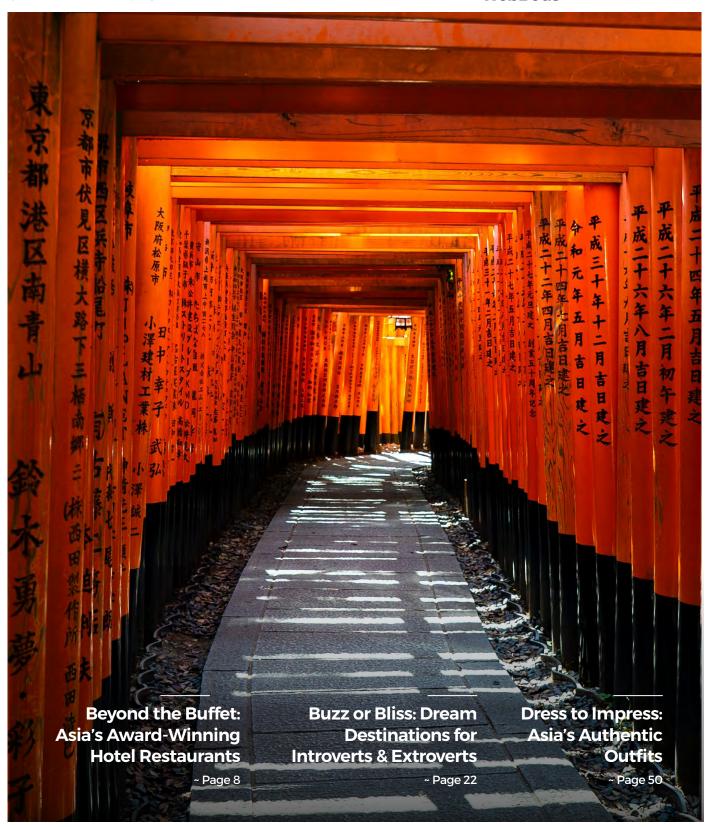
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FOREWORD

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

Do you consider yourself to be an introvert or an extrovert? The answer could play an important role in your travel activities. Introverts tend to seek out secluded spots, while extroverts love to be part of the crowd. Fortunately, Asia Pacific is home to a diverse selection of destinations to suit both types of travellers. Check out our article that reveals the best spots for introverts and extroverts to explore.

When you travel, do you love to integrate with the local culture? This could involve wearing traditional clothing, and whether you want to shop for an elegant new outfit, or simply pose for fun and highly Instagrammable holiday snaps, there are plenty of places across Asia where you can try on authentic ethnic costumes.

From fashion escapes to culinary breaks, this edition of Travel Aggregator will also reveal some of the leading hotel restaurants in Asia. With many of the region's dining venues having achieved prestigious awards, including Michelin stars, we take a look at four of the finest places to eat.

This month, our "Featured Hotel" is the legendary Hotel Borobudur in Jakarta, and "Newly-Opened" with all the latest news, photos and exclusive offers from WebBeds in Asia Pacific.

Enjoy the read!

President, Asia Pacific WebBeds

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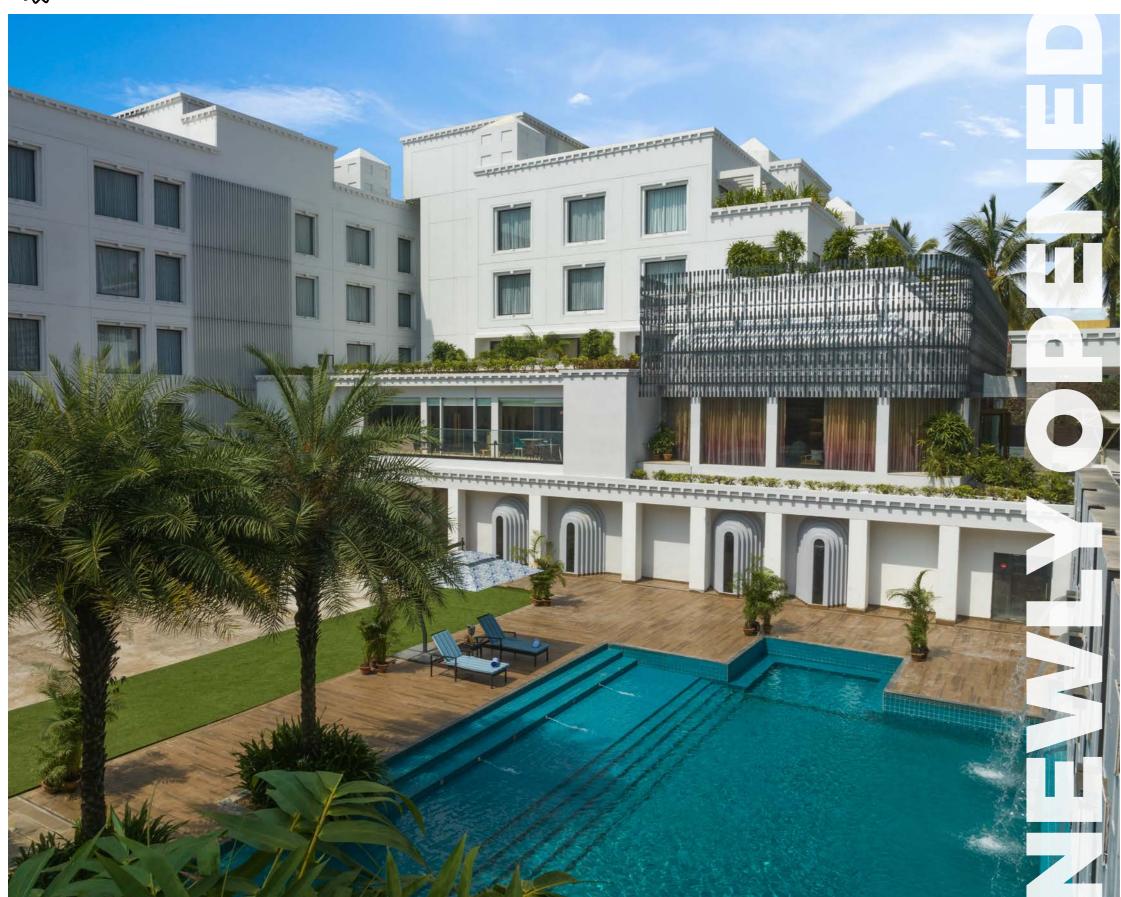
The Anchorage Beach Resort is an intimate hillside resort with its own secluded palm fringe waterfront, set amidst lush tropical gardens with breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean, nearby mountains and uninhabited islands in the distance. Our comfortable rooms are set in a tranquil environment – just meters from the waterfront or in the gardens providing a magical backdrop for the most amazing sunrises and majestic sunsets.



