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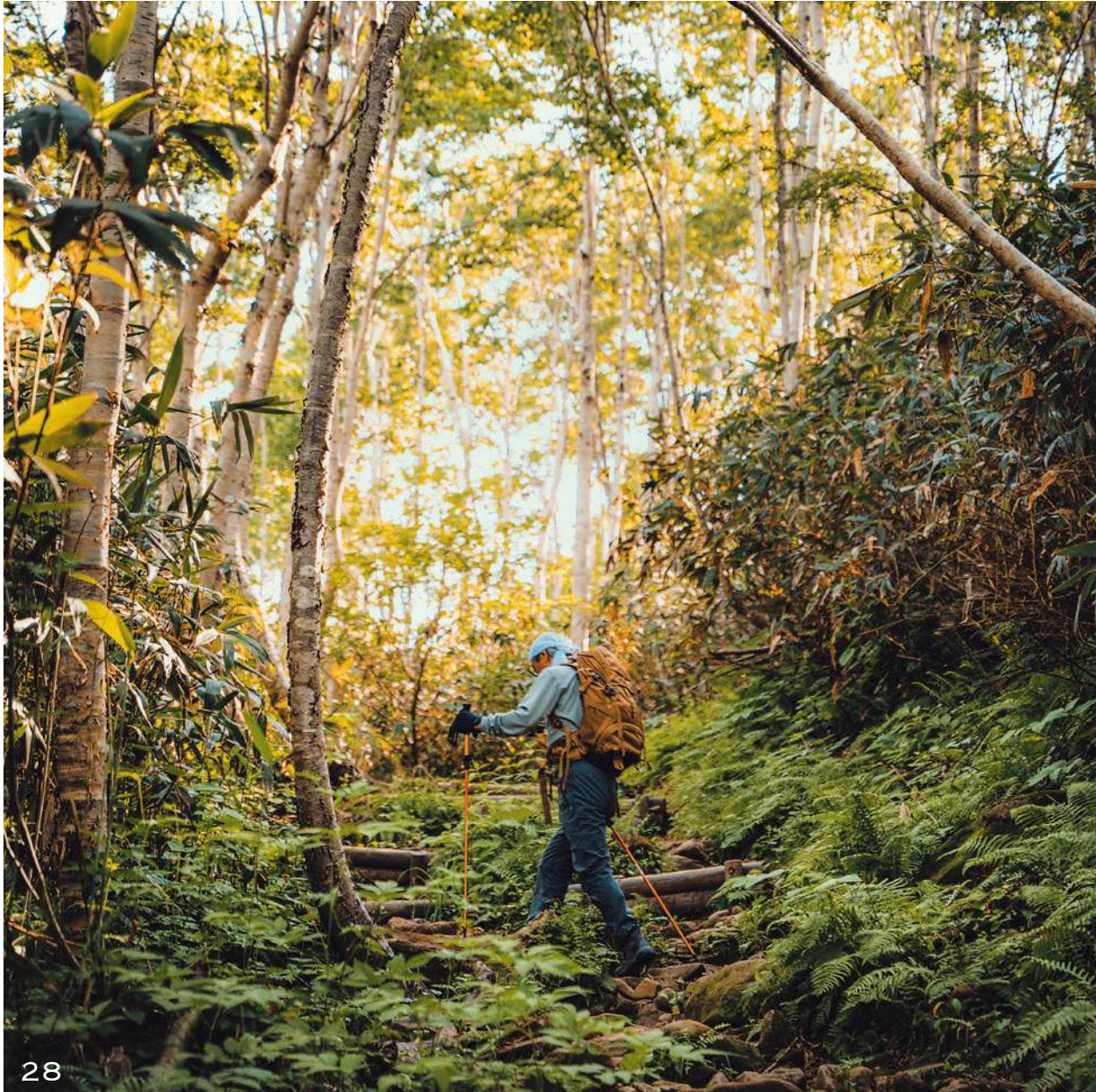
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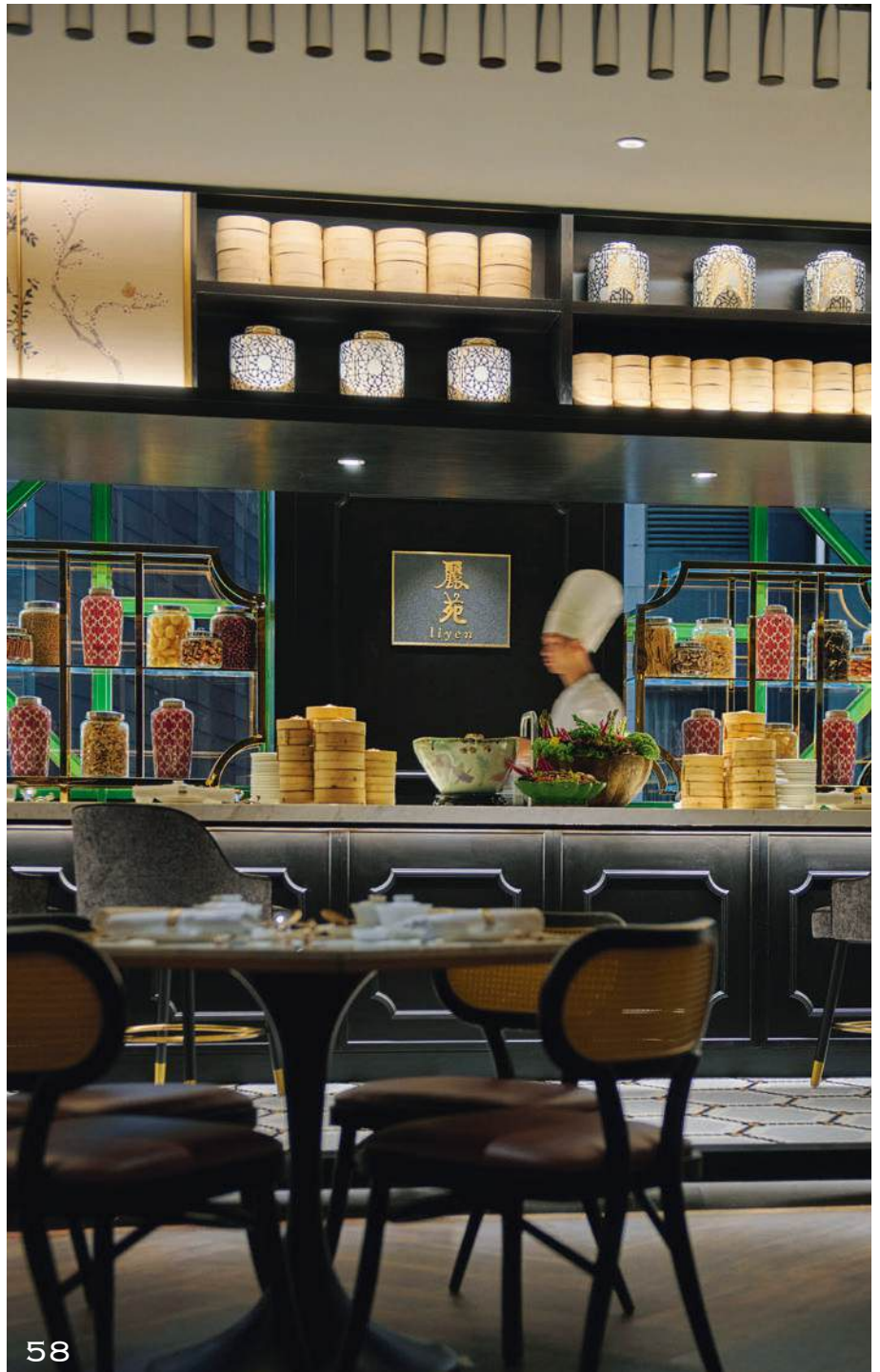
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W elcome to our spring edition of YTL Life, where we celebrate nature's renewal. Our cover story of Niseko Village, located in a very peaceful corner of Hokkaido, showcases the season's beauty through its soulful properties and immersive guest activities. Renewal also comes in light of our enlarged partnership with Hilton Hotels, which sees our existing Hilton Niseko Village joined by new additions to the Hilton Honors family, namely; Hinode Hills Niseko Village, now flagged as a Curio Collection by Hilton, as well as the debut of the Tapestry Collection by Hilton in Japan through The Green Leaf Niseko Village.



Across this issue, you will discover beautiful escapes and treasured moments at our many YTL Hotels locations – a panacea to the disconcerting newsloop of recent world events.

Enter the magical underwater world with the advent of dive season on the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia. Here, you will encounter beautiful turtles, some of which have been birthed from our own hatchery at Tanjong Jara Resort! Late last year, our efforts with The Penyu Shell-Ter Project was marked by a fundraising and arts initiative with 51 Malaysia artists and public figures, and endorsed by the National Art Gallery of Malaysia. The resulting 70 handcrafted turtle sculptures, made of YTL Cement's low-carbon ECOCem solution, generated RM1,255,000 in proceeds with 100 per cent going towards the Turtle Conservation Society of Malaysia and PULIHARA, a marine conservation NGO and erstwhile collaborator of YTL Hotels.

Over at the private island getaway Pangkor Laut Resort, a fashion collaboration with Italian luxury clothing brand Paul & Shark allowed us to celebrate *la dolce vita* in the tropics. This fashion house, with its inspiration born of maritime adventure and the yachting universe, represented its first takeover project outside of Europe. This stylish three-day seaside retreat was most meaningfully capped by a poignant tree-planting ceremony, followed by insights into YTL Hotels' continual marine mammals and turtle conservation programmes to underline the importance of nature in human existence.

And back at The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur, YTL Hotels also supported the fundraising efforts of the Women's Aid Organisation's (WAO), an NGO that has been running a free shelter and crisis support for at-risk women and children for more than four decades. This art charity, headlined by Malaysian-born and New York City-based senior artist Eng Tay, raised more than RM400,000 through sales of donated etchings by the artist – with every penny going to the WAO to continue supporting their mission and service.

Happy reading!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francis', written over a long, horizontal, slightly curved line.

CURRENTS OF HOPE

THE PENYU SHELL-TER PROJECT TRANSFORMED ART INTO
ADVOCACY, COMBINING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS WITH
THE TALENTS OF MALAYSIA'S MOST CELEBRATED CREATIVES.

Words ALICIA CHOO



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Sculpted across countless millennia, sea turtles have weathered predators, shifting currents, and the sweep of Earth's history. They traversed the same oceans that once cradled dinosaurs and now carry humans, with shells shaped by time and movement honed by grace. Yet with modern challenges threatening their fragile future, their survival rests in our hands.

Stewardship has long been a key pillar to YTL, working closely with dedicated organisations to protect irreplaceable ecosystems, including these ancient mariners that call them home. For every thousand hatchlings that break free from

their sandy nests, perhaps only a fraction reach maturity, and it is against this delicate reality that YTL drives its efforts. Through conservation initiatives, YTL gives these living relics renewed hope, ensuring that they endure for generations to come.

For YTL Hotels' director of conservation Justin Juhon and marine biologist Scott Mayback, genuine hospitality is as much about the world beyond the guestroom as it is about the guest within it. Respect for nature, culture, and local communities forms the bedrock of their approach, guided by three core pillars: Protection, Rehabilitation, and Education.



