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FROM THE EDITOR

Every country in Asia (mostly the rest of the world) has been touched by Covid-19 that made troubles and frustrations for both businesses and travelers. Travel restrictions from the government in many countries made the travelers could not enter and exit the country freely. Anyway, there will be hope for the future of travel industry for example Thailand's Phuket Sandbox project, Travel Bubble between Singapore and Hong Kong (postponed) and many more to be released to continue the breath of travel industry.

Find the right information to enter each country and plan your trip ahead. We hope that the end of this year we can travel the world again.

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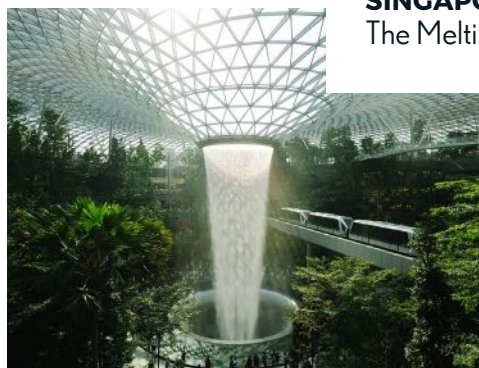
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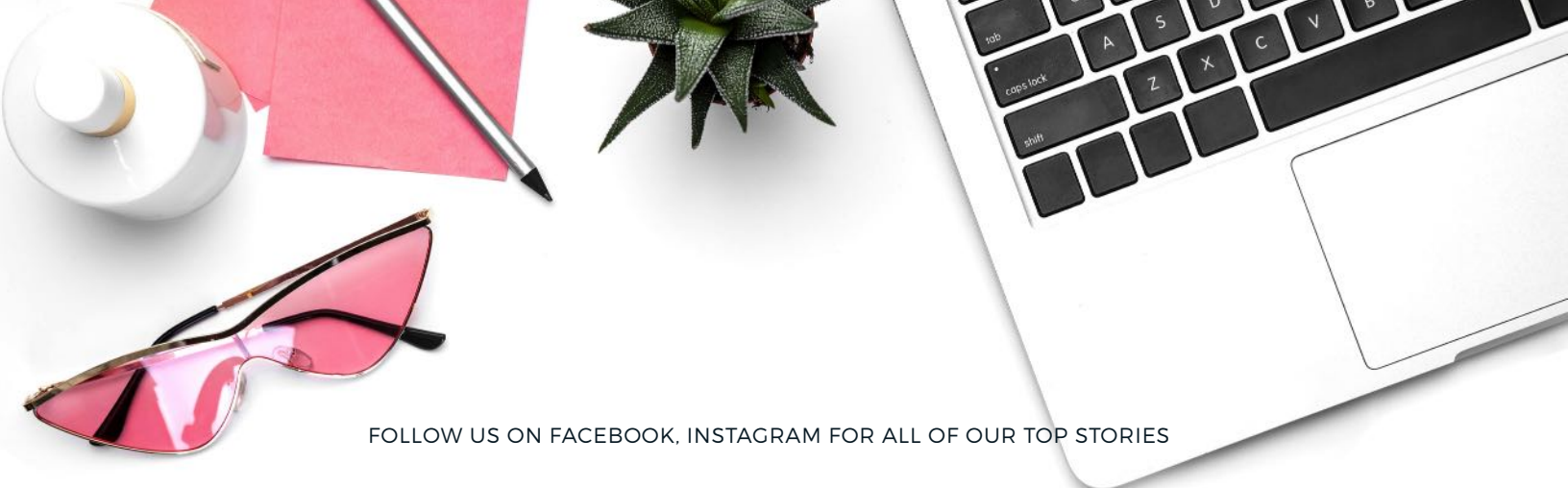


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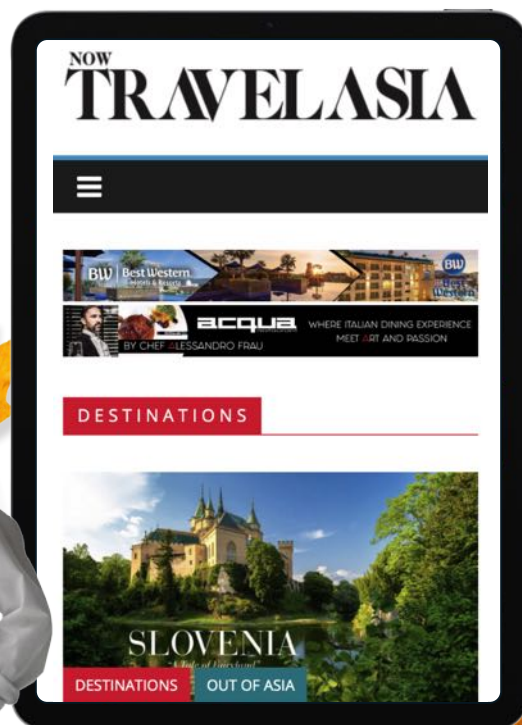
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THOUGHTFUL RESTORATION

THE BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL POOL AND CABANAS

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Steeped in Hollywood history, the pool at The Beverly Hills Hotel has always been home to glamorous starlets, movie icons, and the location for many classic films. Now, having just completed a restoration of its private cabanas, the beloved “Pink Palace” provides a new generation of guests with modern day luxuries in a setting reflective of Hollywood’s golden age. World renowned interior design firm, Champalimaud Design, has led the masterful redesign of all 11 poolside retreats.

The newly refreshed cabanas convey a welcoming residential feel while paying homage to the hotel’s iconic design elements. Admiring the storied history of the hotel and pool area in particular, each space is imbued with a nostalgic

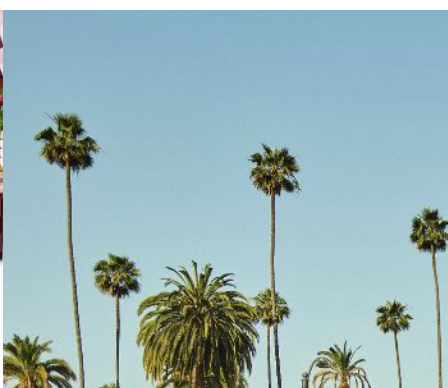
sense of Hollywood glamour. This distinct atmosphere builds up from the details: basket weave on the chairs, terrazzo on the coffee tables, and bright candy pink throughout the space. Establishing an even deeper sense of place, beautiful peach pink tables were sourced from a local Los Angeles designer, Bend. Adorned in pink and white interior striped awnings, guests in the cabanas find themselves immersed in all the fun and exclusivity that Beverly Hills has to offer.

The most notable design feature in the cabanas is the pink Martinique® banana leaf wallpaper made by CW Stockwell. The pink is a new colorway, re-introduced from the company’s archives to complement the original green of the hotel’s interiors. This is the first time the hotel has installed

this iconic wallpaper since the original installation in the 1940s. The wallpaper is featured in The Fountain Coffee Room and in all of the hallways of the hotel, 5½ miles to be exact. With its distinctive colors, large bright leaves, and waving banana palms, it remains internally and intrinsically connected to the hotel, and has developed a type of celebrity status amongst designers and guests alike.

The Beverly Hills Hotel pool and cabanas are open to hotel-guests from 7am – 10pm daily.

To make a reservation, travelers may visit www.lovebeverlyhills.com//hotels





SOUTH KOREA'S FIRST HILTON GARDEN INN OPENS IN SEOUL

HILTON GARDEN INN SEOUL GANGNAM MAKES EACH GUEST'S STAY BETTER AND BRIGHTER THROUGH HEARTFELT INTERACTIONS AND THOUGHTFUL SERVICE

Hilton Garden Inn Seoul Gangnam marked the first Hilton Garden Inn in South Korea. Situated in the center of the Gangnam Business District, south of the Han River in Seoul, the hotel offers bright and airy accommodations for both leisure and business travelers. The hotel owned by JOON TOWER is managed by Hilton.

"With more than 900 hotels in 50 countries and territories around the world, Hilton Garden Inn has one of our largest number of hotels within the Hilton portfolio. Hilton Garden Inn Seoul Gangnam is a stunning addition to our rapidly growing Hilton Garden Inn brand, combining upscale yet affordable accommodations with positive, upbeat service and value-added amenities. I am thrilled to see the brand enter yet another gateway city in Asia Pacific and am confident that the hotel meets

the diverse needs of both domestic and international travelers, when travel returns," said Jenny Milos, vice president, Focused Service and All Suites Brands, Asia Pacific, Hilton.

Hilton Garden Inn Seoul Gangnam is 30 kilometers from Gimpo Airport and 65 kilometers from Incheon International Airport. It is ideally situated in Gangnam, known as one of the country's main tourist areas featuring trendy restaurants, premier and designer-brand shopping malls, vibrant nightlife options as well as key business hubs. The hotel is within close proximity to COEX, World Trade Center, Apgujeong and Garosugil. It is an only 2-minute walk from the Yangjae Subway Station.

To make a reservation, travelers may visit www.seoulgangnam.hgi.com or email SELGI.RSVN@hilton.com



AMANPURI THE LEGEND RETURNS TO PHUKET

Amanpuri will be reopened on 1st August 2021 and is ready to welcome guests to enjoy its legendary hospitality once again. Aman's flagship resort presides over its own peninsula, promising space and serenity surrounded by nature. Its pitched-roofed pavilions and villas, Holistic Wellness Centre and pristine secluded beach create an iconic retreat, soundtracked by the whispers of coconut palms and the sights of the Andaman Sea. From visiting Michelin-starred chefs to the new Sunset Terrace, a host of experiences await, tailored for international travellers seeking solace on Phuket's shores.

the Amanpuri Villa Experience will be ideal, showcasing the best of Phuket and the Amanpuri lifestyle from the comfort of their spacious villa. Guests staying for a minimum of three nights will enjoy full board with a personal Thai chef and butler, a 60-minute holistic massage, daily group movement classes and full access to the resort's exceptional facilities such as the Eco-Beach Discovery Centre and digital hub known as the Hot Spot, for children and teenagers. For guests looking to reconnect with their family, provides the opportunity for multi-generation groups to bond over various activities such as a cooking class, water sports and daily movement sessions.

The resort is also pleased to present a new Gastronomy Series, with Michelin-starred chefs invited to Amanpuri's restaurant kitchens on selected dates throughout 2021. Confirmed names include Chef Wilfrid Hocquet, Executive Chef at Blue by Alain Ducasse, with many more to come. Each exclusive menu will be served in one of Amanpuri's spectacular settings, showcasing both local and international cuisine. Other culinary highlights include a Thai Cooking Masterclass with Chef Kannika, a Pasta Making Masterclass ideal for families, and a range of intimate dining experiences such as a private beach barbecue by candlelight and an Andaman Sunset Cruise with a picnic on board the resort's Mastercraft boat.

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XINHUA SILK ROAD

HIGH-QUALITY DEVELOPMENT OF LIUYANG FIREWORKS CULTIVATES UNIQUE HUNAN CULTURAL BRAND

Liuyang fireworks, a geographical indication product in China and a featured product in Liuyang, a county-level city in central China's Hunan Province, is helping Hunan to build a unique cultural brand by pursuing high-quality development.