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The Crown, Bhubaneswar - IHCL SeleQtions



Visitors to Bhubaneswar, the capital of the Indian state of Odisha, can now stay in a stylish new property that blends the elegance of an upcountry resort with the energy of an urban hotel. The Crown, Bhubaneswar - IHCL SeleQtions is set within 1.75 acres of greenery in the heart of the city, just moments from the botanical gardens and adjacent to the Kalinga Stadium, which has hosted numerous international sporting events.

The charming white buildings house a collection of 74 rooms and seven suites, all of which are bright, spacious and come fully equipped with handcrafted furnishings, local artworks, modern amenities and rain showers. Throughout their stay, guests can cool off in the outdoor infinity pool and jacuzzi, work out at the fitness centre or enjoy fun activities at the games room.

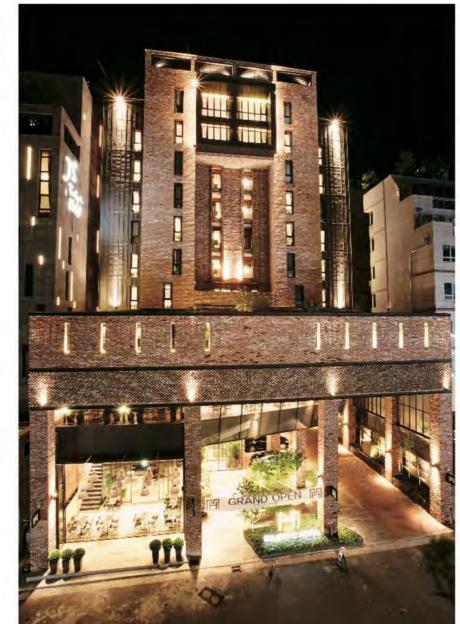
Travellers can also savour a wide range of dining experiences, including authentic Indian and international cuisine at Zodiac Café. A traditional Odisha-style thali menu is available, and the hotel's culinary team can even arrange a private dinner in the resort's lush grounds. A new seafood restaurant, Bait, will showcase the bounty of this coastal province with dishes including spiced crab, fresh prawns, lobster curries and more, and Highness is perfect for daytime and evening drinks.

Whether you are visiting Odisha for business or leisure, The Crown, Bhubaneswar - IHCL SeleQtions will help you unwind while keeping you fully connected.



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Elegant Getaway: Luxurious Dongtan Retreat

Experience elegance at MD Hotel (Staz Hotel Dongtan). Choose Deluxe Garden rooms with outdoor terraces and saunas, unwind amidst attractions like Dongtan Lake Park. Your ideal getaway for leisure or business.



Nestled just moments north of the quaint Senggigi tourist village, Puri Mas beachfront resort boasts 45 pool villas, suites and rooms showcasing the tradition, luxury and style of Indonesia. From the open-air dining restaurant to the exceptional Instagram-worthy infinity pool, there is bound to be something here for everyone.

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BEYOND THE BUFFET:

Asia's Award-Winning Hotel Restaurants

Hotel dining has come a long way. From breakfast buffets and club sandwiches, hotels are now home to some of the world's finest culinary destinations – innovative concepts where world-renowned chefs showcase their skills and push the boundaries of gastronomic innovation. These impressive venues are now being recognised with prestigious global awards. In this article, we step inside four of Asia's best hotel restaurants.

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The Okura Prestige Bangkok

One Michelin Star (Michelin Guide Bangkok 2023)

This landmark luxury hotel in the heart of Bangkok has successfully blended its elegant Japanese heritage with French influences to create a truly exceptional dining destination. Perched on the hotel's cantilevered alfresco deck, Elements partners with Amsterdam's Ciel Bleu to craft a choice of four-, six- and eight-course tasting menus. Live kitchens add a sense of culinary theatre and the views across the Bangkok skyline are almost as spectacular as the food. Don't miss the Kamichiku Satsuma wagyu beef, which simply melts in the mouth!







