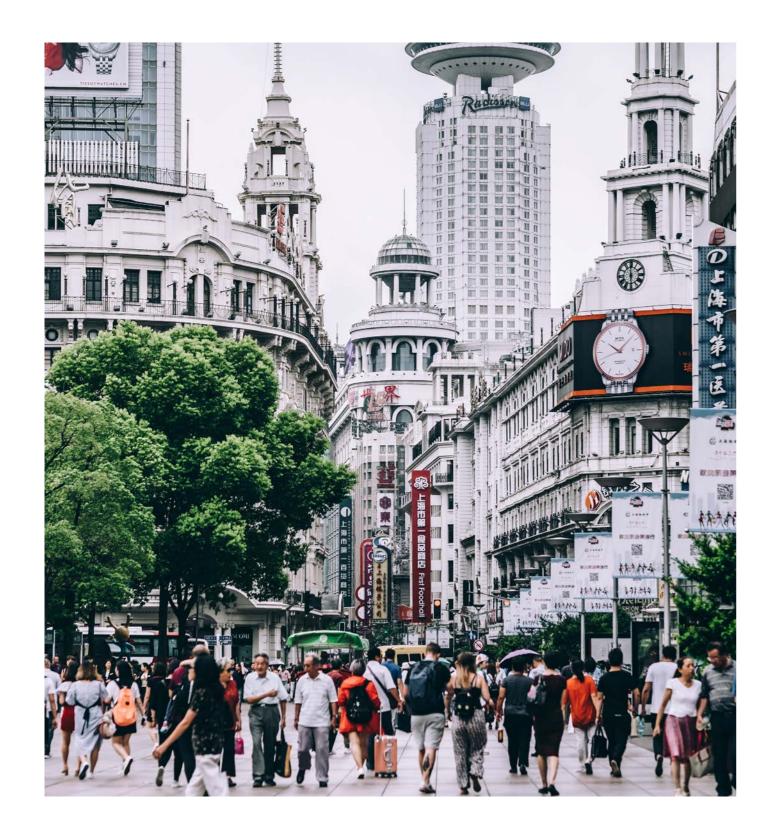




L'ESCAPE HOTEL

L'Escape Hotel is a five-star boutique hotel that exudes a sense of French flair and savoir faire. Guests can stay in a selection of signature Atelier Suites with embroidered wallpaper and mirrored doors, dine at designer restaurants and unwind at the spa, which uses French beauty products. This charismatic hotel is also just a short distance from the famous Shinsegae Department Store, South Korea's largest and oldest retailer.

SHANGHAI JIN JIANG HOTEL





"The Paris of the East," Shanghai has always been one of Asia's most gracious and glamorous cities. Since its heyday in the 1920s and '30s, when it welcomed the latest European styles, to the modern era of contemporary 21st Century design, fashion is woven into the fabric of the city. Nanjing Road and Huaihai Road are the most famous shopping districts, selling everything from traditional Chinese silks to luxury global labels.



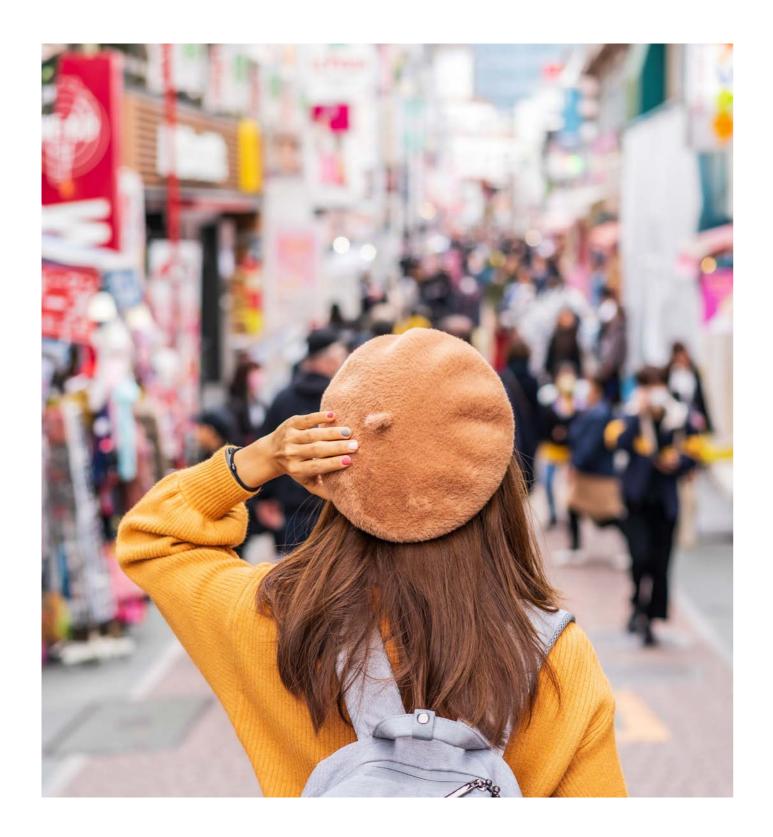




JIN JIANG HOTEL

Jin Jiang Hotel is one of the city's most iconic luxury hotels. Located close to Huaihai Road, which is sometimes called the "Champs-Elysées of Shanghai," this five-star hotel dates from the early 20th Century and reflects the rich, multicultural heritage of this elegant city. Guests can enjoy exceptional dining at a choice of restaurants, take a refreshing dip in the pool or even shop in the hotel's own retail area.

- TOKYO



TOKYO

One of the world's most stylish cities, Tokyo is at the cutting-edge of contemporary fashion and culture. Across this Japanese metropolis, everybody can reinvent their image or discover their own personal vibe. From the sparkling lifestyle malls of Ginza, Shinjuku and Shibuya to the vintage shops and chic boutiques of Shimo-Kitazawa, the hipster enclave, and even the "otaku" costume culture of Akihabara, Tokyo is a city like nowhere else on Earth.



