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FOREWORD

Welcome to the latest edition of Travel Aggregator, WebBeds' exclusive monthly newsletter dedicated to our travel trade friends and partners in Asia Pacific.

This month, prepare to embark on a rollercoaster ride as we showcase four of the finest theme parks in the region! With world-class attractions from some of the world's biggest entertainment brands, including Universal Studios, Disney, LEGO and more, plus a choice of exceptional places to stay, this is your ultimate guide to a summer of thrills.

Alternatively, if you're seeking an immersive vacation that highlights natural beauty, Southeast Asia is a truly awe-inspiring place to visit. In this issue, we'll highlight four of the region's most beautiful beach destinations that blend their seafont charms with other organic wonders to create "the best of both worlds" for experience-seeking travellers.

Our popular new foodie feature, "Eat Your Way Through..." will transport readers on a tasty trip to Kuala Lumpur! With expert insights on where to dine and what to order, from hawker stalls to Michelin-rated venues, this is your ultimate guide to KL's culinary scene.

This month, our "Featured Resort" is Galaxy Macau, the world-class integrated leisure destination. "Newly-Opened" takes a sneak peek at Wanda Vista Resort Phuket Island Laya, Wanda Hotels & Resorts' inaugural location in Thailand, and of course, you can catch up with all the latest news, photos and exclusive offers from WebBeds in Asia Pacific.

Enjoy the read!

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The Oberoi Beach Resort, Al Zorah, UAE



Wanda Vista Resort Phuket Island Laya



China's Wanda Hotels & Resorts made its debut in Thailand on 15th April 2024, with the launch of a new five-star tropical resort on Phuket's highly sought-after sunset coast.

Wanda Vista Resort Phuket Island Laya is nestled in lush greenery just steps from Layan Beach, close to Laguna Phuket and 30 minutes' drive from the airport. Within this idyllic setting, guests are invited to stay in a choice of 320 spacious rooms and suites, which range from 39 to 65 square metres and all feature elegant, light-filled interiors with panoramic windows.

A trio of restaurants includes Riuku, which fuses Italian, Mediterranean and Chinese flavours. The Taste, which presents Chinese and international delicacies with regular weekend brunches and barbecue buffets, and WanVita, a casual café that focuses on light, healthy bites and fresh coffee.

Leisure seekers can cool off in the pool, grab refreshments at the pool bar, enjoy soothing therapies at Shui Spa, or work out at the health club. Youngsters can also get creative at the kids' club. And for special occasions, four function rooms offer 324 square metres of event space.

Underpinned by Wanda's world-class hospitality, which can already be experienced at an extensive collection of upscale and luxury hotels in China, Wanda Vista Resort Phuket Island Laya marks the start of a new era of Asian-inspired hospitality in Thailand.



Beyond the Beach: Experience the Best of Both Worlds in Southeast Asia

Southeast Asia is famed for its stunning sandy beaches and spectacular, sparkling seascapes. But in many of the region's idyllic destinations, these pristine shores are complemented by a wealth of other natural wonders that guests can combine with their beach time to create truly immersive vacations.

In this article, we check out some of Asia's most magical holiday hotspots that blend beautiful beaches with other exotic attractions, from volcanic rock formations and soaring peaks to lush rainforests and refreshing waterfalls, to create "the best of both worlds" for experience-seeking travellers.





Halong Bay, Vietnam

Beach + Rock Formations

Halong Bay is famed for its emerald green waters and iconic limestone karsts. This coastal labyrinth is home to a wealth of UNESCO World Heritage-listed seascapes that surprise and delight visitors at every turn, such as picturesque caves, mysterious grottoes and breath-taking beaches. Blending tranquility with adventure, including opportunities to kayak on the glistening water and unwind on secluded islands, this is the ultimate setting for an unforgettable island hopping escape.