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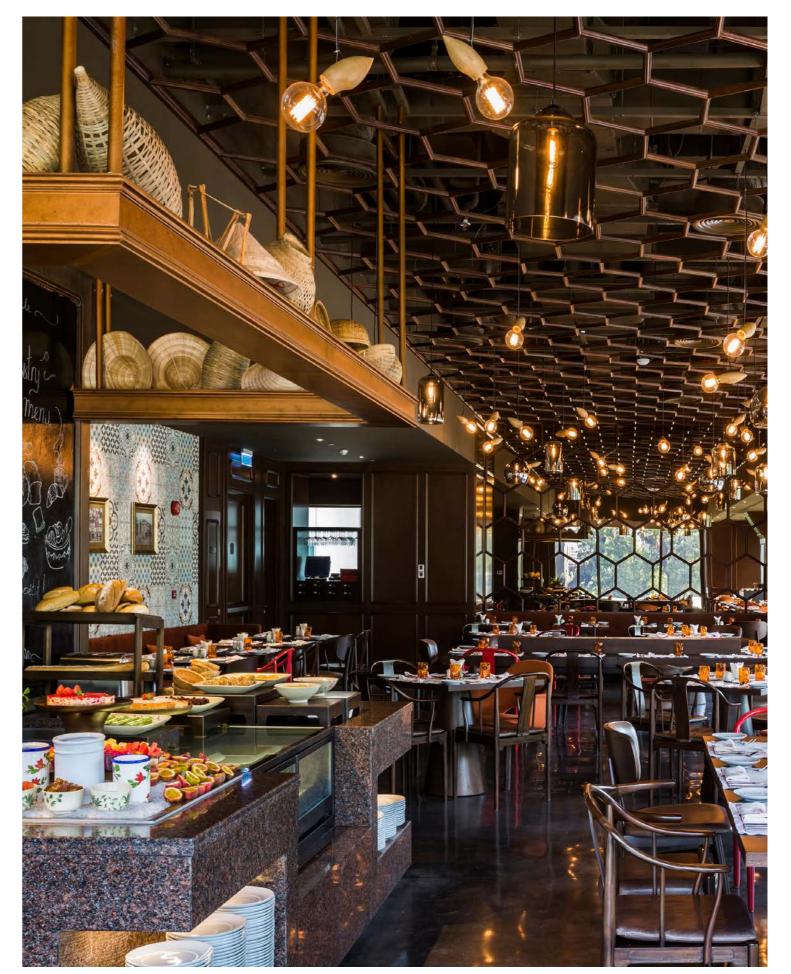
Hôtel des Arts Saigon – MGallery

Vietnam's Best Hotel Restaurant 2020 (and nominee for 2023), World Culinary Awards

Transport your taste buds to Vietnam's vibrant street food markets at Saigon Kitchen Restaurant, which elevates the authentic art of Asian cuisine to new heights. Within the chic surroundings of Hôtel des Arts, a five-star boutique hotel that evokes the essence of 1930s Indochina, this dynamic dining hub showcases sizzling open kitchens where chefs create authentic Vietnamese favourites such as pho, alongside global flavours. Every Friday and Saturday, the seafood buffet dinner features an amazing array of delicacies, such as lobster, crab and more.







SABAYON





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EQ Kuala Lumpur

Best of Award of Excellence, Wine Spectator Restaurant Awards 2020 & 2021

Elevate your epicurean experience in Kuala Lumpur at Sabayon, the breath-taking rooftop restaurant that frames unparalleled views of the city's iconic skyline, including the Petronas Twin Towers. In this stunning setting, 51 storeys high at EQ Kuala Lumpur, the stylish five-star hotel, talented chefs use premium imported ingredients and the finest Malaysian produce to present contemporary European cuisine. A series of three- to seven-course degustation menus are available at night, while a four-course Sunday Sky Brunch is an outstanding option for families.







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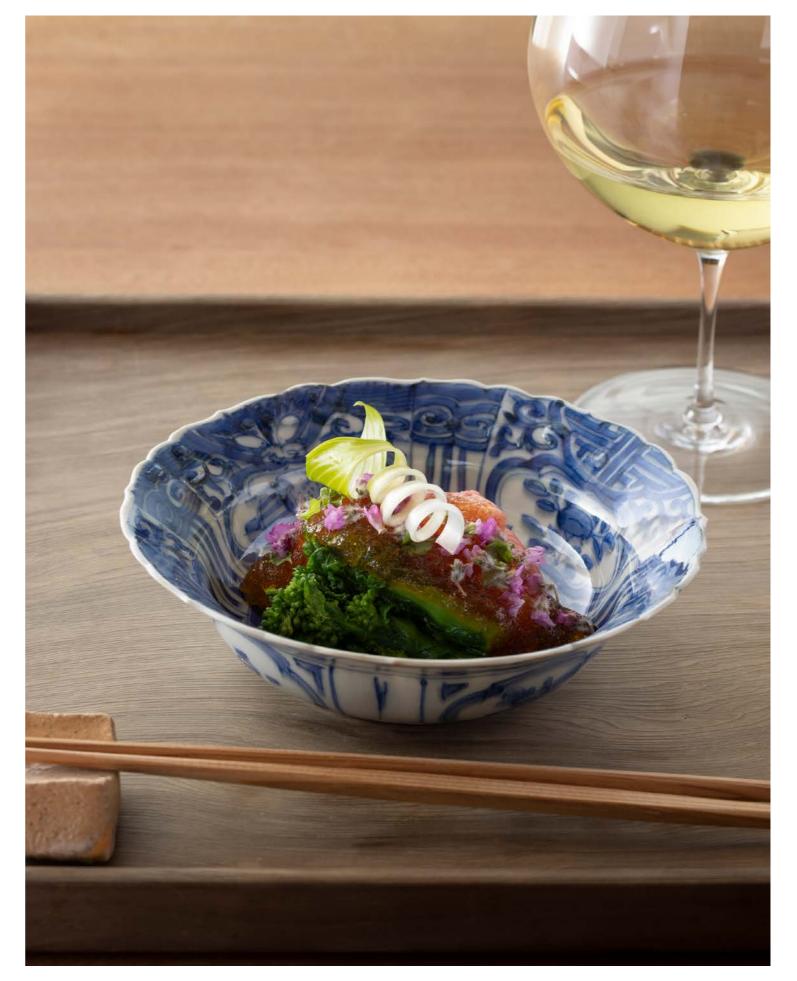
Imperial Hotel Tokyo

One Michelin Star (Michelin Guide Tokyo 2023)

One of Japan's finest places to stay and dine, The Imperial Hotel has perfected the art of Japanese hospitality for more than 130 years. Now, it invites guests to savour some of Tokyo's most exquisite cuisine at Torakuro, the Michelin-starred Japanese restaurant where Chef Masayuki Takami dazzles diners with a multisensory experience, as seasonal ingredients are cooked in front of guests' eyes – including on the glowing embers of a charcoal grill. Torakuro offers an immersive experience into Japan's culinary excellence and hospitality, promising an unforgettable stay at The Imperial Hotel.



















