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In the warmer months, Niseko Village takes on a different but no less compelling allure with its wide range of outdoor activities, excellent local produce and standout cuisine. The area truly is a destination for all seasons and perfect for family holidays.

In the United Kingdom, we are delighted to introduce The Academy Hotel at the heart of Bloomsbury, London and Monkey Island Estate in Berkshire, both of which are members of the prestigious Small Luxury Hotels of the World collection. The Academy Hotel, located in London's exciting West End, is a well-positioned base in the British capital with top theatres, world-class shopping and excellent restaurants just steps away. Monkey Island Estate, situated on an island on the River Thames near Bray, reveals a charming property that is as scenic as it is rich in history.

Niseko Village, located at the foot of Mount Niseko Annupuri in Hokkaido, Japan is considered one of Asia's most exciting – and glamorous – winter destinations. At YTL Hotels, we recognised the area's potential with developments encompassing The Green Leaf Niseko Village, Hilton Niseko Village, Kasara Niseko Village Townhouses, golf courses, a Niseko Village Snow School, and an extensive infrastructure of ski trails and lifts. With our upcoming launches such as The Ritz-Carlton Reserve, EDITION and W Hotel, we – as well as the rising number of travellers to the destination – continue to affirm this ever-expanding potential.

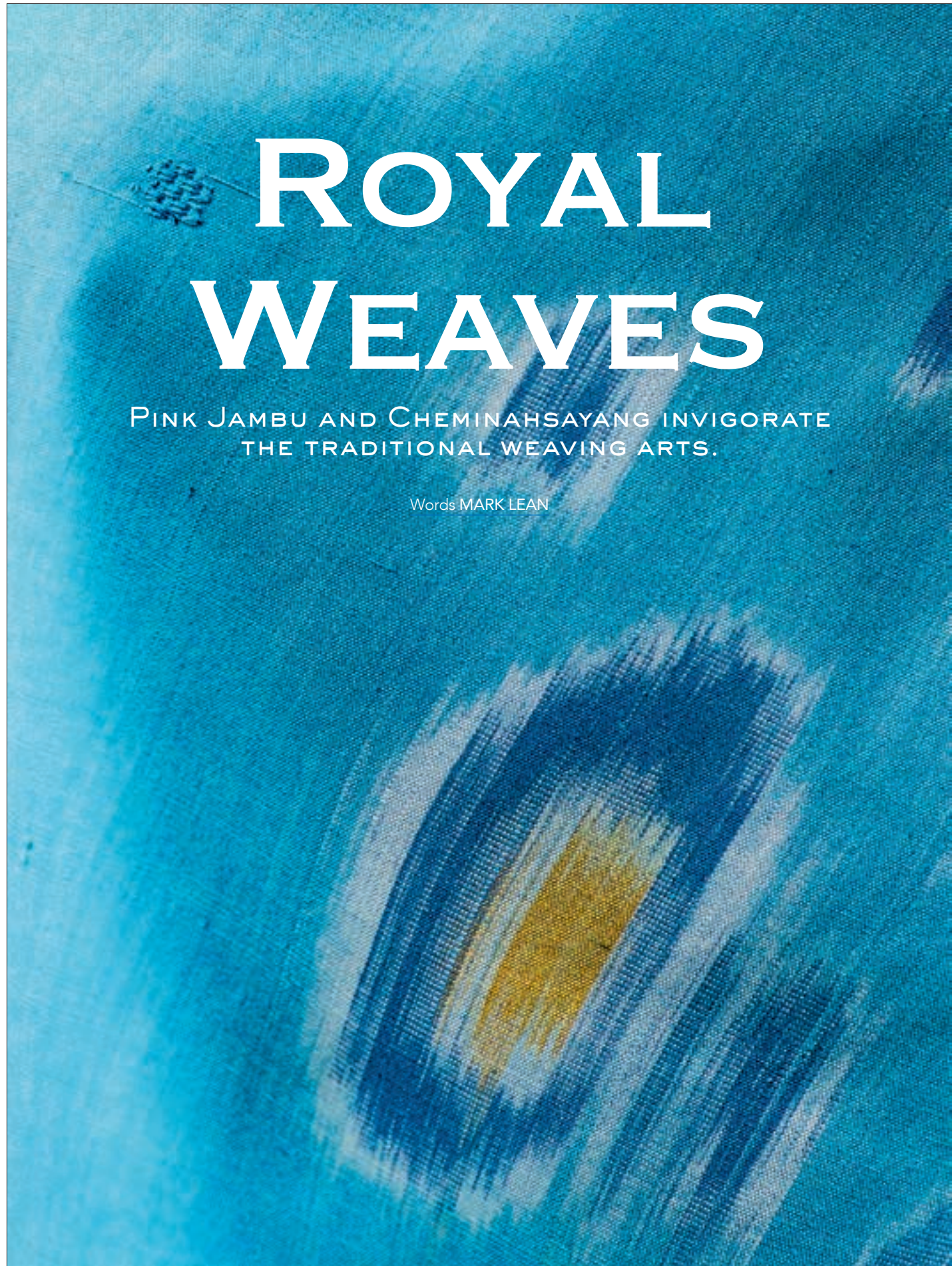
These properties, together with YTL Hotels' entire portfolio of hotels and resorts, highlight our commitment to deliver luxurious experiences that continue to raise the bar on an international scale, while remaining connected culturally, historically, aesthetically and emotionally to their respective locations.

