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FOREWORD

Welcome to February's edition of Travel Aggregator, WebBeds' monthly newsletter dedicated to our esteemed travel trade colleagues and partners in Asia Pacific.

Art and culture take centre stage this month, as WebBeds takes an in-depth look at Asia Pacific's rich and diverse heritage. From ancient artefacts at museums in Japan to contemporary art in India's galleries, we reveal the best places to feel immersed in the region's creative spirit.

February is also a wonderful time of year to travel to the Middle East. With temperatures blissfully cool, curious explorers have plenty of opportunities to head out and discover the picturesque landscapes of this extraordinary region. Whether it's a trip to the mountains, coast, desert or a historical site, every traveller can find their ultimate scenic spot.

For discerning guests seeking a hotel stay that blends the timeless traditions of European luxury hospitality with contemporary innovation, Kempinski is the perfect choice. In this edition, we profile this historic, 125-year-old hotel group and reveal how it provides some of the world's finest places to stay.

Don't miss "Newly-Opened" for a first glimpse into the impressive Conrad Singapore Orchard, and check out our "Featured Hotel of the Month": Ocloud Hotel Gangnam in Seoul. And of course, you can catch up with all the latest news, insights and offers from WebBeds in Asia Pacific.

Enjoy the read!

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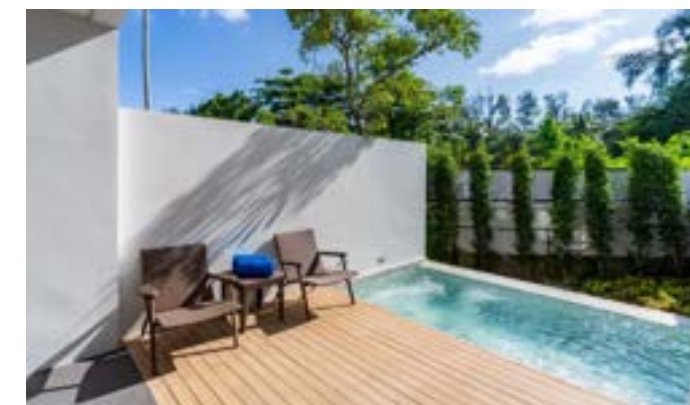


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Porcelain Drawing

Bella Nara
PHUKET NAIYANG BEACH



DISCOVER COASTAL BLISS

Nestled along the picturesque shores of Naiyang Beach, Bella Nara Phuket Naiyang Beach Hotel is a charming beachfront retreat that seamlessly blends modern comforts with traditional Thai hospitality.

