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FOREWORD

Welcome to February's edition of Travel Aggregator, WebBeds' monthly newsletter dedicated to providing the latest news and updates exclusively to the travel trade in Asia Pacific.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, so what better time to enjoy a romantic couple's vacation? In this amorous edition, we take a look at best adults-only hotels and resorts in Asia Pacific to experience with your partner.

February is not only the "Month of Love," however, it is also the time to celebrate International Mother Language Day, which falls on 21st February. To mark this important occasion, we'll teach you how to speak some of the lesser known languages and dialects in Asia's most popular destinations!

Are you considering a holiday in Türkiye? Positioned at the geographical and cultural crossroads between Asia and Europe, this vibrant country offers endless opportunities for adventure. Our comprehensive article will help you uncover Türkiye, from east to west.

Also in this issue, "Newly-Opened" shines a spotlight on Pullman Singapore Orchard, "Ask the Insider" reveals top tips from one of our esteemed travel agent partners, and our "Featured Hotel of the Month" is The Royal Plaza Hotel, Hong Kong. And of course, you can catch up with all the latest news, photos and offers from WebBeds in Asia Pacific.

Enjoy the read!

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Sequoia Exclusive Adults Only Luxury Lodge in Adelaide, Australia

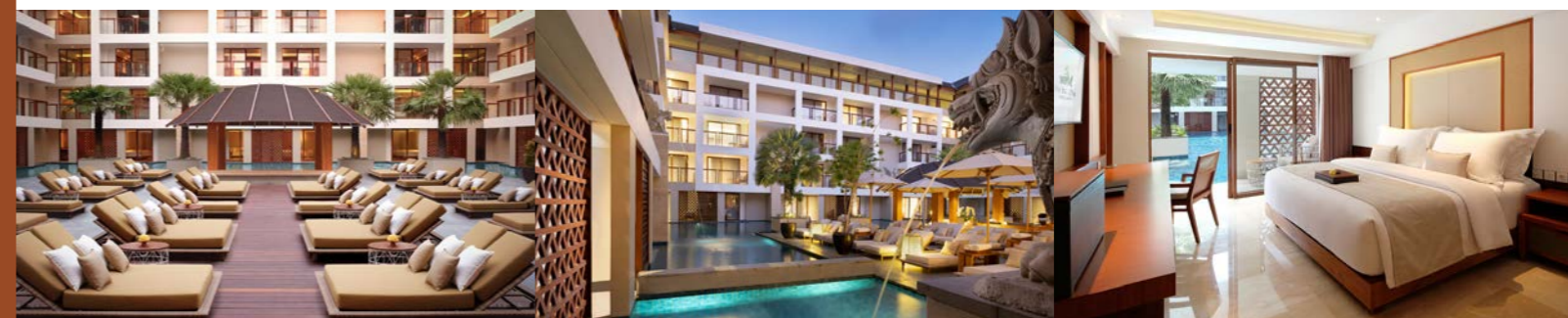


The Bandha Hotel & Suites

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From our prime beachfront location in the vibrant heart of Legian, our hotel is set to welcome you with contemporary Balinese luxury.

Our 90 well-appointed rooms and suites will anticipate all of your needs and allow you to unwind in true tropical style. Spend your days relaxing with a choice of two distinctive pool environments or indulge in a session of personal rejuvenation at Visala Spa. Our super friendly team will ensure that you will want for nothing during your Bali holiday experience at The Bandha Hotel & Suites.





Pullman Singapore Orchard

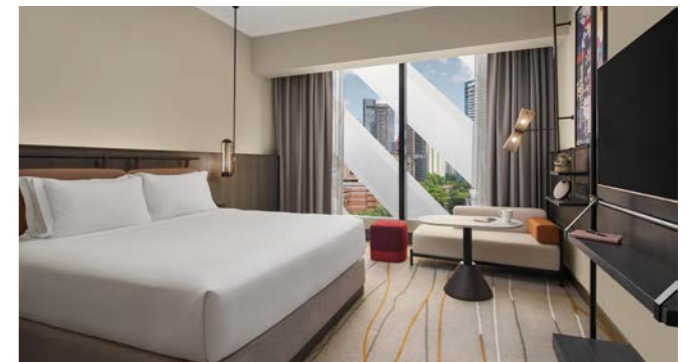


Pullman Singapore Orchard has opened its doors, marking the debut of Accor's latest brand in Southeast Asia's "Lion City." Located on Orchard Road, the famous retail district, this premium lifestyle hotel will allow guests to balance business and leisure.

Technology will empower the guest experience; contactless check-in and digital room keys allow instant access, and all 326 rooms and suites offer automated solutions to control the lighting and temperature, Smart TVs, and an app to access the hotel's services. Guests in the Club Residence Rooms will be offered lounge access.

Travellers can work out at the 24-7 fitness centre, swim in the outdoor pool, dine at Eden Restaurant, which specialises in modern Asian cuisine, and unwind at the Atelier Lounge, a cocktail bar and tapas lounge. P.S.O. Beach Club lets guests leave Singapore's busy streets behind and chill out with cosy cabanas, sun beds and a swim-up bar. In line with Pullman's "blended travel" philosophy, three flexible meeting venues are equipped with the latest technology and can host a wide range of events, including hybrid meetings.

With Orchard and Somerset MRT stations only moments away and Changi Airport accessible in just 20 minutes, Pullman Singapore Orchard is ideal for international travellers seeking fully connected stays in this dynamic city.