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ROYAL WEAVES

PINK JAMBU AND CHEMINAHSAYANG INVIGORATE THE TRADITIONAL WEAVING ARTS.

Words MARK LEAN



Pink Jambu's recent collaboration with royal artisanal weaver Cheminahsayang saw the launch of Tenun Reimagined, a dazzling collection of *tenun* shawls, at Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur's The Snug. The artistry of *tenun* – the royal Malaysian tradition of silk weaving – has a heritage dating back 300 years. Pink Jambu worked with Shan Shan Lim, a graduate in woven textiles from London's Central Saint Martins. Lim configured Tengku Marina Ibrahim's nature-inspired designs into a graph, which was then conveyed to Cheminahsayang's expert weavers, who brought the designs to life. A range of scarves that beautifully match the 10 shawls has also been created. Proceeds are in aid of Viva Palestina Malaysia, which assists the higher education endeavours of 60 Palestinian students.



THE ARTISTRY OF TENUN – THE ROYAL MALAYSIAN TRADITION OF SILK WEAVING – HAS A HERITAGE DATING BACK 300 YEARS.



Guests at the launch include those shown in the images clockwise from top left: Puan Rozini Amin, Dr Hamidah, Nur Hafizah (team from Viva Palestina) and Puan Sri Norma; HE Maria Castillo Fernández, Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the EU to Malaysia, YM Tengku Marina Ibrahim (CEO Pink Jambu) and HE Frédéric Laplanche, Ambassador of France in Malaysia; Toh Puan Zulaikha Sheardin and YAM Tengku Rahimah; YAM Tengku Aishah binti Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah and Datin Suliana.



Founded in 1996, Roberto Coin's eponymous fine jewellery brand has found itself to be a quickly rising star in the world of Italian jewellery.



A MALAYSIAN FIRST

GLOBAL JEWELLERY PHENOMENON
ROBERTO COIN CELEBRATES ITS MALAYSIAN
LAUNCH WITH A CHARITABLE COLLABORATION.

Words KENNETH TAN

Earlier this year, Starhill Gallery welcomed the larger-than-life personage of Roberto Coin, the founder of the eponymous global jewellery brand known for its diverse collections. The occasion of his appearance was the unveiling of his first boutique in Malaysia – a 150-square-metre space dedicated to his iconic designs such as the Pois Moi (awarded the Best Italian Collection in the world), Black Jade, New Barocco, Princess Flower, and many others. In conjunction with this special day, Coin launched an exclusive pendant, limited to 38 pieces, to raise funds for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Selangor. This move is typical of Coin, who has been committed to corporate social responsibility from the very start, with every diamond used certified by the Kimberly Process and compliance with the Dodd Frank Act that requires all gold to be certified as originating from conflict-free zones.



From above: Christine Chin (Chairman of SPCA Selangor), Tan Sri Dr Francis Yeoh (Managing Director of YTL Corporation Bhd), Roberto Coin (President & Founder) and HE Cristiano Maggipinto, Italian Ambassador to Malaysia; the Starhill Gallery boutique.



FAMILY STYLE

IN THE SUMMER MONTHS, NISEKO VILLAGE OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES TO SAVOUR NATURE'S BOUNTY, WITH ACTIVITIES IN STORE FOR FAMILIES.





From awesome firework displays to traditional Japanese cultural showcases, Niseko Village offers something for every guest, including those who can't get enough of nature's wonders.

Words KENNETH TAN

From May to September, Niseko promises sunny, cloudless days and boundless opportunities to commune with nature. This vista of green and blue unfurls before you upon your arrival at Sapporo's New Chitose airport – the main transit point to the entire island of Hokkaido.

The ensuing journey to Niseko takes you through emerald forests and mountains in silent repose. Don't miss out on the chance to stop by the fabulous rest station on the Nakayama mountain pass to enjoy quintessential Hokkaido novelties such as *age-imo* (deep-fried potato balls) as well as rollicking American country and western music blaring over the speakers. This rest stop draws visitors in the multitudes each year who come to the vantage point to behold the magnificent 1,898-metre Mount Yotei.

The solitary mountain, frequently ringed by clouds from the nearby ocean, takes an even grander prominence when you reach Niseko Village. Here, Mount Yotei becomes the backdrop to the delightful slew of outdoor diversions that lie in wait. Golfers would inevitably head for the Niseko Village and Niseko golf courses; the former has

topped the Japan's Best Golf Courses category at the World Golf Awards for three years running and the latter is an Arnold Palmer-designed beauty with a signature Par 3. Golf is a recurrent theme at Niseko Village, with plenty of amateur-level tournaments held throughout the warmer months. Other highlights on Niseko's summer calendar include trail runs, classic bike races and the town's Tanabata Fireworks Festival with a display of over 1,500 varieties.

At Niseko Village, accommodation choices range from the modish Hilton to the relaxed ambience of The Green Leaf, all the way to the spacious three-bedroom townhouses of Kasara – all surrounded by a resplendent landscape of natural wonders. A Pure Super Passport enables you to have unlimited access, within a day, to treetop trekking, cart exploration of the golf courses, gondola rides and much more. Park Golf – a hybrid variation of golf and croquet unique to Hokkaido – is also included in the Super Passport ticket.

In summer, afternoons remain mild and evenings quite cool, making it ideal for nature rambles around Niseko Village, which is perfumed by woody, floral scents and redolent with birdsong. Families seeking competitive-type activities may

MOUNTAIN BIKING ON THE TRAILS, WHITE-WATER RAFTING AND ZIP LINE GUIDED TOURS WILL SET PULSES RACING.



