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FOREWORD

Welcome to the August 2026 edition of Travel Aggregator, WebBeds’ monthly newsletter dedicated to our travel trade colleagues, partners and friends in Asia Pacific!

This month, we’re stepping away from the hustle and bustle and embracing the joy of slow travel. With so many idyllic destinations, Asia Pacific is the perfect place to escape the stress of daily life and explore at your own pace. From the heritage-rich towns of Vietnam and Laos to the tranquil landscapes of New Zealand and Korea, we reveal the best ways to step back, chill out and live for the moment.

August also marks the arrival of monsoons in many parts of Asia, but rain does not need to be a barrier to adventure. In fact, these wetter months can also create some inspiring travel opportunities, such as uncovering the cultural wonders of Bali and diving with manta rays in the Maldives. So, don’t miss our curated selection of green season getaways.

Continuing the theme of natural discoveries, August is also an outstanding month to enjoy close encounters with wildlife. From tiny fireflies to mighty humpback whales, size is no barrier to splendour. Don’t miss our selection of Asia Pacific’s most amazing animal experiences.

This month, our “Featured Hotel” is Winford Resort & Casino in Manila, “Newly-Opened” visits JEN Hangzhou by Shangri-La, and of course, you can catch up with all the latest news, photos and exclusive offers from WebBeds in Asia Pacific.

Thanks for reading!

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Newly Opened



JEN Hangzhou by Shangri-La

Hangzhou, the capital of eastern China's Zhejiang province, is a city with a rich heritage and a bright future. Now, Shangri-La brings these two contrasting sides together in one striking hotel under its JEN lifestyle brand, which is designed to help guests connect with the energy and dynamism of Asia's leading cities.

Newly opened on 27 July 2026, JEN Hangzhou by Shangri-La marks a dramatic transformation of the former Hangzhou Oxygen Plant industrial site. This contemporary hotel now features 176 rooms & suites with elegant, minimalist interiors and private garden terraces in every suite, plus the JEN Active health club, which includes a heated indoor pool and a 24-hour fitness centre.

Dining options include OpenHouse, a vibrant culinary venue where chefs craft modern Asian and regional Chinese cuisine, as well as authentic Italian dishes at open kitchens, and KOAN Bar, which presents handcrafted cocktails and Champagne in a stylish post-industrial setting. For corporate travellers, the 240-sqm JEN Ballroom, state-of-the-art meeting spaces and an outdoor rooftop lawn can stage a wide range of events.

With a series of curated salons, art showcases and cultural programmes, and easy access to local heritage attractions such as the Grand Canal and West Lake, JEN Hangzhou by Shangri-La is set to become a haven of creativity where guests are inspired to uncover the spirit of Hangzhou – past, present and future.





THE WONDER OF WILDLIFE IN ASIA PACIFIC

Wildlife produces some of the greatest shows on Earth - dazzling natural displays that inspire the senses and help us to see the planet from a fresh perspective. To experience them, we only need to be in the right place at the right time. This August, make sure you have a front row seat as the region's most amazing animals flock together.

Here are four of the most wondrous wildlife adventures to enjoy in Asia Pacific this month...



MALAYSIA

Fantastic Fireflies in Selangor

The mangroves of Selangor hold a magical secret; every evening, millions of fireflies flock to the berembang trees that line the river, illuminating the waterway with a dazzling yellow-green lightshow. Gliding silently down the waterway in a traditional sampan, on a moonless night in August or September, guests will be able to witness this mesmerising natural display at its brightest - an experience that is sure to leave a lasting impression.



RECOMMENDED HOTEL

Wyndham Acmar Klang

Wyndham Acmar Klang lets visitors unwind in five-star comfort, just 40 minutes' drive from Selangor's Kampung Kuantan Firefly Park. With a wide range of accommodation for short and extended stays, international amenities, an outdoor pool, retail outlets, a fitness centre and a kids' club, this is the perfect option for every occasion. The Royale Toh Yuen restaurant showcases the finest Chinese cuisine, including handcrafted dim sum.

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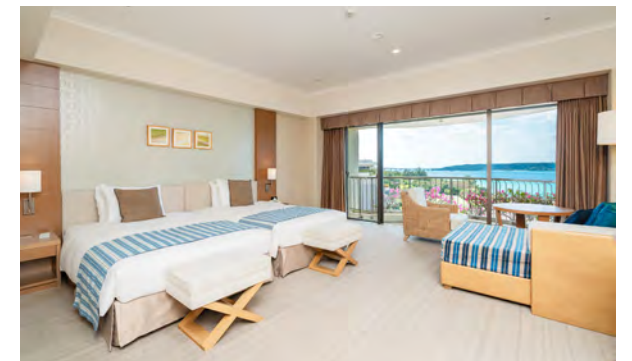
Sea Turtle Magic in Miyako-jima, Okinawa

With its powder-soft sands, crystal-clear seas and vibrant coral reefs, Okinawa's Miyako Island is a haven of marine life. At Aragusuku Beach on the southeast coast, the environment is so immaculate that sea turtles often swim right up to the shore to graze on the sea grass. Snorkellers simply need to venture into the warm, shallow waters to enjoy close encounters with these graceful giants, along with shoals of brightly coloured tropical fish.



