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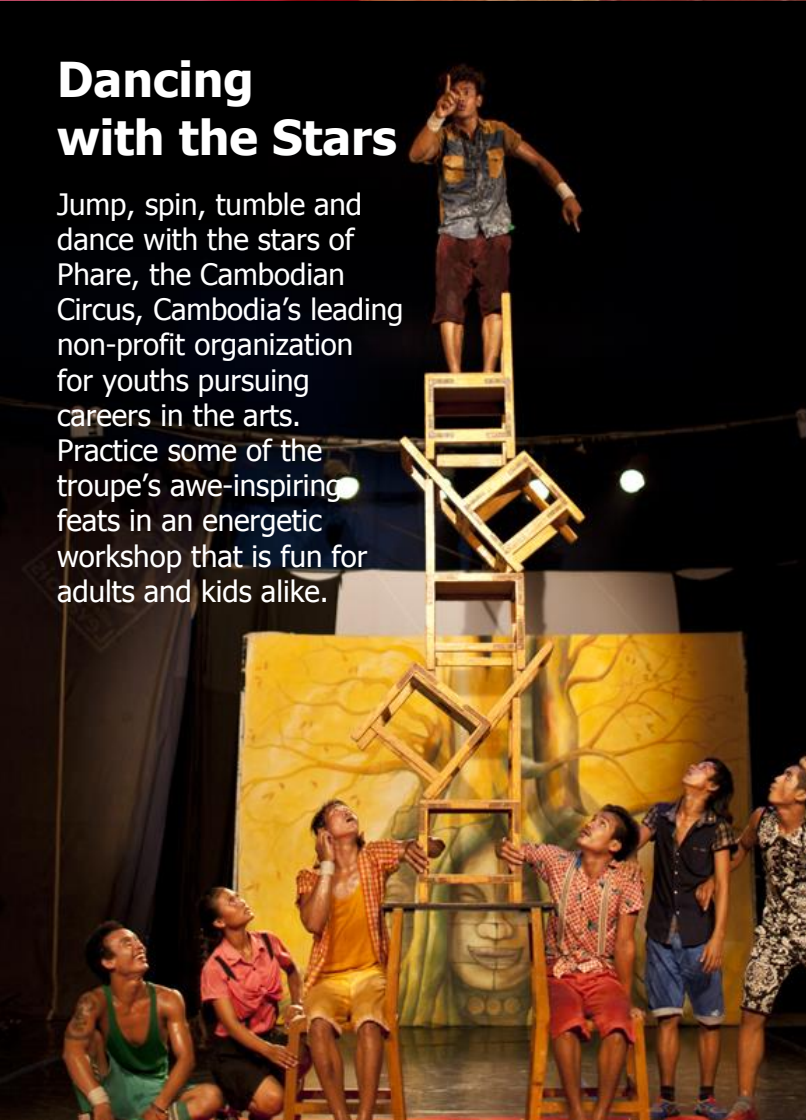


The Secret Life of Monks

Wearing white cotton gloves, the curator carefully lifts the paper casing protecting each precious print to reveal a fascinating archive of Buddhist photographs in Luang Prabang, Laos. Affiliated with the British Library, this archive reveals over 120 years of monastic life in 35,000 photographs – a highlight of any visit via our local access to the archive at Wat Kili.

Dancing with the Stars

Jump, spin, tumble and dance with the stars of Phare, the Cambodian Circus, Cambodia's leading non-profit organization for youths pursuing careers in the arts. Practice some of the troupe's awe-inspiring feats in an energetic workshop that is fun for adults and kids alike.



One Night in Hanoi

Weave in and out of city streets and zip through hidden alleyways to discover the 'real Hanoi' on a night out with a local. The tourist trail is far behind you when you visit the home of a century-old incense maker and venture into hidden passages to see behind the city's façade. Admire how families turn their narrow houses into happy homes. Sip a *bia hoi* (fresh local beer) and eat like a local at secret spots only locals know.

A Celebration of Thai Flowers

We are counting down to our favorite Thai festival, Loy Krathong on 22 November 2018. It is simply magical to see the rivers, lakes and canals lit up with candles floating on elaborate, hand-made baskets made of flowers. This tradition is said to bring good luck and prosperity.

Join in the fun and make your own 'krathong' at a floral design studio in Bangkok, where Thailand's contemporary floral culture is celebrated all year round.

The date of Loy Krathong varies each year based on the Lunar calendar. Floral workshops are available throughout the year.



Reading Between the Lines in Yangon

With the new year approaching, see what the future holds in a private session with a Burmese astrologer. Fortune-telling is commonly practiced in Myanmar, where astrologers are consulted for weddings, birthdays and other special occasions. Experience this highly revered tradition with a renowned astrologer in Yangon who uses ancient wisdom to read the palms of your hand.

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SANCTUARY ANANDA Myanmar

Discover Bagan and Mandalay as well as small villages on the Ayeyarwady River while luxuriating among lush local handicrafts, silk décor and teak wood furnishings on the custom-built, all-suite Sanctuary Ananda cruise.

Why we love it:

With just 21 suites, this cruise offers a more intimate experience than most and is the best boutique option on the river. After a day of touring, there is nothing better than to lounge on the beautiful deck and watch the endless riverside vistas.

SAMUJANA | Samui, Thailand

With uninterrupted views of Samui's coastline, Samujana offers a range of private and individually-styled one- to eight-bedroom villas on a stunning hillside overlooking a coral cove.

Why we love it:

We could not get enough of the panoramic ocean views and the private infinity pool. The open-air bar and living space is ideal for entertaining, while the personalized butler service takes care of every need. Some villas also feature an in-room cinema or spa room.



THE ANAM | Cam Ranh, Vietnam

The smallest details fit perfectly to deliver a true Indochinese charm in an idyllic beach resort on Vietnam's central coast - The Anam is a haven of serenity just a one-hour flight from Ho Chi Minh City or Hanoi.

Why we love it:

Possibly the best beach in central Vietnam – the soft white sand and calm, shallow waters are just perfect for swimming, while the relaxed, colonial-style villas offer a wonderful retreat amid warm tropical breezes, swaying coconut palms and the gorgeous South China Sea.

“When eating a fruit,
think of the person who
planted the tree”
- Vietnamese proverb



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