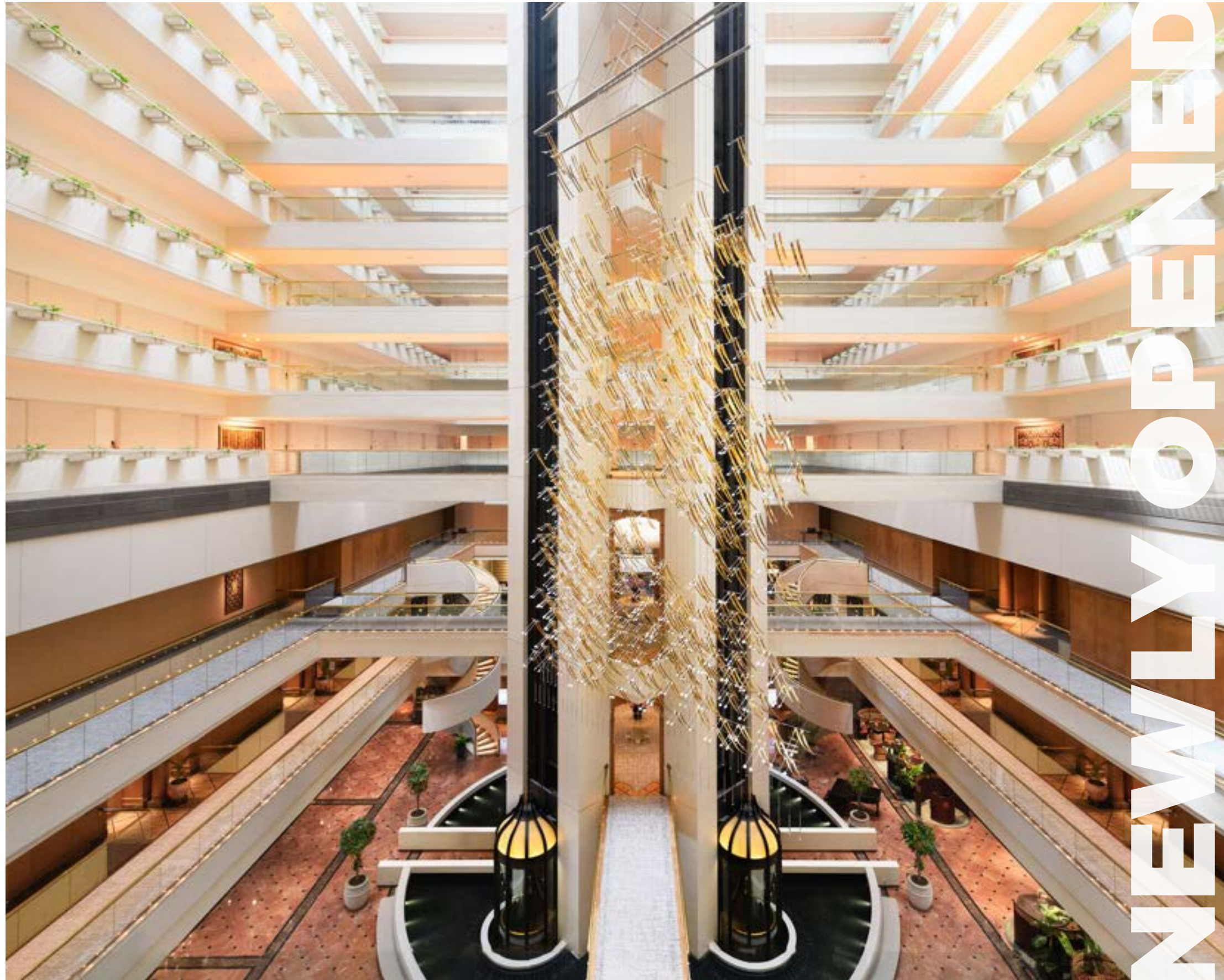
Featuring 183 tastefully designed rooms and suites, guests are invited to immerse themselves in a relaxing stay surrounded by scenic views and modern amenities. Whether you are seeking relaxation by the pool, savouring local and international flavours at the on-site restaurant, or exploring the nearby attractions, the hotel promises an unforgettable getaway.

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Conrad Singapore Orchard



NEWLY REOPENED

Hilton has unveiled its second luxury Conrad-branded hotel in Singapore with a spectacular reimagining of the former Regent hotel in the heart of the city's main retail district.

Newly-opened on 28th December 2023, Conrad Singapore Orchard complements the popular Conrad Centennial Singapore. Having entered into the soaring atrium lobby, which exudes a sense of grace and grandeur, guests can discover world-class facilities for business and leisure.

The 445 nature-inspired rooms and suites range from the spacious 35-square metre Deluxe Rooms to the stunning 210-square metre Conrad Suite, while diverse dining and social venues include Summer Palace, the Michelin-starred Cantonese restaurant, and Shoukouwa Shinjidai, the exciting spin-off of a two Michelin-starred sushi restaurant. A series of artisan-led gastronomic experiences are also available, including cheese workshops and barrel-aged cocktail classes.