Miyakojima Tokyu Hotel & Resorts

Miyakojima Tokyu Hotel & Resorts is a stunning seafont property that lets guests uncover the tropical wonders of Miyako Island. Nestled within lush gardens, just steps from a white sand beach and the turquoise sea, this five-star resort offers myriad ways to relax, including a freeform pool, water sports, a spa and four exceptional restaurants. The sea turtle snorkelling haven of Aragusuku Beach is just 30 minutes' drive away.





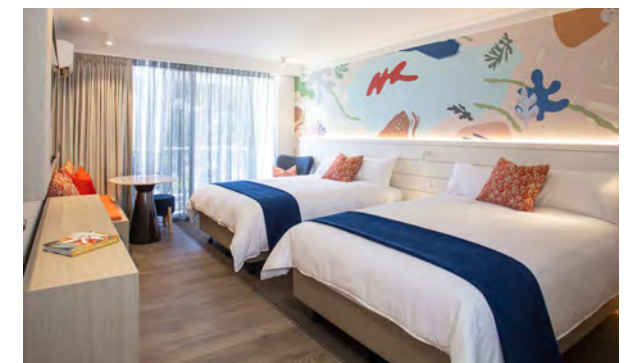
Humpback Heaven in the Gold Coast

Australia's east coast is known as the "Humpback Highway", as thousands of these majestic marine mammals migrate through the region. August and September are the best months to witness this breath-taking spectacle, as mothers and newborn calves head south towards the cooler Antarctic waters. Travellers who take whale-watching tours from the Gold Coast will often be thrilled to see the curious humpbacks rising to the surface and even swimming around their boats!



Sea World Resort

Sea World Resort is a dream destination for families with a passion for nature. Guests can spend endless days splashing in the 50-metre lagoon pool and aqua play zone, meet Nickelodeon characters such as SpongeBob, or dine at a choice of restaurants - including a Japanese teppanyaki grill. Wildlife lovers have direct access to the Sea World theme park, and Main Beach, the departure point for Gold Coast whale-watching cruises, is just moments away.