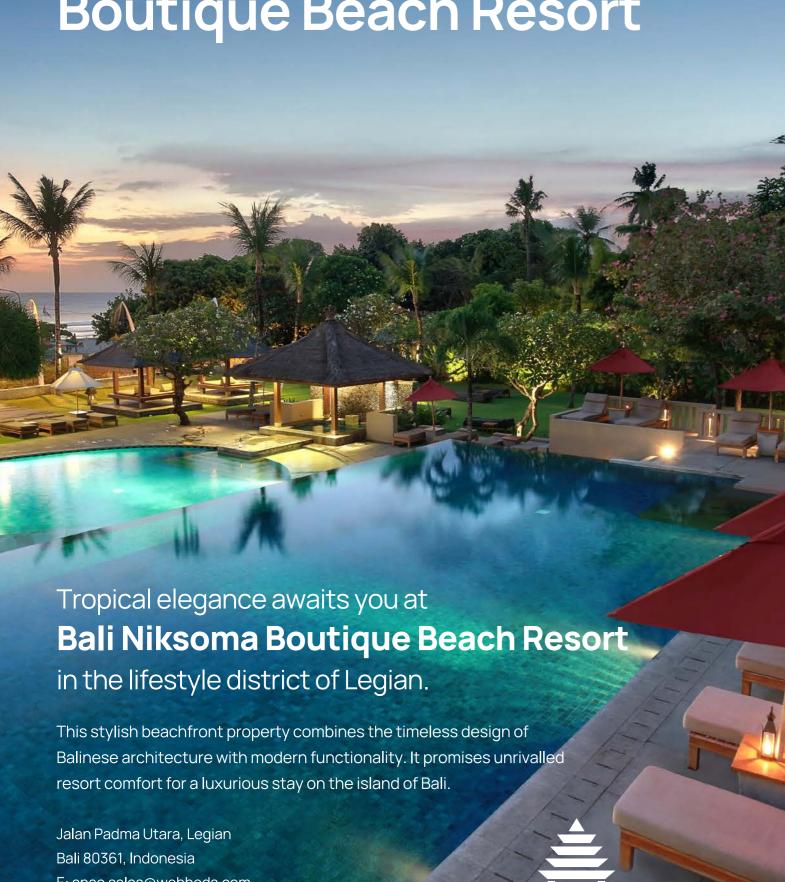




CONRAD TOKYO

Conrad Tokyo gives its guests an elevated view of this fashion capital. Perched in the Shiodome skyscraper, overlooking Tokyo Bay and the ancient Hamarikyu Gardens, this five-star hotel is also within walking distance of Ginza, the iconic retail district. After a day's shopping and exploration, travellers can recharge at Mizuki Spa & Fitness, take a dip in the indoor pool or dine at a choice of five fantastic restaurants.

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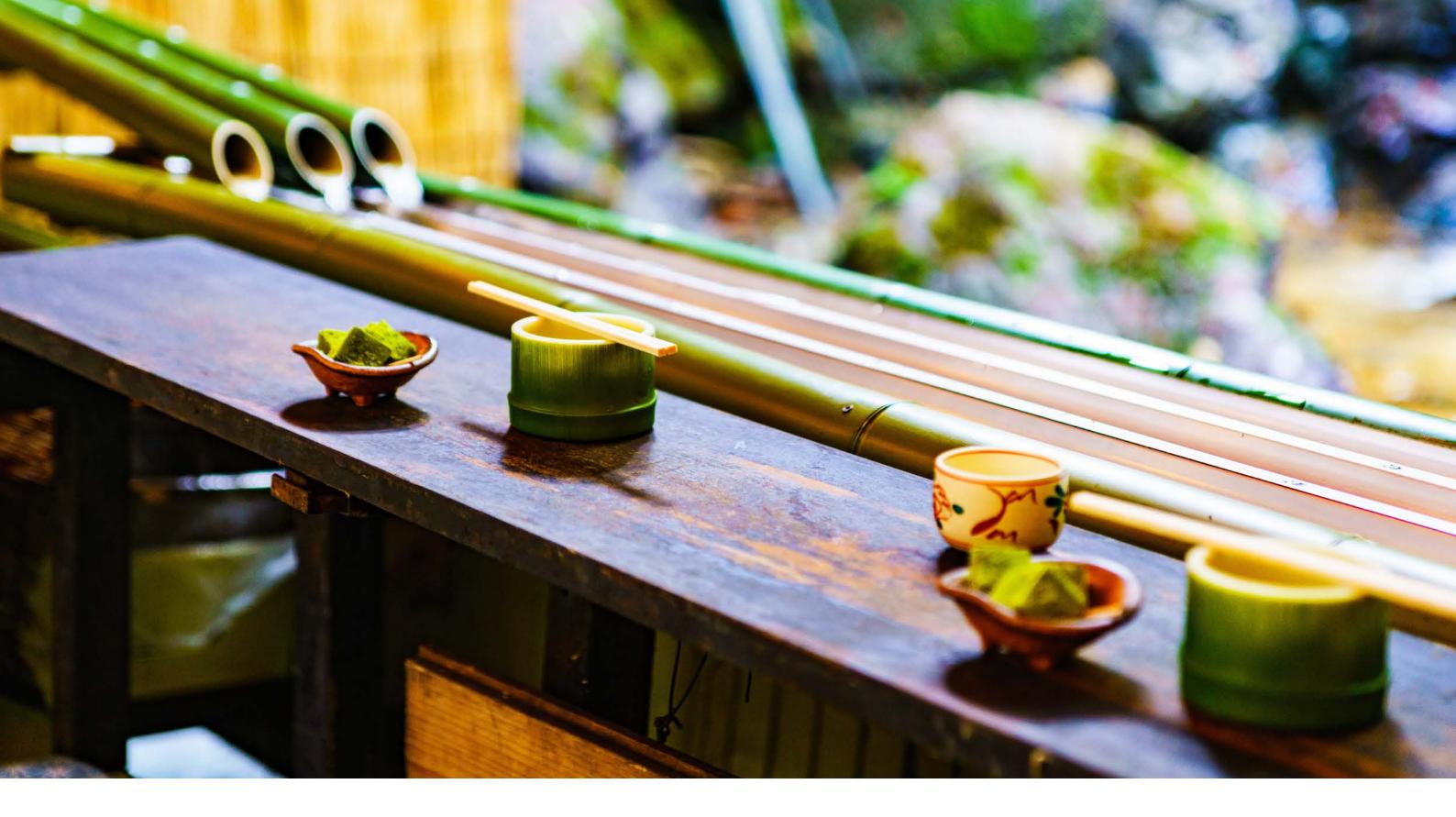




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CULINARY EXPERIENCES

One of the best ways to uncover the heart and soul of a culture is through its food. Whenever you find a new destination, check out the vibrant markets, street food stalls and authentic restaurants, and savour the traditional flavours and fragrances. Sharing a meal with a local family is a great way to learn about dining etiquettes and cooking classes with native chefs can help you learn a new lifelong skill.



SAVOUR NAGASHI SOMEN IN KYOTO (JAPAN)

In Japan's culinary culture, every meal should be a rewarding experience. In the heritage city of Kyoto, one unique culinary custom is nagashi somen - thin noodles sliding down a bamboo pipe in a stream of fresh spring water! Catch them with chopsticks as they flow past, and don't forget to dip them in tsuketsutu, a soy-based broth.





THE THOUSAND KYOTO

The Thousand Kyoto is a sleek and stylish five-star hotel in the city's Shimogyo Ward, which is home to many authentic restaurants and izakayas. Unwind in zeninspired rooms adorned with washi paper and calming colours, savour exceptional cuisine at the restaurant and sip light refreshments at Tea & Bar. After a busy day, the spa features a hot bath, bedrock bath and dry sauna, and the fitness centre is fully equipped for invigorating workouts.