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This and facing pages: The Penyu Shell-ter Project was launched in conjunction with the 70th anniversary of YTL Group. The campaign's kick-off event was held at Tanjong Jara Resort, before culminating in a live auction at the JW Marriott Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

Malaysia – in reimagining 70 handcrafted turtle sculptures. Participating creatives included fashion designer Khoon Hooi, contemporary artist Michelle Yap, inspiring creators such as Ng Qiu Yan and Wan Jamila (ARTJAMILA), and other notable figures such as Siti Saleha, Tengku Marina Ibrahim, Datuk Nicol Ann David, Dato' Sri Siti Nurhaliza Tarudin, Dato' Sheila Majid, and Dato' Zainal Abidin.

"As much as we are thinking about decades past, we are mindful of the future that we want to live in and the biodiversity that is integral to it," Yeoh said. "The Penyu Shell-Ter Project is an extension of our work and mission at BUILDS, which is guided by environmental stewardship, community engagement, and support for Malaysian talent. As each sculpture comes to life, we look forward to seeing the impact that they will make and the critical conversations around conservation that it will spark."

Inspired by the green sea turtle, each 30cm by 25cm sculpture was crafted from ECOCem, YTL Cement's low-carbon solution, and cast from custom silicone moulds that replicated every intricate ridge and curve of the species' natural form. After demoulding, every piece was meticulously hand-finished, with each curve polished to perfection, and finally brought to life through the artists' paintwork.

"Community awareness and action are essential in protecting Malaysia's turtles," said Dr Chen Pelf-Nyok, co-founder of Turtle Conservation Society of Malaysia (TCS). "The Penyu Shell-Ter Project not only raises critical funds for our conservation programmes, but also creates a creative, public platform that brings these issues into everyday conversations. We are grateful to YTL Cement, the participating artists, and the public for joining us in this shared mission."

All sculptures were put on public display at selected YTL Hotels nationwide before being offered in a live auction held in December 2025 at the JW Marriott Hotel Kuala Lumpur, with 100 per cent of the proceeds going directly to PULIHARA and TCS. The auction raised a total of RM1,255,000, with funds allocated towards protecting endangered sea and freshwater turtles, including support for hatchery operations, habitat protection, community-led conservation efforts, and public education.

One of the highest bids of the evening was RM50,000 for a sculpture by Malaysian music legend Dato' Zainal Abidin, who also performed his iconic song *Hijau* following the auction. In addition, YTL Cement contributed RM5,000 on behalf of each artist, amounting to RM255,000, to a charity of their choosing.

For more information, visit penyushellter.ytlcement.com



A property's picturesque setting can hold guests in awe, but maintaining the integrity of its natural environment is equally vital. At Tanjong Jara Resort, this principle is put into action through a decade-long turtle hatchery adjacent to the Nelayan Restaurant, developed in partnership with non-profit organisation PULIHARA. Built with simple yet sturdy wooden lattice, the hatchery offers guests a rare window into the delicate nesting process, while shielding the eggs from potential threats. If fortune smiles, guests may even witness the spectacle of young hatchlings emerging at night.

As YTL Group marks its 70th anniversary, YTL Cement commemorated this milestone beyond celebration by expanding its conservation further with The Penyu Shell-Ter Project. Led by Rachel Yeoh, executive director of YTL Cement, the initiative brought together 51 Malaysian artists and public figures – endorsed by the National Art Gallery of



Above: Dato' Dr Mahmood Merican and Eng Tay.

Facing page: a diverse selection of Eng Tay's artworks, from the 1980s to the 2000s, were on offer during the auction.

IN SERVICE OF SOMETHING GREATER

WHEN ART SPEAKS, IT DRAWS ATTENTION WHERE IT MATTERS MOST. AT THE RITZ-CARLTON, KUALA LUMPUR, THE ART & SOUL CHARITY EVENING BROUGHT THE WOMEN'S AID ORGANISATION'S (WAO) MISSION TO LIFE THROUGH ENG TAY'S EVOCATIVE WORKS.

Words ALICIA CHOO
Photographs ANNA RINA



Art has long been a vessel for social and political reflection. When artists speak through their work, they illuminate truths that society cannot ignore. Through philanthropic efforts, this dialogue is strengthened, giving their work greater reach and purpose beyond the walls of a gallery. This forms a key part of YTL's broader vision – championing art not only as cultural expression but as a force of good, where artistic voices are amplified with intention.

Last September 2025, The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur hosted an Art & Soul charity evening in support of the Women's Aid Organisation (WAO), featuring a collection of 118 etchings donated by Malaysian-born, New York-based artist Eng Tay. Each curated piece told a story across the spacious walls of The Library, presented in custom frames by Tay's longtime collaborator and friend, James Lee of WL Framing And Art.

The purpose-driven event sought both to generate meaningful funds and deepen public awareness of domestic violence, with Tay's works available for purchase, including a special draw of two etchings. Lee Jia Ping, president of WAO, spoke of the organisation's dual focus on education and advocacy. "We go all over Malaysia to talk to school children

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about what is acceptable and not acceptable behaviour – in thought, word, deed, and action,” she said. “We need much more of that because there are a lot of blurred lines, which we need to redefine in terms of boundaries of safety and empowering ourselves.”

On creating a more just and equitable world, Yeow Ai Lin, fundraising chair and executive board member, said: “WAO’s mission is about moving humanity forward, irrespective of gender. This commitment to equality and justice is what resonates most deeply with me and fuels my passion for the organisation’s work.” Vivienne Lee, a member of WAO’s fundraising committee, added: “When we expend a certain amount of time and energy, to see tangible or monetary returns is gratifying. However, if this event could inspire others to think of ways of helping their favourite charities creatively, that would be icing on the cake.”

Although art was the centrepiece, the room also reflected Tay’s personal anecdotes. A live mini hot dog station offered a sentimental nod to his early years as a struggling artist in late-1960s New York, where he arrived on a one-way ticket with only 300 bucks to his name. For a time, sausages were all he lived on, making the gesture all the more meaningful. Another highlight was Tay’s love for horology, particularly Panerai, with two of his most prized timepieces on display.

All evening long, guests drifted between conversations and canvases, while an assortment of canapés and drinks made their rounds. The true highlight, however, was the evening’s success: generating a total of RM409,200, with 79 artworks now in the hands of appreciative collectors.

For more information, visit www.ritzcarlton.com/kualumpur



This and facing pages: representatives and guests of the Women’s Aid Organisation (WAO) attended the charity auction, and were also able to get to know Tay a little bit better – including his early days in the US as well as his passion for timepieces.

An aerial photograph of a tropical resort, Pangkor Laut, nestled within a vast, dense green forest. The resort buildings, including a prominent white structure and a blue-roofed building, are partially visible through the trees. A sandy beach and turquoise water are seen on the right side of the image. The sky is clear and blue.

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MAKING WAVES

WHAT IF PANGKOR LAUT RESORT WERE TO BE REFASHIONED
BY THE ITALIAN CRAFTSMANSHIP OF PAUL & SHARK?

Words JUERN NG
Photographs SAUFI NADZRI

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Paul & Shark has been around for 50 years, crafting pieces heavily inspired by coastal culture. The brand doesn't stop at fashion; instead, it invites guests into a world of experiences, where private yachts, beachside villas, and sunset cruises become the way of life. Its garments are designed with comfort and timeless style, but, more importantly, they are made to carry the memory of the extraordinary adventure that guests spent at sea.

"In recent years, Paul & Shark has carried out a number of beautiful takeover projects across some of the most iconic destinations in Italy and Europe, from Cortina to Sardinia and

Formentera," said Andrea Dini, CEO of Paul & Shark. "We believe that taking over a location that truly resonates with our brand identity is one of the most effective ways to bring our philosophy directly into the places we visit, allowing us to connect meaningfully with local consumers."

In collaboration with Pangkor Laut Resort, Paul & Shark recently launched its first takeover project outside of Europe. During this three-day seaside retreat, guests left behind the city chaos, arriving at a resort decked out in the colours of the brand. The famous hornbills of Pangkor island were the first to offer their welcome, wandering the grounds and watching with calm curiosity. In each villa, guests were presented with

This page, clockwise from right: the night ignited with a spectacular fire show; embarking on a sunset cruise with Princess Yachts as well as Tunku Khairul Zaim and Marisa Soraya; guests swayed to the music as Princess Yachts sailed along the island's bays.

Facing page, clockwise from top: a fine ship from Princess Yachts in the waters of Emerald Bay; the latest Paul & Shark collections; a friendly game of pickleball to break the ice.



through the two-million-year-old rainforest that surrounds the resort. Along the way, there were sightings of the island's quiet residents such as giant fruit bats. At the end of the trail, the path gave way to a clearing where guests took part in a tree-planting ceremony, a silent offering to the land that has sheltered such life and splendour.

After a quick refreshment, the journey continued with a marine mammal rescue workshop, where guests were given lessons on aiding stranded dolphins and learnt about the miraculous work of turtle conservation. At Chapman's Bar, an indulgent banana leaf lunch awaited, allowing all who participated a moment to recharge and toast to fulfilling the morning's triumphs.

A Paul & Shark retreat wouldn't be complete without a firsthand experience of the maison's creations. Within the pop-up boutique, guests discovered specially curated designs that reflected the spirit of the island, catering to Malaysia's hot and humid climate. In an effort to preserve the beauty of nature, Paul & Shark is also committed to innovative and sustainable practices, using organic cotton, recycled fabrics, and regenerated wool and cashmere.

Before dusk fell, guests experienced the weekend's crowning moment – a memorable cruise by Princess Yachts, similarly adorned in Paul & Shark's aesthetic. Music filled the air, canapés were served, and cocktails bore the emblem of the maison as they sailed along the island's bays and watched the sun set into the horizon.

Back at the resort, guests enjoyed a captivating barbecue dinner beneath the stars, courtesy of chef Mohan Deligannu, group executive chef of YTL Hotels and a Masterchef celebrity from the United Kingdom. It only felt right to close the glamorous la dolce vita affair with a DJ set, fire shows, and guests dancing long into the night.

Morning came all too soon on the final day, signalling the end of the retreat – but not before one last glimpse of sea otters bidding farewell from the island.

"I had the chance to visit Pangkor Laut Resort several times, and I was truly captivated by its beauty," Dini shared. "The deep connection with nature and the spirit of authentic discovery that the island evokes are perfectly aligned with the philosophy we aim to express through Paul & Shark's projects. That's why I immediately felt it was the ideal location, and I strongly believe it will be the first of a long series."

For more information, visit www.pangkorlautresort.com

a wardrobe of resortwear personally curated by Paul & Shark, along with accessories to accompany the journey.

The first day unfolded with a friendly game of pickleball on a custom court and paddles reimagined in Paul & Shark's designs. On the beach in Emerald Bay, guests could also spend the evening relaxing on branded hammocks with towels and cushions in the brand's signature blue, marked by subtle shark motifs. As night fell, dinner was served in the style of a pasar malam, celebrating the aromas and flavours of Ipoh's culinary heritage.