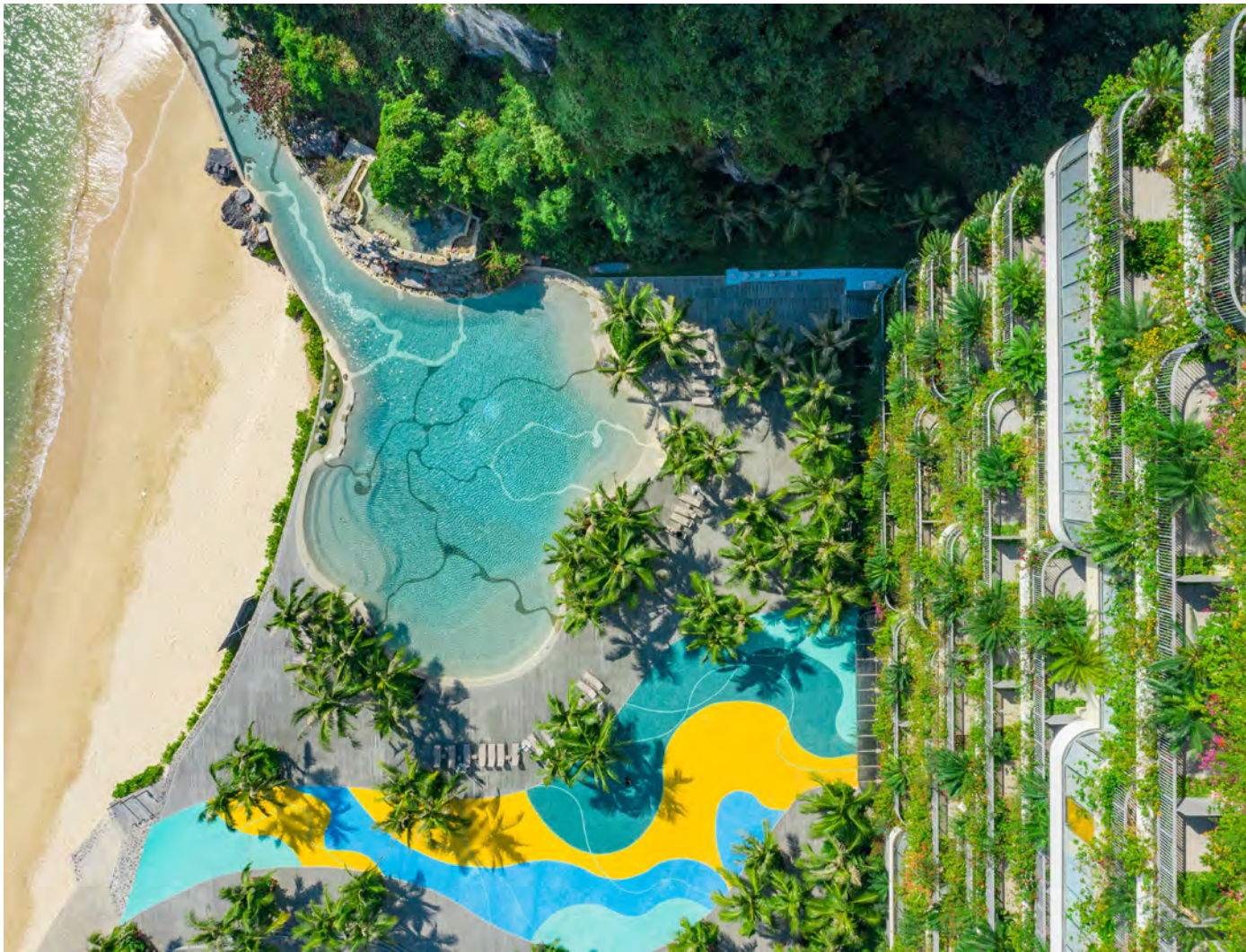




VIETNAM

Bioluminescent Bliss in Cat Ba

Vietnam’s UNESCO World Heritage-listed Cat Ba Archipelago is an inspiring place to visit in any season. But for a few months of the year, one corner of this iconic seascape bursts into life – and light – with an extraordinary aquatic display. Bioluminescent plankton gathers in huge numbers at Lan Ha Bay, creating an otherworldly blue glow beneath the water. An after-dark kayaking tour will showcase this natural phenomenon in all its ethereal beauty.



RECOMMENDED HOTEL

Flamingo Cat Ba Resort

Flamingo Cat Ba Resort commands a prime location on the shores of Lan Ha Bay, with kayaking tours available from the resort. When guests are not exploring this stunning sandy cove, they have many ways to unwind, including three swimming pools, a spa and onsen, four restaurants and a sky bar. The spacious rooms and suites command views over the bay, and the sky walk lets visitors feel as if they are strolling through the jungle canopy.