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THE HOTEL HIGASHIYAMA BY KYOTO TOKYU HOTEL

THE HOTEL HIGASHIYAMA by Kyoto Tokyu Hotel is nestled in one of Kyoto's best-preserved heritage districts, Higashiyama, which has retained its traditional narrow lanes, merchant shops and authentic restaurants. With an interior design inspired by the nearby Shirakawa River, a collection of chic rooms and spacious suites, the Nananoichi restaurant which fuses French and Japanese cuisine, a classic tearoom and calming wellness facilities, this four-star hotel sets the stage for intriguing discoveries.







HISTORICAL DISCOVERIES

Learning about a destination's history is a wonderful way of uncovering its true nature. Only by digging into a country's past can we start to understand the present. Researching history is also very respectful; the local population - when you reveal the reasons for your visit - will sincerely appreciate the effort you're making. The origins of some historical landmarks remain unknown, so every vacation provides the chance to solve an ancient mystery!



FEEL THE MYSTICISM OF STONEHENGE (UK)

The great monument of Stonehenge has a deeply mystical and spiritual aura. Believed to be up to 5,000 years old, this iconic stone circle aligns with sunrise on the summer solstice - the longest day of the year. Amazingly, these huge, 25-tonne stones were originally transported to the site from Wales - over 200km away!

THE RED LION HOTEL SALISBURY

MILFORD HALL HOTEL & SPA





THE RED LION HOTEL SALISBURY

The Red Lion Hotel Salisbury is a treasure trove for history lovers. Having celebrated its 800th birthday in 2020, this is Europe's oldest purpose-built hotel. Ideally situated in the centre of Salisbury, the cathedral city just a short distance from Stonehenge, this 13th Century property now features a choice of elegantly furnished rooms and suites, a cosy lounge with an open inglenook fireplace, and the Vine Restaurant which serves a superb Sunday lunch.







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MILFORD HALL HOTEL & SPA

Milford Hall Hotel & Spa is a charming boutique hotel that lets you live like an English lord or lady. Close to Stonehenge and a short walk from Salisbury Cathedral, this beautiful red brick Georgian manor house features a collection of upscale rooms, some featuring four poster beds, fireplaces and freestanding bathtubs. The spa is a haven of wellness and the restaurant is a charming spot to savour English afternoon tea.







CULTURAL IMMERSIONS

Learning about other cultures and customs is surely the most important aspect of travel. The reason we visit foreign lands is not only to see new sights but also to meet new people and understand alternative perspectives. The world's ancient indigenous cultures have skills and knowledge passed down from generation to generation. By understanding different ways of living, we can start to relate to other people, broaden our knowledge and gain new wisdom.



(LEARN ABOUT MĀORI CULTURE IN ROTORUA (NEW ZEALAND)

The Māori culture is an integral part of New Zealand's national heritage and there are few better places to encounter it than Rotorua. Authentic tours and performances provide a unique insight into the lifestyles of these indigenous Polynesian people. Learn traditional dances and cook dinner in a steaming hangi cooking pit.

MILLENNIUM HOTEL ROTORUA







MILLENNIUM HOTEL ROTORUA

Millennium Hotel Rotorua is a four-star hotel that puts you in the heart of the region's spectacular scenery. Learn about Māori culture at the nearby Te Puia Māori Arts and Crafts centre and Mitai Māori Village, or visit Lake Rotorua and the area's natural hot springs. Back at the hotel, take a relaxing dip in the heated pool, unwind at The Spa Rotorua, or enjoy local cuisine at a choice of restaurants.







PULLMAN ROTORUA

Pullman Rotorua is a five-star hotel in the heart of the city, just moments away from the shores of Lake Rotorua. This makes it the ideal setting to experience this cultural, eco-friendly destination. Discover the city's spectacular geysers, hot springs and bubbling mud pools, or relax at the hotel's fitness centre and day spa. Barrel & Co. is a cosmopolitan brasserie that reflects the modern face of New Zealand cuisine.







ADVENTUROUS ESCAPES

Every travel experience should embrace the spirit of adventure. If we don't push ourselves and step outside our comfort zones, we will never truly know where our boundaries and limitations lie. After almost three years of staying at home, it's time to head outdoors, visit new places and set new challenges. Whether the trip is physically demanding, mentally strenuous or emotionally exhausting, every adventurous escape will be stimulating for the body, mind and soul.



RIDE THE WORLD'S LONGEST ZIPLINE IN RAS AL KHAIMAH (UAE)

The United Arab Emirates is a land of superlatives, with many record-breaking attractions and activities. In Ras Al Khaimah, the Jais Flight is the planet's longest zipline, stretching 2.8km over mountainous peaks and through deep ravines at speeds of up to 150 kmph. This adrenaline rush will bring you back to life!

AL HAMRA RESIDENCE





AL HAMRA RESIDENCE

Al Hamra Residence is perfectly positioned in the upscale Al Hamra area of Ras Al Khaimah, overlooking the 18-hole championship golf course and pristine beach. The rooms and suites are spacious, with a minimum size of 50 square metres, and the five-star facilities include two tennis courts, a spa, fitness centre and a beach club with water sports. After a day of adventure, simply chill out at the White Beach Bar.









