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FROM THE EDITOR

This edition finds us many new ways of travel. Even 2021 is the year of pain from pandemic but we hope that we can start our trip again by late this year.

Asia is still the bucket list of travelers from all over the world. This new year edition, NOW Travel Asia magazine explores a range of travel destinations including Chiangmai, Chiangrai and Phuket in Thailand, Japan, Georgia and Italy that await for your visit in the near future. Even this year has witnessed a very slowdown and uncertainty in global economy because of pandemic. But international travelers' needs still unchanged.

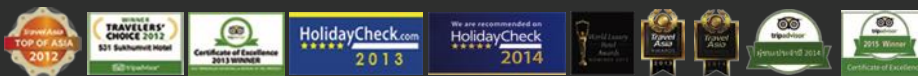
Let's enjoy travel through our magazine both in print and online channels and prepare yourself be ready to travel again this year.

* NOTE : This issue, we are proudly to introduce the newest design hotel in Chiangmai Thailand, NIMANO SUITES HOTEL that can fulfill your dream of Small Italian Style Hotel.

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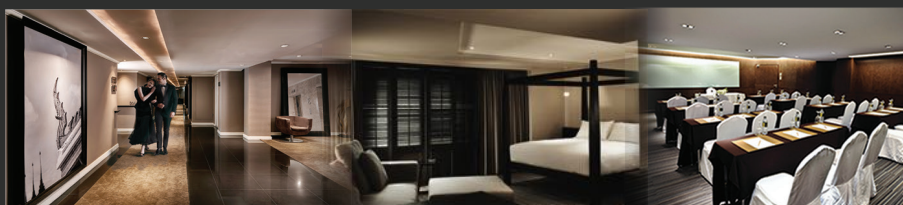
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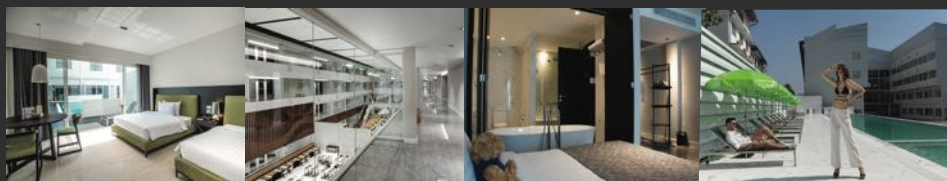
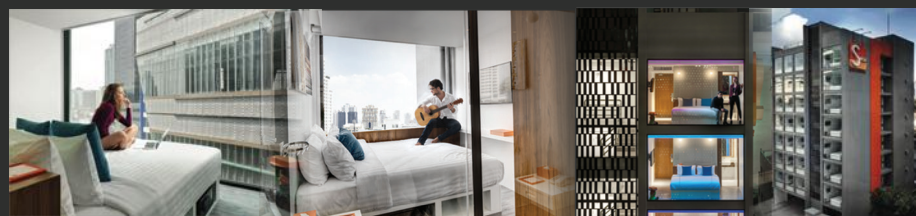
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A photograph of two women walking through a busy Hong Kong street, smiling and carrying shopping bags. The woman on the left is wearing an orange sleeveless top, and the woman on the right is wearing a red long-sleeved top. The background shows a typical Hong Kong street scene with buildings and other pedestrians.

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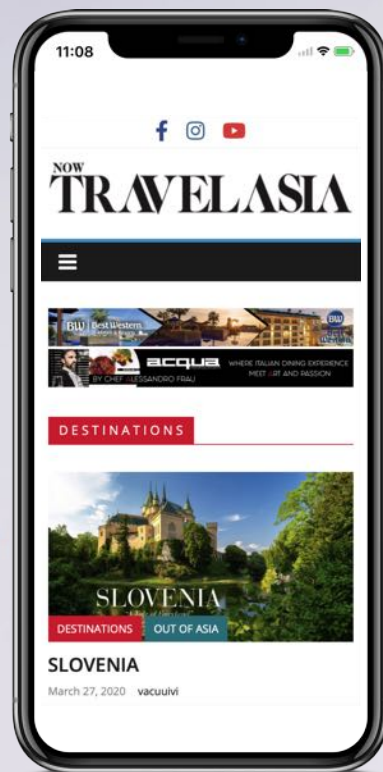
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Michelin-trained Japanese chef Yusuke Kitade promising exceptional Japanese cuisine with a trendy contemporary twist at The Parkside – opening in mid-February 2021. Stellar Michelin-style Japanese dining is migrating to Tseung Kwan O with the opening of IZAKAYA BY K at The Parkside in mid-February 2021.

Michelin-trained Japanese chef Yusuke Kitade is promising exceptional Japanese cuisine with a fashionable contemporary twist at the cosy izakaya modelled after Tokyo's legendary 'after work' social hubs – convenient for local residents of the "new town", and a new destination-dining hotspot for adventurous aficionados to escape the hustle and bustle of downtown Hong Kong.

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THE GEMS MINING POOL VILLAS PATTAYA

CELEBRATES THE GRAND OPENING IN STYLE



The Gems Mining Pool Villas Pattaya threw a sparkingly extravagant grand opening at the resort on 12 November 2020. The grand opening was presided over by the Mayor of Pattaya, Mr. Sontaya Khunpluem, with many guests of honour attended.

The celebration started in the morning with religious ceremony, followed by the opening with drums marching and a special performance King of Africa. The guests then were hosted lunch and entertained with live jazz band, DJ and mini concert by a popular Thai Lookthoong singer, Fon Thanasoonthorn.

The Gems Mining Pool Villas Pattaya opened its door welcoming first guests on 14 November. It is conveniently situated with an easy access to Bangkok-Pattaya Motorway. Suvarnabhumi International Airport and U-Tapao International Airport are located approximately 1-1.5 hours from the resort.

For more information and reservations, visit www.thegemspattaya.com or call +66 (0) 38 222 222

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Hotel Indigo Bangkok Wireless Road offers you "An evening of love" Impress your lover with a romantic dinner on Valentine's Day at CHAR Restaurant where romance can be found. Our Chef creates a special five-course set menu for you and your loved one while enjoying the spectacular views from the top. Priced at THB 2,500++ (prices are per person) on 13 and 14 February 2021.

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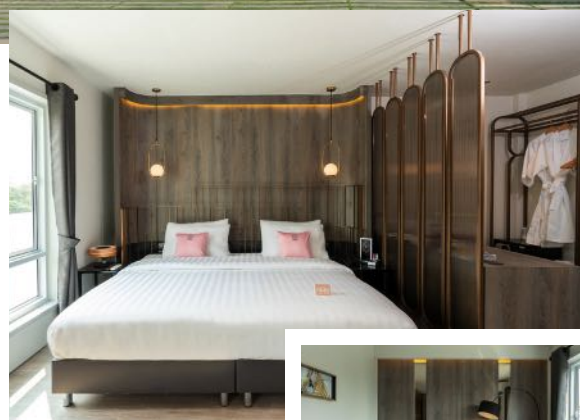


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AT **NIMANO SUITES** THE RISING DESIGN HOTEL IN CHIANGMAI, **THAILAND**

Located on Nimmanhaemin Soi 5, NIMANO SUITES is the brand-new design hotel in the hottest tourist destination in Chiangmai. The newly constructed building is the first and the only hotel to utilize advanced modular construction in Thailand, creating the unique modern arches design with a strong Italian accent. Striking white arch façade becomes the defining design feature of NIMANO SUITES that separates the hotel from the ordinaries. The lush green garden complements the clean white exterior with an iconic 3 century-old olive tree, the symbol of luck and positivity, welcoming all guests by the entrance.

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EXPERIENCE JOY AT BLUE TREE PHUKET



Introducing Blue Tree, Phuket's top leisure & entertainment destination spread across 140 rai (56 acres) in Cherngtalay, Phuket. Created as a tribute to the island's heritage, Blue Tree aims to be an educational, eco-friendly environment, where everyone is welcome to enjoy a diverse range of entertainment.

Located in the heart of the tourism district, across from the islands central west coast beaches, Blue Tree features a spectacular Blue Tree Lagoon as its centerpiece, with a range of activities suited for the whole family. The lagoon features a beach area and activities that include a Super Fly, Water Slides, Rock Climbing, Cliff Jumping, Zipline, a Tarzan & Jane themed family splash zone and more!

Blue Tree Lifestyle Village, includes the Shopping Village, Blue Tree Arena & Terraces where you can find boutique shops, active lifestyle training and wellness facilities, cafes, restaurants and dining, food trucks and an arena and stage offering live music & entertainment. The newly launched Living Art Gallery as well as the Wild Me Concept Store represent Blue Tree's commitment to the arts and cultural exchange.

After opening some of its facilities at the end of 2019, Blue Tree temporarily shut down as the COVID-19 pandemic put a halt on all international travel to Thailand. As of December 2020, Blue Tree has reopened with new facilities and offerings for families and groups of friends to enjoy.