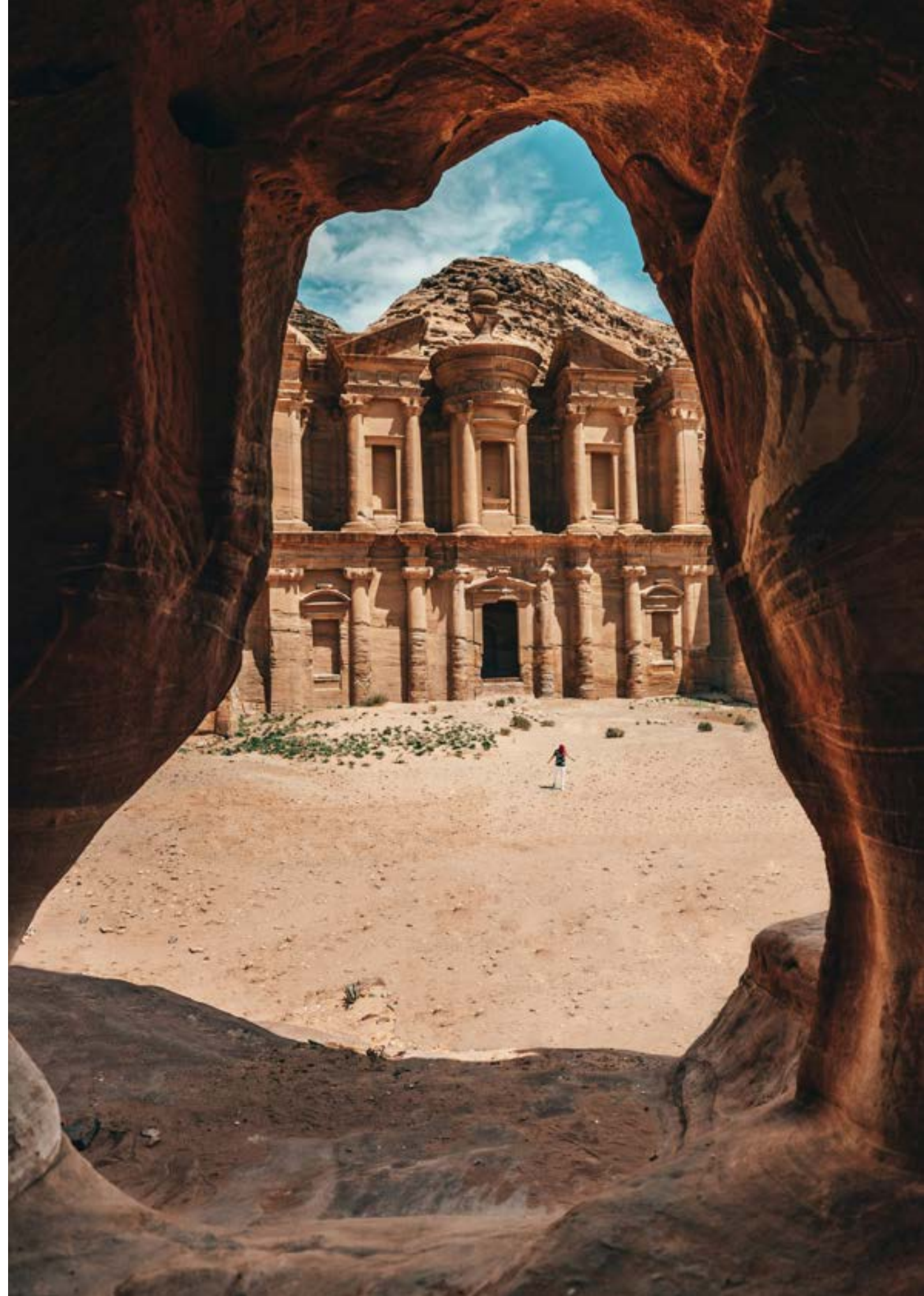
Guests can boost their bodies and minds with personal training sessions and holistic wellness classes hosted by the Trapeze Group, enjoy immersive local area explorations, or go shopping at Orchard Road, one of the world's most vibrant retail districts. This impressive five-star hotel will also set the stage for one-of-a-kind weddings and talk-of-the-town events.

Having re-emerged under the renowned Conrad brand, this legendary hotel is set to become one of the most desirable places to stay, meet, dine and unwind in Singapore.



Be Mesmerised by the **Middle East**

The Middle East is one of the most attractive and evocative regions on Earth. The birthplace of the world's earliest cities and advanced civilisations, it is home to many spectacular natural and manmade wonders. All of which makes this a dazzlingly diverse destination for curious explorers. Whether you choose to discover the region's deserts, mountains, coastlines or ancient cities, the scenery of the Middle East never fails to stimulate the senses and inspire the imagination.



Desert

RUB' AL KHALI, SAUDI ARABIA

Known as the "Empty Quarter," Rub' al Khali is the largest continuous sand desert in the world. This is no barren, featureless landscape however; visitors will be enchanted by the area's towering sand dunes, some of which can rise more than 250 metres. The most magical time to soak up the area's beauty is at dusk, as the setting sun casts atmospheric shadows across the shifting sand.