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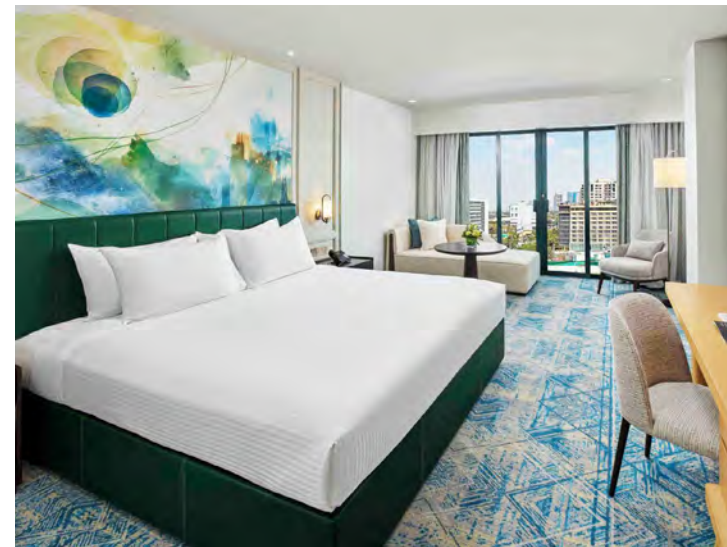
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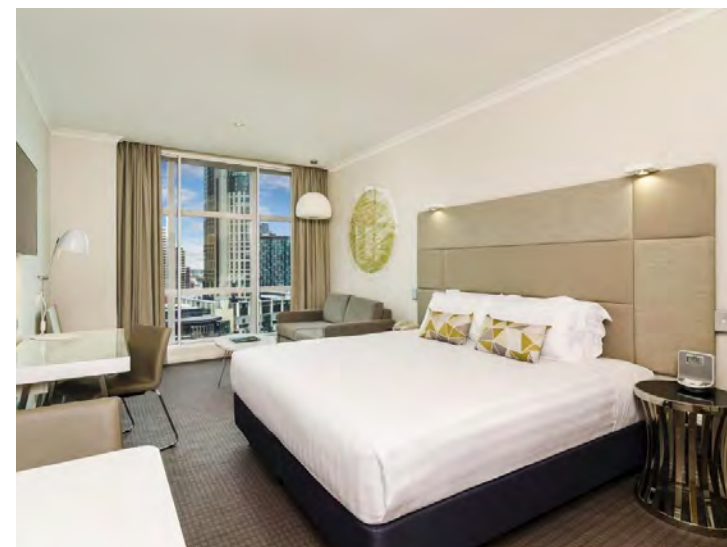
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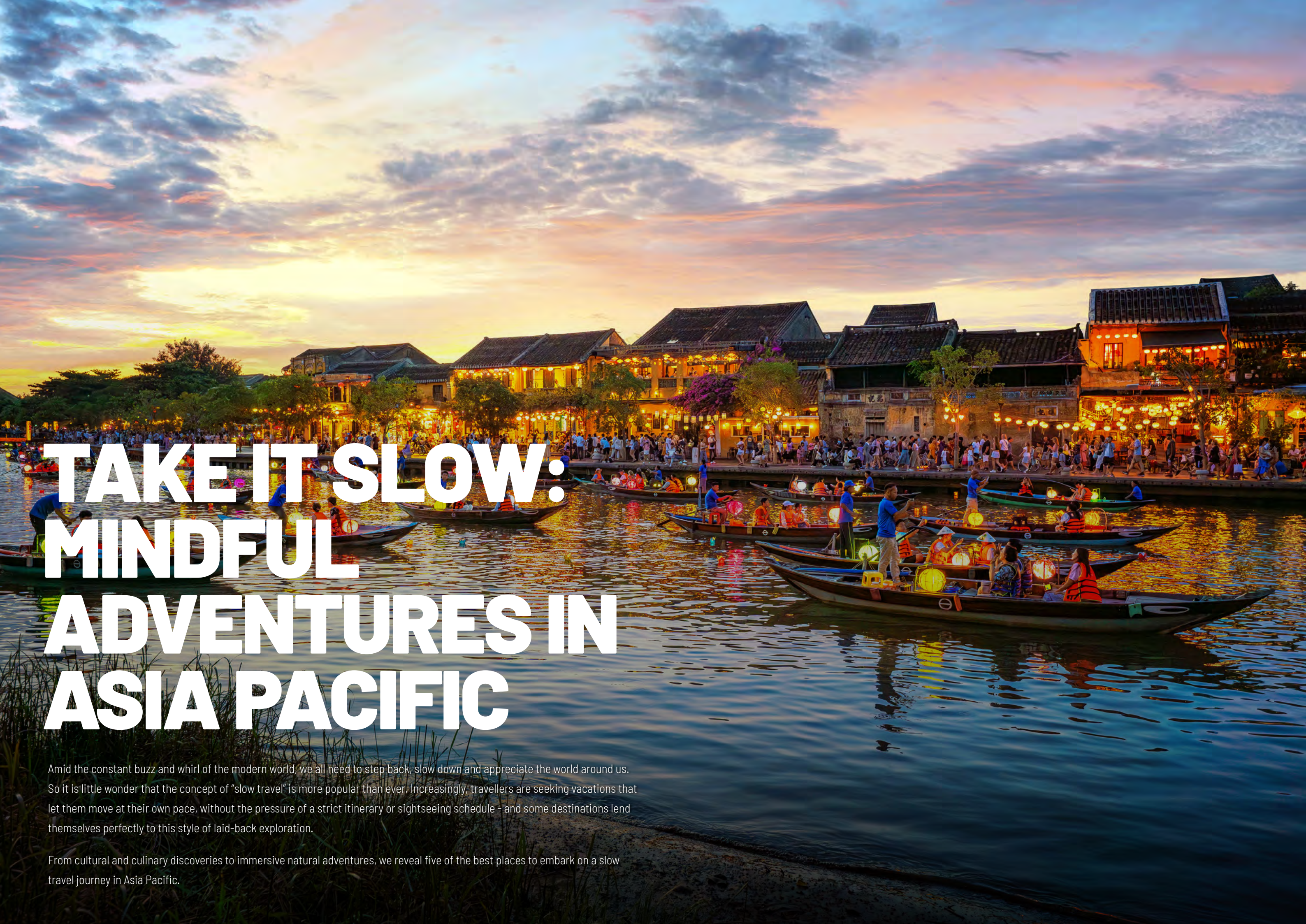
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TAKE IT SLOW: MINDFUL ADVENTURES IN ASIA PACIFIC

Amid the constant buzz and whirl of the modern world, we all need to step back, slow down and appreciate the world around us. So it is little wonder that the concept of “slow travel” is more popular than ever. Increasingly, travellers are seeking vacations that let them move at their own pace, without the pressure of a strict itinerary or sightseeing schedule - and some destinations lend themselves perfectly to this style of laid-back exploration.

From cultural and culinary discoveries to immersive natural adventures, we reveal five of the best places to embark on a slow travel journey in Asia Pacific.

 CHIANG MAI, THAILAND

CULTURAL DISCOVERIES IN CHIANG MAI

The Northern Thai city of Chiang Mai holds a glistening collection of cultural jewels within its ancient walls and gates. Peaceful and walkable, this is a haven of slow travel where new discoveries await around every corner, from peaceful temples to vibrant markets. Experience seekers can engage with everyday life through cooking classes and handicraft workshops, enjoy a traditional Thai massage at a spa, or settle down at a restaurant to savour a steaming bowl of khao soi, the region's famous noodle soup.