Discover the Essence of Japanese Culture

Step into a luxurious blend of modern comfort and traditional Japanese charm at Oriental Hotel Kyoto Rokujo, a serene escape nestled in the heart of the city. With its prime location and impeccable services, the hotel is an ideal choice for travellers seeking an enriching and indulgent experience in Kyoto.

Oriental Hotel Kyoto Rokujo

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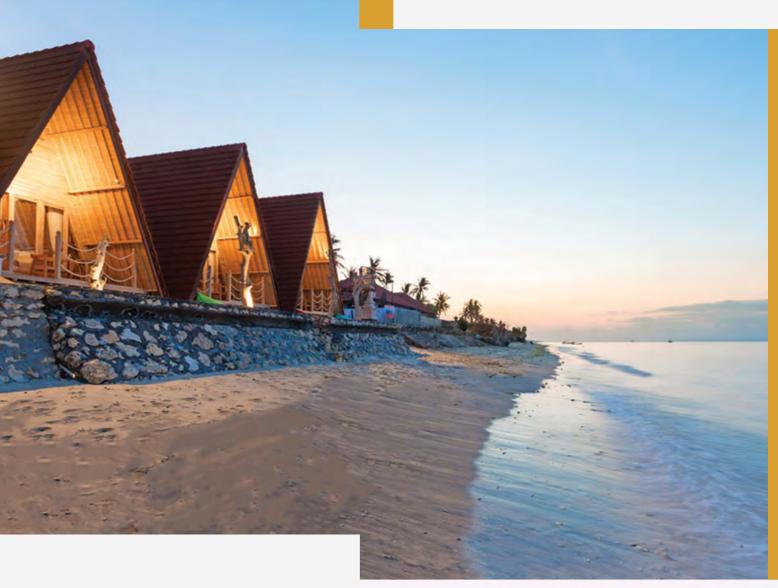


The Dewi Sunsun Suite

The Dewi Sunsun Suite is one of the best hotels in the Nusa Penida area, strategically located close to Banjar Nyuh port.

Having beautiful beach views, the hotel offers a comfortable environment for your stay. Its luxurious rooms ensure an enjoyable holiday experience, allowing you to feel truly connected to nature.







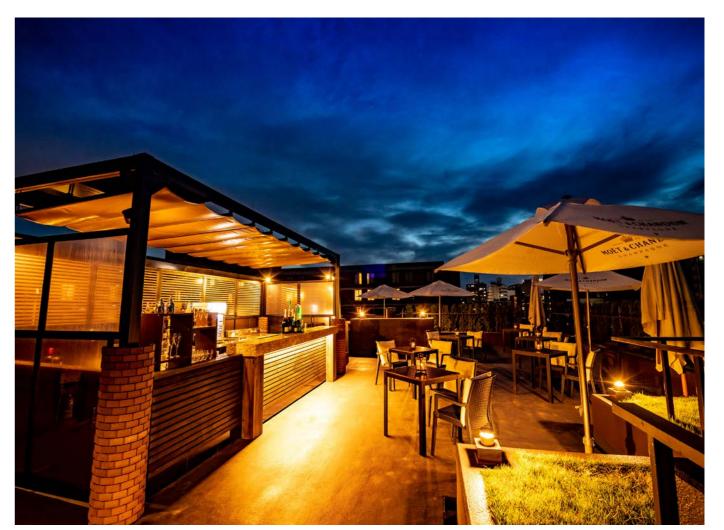


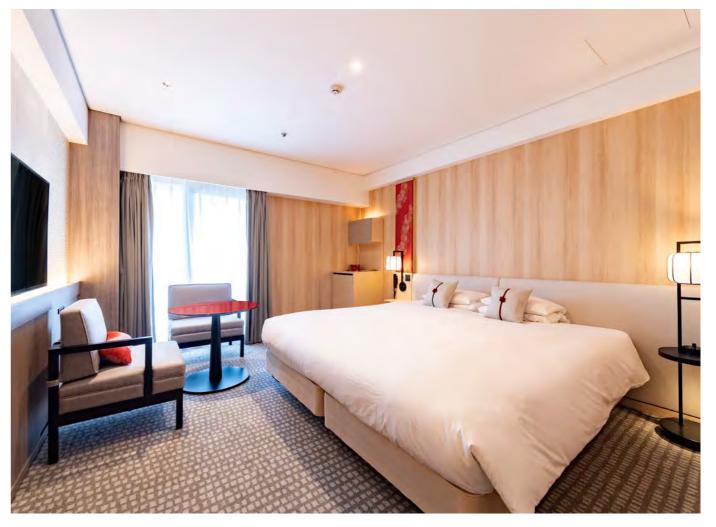




Kyoto Tokyu Hotel

Kyoto Tokyu Hotel is nestled in the heart of the city, surrounded by cultural wonders such as the Higashi Hongan-ji Temple and only five minutes from Kyoto Station. This modern upscale hotel features comfortable rooms and suites, a fitness center and a choice of dining options, including a restaurant that specialises in traditional Kyoto cuisine. The rooftop bar provides the perfect setting to relax and reflect on a day of discovery.