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The Upper Northern Cluster 1 (Chiang Mai, Lamphun, Lampang, Mae Hong Son) joined to create the Tourism campaign to boost the economy. The Upper Northern Cluster 1 shoot a tourism package through online public relations media and comprehensive marketing communication. Under the concept "North 1" top of mind Chiang Mai, Lampang Province, Mae Hong Son Beyond Journey., promotes creative tourism, Culture, lifestyle and Lanna ethnic groups which it also joint with other captain to communicate diversity of tourism. Such as "Northern in the heart, endless travel, Be Creative, Beyond Experience. Endorsement the Campaign "Northern1 in your heart" with Thai actress Toei Charin Pornchoonkiat, whose

popularity in Thai soap opera and many commercials she will be a tourism communicator and motivate the creative tourism even more apparent and help promoting Creative tourism city which focusing on virtue of identity and Cultural identities of the upper northern cluster 1. To create sustainable tourism and driven the community economy, Chiang Mai Provincial Tourism and Sports Office expected to launch activities to start and support the tourism will be able to create awareness and attraction through countrywide tourists and vice versatile they will be excited and desire to visit and spend their leisure time in the upper northeastern cluster 1 continuously.

Activity 2.1 Promote creative tourism, culture, way of life and Lanna ethnic groups. Activity 2.2 Public relations and restoration the creative cultural tourism. Under the 2nd main activity: Market development and public relations for cultural and creative tourism. Under the developing potential cultural tourism, project of Upper Northern Cluster 1 for Fiscal Year 2020.



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Chiangrai

Chiangrai's reputation as "the city of art" wasn't given by chance. However, you have to experience it firsthand to truly see the spirit of this amazing city. This issue of My World brings you a glimpse of Chiangrai's artistic destinations that makes it one of the most attractive cities in the region.



Wat Rong Khun

WHITE TEMPLE



Inspired by Wat Ming Mueang (Nan) and the love for the country, religion, and the king, Wat Rong Khun was designed and built by Chalermchai Kositpipat, the famous Thai visual artist, as a tribute for King Rama XI. The temple is easily the most beautiful temple in Thailand with signature all-white chapel and aesthetic contemporary Thai design.



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WAT MING MUEANG

Wat Ming Mueang (also known as Lying Elephant Temple) has a long history as the religious center and the gate of Chiangrai.

The temple is located on Kua Dum intersection where the old city gate, Kua Dum Gate, once was. The charming Burmese and Lanna architecture house the holy Buddha's relic passed on from the Supreme Patriarch of Thai monk. To the east of the temple is a historical pond with a statue of lying elephant which lends its name to the temple. The pond was once the pitstop for the people traveling in and out of the city to rest and refill.



ADDRESS:

TRIRUT ROAD, VIEANG, MUEANG, CHIANGRAI

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Chiang Rai

CLOCK TOWER

Built in honour of the queen mother, Chalernchai took 5 years to design and construct the golden clock tower that has become the landmark of Chiangrai. The inspiring Thai clock tower comes to life every night at 19.00, 20.00 and 21.00 when different shade of light shines upon it and the music surrounds the area.



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WAT RONG SUEA TEN



Chiangrai is full of artistic landmarks, and Wat Rong Suea Ten is one of many destinations you should not miss. Widely known as the “Blue Temple”, Wat Rong Suea Ten boasts colourful blue, light blue, and indigo chapel that combines seamlessly with traditional Thai pattern. The result is an outstanding architectural artwork and a popular place to experience Buddhist sculptures and paintings.



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306 MOO 2, MAE KOK ROAD, ROP
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WAT HUAY PLA KANG

Located on a hill overlooking the amazing landscape of Chiangrai, Wat Huay Pla Kang was an abandoned temple before Master Monk Pob-Choke restored life back to the spiritual center.



The temple expansive ground is home to the giant white Guan Yin statue that sits majestically on the top of the hill. Although the giant statue can be seen from afar, it's not the only landmark of Wat Huay Pla Kang. Next to the statue is the unique Chinese-Lanna pagoda which stands 9-storey tall and surrounded by 12 mini pagodas of different zodiac. Two dragons lead visitors up the staircase into the pagoda where statues of Buddha and Buddhist saints reside.



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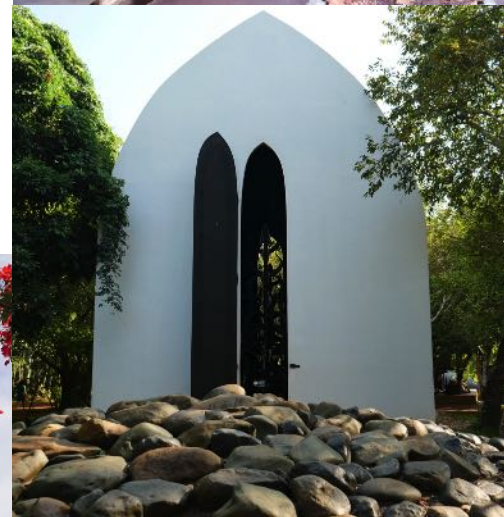
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Baan Dam

MUSEUM

Baan Dam Museum is the invaluable work of Thawan Duchanee, a renowned Thailand national artist. The whole museum is a collection of modern art with 36 Lanna-style houses all painted in black, Thawan's favourite colour. Each house displays Thawan's personal collection of wood carvings, paintings, and animal skins and horns.



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EVERY DAY 9:00 - 17:00

ENTRANCE FEE: 80 BAHT





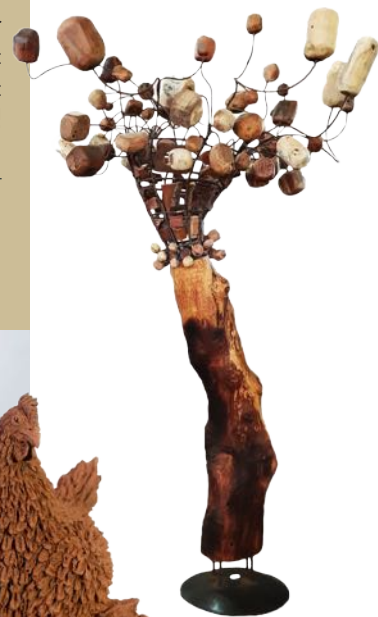
ART BRIDGE

Chiangrai artist community came together and opened Art Bridge as the center for promoting local art and culture. It never gets boring here because local artists get a chance to host their exhibition. You'll get to see different works every time you visit!

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Taiyuan

ART GALLERY

Taiyuan Art Gallery let you learn the wisdom of the Lanna culture from the past to the present. Traditional and contemporary arts are exhibited in this 2-storey Lanna house, including the valuable works of Chalong Pinituwan and famous local artists.



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Gardens in Chiangmai

Winter is the best time to explore the landscape and check-in at spectacular flower gardens around Chiangmai as all florists compete to be the most colourful one in the field. The scenery only lasts a couple of months and you will have to wait almost a year for the next one!



Auntie Nok Aeang Flower Farm

Arguably one of the trendiest flower farms of the hour, Auntie Nok Aeang Flower Farm grows 3 varieties of cold climate flower. Endless fields of blooming marguerite, cutter aster, and golden rod with bamboo pavilion make magical backdrops for your winter photo collection. The farm also has a restaurant and café to hang out and choose your new favourite photo for your social media post!



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FLOWER TYPE: MARGUERITE, CUTTER ASTER, GOLDEN ROD (OCTOBER - FEBRUARY)

ENTRANCE FEE: 50 BAHT / 20 BAHT PARKING FEE



Lung Ron Garden

Refreshing vibe fills the air of Lung Ron Garden while you gaze the amazing views of purple marguerite, white cutter aster and red celosia fields. There are plenty of spots to take a snapshot and variety of props like painted umbrella and flower tiara to spice up your photos.



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FLOWER TYPE:

MARGUERITE, CUTTER ASTER, CELOSIA (OCTOBER - JANUARY)

ENTRANCE FEE: 50 BAH7 / FREE PARKING



Pa Juan Lung Jai Flower Farm

Popular among tourists, the farm has more photo corner everywhere you look. The farm is a photographer dream comes true with lively flower fields and picturesque bamboo bridge and props. Just come in your best outfit and start posing!