As a global fireworks production and trade base, Liuyang boasts an output of fireworks that accounts for more than 85 percent of the national total, with a sales volume taking up 60% of the world.

Over the years, Liuyang fireworks has undertaken the fireworks displays of major events at home and abroad, promoting the export of traditional Chinese culture, contributing to the Belt and Road construction, and fostering the opening-up of Hunan.

Liuyang fireworks boasts the whole-industry-chain advantage, and can realize customized production of high-end and major fireworks displays by controlling raw materials, production process improvement, research and development of fireworks display equipment, layout and design, and other related links in an all-round way, said Zhong Ziqi, a national intangible cultural heritage inheritor and chairman of Dancing Fireworks, a fireworks company in Liuyang.

Liuyang fireworks focuses on creativity, scene experience expansion, and the combination of science and technology with the city, so as to promote the mutual prosperity of fireworks culture and the city.

As a global research center for fireworks and the hometown of fireworks in China, Liuyang has been actively improving the quality of the fireworks, and made 300 cutting-edge innovations in the field of safety and environmental protection, including new environment-friendly firecrackers, regenerated plant fiber firework outer tubes, etc.

The city is also home to multiple national organizations and industry institutions for fireworks, and is the largest talent and technology gathering place in the global fireworks industry.

Liuyang is making efforts to shift its fireworks culture from a Chinese culture to a world culture.





SIX SENSES IBIZA

SETS A NEW BAR IN THE REALM OF HOSPITALITY, SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY.



Conceived by architect and developer Jonathan Leitersdorf, the year-round destination set in secluded Xarraca bay offers a comprehensive range of amenities and programming, farm-to-table dining, music, art, sustainable fashion, culture, longevity and wellness. Each experience is inspired by the traditions and values of the island's north to deliver an intentional destination that provokes meaningful moments of community, spirituality and celebration.

Xarraca Bay is a long-hidden secret on Ibiza's northern tip. Integrated into its contours to enjoy unobstructed sunsets, the property features 116 guest rooms and suites, including one-of-a-kind cave suites built into the cliffs. There are also a handful of Village Residences ideal for large groups or longer-term stays.

Starting rates for Six Senses Ibiza begin at EUR 750 for the hot season and EUR 390 for the cold season. For more information and to make a reservation, please visit [sixsensesibiza.com](https://www.sixsensesibiza.com)



NEW MELIÁ CHIANG MAI

ANNOUNCES EDWARD E. SNOEKS AS GENERAL MANAGER

A hospitality veteran with three decades of industry experience in Asia and Europe, Edward E. Snoeks, will take charge of the new bleisure hotel Meliá Chiang Mai.

The 260 room and suite hotel is scheduled to open in the fourth quarter of this year in the heart of Chiang Mai's city centre.

Snoeks joins Meliá Chiang Mai after managing the pre-opening of Sindhorn Kempinski Hotel Bangkok & The Residences and working as both Thailand's regional general manager and general manager of The Okura Prestige Bangkok.

Previously he was the general manager of Crowne Plaza Hong Kong Causeway Bay and vice president of hotel operations at Hong Kong Parkview Hotel Services.

His work in Asia goes back to 1994 when he worked for The Regent Hong Kong's food and beverage department. Snoeks' hotel management experience also includes stints at the Marco Polo Hotels in Hong Kong, the Mutiara Hotel Kuala Lumpur and Le Royal Meridien Baan Taling Ngam on Koh Samui.

Comprising a 22-floor tower fronted by an adjoining seven-floor podium building, Meliá Chiang Mai will unveil a host of facilities including two restaurants, two bars, two lounges, a YHI Spa with seven treatment rooms, a fully-equipped fitness centre, swimming pool, ballroom and four additional meeting spaces for business and leisure travellers alike.



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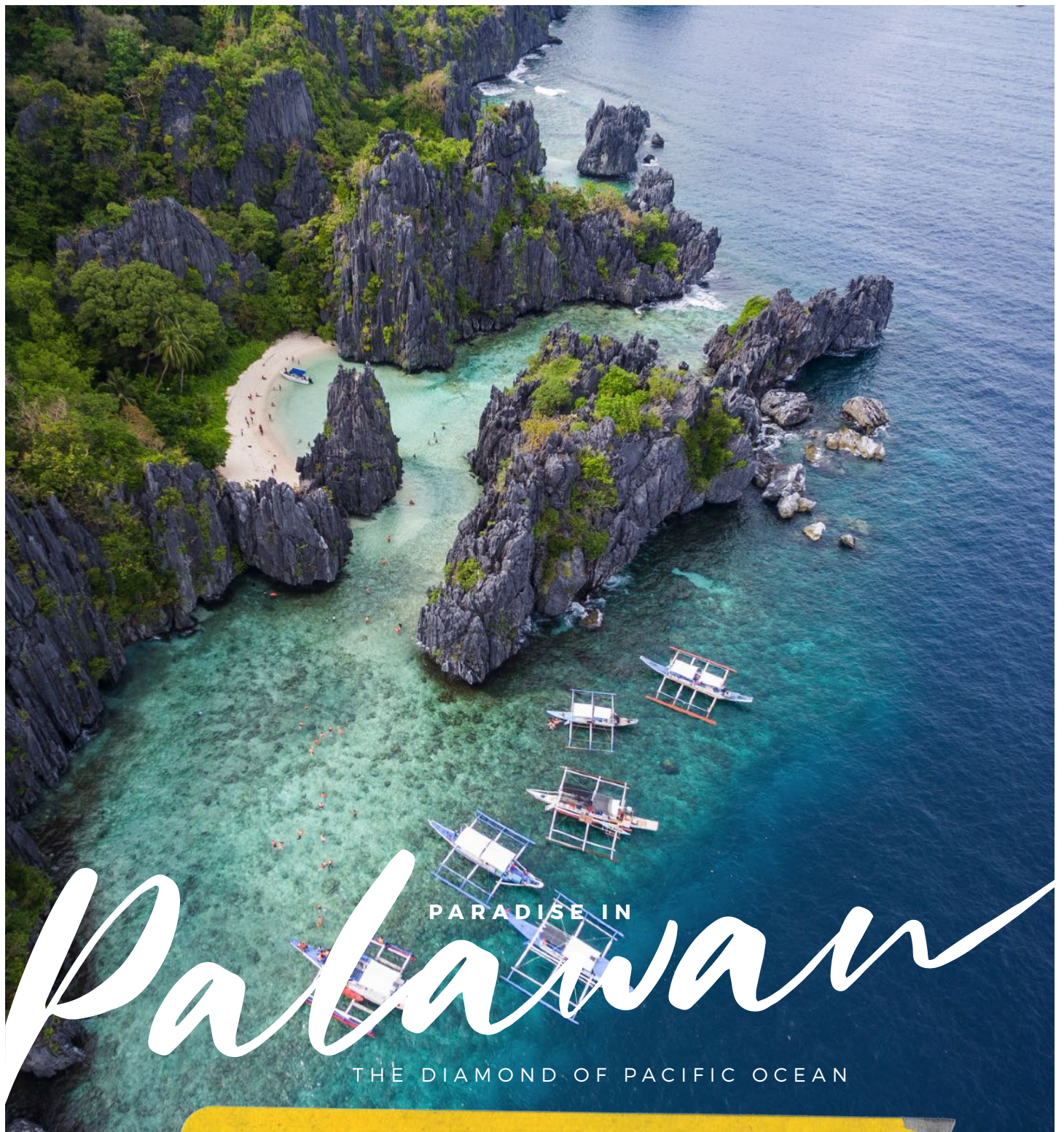


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Palawan

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Located off the southeastern coast of Luzon, Palawan isn't just the largest island in the Philippines, but a renowned island destination of the world as well. This diamond of the Pacific boasts spectacular seascapes with emerald and turquoise waters, as well as rich underwater scenery, all around the island. Palawan is the divers and beachgoers paradise, and some of the first towns most people visit are Puerto Princesa, the capital of Palawan, and El Nido, the paradise by the bay.



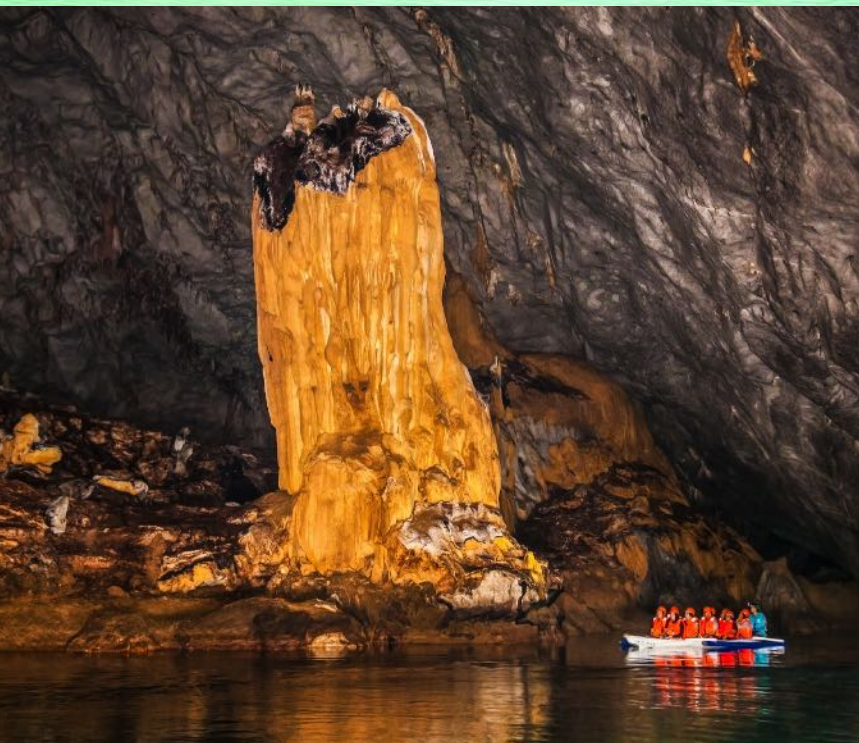
Puerto Princesa

SUBTERRANEAN RIVER NATIONAL PARK

KAYAK THROUGH THE WONDER OF THE WORLD

Puerto-Princesa Subterranean River National Park is located northwest of Puerto Princesa and encompasses impressive cave systems running 8.2 kilometers through Saint Paul Mountain Range to the sea. Visitors are allowed to explore the underground river on a guided kayaking tour. The 45 minutes scenic route limits to a few visitors only, and runs half of the actual river, but be sure to take flashlights since there is no fixed lighting within the caves.

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TUBBATAHA REEFS NATURAL PARK

Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park is another UNESCO's World Heritage on Palawan. The natural park sits in the middle of Sulu Sea, 150 kilometers southeast of Puerto Princesa. The area represents a significant habitat for biodiversity living around North and South Atolls and the Jessie Beazley Reef, including sharks, dolphins, whales, and thousands of marine species. The atolls are also an important nesting ground for different turtle species, and a spectacular dive site. From March to June, enthusiastic divers from around the world travel 9-12 hours from Puerto Princesa to experience this magical wonder.