The outdoors are truly great at Niseko Village, which offers opportunities to explore on land and water as well as amid the towering treetops.

request for treasure hunts to be set up – with difficulty levels ranging from novice to expert. Mountain biking on the trails, white-water rafting and zip line guided tours will set pulses racing, while horseback riding and hot air balloon rides offer a different perspective of the bucolic countryside. Slightly farther afield, one may indulge in fruit picking at nearby orchards or visit the legendary Yoichi whisky distillery.

Mount Yotei provides climbers and hikers with a full day's workout: five hours are usually required to reach the top, another two to circle the volcanic crater and four hours back down. Summer is best for this activity because of the longer daylight hours and the incentive of hiking among flowers in bloom.

Another advantage of spending a summer at Niseko is to experience its transformation into a large greenhouse. As the breadbasket of Japan with a food self-sufficiency rate of 200 per cent, Hokkaido produces a myriad of tasty delights such as dairy, sweet cherry tomatoes, eggplant





DURING THE NIKO NIKO NISEKO VILLAGE FESTIVAL, LOCAL VENDORS SHOW UP AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE WITH FRESH HARVESTS, WHILE CHILDREN ARE ENTERTAINED WITH CRAFTS AND GAMES.



and seasonal seafood such as *uni* (sea urchin). During the Niko Niko Niseko Village Festival, local vendors show up at the village centre with fresh harvests, while children are entertained with crafts and games. The period between mid-August and October is when all of Niseko celebrates its annual harvest. Amid the colourful autumnal foliage, families can easily enjoy outdoor barbecues and the ubiquitous Genghis Khan lamb broiled in a shallow iron pan.

Over at Niseko Village's shopping and dining precinct, The Crab Shack serves plenty of seafood and meats, while Yang Shu Ten's menu tantalises with sushi, tempura and teppanyaki. The Flame, a bar and lounge at Hilton Niseko Village, possesses a cosy ambience of leather couches and warm



lights where you can partake of the barbecued cornucopia of summer's bounty.

Meanwhile the adjacent golf course can be set up with a Golf Paradise Party Plan – a seven-course dinner paired with beer, sake, wines, whiskies and teas at the completion of a round of golf.

All of this feasting naturally leads to the unmissable onsen experience, available at both Hilton Niseko Village and The Green Leaf. A dip in these thermal waters as the day's light wanes is the panacea to sore muscles and a relaxing cap to a perfect day.

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

Dining at Niseko Village is a palate pleaser with the ocean's bounty and local farmers' fresh harvests.

A CLASSIC RETURN

AFTER A DRAMATIC REFURBISHMENT, SHANGHAI AT
JW MARRIOTT KUALA LUMPUR IS AGAIN THE CITY'S GO-
TO SPOT FOR STANDOUT SHANGHAI CUISINE.



Words MATT LEPPARD

JW Marriott Kuala Lumpur is the epitome of luxury and service at the heart of the city's famous Golden Triangle. Having recently undergone major refurbishment, the hotel is now a thoroughly modern establishment that retains its considerable charms.

Its signature Chinese restaurant Shanghai is a study in Oriental glamour. The updated interior reinterprets old-world elegance matched with modern accents through its Chinese calligraphy artworks and beautiful traditional paintings.

One of the most sought-after spots in the city, the establishment offers authentic Shanghainese cuisine including a selection of dainty dim sum bursting with flavour and a medley of other artfully crafted dishes, such as exquisitely prepared steamed meat dumplings.

Executive Chinese Chef Wong Wing Yeuk helms the restaurant and brings to it his take on his native cuisine. Diners looking for an immersive culinary journey will delight in the braised Wu Xi spare ribs, with chunks of meat that melt right off the bone, or the superior fish maw soup with sea cucumber, bird's nest, mushrooms and shredded chicken. Meanwhile, the braised Spanish pork presents a generous slab of tender meat sitting on

a bed of broccoli, the meat contrasting perfectly with the vibrant green of the broccoli. Another worthy dish is the fried noodles with lobster, assorted mushrooms and truffle oil.

For dessert, the four black sesame dumplings served in a hearty bowl of ginger syrup are simply sublime.

A range of teas and drinks can be enjoyed at diners' tables with Chef Wong's creations, although the hotel's refurbishment also saw the development of a separate bar area. This newest attraction is now the perfect spot for diners who wish to taste a selection of dishes including freshly prepared noodles and dim sum with a glass of wine in a laid-back lounge setting.

The impressive lounge is configured in a semi-circular seating arrangement with comfortable sofas, while a magnificent lighting centrepiece takes pride of place in the middle of the bar. A window looking out to Starhill Gallery as well as idiosyncratic touches – an old gramophone player, for example – make this the perfect place to gather with friends before sampling Shanghai's talk-of-the-town cuisine.

For more information, please visit jwmarriottkualalumpur.com



The mouthwatering array of dishes created by Executive Chinese Chef Wong Wing Yeuk (facing page) includes (clockwise from above left) black sesame dumplings in ginger syrup, braised Spanish pork with pine nuts and vegetables, braised Wu Xi spare ribs, and fried noodles with lobster and truffle oil.





WEST MEETS EAST

CHILEAN CHEF FRANCISCO ARAYA IS ENJOYING A TRANSFORMATIVE CULINARY CAREER AS HE MOVES WITHIN WORLD CAPITALS.