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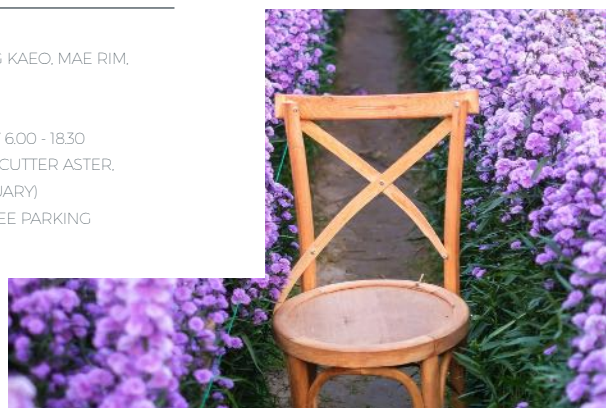
BAAN NONG KHIAO, MUEANG KAE0, MAE RIM, CHIANGMAI

TEL 086 198 4651

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FLOWER TYPE: MARGUERITE, CUTTER ASTER, RAINBOW (OCTOBER - FEBRUARY)

ENTRANCE FEE: 50 BAH7 / FREE PARKING





Baan Nar Flower #2

If you prefer a less crowded destination, Baan Nar Flower 2 is just a couple of minutes from Pa Juan Lung Jai Flower Farm. Beautiful field of white cutter aster dominates the scenery of this small flower farm and you don't have to worry about other people in the background while taking photos.

ADDRESS:

BAAN NAR FLOWER 2 BAAN NONG KHIAO, MUEANG KAE0, MAE RIM, CHIANGMAI

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FLOWER TYPE: MARGUERITE, CUTTER ASTER (OCTOBER - JANUARY)

ENTRANCE FEE: 50 BAHT / FREE PARKING



Kuy Niam Forest

Enjoy the tranquil backdrop of the surrounding mountains against the largest marguerite field in Mae Rim. Take a slow stroll along the long bamboo bridge with lots of landmarks and scenic spots to stop by and take a memorable picture.

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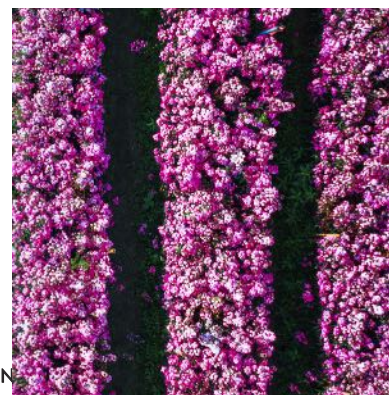
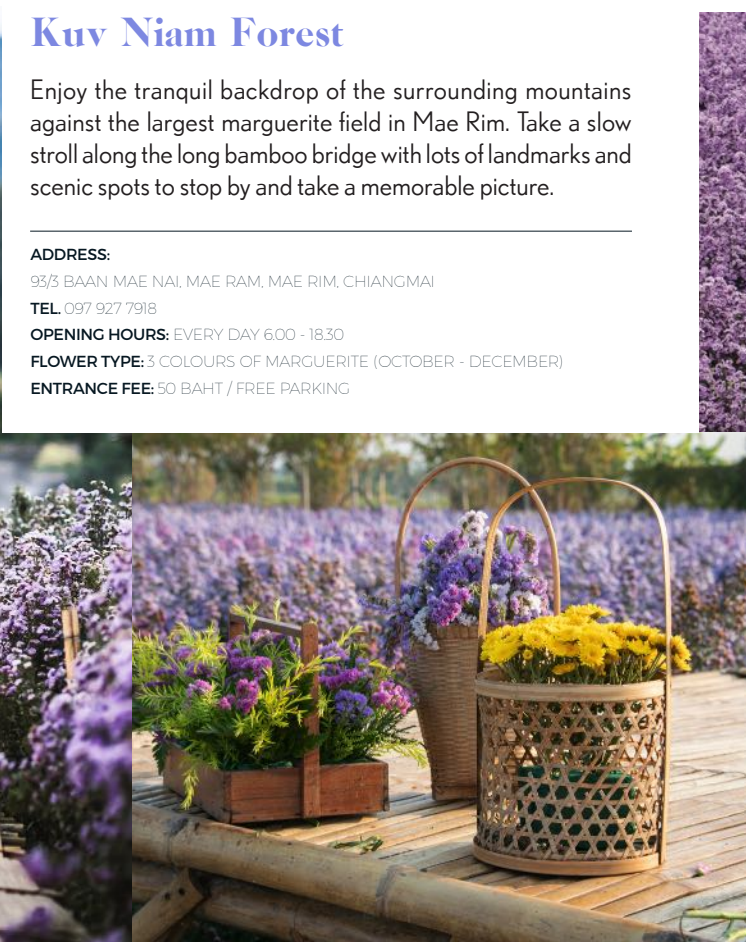
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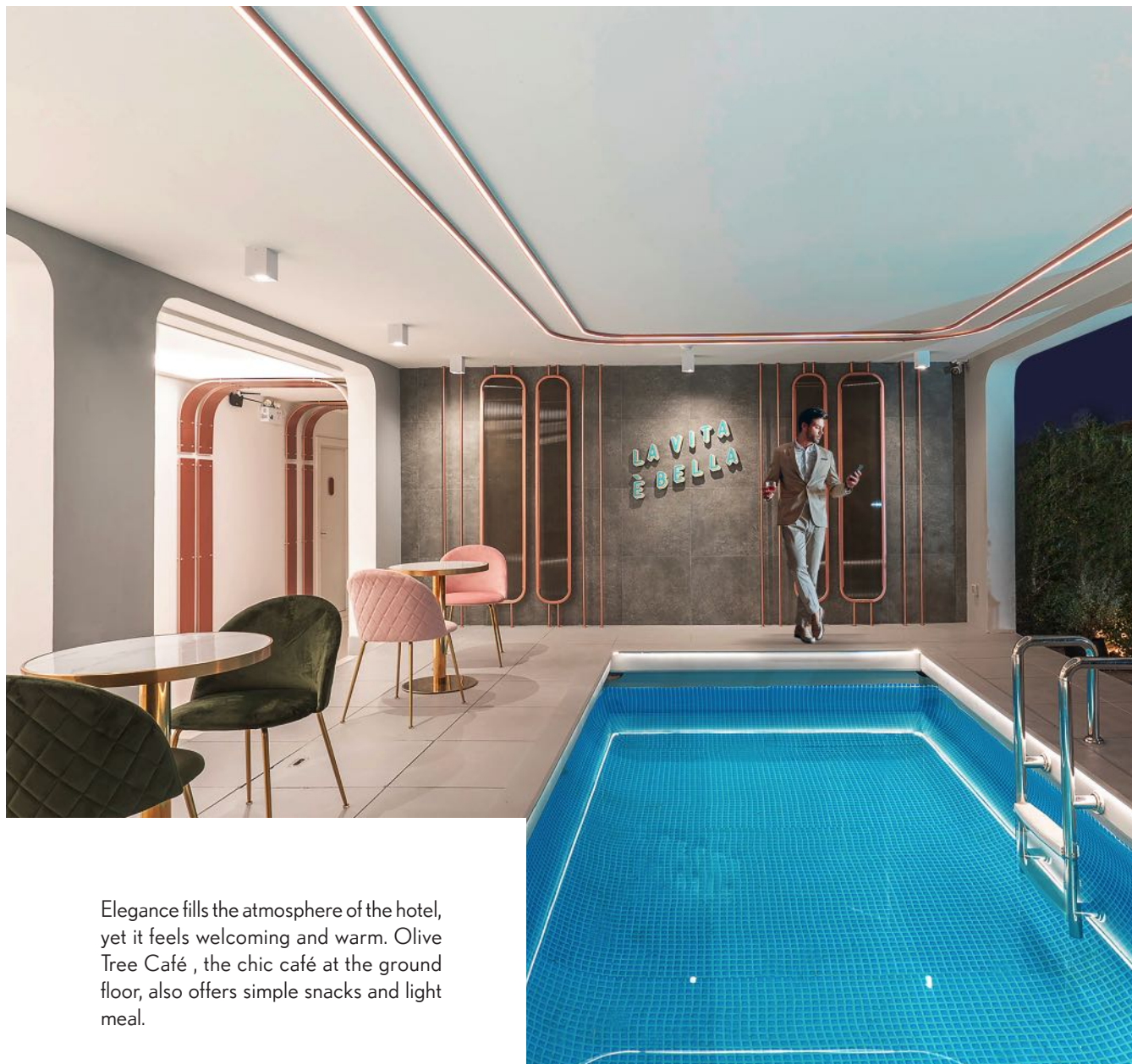
THE TREASURE OF NIMMANHAEMIN



Located on Nimman Soi 5, NIMANO SUITES is the latest and highly anticipated design hotel in Nimmanhaemin. Its modern arch design with a strong Italian accent outstandingly sets the building apart from the surrounding, while the clean white tone allows the front garden and the hotel's iconic 300 years old olive tree to pop out from the scene.







Elegance fills the atmosphere of the hotel, yet it feels welcoming and warm. Olive Tree Café , the chic café at the ground floor, also offers simple snacks and light meal.



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NEW YEAR'S BREEZE IN PHUKET

Dubbed as the jewel of Andaman, Phuket is a world-famous island destination, but people don't just visit the island for the beach. Besides its abundance of natural and cultural beauties, some of you may not know that Phuket is UNESCO's City of Gastronomy and a popular destination for gastronomy tourism. There are plenty of 'food heritage' to explore and many chic cafés to hop around, so let's head south and check-in at Phuket!