Kingsgate Hotel Te Anau

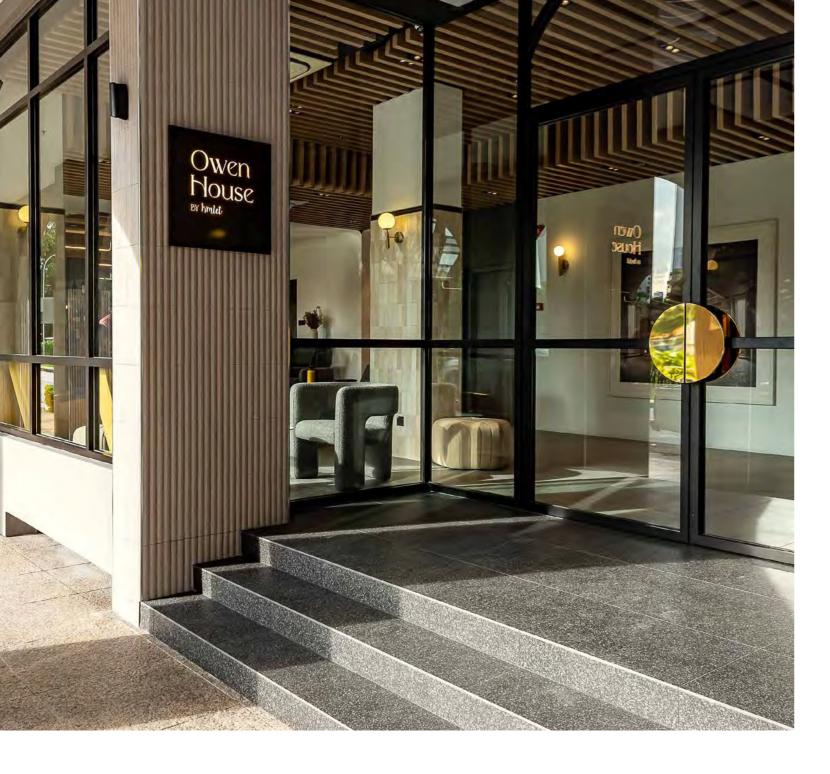
Kingsgate Hotel Te Anau is nestled on the banks of Lake Te Anau, with panoramic views of the region's scenic landscapes. Guests can stay in a choice of comfortable midscale rooms, all equipped with complimentary Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs and tea & coffee facilities, and savour fresh, home-style cuisine overlooking the lake at Jimmy Cook's Kiwi Restaurant. The region's natural attractions, including the enchanting glowworm caves, are easily accessible.





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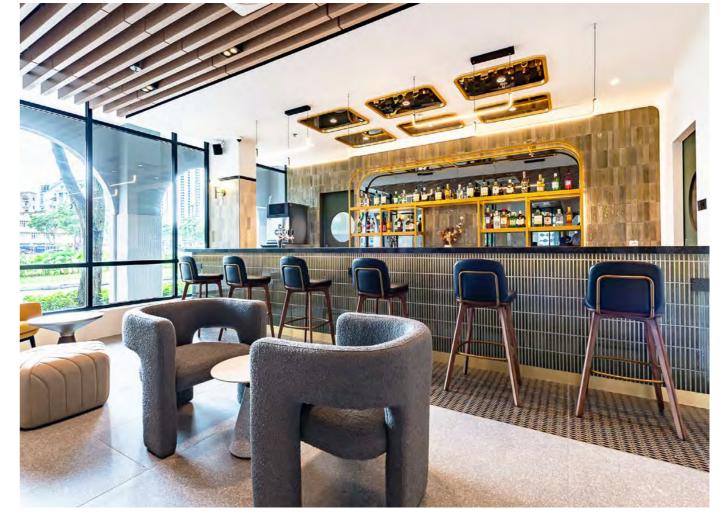




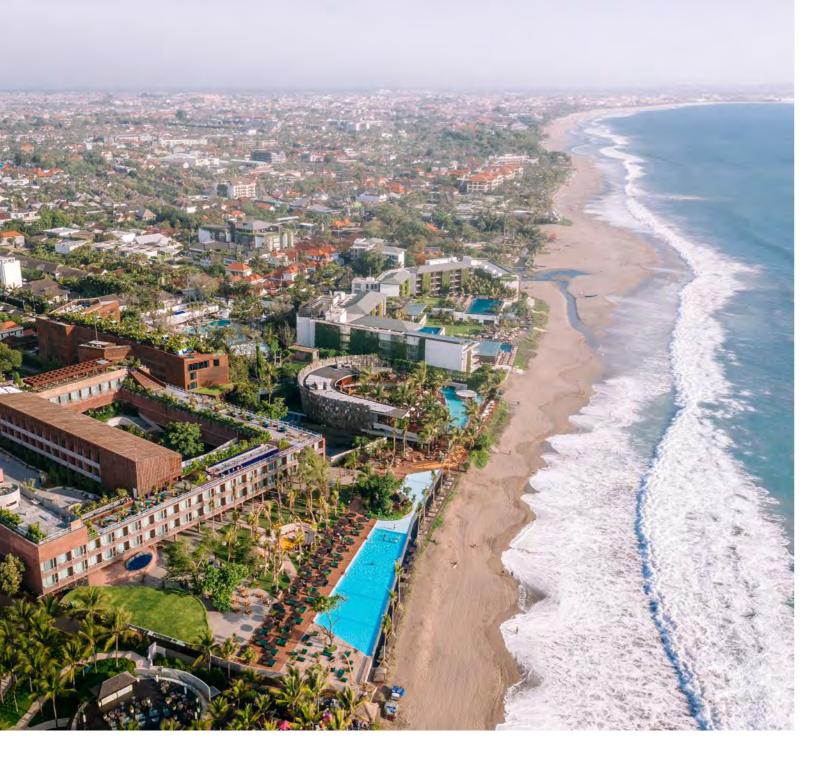
Owen House by Hmlet

Owen House by Hmlet is an elegant upscale hotel that showcases modern conveniences and Art-Deco design elements. The Deluxe Rooms and Studios are ideal for solo travellers, and the street-side bar, Sunlight & Moonshine, is a stylish setting to sit back and relax after an immersive day of exploration. Situated close to Little India, the hotel is surrounded by public transport links which put the entire city within easy reach.