 WHERE TO STAY:

Wyndham Legend Halong

Nestled directly on the waterfront, overlooking Bai Chay Bridge and the Sun Wheel, Wyndham Legend Halong puts guests in the heart of this iconic destination. When visitors are not exploring the region's many wonders, they can unwind in spacious rooms and suites with panoramic windows, dine at a choice of restaurants with views across the bay, enjoy soothing therapies at Esthera Spa, or simply chill out by the pool and grab cool refreshments from the pool bar.





Jeju Island, South Korea

Beach + Volcanic Landscapes

Jeju is a natural treasure trove where curious explorers can uncover extraordinary landscapes, from beautiful beaches and verdant hills to dramatic peaks. Formed by ancient eruptions, this enchanting Korean island is famed for its spectacular UNESCO-recognised lava tubes. For visitors seeking a vacation that blends seaside serenity with geological discovery, a dreamy day at Gwangchigi Beach can be combined with a trip to Seongsan Sunrise Peak, Jeju's mesmerising coastal cliff.





 WHERE TO STAY:

Phoenix Island

Uniquely positioned on a pristine peninsula, surrounded by the sea, Phoenix Island is a one-of-a-kind five-star resort that immerses guests in nature. Just a short drive from Gwangchigi Beach and Seongsan Sunrise Peak, this modern hotel features stylish, minimalist rooms and suites, indoor and outdoor pools, a contemporary restaurant and an observation deck with panoramic ocean vistas. Culture seekers will be enthralled by the Yumin Art Nouveau Museum.

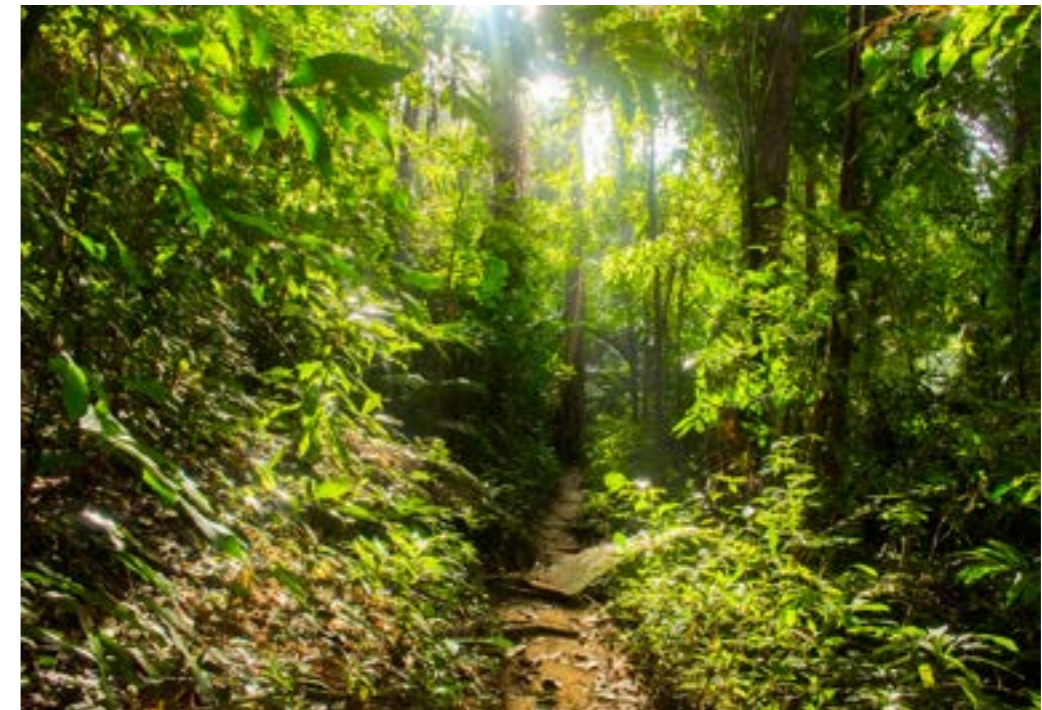




Koh Samui, Thailand

Beach + Rainforest

Thailand's "Coconut Island" is famed for its palm-fringed beaches, crystal-clear waters, and vibrant coral reefs. Travellers who head into the island's interior however, will be enveloped in a world of tropical wonder, with lush rainforest, spectacular waterfalls, unique rock formations and awe-inspiring vistas of the glistening Gulf of Thailand. This makes Koh Samui a captivating destination for visitors who want to blend their idyllic beachfront break with an exotic jungle safari.