EL NIDO THE ENCHANTING BLUE SEA



The small municipality of El Nido lies on the northern coast of Palawan, highlighting the most diverse and rich ecosystem in Philippines and the peaceful home of the highly endangered dugong.

How to get there

El Nido can be reached from Puerto Princesa in 2 common ways.

- Different options of shuttle van are available for 700-1,000 Peso/trip and take around 5-6 hours.
- At 500 Peso/trip, Roro Bus is the cheaper public transport option, but takes at least 8 hours to reach the destination.

EL NIDO BOUTIQUE & ARTCAFE

El Nido Boutique & Artcafe is virtually an unofficial tourist center of El Nido. Visitors stop by to refill and recharge with breakfast and lunch before setting out on their exploration. There's also a small souvenir corner and drug store, as well as a travel desk for booking tours and transportations.

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IT'S TIME TO EXPLORE!

El Nido offers varieties of nature trips. Here are 4 popular routes you could take:

Route A ISLAND SCENIC ROUTE

Miniloc scenic route is probably the most popular trip for first-timer. You will get to explore the breathtaking sceneries of Small Lagoon and Big Lagoon, and snorkel at different spots along the coast.



Route B ISLAND HOPPING

Follow the coral reef and hop around the 3 little islands off the coast of El Nido like Lagen island, Malapacao island and Inabuyan island. Visitors particularly love the shoal of Snake Island where you could walk over a sandbar from Snake Island to the neighboring island.



Route C MATINLOC ISLAND ADVENTURE

If you love a little adventure, this is the perfect route! Explore the adventurous trails to Matinloc Shrine, but you won't forget how amazing Hidden Beach and Secret Beach along the way are!



MATINLOC RESORT

Surrounded by pristine nature, Matinloc Resort allows is a luxury getaway by the sea. The resort's modern villas and suites are designed to complement the surrounding, so they never feel out of place. You will be pampered by the best services you can find on Matinhoc Island with plenty of activities, including exciting sea excursions, kayaking, snorkelling and scuba diving. But you can always stay at the resort and enjoy fresh seafood and a spa.

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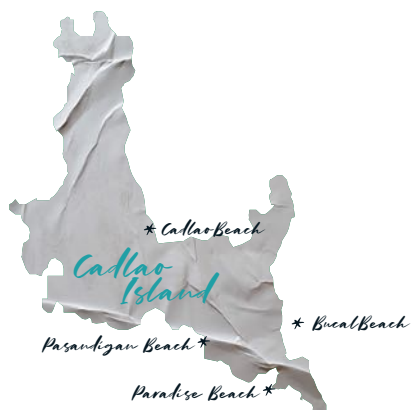
REPÚBLICA SUNSET BAR

It's only natural to be craving a sumptuous dinner after an activity-filled day. República Sunset Bar offers a chilling atmosphere by the charming sea. It is arguably the most beautiful restaurant in El Nido, and it's best shared with friends or your significant other. Mark República Sunset Bar on your map, and it will be an impressive Filipino dinner you will never forget.

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Route D KAYAKING AROUND CADLAO ISLAND

A little workout won't hurt! Take a leisure kayaking route around Cadlao island. This safe and beautiful route isn't just beautiful, but there are plenty to do and see, like Pasandigan Beach, Cadlao Lake, Bucal Beach, Natnat Beach, and Paradise Beach.





EL NIDO LAGEN ISLAND

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Nestled by the cove overlooking a shallow lagoon, El Nido Lagen Island Resort offers an "Eco-Sanctuary" for visitors and all living creatures on, and around, the island. Besides water activities like diving and windsurfing, hiking and birds and wildlife watching are other great ways to learn about the real owners of this beautiful island.

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Tip!

Pack a waterproof housing for your camera as a boat or kayak are limited in some adventure routes and may require you to swim to continue on the route!

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Denver, the capital of Colorado, lies 1 mile above sea level on the High Plains and east of the Rocky Mountains. This "Mile High City" is an important center of technology and one of the most advanced cities in the country, but you still have the vast choice of life in the wild. Denver's distinct seasons offer a differently loveable atmosphere throughout the year, and it was voted 1 of the 4 most livable cities in the USA.

REASON TO LIVE

Besides the abundance of nature and technological prosperity, art is another Denver's speciality! Popular museums await to be rediscovered after the pandemic, like Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Denver Art Museum and Kirkland Museum.



If stage performance and culture are your things, you will love Ellie Caulkins Opera House and an interesting list of artistic destinations. If you think New York cultural scene is one of the greatest, wait until you have seen what Denver has to offer!



Canada is known for friendly and open-minded people. You won't feel like you don't belong when you visit Vancouver, and as the center of commerce and transportation, this multicultural city is home to people across the world.

Vancouver CANADA



Despite being a big city, nature is easily accessible within minutes. Parks and beaches are everywhere to be enjoyed, while if you have time, national parks and reserves are just a few hours away from the city. Once you have experienced Vancouver, you will see why people never leave this loveable city.



**REASON
TO LIVE**

Another benefit of living in Vancouver is safety. With an extremely low crime rate, the city is one of the safest in the world.





Eventful and lively perfectly describe the capital of Sweden, Stockholm. Creativities flow in the form of cultural and music festivals, as well as sport events, throughout the year. Artists thrive in every corner of the city, whether you are exploring the shore of the Baltic Sea, or enjoying imaginative architectures around town. Stockholm offers simplicity meets modern living and lively lifestyle anyone could wish for.

Stockholm SWEDEN

REASON TO LIVE

Stockholm makes a dream haven for artists to get their creativity flowing. It has everything a big city has to offer, but does it quietly with a focus on privacy. There are also plenty of exhibition spaces for both amateur and professional artists.



DID YOU KNOW

Stockholm literally translates to "log island" (Stock means log and Holm means island) which derives from the city layout that looks like a network of connecting islands.

Berlin GERMANY

Berlin may have a very long history, but from a survey, GEN Y (people under 30) put Berlin on top of their most livable destination in the world! As the center of technology and engineering, the city offers a dream infrastructure for startups to thrive, and this brings young and enthusiastic entrepreneurs together – driving the city vibrant innovative industry. Those who aren't tech-savvy or innovators will also love other aspects of Berlin like history and culture, and don't worry about living in a foreign land as equality is an important principle for the people here.



REASON TO LIVE

Berlin is naturally the answer for passionate entrepreneurs and tech geeks, since it is one of the most advanced cities on the planet in terms of architecture and engineering. Government policies also attract startups around the world to use Berlin as a launching platform to become the next unicorn!



Wellington

NEW ZEALAND





Located south of the north island, the capital of New Zealand might not be the biggest city in the country, but it's the "Coolest Little Capital". This unique small city is the cultural melting pot for people from Polynesia, Europe, and Asia, all living as one under the national flag. Wellington is relatively quiet for its status as the capital city, but it has everything required for a high quality of life - clean air, top services, safety, and nature is never far no matter where you go.

REASON TO LIVE

Wellington is home to people of all races because equality is the heart of the society here. It doesn't matter if you are a local or an immigrant, you are entitled to government benefits and people are treated equally in New Zealand!



Vienna AUSTRIA

Vienna, “The city of art and music”, and one of the most romantic cities in the world. People say the atmosphere of Vienna inspires great art and enhance creativity! This is where legendary classical artists composed their masterpieces, including Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert, and Johann Strauß. Besides enchanting music, Vienna is economically, culturally, and politically stable, which help you build a strong and stable future.

REASON TO LIVE

Vienna is highly organized, which can clearly be seen in its city layout. This extends to the local welfare policies like cheap government housing or “Gemeindebau” where residences only pay a fraction of their income. Government housing doesn’t just provide basic quality of life for the people, but keeps the city scenery crisp and clean, as well as increases the level of safety.



Voted the most livable city in Japan by locals, Fukuoka offers a well-balanced life between modern and rural lifestyles. As the largest city on Kyushu, the city is easily accessible by all types of transport and boasts varieties of delicious Japanese cuisine like Hakata ramen, Hitokuchi gyoza, mentaiko (cod roe), and motsunabe (hotpot). Once you have experienced Fukuoka's simple life, great food, and spotlessly clean city, you wouldn't want to be anywhere else.



JAP Fukuoka



REASON TO LIVE

Although Fukuoka grows continuously every year, it does well to preserve the simple and tranquil atmosphere of its residential zones. People have a place to lay back after a long day of work, while businesses grow without worrying about disturbing the neighbors. It's the perfect balance we seek, but only a few cities around the world can provide.



THE MELTING POT OF OLD & NEW

SINGAPORE, A SMALL YET VIBRANT CITY-STATE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

Despite its size, Singapore is the financial powerhouse of the world, and the center for trades and technology. Finding awe-inspiring architectures, 5-star hotels, and world-class restaurants is never a hassle here since the country is a hotspot for multi-million entrepreneurs and international corporates. Modern luxury lifestyle and top-tier entertainment go hand in hand with safety and strict social order. However, other classically charming sides tell Singapore's colonial history and cultural backgrounds, like the Old Town, China Town, and Little India. Visitors don't just go to Singapore for business, shopping, amusement parks, and food are just a few reasons why the island is so attractive!



MERLION PARK

THE ICONIC SYMBOL OF SINGAPORE

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TIP!

A family of Merlion live close to one another in Singapore. You won't miss the mother as she is the most famous Merlion fountain in Merlion Park! The baby lives nearby on a fountain, while the farther lives on the resort island as the Sentosa Merlion.

