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FOREWORD

Welcome to the July 2023 edition of Travel Aggregator, WebBeds' monthly newsletter dedicated to the travel trade in Asia Pacific.

This month, we take a closer look at niche tourism - the concept of catering for the individual needs of specific groups. All across Asia Pacific, interesting and inspiring activities are available for different types of travellers, from history buffs and culture seekers to foodies, outdoor adventurers and more. Find out some of the region's best places to satisfy these unique needs.

Asia Pacific is also home to some of the world's hippest districts, which provide a great opportunity to rub shoulders with local young people and learn about the latest fashions and fads. Whether you want to shop for vintage clothes and vinyl records, or just people-watch from a cool café, we reveal the region's trendiest urban neighbourhoods.

Café culture is a key element of any modern city, but the type of coffee you drink will often depend on where you travel to. Many countries in Asia have developed their own unique brews, and we reveal the distinctive and diverse types of coffee you'll find in Asia Pacific's major cities. Finally, for guests seeking a luxurious break, we reveal some of the world's finest pool villas for your next family vacation or romantic retreat.

This month, our "Featured Hotel" is Pelangi Beach Resort on the Malaysian island of Langkawi, and "Newly-Opened" checks in to Hotel Morris Sydney - Handwritten Collection, which recently emerged from a major renovation. And of course, you can catch up with all the latest news, photos and exclusive offers from WebBeds in Asia Pacific.

Enjoy the read!

KS Sun President, Asia Pacific WebBeds

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Hotel Morris Sydney - Handwritten Collection



Hotel Morris Sydney has been delighting guests since it first opened its doors in 1929. Now, this iconic boutique hotel is embarking on an exciting new era as part of Accor's Handwritten Collection, which is defined by its members' distinctive interior design and unique sense of style.

Located on Pitt Street in the central business district, Hotel Morris Sydney is just steps from the Capitol Theatre, Darling Harbour and Hyde Park. Following a major makeover, the hotel's original 1930s signage has been revived, and the glamorous gilt-edged interiors blend Australian heritage - including original local artworks - with a bold Art-Deco design.

The 82 elegant rooms, which range from 13-square metre Bambina Rooms to 28-square metre Grande Rooms, all reflect a classic European style and feature custom designed beds, rain showers, multiple USB ports, Wi-Fi and Samsung Smart TVs. Convenient amenities such as 24-hour inroom dining, laundry and dry cleaning are also available. In-house guests and other visitors can unwind and socialise at Bar Morris, a chic wine bar that serves Italian-inspired cuisine.

For curious explorers who want to uncover the sights and sounds of downtown Sydney, or business travellers seeking a convenient and inspiring place to stay in the heart of the city, the new-look Hotel Morris Sydney - Handwritten Collection is an outstanding option.



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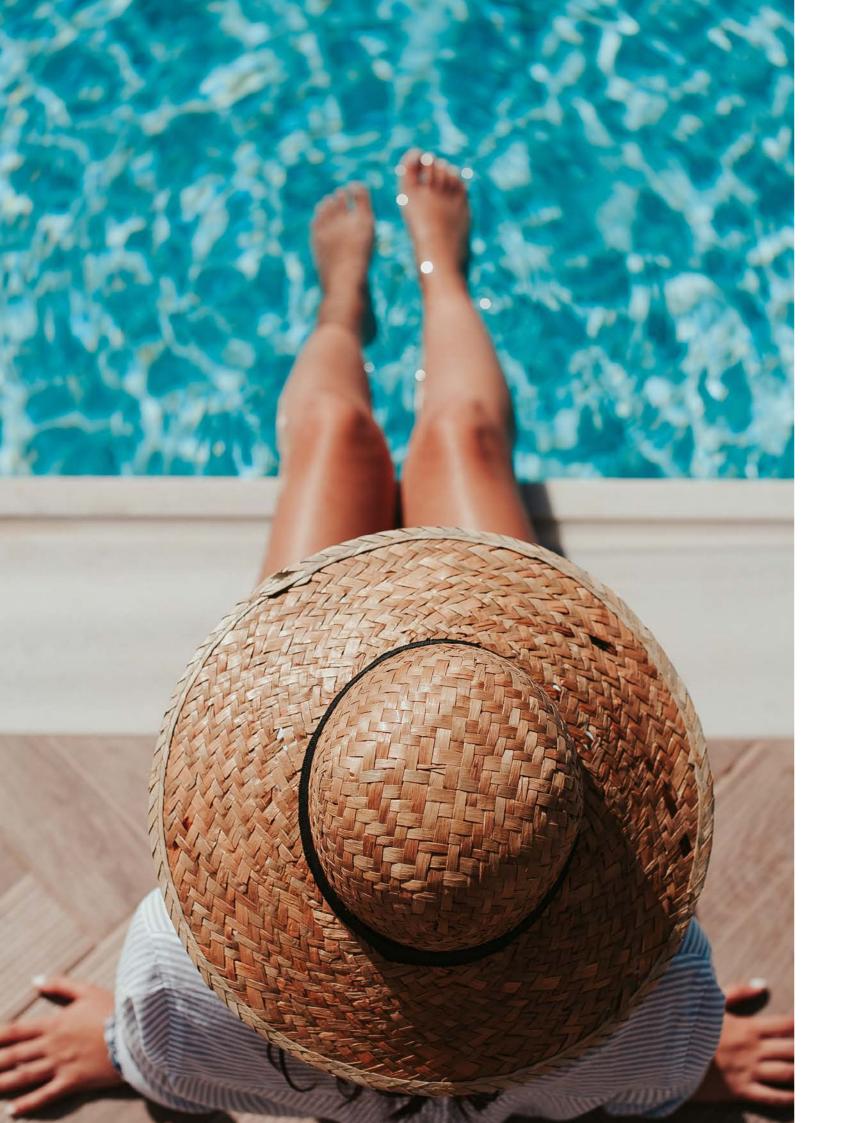


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POOL VILLAS FOR EVERY OCCASION

Pool villas create the ultimate setting for a romantic getaway or family retreat, away from the hustle and bustle of daily life. The ability to step straight into the refreshing waters of your own private pool is an unforgettable experience that enhances every vacation and creates lifelong memories.

Whether you are planning to escape to an idyllic island, an upbeat city, a dreamy desert or the lush countryside, this article will showcase some of the world's most spectacular pool villas to plunge into this summer.