The following morning began with an interactive breakfast showcase, before guests set out on a guided jungle trek

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THE CALL OF THE MILD

NISEKO IN THE WARMER MONTHS REVEALS A LAIDBACK
AND CAREFREE STAY ALONG WITH A DIVERSE RANGE OF
ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM.

Words MINDY TEH



LIFE ON THE COVER







For decades, the name Niseko has conjured images of pristine powder, exhilarating ski runs, and a winter wonderland nestled in Hokkaido, Japan. Yet, as the last vestiges of snow melt away, something decidedly more verdant takes their place, a vibrant, emerald landscape that redefines Niseko Village as a compelling, year-round destination.

Far from mere seasonal transition, the warm months here unveil a sophisticated array of experiences that now rival the region's legendary snowy allure. This transformation reveals the other side of Niseko, a place where nature's greenery meets world-class hospitality under the Hokkaido sun. In these warmer months, the village takes on a different *mise en scène*. Mornings rise in technicolour with the light coming up behind the majestic Mount Yotei. By afternoon, the temperature warms gently and the sun spreads across golf greens and forest trails. Evenings settle into soft mauve and deep orange tones.

UNFORGETTABLE STAYS

What emerges in summer stretches across its wide selection of accommodations. Each property offers a unique personality and guest experience, coupled with exceptional service and tailored amenities rooted in the local culture. Visitors have suitably taken note. "In fact, if I look back into the last 10 years or so, our growth rate for summer and autumn is significantly higher than winter," says Shiau Wee Long, CEO of Niseko Village.

At the far end of the village's accommodations sits Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, a sanctuary of just 50 rooms and suites that embraces a more exclusive and different approach to resort life. Opened in 2020 as Japan's first Ritz-Carlton Reserve, it is conceived as a total immersion into the surrounding landscape and where forest trails, mineral-rich *onsen*, and a seasonal culinary programme shape the days.

Within the same expanse, Hilton Niseko Village offers an attractive counterpoint. Its larger footprint and proximity to the gondola and village hub anchor it as the social and logistical beating heart of the village. It provides an easy, energetic base, where families and first-time visitors move fluidly between outdoor pursuits and the comforts of a full-service resort. Kevin Girard, Cluster General Manager of the Hilton properties within Niseko Village, speaks of the destination in terms of cohesion. "As the Hilton Niseko Village cluster, we are positioned as a premium, integrated, internationally branded resort experience," he says.

Left: no matter the season, the grandeur of Mount Yotei imparts a sense of awe.





The Green Leaf Niseko Village, Japan's first Tapestry Collection by Hilton, radiates a vibrant energy and social atmosphere. "Some of the genesis of Green Leaf draws from Sangaku Bunka mountain culture, a strong connection with movement and alpine life, skiing, snowboarding, and more," says Girard. This profound link to the local mountain culture imbues the hotel with a dynamic spirit that the staff bring to life.

Bridging these experiences are Kasara Niseko Village and Hinode Hills Niseko Village, part of the Curio Collection by Hilton. The latter is handpicked for its distinctive local touches that contribute to unique characteristics and unexpected amenities. Hinode Hills Niseko Village thus introduces a more luxurious, residential stay. "It's a different level and feeling for our guests staying there," Girard says, where private in-room infinity onsens offer panoramic bathing experiences.

The spirit of *omoiyari*, the Japanese concept of selfless, attentive hospitality, is very much present across the properties and something Hinode Hills takes to the next level. The resort was purpose-built for guests seeking a more refined stay and Girard describes it as embodying "the energy

The spirit of omoi-yari, the Japanese concept of selfless, attentive hospitality, is very much present across the properties and something Hinode Hills takes to the next level.

of the sun", with its physical location strategically placed to capture either the awe-inspiring sunrise over Mount Yotei or the tranquil sunset on the opposing side.

In summer, guests move between properties with ease. "Because the gondola sits right out in front of the hotel here, guests are actually able to take it and connect to the other hotels," says Girard. A guest staying at one hotel might find themselves at another for dinner, or simply for the view. "They can come over to Hilton, have an authentic Teppanyaki experience, sushi counter experience, or, you know, have a beautiful sunset dinner as you're looking over Mount Yotei."

Another significant investment in Niseko Village's year-round appeal is the upcoming installation of a new eight-person gondola, targeted for December 2026. This modern lift replaces the previous double chairlift and is strategically designed to operate in non-winter seasons as well. "The purpose of us installing this gondola is to also allow non-skiers and those visiting in the warmer months to have a mountain view," says Long. This state-of-the-art infrastructure will

Previous spread: Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve offers the highest standards of luxury accommodation.



This page: savour the natural beauty of Hokkaido in Hinode Hills Niseko Village, part of the Curio Collection by Hilton (above) and Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve (below).







Left: Niseko during the green season becomes a harmonious setting where Hokkaido's natural beauty is on full display. So, come to Niseko in the warmer months to enjoy the great outdoors, whether it's through golf, cycling, hiking, or fly-fishing.



Above: there are plenty of ways to enjoy Niseko Village, whether out on the greens or up in the skies.



This page: Moxy Niseko Village, which debuts in September this year, is imbued with a *wakuwaku* spirit, which translates in Japanese as a sense of excitement, thrill, and happy anticipation of something fun.

initially reach three-quarters of the mountain, with plans to extend it to the very top the following year, offering even more stunning panoramic views and a mountain-top cafe serving desserts, coffee, and local beverages.

The future horizon is glowing with additional hospitality offerings, including the anticipated arrival of Moxy Niseko Village, part of Marriott International's portfolio. Slated for a September opening, this latest entry into Niseko Village promises adventure and thrills, with its signature playful vibe adding unmissable energy and excitement to the property's foot *onsens*, recharge zones, and grab-and-go options.

SUNNY PURSUITS

The cool climate and abundant natural landscape of Niseko Village makes it perfectly suited for a wide array of activities, with golfing taking centre stage in summer and autumn. The area boasts two acclaimed 18-hole golf courses within easy reach. Niseko Village Gold Course, a par 73, 6,259m course designed by Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, has been accorded the prestigious title of Japan's Best Golf Course numerous times by the World Golf Awards, and noted for its manicured greens, strategic layout, and scenic views of Mount Yotei and the Annupuri range. The equally scenic Arnold Palmer-designed Niseko Golf Course, meanwhile, has a reputation for being one of Hokkaido's most challenging courses.

Both are conveniently accessible from Niseko Village and attract a significant number of international guests, particularly from Southeast and North Asia. “North Asians go crazy over golf, from the Koreans to the Taiwanese,” notes Long. The courses are designed with an emphasis on ease of play, encouraging guests to navigate the greens in carts rather than walking, allowing for a relaxed and scenic round.

For the more adventurous, the landscape invites exhilarating pursuits. The majestic Mount Yotei offers a variety of hikes, from achievable to ambitious, rewarding trekkers with panoramic views. A more amenable though no less scenic experience would come in the form of e-bike rides that include full-day trips around the serene Lake Toya or more leisurely explorations through the picturesque countryside. Those seeking an adrenaline rush can seek the local, pristine rivers for thrilling white-water rafting experiences.

Visitors also look forward to the moveable feast that the warmer climes bring. The area features incredibly fresh, organic local produce, the freshest seafood, and vibrant farm-to-table dining. Curated experiences include private picnics featuring artisanal baskets brimming with regional delicacies, lunches on soft grass set amid Niseko’s undulating hills, framed against the cinematic sweep of Mount Yotei. The area is also known for its tipples, and a visit to acclaimed distilleries located at the base of Mount Annupuri provides a delightful diversion in nosing and tasting world class and internationally acclaimed single malts and gins.

The visual splendour of Niseko extends to its autumn, which is equally distinct and captivating. While many associate the season with the fiery reds of maple leaves, Hokkaido presents a unique and equally enchanting palette. Long clarifies, “In Hokkaido, our autumn colour is never red. It is golden, if not brown.” This rich, lustrous tapestry creates a serene backdrop, perfectly complementing the laidback mood.

Long finds immense joy in these particular seasons, having dedicated nearly 15 years, and counting, to YTL Niseko Village. Her attachment to the village is borne from having witnessed its transformation and allure of Niseko year after year.

It stands to reason. As the days lengthen and the air turns sweet with the scent of ripening corn and freshly harvested pumpkin, Niseko Village in summer and autumn are distinct, full of character, and utterly irresistible. The natural splendour casts an emerald sheen under the sun, brooks and rivers gurgle, and trails wind through fields of gold. For a while, one may lose oneself in a luxurious picnic or a Michelin-starred dinner, in every turn of a path or curve of a stream.

For more information, visit www.niseko-village.com



Right: world-class golf courses are easily accessible from Niseko Village.



LIFE STYLE

AS COOL AS KUALA LUMPUR

EMBRACE THE EFFERVESCENCE OF THE
SEASON AT THE JW MARRIOTT HOTEL
KUALA LUMPUR AND THE STARHILL.

Producer and Creative Direction: JEMMIE CHEW
Photography: HERRY CHIA EE

On him: Top from
SANDRO shirt,
pants, and shoes;
RAYBAN Spectacles
(Essilorlucottica).

On her: MAXMARA
dress; shoes,
stockings, and
hairband, all
stylist's own.


JW MARRIOTT
KUALA LUMPUR



LIFE STYLE



蘇浙苑

蘇唐古吉





On him: JUSTIN YAP jacket and pants; SANDRO shoes.

On her: YULEZA dress; MIU MIU spectacles (Essilorluxittca); shoes, necklace, and jade bangle, all stylist's own.



On her: SANDRO dress; MAJE bag and hair accessories; MIU MIU sunglasses (Essilorluxittca); shoes, stylist's own.



On him: PAUL &
SHARK T-shirt
and shorts.

On her: SANDRO
dress; MAJE bag
and hair accessories;
MIU MIU sunglasses
(Essilorluxittca);
shoes, stylist's own.



On him: BALMAIN
jacket, shirt, and
trousers; shoes,
stylist's own.

On her: BALMAIN
blazer, dress, and bag;
shoes, stylist's own.





On her: JUSTIN
YAP dress; shoes,
stylist's own.



On him: FIZIWOO shirt and pants; shoes, stylist's own.

Lighting: David Ong; Fashion Stylist: Birdy Lee; Make-up: Berry Low; Hair Stylist: Luilui;
Photography Assistants: Hailey Tan, Joyce Chua; Models: Xiao Long (Wu Models), Beeya S (Attitude Models).



On him: FIZIWOO
shirt and pants;
shoes, stylist's own.

On her: FIZIWOO
dress; necklace,
earrings, and shoes,
stylist's own.



WHERE STORIES RESIDE

AT THE MAJESTIC HOTEL
KUALA LUMPUR, AN
AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION
HOTEL, COLONIAL GRANDEUR
AND LITERARY LEGACY
CONVERGE AND RENEW
THROUGH AN INTIMATE NEW
WRITERS' WORKSHOP SERIES.

Words SUREN KARR

Right: The Writer's Room in The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur is one of many spaces where you can unplug and unwind with a good book.







Above: participants of this Majestic Writer's Guild session were encouraged to express themselves wholeheartedly.