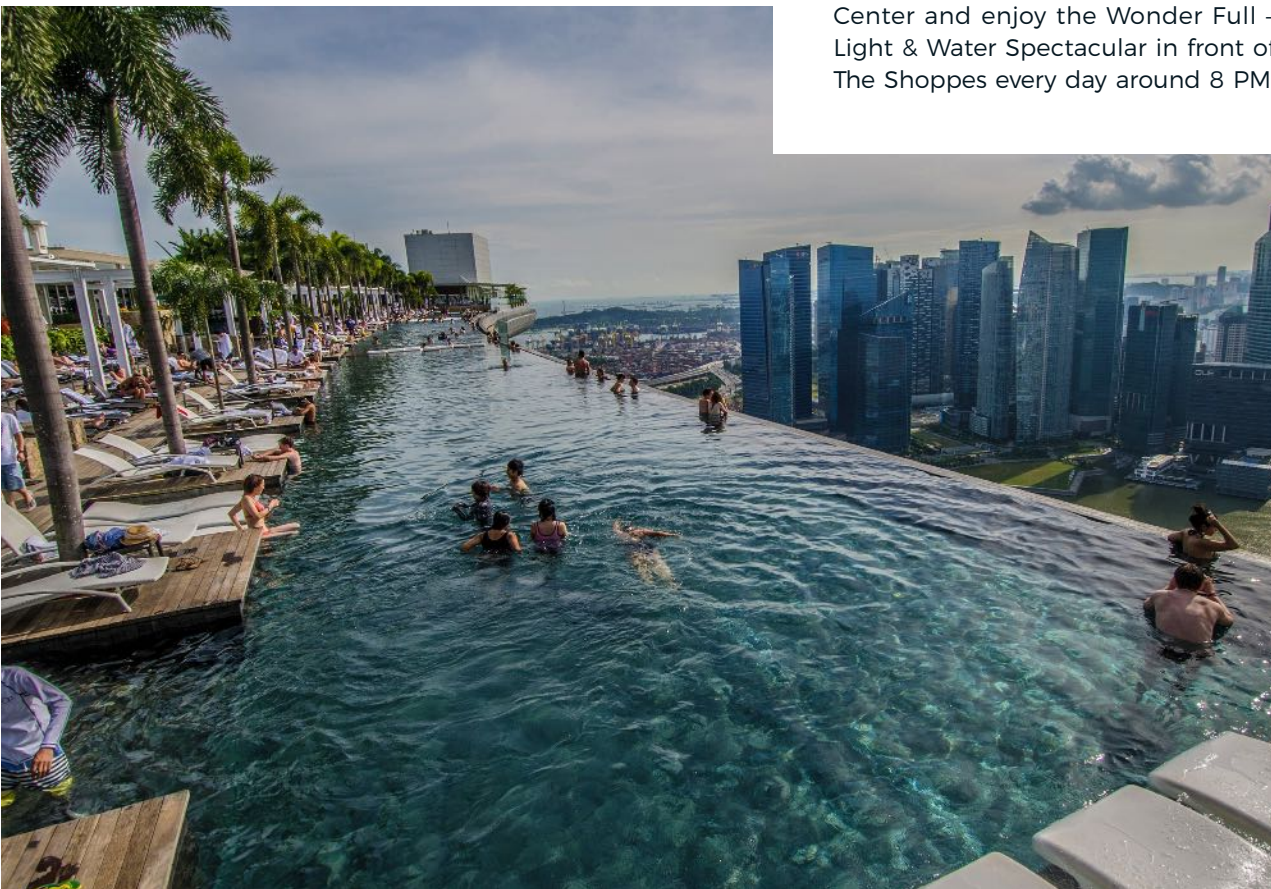
MARINA BAY SANDS

THE ICONIC WATERFRONT ARCHITECTURE

Marina Bay Sands was an engineering and architectural challenge of the region. From afar, the multi-use building looks like 3 standing card decks with a huge boat on top! This is the center for entertainment, shopping, and conference, and it welcomes endless customers round the clock. Whether you are here to shop, attend a conference, or enjoy a world-class stage performances, Marina Bay Sand delivers the best of the best. Couple that with Michelin star restaurants (yes, multiple restaurants) it's easy to lose track of time inside! Visit the Louis Vuitton Maison, a glass building by the water designed by internationally-renowned architect, Peter Marino, and don't miss the 360 degree panoramas on the 57th floor Sands Sky Park (S\$ 20-23 for adults and S\$ 17 for children).



Foodies will love to try "Ng Ah Sio Bak Kut The" at the underground Food Center and enjoy the Wonder Full – Light & Water Spectacular in front of The Shoppes every day around 8 PM.

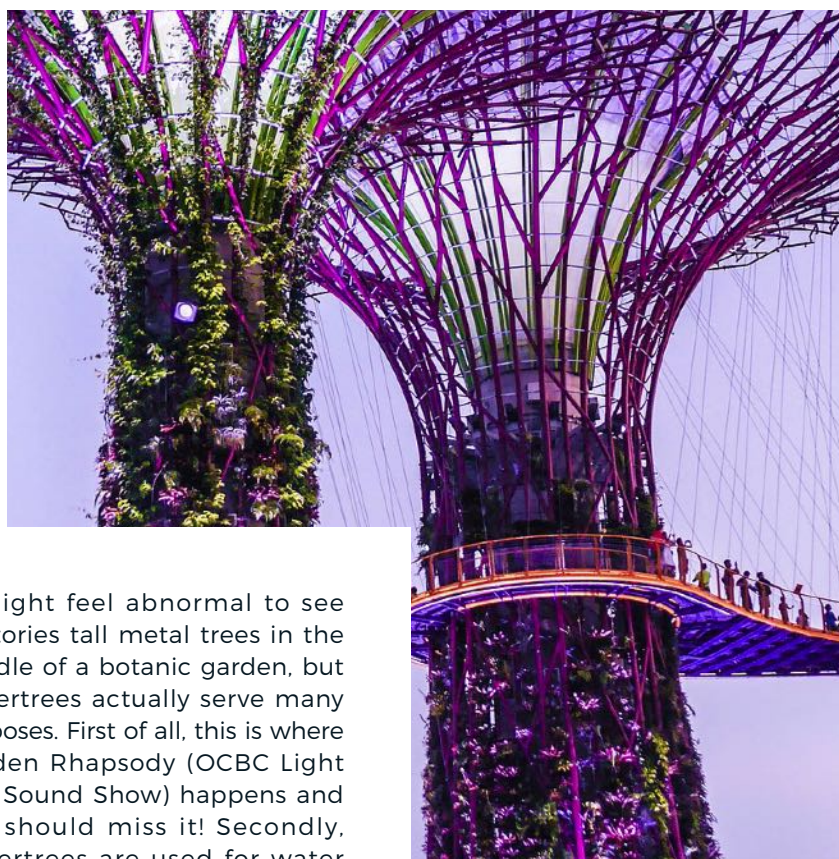




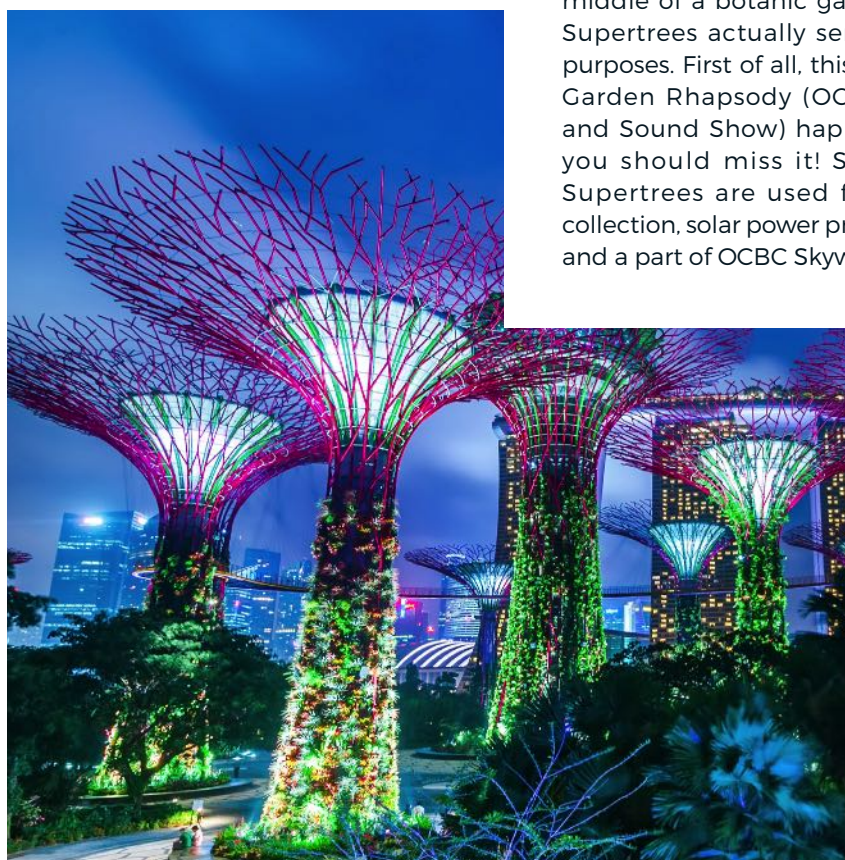
GARDEN BY THE BAY

THE OASIS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

Set on reclaimed land, Garden by the Bay combines modern architecture and art with the classic botanic garden. The garden is inspired by “Miss Joaquim” (Vanda orchid, which is Singapore’s national flower), but you will also see a diverse list of award-winning floras as well as the manmade Supertree.



It might feel abnormal to see 16 stories tall metal trees in the middle of a botanic garden, but Supertrees actually serve many purposes. First of all, this is where Garden Rhapsody (OCBC Light and Sound Show) happens and you should miss it! Secondly, Supertrees are used for water collection, solar power production, and a part of OCBC Skyway where



stunning garden and the gigantic Flower and Cloud Forest Domes near the waterfront. The air-conditioned glass greenhouse Flower Dome houses more than 32,000 trees from 160 species that thrive in cool and dry climates. On the other hand, the Cloud Forest Dome envelopes lives in the dome in cooling mist that is perfect for mountainous and rainforest vegetations.

18 Marina Gardens Dr, Singapore, 018953 Tel: +65 20 6848



SINGAPORE FLYER

THE WHEEL OF LUCK

From Garden by the Bay, you cannot miss Singapore Flyer even if you try. There are 28 air-conditioned capsules on the giant Ferris wheel and be ready to take an exciting 30-minute ride to see Singapore from up above. The capsule can also be transformed into a memorable dining experience for up to 28 people.



30 Raffles Avenue, Singapore, 039803

DO YOU KNOW?

Twenty-eight is the number of capsule and the maximum number of people per capsule. This deliberate number follows the art of Feng Shui where 8 means prosperity and 2 amplifies the effect of the following number. Hence 28 equals double prosperity!

ORCHARD ROAD

SHOPPER STREET

The reputation of Orchard Road is known by serious shoppers around the world! This is the street of luxury malls and hotels, including Ion Orchard, Singapore Paragon, and Ngee Ann City Mega Mall. There is virtually everything you can imagine, and you will not run empty anytime with variety of fine and street dining options on Orchard Road.

Orchard Rd, Singapore, 238839

VIVO CITY

THE MEGA SHOPPING EXPERIENCE



As the center of Harbour Front, VIVO City is one of the largest malls in Singapore. The mall is easily accessible with VivoCity Station that directly connects with Resort World Sentosa. With Toy R us store, Sky Park, and the second-floor playground, families with kids will find themselves spending all day here.

01-92 VIVOCITY, SINGAPORE, 098585



STREET FOOD PARADISE

Singapore's multicultural history becomes the melting pot for Chinese, Malay, and Indian flavours! The vibrant city food scene is constantly evolving, so new flavours are created every day as people learn more about their neighbour.



HONG KONG SOYA SAUCE CHICKEN RICE AND NOODLE

Hong Kong Soya Sauce Chicken Rice and Noodle is the first street food in the world to receive a Michelin star! Located on Smith Street, China Town, the restaurant is known for making the best Soya sauce chicken with noodles. Who doesn't love chicken? Especially when it's super juicy, flavourful, and only cost S\$5.

335 Smith Street Chinatown Singapore 050335



Pagoda Street, Trengganu Street, Smith Street, Sago Street, Singapore.