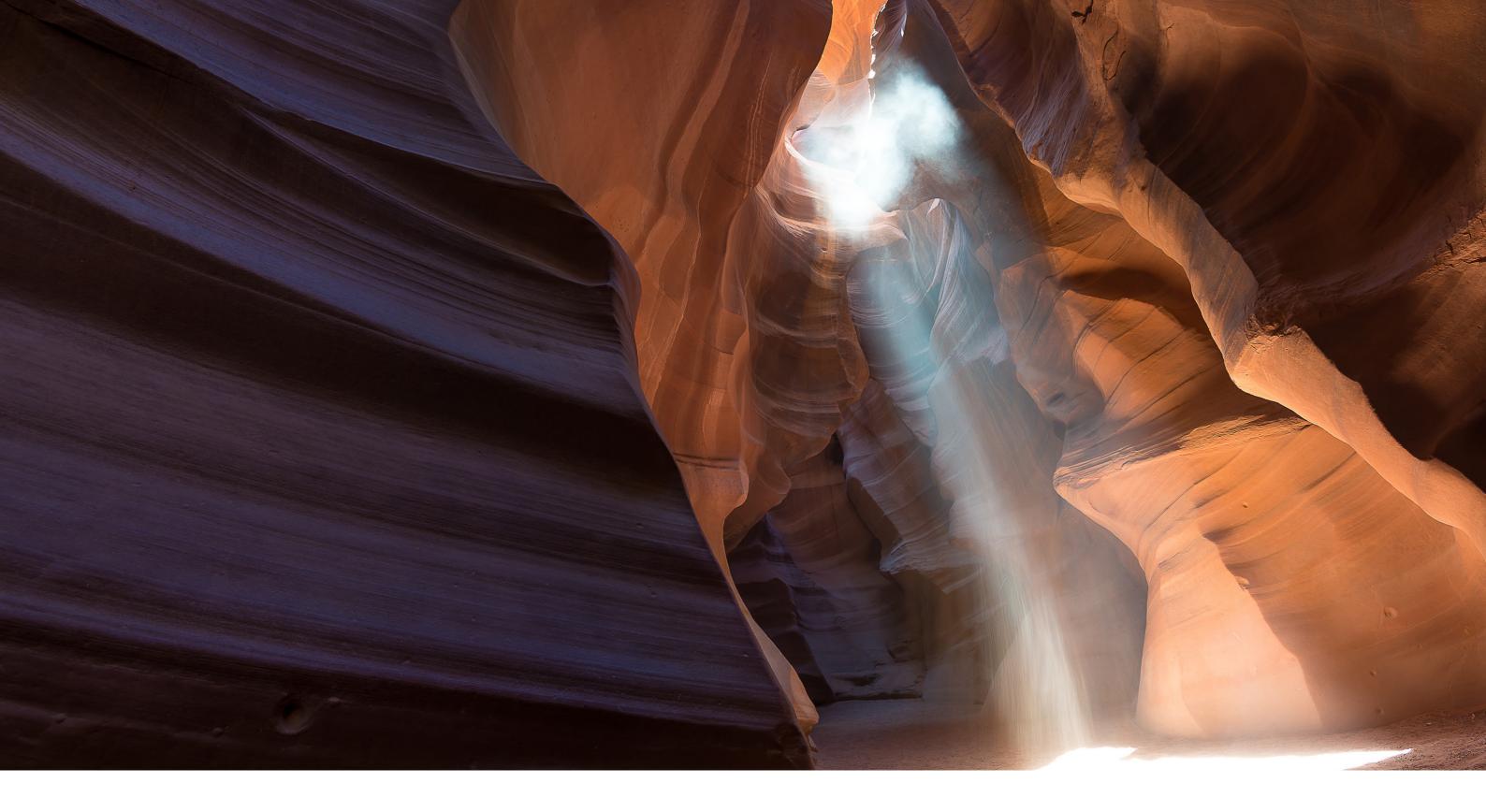
CITYMAX HOTEL RAS AL KHAIMAH

Citymax Hotel Ras Al Khaimah is situated in the city's Al Nakheel area, close to the creek and within walking distance of the souks and historical sites of the old city. The central location of this midscale hotel makes it ideal for exploring the surrounding area, including the natural beauty of the Jebel Jais mountains – home of the Jais Zipline. Alternatively, you can swim in the rooftop pool and stay fit at the gym.





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NATURAL WONDERS

Nature is the greatest show on Earth. The world's diverse habitats, from mountains and forests to wetlands and deserts, create beautiful backdrops for every trip. Our scenic landscapes are more aweinspiring than the paintings in art galleries and our natural landmarks more breath-taking than our biggest buildings. Whether you go in search of the perfect wildlife photo or simply want to wander through the wilderness, Mother Nature never fails to amaze.



SEE NATURE'S SCULPTURES AT ANTELOPE CANYON, ARIZONA (USA)

Mother Nature is not only an amazing artist; she is a superb sculptor too. Years of rain and wind erosion have worn away the sandstone walls of Antelope Canyon, creating otherworldly shapes and patterns. As the sunlight beams through the rocks and casts shadows, these curvaceous caverns are a truly remarkable sight.







LAKE POWELL RESORT

Lake Powell Resort is located at Wahweap Marina in Page, the nearest town to Antelope Canyon. This makes it an outstanding base from which to visit this natural wonder and enjoy other activities, such as boat tours, dinner cruises and picnics on a secluded beach. This midscale hotel also features two pools, multiple dining options, a fitness centre and gift shop, and several walking paths that let you explore the local area.





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HAMPTON INN AND SUITES PAGE - LAKE POWELL

Hampton Inn and Suites Page - Lake Powell is surrounded by spectacular natural attractions such as Antelope Canyon, Horseshoe Bend and Wahweap Overlook, amid the vast, rugged plains and rocky terrain close to the Arizona-Utah state border. Explore this remote region at your leisure and enjoy views of the Vermilion Cliffs from the patio or balcony of your room. If the weather gets too hot, take a refreshing dip in the indoor pool.





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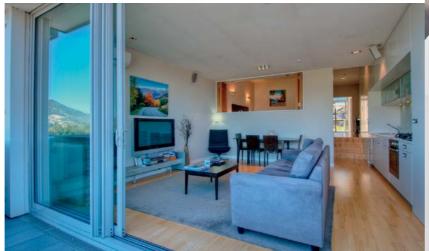
SWISS-BELSUITES POUNAMU QUEENSTOWN

Swiss-Belsuites Pounamu Queenstown is a 5-star Qualmark accommodation in Queenstown, offering uninterrupted views of Lake Wakatipu and the vista of Queenstown's rugged mountains.

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Galleria 12 leisure hotel near Sukhumvit Road is located right in the heart of Bangkok's shopping, dining, and entertainment districts, and is also very close to the city's business centres and unique cultural attractions.

2023 HOTEL LOOKBOOK

The world is full of incredible places; breath-taking, jaw-dropping, awe-inspiring wonders that ignite the imagination and keep visitors coming back time and again. But the destination is only one part of the travel experience; for modern travellers, the stay is equally important. Across the globe, hoteliers are pushing the boundaries to deliver intuitive, innovative hospitality. From cuttingedge boutique hotels to iconic heritage landmarks, travellers now have an endless array of enticing places to stay.

Celebrating world-class hospitality, WebBeds has created its 2023 Lookbook of 50 hotels and resorts all around the world, including Asia Pacific, Europe, the Americas, Middle East and Africa, that deliver outstanding guest experiences and reflect the essence of their destination.

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DISCOVER WEBBEDS' TOP-SELLING HOTELS DRIVING THE RECOVERY

WebBeds is proud to showcase our top-performing hotel partners in five of the world's most popular travel destinations: Bangkok, Dubai, London, Las Vegas and Singapore. As the world started to travel again in 2022, these incredible cities captured imaginations and enticed international guests back to their attractions. Here are the top-selling properties that helped to stimulate the global travel rebound through their offerings of memorable experiences and incredible value.

CENTARA GRAND AT CENTRALWORLD GRANDE CENTRE POINT TERMINAL 21

BANGKOK, THAILAND

BANGKOK, THAILAND



CENTARA GRAND AT CENTRALWORLD

Centara Grand at CentralWorld is an outstanding fivestar hotel that puts guests in the heart of Bangkok's main commercial district, directly connected to the CentralWorld lifestyle mall. The 55th floor restaurants and lounges, including Red Sky and CRU Champagne Bar, offer world-class cuisine and memorable moments overlooking the sparkling cityscape.