Left: Intan Maizura Ahmad Kamal, who led the session, with Geraldine Dreiser, Vice President of Marketing and Communications of YTL Hotels.

Originally opened in 1932, Hotel Majestic once served as a refined sanctuary for travellers in early Kuala Lumpur. Its larger-than-usual rooms were appointed with furnishings and silverware imported from England, alongside modern plumbing with hot and cold water, showers, and long baths in 18 rooms – rare luxuries for the era. A rooftop garden, complete with a dance floor and seating for 350, became a social focal point. With convenient access to railway transport and central Kuala Lumpur, the hotel drew colonial administrators and society figures during its British heyday. Among its distinguished guests were writer and journalist Graham Greene and author-playwright W. Somerset Maugham; the latter of whom is said to have penned portions of his works, including *The Letter* and *Footprints in the Jungle*, during his stay, further embedding the hotel within the literary imagination.

Now under the stewardship of YTL Hotels as The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur, an Autograph Collection hotel, the property continues to nurture its creative lineage. The Writer's

Room, discreetly positioned beside the original front desk, is conceived as a contemplative retreat. Appointed with refined furnishings and curated antiques, the space exudes a quiet gravitas – an atmosphere conducive to reflection, drafting, and the slow architecture of thought.

It is this heritage, coupled with its historic association with literary greats, that underpins The Majestic Writer's Guild, a new series of writing workshops designed to inspire both emerging and seasoned voices. Held on 31 January 2026, the inaugural session was curated and led by Intan Maizura Ahmad Kamal, a respected figure in Malaysia's literary and journalistic circles. The cohort – comprising business professionals, academics, literary enthusiasts, and even children – brought a dynamic range of perspectives, expressed through short essays and anecdotes.

The workshop consisted of five writing exercises, where participants were tasked to write short essays from prompts given by Maizura, such as writing a detailed description of an object within The Writer's Room, an unsaid message to a loved one, and a fictional, nonsensical retelling of one's morning.

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“The first step to being a writer is to grow more accustomed to penning your own thoughts on paper. Once you have that foundation of being comfortable sharing your voice, the editing and fine-tuning can happen later,” shared Maizura.

The evening concluded with the hotel’s acclaimed afternoon tea: a composed selection of pastries, finger sandwiches and sweets, served with tea poured from fine china. Each participant departed with a personalised clipboard, a modest but thoughtful gesture to encourage the continuation of their craft.

The second edition of The Majestic Writer’s Guild is set to run on 9 May 2026, from 2 to 5.30 pm. In view of Mother’s Day,

the workshop is titled ‘A Special Mother’s Day Edition, Stories of Care’, giving aspiring writers the unique opportunity to connect through written prose to mother-figures, caretakers, and mentors alike while stretching their creativity with the simplistic application of pen to paper. The workshop is priced from RM200 per person, with a 50 per cent discount for the second registrant.

For more information about the hotel or the next Majestic Writer’s Guild session, visit www.majestickl.com

Below: be like literary greats such as W. Somerset Maugham and Graham Greene by joining the next Majestic Writer’s Guild.



TASTING TRADITION

IN THE HEART OF BUKIT BINTANG, EXPLORE THE
DISTINCT FLAVOURS OF EAST AND SOUTH CHINA IN
LI YEN AND SHANGHAI RESTAURANTS.

Words JUERN NG





This and facing pages: Li Yen is a Michelin-Selected restaurant in The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur, and boasts 29 years of closely guarded recipes and deliciously authentic Chinese cuisine.



Kuala Lumpur is no stranger to Chinese cuisine, featuring a variety of options from casual eateries to hotpot chains. But when it comes to upscale restaurants, only a handful stand out, and even fewer earn the recognition of the Michelin Guide, while staying true to tradition.

LI YEN

Located on the second floor of The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur, Li Yen is known for its classic Cantonese cuisine, celebrating fresh ingredients and delicate flavours. It was first honoured as a Michelin-Selected restaurant in the 2023 Michelin Guide Kuala Lumpur and Penang, thanks to its 29-year legacy of authenticity. Comforting slow-simmered soups boost immunity and improve energy, while its barbequed specialties, such as the honey-glazed Iberico pork and roasted goose, are crowd favourites. Make sure you return for the handcrafted dim sum and desserts, too. They've earned the Chinese seal of approval for not being overly sweet.

Li Yen is built around the idea of sharing, boasting an elegant interior without appearing ostentatious. Its tables are generously spaced for privacy, with dishes that are designed for communal enjoyment, perfect for family gatherings, formal business lunches, or special occasions. Best of all, the restaurant offers great flexibility to tailor portion sizes according to the number of diners.

From now until 31 May 2026, Li Yen is also offering a promotion for its signature Peking Duck, priced at RM130+ for half a duck and RM200+ for a whole duck.



This and facing pages: enjoy classic Chinese fare amid sleek contemporary interiors in JW Marriott Hotel Kuala Lumpur's Shanghai.

SHANGHAI RESTAURANT

Located on the first floor of the JW Marriott Hotel Kuala Lumpur, Shanghai lives up to its name. Listed as Michelin-Selected in the 2024 Michelin Guide Kuala Lumpur and Penang, the restaurant has been serving traditional Shanghainese cuisine since 1999. Following a refurbishment in 2021, the space feels bright and modern, with a refined sense of luxury.

As opposed to the lighter flavours of Cantonese cuisine, Shanghainese dishes are slightly sweeter, soy-forward, and sometimes complemented by Shaoxing wine. Some of Shanghai's highlights include the slow-braised pork belly, drunken chicken, and the iconic *xiao long bao* filled with hot soup and finely minced pork that is impossible to resist. From late September to December, diners will find the seasonal delicacy of hairy crabs making an appearance on the menu, prized for its rich roe and tender meat. Between courses, refresh the palate with a tea of choice, just the way it's done in Shanghai, China.

An exclusive one-for-one *xiao long bao* offer is currently available from now until 30 April 2026. Diners also have a chance to savour the restaurant's seasonal specialities this season until 31 May 2026, featuring the prized Longevity Fish, a rare deep-sea delicacy from Australia and New Zealand, prepared with traditional Shanghainese cooking techniques.

For reservations at Li Yen, contact +6018 623 0038 or email li.yen@ritzcarltonkl.com. Bookings for Shanghai can be made to +6018 623 0069 or shanghairestaurant@ytlhotels.com.my.





IN THE THICK OF THINGS

IN THE DIVERSE AND HIGHLY-CONNECTED TOWN OF PUCHONG, AC HOTELS PRESENTS ITS SECOND KLANG VALLEY DESTINATION.

Words SUREN KARR



This and facing pages: Puchong is the latest location to join the Malaysian portfolio of AC Hotels, which already includes Penang, Ipoh, Kuantan, and Titiwangsa in Kuala Lumpur.



Set within the fast-evolving township of Bandar Puchong Jaya, the Marriott group introduces a refined, design-led stay that caters to today's modern traveller with AC Hotel Puchong. Part of the Marriott Bonvoy portfolio, the hotel reflects the AC Hotels brand ethos – streamlined, purposeful, and quietly sophisticated – delivering exactly what guests need, without excess.

Positioned in the heart of Puchong's commercial district, the hotel offers seamless connectivity to nearby business hubs, retail centres, and lifestyle destinations, such as IOI Mall Puchong. Sitting right beside the Damansara-Puchong Expressway (LDP) and about 30 minutes from the Kuala Lumpur city centre, the hotel's central location makes it an ideal base for both corporate travellers and weekend explorers seeking convenience without compromising on style.

Inside, the hotel's guestrooms and suites are designed with a minimalist European sensibility, prioritising clean lines, open layouts, and functional comfort. Each room is equipped with high-speed Internet, dedicated workspaces, and thoughtful in-room amenities, creating an environment that effortlessly transitions from productivity to rest.

Dining and social spaces are equally considered. AC Kitchen serves a streamlined breakfast experience, while the AC Lounge offers all-day bites and evening cocktails. The standout, however, is Hollywood East, the hotel's rooftop social hub, where guests can unwind by the pool with skyline views and a lively yet relaxed atmosphere.

Beyond its stylish interiors, the hotel is equipped with a comprehensive suite of amenities, including an outdoor pool, fitness centre, meeting spaces, and business facilities – ensuring a well-rounded stay for both leisure and work. Complimentary Wi-Fi and efficient service further enhance the experience.

Contemporary, connected, and thoughtfully curated, AC Hotel Puchong stands as a compelling new addition to the Klang Valley hospitality scene – one that balances form and function with understated elegance.

For more information, visit www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/kulpc-ac-hotel-puchong/overview/



GOOD VIBES.
GREAT WORK.

THE DREAMLABS AT MOXY KUALA LUMPUR CHINATOWN IS THE
ULTIMATE SPACE TO HOST A MEETING WITH A DOSE OF FUN.



Big ideas need room to be bold. This is where Moxy Kuala Lumpur Chinatown comes in. Situated just five minutes from the LRT Masjid Jamek station, the vibrant and playful hotel places you in the heart of a district where traditional culture meets contemporary artistic charm. Moxy's Dreamlabs has the perfect space for every agenda, whether you're planning meetings, conferences, and pitches, or hosting a brainstorming session.

There are four creatively designed places for you to choose from, which come fully-equipped with AV equipment, a podium, and even fun extras like cards and board games to spark creativity. They'll even set up a boardroom if you need it. Otherwise, you can have a creative jam session in the design-forward space with leather-sling chairs paired with groovy throw pillows under globe pendant lights. Plus, dedicated break-out areas and high-speed Wi-Fi will ensure your events run at peak productivity.

Feeling peckish and need a break? Head downstairs to the Grab & Go counter at the lobby's Zone In for a snack. Once it's time to clock out and the business talk is done and dusted, treat your guests to drinks at Bar Moxy – the hotel's rooftop hangout with stunning city views of the KL Tower – and have a toast to a day well spent.

For more information, visit www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/kulok-moxy-kuala-lumpur-chinatown/overview/

This and facing pages: the vibrancy of Moxy Kuala Lumpur Chinatown can be felt in every corner of the hotel, including its dynamic Dreamlabs work and meeting spaces.



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大華酒店
MAJESTIC HOTEL



Above: experience the Melaka River Cruise just steps away from the hotel.

Facing page: the exterior of The Majestic Malacca.

A HISTORIC GEM

THE MAJESTIC MALACCA, A LOVINGLY RESTORED 1920s MANSION SET ALONG THE BANKS OF THE MELAKA RIVER, EXUDES OLD-WORLD GRANDEUR WHILE OFFERING AN INIMITABLE IMMERSION INTO THE HERITAGE OF THE KRISTANG COMMUNITY.

Words ALICIA CORBETT
Photography LAW SOO PHYE

Malacca is a *mélange* of cultures, where you'll find crimson-red churches alongside mosques with pagoda-style minarets, and temples with vividly coloured porcelain figures, all testaments to the city's centuries-old mercantile history. Its cultural tapestry has been shaped by Malay, Chinese, Indian, Dutch, British, and Portuguese influences, and enriched further by Arab, Japanese, and Javanese contributions – an extraordinary convergence that has given rise to distinctly local identities. At the heart of it all stands one of the city's most luxurious addresses, The Majestic Malacca, which places you steps from the city's storied streets, allowing you to immerse yourself in the charms of the Melaka UNESCO World Heritage Site with effortless convenience.