DISCOVER TÜRKIYE, THE WORLD'S CROSSROADS

Positioned at the crossroads of the world, where Europe meets Asia and ancient trade routes converge, Türkiye is a country with a rich history and an exciting future. Vibrant cities burst with life, heritage sites echo the voices of the past, and spectacular scenery – from snow-capped peaks to sun-soaked seas – offers endless opportunities for adventure.

WebBeds is delighted to present the best attractions, activities and hotels in Türkiye, from east to west.

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NORTHERN & SOUTHERN TÜRKIYE

ISTANBUL

Istanbul, Türkiye's largest city and commercial capital, is an unmissable stop on every traveller's itinerary – as it has been for centuries. At the boundary between Europe and Asia, this vibrant metropolis is filled with major landmarks, world-class cuisine, sensational shopping and so much more, including iconic attractions such as The Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia and Maiden's Tower.



TRABZON

The ancient, culture-rich city of Trabzon is your base for the discovery of northern Türkiye's Eastern Black Sea region. An important stop on the Silk Road, this thriving port is home to museums, mosques, monasteries, castle walls and a bustling bazaar. Don't miss the Atatürk Mansion, a beautiful building where you can learn about the republic's founding father.



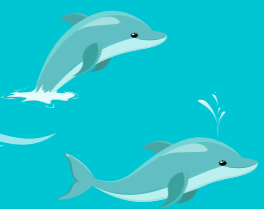
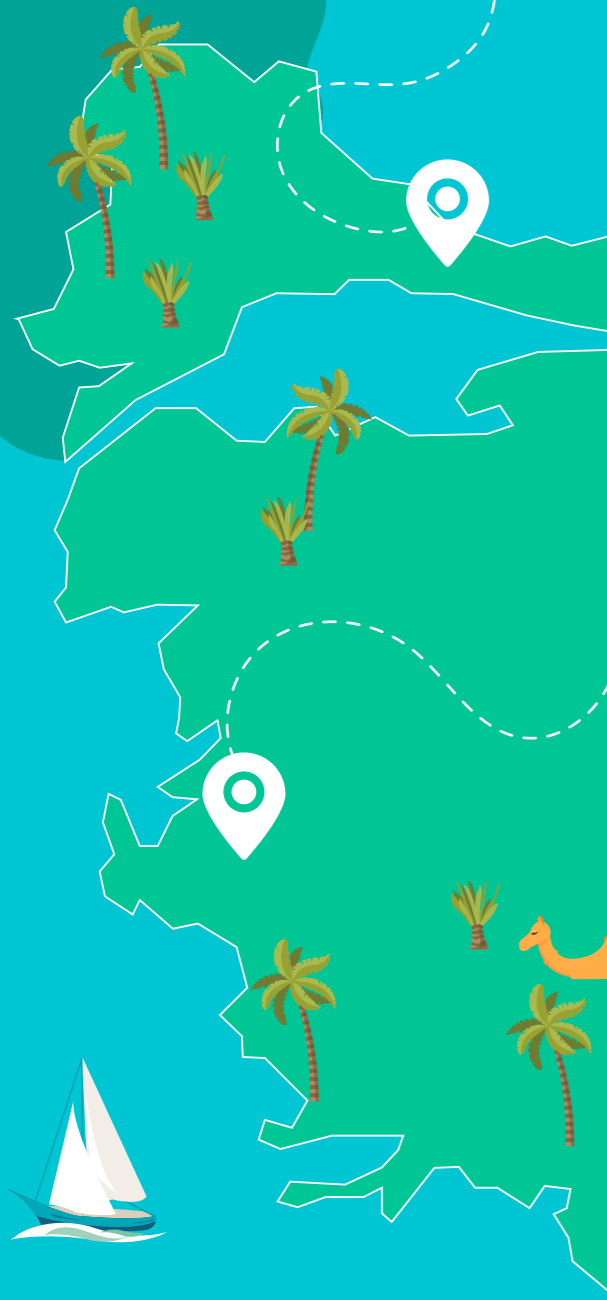
IZMIR

Travelling down Türkiye's west coast, make sure you visit the stunning, UNESCO-listed seaford city of Izmir. Soak up the local flavours and fragrances at the 500-year-old bazaar and uncover the area's classical heritage at Smyrna, the ancient ruins overlooking the Aegean Sea. Packed with monuments and museums, Izmir is a rewarding place for curious explorers and culture seekers.



ANTALYA

Antalya, on the country's spectacular south coast, promises the perfect blend of coastal charm and cultural interaction. Set on the Turkish Riviera, a 640km stretch of coastline lapped by the multi-hued Mediterranean Sea, this historical city is blessed with sandy beaches and soaring mountains. To fully appreciate the area's breath-taking beauty, take a cable car up Tahtali Mountain.



INLAND TÜRKİYE

KAYSERİ

Nestled in the heart of Türkiye, Kayseri is a cradle of civilization and a centre of art and culture. Explore the region's past at the Archaeological and Ethnographical museums, and visit the astonishing 3,000-year-old underground cities. Then head out into the otherworldly landscapes of Cappadocia, which is famous for its "fairy chimneys" – unique rock formations that rise up to 45 metres.



ERZURUM

Erzurum is one of the oldest cities in Anatolia, with a history that dates back millennia. Stroll through the winding streets and check out the 5th Century ruins of the castle. Then take a trip into the captivating countryside where mountains rise into the snow line. This natural, scenic region is also a haven of gastronomy, famous for its fresh red trout.