Explore Phuket Old Town

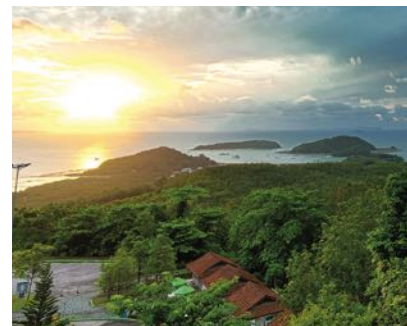


What better way to explore the history of Phuket than taking a slow stroll around the atmospheric old town along Thalang, Yaowarat, Deebook, Phang nga, Phuket, and Montree roads. The Sino-Portuguese homes on these roads tell the tales of Phuket's rich history as the cultural melting pot. Visit heritage museums like Chinpracha House, Phuket Thai Hua, and the old Siam City Bank building, or explore the modern creativities like the colourful buildings on Soi Rommani and street arts hidden around the alleyways. There won't be a moment you wouldn't want to capture, especially at chic restaurants and cafés along the roads.

Explore the Hidden Beaches



KAO KHAD SCENIC SPOT

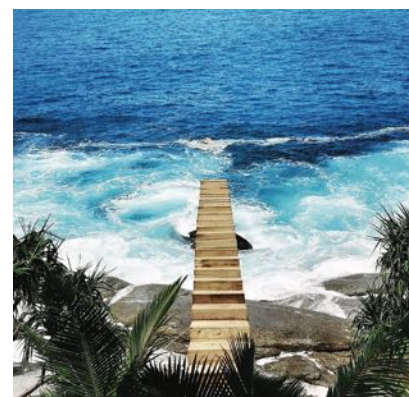


Kao Khad Scenic Spot allows you to climb up the tower on top of a high hill for a spectacular panorama of Phuket. The landmark is one of a few scenic spots offering an all-around, 360-degree view.

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WICHIT, MUEANG, PHUKET

ROCK BEACH SWING



Checking in at Rock Beach Swing seems to be a popular activity for travelers seeking to make memorable experience through camera lens. Nestled on a small beach closed to Karon (Sam Ao) Viewpoint, this chic attraction provides picturesque corners to fill your Instagram account and enjoy all day long, from giant bird nest, swings and hammock, to the signature white stairway to heaven.

ADDRESS:

KARON BEACH, KARON, MUEANG, PHUKET

TEL 063 076 2046

OPENING HOURS: EVERY DAY 10.00-18.00

ENTRANCE FEE: THAI CITIZEN 250 BAHT

FACEBOOK: ROCK BEACH SWING



NUI BEACH

Sandwiched between Karon Viewpoint and Nai Han Beach, Nui Beach is naturally your next stop after Karon Viewpoint. Pristine white sand beach and turquoise water are the highlight of you will never get bored of when you are here, and small gimmicks like swings and giant bird nests just add extra fun to the destination.

ADDRESS:

KARON BEACH – NAI HAN BEACH, KARON, MUEANG, PHUKET
TEL. 090 171 9481
OPENING HOURS: EVERY DAY 10.00 – 18.00 .
ENTRANCE FEE: 300 BAHT
FACEBOOK: NUI BEACH PHUKET

MAI NGAO BEACH

Also known as "Freedom Beach," this secret pocket of paradise hides between the famous Patong and Karon beaches. Getting there takes a bit of work, since it is accessible by either a long tail boats or on foot through a private property (pass through fee of 200 Baht). Your reward for taking the trip is a virtually unexploited powdery beach and crystal-clear water. The name Mai Ngao derived from the word Mai Ngam which literally means beautiful trees.

ADDRESS:

PATONG-KATA ROAD, KHATU, PHUKET



Islands Hopping!



PHI PHI ISLAND – AO PILEH LAGOON

Island hopping is an activity you wouldn't want to miss when visiting Phuket, especially when Phi Phi Island is open for visitors. The beautiful cove of Ao Pileh Lagoon features tall limestone cliff overlooking the sparkling emerald sea. The cove is home to a variety of marine lives and underwater scenery, making it the perfect spot for snorkeling.



KOH MAI PHAI

As a part of Hat Nopparat Thara – Mu Koh Phi Phi National Park, Koh Mai Phai is naturally abundant. It may be on a path less traveled, but the unspoiled peaceful beach and water offers a way to truly be a part of the nature. If serenity is your cup of tea, Koh Mai Phai will be your sanctuary.



RACHA ISLAND

Racha Islands consist of the bigger Racha Yai Island and its smaller sister, Racha Noi Island. Most traveler visit the big sister first as Racha Yai has all the five-star resorts and modern facilities for a luxury stay. Lying north of the island is Ao Patok, the most beautiful bay on Racha Yai. Snorkeling here means you will get to see amazing coral reef and rare corals like staghorn coral, as well as young coral reef.

The Ultimate Entertainment Centers

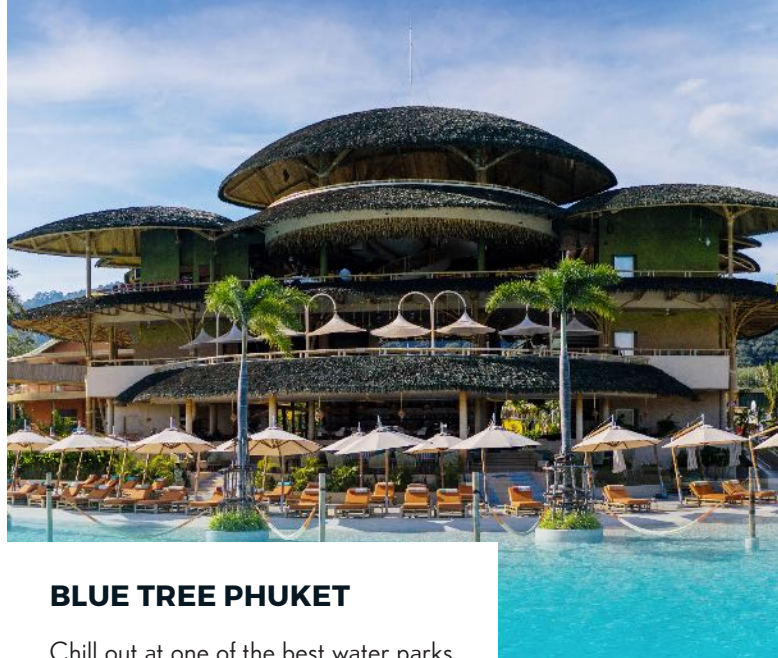


HANUMAN WORLD

Besides beach and water activities, Phuket is also considered a leading entertainment hub in Thailand. Hanuman World let you live an adventurous life of the monkey king. The zipline park features thirty daring stations that will test your courage and dare you to fly among the trees. If you are not after an adrenalin rush, the sky walk still allows the top of the jungle experience, or you can just relax and enjoy food and drinks at Three Monkeys restaurant while waiting for your friends.

**ADDRESS:**

105 MOO 4 CHAOFA ROAD, WICHIT, MUEANG, PHUKET

TEL: 062 979 5533**OPENING HOURS:** EVERY DAY 10.00 - 21.00**ENTRANCE FEE:** ADVENTURE PACKAGE STARTS AT 1,990 BAHT / HR.**FACEBOOK:** HANUMAN WORLD

BLUE TREE PHUKET

Chill out at one of the best water parks in the region! Blue Tree Phuket sits on an expansive 140 rai of fun aquatic experience. It offers a well-rounded, all-day entertainment for the family, from huge artificial ocean to zipline, rock climbing and cliff jumping. The water park highlights advance water treatment technology to guarantee the safety of all guest.

**ADDRESS:**

4/2 SRISOONTHORN ROAD, CHERNTALAY, TALANG, PHUKET

TEL: 076 602 435**OPENING HOURS:** EVERY DAY 10.00 - 22.00**ENTRANCE FEE:** CHILDREN 350 BAHT / ADULTS 1350 BAHT**FACEBOOK:** BLUE TREE PHUKET

TU KAB KHAO

As a gastronomy destination, Phuket is full of extraordinary restaurants and you wouldn't want to waste a great opportunity to try the best traditional Phuket cuisine. Tu Kab Khao is famous for offering authentic Phuket dishes in an inviting Penang-style atmosphere. Each dish is beautifully decorated and presented in a royal-Thai style with a selection of wine and cocktails to complement the bold flavours.



ADDRESS:
8 PHANGNGA ROAD, TALAD YAI, MUEANG, PHUKET
TEL: 076 608 888
OPENING HOURS: EVERY DAY 11:30 - 21:00
FACEBOOK: TUKABKHAO PHUKET LOCAL FOOD RESTAURANT



Authentic Phuket Cuisines



TUNK-KA CAFE

Perched on top of Khao Rang, Tunk-ka Café serves flavourful Thai cuisine to the million dollars view of Phuket. The restaurant provides a relaxing place to chill out with friends and family or a romantic spot to bring your special someone. Khao Rang Viewpoint and Phraya Ratsada Nu Pradit 100 Years Memory Hall are also within a walking distance from the restaurant.

