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The Umbrella Makers of Myanmar

In a remote Shan village surrounded by rolling hills and Myanmar's Inle Lake, an artisan places the finishing touches on her hand-crafted paper parasol. A traditional handicraft of this region, Shan paper umbrellas take several hours to produce and are used not only to protect against the sun, but also as an artistic symbol of grace and beauty.



Biking Bangkok's Backroads

We love every chance to hop on a bike and explore Bangkok's colorful neighborhoods and Bang Krachao is one of our favorites. Nestled in a bend of the Chao Phraya River, the winding paths, fruit orchards and lush jungle foliage in this protected conservation area are made for memorable cycling adventures.



Bali's Symphony of Flavors

Sink your teeth into wonderfully marinated pomelo served with pickled rose petals, seasonal wild berries and a sublimely smooth Java plum coconut sorbet. Chefs Eelke Plasmeijer and Ray Adriansyah of Indonesian fine dining favorite, Locavore, have created a mouth-watering menu championing local ingredients such as pickled seaweed from Lombok and beef short ribs from Java. Experience this nine-course culinary sensation on your next trip to Ubud, Bali.



Sacred Cave Adventures in Ninh Binh, Vietnam

One of Vietnam's best-kept secrets is a holy cave that can only be reached by rowboat. Hidden away in Ninh Binh, just two hours' drive from Hanoi, the dark and mysterious cave extends over 500 meters (1,640 feet) and contains several fascinating rock formations.



Diving into Thailand's Underwater World

Watch the catfish, giant pufferfish weave in and out of underwater gardens as sea turtles, rays and whale sharks glide across the water nearby. The Gulf of Thailand enjoys sunshine and good weather throughout most of the year, from January to September. Take a private speedboat or Catamaran to the Japanese Gardens, just off the coast of Koh Tao, to dive or snorkel in the shallow waters teeming with coral, parrotfish, bannerfish, banded sea snakes and more!

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AQUA BLU | Indonesia

Setting sail from November 2019, Aqua Blu is the latest addition to Aqua Expeditions' fleet, which includes the elegant Aqua Mekong sailing between Cambodia and Vietnam. The new long-range yacht will explore Indonesia's Spice Islands, Raja Ampat and Komodo National Park.

Why we love it:

A former British naval vessel, the ship boasts a grand seafaring legacy. We can't wait to be among the first to experience the renovated ship's 15 suites which offer a stylish yet intimate way of exploring Indonesia's dramatic coastlines.

Akorn has partnered with Aqua Expeditions to create exclusive pre and post cruise options to Sulawesi, Bali, Lombok and more.

TREELINE URBAN RESORT Siem Reap, Cambodia

This newly opened boutique property on Siem Reap's leafy riverside combines all the charms of ancient Khmer art and culture with a contemporary, organic and minimalist style. Featuring handmade furnishings crafted by Cambodian masters, the hotel offers sense of tranquility on the footsteps of Angkor.

Why we love it:

Featuring natural elements such as timber and stone and effortless modern design, the hotel inspires blissful moments of laid-back serenity. We lapped up the chance to rest and relax with Ayurvedic spa treatments and quiet evenings sipping Khmer cocktails at the rooftop bar.



NIHI SUMBA | Sumba Island, Indonesia

A seductive haven tucked away on the remote shores of one of Indonesia's most unexplored islands, Nihi Sumba is the ultimate barefoot luxury experience. Embracing the spirit and heritage of the Sumbanese people, the resort creates an uplifting sense of tranquility enriched with endless views of the Indian Ocean.

Why we love it:

Reflecting the architectural style of the island's villages, Nihi Sumba is a tropical paradise with breezy outdoor living spaces and private gardens overlooking the sea. We loved the chance to up our surfing game with world class instructors and thrilling waves in the quiet coconut cove and indulging in fresh, organic meals straight from the garden.





“As you move through this life and this world you change things slightly, you leave marks behind, however small. And in return, life - and travel - leaves marks on you.”

- Anthony Bourdain



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