📍 RECOMMENDED HOTEL

137 PILLARS HOUSE CHIANG MAI

137 Pillars House Chiang Mai captures the spirit of slow travel in Northern Thailand. Built around a beautifully crafted teak homestead, this 30-suite boutique retreat is nestled in a leafy enclave, just a short walk from Wat Gate Temple and the Ping River. Guests can restore their equilibrium at the Nitra Serenity Centre, and dine in style at a choice of restaurants that source sustainable produce from Thailand's Royal Projects. Authentic activities such as outdoor cooking classes help visitors to connect with the local culture.

 HOI AN, VIETNAM

A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME IN HOI AN

Hoi An, Central Vietnam's UNESCO-listed port town, simply cannot be rushed. As visitors stroll along its cobble streets, admire its elegant shophouses, and watch wooden boats glide along the river, they will be transported back in time to an enchanting bygone era. The town's compact size makes it easy to experience on foot, but travellers who wish to explore further afield can cycle into the surrounding countryside, where glistening rice fields and traditional villages await. Soft sandy beaches are also just moments away.





RECOMMENDED HOTEL

WYNDHAM ROYAL BEACHFRONT RESORT & SPA DANANG

Wyndham Royal Beachfront Resort & Spa Danang promises the perfect blend of seafront serenity and cultural charm. Nestled on a private beach, this five-star resort features two expansive outdoor pools, a soothing spa, alfresco dining, and a collection of rooms, suites and pool villas that overlook the ocean. Having enjoyed a day uncovering the treasures of Hoi An's ancient town, guests can reflect on their adventures with a cool drink at the Royal Shore Beach Club, which is crowned with a rooftop bar.

 JEJU, SOUTH KOREA

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES IN JEJU

South Korea's largest island, Jeju was formed when an undersea volcano erupted two million years ago - and this volatile history is reflected in its rugged landscape of steep peaks, dramatic coastlines and lava tubes. Outdoor explorers can breathe in the fresh, island air and spectacular scenery as they hike along the Olle Trail, a 437km network of coastal pathways, and scale the summit of Mount Hallasan, part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Away from the city, this is a wonderful way to reconnect with nature.





📍 RECOMMENDED HOTEL

HOTEL BRIDGE SEOGWIPO

Hotel Bridge Seogwipo is an outstanding base from which to explore the natural wonders of Jeju. Guests can stay in a choice of rooms and suites with views of the sea on one side, or Mount Hallasan on the other. Deep Green Restaurant serves an energising daily breakfast, plus lunch or dinner. Then at the end of an active day, the rooftop terrace is equipped with multiple Jacuzzis, providing a soothing way to revive aching muscles and soak up panoramic ocean vistas.

 LUANG PRABANG, LAOS

SPIRITUAL TRAVEL IN LUANG PRABANG

Amid the lush, green hills of northern Laos, where the winding Nam Khan River meets the mighty Mekong, the UNESCO-listed city of Luang Prabang exudes a sense of deep calm and tranquility. Visitors can wake up early and watch saffron-robed monks walk through the old town, discover golden temples, take a bike ride through traffic-free streets, or simply sit by the river and watch the world go by. This is a destination where time slows and every guest feels blessed with a sense of spirituality.





📍 RECOMMENDED HOTEL

ROSEWOOD LUANG PRABANG

Rosewood Luang Prabang seamlessly blends luxury with spirituality in an idyllic riverside setting. This 19th Century residence is set next to a waterfall, creating a deeply soothing ambience. Reimagined by Bill Bensley, it now showcases the region's rich heritage with riverside rooms, waterfall pool villas and hilltop tents, exquisite dining options, and a spa that embraces traditional Lao therapies. Visitors are invited to discover the essence of Luang Prabang with expert-led tours, authentic experiences and craft workshops.



 MATAKANA COAST, NEW ZEALAND

CULINARY DISCOVERIES ON THE MATAKANA COAST

New Zealand is famed for its pure air and organic produce. For travellers who want to slow down and feel a connection to the land, the Matakana Coast is a wonderfully rewarding destination. Only a short drive from Auckland, this pristine part of the North Island is blessed with boutique vineyards, artisan food producers, and farmers' markets. Take a stroll along the rural walking trails, soak up the scenery, and stop off at local cafés and restaurants, where fresh flavours await.



 RECOMMENDED HOTEL

WOODHOUSE MOUNTAIN LODGE

Woodhouse Mountain Lodge is spread across 100 acres of countryside in the charming town of Warkworth. Each of the 18 villas offers expansive indoor and outdoor living space and views towards the Hauraki Gulf. When they are not exploring the markets and wineries of the Matakana Coast, guests can cool off with a dip in the outdoor pool or savour the region's famous fresh produce at the intimate restaurant, which features a dining patio with an outdoor fireplace for cosy evenings.