ADDRESS:
KHOSIMBI - KHAO RANG ROAD, TALAD NEUR, MUEANG, PHUKET
TEL: 061 978 2549
OPENING HOURS: MON - FRI 12:00 - 14:00 / 17:00 - 21:30, SAT - SUN 11:00 - 22:00
FACEBOOK: TUNKKACAFEPHUKET

THE CHARM DINING GALLERY

Taste the authenticity of home-cooked Peranakan cuisine. The Charm Dining Gallery invites you into a classic Sino-Portuguese shophouse in Phuket Old Town and join a home-style Peranakan dinner. Try classic menus like Braised pork belly, fried fish with Penang-style sauce, and deep-dried Phuket sausage. curry, all guaranteed by Michelin's Bib Gourmand reward!

ADDRESS:
93 DIBUK ROAD, TALAD NEUR, MUEANG, PHUKET
TEL: 076 530 199
OPENING HOURS: EVERY DAY 11:00 - 22:00
FACEBOOK: THE CHARM



Local Dishes



Mee Sapam originates in Phuket and can rightfully be called the traditional dish of Phuket. Mee Sapam by Granny Jian has been serving its signature Mee Sapam for 66 years, and people still can't get enough of the thick and firm Hokkien noodle in aromatic soup!



ADDRESS:

56/8 THEPKASATREE ROAD, KOH KAE0, MUEANG, PHUKET

TEL 076 377 595

OPENING HOURS: EVERY DAY 9:00 - 17:30

FACEBOOK: MEESAPAM

GO BENZ RICE PORRIDGE

Go Benz is the 'go to' restaurant for both local and visiting night owls for 16 years. The atmosphere is simple, the food looks simple, but the taste is a whole different story.



ADDRESS:

KRABI ROAD, TALAD NEUR, MUEANG, PHUKET

TEL 086 610 0786

OPENING HOURS: EVERY DAY 19:00 - 2:00

FACEBOOK: GOBENZPHUKET



NOM JEEN PHUKET

Nom Jeen or Kanom Jeen is a popular noodle dish across Thailand because it's simple and delicious. Nom Jeen Phuket serves some of the best kanom jeen menus in a friendly garden atmosphere. The freshly made noodle and the sauce perfectly complement one another, especially with the crab curry and Choob Yum (traditional Phuket sauce).

ADDRESS:

63/14 RUAM PATTANA ROAD, RATSADA, MUEANG, PHUKET

TEL 081 895 9430

OPENING HOURS: 7:00 - 15:00, CLOSED ON MONDAY

FACEBOOK: NOMJEENPHUKET

Don't Miss!

The stomach can never be satisfied without sweets. O-aew jelly served on shaved ice has been the popular sweet in Phuket for more than 80 years and no one does it better than O-aew Pae Lee!

ADDRESS:

SOI SOON UTIS, YAOVARAT, TALAD YAI, MUEANG, PHUKET

TEL 086 940 2042

OPENING HOURS: EVERY DAY 13:00 - 17:00



Cool Cafés & Bars in Phuket



TANTITIUM

Looking to unwind after a long day or just chill out on the weekend? Housed in a century-old historical building, Tantitium seamlessly combine Phuket's iconic Sino-Portuguese design to the elegant colonial décor, resulting in a chic restaurant bar with classy vibe on Dibuk Road. Besides great Thai food and variety of drinks, there are plenty of alluring nooks and corners to update your Instagram profile.



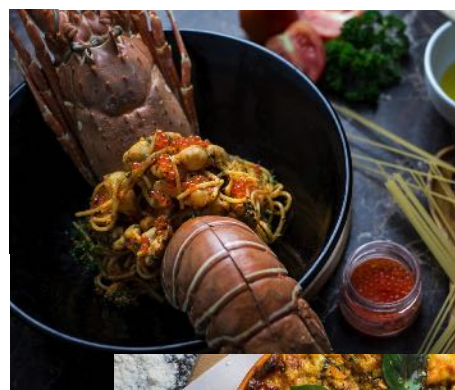
ADDRESS:

84 DIBUK ROAD, TALAD NEUR, MUEANG, PHUKET

TEL 076 510 411

OPENING HOURS: EVERY DAY 19:00 - 24:00

FACEBOOK: TANTITIUM



DIBUKA

Dibuka's awesome industrial loft style sets a unique atmosphere for the fusion dishes that blend explosive southern Thai flavours to European cuisine. These creative menus go harmoniously with the restaurant curated drink list, as well as Debuka's signature Thai cocktails.

ADDRESS:

2/3 DIBUK ROAD, TALAD YAI, MUEANG, PHUKET

TEL. 076 606 666

OPENING HOURS: EVERY DAY 1730 - 100

FACEBOOK: DIBUKA CAFE&RESTAURANT

SRI THE SHOPHOUSE

Hidden in a quiet alley in Phuket Old Town is a charming Korean minimalist café, Sri the Shophouse. White walls and smooth lines give a clean canvas to the contrasting wooden furniture and décor, and really makes the drinks stand out from all angles. The atmosphere gets sweeter with beautifully presented drinks and homemade French pastries. Sri the Shophouse also exhibits fine works of local artists.



ADDRESS:

125 SOI SOON UTIS, TALAD NEUR, MUEANG, PHUKET

TEL. 089 465 8954

OPENING HOURS: 9:00 - 19:00, CLOSED EVERY WEDNESDAY

FACEBOOK: SRI THE SHOPHOUSE

MA DOO BUA CAFÉ

Ma Doo Bua Café literally translates to 'come and see the lotus' which hints what to expect when visiting the café.



The contemporary Thai café is a trendy check-in spot for young café hoppers who just won't be able to resist taking a photo with the café's signature lotus pond. It is highly recommended to try the crispy lotus stem spicy salad while you are here.

ADDRESS:

310/51 MOO 1 BAANDON - CHERNG TALAY, TALANG, PHUKET

TEL. 063 593 9939

OPENING HOURS: EVERY DAY 10:00 - 20:00

FACEBOOK: MA DOO BUA CAFE 'L

THE FEELSION CAFÉ

The Feelsion Café boasts a mixture of unique character that fits “My Feeling,” so you’ll surely find something you’d want to snap a shot with. Every corner has its own charm, and you may have to spend hours completing the album. The menu also comes in different flavours from Thai desserts and waffles, to homemade ice-cream and cakes, as well as creative signature drinks.

ADDRESS:

445/1 PHUKET ROAD, TALAD YAI, MUEANG, PHUKET

TEL. 083 181 9845

OPENING HOURS: 10:30 – 20:00, CLOSED EVERY WEDNESDAY

FACEBOOK: THE FEELSION CAFE



TORRY'S ICE CREAM

Ice-cream never gets old when you are in the tropics! Torry's Ice Cream renovated an old Peranakan home into a classic ice-cream parlour with pink shop front! Over 70 flavours of premium ice-cream are made and creatively mixed with local desserts for uniquely unforgettable ice-cream menus.

ADDRESS:

33/6 VICHASONGKRAM ROAD, TALAD YAI, MUEANG, PHUKET

TEL. 076 510 888

OPENING HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 11:00 - 18:00 / SATURDAY - SUNDAY 11:00 - 21:30

FACEBOOK: TORRY'S ICE CREAM

DAY & NIGHT OF PHUKET

As the name suggested, DAY & NIGHT of Phuket is an all-day and late night, restaurant, café, and bar. The all-in-one restaurant is a popular chill out spot for locals and tourists alike, and with a long list of food, drinks, and desserts, you will have to make a couple of trips to taste them all.

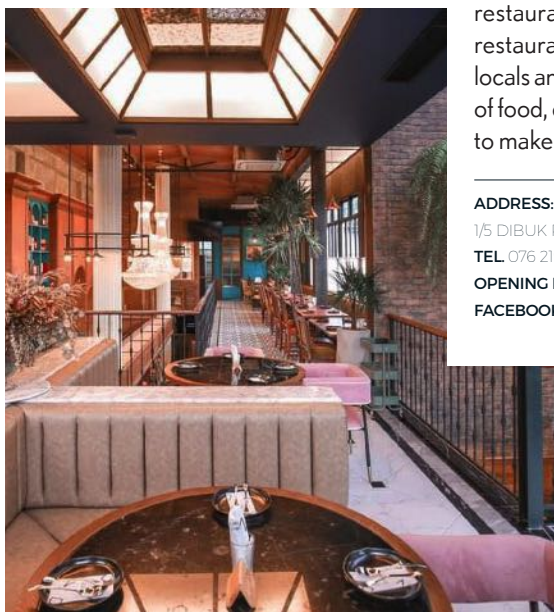
ADDRESS:

1/5 DIBUK ROAD, TALAD YAI, MUEANG, PHUKET

TEL. 076 219 788

OPENING HOURS: EVERY DAY 9:00 - 24:00

FACEBOOK: DAY & NIGHT OF PHUKET





CAFÉ GODO

Café GODO took an old Sino-Portuguese home, gave it a little modernization, and turned it into a welcoming café. Painted in black and white, the unique café looks modern, yet the charm of its history is well-preserved. People, and guests of Sound Gallery House boutique hotel next door, usually come to enjoy the quiet atmosphere alongside selections of tea, coffee, Thai sweets, and pastries.