OVERWATER POOL VILLA

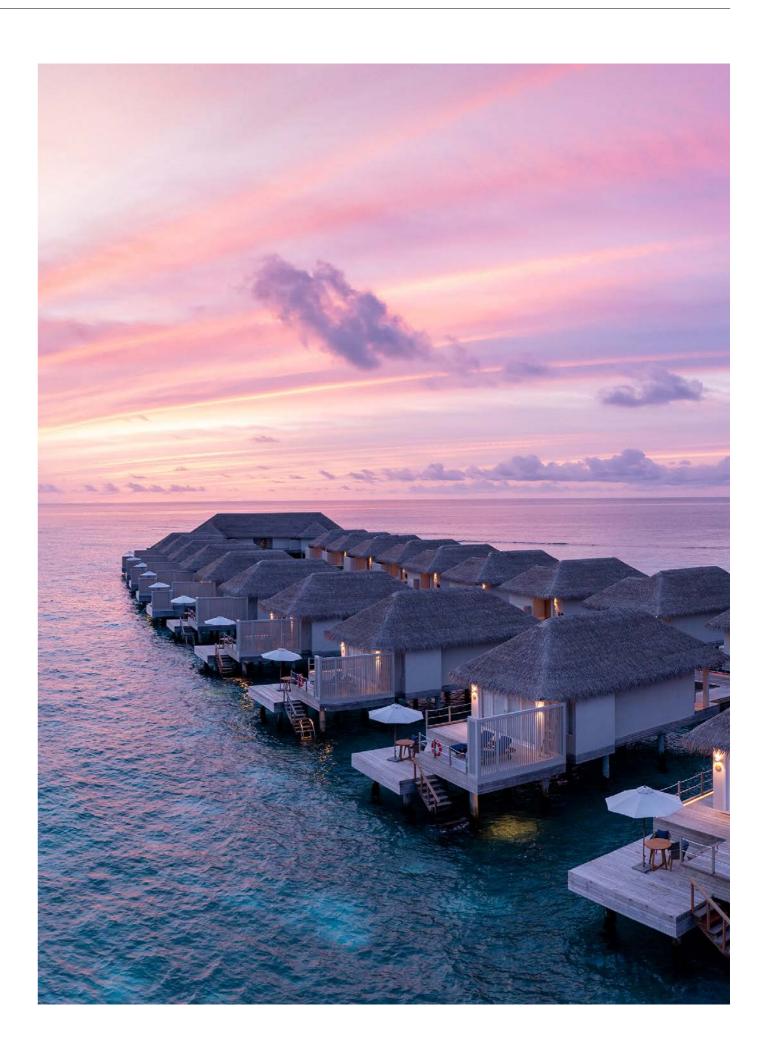


() MAAGAU ISLAND, MALDIVES

Nowhere does pool villas quite like the Maldives! Elevated on stilts over an aquamarine lagoon, the stylish thatched Water Villas with Pool at Baglioni Resort, Maldives feature bright and contemporary interiors, with floor-to-ceiling windows that frame panoramic views of the ocean. Step out onto the elegant 45-square metre wooden sundeck and take an invigorating dip in the freshwater plunge pool, or simply step down into the inviting, crystal-clear waters of the lagoon for a swim or snorkel. Pure bliss!









IN-ROOM POOL VILLA

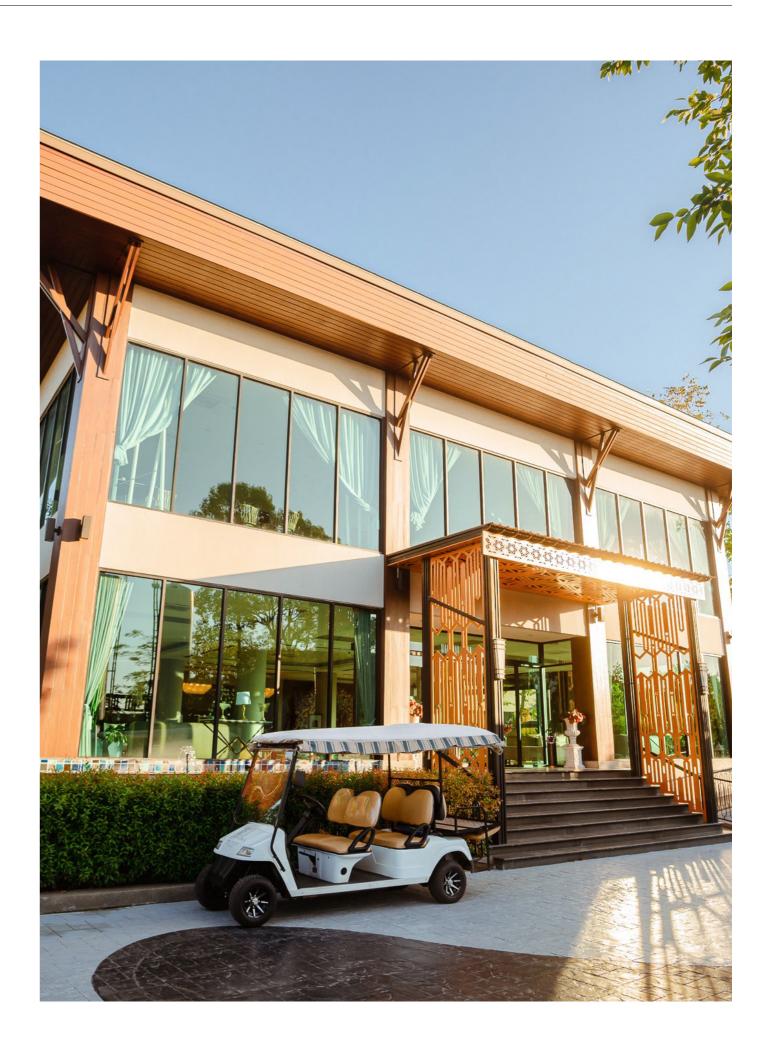


\bigodot pattaya, thailand

The only resort in Thailand to feature a private ozone swimming pool in every villa, La Miniera Pattaya is a truly special place to stay. Nestled in the hills overlooking the Gulf of Thailand, this child- and petfriendly resort - which is a member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World (SLH) - features a collection of 66 private villas with up to three bedrooms, state-of-the-art amenities and, of course, private pools. The ozone treatment ensures that the pool water is always kept pure.