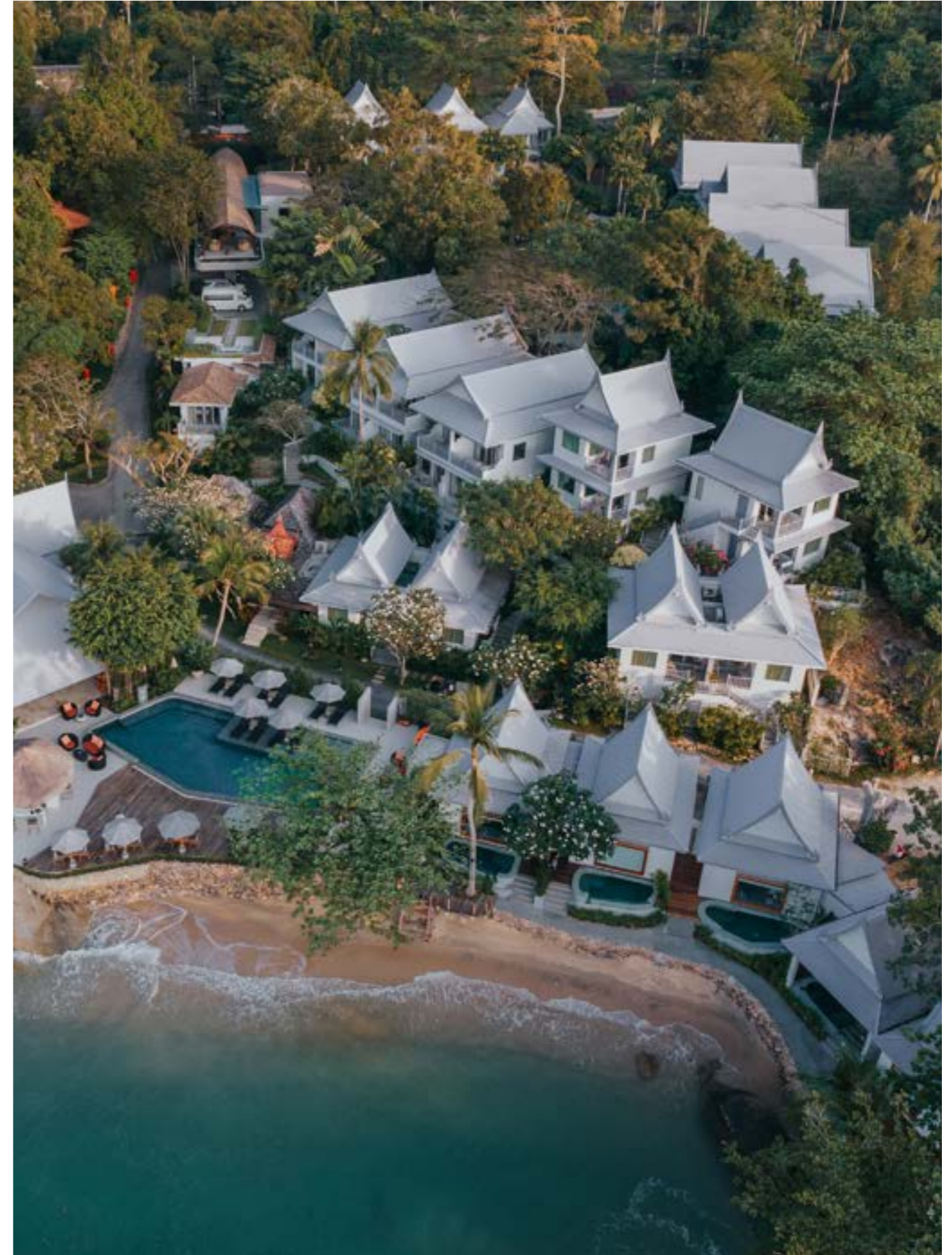
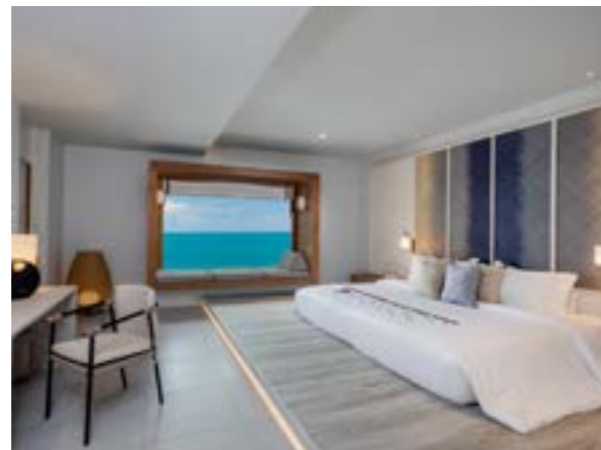