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GRANDE CENTRE POINT TERMINAL 21

Grande Centre Point Terminal 21 blends comfort, convenience and complete connectivity. This five-star hotel features a collection of spacious rooms and suites plus extensive leisure facilities, including an outdoor pool, tennis court, rooftop golf and restaurant, all directly linked to Terminal 21 shopping mall and moments from Asok skytrain station.





EMIRATES GRAND HOTEL APARTMENTS

GHAYA GRAND HOTEL

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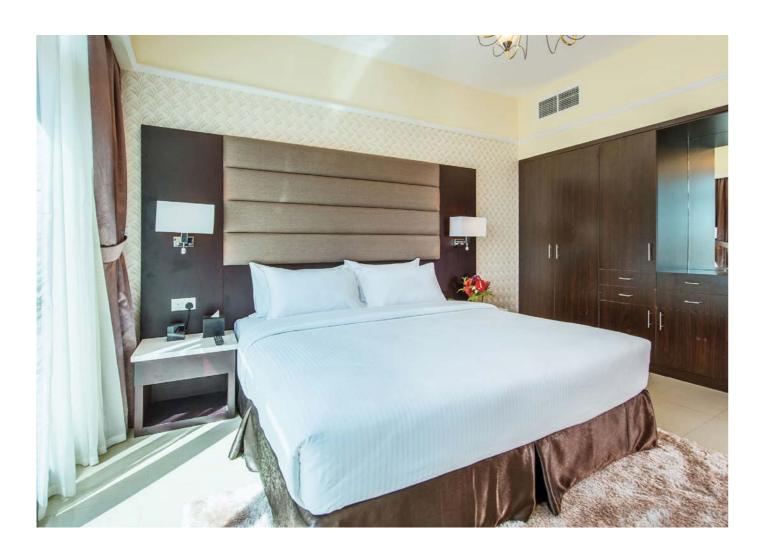


EMIRATES GRAND HOTEL APARTMENTS

Emirates Grand Hotel Apartments is perfectly positioned on Sheikh Zayed Road, surrounded by key attractions such as Burj Khalifa and the Dubai Mall. Stay in spacious upscale rooms with kitchenettes, relax at the gym, indoor pool, steam room, jacuzzi and sauna, or dine at the 31st floor restaurant with panoramic city views.









WHERE TO STAY

GHAYA GRAND HOTEL

Ghaya Grand Hotel is a luxury hotel in Dubai Production City. With 765 contemporary rooms, suites and apartments, a 20th floor lounge, spa, tennis court and pool, this is an excellent option for all travellers. It is also ideal for golfers, being on the doorstep of the Els Club Golf and Jumeirah Golf Estates.





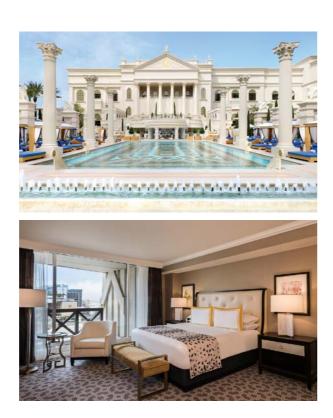
LAS VEGAS, USA

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CAESARS PALACE LAS VEGAS HOTEL AND CASINO

Caesars Palace Las Vegas Hotel and Casino is one of the world's most iconic places to stay, play, dine and unwind. Perfectly positioned on the Las Vegas Strip, this "destination within a destination" houses over 3,500 rooms and suites, 22 restaurants, 10 bars and lounges, seven pools and some of the city's best nightlife.







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VIRGIN HOTELS LAS VEGAS, CURIO COLLECTION BY HILTON

Virgin Hotels Las Vegas, Curio Collection by Hilton is an upbeat urban resort that puts guests in the heart of the action. Just a mile from the Strip, this contemporary retreat features spacious rooms and suites, a spa, outdoor pools, eclectic restaurants and bars and The Theater, a 4,500-guest concert venue.





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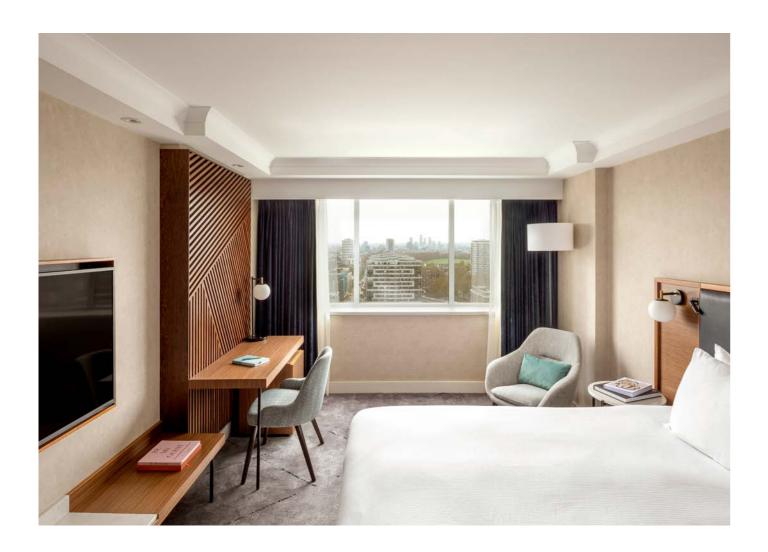


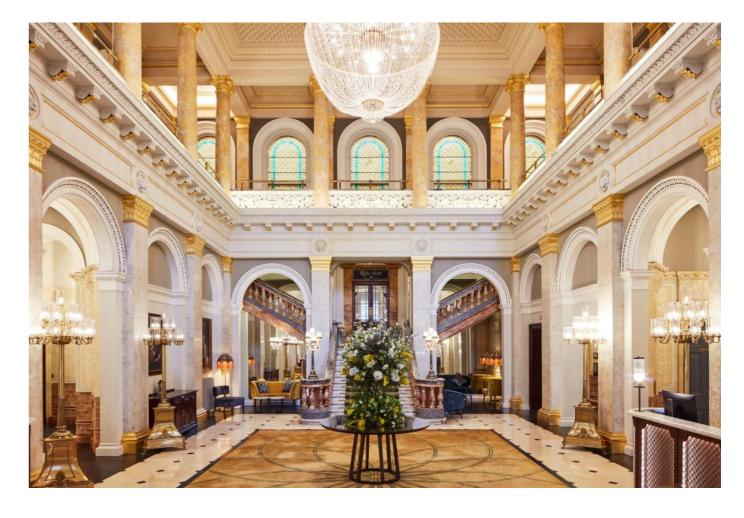
HILTON LONDON METROPOLE

Hilton London Metropole commands a prime location between Hyde Park and Regent's Park in London's West End, within walking distance of Oxford Street, the iconic shopping area. With 1,099 modern rooms and suites, an executive lounge, a vibrant bar and marketplace style restaurant, this is a great base for urban escapes.