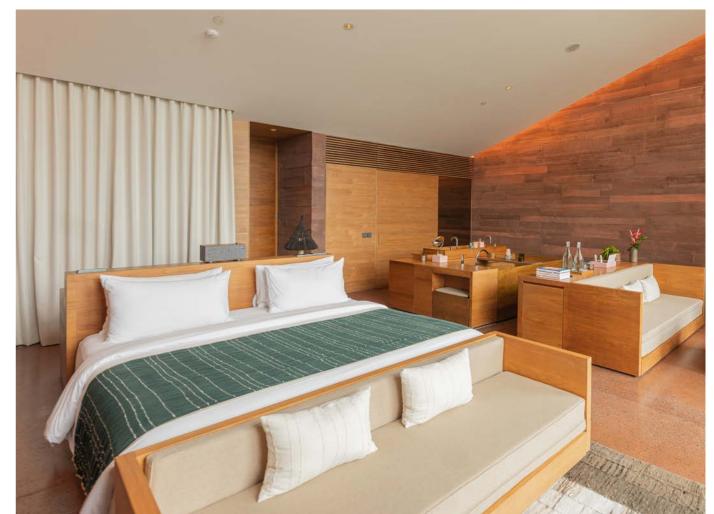






Potato Head Suites & Studio

Potato Head Suites & Studio is a design-led beachfront resort and social venue on Bali's trendy Seminyak Beach. During the day, extroverts can unwind and experience the tropical island vibe at the resort's beach club and infinity pools. Then after dark, this ultra-chic retreat comes to life with diverse dining, including fresh local seafood at Ijen and authentic Indonesian cuisine at Kaum, plus live entertainment and hedonistic parties.





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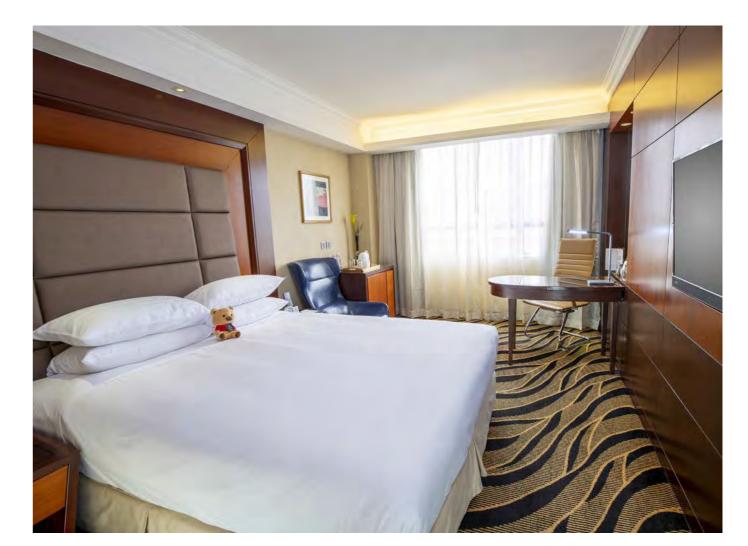