 WHERE TO STAY:

Rocky's Boutique Resort - a Veranda Collection

Nestled in a secluded cove on Koh Samui's serene southeast coast, this chic and eco-friendly retreat sets the stage for unforgettable island adventures. Guests can stay in spacious rooms and stylish villas, plunge into the pool, dine at sea-facing restaurants and enjoy exclusive activities like cooking classes and private dinners. For intrepid guests, the resort is the perfect base from which to uncover hidden gems such as the dramatic Overlap Stone and Lamai viewpoint.



Lombok, Indonesia

Beach + Waterfalls

Lombok is an island paradise where active volcanoes are clad in lush foliage which cascades down to blissful beaches. This mountainous tropical landscape creates the perfect conditions for waterfalls, which flow down the jungle-clad slopes and gather in pure pools. Adventurers can embark on jungle treks along hiking trails and take a revitalising dip in waterfalls such as Sendang Gile and Tiu Kelep. After a day of adventure, Lombok's soft sandy beaches offer complete rest and relaxation.

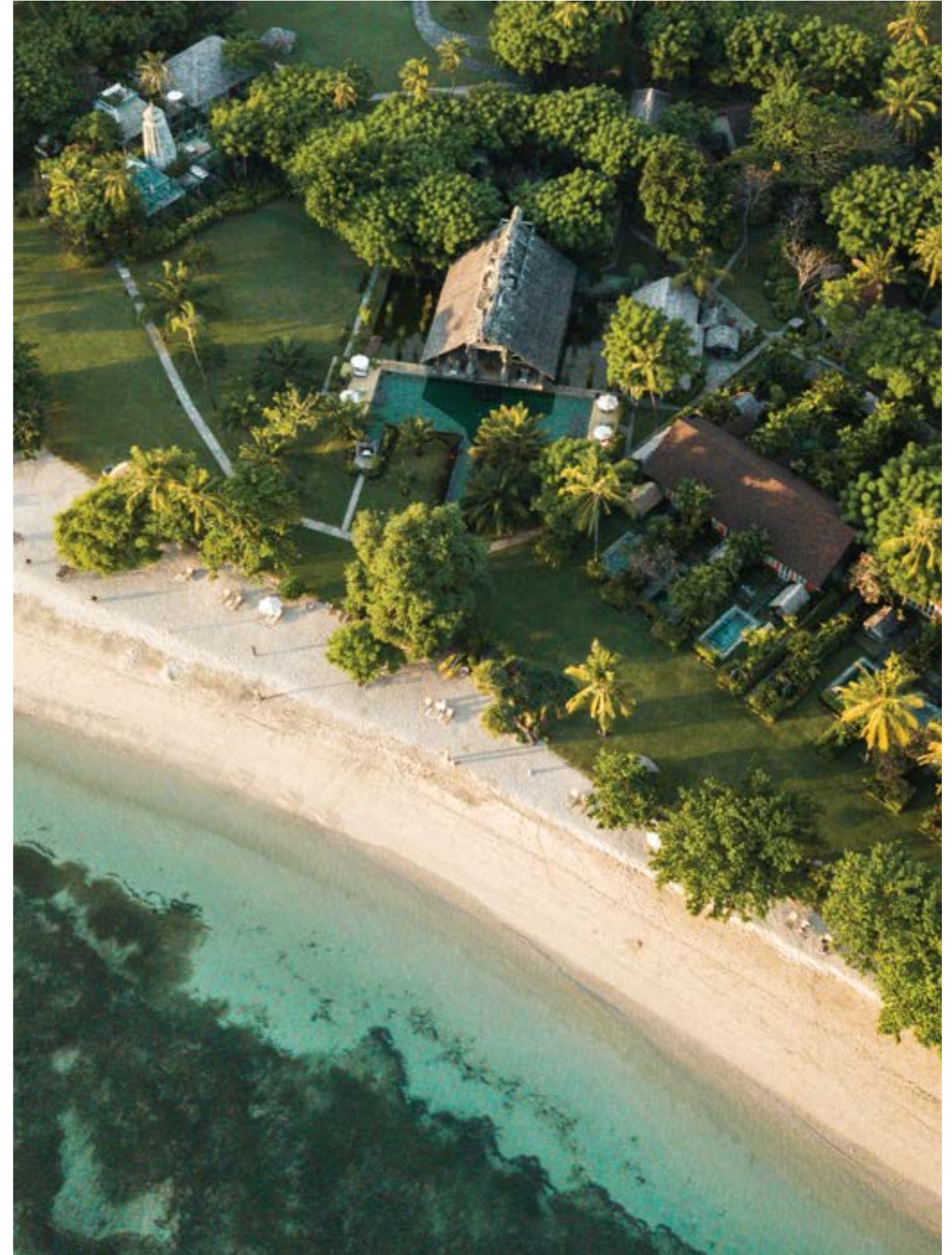




 WHERE TO STAY:

Hotel Tugu Lombok

For truly immersive experiences that blend the natural and cultural charms of Lombok, Hotel Tugu is an enchanting place to stay. Nestled directly on a pristine stretch of white sand between Senggigi Beach and the waterfalls, this five-star retreat appears to weave seamlessly into the landscape. Thatched villas feature lush gardens and glistening pools, the rustic-chic restaurant showcases local cuisine, and the beach sets the stage for yoga sessions and private dinners.