GAZİANTEP

Not far from the Syrian border, Gaziantep is a city where modern Türkiye meets the Middle East. This blend of cultures creates a compelling proposition for visitors, with countless museums, mesmerising markets and much more, especially in the intriguing streets of the Bey district. Outside the city, uncover the world's largest underground temple and magnificent castles perched on steep slopes.



RECOMMENDED STAYS IN TÜRKIYE



Titanic Deluxe Lara, Antalya

Experience the glamour of a Mediterranean cruise without leaving the shore! Shaped like an ocean liner on the coast at Antalya, this all-inclusive five-star resort features a wealth of activities for all ages, from shimmering swimming pools and a water park to diverse sports facilities and outstanding entertainment. Eight dining and social destinations showcase a world of flavours.



Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Antalya

Discover the perfect convergence of a city hotel and beach resort at Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Antalya. Nestled on the Mediterranean coast yet only moments from the old city of Kaleici, this modern upscale hotel offers uninterrupted views of the sea and mountains. Dine at exceptional restaurants, swim in the clifftop pool, unwind on the sun decks, then step down into the inviting sea.



RECOMMENDED STAYS IN TÜRKIYE



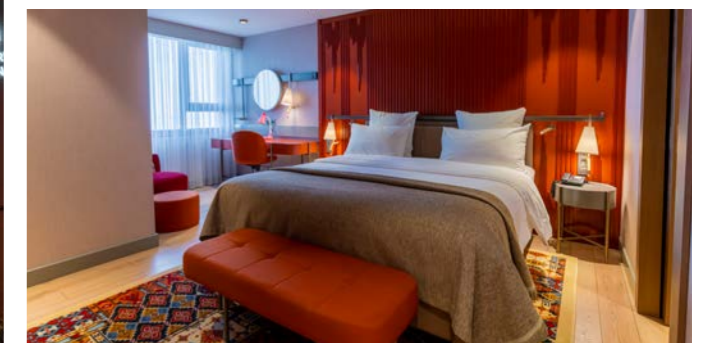
Royan Hotel Hagia Sophia Istanbul

Stay in the beating heart of Istanbul at this five-star hotel. Ideally situated just five minutes' walk from the iconic Hagia Sophia, guests can stay in chic rooms and suites, many with sea views, and savour Turkish and international cuisine at the restaurant. As a member of the Radisson Individuals collection, every guest can expect world-class standards of international hospitality.



Mercure Hotel Trabzon

One of the leading international hotels in this ancient city, Mercure Hotel Trabzon is situated in the main waterfront district of Yomra Kasustu, overlooking the Black Sea. The interior design reflects the local culture with authentic patterns and motifs, and the M'Cuisine Restaurant & Terrace specialises in traditional and contemporary cuisine. The 9th floor spa offers soothing therapies with panoramic views.





Discover the Real Japan

Get a taste of true *Japanese hospitality* at one of these local hotels! Book before 31 March 2023 to enjoy up to **35% OFF**. FIT Rewards members can also earn **3X FIT Points**.

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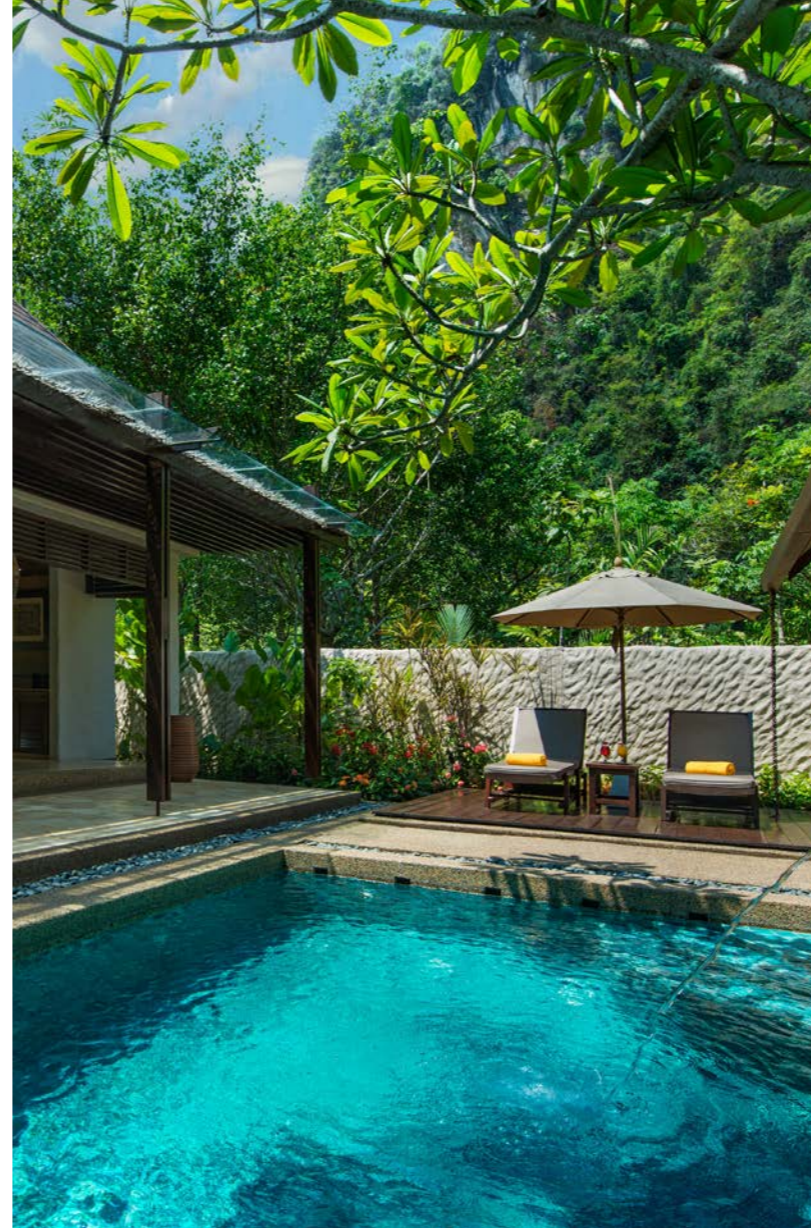
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ROMANTIC STAYS IN ASIA PACIFIC