CHARMING OLD TOWN

FASCINATING CULTURE

China town is a bustling market anywhere in the world, and Singapore is no exception. Singapore China Town market and walking street is in the heart of the city, starting at Pagoda Street and branches out to the surrounding alleys. The area is a collection of small shops offering everything from groceries, food and desserts to souvenir shops. You might have to come back again and again to try all the recommended restaurants and bakeries in the area.

TSUTA RAMEN

Tsuta Ramen in Singapore is a branch of the Michelin starred Tsuta Ramen in Tokyo. Despite being the baby branch, it guarantees the original flavours of the award-winning ramen menus. Recommended menu is Shoyu Ramen with Japanese chashu and a soft-boiled egg. The noodle goes perfectly with naturally rich broth that is so well-balanced you would want to pick the bowl up and finish every last drop.



KAMPONG GLAM

A HIP LIFESTYLE

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Merlion Park, Singapore, 049213





LITTLE INDIA

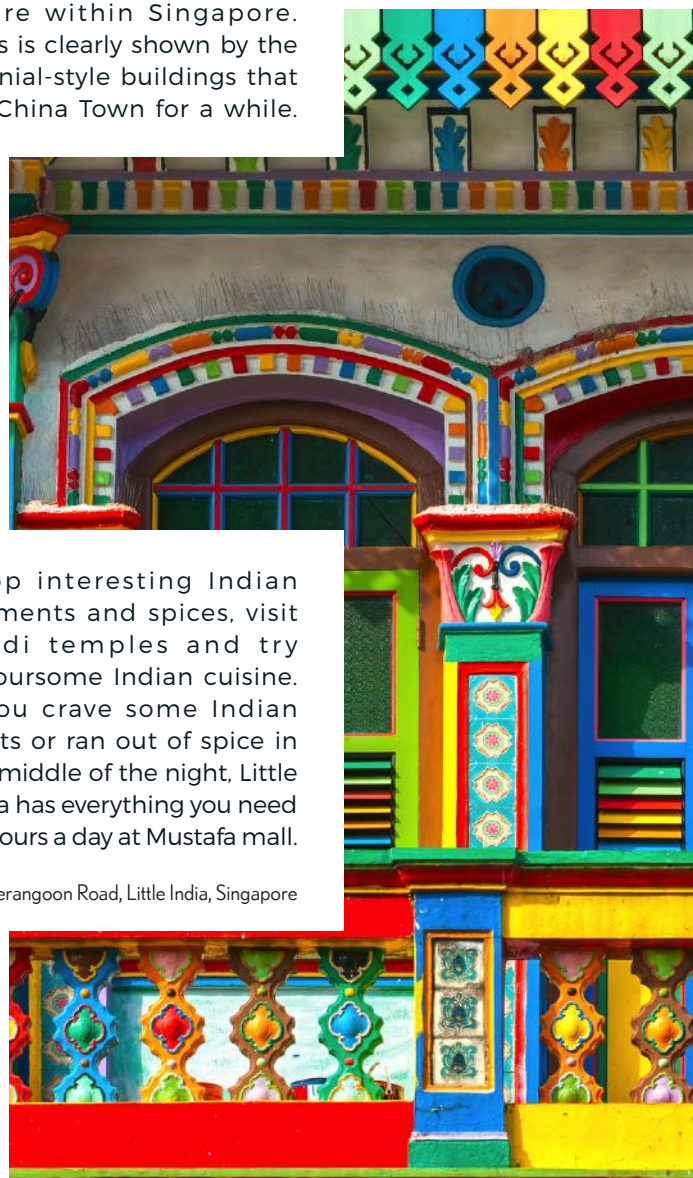
LIVELY INDIAN COMMUNITY

The sound of people chatting, cars honking, and bicycles ringing their bells surround Little India. Experience a piece of India and its outspoken culture within Singapore. Indian's love for colours is clearly shown by the vibrantly painted colonial-style buildings that will make you forget China Town for a while.



Shop interesting Indian garments and spices, visit Hindi temples and try flavoursome Indian cuisine. If you crave some Indian treats or ran out of spice in the middle of the night, Little India has everything you need 24 hours a day at Mustafa mall.

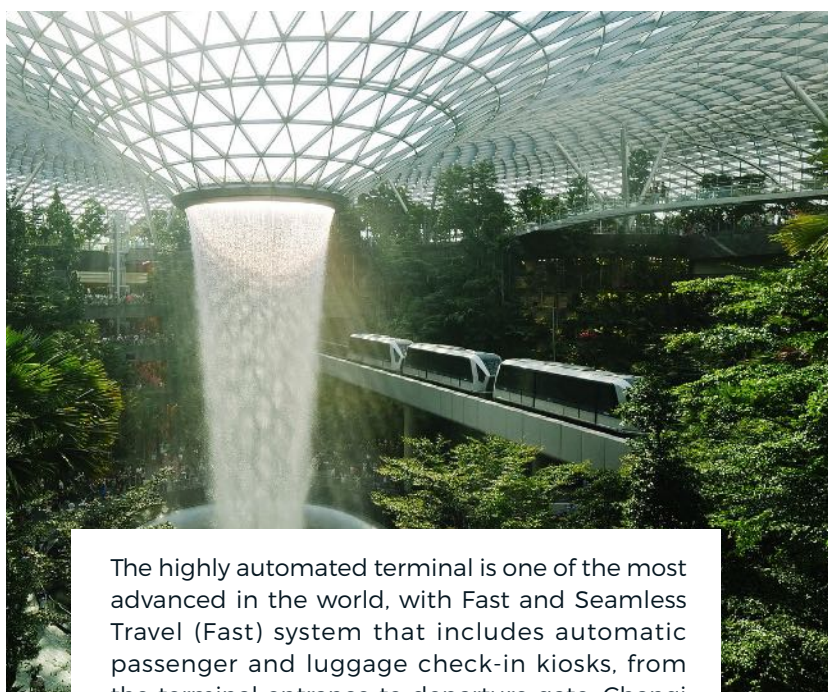
Serangoon Road, Little India, Singapore



CHANGI AIRPORT

YOUR FIRST STEP TO AN EXPERIENCE BEYOND EXPECTATION

Singapore's modern and innovative spirit is seen the moment you step off the plane. Dubbed as the best airport in the world, Changi never ceases to improve as the latest Terminal 4 had just been opened.



The highly automated terminal is one of the most advanced in the world, with Fast and Seamless Travel (Fast) system that includes automatic passenger and luggage check-in kiosks, from the terminal entrance to departure gate. Changi Airport is the first to introduce a butterfly garden within the terminal for passengers to relax while highlighting state-of-art facilities like top-tier shops, game centers and theaters, as well as basic services like free high-speed Wi-Fi and phone charging stations. Last but not least, there are plenty of food options to choose from, from local favourites to regional and international menus.

Airport Blvd, Singapore



TIP!

Tourists are entitled to a GST refund (7 %) when spending S\$100 or more on credit card or cash. Just ask for a receipt from the shop or at Centreal Refund Counter (available at shops with GST Refund sign only), and file the refund request at Changi Airport, with maximum of 3 receipts.

RECOMMENDED & CAFE RESTAURANTS



LITTLE HOUSE OF DREAMS

ADDRESS 58 SENG POH RD, SINGAPORE
TEL +65 9819 0019



THE CLIFFORD PIER



ADDRESS 80 COLLYER QUAY,
SINGAPORE
TEL +65 6877 8968



OCEAN RESTAURANT BY CAT CORA

ADDRESS EQUARIUS HOTEL, 22 SENTOSA GATEWAY, SINGAPORE
TEL +65 6577 6688



RECOMMENDED HOTELS



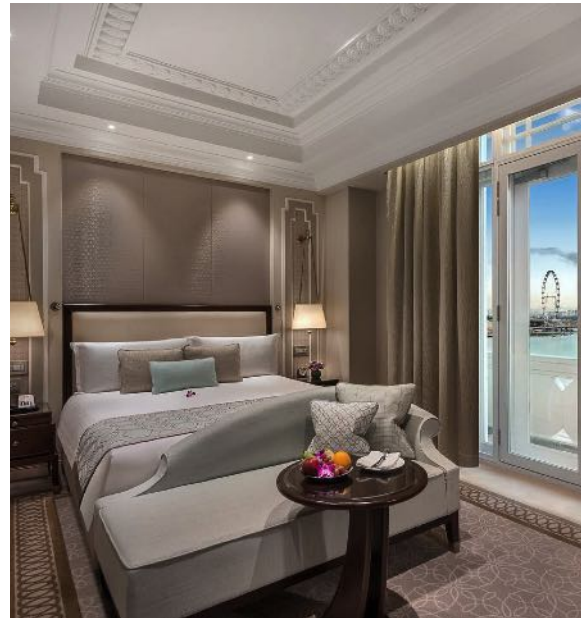
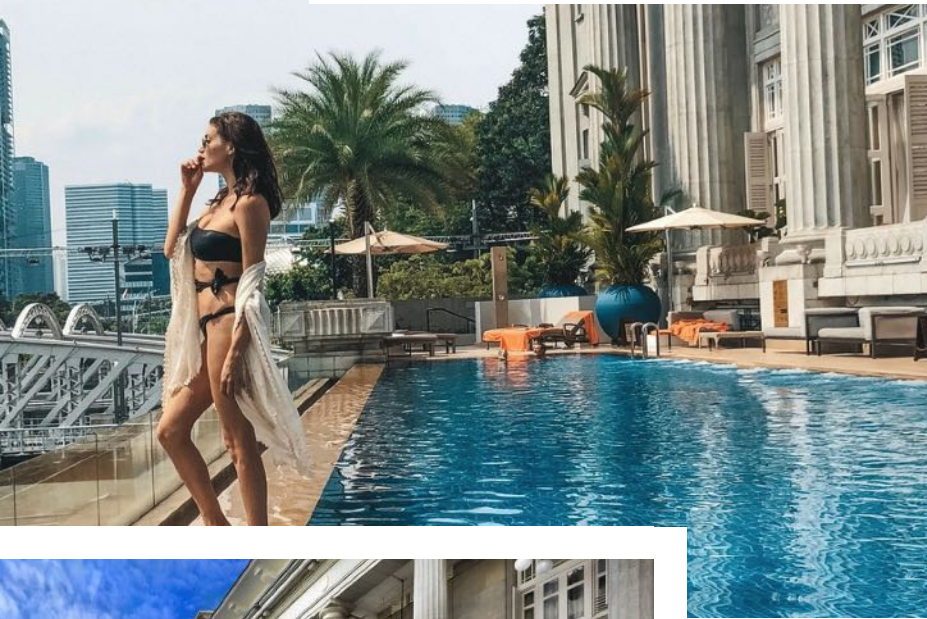
CAPELLA SINGAPORE