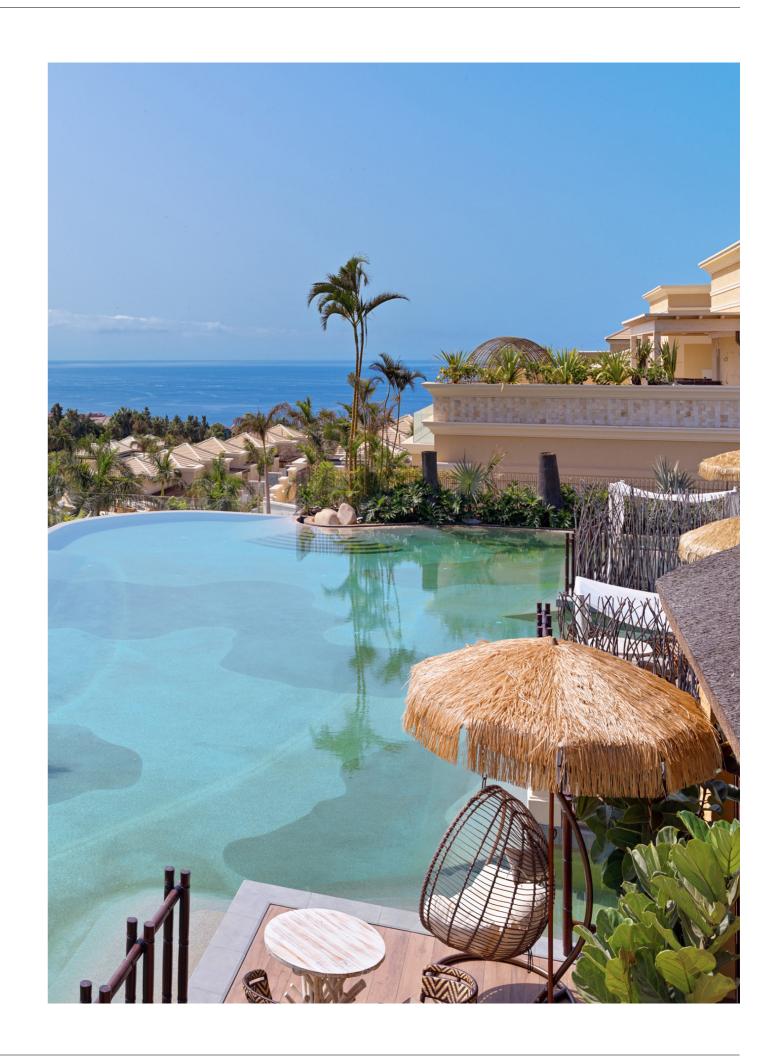
COURTYARD POOL VILLA

Royal River Luxury Hotel

The true joy of any pool villa experience is the ability to cut oneself off from the world and unwind in complete privacy and tranquility, far from the stress of daily life. Each Pool or Paradise Villa at Royal River Luxury Hotel, on the idyllic island of Tenerife, is enclosed by high walls and palm trees to create a secluded sanctuary. The azure pools shimmer in the sun, and the spacious stone courtyards with day beds and dining areas set the stage for unforgettable escapes.









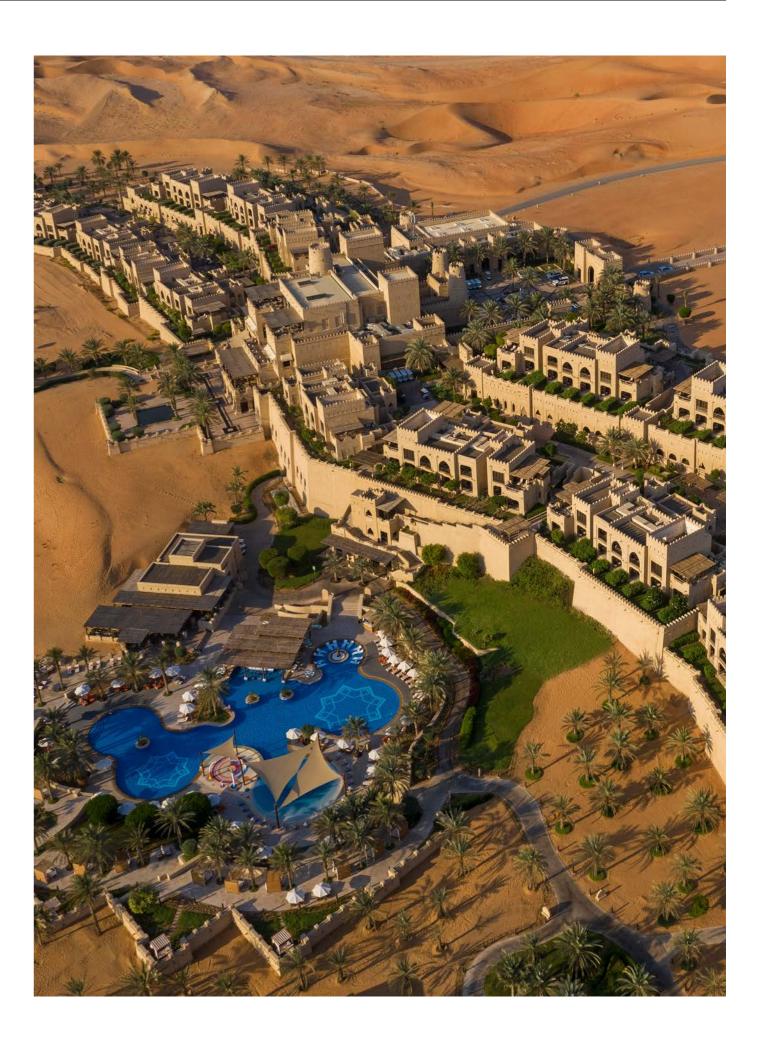
DESERT POOL VILLA

Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara

Discover your own personal oasis in the desert. Nestled amid the dunes, 90 minutes from Abu Dhabi in the Arabian Peninsula, Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort features a collection of breath-taking pool villas with 130 to 467 square metres of luxurious indoor and outdoor space, private pools and expansive views of the desert. With private butler service and large alfresco terraces, these stunning villas set the stage for unforgettable moments with your loved ones, dining and unwinding under a starlit sky.







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Welcome to Bale Gede Luxury Villas

All villas are designed with a luxurious concept, offering a comfortable environment for your stay experience. The strategic location allows for convenient access to Batubelig beach by foot. The facilities at Bale Gede Luxury Villas are equally impressive, complete with a swimming pool, living room, kitchen and a green open area.

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Today's travellers are increasingly seeking vacations that align with their specific interests and passions. From exploring history to embracing technology, embarking on adventurous hikes, or indulging in culinary delights, these immersive activities offer a much-needed escape from the ordinary.

In this edition of Travel Aggregator, we check out some of the region's most captivating experiences to suit every interest, whether it's diving into different eras, challenging yourself, and making conscious choices for the planet, these activities will not only entertain but also inspire personal growth and create unforgettable memories.





Panning for Gold in Ballarat, Australia

Step back into the 1850s and find out what life was like in the Australian gold rush! Sovereign Hill is a popular attraction in Ballarat, Victoria, which offers history lovers a unique opportunity to discover the pioneering spirit of this bygone era. Visitors can try panning for gold and even feel the thrill of finding their own precious gold flakes. Strolling through the traditional streets is an evocative experience that will provide all guests with a deep appreciation for Australia's rich heritage.

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Melbourne City Apartment Hotel

This stylish new hotel is located in West Melbourne, approximately 1.5 hours' drive from Sovereign Hill and only five minutes' walk from the nearest free tram stop, which puts the entire city within reach. This trendy lifestyle hotel features a choice of studios and apartments with kitchenettes and cuttingedge amenities such as free Wi-Fi and Chromecast streaming services. The hotel's pool is a great place to cool off after an inspiring day.







FOR ECO-CONSCIOUS TRAVELLERS

Eco-Tourism in Fiji

Travellers seeking meaningful engagement and a chance to make a positive impact during their vacation can seize the opportunity to participate in conservation projects in Fiji. These pristine Pacific islands are on the forefront of the global climate crisis, so even small actions can make a big difference. Guided tours and educational programmes will provide insights into the challenges facing these precious ecosystems. Get involved in coral planting initiatives and help to nurture the beautiful sea turtles who nest on Fiji's beaches.