Following the family fun of the festive season and Lunar New Year, February provides a wonderful opportunity for couples to enjoy more peaceful moments together. With Valentine's Day just around the corner, why not treat your precious partner to a blissful beachfront vacation, a serene spa break or even an energising urban escape?

In this edition of Travel Aggregator, WebBeds reveals some of the most romantic experiences available at Asia Pacific's leading adult-focused or child-free hotels and resorts.



 IPOH, MALAYSIA

THE BANJARAN HOTSPRINGS RETREAT

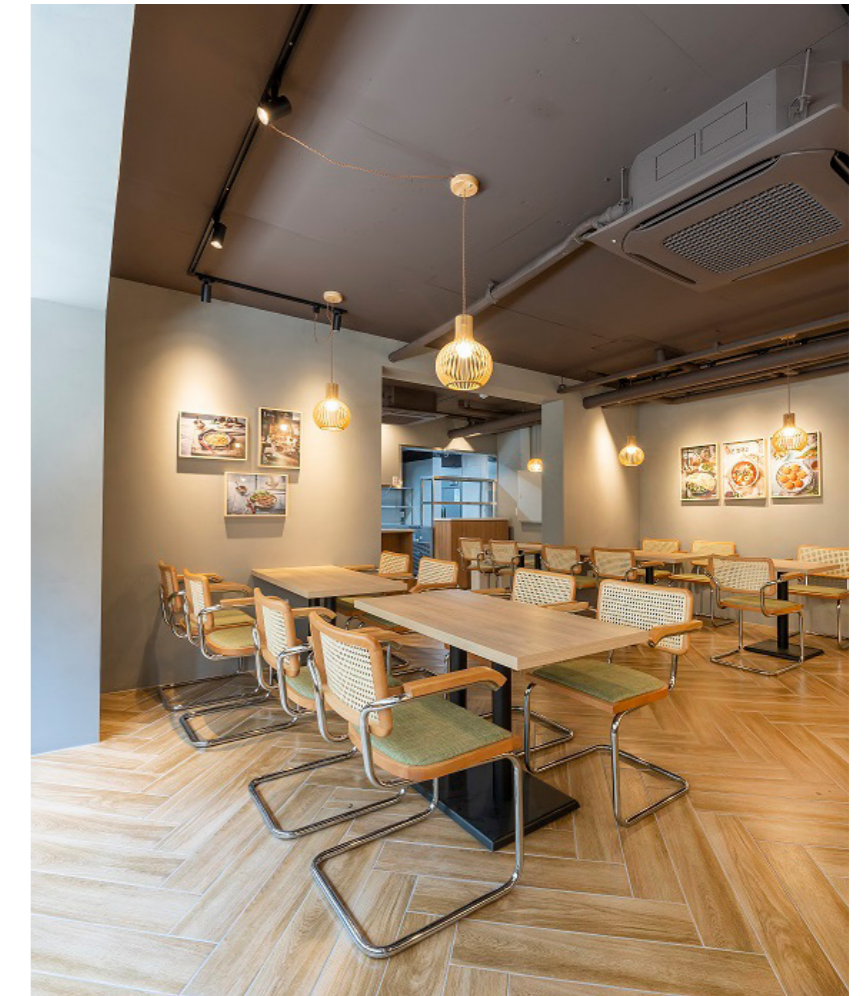
Nestled in the lush, jungle-clad hills of Ipoh, just a short drive from Kuala Lumpur, this heavenly five-star wellness resort harnesses the healing power of geothermal springs. Every luxurious villa house has its own private pool and natural hot tub, and the spa features a range of soothing therapies, steaming bathing pools and subterranean treatment caves. For a truly romantic dining experience, The Banjaran's signature restaurant, Jeff's Cellar, allows couples to savour farm-to-table fine-dining tasting menus in a candlelit limestone cavern.



 BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA

HOTEL FORÊT THE SPA

Bathe in romance at Hotel Forêt the Spa, an elegant urban hotel in the heart of Busan. Situated close to the station and waterfront in South Korea's second-largest city, this modern midscale property features organic wooden interiors, inspired by the beauty of a forest. All ages are welcome, but a selection of Premier Double Terrace Spa Rooms with large outdoor bathtubs surrounded by bamboo, or Royal Pool Suites with expansive indoor spa pools, are perfect for privacy-seeking couples.





 **KYOTO, JAPAN**

HOTEL OKURA KYOTO OKAZAKI BETTEI

Is there a more romantic city in the world than Kyoto? Japan's ancient capital blends the serenity of nature with rich cultural and culinary heritage to create an enchanting ambience. In the centre of the city, Hotel Okura Kyoto Okazaki Bettei is an intimate luxury hotel that feels like a woodland retreat. With no children under 12 permitted, adults can enjoy complete peace in rooms adorned with traditional crafts, or savour innovative cuisine at Nouvelle Epoque, which fuses Japanese gastronomy with French fine dining.



 ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

SEQUOIA EXCLUSIVE ADULTS ONLY LUXURY LODGE

Escape the heat of the city and cool off in the Adelaide Hills, an enchanting area with a rich indigenous history and diverse flora and fauna, including one of Australia's largest koala populations. In this wonderfully remote region, Sequoia is an adults-only five-star sanctuary where travellers can relax and reconnect with nature – and each other. From morning yoga sessions to guided walks, hot spring pools, wine cellar tours and night-time stargazing, this luxurious lodge will inspire all the senses.





 **PHUKET, THAILAND**

SRI PANWA

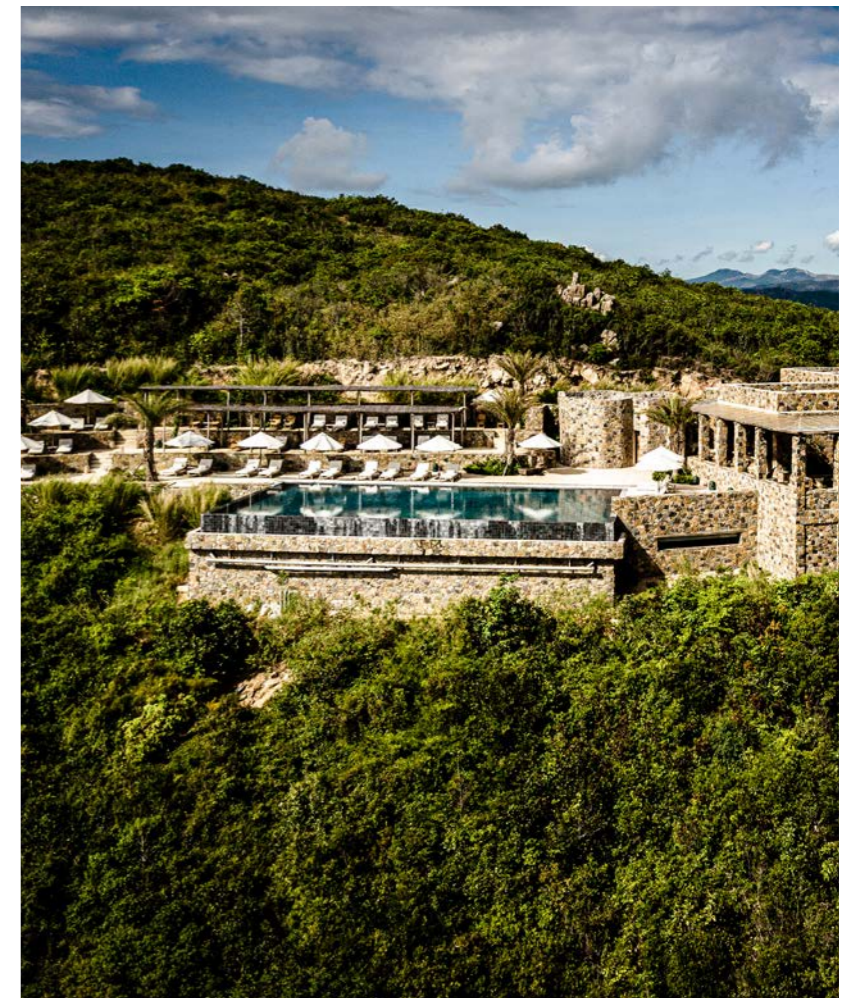
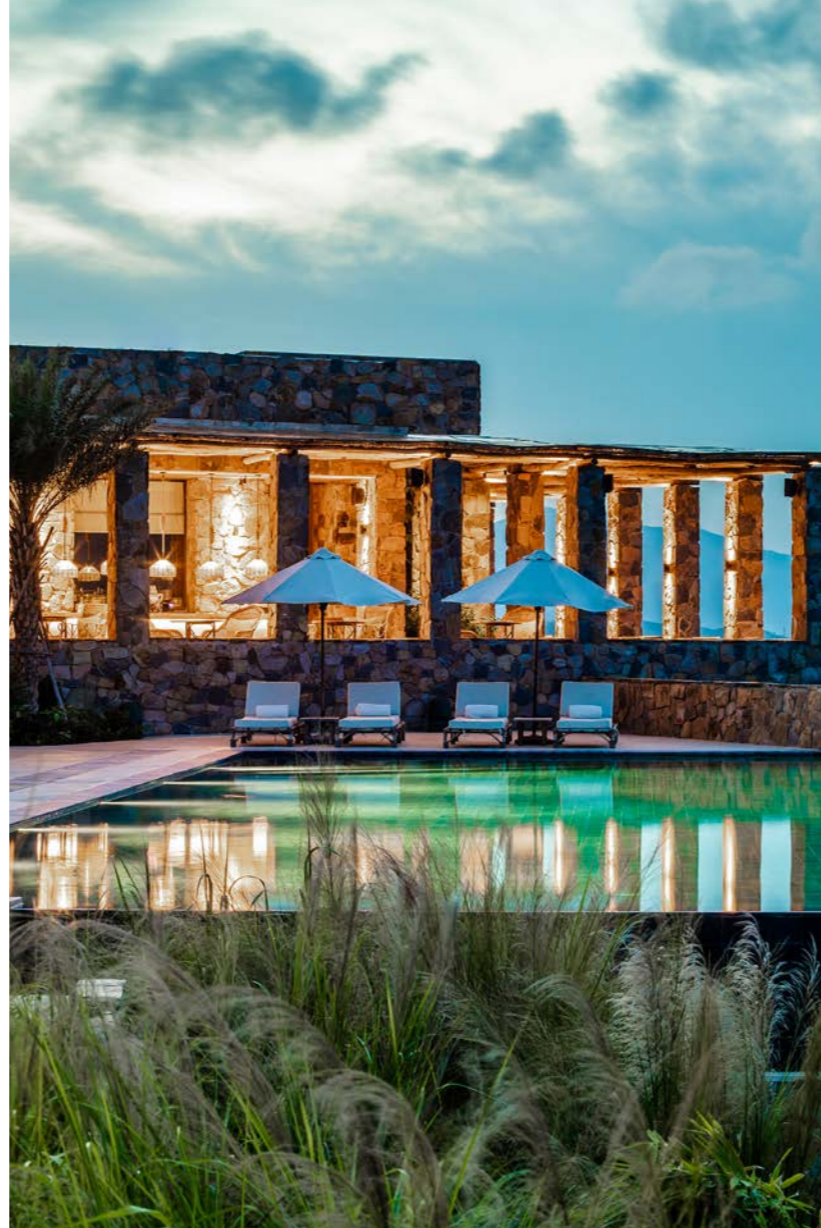
Escape the crowds and unwind in a private paradise at Sri Panwa, a stylish resort which is sculpted into a pristine peninsula in southeast Phuket. Stay in a selection of sea-facing pool suites and penthouses, plunge into the multi-tiered infinity pool and waterfall, which is surrounded by a lush, landscaped water garden, or chill out at the Cool Spa. At the end of a day of discovery, head up to Baba Nest Rooftop Bar, a breathtaking rooftop cocktail lounge that overlooks the Andaman Sea.