ADDRESS 1 THE KNOLLS, SENTOSA ISLAND, SINGAPORE
TEL +65 6887 9830





THE FULLERTON HOTEL SINGAPORE



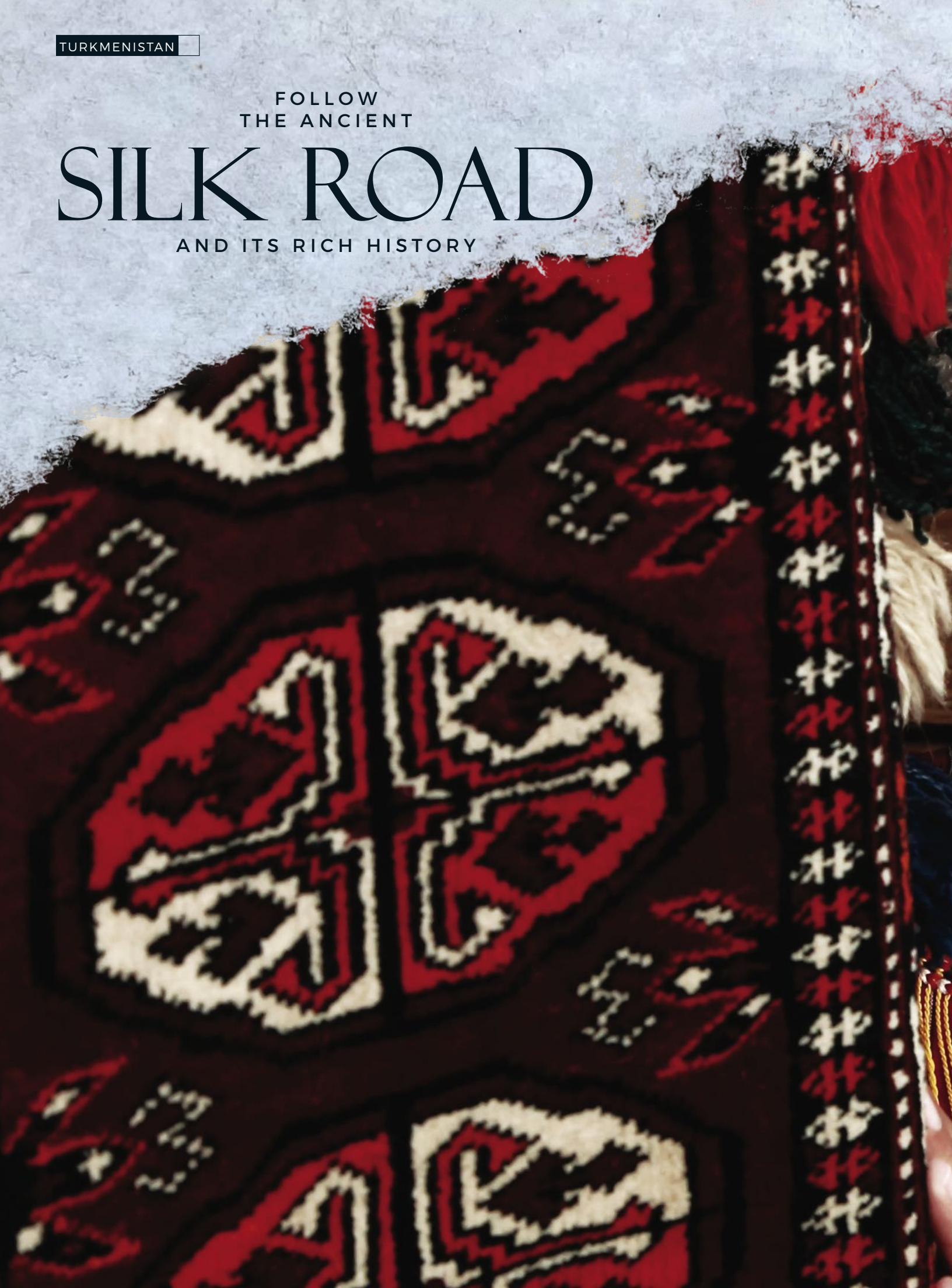
ADDRESS 1 FULLERTON SQUARE, SINGAPORE
TEL +65 6887 9830

TURKMENISTAN

FOLLOW
THE ANCIENT

SILK ROAD

AND ITS RICH HISTORY





Located in Central Asia, east of Caspian Sea, Turkmenistan is largely covered in the desert with its border connected to Kazakhstan to the north, Uzbekistan to the east, Afghanistan to the south, and Iran to the west. This landlocked country was a part of the Soviet Union, but its historic milestone shines during the age of trade boom between east and west. The silk road brought new ideas and culture to the desert and blended ancient civilizations like Islam, Greek, and Persian. Today, Turkmenistan is an important archaeological site with magical ancient ruins waiting to be explored and even discovered!

ASHGABAT CITY

The capital of Turkmenistan has the population of a million and sits in the middle of the Karakum Desert by the southern border near Iran. Ashgabat is Persian for “The City of Love” and it is now recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as having the most white marble-clad buildings in the world. Don't miss the bright white Presidential Palace, the Independence Square, and the National Museum.

Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

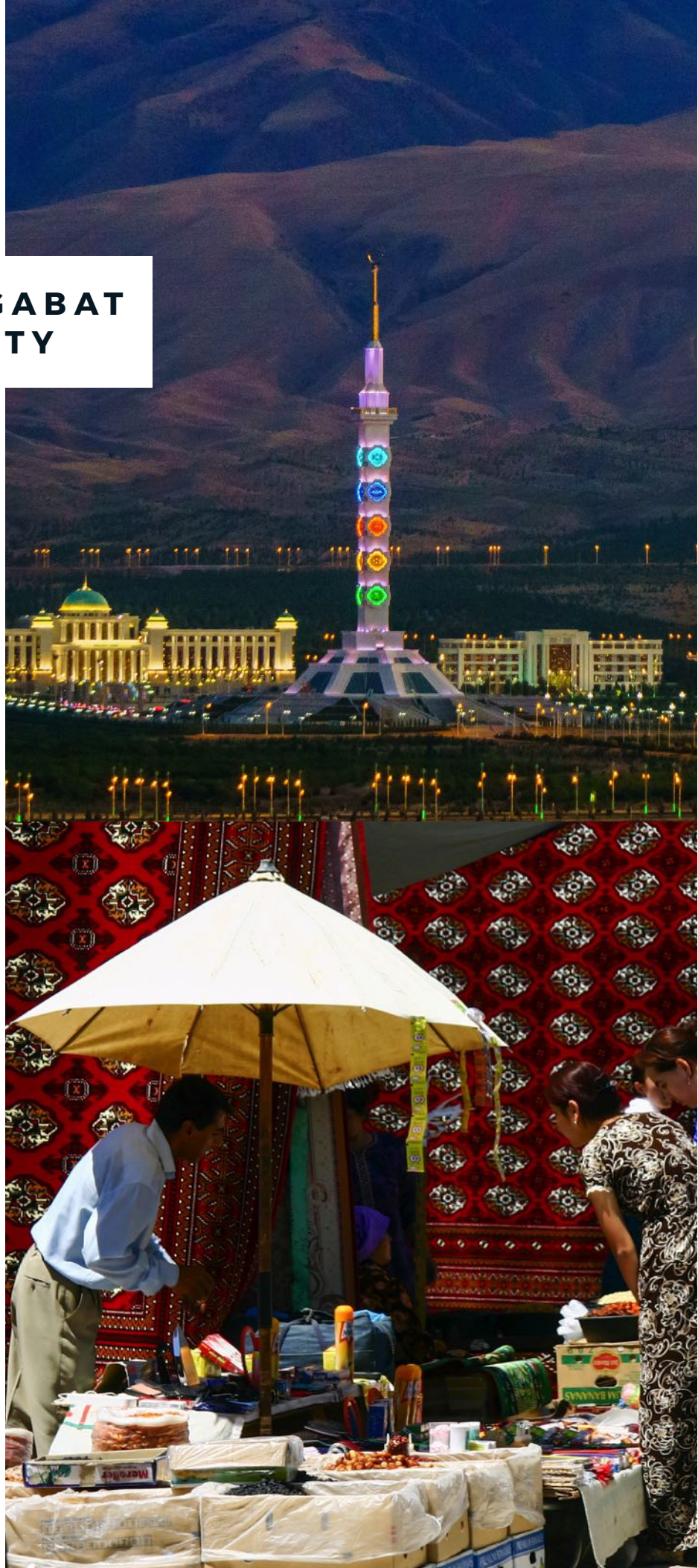
ALTYN ASYR *Barzaar*

Markets are the best place to experience the local way of life. Thus, Altyn Asyr Barzaar is all about learning the everyday life of Turkmen, while shopping is really a cherry on top. The bazaar is located in the heart of the city, offering local ingredients, food, drinks, textiles, and traditional Mari clothes. This is the place to truly see, hear and taste Turkmenistan.

Altyn Asyr Barzaar, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

DO YOU KNOW

The Turkmen still dress traditionally with men wearing loose blue trousers, boots, white shirt, fur hat and red silk coat with gold lining, while women mostly wear long red dress and headscarf.





TURKMENBASHI RUHY *Mosque*

The Ruhy Mosque isn't just the national mosque of Turkmenistan, but it's also the largest mosque in Central Asia. Built by Saparmurat Niyazov, the first president of Turkmenistan in 2002 – 2004 as the symbol of independence (1991), the mosque covers 85 acres of land just outside Ashgabat, near Gypjak, the hometown of Niyazov. Ruhy Mosque features a beautiful golden dome and tall white towers. The interior is clad with white Italian marble and an impossibly huge handmade carpet, which hosts up to 10,000 people at a time.

Türkmenbasy Ruhy Metjidi Gypjak Mosque,
M37, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

PARTHIAN FORTRESS OF NISA

As UNESCO's World Heritage site, Nisa was the center of trade and commerce for the Parthian Empire, a powerful Central Asia empire from 247 BC to 224 AD. King Arsaces the First established Nisa, which was renamed to Mithradatkirt by King Mithridates the First, but the city was destroyed by a devastating earthquake in 10 BC. Later restored as a strategic fortress to prevent the Roman invasion into Asia, Nisa is a formidable fortress with almost 10 meters thick wall and 43 towers. Mosques and palaces were built within these seemingly impenetrable walls, as well as a vault that held valuable treasures and wine.

Old Nisa, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan



DARVAZA GAS Crater

One of Turkmenistan's highlights is Darvaza Gas Crater. Found in the middle of the Karakum Desert, 260 km north of Ashgabat, the crater is known locally as the "Door to hell". The name rightfully describes the red hot crater that has been continuously burning for over 40 years. The burning crater began in 1971 when an oil survey found a gas pocket before everything went downhill. The site collapsed, with all rigs and equipment, into a 70 meters wide and 30 meters deep hole. With concerns for poisonous gas escaping the site, a Soviet geologist set the gas cavern on fire and it has been burning ever since. Darvaza is now a tourist landmark alongside Darvaza Water Crater, an emerald water crater with gas bubbles shooting out continuously.