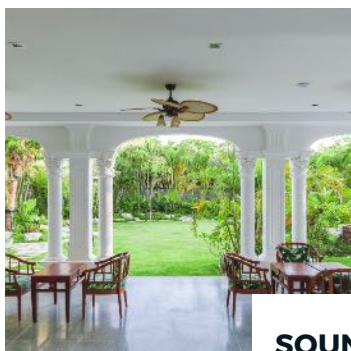
ADDRESS:

VICHITSONGRAM ROAD, TALAD NEUR, MUEANG, PHUKET

TEL. 061 879 9056

OPENING HOURS: SUNDAY - THURSDAY 8.00 - 22.00/
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FACEBOOK: GODO



SOUND GALLERY HOUSE

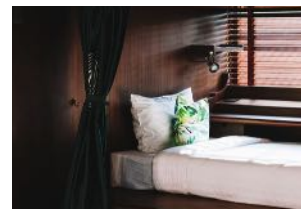
Set in a grand Sino-Portuguese mansion, or locally known as "Ang-Mor-Lao", Sound Gallery House is full of the spirit of Peranakan. Classic Phuket architecture and inspiring musical décor give life and homely vibe to the design while the surrounding garden makes the perfect venue for a small wedding.

ADDRESS:

33/6 VICHASONGKRAM ROAD, TALAD NEUR, MUEANG, PHUKET

TEL. 076 608 854

WEBSITE: WWW.SOUNDGALLERYHOUSE.COM



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ADDRESS:

94/4 MOO 6 KOH KAE, MUEANG, PHUKET

TEL. 076 643 643

WEBSITE: WWW.ISESCAPE.COM



MIYAMA

Kyoto Hidden Gems

Hidden in the valley to the northwest of Kyoto, Miyama could be the sister of the world-famous Shirakawa-go village. The charming village of Miyama is known for its agriculture, traditional thatched roof farmhouses, and wonderful atmosphere of the bygone days. Kitamura leaves are used to construct the iconic Japanese architecture which was widely used during the Edo period. Since the farmhouses aren't just for the show, the interior is adapted to accommodate modern lifestyle while keeping the iconic architecture and the exterior design. Some are turned into restaurants, cafés, or hotels, welcoming guests with its unique atmosphere.





GETTING THERE:

From Kyoto, hop on the JR Sagano Line to Hiyoshi Station. Catch the Nantan bus and take a 50-minute ride to Miyama. The village is perfect for taking a big break, enjoy the serene atmosphere and a leisure bike ride.

SEASON TO BE IN

The best time to visit Miyama is in November as the temperature is great for outdoor activities and the autumn leaves paint the sceneries in vivid colors. If you plan to enjoy the snow, January to February is a great time to visit.



Places to See

MIYAMA KAYABUKI GALLERY AND FOLK MUSEUM

Miyama Kayabuki Gallery and Folk Museum sit next to one another just on the edge of the town. Both of them display the history of Miyama in their own unique way. While the gallery highlights the history through arts and paintings, the museum exhibits antiques and traditional tools, as well as the way of life of the local residences. Your curiosities about the thatched roof and its evolution will be answered here.

ADDRESS:

Honoki - 21, Miyama, Nantan City, Kyoto

OPENING HOURS: 10.00 - 16.30, Closed on Monday and closed from December - March

ADMISSION FEE: 500 Yen (approx. 143 Baht)



Where to Stay



KAJIKASO MIYAMA RESORT

ADDRESS:

56 Shimomuke, Miyama, Nantan City, Kyoto

TEL. +8177177 0014



Where to Eat



SAIKA CAFÉ

Why not take a break and sip a warm cup of coffee, or tea, with delectable Japanese sweets in the traditional kayabuki thatched roof café! Be prepared to sit on the floor around a small Japanese tea table, gazing out to the iconic view of the charming village. Besides the unique atmosphere, Saika Café is known for its chiffon and pudding, as well as the black bean menus.

ADDRESS:

Shimomaki 15-banchi, Miyama, Nantan City, Kyoto

OPENING HOURS: 11.00 - 17.00

TEL. +81 771 77 9038



CAFÉ MILAN

Café Milan, a homey little café in a modern wooden house, brings a fresh atmosphere to the village! Miyama is proud of its agricultural produces, especially eggs, so you wouldn't be surprised to learn that the name "Milan" pronounces like the word "beautiful egg" in Japanese, and the proudly presented menus highlight eggs as the main ingredient!

ADDRESS:

42 Kitakanmaki, Miyama, Nantan City, Kyoto

OPENING HOURS: 10.00 - 17.00, Closed every Wednesday

TEL. +8177177 0569

KITAMURA RESTAURANT

As the star restaurant of the village, Kitamura presents the best flavors Miyama has to offer. Try simple, yet well-prepared, soba is handmade in-house using Miyama buckwheat flour, giving it the naturally sweet flavor. Other menus include chicken karaage and assorted sausages with a big tick on the amazing venison sausage!

ADDRESS:

19-1 Yoseki, Miyama, Nantan City, Kyoto

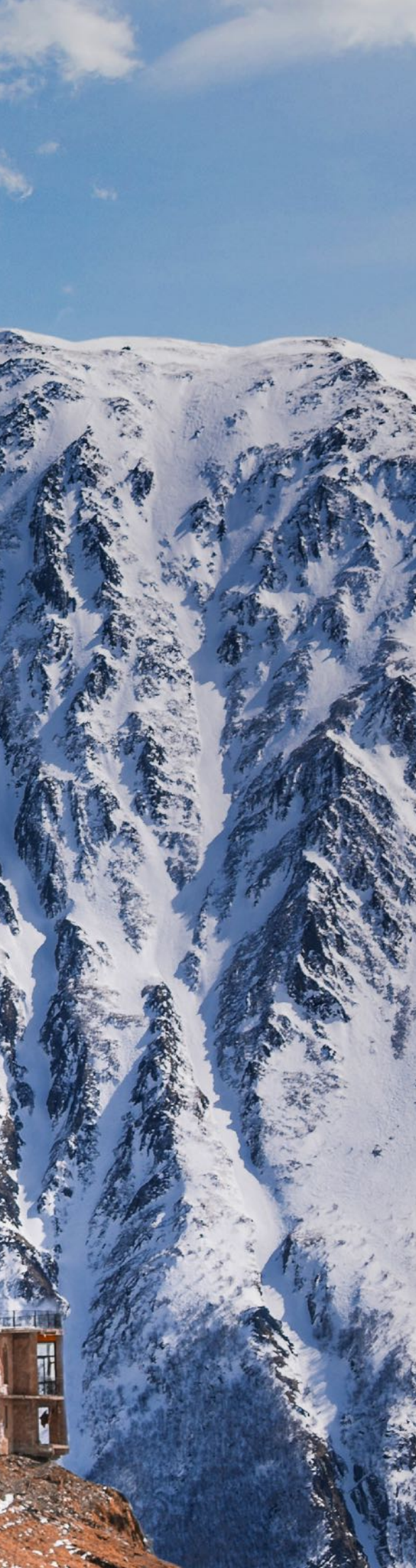
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TEL. +8177177 0146