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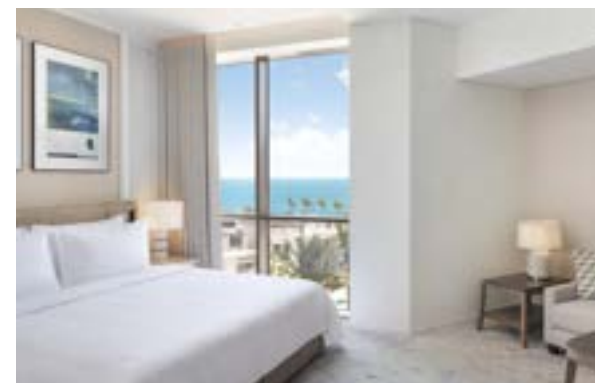
Gloria Inn Najran

Located in the southwest of Saudi Arabia, Najran feels like a verdant oasis in the desert landscape. One of the finest places to stay in this historic city is Gloria Inn, which showcases a wide range of five-star facilities including an outdoor swimming pool, a health club and a choice of dining destinations. The shisha lounge offers an authentic Arabian experience.

Mountains

FUJAIRAH, UAE

Nestled on the UAE's less-explored east coast, Fujairah is the gateway to immersive adventures in the Hajar Mountains. Intrepid travellers can hike along the Wadi Abadilah trail, which runs through a verdant valley to a natural pool – perfect for picnics and daytime relaxation. This rugged, picturesque landscape also creates fantastic opportunities for photographers to capture the area's scenic wonders.



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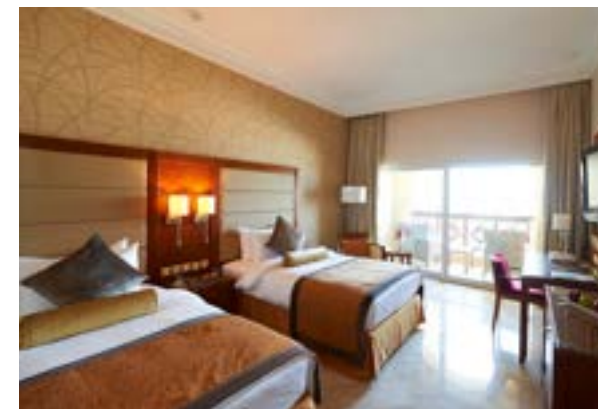
Address Beach Resort Fujairah

After an invigorating hike through the mountains and valleys of Fujairah, what could be better than relaxing at a stylish five-star beachfront resort? Address Beach Resort Fujairah features extensive leisure and family activities, including four dining options, an award-winning spa, a fitness centre, kids' playground, and a series of shimmering pools that cascade down to the sea.

Coast

DEAD SEA, JORDAN

One of the planet's most iconic seascapes, the Dead Sea is famed for its mineral-rich waters and high salinity which make it easy for visitors to float on the surface, soothe their skin, or even read a book! This creates a coastal escape unlike any other, as stunning rock formations, sparkling salt crystals and ethereal aquamarine hues envelop every guest in an otherworldly ambience.



WHERE TO STAY

Crowne Plaza Jordan Dead Sea Resort & Spa

Situated on the Dead Sea's longest private beach, this world-class five-star resort is the perfect place to experience this natural paradise. When guests are not floating in the salty water, they can swim in the huge 5,500-square metre pool or feel pampered at D'Sante Spa. The resort's signature restaurant, Burj Al Hamam, offers exquisite Lebanese cuisine overlooking the sea.

Historical Sites

EPHEBUS, TÜRKIYE

The Middle East is blessed with many historical sites and ancient ruins that reflect its rich past. On Türkiye's Aegean coast, the well-preserved city of Ephesus offers a magnificent example of the civilisations that thrived thousands of years ago. Among the most iconic elements of this UNESCO World Heritage site are the Library of Celsus and the Ephesus Theatre, which could once hold 25,000 spectators.



WHERE TO STAY

Richmond Ephesus Resort

Located only 15 minutes' drive from this enchanting ancient city, this five-star resort is nestled on a palm-fringed sandy beach and features an amazing array of amenities, including six F&B outlets, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, an aqua park, tennis courts, a spa, kids' club and much more. The turquoise sea also sets the stage for a wide range of water sports.



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EMBARK ON AN ARTISTIC EXPLORATION OF ASIA PACIFIC

Asia Pacific never fails to reward curious travellers with its dazzling diversity and cultural complexity.