Words [KENNETH TAN](#)





“I THINK ULTIMATELY, COOKING IS ABOUT FUN AND ENJOYMENT,” ARAYA SAYS.

An apprenticeship with Ferran Adrià of the gastronomic sensation El Bulli made Chef Francisco Araya aware of the philosophy behind creating dishes. “There is a creative process of composing the menu and you can see how this system is still being employed by the El Bulli alumni whose restaurants are currently ranked among the top in the world.”

As for Araya, the Chilean native applied these hard-earned lessons to great effect in the wake of his 2008 attachment at El Bulli. He returned to Santiago where he served as executive chef of the Spanish Cultural Centre and, in 2012, joined forces with two other El Bulli alumni to open 81 Restaurant, an eight-seat restaurant in Tokyo, crafting what was hailed as ‘borderless cuisine’.

On a recent guest chef appearance at The Library at The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur, Araya noted that what he had done in Tokyo was to introduce more Latin American flavours into his cuisine, at a time when the culinary landscape was still largely

Japanese with French inflections. “Today, Japan is so multicultural that it’s not difficult to find such cuisine,” he says. His effort earned the restaurant its first Michelin star in 2013.

All of this was reflected in the degustation menu he presented at The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur. The sensations of sea and shell began with the amuse bouche, a medley of dehydrated scallop and herbs, smoked celeriac egg, shrimp with tomato and watermelon, paired with a bright San Feletto Prosecco Brut, with its aromas of pear, nectarines and almonds.

Araya created a customised pandan financier dessert, which he served with pandan ice cream and the sweet and zesty Roustabout Late Harvest Viognier wine. “I think ultimately, cooking is about fun and enjoyment,” Araya says. However, on weekends, he usually dines out with his girlfriend. “We enjoy going out, meeting new chefs and making new friends. I love that.”

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Chef Francisco Araya curated a stunning seven-course modern European meal showcasing a fine selection of seafood dishes at The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur’s highly anticipated Guest Chef Dinner Series 2018 at The Library.

FIGHTING FIT

THE RITZ-CARLTON, KOH SAMUI INTRODUCES GUESTS TO AN EFFECTIVE FIGHTING SYSTEM AND AN ANCIENT SPORT THAT HONES ONE'S AGILITY AND SPEED.

Words MATT LEPPARD



Guests can discover a revered skill-based sport for a total workout at The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui's very own Muay Thai Gym.

Located along some of Thailand's most picturesque coastlines is the island of Samui, and jet-setters who choose to stay in pampered comfort at The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui can discover everything from sun-kissed pools to wellness programmes. These include The Art of Muay Thai – the perfect primer to a time-honoured fighting style. Few things exemplify the heart of Thailand more than Thai boxing. Any visit to an upcountry Thai home will show you this. In dwellings and shophouses, audiences gather around televisions to witness barrages of punches and kicks. Cities and towns also boast their own rings around which frenzied audience participation is almost a sport unto itself.

An effective fighting system and intense exercise programme, many of the world's top fighters rely on Muay Thai training to get them ring-ready – after all, the art has been proven in actual warfare. Known as 'the art of eight limbs' for its use of fists, elbows, knees and shins, this martial

art has its origins in a time when the kingdom of Siam was caught up in battles with the Burmese. Legend has it that a renowned Siamese warrior was captured and had to spar to win his freedom. He won and was pronounced a local hero, with his fighting style referred to as Muay Boran or 'ancient boxing'. When King Rama V ascended the throne in 1868, the sport became a way to harness aggression during peacetime. With the support of King Rama V, a formal ring was established and the modern Muay Thai was born.

Other than its practical application as a self-defence system, Muay Thai's quickfire flurry of strikes and jabs makes it a total workout solution. It hones strength and stamina and provides plenty of suppleness exercises. And at The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui, The Art of Muay Thai engenders a true spirit of community as it helps you channel your inner warrior.

For more information please visit ritzcarlton.com/kohsamui

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CULINARY EVOLUTION



THE MAJESTIC HOTEL KUALA LUMPUR'S COLONIAL CAFÉ IS BRINGING FLAVOURS FROM THE PAST INTO AN ELEGANT, MODERN SETTING.

Words MERRITT GURLEY



THE DISHES SHOWCASE THE SUBTLE BLEND OF TASTE PROFILES THAT ARE A PRODUCT OF A CENTURIES-LONG CULTURAL MESH.

Even an unassuming bowl of noodles can provide a window to the past. Step back in time to a golden era of Hainanese cuisine at Colonial Café. This restaurant tells a tale of colonial influence on local cooking in its flavour-rich menu. Set in The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur, a carefully restored property originally built in 1932, Colonial Café serves dishes that reflect Malaysia's storied history.

When Malaysia was under British rule from the 18th to the mid-20th centuries, there was an influx of Indian and Chinese migrants seeking employment in the country's rubber estates and tin mines. The Hainanese Chinese were among the last group to migrate here. Opportunities in the mines had become scarce so many found themselves working as cooks in the homes of British colonists. The cuisine that emerged from this arrangement – Hainanese Chinese chefs using Malaysian ingredients and flavours to replicate classic British meals – was a wholly new palate-pleasing innovation.