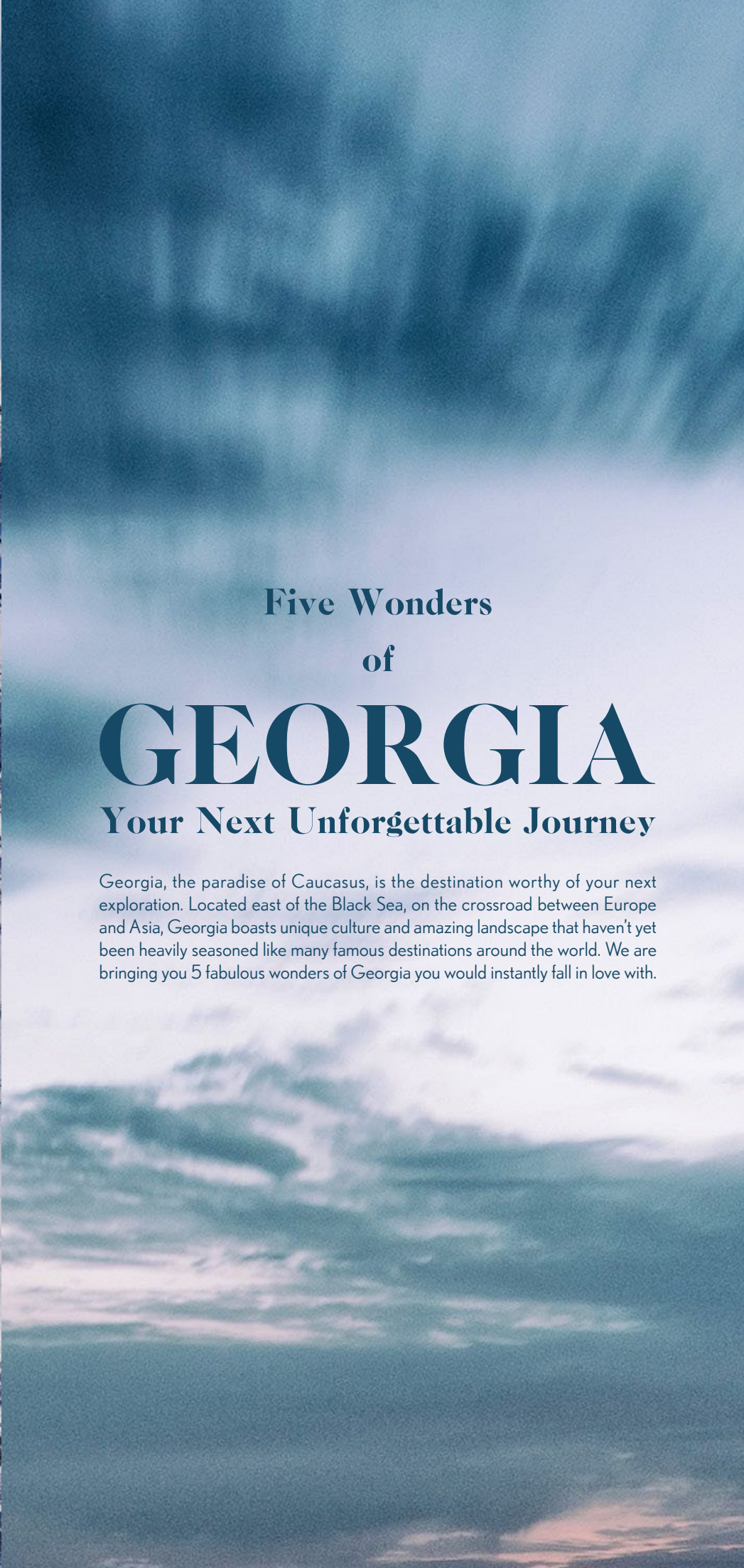
GEORGIA





Five Wonders of **GEORGIA** Your Next Unforgettable Journey

Georgia, the paradise of Caucasus, is the destination worthy of your next exploration. Located east of the Black Sea, on the crossroad between Europe and Asia, Georgia boasts unique culture and amazing landscape that haven't yet been heavily seasoned like many famous destinations around the world. We are bringing you 5 fabulous wonders of Georgia you would instantly fall in love with.



HOW TO GO

The easiest way to reach Georgia is a 7-hour flight from Suvarnabhumi Airport (Bangkok, Thailand) to Hamad International Airport (Doha, Qatar) and Tbilisi International Airport (Tbilisi, Georgia).

TBILISI

As the capital of Georgia, Tbilisi is the door to explore the charming country. Tbilisi was established in the 5th century and beautifully preserved its old town vibe despite its status as the biggest and most modern city in the country. The picturesque scenery of Mtkvari River cutting through the town center against pastel tone buildings with orange roof is spectacularly European.



If you really want to experience a truly breathtaking view from the top of the city, try catching the cable car from Rike Park to the ancient fort of Narikala. Another not to miss attraction is Tbilisi Sea, the largest man-made fresh water lake in Georgia which is perfect for a picnic among lush green landscape and mountain views.



CABLE CAR OPENING HOURS:

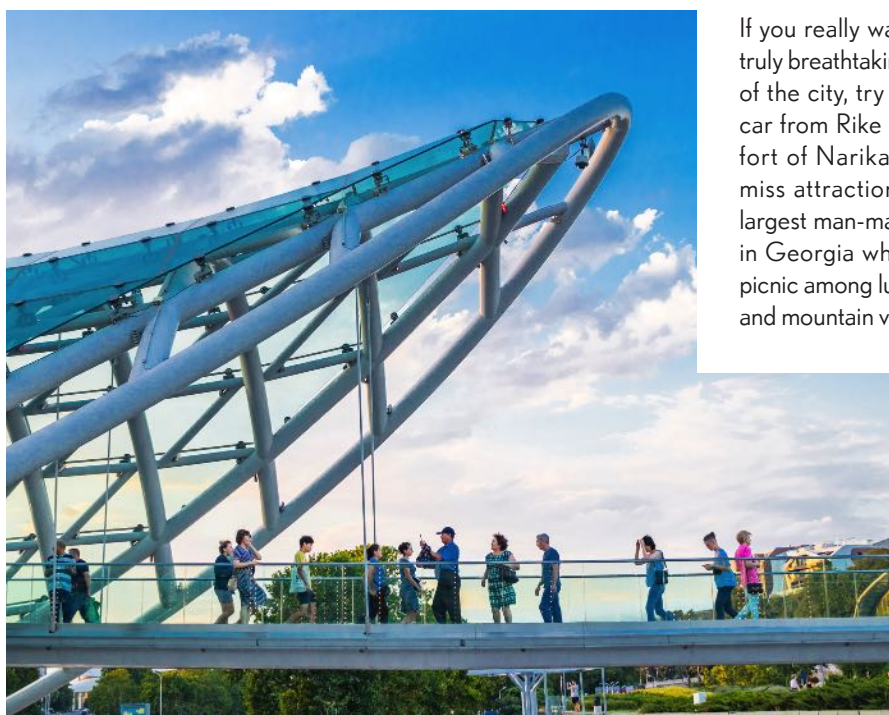
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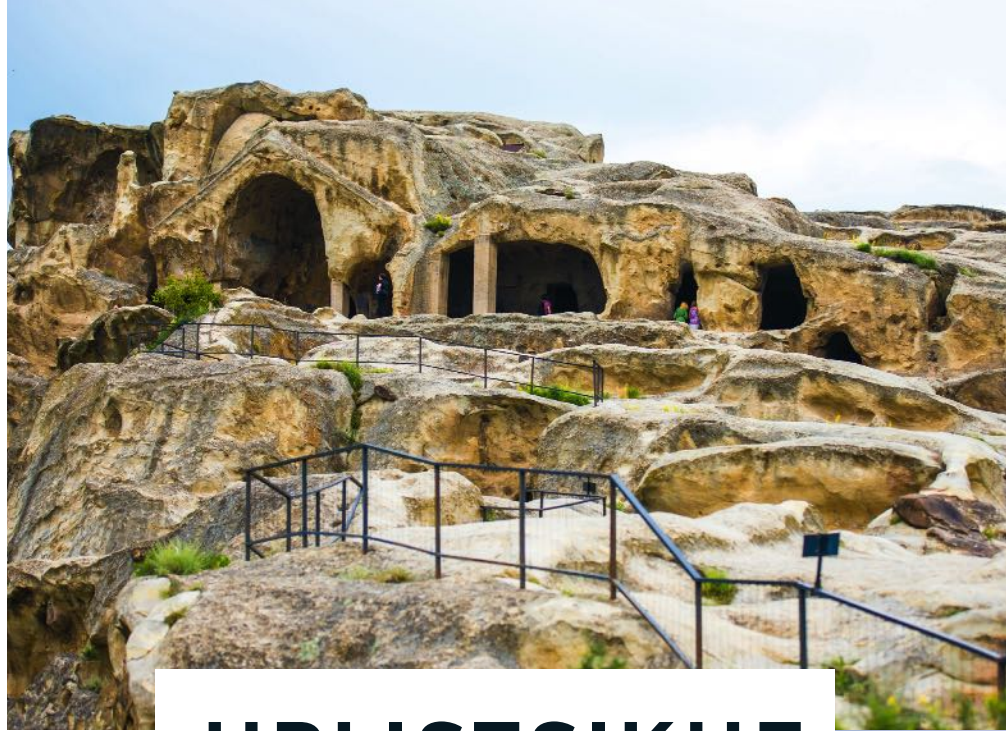
CABLE CAR TICKET: RETURN TICKET

2 LARI (APPROX. 20 BAHT)

VISA

Thai citizen can enter Georgia without a visa and can stay for as long as 365 days.





UPLISTSIKHE

The UNESCO's World Heritage town of Uplistsikhe is not only the oldest town in Georgia, but a unique rock-hewn town as well. Located 85 km.

from Tbilisi in Shida Kartli region, the ancient town is known for its rock-hewn homes, theater, church, and wine cellars that dated back more than 3,000 years. The town covers more than 20 acres and overlooks amazing valley and river views.