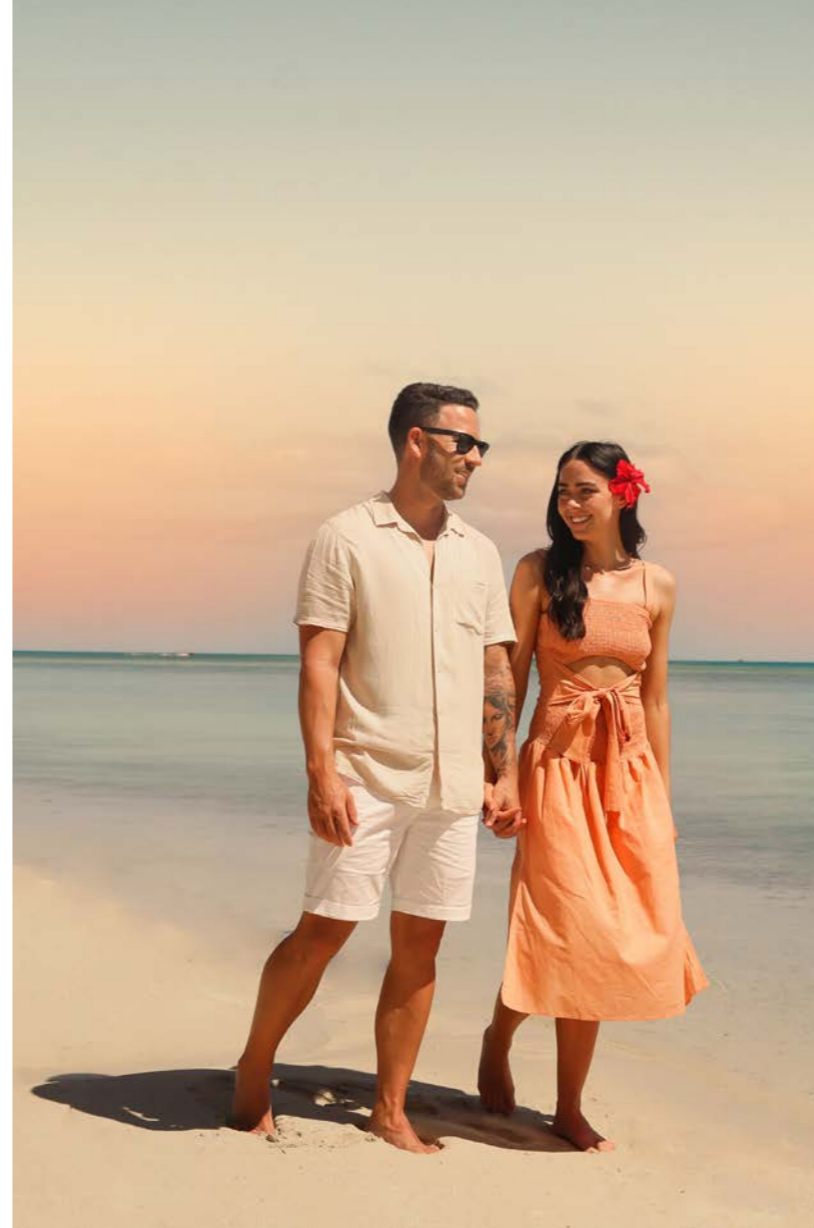


 PHU YEN, VIETNAM

ZANNIER HOTELS BÃI SAN HÔ

Perched on a peninsula between jungle-clad hills and the sparkling sea, Zannier is a luxurious yet rustic retreat that blends seamlessly into its spectacular surroundings. Stay in stunning pool villas, all designed in a traditional style with reclaimed wood and thatched roofs, stroll along the crescent-shaped sandy beach, unwind at Hoa Sen Spa and savour fresh seafood cooked to order at Làng Chài, a traditional beachfront grill. It is little wonder this tropical sanctuary was named on Condé Nast Traveler's Hot List.