Dishes such as Hainanese Boiled Beef Soup – a fragrant mixture of sirloin, brisket and back ribs afloat in an Asian-spiced beef broth, garnished with radish and somen – and Hainanese Chicken Chop, cracker-crumbed deep-fried chicken with a tangy spiced-onion gravy, showcase the subtle blend of taste profiles that are a product of a centuries-long cultural mesh. The Hainanese chef who runs the kitchen takes this rich foundation and gives it his own spin, continuing the tradition of evolving the cuisine to delicious effect.

The ambience reflects the environment in which the recipes were conceived; the luxe mid-century decor complete with plush leather chairs, crisp white tablecloths and timber panelling that provide the perfect backdrop for a peerless taste of the past.

For more information, please visit www.majestickl.com

Colonial Café recreates the atmosphere of the halcyon days of the planters of Malaya and offers authentic classical cuisine from the colonial era.



HERITAGE REVIVAL



THE SPA VILLAGE AT THE MAJESTIC MALACCA HONOURS THE LEGACY OF THE PERANAKANS WITH TREATMENTS GROUNDED IN THEIR HOLISTIC HEALING ARTS.

Words DIANA HUBBELL



Spa Village Malacca is the world's only spa to base its therapies on the healing heritage of the Baba-Nyonya or Peranakan culture – a unique combination of Chinese and Malay influences.

Of all the many cultures that inhabited Malacca's cosmopolitan streets during its peak as a prosperous trading port, the Peranakans, who are also known as Baba-Nyonya, left a particularly prominent stamp on the city. Descended from Chinese immigrants, these affluent traders set up shop around the region from Penang to Phuket, Singapore to Indonesia, bringing their distinctive customs and cuisine along with them.

One of the most significant contributions that the Peranakans brought to Malacca was their extensive knowledge of traditional Chinese medicine. For those hoping to experience these healing traditions in a luxe setting, every element of Spa Village Malacca draws deeply on the same ancient Peranakan wisdom. The extensive list of

GLAZED PORCELAIN TILES, ORNATE WOODCARVINGS AND OTHER AESTHETIC ACCENTS THROUGHOUT THE SPA PAY HOMAGE TO CLASSIC BABA-NYONYA STYLE.



The enormous treatment rooms give a feeling of spaciousness and peace.

treatments makes use of indigenous ingredients such as lemongrass, pandan, coconut, guava leaves, galangal and even ground bird's nest.

Glazed porcelain tiles, ornate woodcarvings and other aesthetic accents throughout the spa pay homage to classic Baba-Nyonya style. Upon entering the serene, light-filled space, guests are warmly greeted by an attendant. As no two bodies are quite the same, therapists often suggest a brief consultation to better understand a guest's individual needs. A simple questionnaire based on Chinese traditional medical philosophy helps establish which of the treatments will restore balance to the body.

For those who suffer from muscle spasms and backaches, a nutmeg-rice rolling massage can make a world of difference.

At one point in the 17th century, nutmeg was more valuable than gold and a vicious battle broke out for control of the Banda Islands, a location with nutmeg in abundance. Plenty of nutmeg found its way into Malacca and the hands of the Peranakans, who prized it not only for its flavour, but also for its healing properties.

These Peranakan treatments have been used for hundreds of years and they continue to act as a potent antidote to the stresses of modern life.

In a sense, Spa Village acts as a living piece of history. By preserving Peranakan heritage, The Majestic Malacca ensures that their culture will not be forgotten.

For more information please visit www.majesticmalacca.com

IN THE NATURAL WORLD

TANJONG JARA RESORT'S RESIDENT NATURALIST CAPTAIN MOKH SPEAKS TO YTL LIFE ABOUT PRESERVING THE JUNGLE'S ECOSYSTEM AND THE NATURAL BEAUTY THAT SURROUNDS THE AWARD-WINNING PROPERTY.

Words MARK LEAN



The Jara Hill walk and Malay herbal garden visit is led by the resort's naturalist Captain Mokh. As part of the popular PURE activities, the afternoon walk, which takes place from Monday to Saturday starting at 3.30pm, is an enjoyable and educational way for guests to learn about the efficacious herbs and plants popular with locals as well as their traditional way of life.

What will guests learn on the nature walk?

The walk is all about experiencing the coastal rainforest, where most of the flora comprises palm tree species such as coconut, sea mengkuang, hill mengkuang, lengkap and nibong, all of which are commonly grown close to the seaside. There are also hardwood trees such as meranti pasir, kapor, nyatoh, tembusu and dungun (from which the nearest town to the resort gets its name).

Which is your favourite part of the walk?

I find the pathway leading towards the herbal garden fascinating. Here, one can find the different habitats of flora ranging from resident plants, migrated plants and mangrove plants.

Would you tell us about the plants grown in the herbal garden?

Most of the plants grown in the area are the same plants cultivated by the locals in their gardens at home. Some of these plants are used for cooking. These include curry leaf, lemongrass, clove, pandan, kaffir lime, calamondin lime and varieties of ginger plants such as red ginger, torch ginger and galangal, turmeric, king salad (ulam raja), pennywort (pegaga), betelvine leaf, hana plant and roselle plants. Tongkat Ali, tea tree, noni trees, citronella grass, cat whiskers, elephant foot and rose cactus can also be found in the garden.

What about the wildlife that inhabits the area?

There are two species of monkey (long-tailed macaque and leaf monkey), monitor lizards, iguanas, tree lizards, sand lizards, geckos, snakes, civet cats and 42 species of birds.

What makes this walk special?