(V) WHERE TO STAY

THE CLERMONT, VICTORIA

The Clermont, Victoria is surrounded by many of London's most iconic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and Westminster Abbey. Set in a listed building that dates from 1862, this historic hotel features a stunning lobby with marble floors, pillars and a grand staircase, plus a selection of stylish rooms and suites.





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RAMADA BY WYNDHAM SINGAPORE AT ZHONGSHAN PARK

Ramada by Wyndham Singapore at Zhongshan Park is an award-winning hotel that lets guests uncover another side of the "Lion City." Nestled next to a park in the Balestier/Novena district, surrounded by shophouses and local restaurants, this upscale property features fully-equipped rooms and suites, an outdoor pool, gym and dining space.









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ROYAL PLAZA ON SCOTTS

Royal Plaza on Scotts is one of Singapore's most famous places to stay. Situated in the heart of the Orchard retail district, this five-star hotel features colourful and contemporary rooms and suites, a swimming pool, gym, co-working space and Carousel, the multi-award-winning buffet restaurant that showcases global gastronomy.



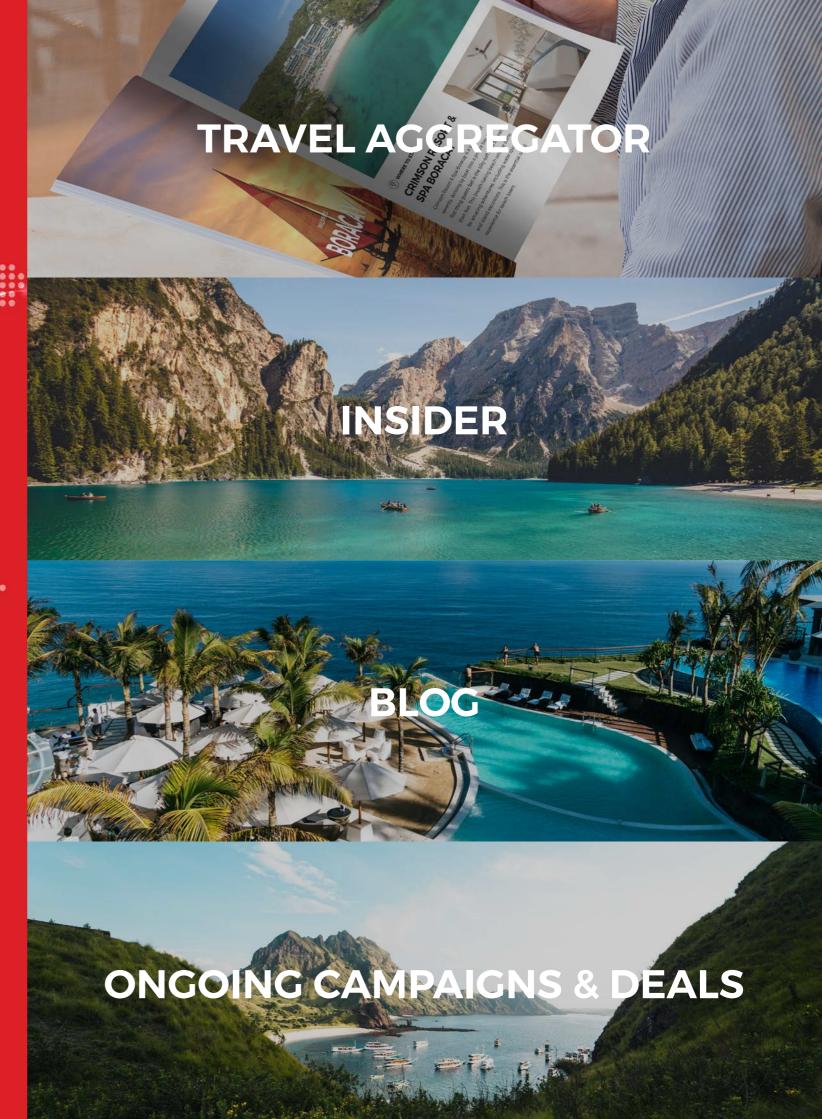


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FEATURED HOTEL OF THE MONTH



THE CAPITOL KEMPINSKI HOTEL SINGAPORE

Singapore's rich cultural heritage takes centre stage at The Capitol Kempinski Hotel Singapore.

Spanning two carefully restored buildings, the 118-year-old Renaissance-style Stamford House and 92-year-old neoclassical-style Capitol Building, this beautifully reimagined five-star hotel forms an integral part of the city's civic district, just steps from City Hall and St. Andrew's Cathedral.





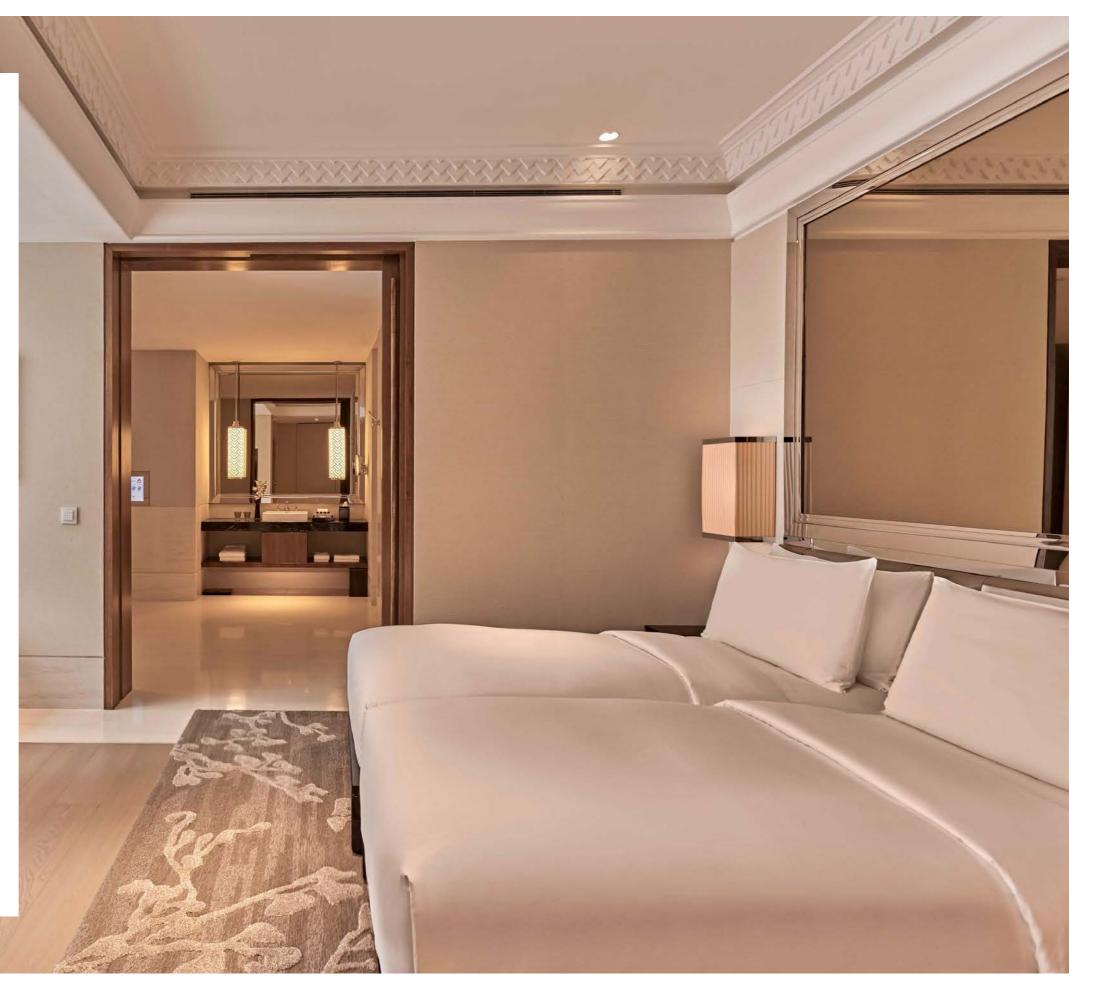
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The 155 rooms and suites exude colonial elegance and contemporary style, with parquet flooring, large windows, terraces and modern amenities such as Nespresso machines and LED TVs. The hotel is a haven of gastronomy, with a collection of restaurants and bars including 15 Stamford by Alvin Leung, the three-Michelin-starred chef, plus exceptional German, American and Italian restaurants at Arcade @ The Capitol Kempinski, the integrated dining precinct.