From the earliest carvings to the most avant-garde artworks, this breath-taking region has always been a global pioneer of art, design and theatre, and there has never been a better time to explore the museums, galleries and festivals that capture the creative spirit of the region.

In this edition of Travel Aggregator, we take a look at the best places to embark on a cultural and artistic adventure in Asia Pacific...

Be Dazzled by **New Zealand's** Biggest Cultural Festival

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Running from 7-24 March, the Auckland Arts Festival is a captivating cultural extravaganza that celebrates New Zealand's thriving arts scene. An exhilarating array of live performances, including theatre, dance, music, visual arts and more, will showcase the sheer depth and diversity of talent in the country, while creating a dramatic visual spectacle.



WHERE TO STAY

Abstract Hotel & Residences

Abstract Hotel & Residences is the perfect place for free-spirited explorers to enjoy an urban adventure in Auckland. Centrally located on Upper Queen Street, this stylish property puts visitors in the beating heart of the city. Culture seekers can stay in a selection of chic rooms or apartments, organise their itinerary with the 24-7 concierge service, savour fresh local cuisine at the restaurant, work out at the well-equipped fitness centre, or unwind with fellow festival-goers at the Winter Garden, with its inviting open fireplace.



Experience **Bali's** thriving art scene

BALI, INDONESIA

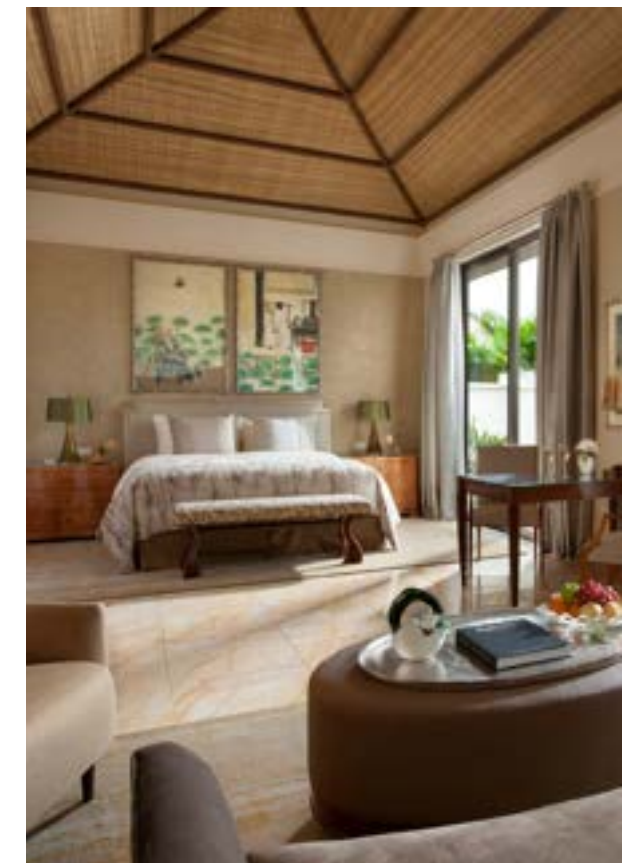
Bali is not simply a tourist island – it is a cultural oasis where creativity thrives. Away from the beaches, the true beauty of the “Island of the Gods” lies in its vibrant art scene. Uncover original artworks in a series of galleries, and pick up authentic handicrafts at markets from Kuta to Ubud.



WHERE TO STAY

Mulia Resort Nusa Dua

Mulia Resort Nusa Dua is an award-winning five-star resort nestled in Bali's most exclusive district, overlooking the Indian Ocean. Discerning guests can stay in spacious rooms and suites with a minimum size of 59sqm, plunge into four shimmering swimming pools, keep active at the tennis centre, chill out at the Mulia Spa, and dine at a choice of nine restaurants and bars. With such extensive facilities and exquisite Balinese service, this is an impressive option for every escape in Bali.



Journey through the history of art in **China's** capital

BEIJING, CHINA

China is a captivating destination for art lovers, with a rich heritage that spans millennia – from the earliest pottery and porcelain to the 21st Century's most contemporary art. Embark on a journey through history at Beijing's National Art Museum of China, which houses over 100,000 works of art in 20 exhibition halls.