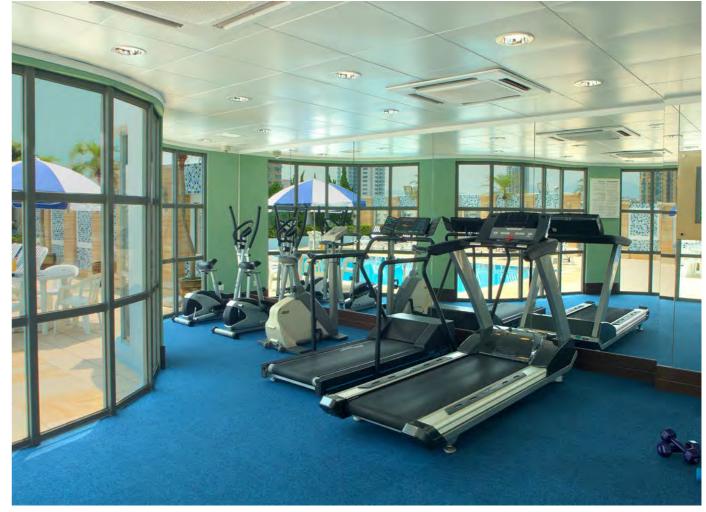




Metropark Kowloon Hotel

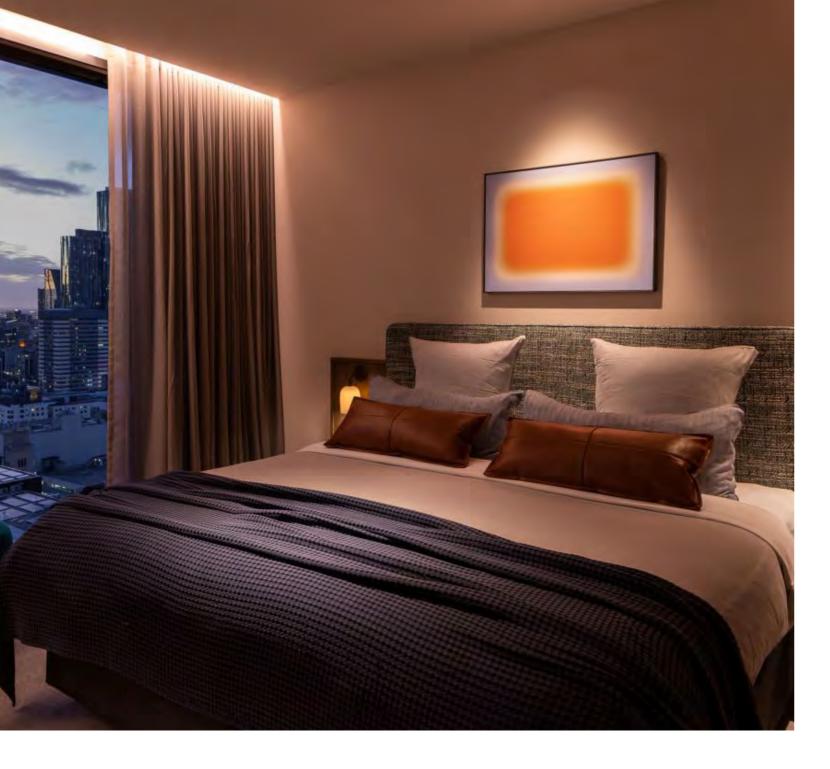
Metropark Kowloon Hotel puts guests in the beating heart of the city, surrounded by shopping malls, markets, bars and attractions. The rooms and suites are all fully-equipped and offer free Wi-Fi – perfect for those all-important social media updates. The stunning rooftop pool and deck is a great spot for daytime relaxation, while Sip Sip Bar is a chic lounge to chill out in the evening, with cool drinks and live music.





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Next Hotel Melbourne

Next Hotel Melbourne is perfectly positioned in the fashionable new 80 Collins precinct, an influencer's oasis of boutiques and bars where extroverts can feel the buzz of the city. The rooms and suites are all equipped with Nespresso machines, high-speed Wi-Fi and invigorating rain showers, and La Madonna Restaurant & Bar showcases artisan cuisine and handcrafted cocktails. Intimate social experiences can be enjoyed at The Barrel Room.









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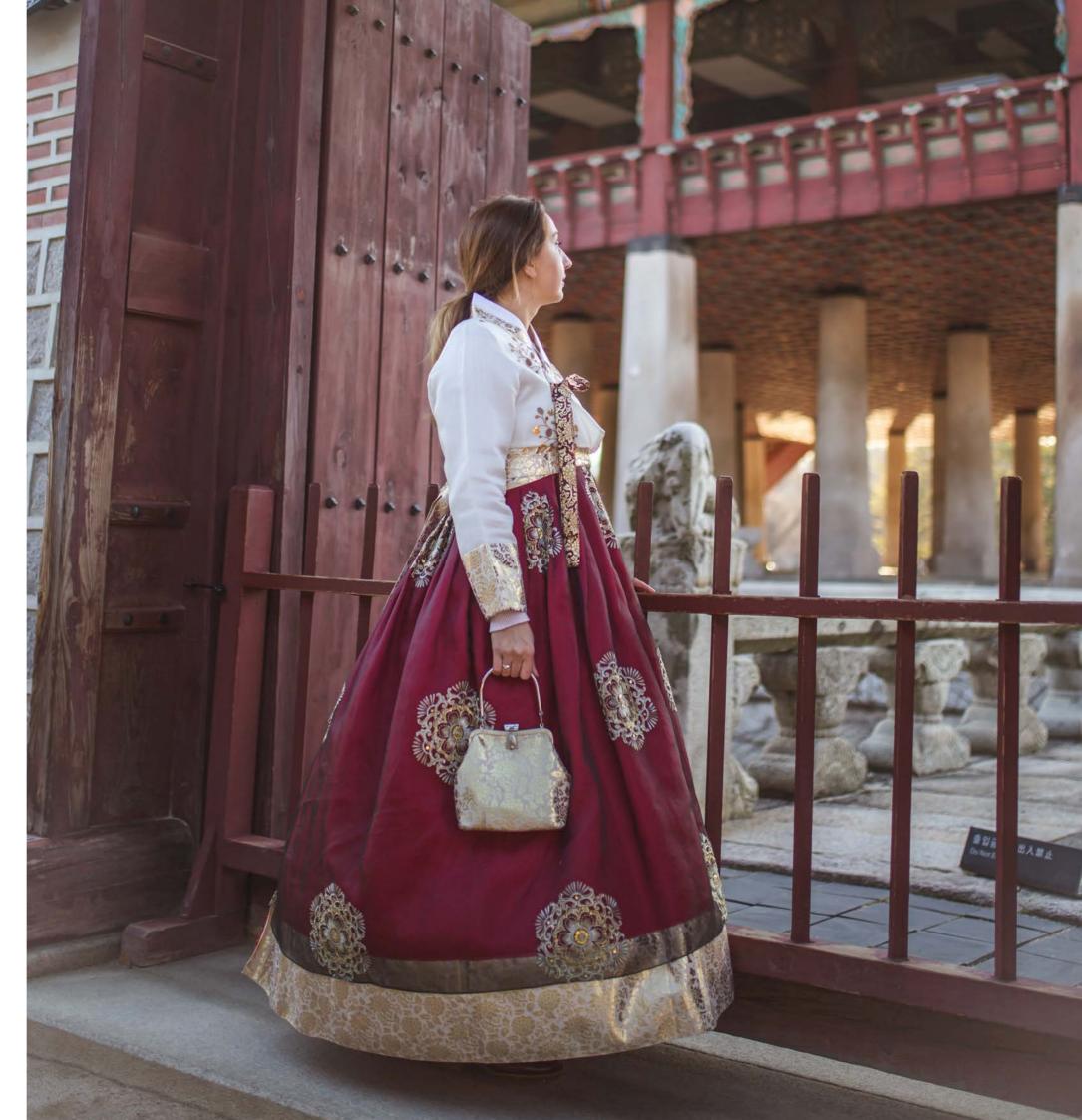
What we wear says a lot about us. It can tell people about our culture, our class, what our hobbies are and even what sports team we support. For thousands of years, Asian countries have developed unique garments, many of which started off as practical clothing and have become symbols of their heritage and identity. Whether they are ceremonial robes or day-to-day wear, these ethnic outfits evoke a sense of pride and identity. In this edition of Travel Aggregator, we explore some of Asia's most iconic traditional costumes.