With a luxurious spa, saltwater pool, Jacuzzis and a fully-equipped fitness centre, plus direct access to the legendary Capitol Theatre and Capitol Singapore retail mall, guests have myriad ways to unwind and soak up the cultural spirit of Singapore.









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Ideally located just a few minutes from the famous Patong Beach and within walking distance to plenty of shopping, entertainment and major tourist attractions, Andaman Embrace Patong features contemporary furnishings in warm colors and harmonically-designed furniture with 297 stylish guestrooms in peaceful ambiance. The two stunning swimming pools with swim-up bars are an indulgence in pure leisure — a perfect place to relax and unwind.



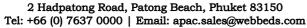












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Located on the lively Sukhumvit Road, within walking distance of BTS Nana and MRT Asoke, BelAire Bangkok is surrounded by shopping malls, tourist attractions and international hospitals. Enjoy impeccable comfort and peace of mind at BelAire Bangkok. Be delighted by authentic cuisines from all around the world and unwind in the outdoor swimming pool.

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72 HOURS IN BUSAN

DAY ONE

UNCOVER THE OLD CITY

GUKJE MARKET

After the Korean War, refugees who fled to Busan set up stalls selling anything to make a living. This became Gukje Market and it has now grown to become one of the country's largest markets, with stalls selling diverse goods from machinery and tools to kitchenware and clothing. The market is divided into a series of sections, including Food Alley, Youth Street, All Things Street and Old-Fashioned Alley. Don't miss the chance to taste local specialties such as milmyeon, or "cold wheat noodles".







GAMCHEON CULTURE VILLAGE

Nicknamed the "Machu Picchu of Korea," this hillside community is simply breath-taking. The foothills of the coastal mountains were initially inhabited by refugees from the Korean War, who built simple houses on stilts. These gradually rose higher up the slopes and today the terraced village appears to blend seamlessly into the hills, with brightly coloured houses, vibrant murals, modern sculptures and arts & crafts shops that make a striking impression. Climb to the peak and grab a coffee at the scenic hilltop café.

JAGALCHI MARKET

The seafront city of Busan is famous for its fresh seafood, and one of the best places to sample it is Jagalchi Market. This friendly local market specialises in oceanfresh fish, which can be sliced in front of your eyes and eaten raw. Other local delicacies include crab, scallops, sannakji (sliced raw octopus) and conger eel. Make sure you try a hot bowl of haemultang, the famous local spicy seafood soup made of shellfish, herbs and seasoned with gochujang (red pepper paste).





SONGDO BEACH

Songdo Beach is a major attraction in Busan. But don't worry if you don't enjoy sunbathing; this 800-metre-long stretch of soft, golden sand is surrounded by activities that make it suitable for all visitors. Songdo Cloud Walk is a 365-metre-long elevated pathway with a transparent glass floor that creates the illusion of walking on top of the ocean, while Busan Air Cruise is a dramatic cable car with 39 cabins, including options with transparent floors that transport you over the sea.





72 HOURS IN BUSAN

DAY TWO

HIT THE BEACH!



HAEUNDAE BEACH

The most famous beach in Busan, this stunning swathe of white sand stretches over 1.5km along the coast, lapped by shallow seas and gentle waves. Set against the backdrop of modern skyscrapers, including the 411.6-metre-high Haeundae LCT the Sharp, South Korea's second tallest building, this is also the perfect setting for cultural events and festivals throughout the year. Other local attractions include SEA LIFE Busan Aquarium, Goeun Contemporary Photo Museum and The Bay 101, an art and culture complex.





LUNCH: HAEUNDAE MARKET

Just steps from Haeundae Beach, this is one of the city's most popular places to shop and dine. While it is often frequented by tourists, Haeundae Market retains a traditional feel and specialises in highly authentic local cuisine, including fresh seafood. Discover a variety of food stalls selling Korean sashimi, ocean-fresh shellfish, fruits and vegetables at reasonable prices, as well as steaming pots filled with rich and aromatic stews.

Don't miss the local specialty, nakgopsae - a spicy casserole of octopus, shrimp and beef small intestines.

GWANGALLI BEACH

Not far from Haeundae Beach, Gwangalli Beach is another stretch of soft sand that invites holidaymakers to chill out and soak up the sun. Overlooking the impressive Gwangandaegyo Bridge, which spans the bay, this 1.4km-long beach is a haven of water sports, especially stand-up paddleboarding (SUP). Alternatively, dine at the local restaurants and cafés or take a short stroll to Millak Waterfront Park. After dark, this is a romantic setting to come and watch the twinkling lights of the bay.



DAYTIME ACTIVITY:

With its calm waters, Gwangalli Beach is the home of water sports in Busan. Taking advantage of this, Gwangalli SUP Zone was set up in 2020 and includes equipment rental, a beach bar and photo zone.