 MALOLO LILAI, FIJI

LOMANI ISLAND RESORT

Lomani means “love” in Fijian, so Lomani Island Resort is the perfect place for couples to come together and enjoy romantic vacations. Perfectly positioned on the shores of Malolo Lailai Island, this upscale resort offers a collection of beautifully designed bures (Fijian-style villas), including beachfront options located just steps away from the sandy shore. Couples can spend endless days snorkelling in the crystal clear seas, enjoying outdoor massages at the Lomani Spa, or dining at the Flame Tree Restaurant. Pure bliss!





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Located next to the Nana BTS station, Oakwood Hotel Sukhumvit 11 Bangkok combines convenience and comfort for the perfect stay in the vibrant heart of Bangkok. Enjoy the ease of access to the Central Business District or renowned medical facilities, and savour the benefits of being minutes away from major shopping malls such as Robinson, Terminal 21 and Central Embassy.



Let's Talk: Asia's Lesser-Known Languages

A language is not only a collection of words; it is a gateway to understanding an entire culture. For travellers who love to learn about the places they visit and the people who live there, it is essential to learn a few local words and phrases. To mark International Mother Language Day on 21st February, we celebrate some of the lesser known languages and dialects in Asia's most popular destinations.

BALI, INDONESIA

Local language or dialect: **Balinese**

National language: **Bahasa Indonesia**

Indonesia is home to more than 17,000 islands, each with its own unique culture. Visit most homes or temples in Bali and you will notice a way of speaking that sounds completely different to the Bahasa Indonesia, the national language. Balinese is mostly used in informal situations between families, friends and neighbours, as well as in religious ceremonies and weddings.



English	Bahasa Indonesia	Balinese
Good morning Good afternoon Good evening	Selamat pagi Selamat siang/sore Selamat malam	Om swastyastu
How are you?	Apa kabar	Punapi gatra / engken kabare
I'm fine / I'm good	Kabar baik	Becik-becik manten

RECOMMENDED HOTEL

AKSARI RESORT UBUD

Aksari Resort Ubud immerses you in the heart and soul of Balinese culture. Nestled in the lush jungles of Ubud, this natural resort offers a collection of stunning suites and pool villas, the soothing Svaha Spa and a multi-level infinity pool that overlooks the forest and rushing river. World-class cuisine can be savoured at Japanese and international restaurants.

JAIPUR, INDIA

Local language or dialect: **Dhundhari**

National language: **Hindi**

It is thought that over 19,500 languages and dialects are spoken in India, so it's important to pick the right one! In the "Pink City" of Jaipur, residents speak Dhundhari, the local dialect of the Dhundhar region of Rajasthan state. While modern Dhundhari is similar to Hindi, it also has unique words and phrases that differentiate it from India's main language.



English	Hindi	Dhundhari
Greetings	Namaste	Gopinath ji ki jai ho
Welcome	Aao ji	Padharo shree
Goodbye	Alvida	Ram ram

 **RECOMMENDED HOTEL**

THE OBEROI RAJVILAS, JAIPUR

The Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur brings the royal majesty of Rajasthan to life. Spread over almost 13 hectares of beautifully landscaped gardens, this five-star hotel blends traditional architecture with modern amenities. The accommodation includes luxury tents, the Oberoi Spa specialises in Asian wellness, yoga and meditation, while the restaurants showcase contemporary Indian and international fine-dining.

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

Local language or dialect: **Phnom Penh Khmer**

National language: **Standard Khmer**

Cambodia's national language, Khmer is used throughout the country. But how it is spoken depends on where you visit. In Phnom Penh, local residents speak a distinct dialect which has a unique tone that is only heard in the capital city and its surrounding districts. But don't worry about using the wrong words, Standard Khmer will also be widely understood.



English	Standard Khmer	Phnom Penh Khmer
Hello	Choum reap sur	Sosadei
Goodbye	Chom reap lear	Lee hi
Thank you	Som arkun	Arkun

 **RECOMMENDED HOTEL**

NAGAWORLD

NagaWorld is one of the largest five-star hotels in Cambodia, with 1,658 luxurious rooms and suites, 20 restaurants, bars and lounges, two spas, a fitness centre and an outdoor pool overlooking the city. Shopaholics can explore Cambodia's first underground retail mall and entertainment seekers can spin the wheel at the casino or enjoy live shows at the NABA Theatre.

SHANGHAI, CHINA

Local language or dialect: **Shanghainese**

National language: **Mandarin**

China is such a vast country that many different dialects have evolved in separation from each other. In Shanghai for example, the local language – Shanghainese – is completely different from the Mandarin spoken in Beijing, with unique words, tones and sentence structures. While most Shanghai residents can speak both, they will always appreciate visitors who try to talk like a native.



English	Mandarin	Shanghainese
Long time no see, I miss you so much	好久不见，很是想念 hǎo jiǔ bù jiàn, hěn shì xiǎng niàn	长远么看到依了，老想依额 cháng yuǎn me kàn dào yī le, lǎo xiǎng yī é
Welcome to Shanghai	欢迎来到上海 huān yíng lái dào shàng hǎi	欢迎大噶来上海白相 huān yíng dà gá lái shàng hǎi bái xiāng



 **RECOMMENDED HOTEL**

THE PULI HOTEL AND SPA

The PuLi Hotel and Spa is a multi-award-winning design hotel that embodies the contemporary style and innovative spirit of Shanghai. Situated close to Nanjing West Road, the city's main shopping district, this urban retreat features 129 rooms and suites, a state-of-the-art health club, 25-metre heated infinity pool, China's first UR SPA and a Michelin-starred French restaurant, PHÉNIX.