The sister property of The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur, this elegant mansion doubles as both a heritage landmark and a luxury hotel, with its striking blend of Straits and Neo-Classical architecture. The building was built in 1929 for Chinese tycoon Leong Long Man as his private residence, who had acquired the land from the nearby St. Peter's Church. In 1955, it was converted into a hotel but closed its doors in the year 2000 and regrettably fell into disrepair. YTL Hotels stepped in when plans were made to destroy the structure and spared no expense in its restoration, reopening it in January 2008 as The Majestic Malacca, now a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World. Within its walls are original porcelain floors, intricate artwork, and teakwood fittings, along with 54 sumptuously appointed rooms in a 10-storey annexe with silk drapes and clawfoot bathtubs.



Above: Michells Santi Vellu and I Kadek Glory Mahesa Galang serving up sumptuous Kristang nibbles during Festa San Pedro.



Above: Alvin Kessler, innkeeper and Comprador of The Majestic Malacca.

Beyond operating as a five-star hotel with facilities including a swimming pool, the world's only Peranakan spa, gym, and library, the hotel serves as an ode to the city's Kristang heritage. At the helm of this initiative is Alvin Kessler, a native of Malacca and a proud Kristang who can trace his Portuguese and Dutch roots back to the 1700s, who acts as innkeeper and Comprador. "The Kristang, descendants of Dutch and Portuguese settlers who married locals in the 16th and 17th centuries, are a creole ethnic group unique to the state. I feel proud that we are able to sustain and maintain a culture at a corporate level, as efforts come predominantly from the settlement itself, unlike the Peranakans, who have numerous associations supporting their heritage," he shares.

Once a year, The Majestic Malacca plays host to the Festa San Pedro, named after Saint Peter, the patron saint of fishermen, which is also observed on a large scale by the Portuguese Settlement. It was the very first hotel to honour this festive tradition, celebrating with a specially curated Kristang menu and performances of lively Kristang songs like the *Jingli Nona* and dances by a local troupe decked out in traditional Portuguese costumes.

As they say, the best way to experience a place is through your tastebuds and one of the core offerings is its Kristang



Above: Signatures of Kristang cooking include fiery sambals along with fragrant coconut and tamarind curries.

cuisine, the only hotel in the state to serve the fare. At the dining room, The Mansion, one can sample closely guarded family recipes of dishes dating back five centuries. This includes the aromatic Kari Debal, or Devil's curry, and Cincalok Fretu, crispy fried fritters infused with fermented krill, the latter a nod to the deep fishing roots. Guests can also recreate dishes with a cooking class led by the hotel's Kristang Culinary Chef, which begins with a trip to the region's largest local market.

The hotel also offers daily tours by Kristang guides, taking visitors on a journey through prominent landmarks, the Jonker and Heeren heritage areas, and even visits to master

craftsmen such as Fwu Chang Trading, which specialises in Chinese traditional stone tablets and wooden signboards. This takes travellers on a walk through Malacca's golden age and an insightful look at how Malacca's community has evolved through the interweaving of European and major Asian civilisations, forming a rich cultural tapestry that gave rise to communities such as the Kristang. As they say in Kristang, "*Bong dia! Bem-vindo de Majestic Malacca,*" or "Welcome to The Majestic Malacca," for an experience like no other.

For more information, visit www.majesticmalacca.com



A HOP, SKIP AND JUMP

AT SABAH'S GAYA ISLAND RESORT, A QUICK
BOAT RIDE ALLOWS YOU TO IMMERSE YOURSELF
IN THE BEATING HEART OF THE OLD CITY
OF KOTA KINABALU

Words KENNETH TAN

Photographs JEMMIE CHEW AND HAILEY TAN / COOP STUDIO

Facing page: Gaya Island Resort.



Above: On Gaya Street, you can chance upon throwbacks to yesteryear, including a shop specialising in Singer sewing machines.

Left: At the Gaya Street morning market, the wealth of Sabah's biodiverse flora is seen in the unique plants on offer.



Across the waterway from Gaya Island Resort, one finds Kota Kinabalu city. Its undeniable authenticity has long charmed visitors, who fall into its easy-going cadence, where days are unfettered by the strain of urban realities. Adding to this mix are its bustling bazaars, delicious local specialities, and rich living heritage, enabling travellers to connect to its friendly community's daily life.

Gaya Island Resort now offers that glimpse into the city's soul through its recently introduced Kota Kinabalu City Excursion, taking place daily with a 9am departure from the resort. On the Kota Kinabalu City Excursion, one is accompanied by a local member of staff from Gaya Island Resort and other resort guests as you undertake an approximately five-hour light walking experience, traversing through one of the city's most celebrated streets.

Gaya Street, or Jalan Gaya as it is locally referred to, was first known as Bond Street, so named in 1902 when Sabah was part of the colonial British Empire. Then,



Above: a friendly snack trader at Central Market.

Left: a fruit seller at Central Market knotting raffia string to be used.



Bond Street was the end point in which rubber from outlying estates would arrive on the railway, and then transported to the nearby wharf. While that seafront remains, development across time around Jalan Gaya has birthed architectural landmarks, cultural buzz, a lively food scene, and all manner of commerce in this neighbourhood.

On Sundays, especially, this street becomes a thriving day market in which one finds all the wonderful facets that make up Kota Kinabalu and, indeed, Sabah and Borneo. Along the street, one finds a representation of the land and its long traditions. Among them: a store selling handcrafted windchimes and bows, a trader who proudly shows off the variety of fruiting plants (including durian), indigenous flowers and shrubs, as well as vendors who specialise in fighting cocks, pet fish, birds, and a plethora of food stalls to whet your appetite. Along the way, buskers and giant costumed pandas, dancing frogs, Orang Utans, and Labubus add gaiety to the mix.



Above: among the many handcrafts you'll encounter during the city walk are coconut husk-carved works depicting orangutans as well as proboscis monkeys, which are native to Pulau Gaya.

Right: Melanian coffee shop serves Sang Nyuk Mee, a local street food staple.

Stop for a photo opportunity at the giant Marlin statue, inaugurated in the year 2000 when Kota Kinabalu received its city status. The monument stands as a tribute to Sabah's maritime legacy, backgrounded by Pulau Gaya where Gaya Island Resort sits.

A short walk down the waterfront then takes you to the Kota Kinabalu Central Market – an opportunity to pick up souvenirs and Sabahan snacks, such as sago crackers and wild ginger pickles, and to peruse the local produce. This location also hosts a row of tailors working away on vintage sewing machines, a nostalgic throwback to yesteryear. From here, you then naturally segue into the neighbouring Handicraft Market (also known as the Filipino Market), where you will discover a thriving bazaar of clothing, handcrafts, jewellery items, grilled seafood, indigenous music instruments, and even a Murut headhunter's blowpipe.

The city excursion then gives you an elevated vantage point of Kota Kinabalu city, as you make

your way across the 210m Segama pedestrian bridge, alive with the scents, sounds, and sights of the city. This infrastructure icon of the city has existed for over five decades, with locals remembering the betel nut and tobacco roll sellers plying their trade along the bridge in days of long ago. Since then, this pedestrian walkway has been continually refurbished and upgraded, with a rafflesia mural adorning its steps.

By now, a welcome bowl of Sabah's famous Sang Nyuk Mee will likely beckon at the nearby Kedai Kopi Melanian, served with the local noodles with a texture akin to Japanese soba, each bowl made to order so you taste the ingredients at its optimal freshness. There's time yet for you to snap a picture at one of the most iconic and viral social media backdrops, the Maybank branch centre on Jalan Pantai, which has been closed for an extended renovation. And as you await your return to Gaya Island Resort, the Suria Sabah shopping centre becomes the concluding pitstop where you can stock up at pharmacies and its supermarket, all while getting a sense of a day in the life of the city folk in one of the most popular retail centres in the city.

For more information, visit www.gayaislandresort.com



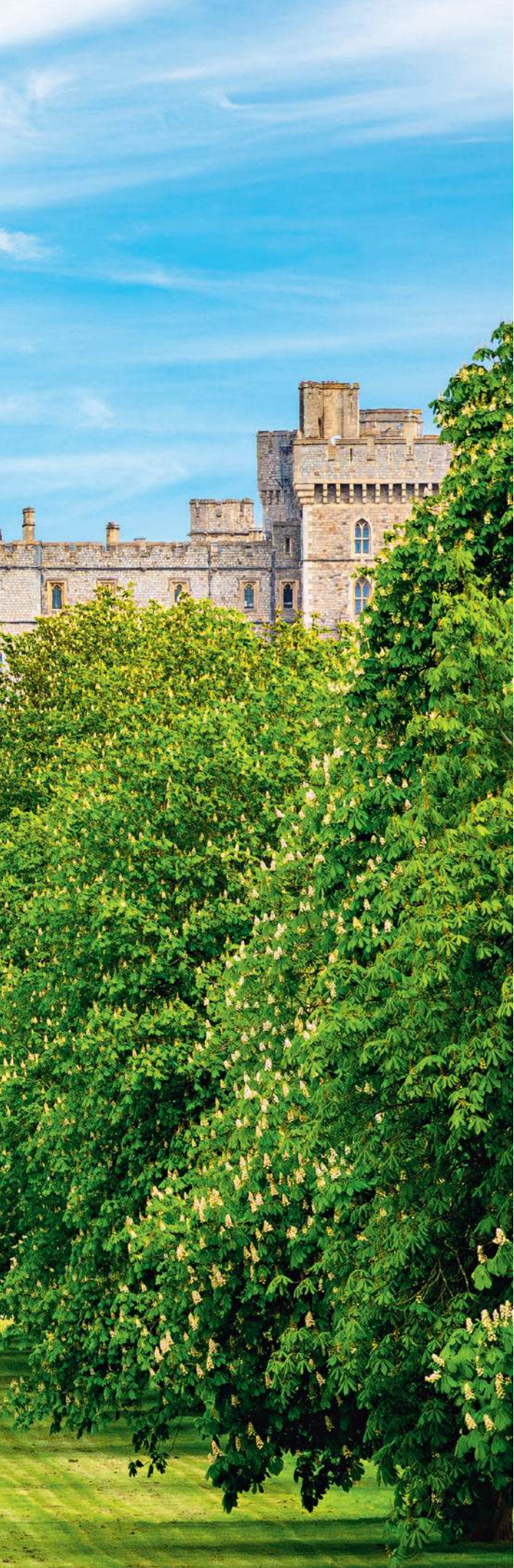


Above: Wood-carved bows sold as a full set next to ornate windchimes.

Right: The Malaysian Serama rooster, the world's smallest chicken breed, is prized for its ability to puff up its chest, and has an enthusiast following from around the world, some from as far as Mexico and Brazil.







SPRING IN THREE ACTS

A GENTLE ITINERARY OF
HOW BRAY, BATH, AND
BLOOMSBURY IN ENGLAND
WAKE INTO LIGHT THROUGH
THESE THREE CORNERS OF
THE COUNTRY.