EXPLORE ASIA PACIFIC'S MOST THRILLING THEME PARKS

Asia Pacific is home to some of the world's most iconic theme parks, featuring an amazing array of exhilarating rides, exciting activities and immersive live shows. As part of WebBeds' new "Time to Explore" campaign, we're inviting fun-loving families and thrill-seeking couples to discover the region's most dazzling attractions.



 **GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA**

DREAMWORLD

Australia's biggest theme park, Dreamworld is an action-packed paradise with more than 40 rides and attractions, from heart-pumping rollercoasters and wet & wild waterslides to charming family activities, including the chance to meet native wildlife such as koalas and kangaroos. For an adrenaline rush, The Giant Drop is Australia's tallest free-falling ride and Steel Taipan is the country's only triple launch rollercoaster!



 WHERE TO STAY:

Paradise Resort Gold Coast

Paradise Resort Gold Coast is an unparalleled place to stay and play for parents and kids alike. Less than 30 minutes' drive from Dreamworld and only 250 metres from Surfers Paradise Beach, this activity-packed midscale hotel has been named as Australia's "Best Family Resort" for 12

consecutive years. Youngsters can enjoy fun-filled days at the ice rink, waterpark and adventure playground, while diverse restaurants set the stage for memorable meals and colourful family rooms feature bunk beds.