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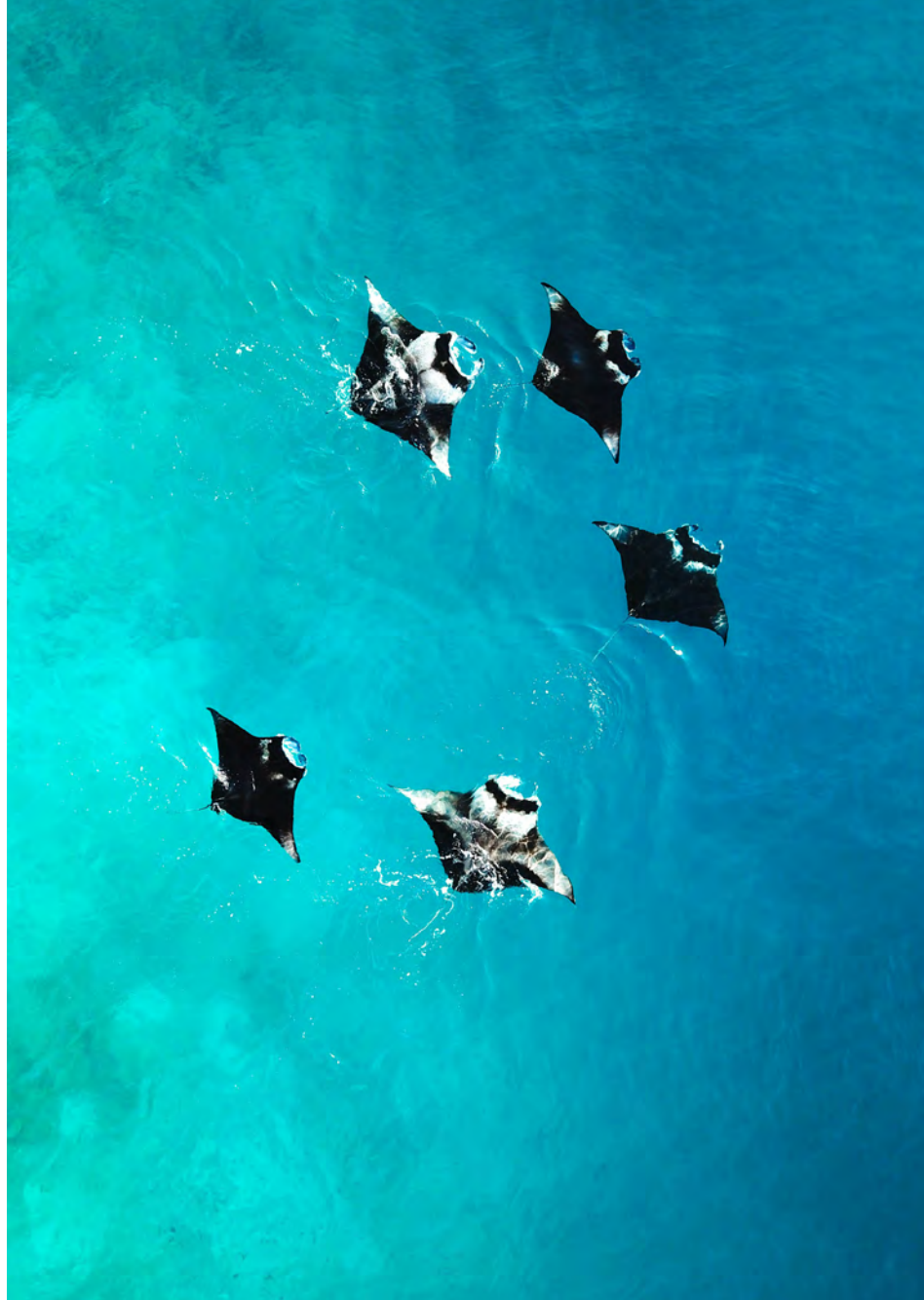
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MONSOON MAGIC

IN ASIA

Monsoons sweep across Asia every year, bringing rain and wind to the region's sun-kissed tourism hotspots. But these seasonal storms don't need to derail your holiday plans; the monsoon months create opportunities for different types of adventure, rooted in nature and discovery. With plenty of sunshine between the showers, landscapes that burst with life, and hotel rates usually lower than in peak months, the "green season" can be a wonderfully rewarding time to travel.



MALDIVES

MEET MAJESTIC MANTA RAYS IN THE MALDIVES

Monsoon season is an inspiring time of year to visit the Maldives. As shifting currents increase the amount of plankton in the seas, flocks of majestic manta rays glide gracefully into the region throughout August and September. Travellers can enjoy close encounters with these oceanic giants in Hanifaru Bay, an idyllic UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in the Baa Atoll, where up to 200 mantas can gather to feed – a truly spectacular sight.