0 where to stay

Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort

Nestled directly on the soft sands of Viti Levu, Fiji's largest island, this upscale beach resort is an ecofriendly sanctuary and one of the first properties in the South Pacific to achieve Green Seal Certification. Travellers can stay in traditional bure bungalows and enjoy authentic activities, including cultural ceremonies, local performances and delectable dining, including the freshest Fijian seafood. Guests can also explore the underwater world with snorkelling trips.









Seafood Discoveries in Jeju, South Korea

South Korea is one of the world's most compelling culinary destinations, and for seafood lovers, Jeju is an unmissable part of any gastronomic itinerary. This UNESCO World Heritage island is surrounded by vibrant seas that teem with marine life. Foodies can join local fishing boats and embark on offshore excursions to experience the thrill of catching fish, which can then be prepared for the freshest meal possible. Back on dry land, guests can further indulge their senses by exploring the island's bustling seafood markets.

 \bigodot where to stay

Olle Resort and Spa

Overlooking the ocean on Jeju's north coast, Olle Resort and Spa offers panoramic views of the sea and Mount Halla, to help visitors connect with the natural essence of this enchanting island. Guests can stay in a choice of stylish and spacious villas, including options with private pools. For foodies, a restaurant, picnic area and barbecue facilities create options for every culinary occasion. The fishing port is just 10 minutes' drive away.







Volcano Hiking in Lombok, Indonesia

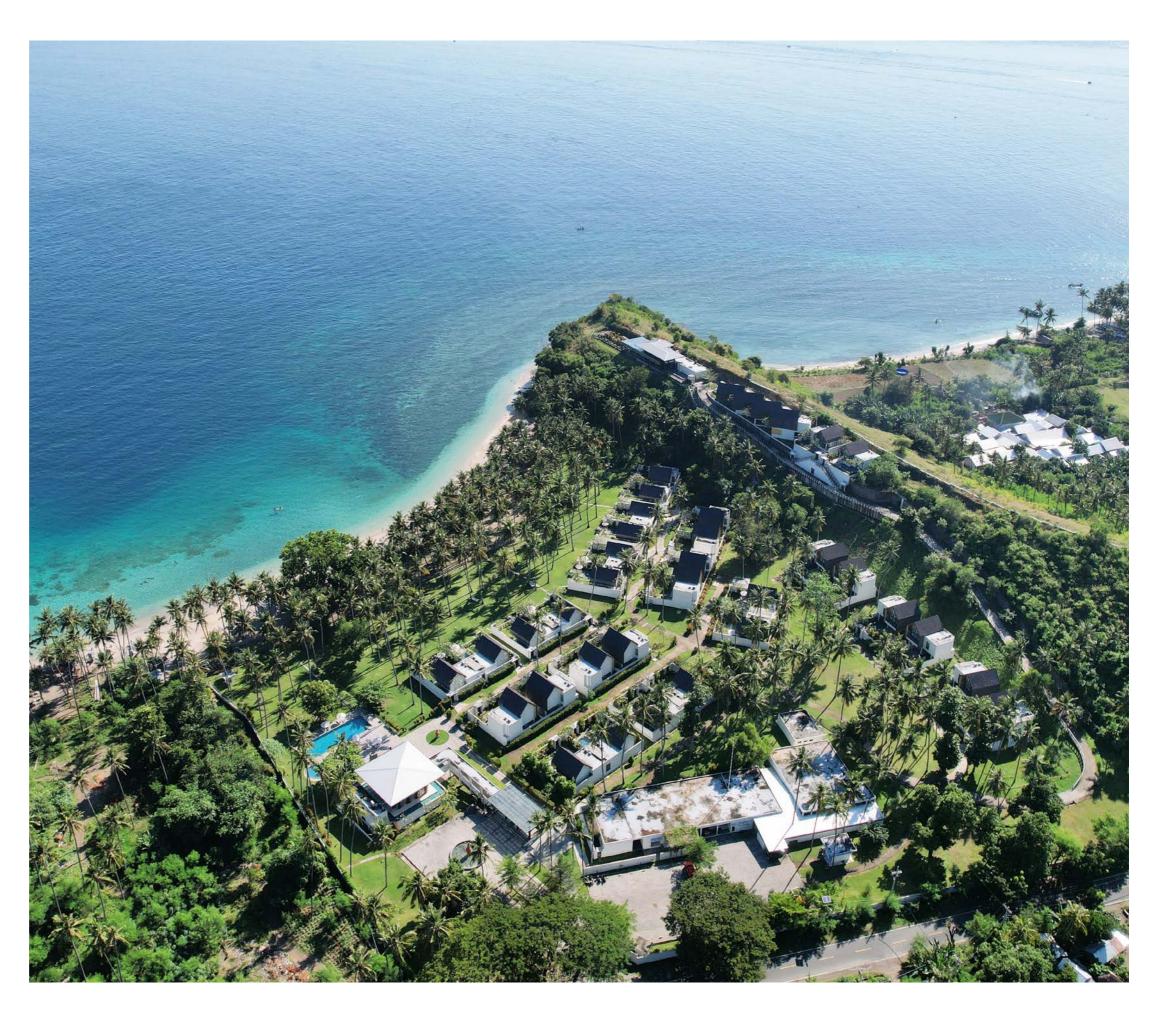
Adventure seekers can try to conquer Indonesian's second highest mountain while also enjoying a blissful beach break on the enchanting island of Lombok. Mount Rinjani stands at an imposing 3,726 metres high and provides a stern challenge for intrepid explorers who love the great outdoors. Hiking through this dramatic terrain, adventurers will find themselves immersed in lush forests, undulating grasslands, and rugged, rocky slopes. Every hiker will be rewarded with breath-taking panoramic vistas, including unforgettable views of the volcano's magnificent crater.

\bigodot where to stay

The Kayana Beach Lombok

After a strenuous day of hiking, adventurous travellers can chill out and reflect on their expedition at The Kayana Beach, a stunning five-star resort nestled amid coconut groves, just steps from the sandy beach and aquamarine sea. With private pool villas and a serene spa, this is the perfect place to soothe aching limbs. Active explorers can also take a bike ride to villages, plantations and waterfalls, or enjoy snorkelling and diving.