ADDRESS:

UPLISTSIKHE CAVE TOWN, SHIDA KARTLI, KVAKHVRELI COUNTRY

OPENING HOURS: EVERY DAY 1000 - 1800

ADMISSION FEE: 7 LARI PER PERSON (APPROX. 70 BAHT)

TIP!

Uplistsikhe Cave Town guided tour is available if you love to learn detail stories of the ancient town. The tour costs 30 Lari (approx. 300 Baht) and takes around 2 - 3 hours. If you prefer exploring on your own, a headphone is available for rent at 10 Lari (approx. 100 Baht) for detail description of the town.



JUTA VILLAGE

The village of Juta nestles peacefully in the Caucasus, 165 north of Tbilisi.

The village quiet location offers spectacular valley views with snowy mountain background and slow-life vibe where you can spend all day relaxing to the tranquilizing sound of Jutistskali and Chaukhistskali Rivers. Juta Village is widely

known as one of the most beautiful villages in the world and a popular destination for mountain climbers and hikers. Hiking routes can range from a short 3 - 4 hours tracks to challenging 3 - 4 days tracks! If you are a beginner, make sure

you contact a local guide before starting your exploration.

ADDRESS:

JUTA VILLAGE, CAUCASUS
MOUNTAINS, SIONI COUNTRY





GERGETI

TRINITY CHURCH

Twenty-six km. north of Juta Village lies another attraction you would love - Gergeti Trinity Church. The 14th century church is the oldest and the most famous church in Georgia and an important religious landmark of the region. It is also a popular waypoint for trekkers in the area.

ADDRESS: GERGETI TRINITY CHURCH, KAZBEGI, SIONI COUNTRY



USHGULI VILLAGE

Located on the foothill of Shkhara Mountain, Ushguli Village is another charming UNESCO's World Heritage town in Georgia. With the altitude of 2,100 meters above sea level, Ushguli

is one of the highest villages in the world and boasts dazzling mountain panoramas and charismatic view of 12th century homes.

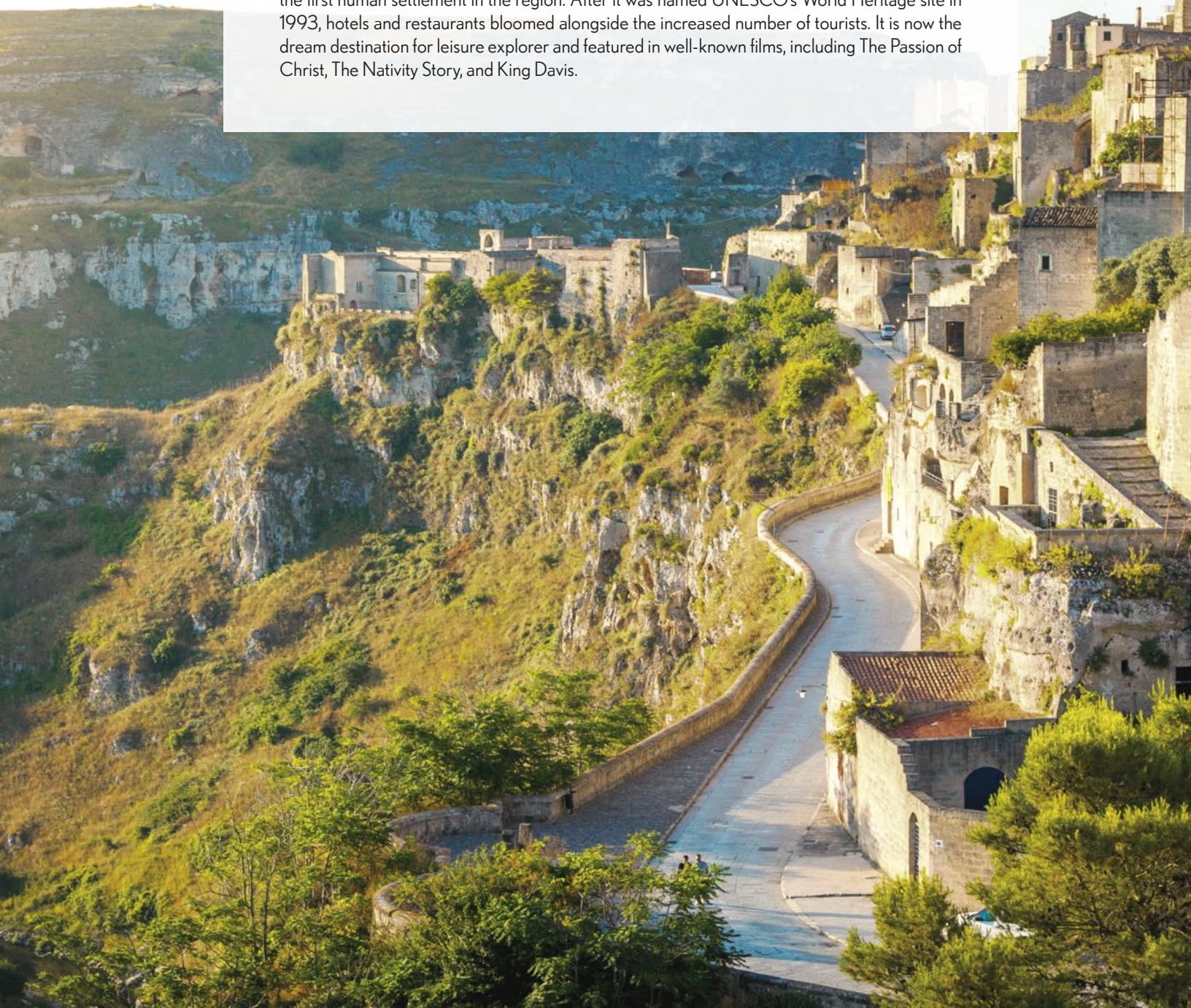


ADDRESS: USHGULI VILLAGE, CAUCASUS MOUNTAINS, SVANETI COUNTRY

MATERA

The Ancient Archaeology Site of Italy

Famous for its 9,000 years old ancient cave dwellings, Sassi di Matera is one of the most unique ancient civilizations in the world. The historic site sits in the city of Matera, Basilicata, in southern Italy. Calcarene rock is literally carved into to form thousands of cave dwellings which set themselves up like a maze with pathways and steep stairs running up and down and sometimes over the roof of other homes. As one of Italy's oldest ancient sites, Sassi di Matera is the evidence of, arguably, the first human settlement in the region. After it was named UNESCO's World Heritage site in 1993, hotels and restaurants bloomed alongside the increased number of tourists. It is now the dream destination for leisure explorer and featured in well-known films, including The Passion of Christ, The Nativity Story, and King Davis.





GETTING THERE:

The most convenient way starts from Rome (Leonardo da Vinci International Airport) to Bari (Bari Karol Wojtyła Airport), then catch a 1.15-hour bus ride to Matera.



Piazza Vittorio Veneto

Piazza Vittorio Veneto, or the town square, is where you will be surrounded by history! Starting from the Palazzo dell'Annunziata (the old palace which is now Cine Teatro Comunale or the theater), to Chiesa di San Domenico church, and Belvedere Luigi Guerricchio.

Under the town square lies the largest water reservoir in Matera, the Palombaro Lungo, that will leave you breathless!

GETTING AROUND

Walking is preferable if you plan to experience all the detail around the city. The city can be explored in a day, so get in shape and prepare for a good exercise!





Cathedral of Santa Maria Della Bruna

Cathedral of Santa Maria della Bruna was built in dedication of Santa Maria della Bruna and has over 8 centuries of history behind it. The striking Apulian Romanesque architecture blends medieval Roman and gothic architectures seamlessly and it can be seen anywhere in the city as the cathedral sits on the highest peak in town.





San Pietro Caveoso

Built in 1218, San Pietro Caveoso, or Saint Peter and Saint Paul Church, highlights the statues of Madonna of the mercy, Saint Paul, and Saint Peter at the entrance. The interior also boasts fascinating wall paints that were drawn in 1540.

Casa Grotta di vico Solitario

The ancient cave dwelling of Casa Grotta di vico Solitario is carefully preserved as a museum to show the way of life of the bygone civilization. It's a simple 'all-in-one-room' home that simply put the living room, kitchen, bedroom, prayer room, chicken house, and horse stable together. The museum is a great place to learn about the ancient people and the history of Matera that goes back more than 7,000 years before Christianity.





RECOMMENDED RESTAURANT



La Dispensa di Aquatio



ADDRESS:
VIA CONCHE, 75100, MATERA
TEL. +39 0835 189 1014
OPENING HOURS:
EVERYDAY 19.30 - 22.00



RECOMMENDED HOTEL

Sextantio Le Grotte Della Civita



ADDRESS:
ALBERGO SEXTANTIO LE GROTTA DELLA CIVITA VIA CIVITA, 28 75100 MATERA
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