The beauty of the landscape that melds the beach with the surrounding area often amazes guests. There is a lot of greenery, and the plants close to the seaside look fresh and healthy. It is gratifying to know that the jungle's ecosystem is being preserved.

For more information please visit www.tanjongjaresort.com



Discover interesting facts about the local flora and fauna still used by many of the nearby villagers in their daily lives on the Jara Hill walk and Malay herbal garden visit.



MAN TAO MAGIC

IN THE HEART OF KUALA LUMPUR, A ROOFTOP BAR IS SERVING A MENU AS VIBRANT AS THE LOCATION AND JUST AS PACKED WITH MALAYSIAN FLAVOUR.

Words MERRITT GURLEY



Toast to the high life at Hotel Stripes' Man Tao rooftop bar in the centre of Kuala Lumpur. There is a sophisticated ease to this al fresco watering hole, where you can sample potent cocktails while you watch the setting sun paint the skyline shades of pink. Then welcome nightfall with Rose Rose I Love You – a winning blend of gin, red wine, Tsingtao, grapefruit, elderflower and egg white – as the city lights surround you, twinkling in the reflection of the sprawling infinity pool.

Pair the dazzling view with the bar's selection of cloud-light *mantao* buns, which are stuffed with a creative mix of fillings that reflect the Malaysian melting pot. Try the *mantao* with *ayam kunyit* (grilled turmeric chicken), cucumber and romaine lettuce; it is a testament to the power of fusion.

The bar's eclectic menu and laid-back vibe are right at home in Hotel Stripes and its surrounding

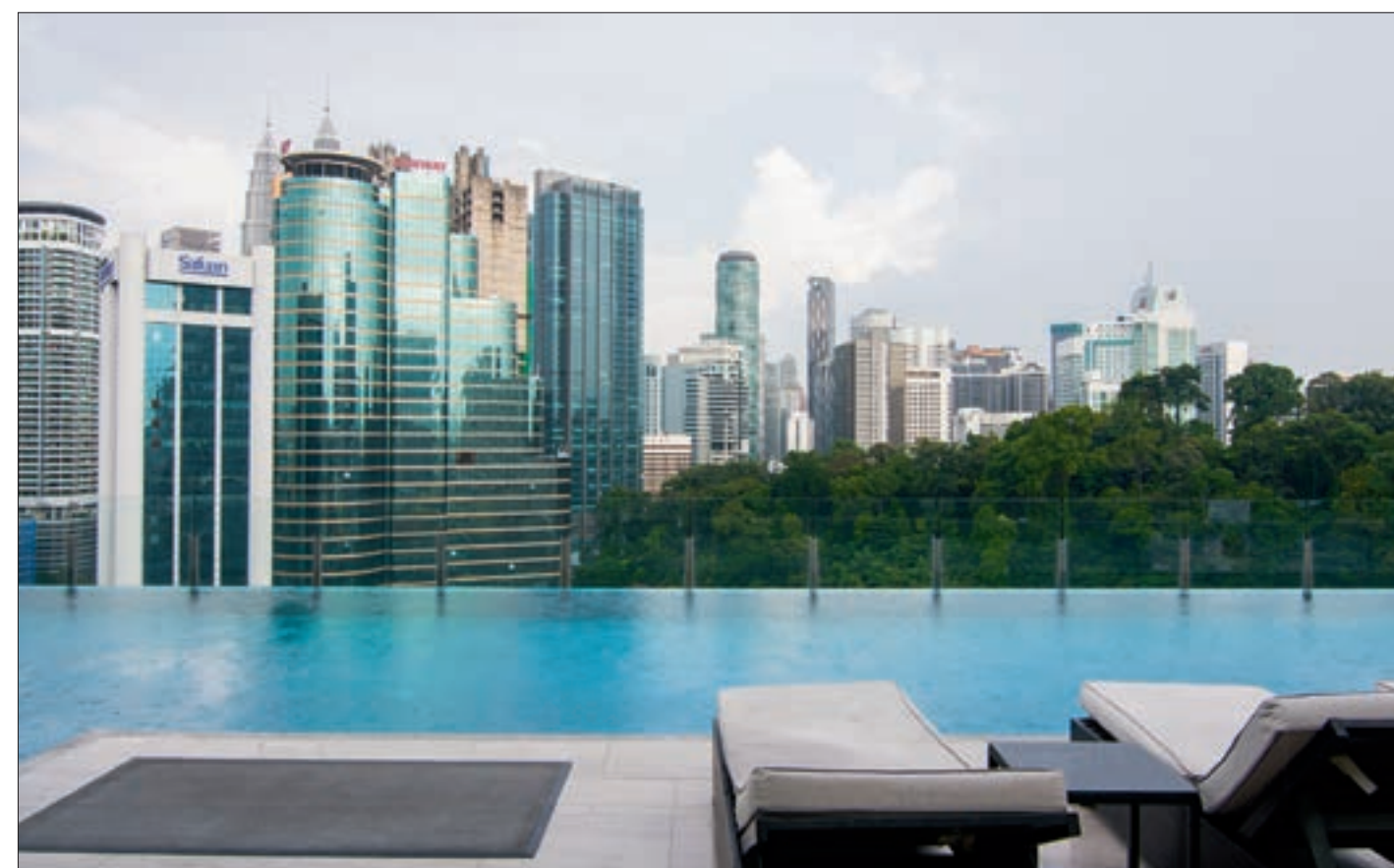
neighbourhood of Jalan Kamunting. Smack in the centre of downtown Kuala Lumpur, this urban section of the city was once a collection of wooden buildings that were all destroyed by fire and flooding at the end of the 19th century. In response to the calamity, the British colonial administration made sure all future buildings were constructed of more durable materials, such as brick and tile, so the brick shophouse architecture here is quite distinct.