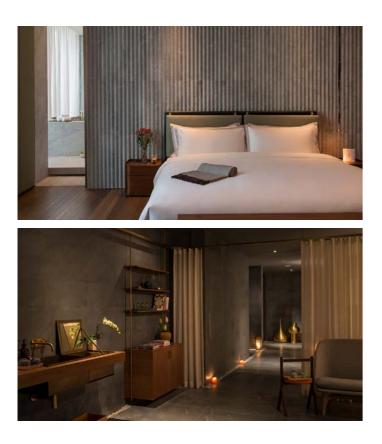
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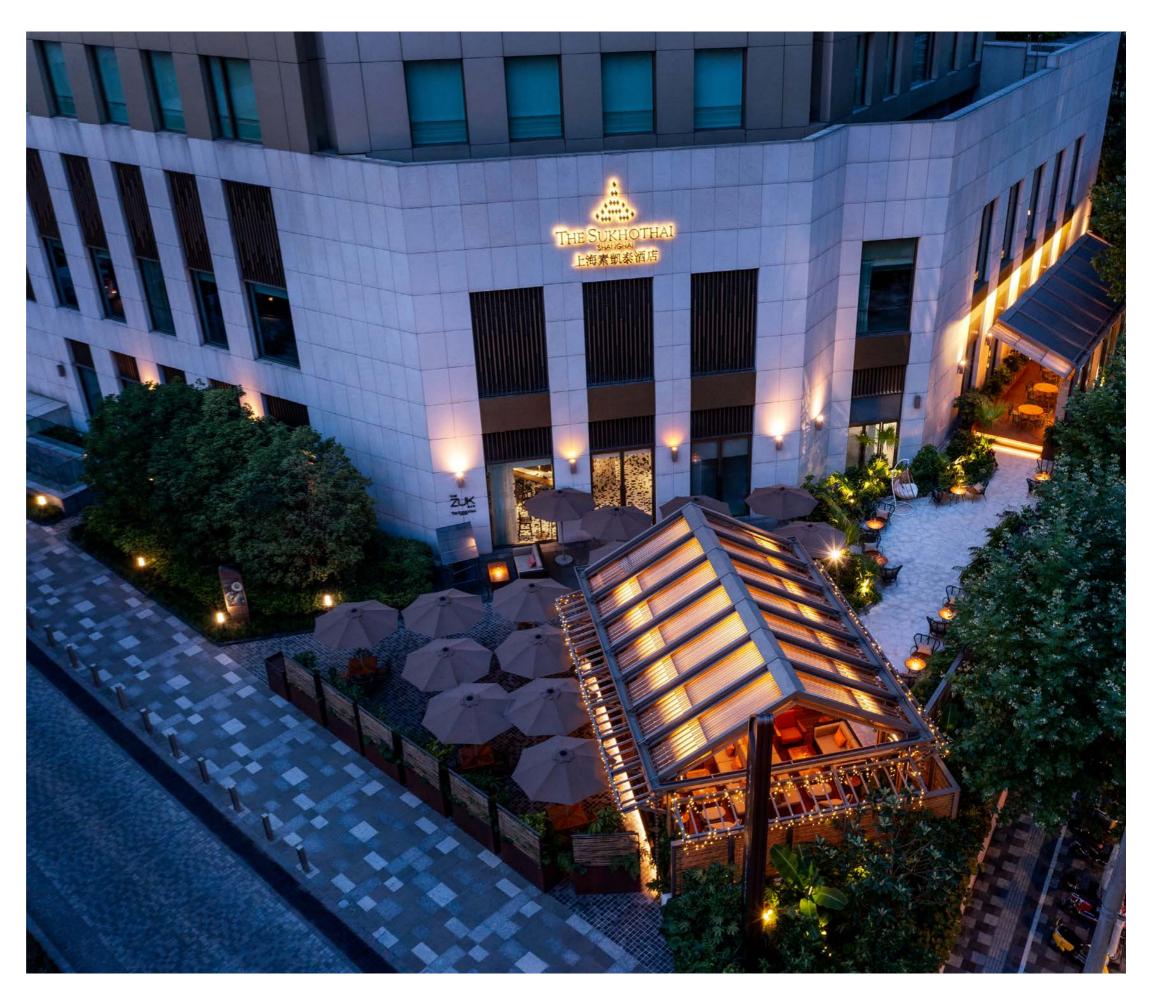
Shanghai is one of the most futuristic cities on Earth, with a wealth of opportunities for tech junkies to discover the latest state-of-the-art gadgets and futuristic devices. Visitors can find all the latest innovations at the Huawei Flagship Store, a 5,000-square metre tech paradise on East Nanjing Road. From AI to VR, this is a retail experience that will transport you into a different world, with interactive simulations, gaming and the opportunity to engage in spirited discussions with like-minded tech-heads.

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The Sukhothai Shanghai

Experience state-of-the-art stays in the heart of Shanghai. This multi-award-winning hotel blends the best of Asian hospitality with cutting-edge amenities in every room and suite, including large IPTVs, sensor-controlled lighting, plenty of USB and HDMI ports, Nespresso machines and more. Every guest can also disconnect and enjoy soothing rituals at the spa, swimming pool and fitness studio, and savor contemporary Thai and Italian cuisine at a choice of restaurants.





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Many of the latest global lifestyle trends were born in Asia Pacific's vibrant cities. But these urban movements rarely start in downtown; every city is home to eclectic enclaves and hipster havens where young people show off the latest fashions and fads. From chic boutiques and vintage clothing shops to independent record stores, pop-up restaurants, cool cafés and more, these unique neighbourhoods let you experience the style and spirit of the street.

Check out some of Asia Pacific's trendiest urban neighbourhoods...

HAYMARKET

SYDNEY

Most major cities have a Chinatown, but few are as trendy as Sydney's Haymarket. Step through the red dragon gates and enter a world of stylish shops and restaurants. Darling Square is a haven of fun, food and drink with plenty of places to eat and live performances, and the Friday night markets on Dixon Street bring a whole new vibe to the area. Take a stroll through the stalls, many of which are set up by young designers and local artists.



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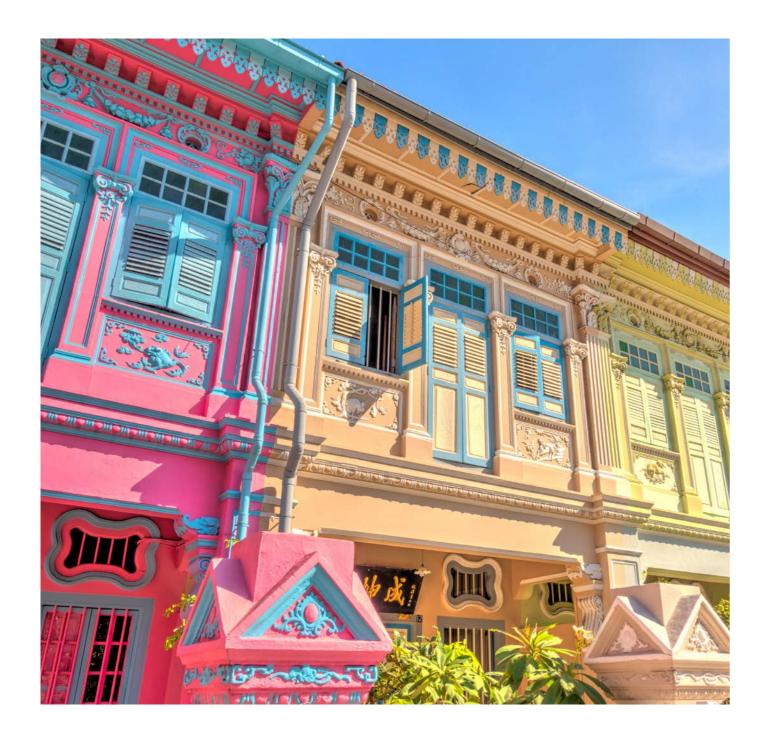
The Ultimo Hotel Sydney

The Ultimo Hotel Sydney is a historic landmark nestled in the heart of Chinatown. Dating from 1911, the hotel has blended its original heritage charm with contemporary design and cutting-edge amenities. The accommodation is bright and inviting, with exposed brickwork, comfy beds and modern artworks. The single, king, trio and family rooms create options for solo travellers, couples, families and friends who want to explore this eclectic district.