 WHERE TO STAY:

Turtle Beach Resort

Turtle Beach Resort is an upscale paradise for families with intuitive accommodation and extensive amenities for all ages, from toddlers to teens. A choice of one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments lets guests stay together in style and comfort, while endless entertainment can be

enjoyed with four swimming areas, six waterslides, wellness centres, a mini golf course, games room, floodlit tennis court, and even a cinema with daily movies. The thrills of Dreamworld are just 30 minutes' drive away.



 HONG KONG, CHINA

HONG KONG DISNEYLAND

Experience the timeless magic of Disney in Hong Kong! Nestled on Lantau Island, this dazzling theme park will make dreams come true at its original zones, which include the world's largest Frozen world and Tomorrowland, which is dedicated to the Marvel universe. And of course, guests can visit Castle of Magical Dreams and revel in a regular schedule of musical productions.



 WHERE TO STAY:

Disney Explorers Lodge

Disney Explorers Lodge invites guests to embark on a global adventure with a range of upscale rooms and suites themed on four tropical regions – Asia, Oceania, South America and Africa – under the motto “ad explorare et somniare” (“to explore

and dream”). This exotic concept extends to the trio of restaurants, which showcase a world of flavours, facilities like the freeform Rain Drop Pool, Nemo Recreation Reef kids’ club and more, allowing travellers to embrace the spirit of discovery.



 WHERE TO STAY:

Disney’s Hollywood Hotel

Disney’s Hollywood Hotel brings the magic of the movies to life with themed accommodation and original activities that allow guests to write their own holiday script. Families can stay in the Mickey & Friends Rooms or Hollywood Suites,

which can sleep up to four people, watch Disney movies together at the outdoor cinema, and dine in style at a choice of restaurants. With its Art-Deco design, gallery-like corridors and vintage cars, this glamorous hotel is sure to ignite the imagination.



 OSAKA, JAPAN

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS JAPAN

The first Universal Studios theme park outside the US, this outstanding Osaka attraction opened in 2001 and has delighted millions of guests ever since with its dazzling entertainment-based concept. Movie fans can step inside global franchises such as Harry Potter, Minions and Jurassic Park, and Super Nintendo World will be expanded in 2024 with the world's first Donkey Kong themed ride.



 WHERE TO STAY:

Hotel Keihan Universal Tower

Hotel Keihan Universal Tower is the official partner hotel of Universal Studios Japan, located just two minutes' walk from the attraction and next to the JR railway station. An extensive selection of rooms and suites includes family options with three or

four beds, and a 32nd floor restaurant with a seven-metre-high panoramic glass wall frames stunning city views. After a day of fun, all ages can unwind at the SkySpa, a 31st floor "hot spring" bathing area with pools, saunas and Jacuzzis.

 WHERE TO STAY:

Oriental Hotel Universal City

Oriental Hotel Universal City is a stylish midscale hotel that allows guests to recharge amid nature, while also putting them on the doorstep of one of Asia's top theme parks. An official hotel of Universal Studios Japan and only 400 metres from

the gate, yet also surrounded by trees, this is a sanctuary where thrill-seekers can relax after a day of adventures. The cosy and contemporary rooms include twin, double and family options and the all-day restaurant is ideal for every palate.



 CHUNCHEON, SOUTH KOREA

LEGOLAND® KOREA RESORT

The creative wonder of LEGO comes to life at this family theme park, which opened in 2022 to become the largest LEGOLAND in Asia. With seven zones, more than 40 rides and attractions, 4-D theatre shows, and Asia's first LEGO® Factory Adventure Ride, this impressive park is sure to inspire young imaginations. The popular LEGO® NINJAGO® World will be expanded in 2025 with a new ride!