An iconic example is The Row, a restoration of the Asian Heritage Row, with 22 shophouses dating back to the 1940s now transformed into restaurants, cafes, quirky shops and some of the city's best art galleries. Hotel Stripes is inspired by the community's history, culture and spirit. Man Tao sits at its summit, bringing the neighbourhood's old-meets-contemporary charm to new heights.

For more information, please visit www.stripeskl.com



Chic, intimate, sophisticated and luxurious, Man Tao sets the scene for any celebration with views across the city and beverage wizards who bring beer mixology to a whole new level.



A WORTHY PLIGHT

GET ACQUAINTED WITH ONE OF GAYA ISLAND RESORT'S BEST-LOVED INHABITANTS, THE PROBOSCIS MONKEYS, WHICH ARE FOUND SOLELY ON BORNEO.

Words MATT LEPPARD



The island of Borneo is a spectacular jewel in the crown of the world's biodiversity paradises. Flora and fauna flourish in the protected Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park, which provides an oasis of refuge to some of the world's most exotic species. Within the park sits the stunning Gaya Island Resort.

The property boasts the Gaya Island Resort Wildlife Centre, which offers the Seven Wonders of Gaya, an expedition of immersive ecosystem experiences. These include wildlife sightings along

But the noses and bellies serve an important purpose: the former for visual communication and for amplifying the vocal honks that signal danger, and the bellies for housing digestive tracts that allow the monkeys to break down the cellulose in leaves and to neutralise toxins.

Proboscis monkeys have few, if any, natural predators, and it is humans that pose the biggest threat to their existence. They are classified as Endangered on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature Red List, with the number of monkeys having declined sharply over the last

CONSERVATION EFFORTS AT THE GAYA ISLAND RESORT WILDLIFE CENTRE FOCUS AROUND PROTECTION OF THE ISLAND'S PRECIOUS RAINFORESTS.

jungle-dense nature trails, a kayak mangrove tour and educational programmes covering a gamut of conservation efforts.

At the core of these are the centre's efforts to preserve and maintain the habitat and populations of proboscis monkeys, one of the island's most celebrated inhabitants which are found only on Borneo. The monkeys, known locally as *monyet belanda* – which translates as 'Dutch monkeys' – are visually arresting because of their comically long noses and potbellies.

40 years. Habitat destruction is the biggest threat to their survival.

Conservation efforts at the Gaya Island Resort Wildlife Centre focus around protection of the island's precious rainforests. And now, the Seven Wonders of Gaya experience means that guests can glimpse firsthand these wonderful creatures, learn about their plight and, importantly, the fight to save them from extinction.

For more information, please visit www.gayaislandresort.com



Gaya Island Resort's Resident Naturalist takes guests out on the Proboscis Monkey Jungle Trail to the observation platform to try to catch sightings of these beautiful primates, that happen mostly between April and early July.





THE ART OF SPRING

AS MORNING MISTS OPEN UP TO SUNNY AFTERNOONS, THESE TO-THE-MOMENT BOHO CHIC LOOKS ARE INSPIRED BY THE SLOW LIFE AND ELEGANT AFTERNOON TEA.

PHOTOGRAPHY LOCK CHEE WEI
 LOCATION CAMERON HIGHLANDS RESORT
 STYLING MAX MAK

Polka dot sweater; polka dot palazzo pants, by *Michael Michael Kors*.



White shirt; pencil skirt, by *Calvin Klein*.



Black tank top; white linen trouser suit, by *Michael Michael Kors*.



White chiffon dress with pleated skirt; tote; sandals, by Dior.

Model: Claudia D
Make-up: Deidre Chong
Hair stylist: Dylan Boon



Orange and pink blouse; lace-cut flared skirt, by Calvin Klein.



A SEA OF CALM

SPA VILLAGE RESORT TEMBOK, BALI'S SCHOOL OF LIFE PROGRAMME, WITH ITS FOCUS ON WELLNESS INCLUDING DELICIOUS HEALTHFUL MEALS AND RESTORATIVE MESSAGES, IS DESIGNED TO BALANCE MIND AND BODY.

Words MARK LEAN



Bali's mysterious northeastern coast is known for its black volcanic sand, an ancient fusion of Mount Agung and the Bali Sea. It is with the sand that a stay at Spa Village Resort Tembok begins. A known purifier of negative energies, the fine carbon-rich grains are used along with vibrant flower petals to cleanse one's feet, a ritual every guest at the spa resort is treated to upon arrival. In Balinese belief, the feet acts as a conduit between the energy of the earth and the self. Thus, washing the feet is considered a way of purifying the self of any negativity that may rise from the earth. This ritual is a perfect prelude to any treatment.

The property is located in Tembok ('wall' in Indonesian) that demarcated the territory of a king who reigned in centuries past. In this secluded corner of Bali, Spa Village Resort Tembok's School of Life programme takes place. The five-day/ four-night adventure is led by life coach, holistic practitioner and reiki master Savitri Talahatu.

This immersive wellness journey is composed of one-on-one consultations with Talahatu who then custom-creates a series of activities that best helps guests to achieve their goals. These objectives, unique to each person, may include getting more in tune with one's innate spirituality through guided meditation activities, learning to make more informed dietary choices for good health or even cultivating a better work-life balance.