Words JUNE MONG-LOFTIN

Something happens as we inch towards the Spring Equinox. The land takes a deep breath and holds it as the days lengthen, sunshine lingers longer, and the green beaks of spring bulbs poke through the warming earth. When England exhales, coats are shrugged off, parasols are remembered, and plans are made to go out into the world. Dickens says this is “when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade”.



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Tucked away in the manicured gardens of the Estate in Bray, honeybee hives start buzzing to life after surviving the winter as a colony. When the temperature warms to above 15°C, guests at Monkey Island Estate can book a 90-minute experience with the luxury hotel's resident beekeeper. There are four on-site beehives within the seven-acre gardens. Spring is one of the busiest times for worker honeybees as they restock their food supplies depleted during the winter.

www.monkeyislandestate.co.uk



2

Windsor Great Park bursts into magnificent life in spring and sustains visitors with colour and scent in summer. In 2018, the wedding carriage of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex rode up the formal avenue called The Long Walk to their royal wedding. Add some pomp to your visit and explore the Royal Park in an Ascot Carriage. Marvel at magnolias and cherry blossom in spring and a glorious display of waterlilies in summer. It's only a short 20-minute drive away.

3

From March to October, nothing beats a hot air balloon ride for breathtaking aerial views of the Royal County of Berkshire. There is very little to compete with the winding River Thames, the North Wessex Downs, and Windsor Castle on a glorious spring day. Treat yourself to a canvas of patchwork fields, rolling countryside, and boats and rowers on the River Kennet. A brilliant way to 'come down to earth' is to hire the Monkey Island Estate's self-drive electric boat to pootle about as afternoons melt into long summer evenings. As the Water Rat in *The Wind in the Willows* says, "There is absolutely nothing half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

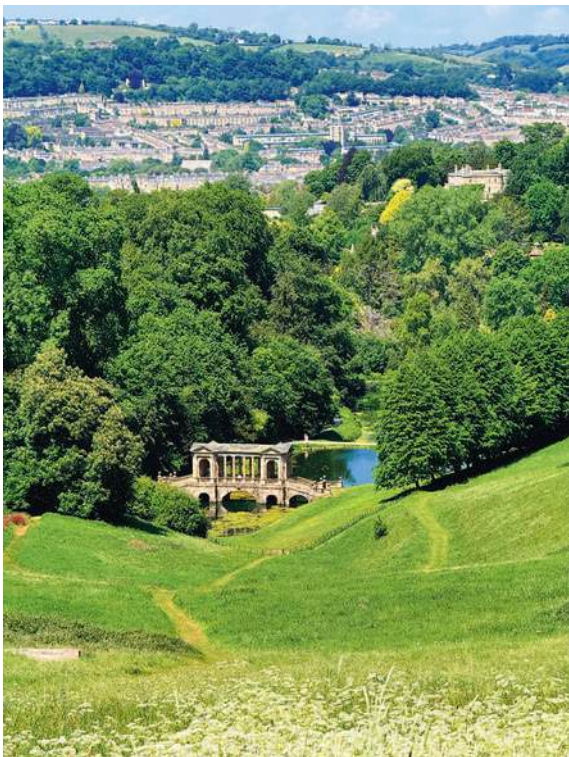


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The Georgian period marked a peak of Britain's cultural confidence, and no city embodies that golden age quite like Bath, with its elegance, symmetry, and social sparkle. The Gainsborough Bath Spa sits at the heart of this heritage and enjoys Bath's other extraordinary gift: mineral-rich geothermal water that began as rainfall on the Mendip Hills 10,000 years ago. Spa Village Bath is the only natural thermal spa within a hotel in the UK, with private access to the Hetling Spring. Float in the warm, mineral waters and imagine the fashionable rhythms of Georgian life before stepping into that world for real at No. 1 Royal Crescent.

This beautifully restored Georgian townhouse on Bath's most iconic crescent takes you upstairs and downstairs into the daily rituals of 18th-century life. For the wealthy, the era meant fine dining, elegant rooms, and a lively social calendar. The Gentleman's Bedroom and the Ladies' Withdrawing Room offer glimpses into this refined world. Below stairs, the atmosphere shifts: the housekeeper, cook, maids, and manservants kept the household running with precision and hard work. Together, the rooms reveal the full social choreography of Georgian Bath.

www.thegainsboroughbathspa.co.uk



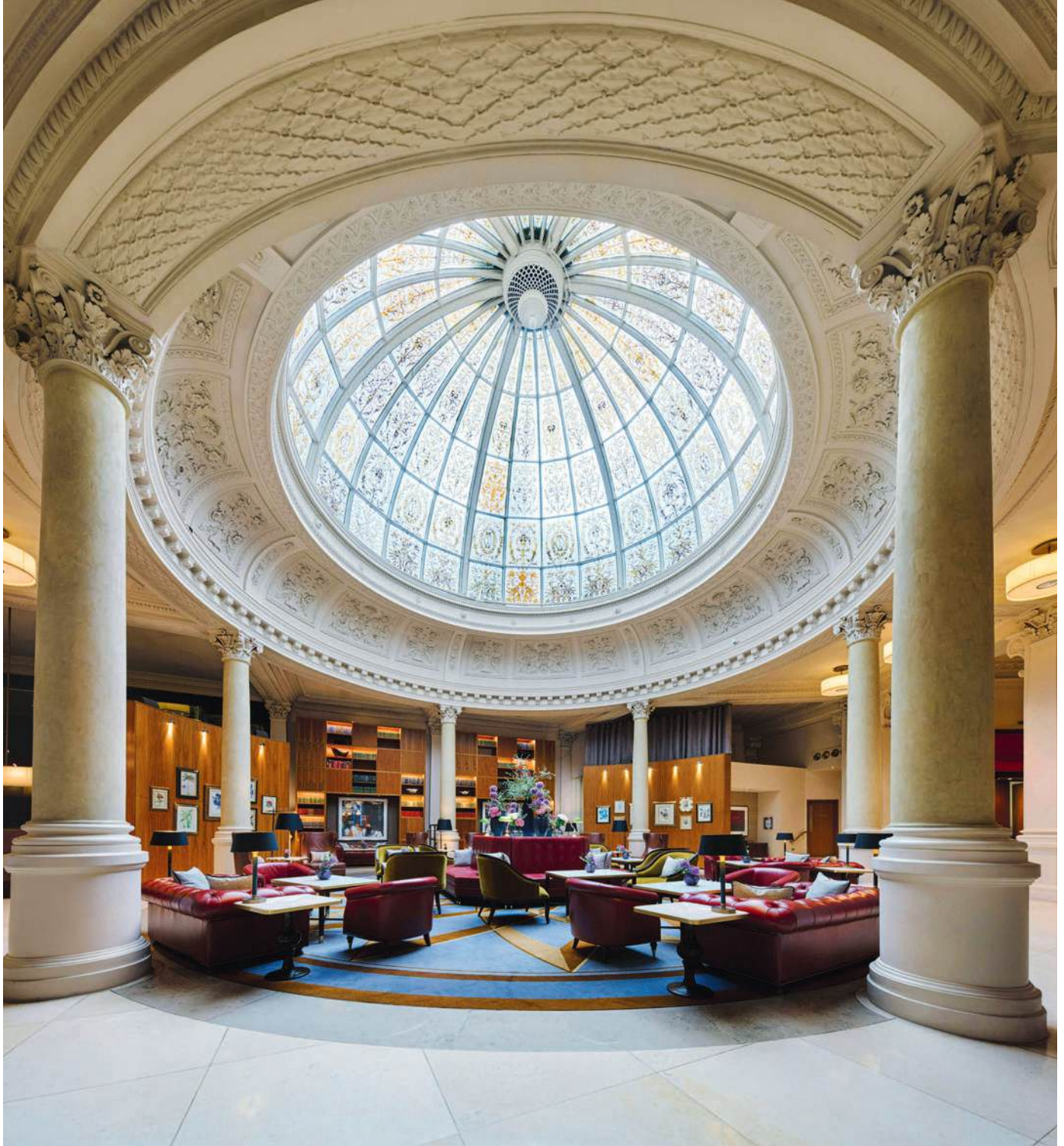
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A mile south of the city lies Prior Park Landscape Garden, where spring reveals itself in sweeping views and woodland paths rather than tidy flowerbeds. This is a place to embrace the landscape itself – rolling slopes, Palladian architecture, and the chance sight of wild deer. A wander along a grassy slope will reward you with a series of lakes and a Palladian bridge. And because spring encourages a little whimsy, explore the garden's follies too, from the grotto to the icehouse tucked into the grounds.

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After your Prior Park peregrinations, a return to warm water feels almost essential. If you've already indulged in Spa Village Bath's bespoke therapies, head instead to the Rooftop Pool of the Thermae Bath Spa. Here, you can soak in geothermal waters while taking in panoramic views of Bath's honeycoloured skyline. You'll be continuing a tradition that began with the Romans, who built Aquae Sulis as a sanctuary for rest and healing – a rare spa town in their British settlements, rather than a garrison.





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In London's Square Mile, one finds Threadneedles Hotel situated in a Victorian-era building designed by W & A Moseley and built in 1856. In 2002, the former bank was transformed into luxury accommodation with 74 guest rooms, a bar, restaurant, and a striking lobby serving afternoon tea under its iconic dome. In 1598, the street was curiously called 'Three Needles', the name most likely originating from a trade guild's coat of arms. This guild is the Merchant Taylors' Company, one of the Great Twelve Livery Companies of the City of London. They regulated the clothing trade as far back as the 14th century.

London's talent for tailoring is well known, but the City also has a spirited gin-soaked past. During the 18th-century Gin

Craze, you could scarcely turn a corner without stumbling upon a distillery or gin shop – the juniper fumes practically hung in the air. After a two-century lull, the tradition was proudly revived in 2012 when the City of London Distillery brought smallbatch craft gin back within the Square Mile. Today, hotel guests can book an immersive session in the art of ginmaking, experimenting with botanicals, blending their own recipe, and enjoying tastings along the way. The experience ends with a flourish: a personalised label and a bespoke 70cl bottle of London dry-style gin to take home.

www.hotelthreadneedles.co.uk



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To truly know a city, you have to taste it – to see, touch, and sample the ingredients that shape its daily life. Borough Market, London's oldest food market dating back to 1275, is just a 15-minute stroll from Threadneedles. Before settling into its current home in 1756, it was a bustling wholesale bazaar for livestock, fruit, and vegetables, its lanes echoing with traders' cries. Today, it has reinvented itself as a world-famous gourmet destination, offering flavours from every corner of the globe to match London's richly multicultural palate.

Threadneedles Hotel's proximity to the Bank of England – and all the high-stakes trading that surrounds it – might inspire you to channel your inner highflyer and book a private helicopter tour over London. A chauffeured limousine can whisk you to the airfield, where your aerial adventure begins. From above, the city unfolds in spectacular fashion: the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, and the London Eye all come into view before you sweep out over the patchwork greens of the English countryside.