KATONG - JOO CHIAT

Singapore's Peranakan heritage is brought to life in the Katong and Joo Chiat neighbourhoods, where colourful shophouses can be found alongside trendy coffee shops and local restaurants. These are the areas where local industry thrived in the early 20th Century. Now, a century later, a new generation of young Singaporean entrepreneurs are regenerating the area with elegant bars, organic eateries, clothing shops, vinyl stores and more. Don't miss the traditional local dishes such as laksa and chicken rice.





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Village Hotel Katong

Village Hotel Katong is inspired by Singapore's Peranakan culture. Located adjacent to the Katong V Mall in the heart of the Katong district, this upscale hotel weaves vivid colours and local motifs into its interior design. Guests can stay in a choice of chic rooms and suites, including the Peranakan Club rooms, cool off in the pool, work out at the gym and dine at the Peranakan fusion restaurant.



SEOGYO-DONG

Seogyo-dong is a dynamic part of central Seoul which has grown famous for its youthful energy and student culture. Head straight for Hongik University Street, where the buskers, street performers and vivid displays of independent shops make the colourful tiled street appear even more vivid. Get inspired by the local hipsters and give your wardrobe a retro-chic makeover in the flea markets and quaint clothes stores. Then end your day with a well-deserved drink in a local bar.





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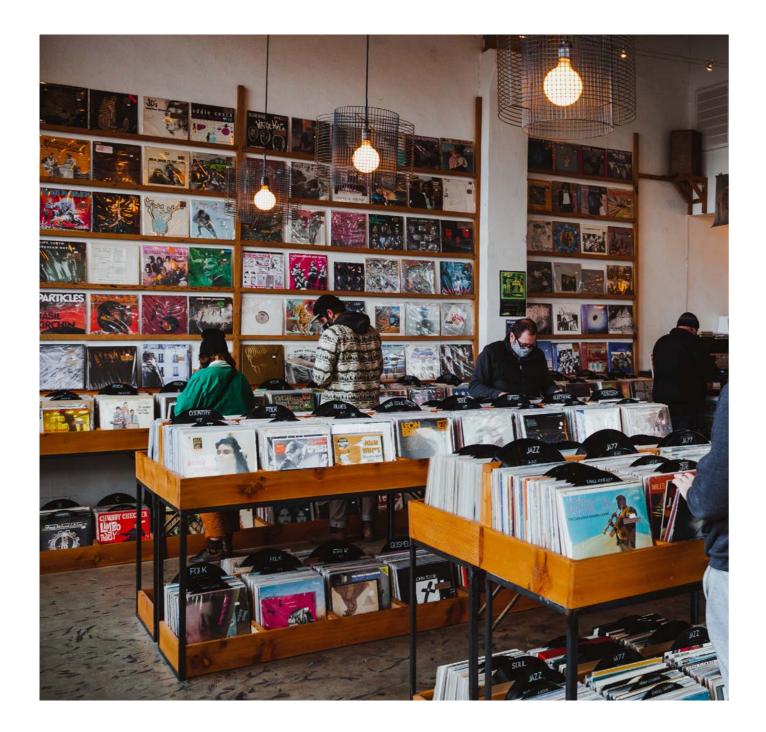
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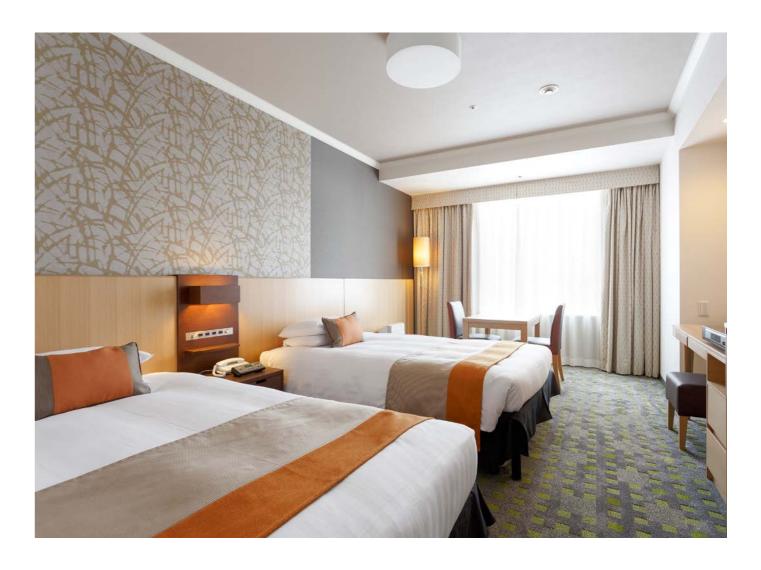
L7 Hongdae is designed to attract a new generation of savvy travellers. Reflecting the free-spirited party vibe of the Hongdae district, this upscale hotel is filled with artistic elements and communal spaces, including a music zone and library. The accommodation includes double, triple and suite options, while the suite terrace is a serene outdoor space. After a day of discovery, the rooftop pool and bar are the perfect places to unwind.



SHIMOKITAZAWA

The Bohemian neighbourhood of Shimokitazawa is just a few subway stops from the downtown districts of Shibuya and Shinjuku, but feels a million miles away from Tokyo's high-rise skyscrapers. Instead, this elegant enclave is lined with small thrift stores, bookshops, record stores and vintage boutiques. Rub shoulders with Japan's young hipsters and grab a drink in a quaint café or backstreet bar. It's no surprise that this was one of Time Out's "Top 10 Coolest Neighbourhoods in the World" in 2022.