WHERE TO STAY

Eclat Beijing

Eclat Beijing is not only a place to stay – it is a spectacular living gallery that will inspire art lovers. A member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World (SLH), this urban boutique hotel starts on the 16th floor and features 100 rooms, including 20 suites, each with a private indoor sky terrace and lagoon. Guests can discover original works by iconic artists like Salvador Dali and Andy Warhol, shop at a luxury mall, work out at a health club, and dine in style at George's Restaurant and Bar.



Discover the contemporary face of Indian art in **Chennai**

CHENNAI, INDIA

India is renowned for its historic art, but fewer people realise that the country is rapidly becoming a global centre of modern art. Cholamandal Artist Village near Chennai is a vibrant 10-acre community of studios, galleries, theatres and workshops where a collective of Indian artists is producing some of the country's most exciting work.



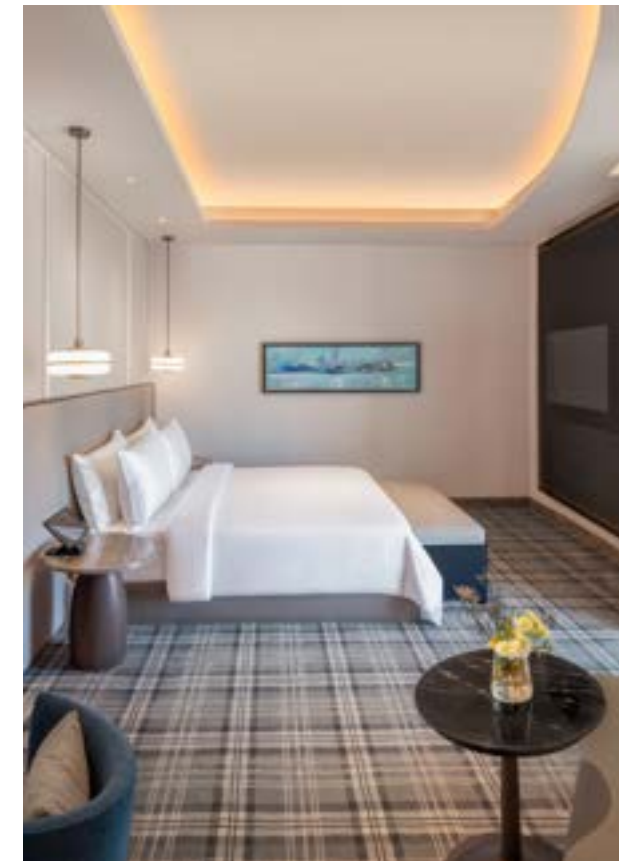
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WHERE TO STAY

The Residency Towers, Chennai

The Residency Towers, Chennai is a five-star hotel that lets travellers rise above the urban hustle and bustle and see the city from a fresh perspective. Located 17km from Cholamandal Artist Village, this architectural landmark blends contemporary facilities with traditional design elements. The onsite spa offers soothing therapies, and the breath-taking rooftop infinity pool and dining deck lets guests unwind and admire spectacular city views. The colonial-style pub, Bike & Barrel, offers a casual and atmospheric setting to socialise.



Explore the drama of **Japan's** warrior culture

KYOTO, JAPAN

The cultural capital of Japan, Kyoto is the perfect place to learn about the country's warrior history. The Kyoto Samurai & Ninja Museum is a family-friendly attraction that transports visitors back in time to the evocative Edo period, with a collection of highly decorative armour and weaponry including iconic samurai swords.



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WHERE TO STAY

Solaria Nishitetsu Hotel Kyoto Premier

Solaria Nishitetsu Hotel Kyoto Premier blends contemporary style and Japanese tradition in the heart of the city. Located in the Nakagyo district of downtown Kyoto, this elegant upscale hotel features a choice of double, twin and triple rooms, spacious suites and a large public bath area. Guests can start every day with breakfast in the bright restaurant, before heading out for a day of exploration in the heritage-rich city, including Kyoto Samurai & Ninja Museum and the Cultural Museum of Kyoto.