9

If you drifted over Bloomsbury in a hot-air balloon and scattered five pennies to the wind, four would clink off a literary landmark. That's how closely The Academy Hotel is woven into a neighbourhood where 20th-century writers lived, argued, and hosted salons before and after the Great War. Spanning five Georgian townhouses, The Academy's elegant library feels the sort of place a character might step off a page to join you for the signature Mr Ma's Afternoon Tea. Inspired by Lao She's *Mr Ma & Son*, the menu is a playful duet of Chinese desserts and classic English brews.

www.theacademyhotel.co.uk



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A privately guided Literary Walking Tour is the perfect springtime indulgence for anyone who loves books – or simply can't resist a juicy bit of literary scandal. The Academy's concierge will happily arrange one for you. Choose any writer – Ian Fleming, Virginia Woolf, T. S. Eliot, Oscar Wilde – and the tour will cheerfully spill the sort of surprising facts they'd probably prefer remained in the footnotes. Two routes are perennial favourites: St James's Jaunt, where Mrs Dalloway brushes past James Bond, and the Bloomsbury Blast, a lively ramble featuring everyone from D. H. Lawrence to Hilda Doolittle.

11

Did you know Regent's Park has an Open-Air Theatre in Queen Mary's Garden? Britain's oldest outdoor theatre cleverly creates set designs that integrate the natural scenery on stage. During World War II, it was only one of only two London theatres to remain open for black-out friendly matinee-only performances. Sherlock Holmes, Shakespeare, and a massive Andrew Lloyd Webber revival are on the menu in London's prettiest theatre this summer. Known for its picnic-friendly atmosphere, spectators often pack wine, cheese, and a picnic rug to enjoy the show.



12

Don't let spring showers cast a cloud over your sightseeing plans. Outsmart the weather with an out-of-hours guided tour at the British Museum. It's a brisk five-minute walk under a broly for the rare chance of exploring a gallery before the doors open to the public. One tour sweeps you through Ancient Egypt, and another leads you through the Sir Joseph Hotung Gallery of China, home to Tang Dynasty tomb figures and luminous Ming porcelain. A discerning collector, Shanghai-born Sir Joseph left his remarkable jade and porcelain collection to the museum

upon his death in 2022, ensuring these treasures continues to dazzle.

A gentle itinerary of how England wakes into light unfolds across these four destinations – from riverbank calm in Bray to the warm mineral waters of Bath, and onward to London's bright, quickening streets. Three corners of the country, each with its own rhythm, offer a soft itinerary of renewal, reminding travellers that spring and summer doesn't arrive all at once, but unfurls slowly, place by place, like a country stretching into morning.





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A CELEBRATION OF THE 'WATER OF LIFE' AT THE GLASSHOUSE, AN AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION HOTEL THROUGH THE LEARNED WISDOM OF ITS IN-HOUSE CONNOISSEUR.

Words KENNETH TAN

The story of whisky in Scotland finds its origins in the monks who travelled from the Mediterranean in the Middle Ages (between the 11th and 13th century). They had shared their distillation methods to produce a medicinal spirit known in Gaelic as '*uisge beatha*', translated directly from the Latin '*aqua vitae*', meaning water of life. History points to the year 1494 in which whisky was referenced for the first time in Scottish records – in which a gift of malt was bequeathed to Friar John Cor to produce 1,500 bottles of whisky.

Today, in the beautiful city of Edinburgh, where medieval, Georgian, and modern-day architectural influences collide delightfully, a stay at The Glasshouse, an Autograph Collection hotel under Marriott International, means you are never too far from your next dram of whisky. Beyond the property's Georgian façade, the present-day hotel boasts a lush two-acre rooftop garden and 77 rooms, of which its 20 suites are named after different single-malt whiskies.

After checking in and most evenings when the mercury dips, you would ostensibly make a beeline for the comforts of The Snug bar. You'll find a copper fire pit dances while you

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prepare for some exquisite libation from a menu more than 200 expressions deep, with more than 100 exclusive whiskies, including ghost or mothballed distilleries.

If that's not enough, a flight of cocktails devised by the hotel's bar will be sure to have you in good spirits, provocatively named as Dram of the Dead (Ardbeg, Glenfarclas, and Glenkinchie) and Peaty Kiss (Laphroaig, Jägermeister, and orange juice).

During the annual Burns Night dinner and for special whisky-paired dinners that form part of The Glasshouse's Whisky Experience, one finds the hotel's own charismatic whisky ambassador Ken Hanley. Erudite and brimming with a lifetime of whisky appreciation, Hanley brings things up a notch by regaling you with stories of Scotland's liquid amber treasure as you sip on your dram.

Most interestingly, you may want to request for a dram of YTL Hotels' own limited edition bottling, just 150 bottles from a cask of Adelphi Glenborrodale Batch 6. Its creamy sweetness, described as "a summer Scottish breakfast with buttered oatcakes and heather honey", come from a blend of whiskies that are drawn from two sherry butts. The resulting flavours of this heady medley also offer flavours that hint at dark cherry, white peach, and a kiwi fruit compote, before segueing to hazelnut spread on toasty drop scones.

For more information, visit www.theglasshousehotel.co.uk



Above: Ken Hanley is the whisky ambassador for The Glasshouse, an Autograph Collection hotel.

Below: The Snug bar boasts of a whisky menu featuring more than 200 choices.



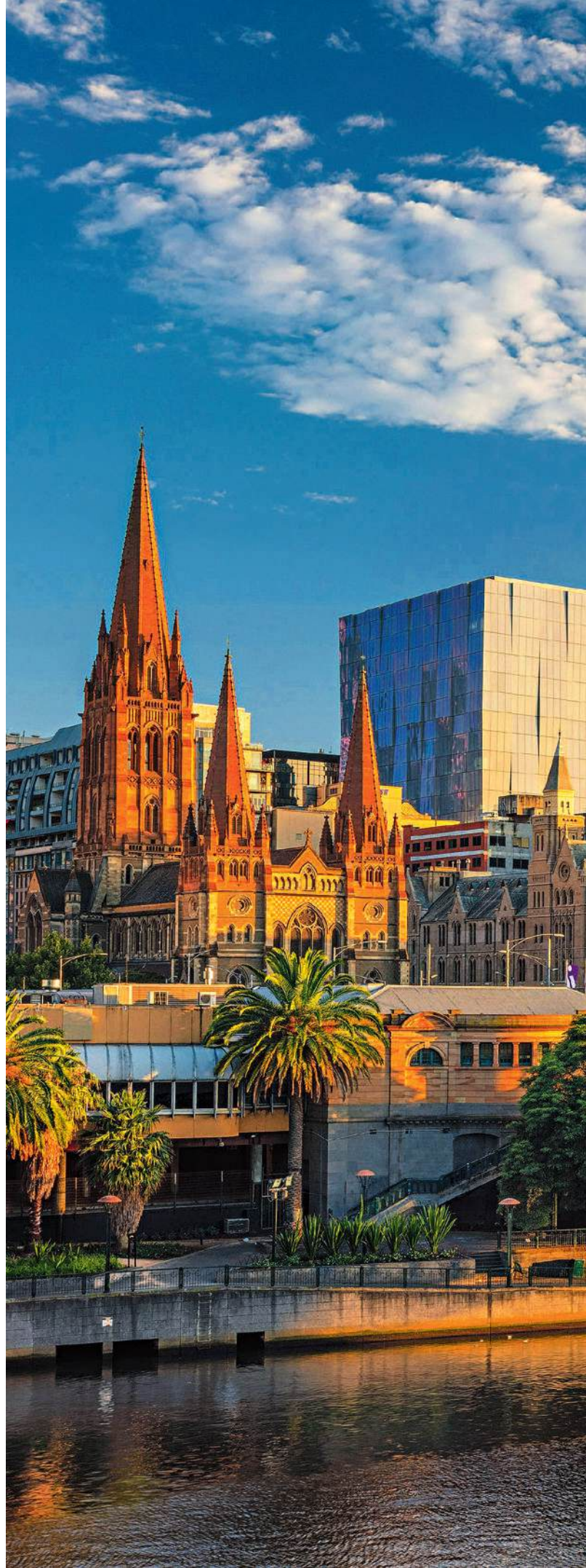
A SOUTHERN TALE

AUSTRALIA MAY BE A SURF AND DIVE HAVEN IN THE SUNNIER MONTHS, BUT COME COLDER DAYS, NEW EXPERIENCES AWAIT WITH UNIQUELY AUSTRALIAN COOL-CLIMATE WINES AND COASTAL FLAVOURS.

Words KARMUN NG

As summer slips into autumn in Australia, the Land Down Under reveals a different, more contemplative rhythm. In South Australia, the cooling months sharpen the character of vineyards and seas, ushering in elegant cool-climate expressions that speak of brisk mornings and amber evenings, best experienced through its wines and coastal table.

Across the country, from the Indian Ocean edge of Perth to the river-woven sophistication of Brisbane, the harbour brilliance of Sydney, and the laneway intimacy of Melbourne, menus begin to turn richer, plates grow more textural, and cellars lean into refined shiraz, structured cabernet, and mineral-driven chardonnay. It is a season when coastal flavours deepen against wines whose cool-climate precision captures the clarity of Australia's southern skies, offering a distinctly Australian expression of autumn-winter indulgence.





This page, from top: Elephant Rocks in William Bay National Park is a must see in Western Australia; The Westin Perth is located very close to downtown CBD.