 WHERE TO STAY:

LEGOLAND® Hotel

LEGOLAND® Hotel is a bright and colourful hotel which captures the creative joy of LEGO bricks. Visitors can stay in a range of themed rooms – Kingdom, Friends, LEGO® NINJAGO® and Pirates – which include kids-only spaces, bunk beds, children’s amenities and treasure hunts, dine at

Bricks Family Restaurant, make a splash at the water play area, and get inspired with exclusive LEGO brick build activities. Hotel guests will also enjoy kids’ programs, kids pool party, and exclusive access to the Park!



 WHERE TO STAY:

Hotel Intro Chuncheon

Hotel Intro Chuncheon is a new budget-friendly hotel that lets parents and children stay together in comfort. Located in Chuncheon, just 15 minutes’ drive from LEGOLAND Korea Resort, it offers a selection of spacious suites for up to six people. For

cosy evenings, the Cinema Family Suite even comes equipped with a projector and a large screen for families to settle down and watch Netflix movies. The hotel’s rooftop is a great place to relax and soak up city views.

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EAT YOUR WAY

THROUGH..

Kuala Lumpur



ROTI CANAI

This Malaysian roadside treat is popular with KL's residents at any time of day, from breakfast bites to late-night snacks. The roti dough is skillfully stretched and folded, then grilled on a sizzling hot plate until crisp and flaky on the outside and soft and chewy in the middle. Street food perfection!

Where to try it:

- **NZ Curry House** is a lively and casual concept which serves fresh roti canai at locations across KL.
- **Nasi Kandar Pelita** treats diners to time-honoured Malaysian recipes passed down through the generations.
- **TG's Bistro** is open 24 hours and serves its signature extra-thin "tissue" rotis in the heart of Bukit Bintang, allowing diners to choose their favourite toppings.

Originating in southern India, this delectable dish of rice, curry, vegetables and pickles - all served on a banana leaf - has become hugely popular among Malaysians. This presentation style is not only natural and biodegradable; it also imparts a subtle flavour and fragrance into the rice.

Where to try it:

- **Banana Bro** now has 15 outlets in KL where guests can satisfy their banana leaf rice cravings.
- **Sri Nirwana Maju** is a Michelin-rated establishment in Bangsar that showcases the finest banana leaf rice.
- **Restoran Seetharam Family Curry House** captures the essence of KL's multicultural food scene in Little India.



BANANA LEAF RICE



NASI LEMAK

Malaysia's national dish stimulates the senses with a full range of flavours and textures. Creamy coconut-infused rice, traditionally cooked in a banana leaf, is paired with spicy sambal, crunchy peanuts, crispy anchovies and cool cucumber. Don't miss this culinary icon on your next trip to KL!

Where to try it:

- **Madam Kwan's** has seven outlets in KL and previously won Tourism Malaysia's "Best Nasi Lemak" award!
- **Nasi Lemak Hilton Corner** is a food stall in the Tapak Penjaja Wisma Genting hawker centre which always gets great reviews.
- **Ali, Muthu & Ah Hock** is a local restaurant chain that specialises in classic Malay flavours and friendly vibes.

Restoran Nasi Kandar Pelita

NZ Curry House

Nasi Lemak Hilton Corner

Grandmama's

Oriental Kopi

TG's Bistro

Ali, Muthu & Ah Hock

Banana Bro

Sri Nirwana Maju

Restoran Seetharam Family Curry House

Madam Kwan's



CURRY MEE

Varieties of noodle soup can be found all across Asia, and this Malaysian version has its origins in Peranakan cuisine. Yellow noodles are plunged into a rich and spicy coconut curry, and often accompanied with shrimp, tofu and beansprouts, creating a sumptuous street food classic.

Where to try it:

- **Grandmama's** has five outlets which are loved for their comforting flavours, hearty portions and friendly vibes.
- **Oriental Kopi** presents its signature Oriental Curry Laksa Mee, which features eight spices and a rich, tangy taste.