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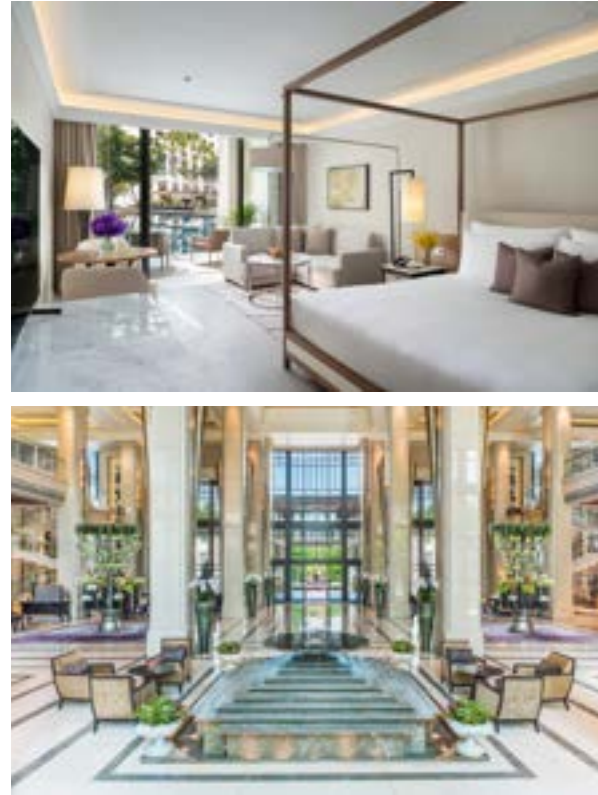
Kempinski has been enabling its guests to travel and dine in style for 125 years. Founded in Germany in 1897, Europe's oldest luxury hotel group has long reflected the finest traditions of five-star hospitality. From the inauguration of the first Kempinski wine restaurant and the opening of West Berlin's first new luxury hotel, to its current global portfolio of 77 exceptional hotels, resorts and residences in 35 countries, this historic company has pioneered many new beginnings. Today, this Swiss-headquartered brand remains synonymous with distinctive luxury while embracing a spirit of innovation that pushes the boundaries of hospitality.

Let's take a look at a selection of Kempinski's finest hotels around the world...

 BANGKOK, THAILAND

Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok

Nestled in the beating heart of Bangkok, just steps from the famous Siam Paragon lifestyle mall, this five-star urban oasis is the ultimate place to stay, dine and unwind in the Thai capital. The 397 luxurious rooms and suites overlook a landscape of turquoise pools and tropical gardens, and the Kempinski Health Club and spa is a sanctuary of wellness. For delectable dining, seven culinary and social venues include Sra Bua by Kiin Kiin, the Michelin-starred Thai restaurant.



 CAIRO, EGYPT

Kempinski Nile Hotel Cairo

Experience luxury and tranquility right next to the iconic River Nile. With a prime downtown location in Egypt's capital city, this five-star hotel lets travellers soak up the country's rich heritage. With only 137 spacious rooms and 54 stunning suites, sophisticated dining venues, a chic jazz bar, rooftop lounge and an 11th floor wellness oasis with six treatment rooms, steam rooms and saunas, this exclusive retreat sets the scene for tranquil urban escapes.



 **CANCÚN, MEXICO**

Kempinski Hotel Cancún

Sun-seekers can enjoy timeless elegance on the pure shores of the Caribbean at this luxurious five-star resort. Each of the 363 generously-sized rooms and suites has a balcony with sea views, and the glistening lagoon pools and sun decks are just steps from the powder-soft sands and azure sea. The spa embraces indigenous Mayan wisdom and local organic ingredients, and a choice of five restaurants promises unforgettable epicurean experiences, including beachfront dining.



 **DUBAI, UAE**

Kempinski Hotel Mall of the Emirates Dubai

Discerning visitors to Dubai can blend five-star hospitality and world-class retail therapy at this spectacular hotel, which is directly connected to over 700 shops at the Mall of the Emirates. The 375 rooms and suites include a unique collection of Aspen Chalets with views of Ski Dubai, the spa will soothe body, mind and soul, and five dazzling dining options include authentic Middle Eastern flavours, tempting Spanish tapas, and a grand European café, Aspen by Kempinski.



 **JAKARTA, INDONESIA**

Hotel Indonesia Kempinski Jakarta

An urban landmark in the heart of Jakarta, directly opposite the Selamat Datang Monument, this famous hotel dates from 1962 and showcases the unparalleled standards of contemporary luxury for which the Kempinski brand is famous. Guests can stay in 289 rooms and suites, relax in a freeform pool and soothing spa, or dine at a selection of six culinary venues, including OKU, one of the city's most acclaimed Japanese restaurants, and the authentic Bavarian Paulaner Bräuhaus.