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Shibuya Excel **Hotel Tokyu**

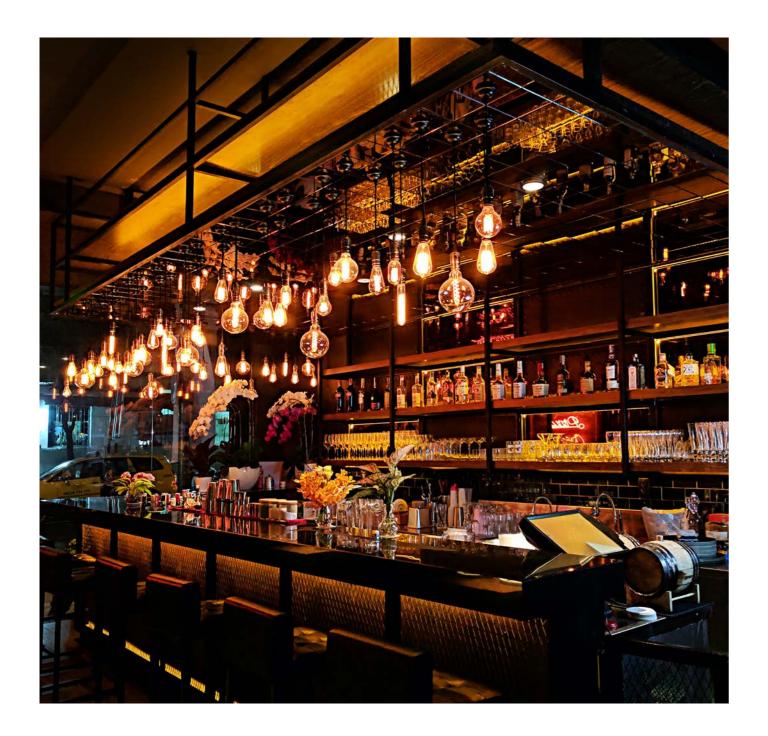
Shibuya Excel Hotel Tokyu overlooks the iconic Shibuya Crossing, just a short hop from Shimokitazawa on the Keio Inokashira rail line. In this perfect setting, guests can stay in a choice of contemporary single, double or triple rooms, and dine at a choice of elevated French and Japanese restaurants with panoramic views. The bars, cafés and galleries of Daikanyama, and the fashion boutiques of Miyashita Park are all within walking distance.



THONG LOR

BANGKOK

Bangkok's hippest district, Thong Lor is just a few stops from downtown Sukhumvit but retains its own distinct vibe – glitzy, glamorous and pulsing with youthful energy. By day, this is a great place to drop into a cool café and try barista brewed coffee or creative smoothies. After dark, Thong Lor comes alive with some of Bangkok's most avant-garde nightlife, including hidden bars, stylish speakeasys, and decadent themed venues. This makes it a great place to discover your new favourite cocktail!





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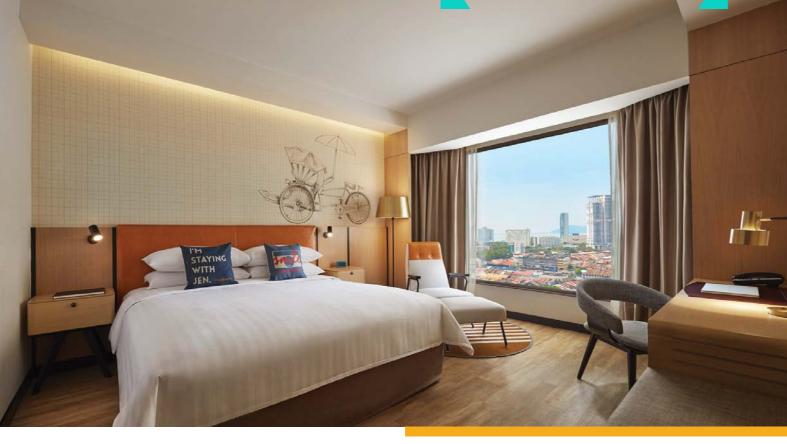
Oakwood Studios Sukhumvit Bangkok

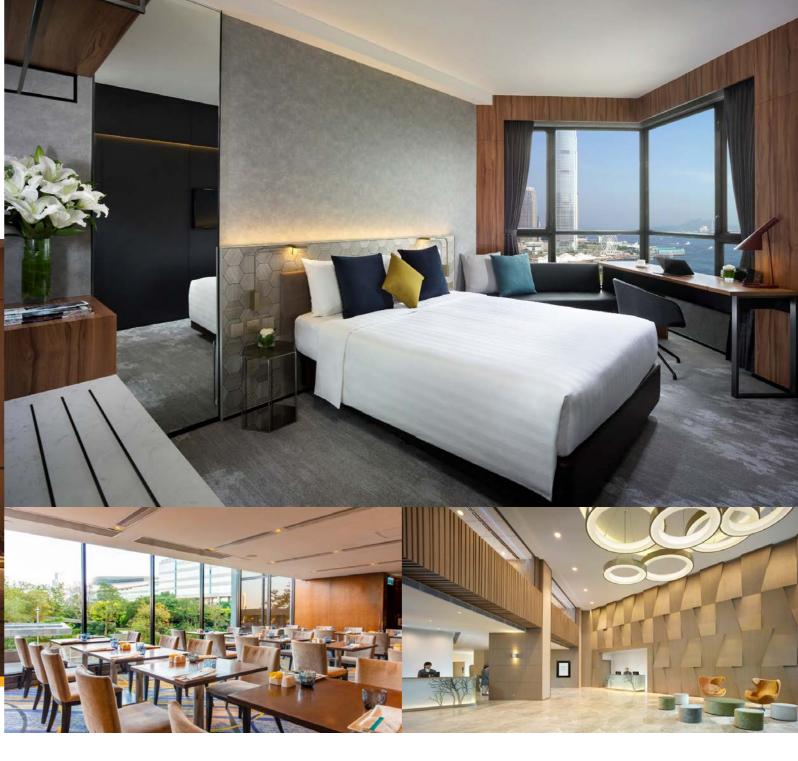
Oakwood Studios Sukhumvit Bangkok is a bright and vibrant hotel that immerses travellers in the buzz of Thong Lor. Less than 10 minutes' walk from the BTS skytrain station, this modern property features a selection of chic studio apartments, all equipped with kitchens, Nespresso machines, free Wi-Fi and plenty more, plus upscale amenities including an outdoor pool, gym and restaurant. The trendy bars, clubs and restaurants are just a short walk away.





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NAGIC BEANS Asia Pacific's Unique Coffee Culture

DALGONA COFFEE

South Korea

Dalgona is a sweet streetside treat that originated in Busan in the 1960s. Made by whipping up instant coffee, sugar and water, then pouring the thick mixture over ice and milk, this sweet drink became an internet craze in 2020.

CÀ PHÊ TRỨNG (EGG COFFEE)

Vietnam

When milk was scarce in Vietnam, a man called Giang decided to use egg yolk in his coffee instead. Egg coffee was born, and it has now become a national specialty. The yolks are whipped with milk and sugar, then mixed with hot coffee.

KOPI LUWAK

Indonesia

This famous coffee is crafted using beans that have been digested (and excreted) by an Asian palm civet (or civet cat). This process removes the beans' fruity exterior, resulting in a better flavour. Thankfully, the beans are cleaned before being roasted.

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CUSTOMISED KOPI

Singapore

For many people in Singapore, the day cannot start without a cup of kopi. Head to a traditional "kopitiam" (local coffee shop) to savour this local brew, customised to your exact preferences – hot or iced, how strong and how sweet?

Australia

OLIANG

Iced coffee can be found on almost every street corner in Thailand. This traditional spiced drink is made using a pre-made oliang mix (which blends coffee with cardamom and other spices) and served with sweetened condensed milk.