 WHERE TO STAY:

Sleeping Lion Suites

Sleeping Lion Suites is a modern midscale hotel with a central location in the epicentre of Bukit Bintang, surrounded by restaurants and retail malls. Guests can stay in well-equipped rooms, take a dip in the rooftop infinity pool, work out at the gym, unwind on the scenic yoga deck, or soak up stunning views from the Sky Bridge and rooftop garden.



 WHERE TO STAY:

Pan Pacific Serviced Suites Kuala Lumpur

Pan Pacific Serviced Suites Kuala Lumpur lets travellers experience local life in the heart of KL with a choice of upscale one- or two-bedroom apartments. An entire floor is dedicated to wellness with a spa, rooftop pool, fitness centre and residents' lounge, and guests can access enticing dining options at the neighbouring PARKROYAL COLLECTION Kuala Lumpur.

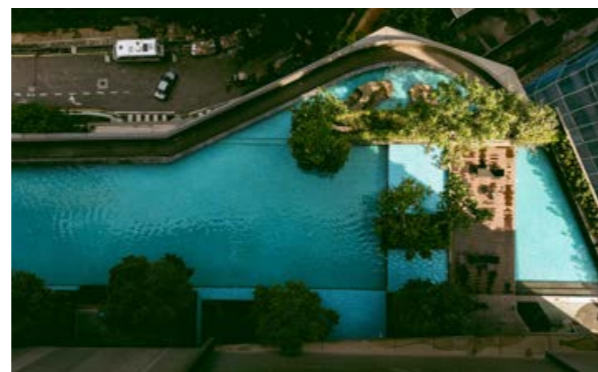




WHERE TO STAY:

Wyndham Suites KLCC

Wyndham Suites KLCC commands a prime central location close to the soaring Petronas Towers. This 48-storey hotel is a landmark in its own right, with one-, two-, and three-bedroom suites, an Olympic-sized outdoor infinity pool, and a 24/7 gym. Foodies can unwind at the sophisticated Sky Lounge @ 46, which serves international dishes throughout the day.



WHERE TO STAY:

THE FACE STYLE

THE FACE STYLE is a design-led five-star hotel which opened its doors in 2023. Guests can stay in chic rooms and suites, all adorned with contemporary furniture, premium amenities and branded kitchenettes. Dreamy daytimes can be spent at the rooftop infinity pool, and DEEP BLUE, the top floor tapas bar, is an unparalleled place to dine with city views.



★ Featured Resort of the Month



GALAXY MACAU

Galaxy Macau™, the integrated resort with the most Forbes Five-star Hotels in the World. Spanning over 1.1 million square meters and offering guests unlimited experiences with 8 world-renowned luxury hotels, the world's leading Skytop Oasis Grand Resort Deck, 120 dining options ranging from Michelin-starred dining to authentic local delicacies, over 200 luxury and lifestyle brands for shopping, diverse entertainment and amazing events in one spectacular location.

The new jewel in the crown of Galaxy Macau, the **Grand Resort Deck** is a 75,000-square metre skytop aquatic oasis. Visitors can float down a 575-metre-long lazy river, plunge into a sparkling wave pool, feel the thrill of the waterslides, waterfalls and a kids' zone, or simply unwind on the white sand beach. With plenty of poolside lounges, restaurants and cabanas, this is the ultimate spot to cool off in the sun.



Andaz Macau is a five-star lifestyle hotel that showcases the city's authentic Sino-Portuguese culture. Co-located with the convention centre and Galaxy Arena, it features more than 700 keys, including suites and studios with views of Hengqin Island, plus a neighbourhood-style restaurant, a bar with local craft beers, a state-of-the-art fitness centre and an indoor pool with cabanas.



Broadway Hotel is a stylish place to stay and experience the modern wonders of Macau. Framing 180-degree views of the Pearl River Delta, this designer boutique hotel offers a collection of contemporary rooms and suites, a freeform outdoor pool and a gym. Guests can savour culinary delights at Broadway Food Street and enjoy free access to the Grand Resort Deck.





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