 **MUNICH, GERMANY**

Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten Kempinski Munich

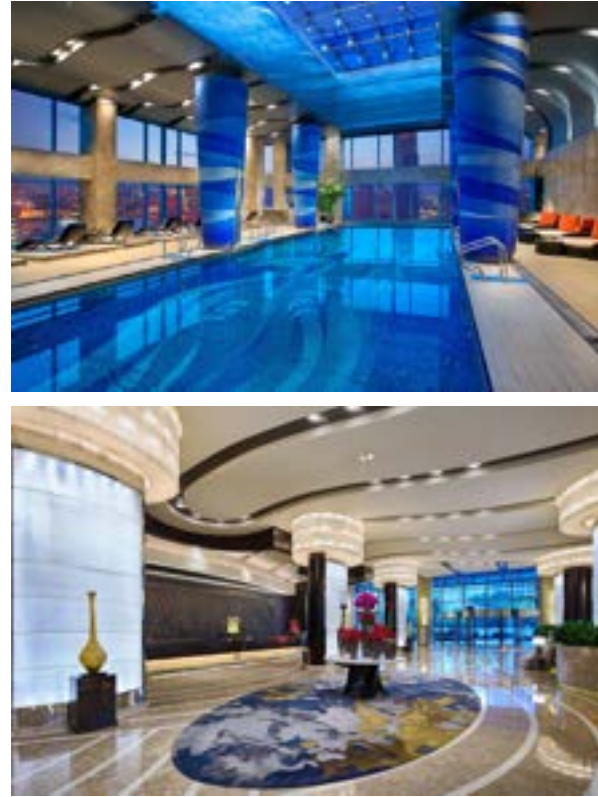
Visitors from around the world have been enjoying refined stays at this grand hotel for more than 165 years. Centrally located on Maximilianstrasse, Munich's most exclusive street, this five-star landmark features 305 elegant rooms and suites, including Kempinski FIT Rooms with Technogym bikes, and an indoor pool, fitness centre and spa. Five F&B options include Schwarzreiter Restaurant, a chic fine-dining destination, and the exclusive Kempinski Cigar Lounge by Zechbauer Munich.



 SHANGHAI, CHINA

Grand Kempinski Hotel Shanghai

Soak up spectacular views of Shanghai's sparkling skyline at this five-star hotel. Located in the Lujiazui financial district, this modern icon features 686 stylish and contemporary rooms and suites with floor-to-ceiling windows that frame cinematic vistas of the city and Huangpu River. Rise above the urban buzz and discover moments of pure bliss at the 30th floor swimming pool and fitness centre, a spa and eight exceptional F&B venues, including a secret garden terrace.



 SINGAPORE

The Capitol Kempinski Hotel Singapore

Singapore's rich cultural heritage takes centre stage at The Capitol Kempinski Hotel. Spanning two carefully restored buildings, this graceful five-star hotel showcases 155 colonial-style rooms and suites, 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. A collection of outstanding restaurants and bars includes 15 Stamford by Alvin Leung, the three Michelin-starred chef.



★ Featured Hotel of the Month



OCLLOUD HOTEL GANGNAM, SEOUL

The Gangnam district of Seoul has become one of the most vibrant places to stay, shop and soak up South Korea's contemporary culture. In the heart of this upbeat urban area, Ocloud Hotel Gangnam promises stylish accommodation and a wealth of upscale services.

Situated just steps from Sinnonhyeon Subway Station, this modern hotel is surrounded by Gangnam's business, leisure and retail attractions. Guests can stay in a choice of 192 sleek rooms, including double, twin, family and suite options, all with floor-to-ceiling windows that frame panoramic city views. Soundproofing ensures peace and quiet, and amenities such as high-speed Wi-Fi, working desks, international power sockets, microwaves and refrigerators ensure complete convenience.



Guests can dine at the onsite restaurant, work out at the fitness centre and 24-hour health club, or stay productive at the business centre and meeting rooms. For moments of relaxation, the hotel's rooftop garden is a verdant oasis complete with pathways and park benches. And of course, Gangnam's vibrant nightlife, trendy boutiques, lifestyle malls and world-class restaurants are all within easy reach of the hotel. Incheon International Airport is approximately one hour's drive away.

In a destination that buzzes with life day and night, Ocloud Hotel Gangnam is perfectly positioned to provide a base for exciting urban adventures.



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