Darvaza Gas Crater, Darvaza, Turkmenistan



YANGYKALA CANYON

Dubbed as the "Grand Canyon of Turkmenistan", Yangykala Canyon literally means Fire Fortress. Shaped under the Tethys Sea for 5.5 million years, the vibrant limestone canyon was slowly eroded by wind and rain after the ocean dried out. The erosion cut out 60 - 100 meters tall cliffs and canyons whose walls are now ribbed like the carcasses of strange, stranded sea creatures. Yangykala Canyon's distinct look highlights a spectrum of coral shades, including pinks, oranges, reds and yellows, and stretches 25 km to Kara Bogaz Basin, next to the Caspian Sea.



TOP DISH!

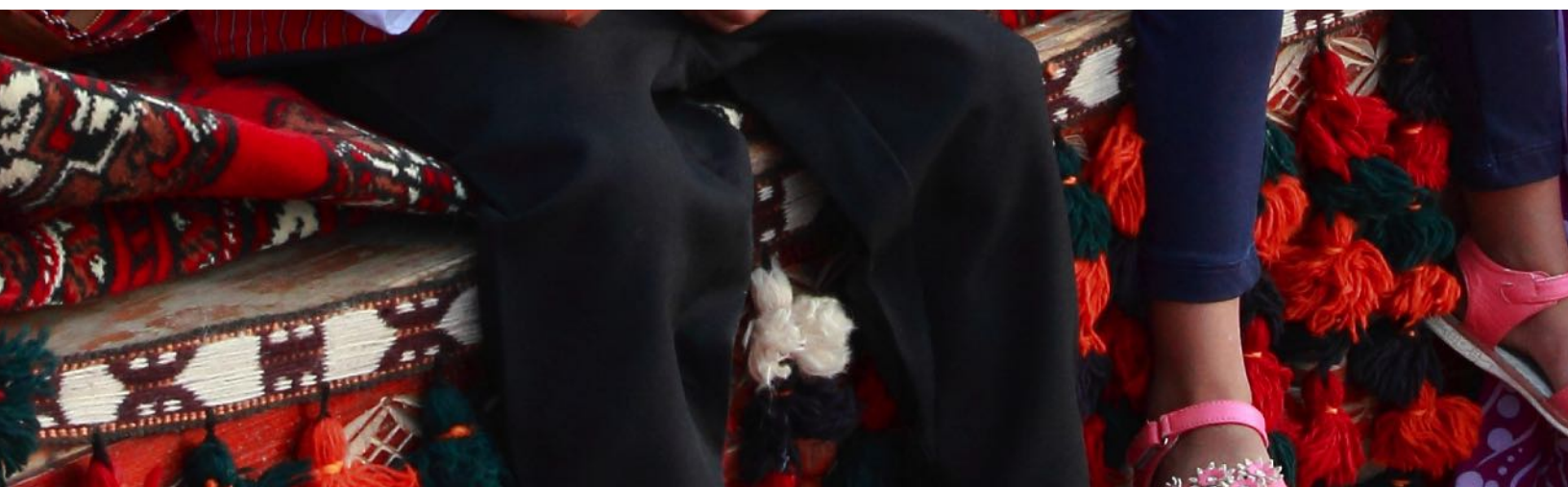


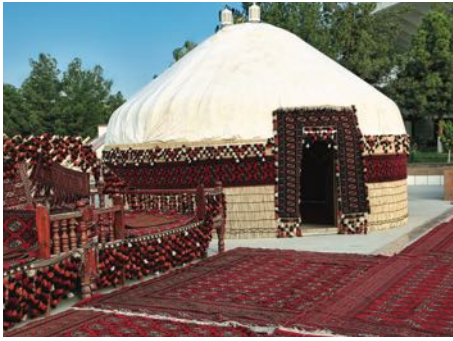
Try interesting Turkmen dishes like Manti (lamb with onion and pumpkin dumpling) and Chorek sweet bread. Locals also love Chal, fermented camel milk, which is widely popular in the region.



HISTORY!

The ancient city of Mary was once the capital of Maru people. The city dates back to 7 - 9 AD as an important commercial and religious centers before the Mongols overran the city in 1221. The Soviet Union occupied the region in 1884 and Turkmenistan became independent in 1991.





Mary State History Museum, Mary, Turkmenistan

MARY NATIONAL HISTORY AND ETHNOLOGY *Museum*

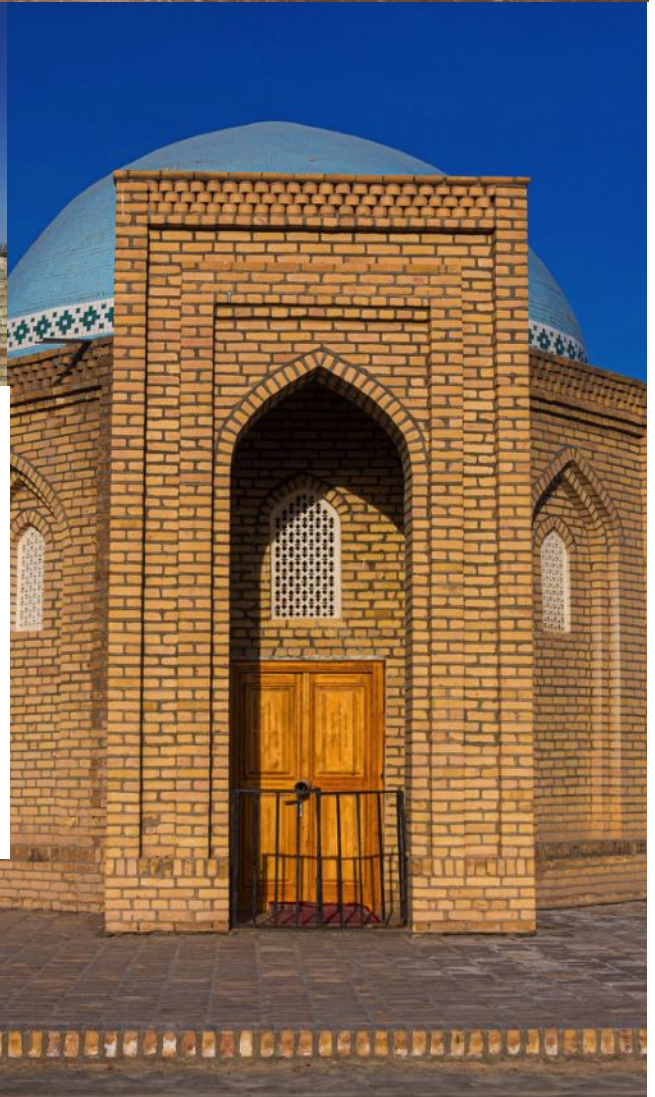
The block architecture of Mary National History and Ethnology Museum stands out in the city of Mary. The museum exhibits historical and cultural valuables like tapestries, drawings, ceramics and sculptures, ancient traditional clothes, Turkmen carpets and jewellery, as well as ancient artefacts and manuscripts.



THE GREAT KYZ KALA

The Great Kyz Kala is the most completed historic site out of the 5 ancient Merv sites. Great Kyz Kala, along with its pair, Little Kyz Kala, are some of the most symbolic and important structures in western Merv archaeology. This crumbling 7th-century fortress outside the walls of Merv is interesting for its 'petrified stockade' walls, and if you love the history of Macedonia, you shouldn't miss this ancient fortress.

The Great Kyz Kala, Merv, Turkmenistan



KUNYA Urgench

Turkmenistan has a long history of ancient cities, and Kunya Urgench is another important world heritage site and the capital of the Khorezm region. The ancient town features a series of monuments built in the 11th to 16th centuries like the gates of a caravanserai, fortresses, mausoleums and a 60-meter high minaret, which reflect the architecture and craftsmanship that influenced its neighbours, including Iran, Afghanistan, and later the Mogul Empire of 16th century India.

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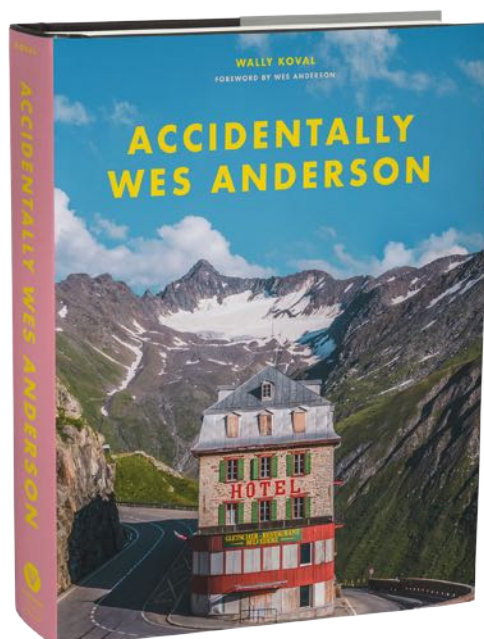
Combining the passion for exploring the world and the love in Wes Anderson's unique art direction, a group of enthusiastic fans came up with a journey of discovering the "Wes" world. See the world from a different perspective and fall in love with the distinctive symmetrical pastel world. Get out there and you might find a "Wes" world hidden around your town.



WHO IS WES ANDERSON

Recognized by his unique film directing style, Wesley Wales Anderson is a renowned American film director, screenwriter, actor, and producer. The multi-talented Wes loves symmetry and pastel tone, which can clearly be spotted in many of his films where scenes objects and camera angles are perfectly symmetrical. Wes also loves to bring out his creativity and fantasy with the usual casts.

ACCIDENTALLY WES ANDERSON



Inspired by Wes Anderson's films, a community of film lovers got together to share pictures of travel destinations that look like a scene from Wes' film. "Accidentally Wes Anderson" is the compilation of these destinations compiled by Wally Koval, Wes' die-hard fan and an Instagram star with over a million followers. More than 200 colourful Wes-like scenes are captured and charmingly captioned to spark your traveller spirit. If you are looking for a list of destinations to be after the pandemic, grab this photobook and start making plans!



HOTEL OPERA, PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

@VALENTINA_JACKS

Built in 1891, the 4-star neo-renaissance hotel stands tall against time through the rise and fall of communism. Hotel Opera is UNESCO-protected, and the inspiration for the famous film, *The Grand Budapest Hotel*.



GLENORCHY WHARF SHED, GLENORCHY, NEW ZEALAND

@FRIIIDABERG

Glenorchy Wharf Shed's red shed by a beautiful lake is one of many picturesque landmarks of New Zealand. The storage shed housed freight goods that were carried on steamers between Queenstown and Glenorchy.



LISBON TRAM, LISBON, PORTUGAL

@JACKSPICERADAMS

Rede de electricos de Lisboa tramway has been a popular mode of transport in Lisbon since 1873. The eye-catching trams are great example of the vibrant culture in Portugal.



CRAWLEY EDGE BOATSHED, PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

@_JAMESWONG

Tom Nattrass owns one of the most photogenic pastel blue boatsheds in the world. Located on the bank of Swan River, Perth, Crawley Edge Boatshed has been the subject of advertisements across the globe, including the University of Western Australia, Singapore Airlines, and ANA Airline.



GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE, GUSTAVUS, ALASKA

@ALICEFAYPHOTOGRAPHY

The spectacular scenery of Glacier Bay National Park in Alaska allows you to be a part of over 25 million acres of nature.

HOTEL BELVÉDÈRE, FURKA PASS, SWITZERLAND

@CARLOKUETTEL

Situated nowhere along Furka Pass, the thousand turns route through the Alps, Hotel Belvédère overlooks icy stretches of the Rhône Glacier and a grotto carved into the blue-tinged ice





HUSAVIK LIGHT, HUSAVIK, ICELAND

@MATTHIJSVMIERLO

Husavik Light is the iconic half-cylinder lighthouse on Husavik Harbor, northeast Iceland. Painted in bright yellow, the 12 meters lighthouse contrasts the blue sea and snowy Greenland in its background.



MOUNT OLSTUND, SAKRISOY, NORWAY

@MARIAVANONEN

Established as a fishing village on Lofoten, between Reine and Hamnøy, Mount Olstund sits beneath this towering mountain, one of the oldest in Northern Europe.



MARFA FIRE STATION, TEXAS, USA

@EMPRESTRIDGE

Who would have thought you could find a pink fire station in Texas! Built in 1938 and armed by 17 volunteers, the fire station has been serving Marfa for over 80 years.

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WORLD'S LUXURY BRANDS

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TAKE A BREAK FROM COVID-19 NEWS AND LET'S FIND OUT WHERE BIG INTERNATIONAL BRANDS ARE FROM, THEN MAKE A PLAN TO EXPLORE THESE ORIGINS WHEN THE WORLD OPENS FOR BUSINESS AGAIN.

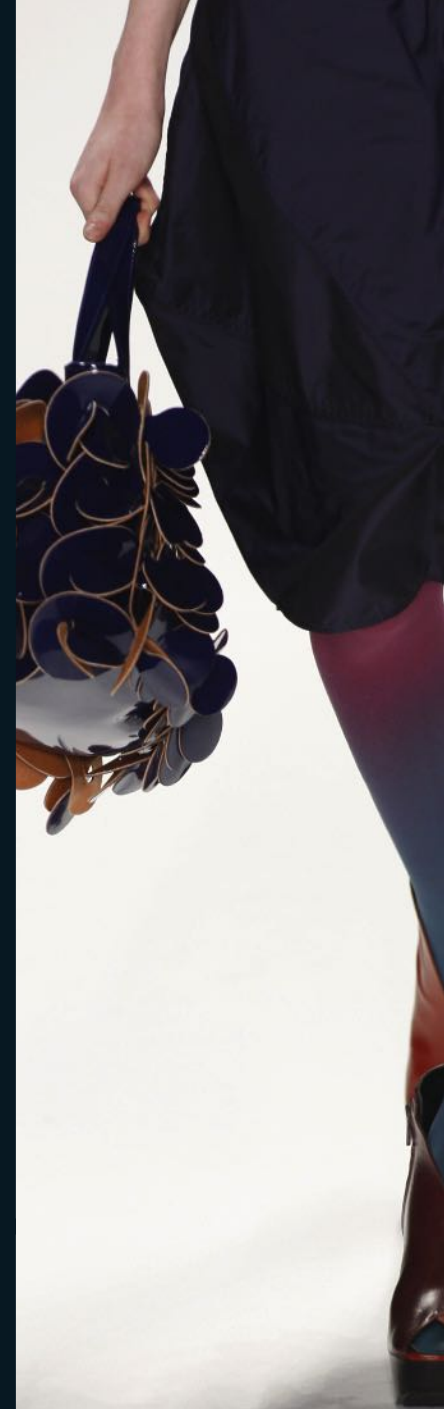
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BALENCIAGA

SAN SEBASTIAN & GETARIA SPAIN
CRISTÓBAL ALENCIAGA MUSEOA



Follow the history Balenciaga to the little resort town called San Sebastián. Located in Basque, north of Spain, the town is a popular holiday destination for the rich who come to enjoy the romantic atmosphere amidst charming mountains and sea. Despite being a small town, San Sebastián boasts an exciting fashion scene. This is where a century-old fashion boutique grew into an internationally recognized designer brand, Balenciaga. Although the store is now in Getaria (25 km. away from the original location) and transformed into Cristóbal Balenciaga Museoa (Cristóbal Balenciaga Museum), people still visit San Sebastian to experience the inspiration that gave birth to Balenciaga.

Aldamar Parkea Parkea, 6, 20808 Getaria,
Gipuzkoa, Spain



MUST-HAVE ITEM

NEO CLASSIC COLLECTION

Developed from the ever-popular City Bag line, the brand's current lead designer, Demna Gvasalia, improved the unique City Bag character with stronger structure, leather, and better sewing technique. Hence, the Neo Classic Collection combines modern knowledge of materials and advanced techniques to Balenciaga's fine attention to detail. The studs at the bottom of the bag remain where they should be, and most importantly, no logo was added to the design, keeping it classic, yet with a modern feel.



ROLEX

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND ROLEX BUILDING

Rolex may be originated in London, but there's no denying that the legend started in Geneva, Switzerland, the capital of luxury timepieces. Just like the stunning landscape and atmosphere of Switzerland, Rolex is timeless and just being at the Rolex Building is like being lost in a museum of time. Geneva is also the birthplace of many luxury watch brands and the center for watch engineering and chronometry.

ROLEX SA, 3-5-7 rue François-Dussaud, 1211
Geneva 26, Switzerland



Rolex Submariner is one of the most sought-after Rolex collections. The first Submariner launched in 1953 as the world's first diver watch. Highlighted Rolex's leadership position, the watch can withstand the depth of 100 meters and comes with an important feature like diver timer, which were exceptional achievement during its time.

MUST-HAVE ITEM
SUBMARINER COLLECTION

MERCEDES BENZ



STUTTGART, GERMANY MERCEDES BENZ MUSEUM

Daimler AG's headquarter in Stuttgart exhibits 128 years of the automobile history. The company's 9-storey tall museum highlights the first car Karl Benz invented alongside 160 models created and designed by Mercedes Benz, from the day a 4-wheels vehicle was invented to the day most of us own a car and the would-be future for personal transportation.

Mercedesstraße 100, 70372 Stuttgart

FLAGSHIP

MERCEDES MAYBACH S-CLASS SALOON

Mercedes Maybach S-Class Saloon redefines modern elegance and luxury comfort. It is recognized as an engineering marvel and a dream vehicle for many car lovers.





GUCCI

FLORENCE, ITALY
GUCCI MUSEUM



Milan would be the first city people think of when it comes to fashion, but Florence has always been the city of art and culture. Florence is the hometown of Guccio Gucci, the founder of arguably the most iconic brands in the world, and his artistic creations started in this inspiring city. Visit Gucci Museum and see the first leather bag collection by Gucci and all other creative milestones made throughout his time.



MUST-HAVE ITEM GG MARMONT

There is a good chance you might have seen a GG Marmont on one of your favourite celebrities, whether it's a shoulder bag, clutch, or crossbody bag. GG Marmont is known for its iconic GG logo and quality leather that looks and feels luxurious. Choose the colour that suits your style and occasion, from elegant black for a business look, to playful pastel for a young fashionista.



COCO CHANEL

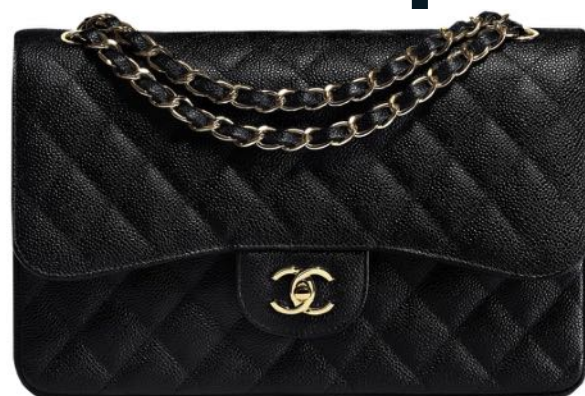
 FIRST SHOP ON RUE CAMBON,
PARIS, FRANCE

Coco Chanel began her fashion world domination here. In 1910, her hat shop, "Chanel Modes" opened at Number 21 Rue Cambon, in the heart of a very fashionable part of Paris and only a few minutes walk from Place Vendôme and Rue Faubourg Saint-Honoré. She later acquired the entire building at Number 31 and invented the concept of the modern boutique. The boutique/studio/workshop/private apartment has been the landmark on Rue Cambon for over 110 years, and as a fashionista, you should visit once in your life.

MUST-HAVE ITEM

CHANEL CLASSIC HANDBAG

A classic Chanel handbag that comes with Chanel's gold logo and grained calfskin. Looking clean and luxurious, this is the Chanel every woman dreams of.



UNIQUENESS

This first Chanel boutique on Rue Cambon is the only Chanel boutique to provide unique white shopping bags as a reminder that you have been there.

RALPH LAUREN



NEW YORK, USA
GERTRUDE RHINELANDER
WALDO MANSION

Learn the fascinating history of Ralph Lauren at this French Renaissance mansion. Gertrude Rhinelandter Waldo Mansion is the first flagship store of the famous American designer in the heart of New York. Besides its renowned Polo collection, shoppers will find the mansion a shopping paradise with everything the fashion empire has to offer.

867 Madison Avenue, East 72nd Street, Manhattan, New York City, USA



MUST-HAVE ITEM COWBOY POLO BEAR SWEATSHIRT

The super cute Cowboy Polo Bear sweatshirt comes with exclusive Ralph Lauren's signature. Perfect for wearing casually on cold days, this unisex sweatshirt is great for everyday streetwear.



MARIMEKKO



HELSINKI, FINLAND
MARIMEKKO'S FIRST STORE

Formerly a small printed textile company called Printex, Marimekko was born during the dark times after WWII. Armi Ratia and her husband, Viljo Ratia, stood tall against the economic hardship and fought back with young creativity. Young artists gathered for the most iconic hand-printed fabrics the company ever created to show in a fashion event. With unimaginable feedbacks, Marimekko (a girl skirt) was established in 1951 on Mannerheimintie Street. However, the turning point came in 1960 when America's first lady, Jacqueline Kennedy, chose 7 Marimekko dresses to feature on Sports Illustrated. The brand was the talk of the town overnight and the world turned its eyes on Marimekko. The fashion world stormed Mannerheimintie Street flagship store, boosting the local economy and giving hopes back to Finland.

MUST-HAVE ITEM

THE MARIMEKKO SPRING / SUMMER 2021 COLLECTION

Marimekko celebrated the brand's 70th anniversary with the Blue Skies and Strawberry Cakes summer collection that is simple and colourful.

TIP!

Marimekko's unikko (poppy) print has been the signature of the brand. The classic print was a result of stubbornness and boldness of Maija Isola - the designer who broke Armi Ratia's strict no flower rule. Flower designs were once avoided to keep Marimekko unisex, but Maija Isola insisted to bring unikko to life. Instead of rejecting the idea, Armi approved the design and so began the classic Marimekko unikko.





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