HANBOK

SOUTH KOREA

Dating back more than 2,000 years, the hanbok is a classic Korean garment that never goes out of style! Usually worn for special occasions such as birthdays and weddings, the unisex hanbok features an embroidered jeogori (robe) complemented by a chima (skirt) for women and baji (pants) for men. K-Pop stars have even been seen wearing a hanbok! For visitors seeking a classical Korean experience, these exquisite outfits can be rented for a photoshoot at attractions such as the Gyeongbokgung Palace or Deoksugung Palace.







HOTEL KOREANA, SEOUL



Hotel Koreana has been welcoming guests to Seoul for more than 50 years and remains an exceptional place to stay and soak up Korean culture. Situated in the heart of the city, just moments from the Cheonggyecheon Stream, Gwanghwamun Square and Deoksugung Palace, this upscale hotel features 285 rooms and suites, four dining and social venues, live performances in the lounge, plus a large fitness centre and soothing sauna.



QIPAO & TANG SUIT

(CHINA

Two of Chinese culture's most recognisable outfits are the qipao for ladies and tang suit for men. Also known as the cheongsam, the qipao is an elegant costume that evolved from the dresses worn by Manchu women in the Qing Dynasty. The tang suit meanwhile, is an intricately woven collarless shirt that has pankou knots, rather than buttons. With a wide range of modern styles now available, these timeless classics can even be integrated into your daily wardrobe.







SUNWORLD DYNASTY HOTEL, BEIJING



Centrally located in the heart of Beijing's retail district, not far from the Forbidden City, this 395-key hotel is the ideal base for a cultural exploration of Beijing. Guests can walk through the traditional Chinese entranceway, before relaxing in the swimming pool, gym, chess room, basketball court, beauty centre or a choice of exceptional restaurants. Then, head out into the shopping streets of Wangfujing to find your perfect qipao or tang suit.



KIMONO



The silk kimono is a symbol of Japanese grace and elegance.

Once worn daily by men and women, it is now usually reserved for special occasions, such as weddings. A traditional kimono is handmade using 12 different sections of fabric, and secured with a koshi himo belt. A more lightweight version known as a yukata is often worn during the summer months. Visitors to Osaka who want to be immersed in Japanese culture can take part in a tea ceremony at a geisha house.







HOTEL NIKKO OSAKA



Hotel Nikko Osaka is perfectly positioned in the city's vibrant Shinsaibashi area, surrounded by a seemingly endless array of shops, restaurants and cultural attractions - including places to rent a kimono. This 603-key upscale hotel offers spacious accommodation, including stunning views of the city from the upper-floor guest rooms and suites. On the third floor, guests can enjoy an incredible culinary and visual feast of Japan's finest black beef at Teppanyaki Icho.



SARI & KURTA



One of the most iconic images of India and the Sub-Continent is that of women wrapped in a sari, the colourful dress that dates back thousands of years and remains as popular today as ever. Made from a single strip of cloth, often embroidered with beautiful patterns, the sari is usually fastened around the waist and draped over one shoulder. The kurta, a long loose shirt which falls below the knee, was traditionally worn by men but has now become unisex.







DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL AGRA



The home of the spectacular Taj Mahal, Agra is a great place to soak up Indian culture and shop for a sari or kurta. DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Agra is surrounded by retail attractions, such as Sadar Bazaar, Shahganj Market and Subhash Bazaar, where guests can pick up authentic souvenirs. The hotel itself features modern and well-equipped rooms, an infinity pool, a 24-hour fitness centre, spa and four restaurants and bars.



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Featured Hotel of the Month



HOTEL BOROBUDUR, JAKARTA

Nestled in 23 acres of landscaped gardens, just moments from the National Monument in Jakarta's epicentre, Hotel Borobudur is a true Indonesian icon. One of Asia's most legendary hotels, this haven of five-star hospitality has been welcoming visitors and dignitaries to the city for almost 50 years.

A collection of 695 rooms, suites and serviced apartments range from the stylish 32-square metre Superior Rooms to the opulent 225-square metre Presidential Suite, and all come fully equipped with authentic local design elements and modern amenities. The apartments offer up to three bedrooms for extended breaks and family escapes, and the Discovery Club Lounge provides an exclusive space for those staying in the premium rooms and suites.



FEATURED HOTEL OF THE MONTH

Dining is a cosmopolitan affair at Hotel Borobudur, with seven restaurants and lounges including Chinese, Japanese and international culinary options, plus a sophisticated wine and cigar bar with an alfresco terrace. Throughout their stay, travellers can unwind in the Olympic-size swimming pool and kids' pool, enjoy soothing therapies at the spa, or feel energized on the mini soccer pitch, basketball and badminton courts, and eight indoor and outdoor tennis courts. For moments of serenity, guests can stroll through the tropical gardens and even visit the Butterfly Dome.

In an age when many new five-star hotels are opening in Jakarta, Hotel Borobudur retains its place at the pinnacle of Indonesian hospitality.







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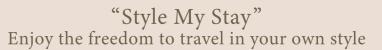




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Agora Place Tokyo Asakusa

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