PERTH'S HYPER-LOCAL DINING AND METROPOLITAN WINERIES

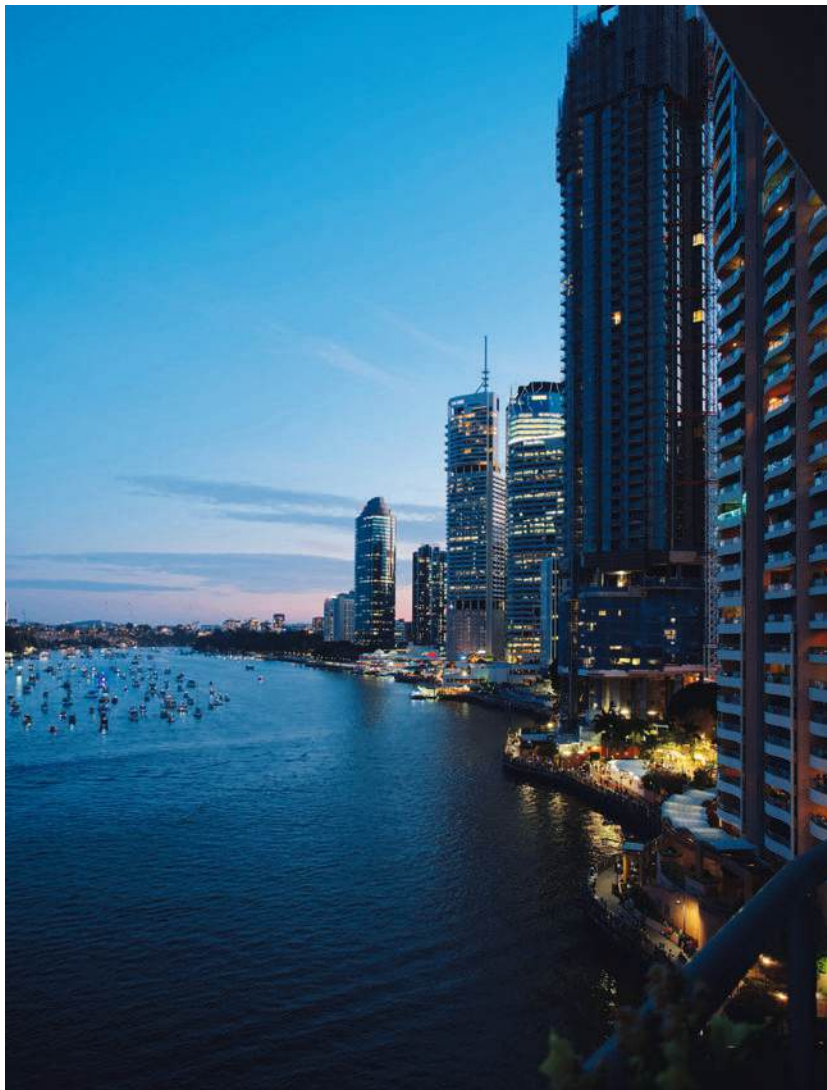
Local luxury dining is perfected in Perth, courtesy of its unique isolation in Western Australia. World-class seafood is fished from the Indian ocean and distinct cool-climate wines opens its bouquets from the Swan Valley and Margaret River. Autumn is the best time to crack into Western Australia rock lobster, also known as crayfish, best served grilled with garlic butter or poached with black garlic. It's also the season to lavish on black Perigold truffles, of which Manjimup, a town south of Perth, has become one of the world's largest producers, and sample Swan River Crab for a taste of hyper-local ingredients. Perth is also the only Australian capital with a major wine region that sits within its metropolitan area, bottling up the likes of chenin blanc, verdelho and Margaret River cabernet and chardonnay. Uncommon varietals are not rarities on the menu, thanks to wineries like Olive Farm Wines, the state's oldest winery, that experiments with unusual grapes from arinto to saperavi.

Where to stay: Westin Perth, conveniently positioned in the city's east end, towering over idyllic Hibernian Place and standing a short stroll from Perth's shopping, business, dining and cultural hub.
www.westinperth.com





This page: the Brisbane Marriott Hotel features breathtaking views of the city's skyline and Brisbane river.



**BRISBANE'S RIVERFRONT
FLAVOURS AND
ALT VARIETAL WINES**

In Brisbane, fresh coastal seafood and native Australian ingredients become the stars in the cooler months, highlighted by Moreton Bay Bugs, a local small lobster species, Queensland prawns, and indigenous produce like Finger Limes, Bunya Nuts, and Davidson's Plum. To pair, alternative wine varieties – "alt-varietals" as the industry calls them – from the Granite Belt, such as fiano, vermentino, and tannat, are unique to this region, as well as a specific harvest of mountain wine, made from crisp semillion and robust shiraz that get a distinct character of its own courtesy of the hinterland's unique microclimate. For the adventurous, urban wineries produce and pour small-batch wines directly within the city limits, while a number of native spirits like gin and vodka have been known to sweep up awards using local flavours, notably along the likes of Wattle Toffee Gin and Eucalyptus Gum Leaf Vodka. No matter the time of the day, a lamington here is still a great night cap for any and all occasions.

Where to stay: Brisband Marriott, nestled in the heart of Brisbane's CBD and boasting unparalleled panoramic views of the iconic Story Bridge and the meandering Brisbane River.

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This page: visit some of the finest wineries in New South Wales that produce some of the best wines in the world, all from the Sydney Harbour Marriott at Circular Quay.

SYDNEY'S COASTAL CATCH & OLD WINE REGION

Sydney harvests the best of coastal locations and proximity to the Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest wine region. Sydney Rock Oysters, native only to Australia and New Zealand, is a rich, creamy treat that is a signature in most of its markets. Miss not "the world's most Instagrammed cake", the Strawberry & Watermelon Cake with its layers of almond dacquoise and rose-scented cream, and Ricotta Hotcakes, fluffy hotcakes with honeycomb butter that are a cornerstone of Sydney's world-renowned brunch culture. While most vineyards are outside the city, Sydney is the gateway to unique New South Wales varietals located a mere two hours away. In the renowned Hunter Valley, dry, unoaked semillon sips fresh and citrusy, developing a toasty, honeyed character without ever seeing wood, while the shiraz tempts with a medium body that is savoury and elegant, unlike the heavy, alcohol-heavy styles of South Australia. A regional hero is the chambourcin, a French-hybrid red of the Shoalhaven Coast, known for its vibrant colour and plum aromas.

Where to stay: Sydney Harbour Marriott at Circular Quay, located in the bustling heart of the city, close to dining, fashion, and entertainment hot spots, as well as Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Opera House, and The Rocks.

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MELBOURNE'S DEEP COFFEE CULTURE & DISTINCT WINE OFFERINGS

A trip to Melbourne is not complete without coffee, widely regarded as some of the best in the world. Iconic spots like Pellegrini's Espresso Bar helped pioneer the city's Italian-inspired espresso culture in the 1950s. Coffee and artisan pastries go hand in hand, another cult-like obsession the city has, best sampled from the likes of Lune Croissanterie, world-famous for its precision-engineered croissants. When it comes to wine, Melbourne is surrounded by five distinct wine pillars that offer varietals unique to Victoria's cooler temperatures: The Yarra Valley chardonnay and pinot noir, Mornington Peninsula pinot noir, King Valley prosecco, Rutherglen muscat, and Heathcote shiraz. Red, white, or sparkling, there's something to tickle your palate in the books of Melbournian wines.

Where to stay: Melbourne Marriott in Melbourne's CBD, central to the Theatre District and popular attractions such as Parliament House, the State Library of Victoria, and the Royal Exhibition Building.

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Above: the Melbourne Marriott Hotel offers refined accommodation options whether for business or leisure travellers.

Below: Pellegrini's Espresso Bar is an iconic Melbourne destination not to be missed, whether you are a coffee enthusiast or not.



NEW ZEALAND THROUGH A BOUTIQUE LENS

AUCKLAND'S INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE MEETS WORLD-
CLASS HOSPITALITY AS YTL HOTELS BRINGS ITS
SIGNATURE LUXURY TO NEW ZEALAND.

Words KARMUN NG

Step into a world where heritage meets high-rise luxury at Hotel Indigo Auckland. As YTL Hotels' first foray into New Zealand, this 41-storey architectural marvel in Midtown is more than just a place to stay. It is a love letter to the city's storied past and its vibrant, progressive future.

Built on the historic site of the 1912 Dexter and Crozier "MotorHouse", the hotel's design pays sophisticated homage to its industrial roots. Throughout the 225 guestrooms, curated by renowned stylist Simone Haag, automotive-inspired touches are aplenty, from the rear-view mirrors poised above plush king beds to headlamp-style lighting and upholstery reminiscent of classic car interiors. Look down and the carpets depict intricate maps of Auckland's streets, ensuring you are grounded in the neighbourhood from the moment you wake.

This debut marks a significant chapter for the property, following its recent acquisition by YTL Hotels. Famed for global icons such as The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur and The Gainsborough Bath Spa, YTL Hotels now lends its signature "Treasured Places, Treasured Moments" philosophy to the shores of the Waitematā, infusing the boutique charm of

the Indigo brand with the operational excellence and deep luxury expertise of a world-class hospitality powerhouse.

For the culturally inclined, the property doubles as an immersive gallery. Acclaimed photographer Stuart Robertson has curated a bespoke exhibition, *Peace in 10,000 Hands*, which spans all 25 accommodation floors, with each level telling a distinct visual story of Auckland's diverse communities.

The culinary heart of the hotel is Bistro Saine, a French-Mediterranean sanctuary led by Executive Chef Yutak Son. Here, understated sophistication meets local provenance in a beautifully restored heritage space. Whether you are indulging in signature steak frites or artisanal pastas, the experience is elevated by a wine list featuring local gems such as Kumeu River and Luna Estate.

With floor-to-ceiling windows offering sweeping views of the Waitematā Harbour and the Sky Tower, Hotel Indigo Auckland invites you to discover the city from a fresh, elevated perspective. Personifying the YTL Hotel brand of hospitality, it is a boutique retreat that proves true luxury lies in the details of the neighbourhood's soul.

For more information, visit auckland.hotelindigo.com



This page: Hotel Indigo Auckland is located in the heart of the city and is a loving tribute to everything locals and tourists love about it: great food, warm hospitality, engaging culture, and an overall fun time all around.



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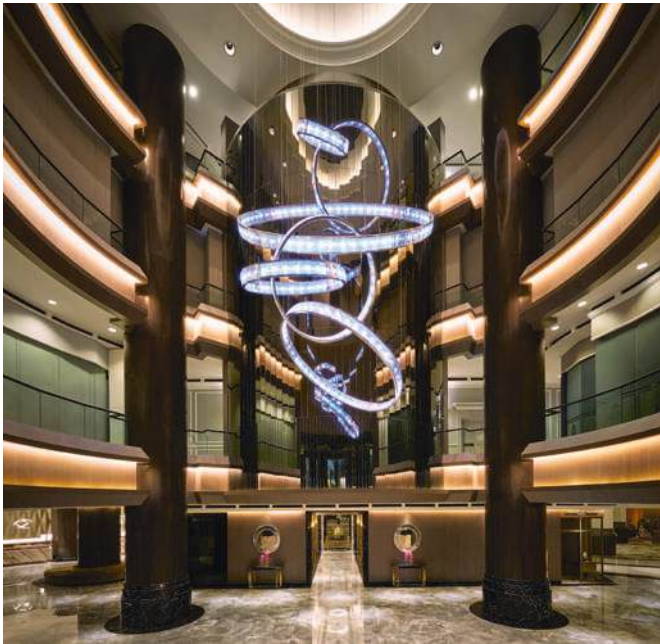




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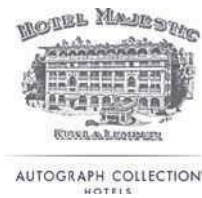
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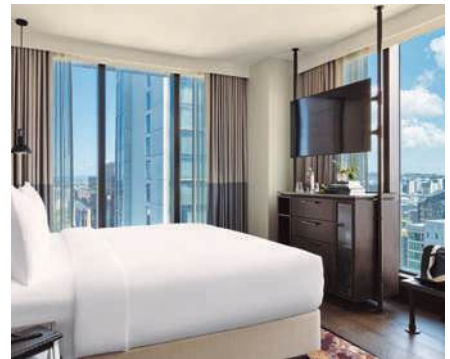
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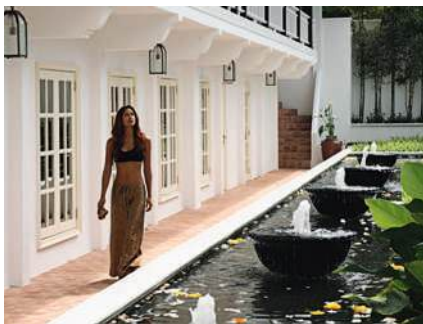
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