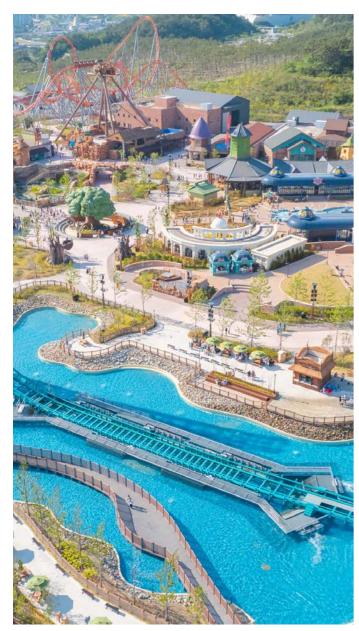
NIGHTTIME ACTIVITY:

Stretching 7.4km across the bay in front of Gwangalli Beach, Gwangandaegyo Bridge (also known as "Busan 66") is illuminted with thousands of LED lights, creating an amazing spectacle after the sun sets.

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DAY THREE

EXPLORE THE NEW CITY



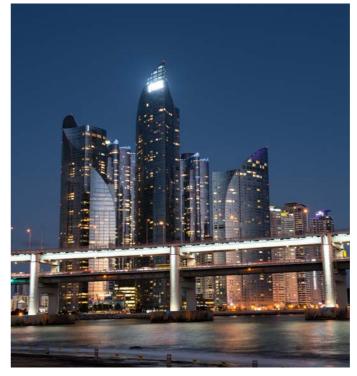
This huge recreational zone covers 366 hectares and contains a wealth of attractions to keep all ages entertained for hours on end, including a retail outlet mall, golf club, science museum, luge ride and the new Lotte World Adventure theme park, which opened earlier this year.

OSIRIA TOURISM COMPLEX

LOTTE WORLD ADVENTURE BUSAN

Busan's first major theme park opened its doors on 31st March 2022. Lotte, the South Korean hospitality and leisure giant, took five years to build this attraction, but it has been worth the wait. Covering 15.8 hectares - larger than the original Lotte World in Seoul - the park features six zones (Underland, Wonder Woods, Royal Garden Zone, Joyful Meadows, River Village of Tinker Falls, and Rainbow Springs) with 17 rides and attractions including Giant Digger, a 105 kmph rollercoaster with three 360-degree loops!





SKYLINE LUGE

Opened in 2021, Skyline Luge lets you experience the thrill of hurtling downhill in a luge cart! The ride begins with a chairlift to take passengers to the top of the hill. You can then plunge down a choice of four twisting, high-speed tracks.



CENTUM CITY

Built on the site of Busan's former airport, next to the Suyoung River, Centum City is a vast commercial and residential area that houses a wealth of attractions for locals and tourists alike. The shopping is exceptional, with two vast department stores (Shinsegae and Lotte), multiple restaurants, the Busan Cinema Center, wellness facilities and a waterside park. For culture seekers, the Busan Museum of Art features five floors of galleries and exhibitions, plus an outdoor sculpture park.



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MUST VISIT: SHINSEGAE CENTUM CITY

Shinsegae Centum City is officially the largest shopping complex in the world, offering over 620 famous brands, a cinema, spa, golf range and even an ice rink!



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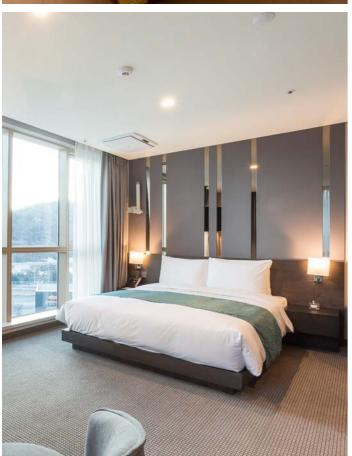
RECOMMENDED STAYS IN BUSAN



Arban Hotel

Arban Hotel is perfectly positioned in Seomyeon, the commercial heart of Busan, surrounded by shops, restaurants and visitor attractions. The 94 midscale rooms and suites come fitted with signature ACE king or twin beds, free Wi-Fi, a kettle, table and chair, while the suites provide extra space and a sofa. Guests can relax in The Lounge, which is perched on the 13th floor and features a garden overlooking the city.



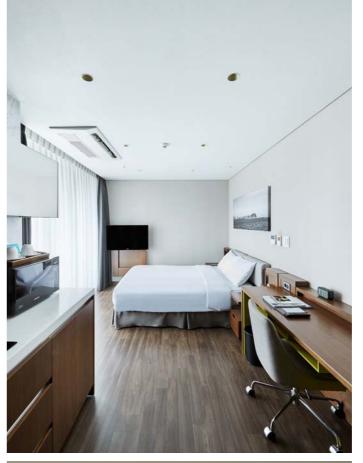


Centum Premier Hotel

Centum Premier Hotel puts you in the heart of Centum City, the major retail and leisure complex on the banks of the Suyoung River. This upscale hotel offers a wide range of accommodation, ranging from single and twin rooms to family and duplex suites, and fantastic facilities including an elegant indoor pool and spacious fitness centre on the 12th floor, plus a restaurant that serves daily buffet breakfast.



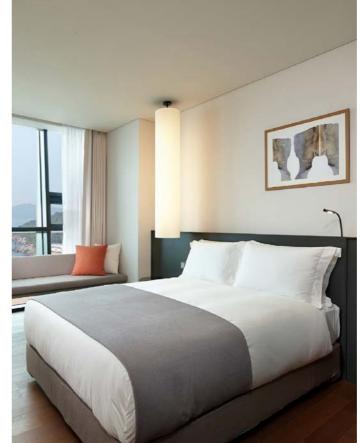
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Felix by STX Hotel & Suite

Felix by STX Hotel & Suite is set in a spectacular tower in Busan's Haeundae Special Tourist Zone, just steps from the subway, and houses a choice of well-equipped studios and suites with kitchen facilities, working desks and washing machines in some units. The family suites can accommodate up to four guests. When you are not exploring the city, you can work out in the gym and relax in the lounge.





Shilla Stay Haeundae

Shilla Stay Haeundae is a sleek and stylish upscale hotel that features a full range of facilities for modern travellers in Busan. The 407 contemporary rooms and suites offer floor-to-ceiling windows with city or sea views, the restaurant serves daily breakfast and daytime meals, and the lobby lounge lets you relax and stay connected. The rooftop pool and bar is a great place to chill out, especially at sunset.



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You will gain much more valuable experiences and memories if you travel slowly. Give yourself more time to explore your destination and live like a local. Instead of the usual touristy stuff, engage in memorable and meaningful activities such as local food and wine tours, wilderness retreats, road trips





Southeast Asia is great for slow travel as it is packed with ancient history and rich culture. There's so much to explore like the green canals of the Mekong Delta, the impressive Angkor Wat, quaint villages and coastal towns. I recommend exploring these places on foot or by bike to immerse yourself in the local culture.