**THE TIDES
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The York Sydney by Swiss-Belhotel is the perfect choice for business or leisure accommodation in Sydney city centre. Each serviced apartment features a fully equipped kitchen, laundry, separate bath and shower, spacious lounge, and dining area, all complemented by spacious open-air balconies with stunning views of the Sydney cityscape.



Designed as the ultimate dream retreat, The Tides Hotel artfully fuses relaxation and functionality with modern sleek design and hip amenities.

Each of the 60 rooms is a haven for you to luxuriate in sheer comfort and elegance, featuring refined and cozy interiors characterized by neutral tones that promote relaxation and a good night's sleep, and chic furnishings to suit your stylish lifestyle.

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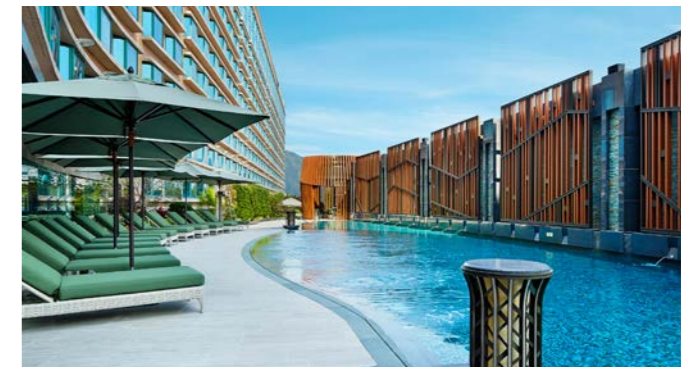
★ Featured Hotel of the Month

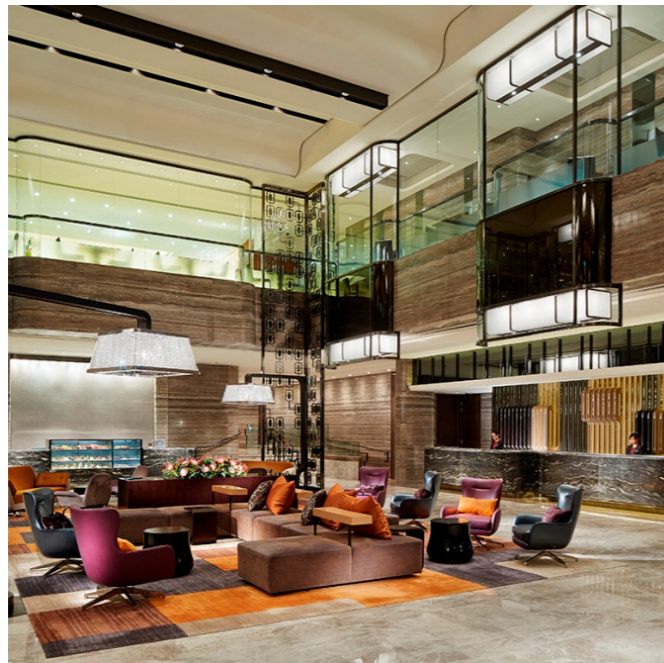


THE ROYAL PLAZA HOTEL, HONG KONG

Stay fully connected in the heart of Hong Kong at The Royal Plaza Hotel. Situated on top of Mongkok East MTR station in Kowloon, this five-star hotel puts the entire city at guests' fingertips.

With 699 luxurious guest rooms and suites, exceptional facilities and a direct connection to MOKO, one of the city's largest shopping malls, travellers have everything they need for a fulfilling vacation. The local area is home to vibrant cultural attractions such as the Ladies' Market, Yuen Po Street Bird Garden and Flower Market. When visitors are not busy exploring the local area, they can unwind in the hotel's 40-metre swimming pool, gymnasium, jacuzzi and sauna.





Dining is a cosmopolitan affair with a choice of six culinary venues including Di King Heen, the newly-renovated Cantonese restaurant, Lion Rock, a brand-new Chinese concept restaurant that fuses Cantonese and Sichuan cuisines, and KOUDA, which promises authentic Japanese Kaiseki dining.

With its unsurpassed location and upmarket amenities, The Royal Plaza Hotel is the perfect option for every trip to Hong Kong.



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Ask the INSIDER

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In this edition, Aida Nordin from Malaysia-based Travelsight tells us what she is most looking forward to on her next trip to Singapore.



I would love to explore the architectural wonders and green spaces in Singapore, such as the Cloud Forest, Flower Dome and Super Trees at Gardens by the Bay. I'm also excited to see the Rain Vortex at Jewel Changi Airport and walk along the Shiseido Forest Valley.



An afternoon picnic at the Botanic Gardens, Singapore's first UNESCO World Heritage Site, would be a perfect leisure activity – just savouring the local hawker food and soaking up the atmosphere. Then, a visit to iconic Orchard Road in the evening will be great to check out the illuminated shopping malls and discover the latest fashion brands, from international labels to local homegrown designers.



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Centrally located amidst the famed Fortress Hill and North Point districts, iclub Fortress Hill offers easy access to Causeway Bay, Hong Kong's prime centre for business and entertainment.

This no-frills, stylish hotel provides a comfortable living environment, designed optimally for self-sufficient and tech-savvy travellers.