ROYAL ISLAND RESORT & SPA

Royal Island Resort & Spa seamlessly blends boutique charm with the soul of island life. Perfectly positioned in the Baa Atoll, this five-star sanctuary offers diving and snorkelling tours as part of its all-inclusive concept, including opportunities to explore Hanifaru Bay. The resort's beachfront villas are nestled on the powder-soft shore, with private pools in many units, and cultural workshops will introduce all ages to Maldivian arts and crafts.

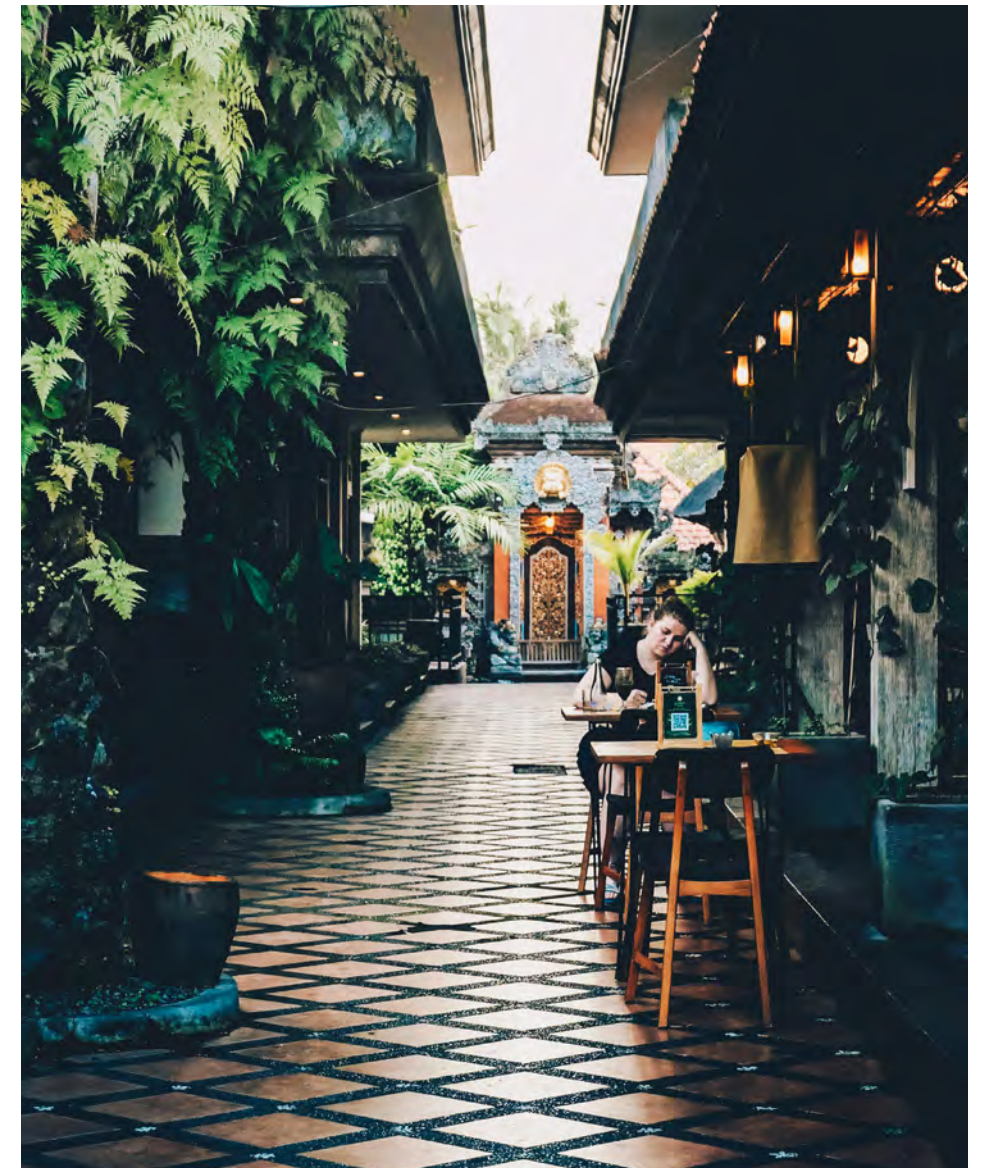




BALI

SOAK UP THE CULTURE OF BALI

As the dry season ends, August and September are magical months to experience Bali. The cooler temperatures create pleasant conditions to stroll around the markets, museums and galleries of Ubud, the island's cultural heart, or visit the enchanting water temples. Ubud Palace is an unmissable attraction, with traditional dances performed daily. And with the heaviest monsoon rains not due to arrive until November, guests can enjoy plenty of time outdoors.