For pure coffee lovers, there is nothing quite like a long black. In Australia, this is traditionally made by pouring a double shot of espresso over hot water. Using less water than a classic americano, this strong coffee is a morning favourite.











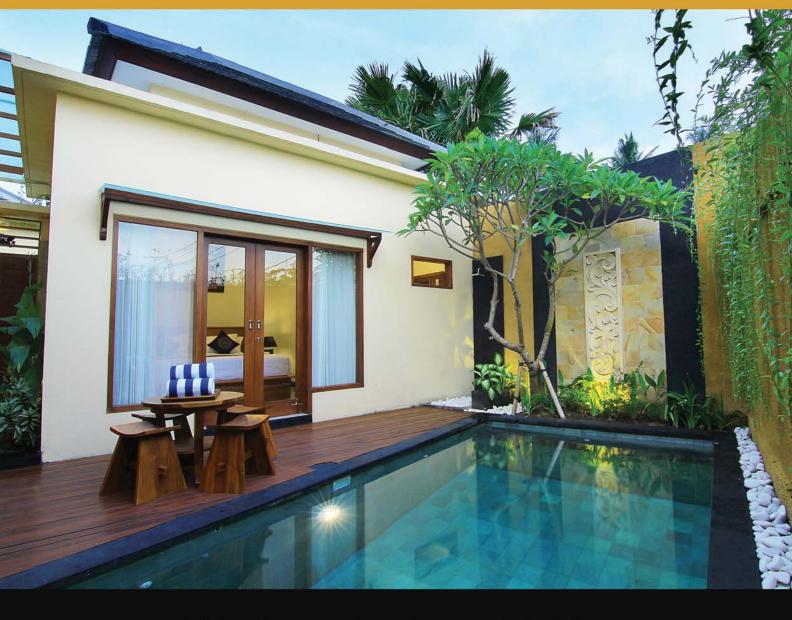






A Warm Welcome Awaits

The Dewi Canggu is one of the finest villas located in the enchanting area of Canggu. Nestled amidst picturesque rice fields, this villa offers an ambience of unparalleled comfort. Complemented by a private swimming pool, the villa includes a living room, kitchen and a verdant open area. The luxurious rooms ensure a delightful vacation experience, allowing you to feel truly connected with nature.







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Featured Hotel of the Month



PELANGI BEACH RESORT & SPA, LANGKAWI

Discover the essence of Malaysian hospitality at Pelangi Beach Resort & Spa, which is nestled on the tropical island of Langkawi and is designed to look and feel like a traditional Malay village, or "kampung."

Set in coconut groves just steps from the sand and sea at Cenang Beach, this five-star retreat features 355 rooms and suites, all scattered elegantly among floral gardens and ponds. The newly-refurbished Deluxe Rooms are bright and contemporary, while 51 individual low-rise chalets house a collection of unique rooms and suites with wooden floors & furnishings, modern amenities and private verandas that overlook the gardens, lake, pool or beach. Family rooms are also available.

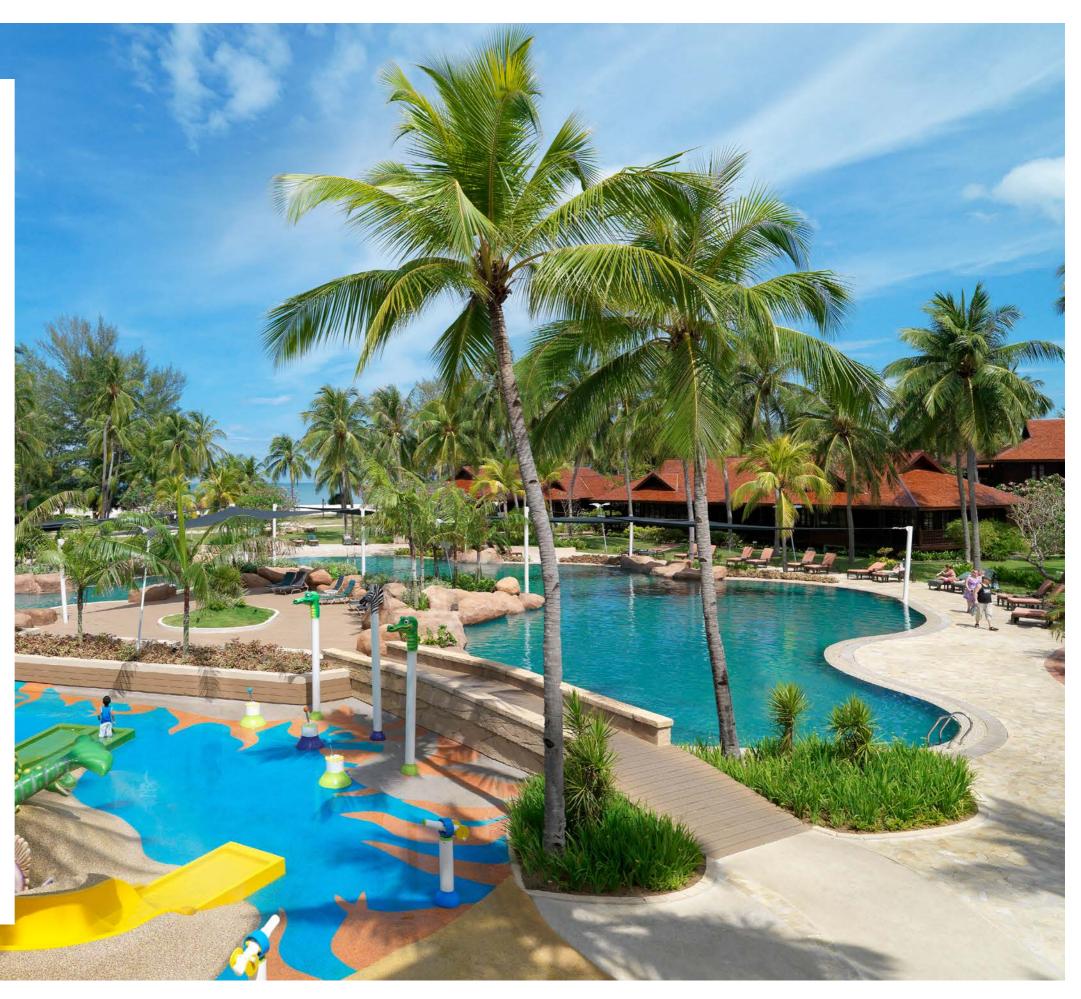


Throughout their stay, visitors can unwind on the beach or cool off in the freeform swimming pools, which include a Jacuzzi, pool bar and a dinosaurthemed water play area for kids. The Pelangi Spa is a haven of tranquility and the fitness centre is equipped with Technogym machines. The Spice Market restaurant is a great place to savor local cuisine, while Cba promises idyllic alfresco dining experiences by the sea, and Pelangi Lounge is a soothing setting to sip daytime refreshments and sunset drinks.

For travellers who want to explore the natural wonders of Langkawi while also enjoying a highly authentic Malaysian experience, Pelangi Beach Resort & Spa is an outstanding option.















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