NOVOTEL BALI UBUD RESORT

Novotel Bali Ubud Resort blends the island's natural and cultural charm with the international standards of Accor's Novotel brand. Nestled in tropical forests, less than 15km from central Ubud, the resort features a choice of rooms and suites for every occasion, including dedicated kids' options. Relaxing days can be spent in the infinity pools, spa, fitness centre and kids' club, and Siralada restaurant showcases local and international flavours.





EXOTIC COASTAL ADVENTURES IN SRI LANKA

As the monsoon rains sweep across western Sri Lanka in August and September, this is the perfect time to discover the country's less-visited - and more exotic - east coast. Arugam Bay is a crescent of golden sand and one of the world's best surfing spots, while Pigeon Island Marine National Park is an outstanding snorkelling and diving destination, with colourful corals, almost 300 species of reef fish, and a large population of sharks.





TRINCO BLU BY CINNAMON

Trinco Blu by Cinnamon invites travellers to uncover the treasures of the east coast in comfort and style. Operated by Sri Lanka's leading hotel group, this retro-chic upscale resort is nestled amid landscaped gardens, just footsteps from the beach. Guests can explore the marine world with plenty of water sports, snorkelling and diving trips, sea fishing and guided boat tours. Pigeon Island Marine National Park is just 30 minutes away by boat.





 SINGAPORE

EXHILARATING ESCAPES IN SINGAPORE

With its tropical rainforest climate, Singapore is a year-round destination with an impressive collection of things-to-do for all ages in all seasons. Exhilarating adventures can be enjoyed on the resort island of Sentosa, where world-class attractions such as the Universal Studios theme park, Singapore Oceanarium, and SensoryScape offer thrills for young and old alike. So, even if the weather is not suitable to play on the island's beaches, kids will never get bored.





HOTEL ORA

Hotel Ora is a haven of relaxation and activity. Nestled within Resorts World Sentosa, the hotel is on the doorstep of attractions such as Universal Studios Singapore, Adventure Cove Waterpark and Singapore Oceanarium, which operate rain or shine. Alternatively, guests can simply cool off in the pool, work out in the gym, or embark on nature treks and sustainability tours. Loma is a vibrant restaurant for all-day dining and the grab & go café is open 24-7.



Featured Hotel of the Month



Winford Resort & Casino

Winford Resort & Casino is a haven of entertainment in the heart of Manila. Nestled on the site of the former San Lazaro Hippodrome in the city's heritage-rich Santa Cruz district, surrounded by historical landmarks and adjacent to SM City San Lazaro, the modern lifestyle mall, this 22-storey hotel is an outstanding venue for leisure travellers and culture seekers alike.

The hotel's 128 rooms and suites, which range from 29 to 58 square metres, all feature Asian-inspired décor, floor-to-ceiling windows, state-of-the-art amenities and working desks. Throughout their stay, every guest can work out in the fitness centre or cool off in the outdoor pool - perfect for daytime refreshment or an evening dip under the stars.

A variety of dining options includes Copa de Manila, which presents a fusion of Spanish and Filipino flavours in a vibrant atmosphere, and Red Dynasty, which showcases the finest Chinese cuisine, from delectable dim sum to succulent Peking duck. Zabana Pool Bar is a laid-back setting for cold drinks and alfresco dining with views of the city, and Winford Café serves fresh coffee and light bites.

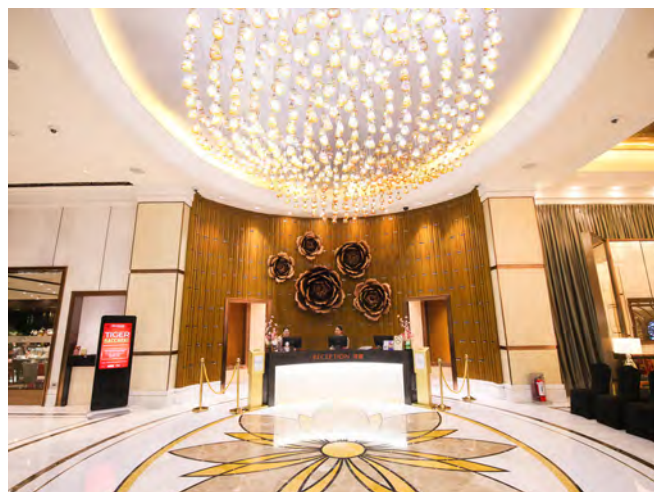


As the sun sets over Manila, Winford Resort & Casino comes to life with spectacular shows and live music at the Hippodrome Bar & Lounge, and the casino operates 24-7. Finally for business travellers, the Winford Ballroom sets the stage for grand gatherings with up to 1,000 delegates, and a business centre can host intimate corporate meetings with up to 40 people.

With its world-class facilities and prime location in the cultural epicentre of Manila, Winford Resort & Casino is a great choice for any visitor who wants to explore the city in comfort and style.

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