The resort's spectacular natural environment, a picture of tranquility, and the graciousness of its staff, most of whom live in the area, create a setting that encourages contemplation, far from the technology-inclined madding crowd. The School of Life programme nurtures the body through its healthful meals (both non-vegetarian and vegetarian) for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

For a total wellness reset, guests enjoy unlimited servings of herbal teas such as chamomile, peppermint, lemongrass, ginger and oolong; nutritious water from freshly plucked coconuts; and a morning 'green' shot of pure extracted vegetables together with daily yoga classes.

The resort's innovative spa treatments (five of which are included in the School of Life itinerary) utilise garden-grown herbs; fruits, flowers and botanicals; and a specially selected range of energy-building massage techniques which help to invigorate the body and calm the mind. The Three Point Supreme massage, for instance, uses a combination of Indian and Balinese massage styles. The treatment detoxifies and recalibrates neural pathways through the therapist's intuitive acupressure skills. Then specially drawn night baths, including the nurturing *mandi susu* ('milk bath') with volcanic clay and pandan leaves, guarantees a restful night and peace-filled sleep.

For more information, please visit www.spavillageresort.com



A SPECIALLY SELECTED RANGE OF ENERGY-BUILDING MASSAGE TECHNIQUES HELP TO INVIGORATE THE BODY AND CALM THE MIND.



The School of Life programme supports the path to renewal with an integrated schedule of healthy life practices.



THE STARS ALIGNED

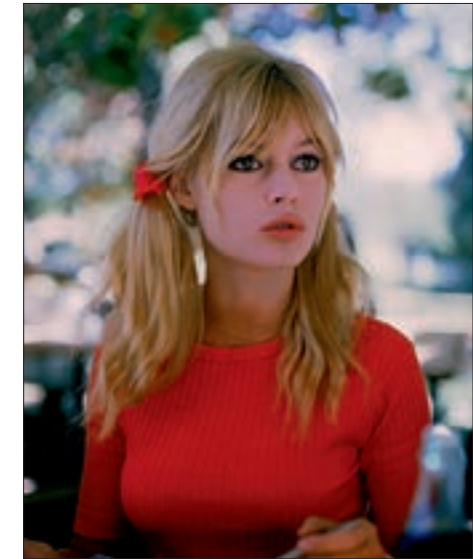
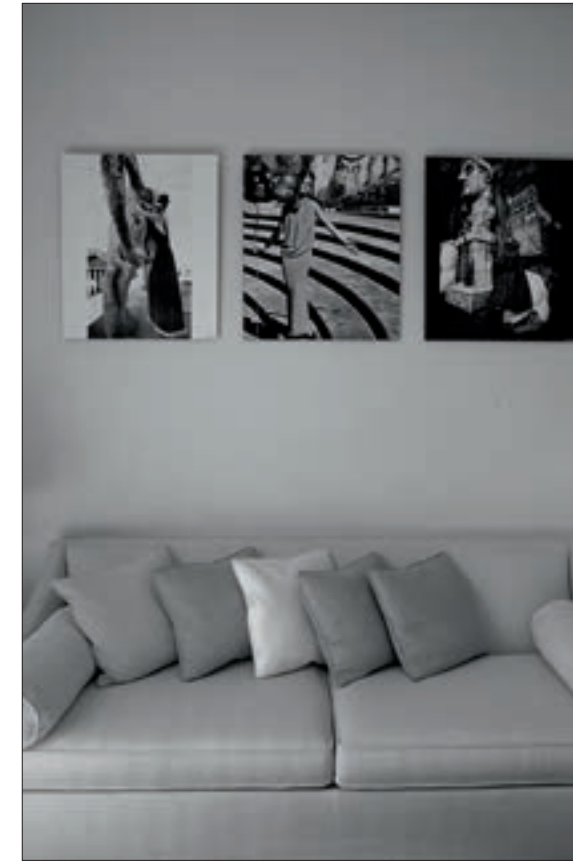
MUSE SAINT TROPEZ IS A CELEBRATION OF ITS LOCATION'S UNDENIABLE GLAMOUR AND SUN-KISSED NATURAL BEAUTY.

Words MATT LEPPARD

The name Saint Tropez conjures up evocative images that recall the golden age of Hollywood glamour. Prior to its explosion onto the map with Brigitte Bardot's 1956 classic *And God Created Woman*, the village was the haunt of artists like writer Françoise Sagan. Stars like Rita Hayworth and Greta Garbo also graced the town with their presence and sampled the heady delights of the local nightspots.

These days, those seeking to immerse themselves in this perfectly storied paradise nestled in the heart of the French Riviera need look no further than MUSE Saint Tropez. In keeping with the legendary status of the town, this serene sanctuary presents 15 well-appointed suites all named after muses from the film and music worlds who found inspiration in Saint Tropez.

It is here that guests can discover the Joséphine, named after jazz musician Joséphine Baker, and



the Sophia, following (naturally) Sophia Loren, who was once a mainstay of the Riviera's sun-drenched beaches. This outstanding suite is blessed with expansive views of the hotel's perfectly manicured gardens. Meanwhile, the Edith, which takes its name from Edith Hancke, star of 1964's *Holiday in St. Tropez*, also offers a private bar for intimate gatherings.

Guests looking for more space might want to consider the Grace (Kelly) with its library and garden on one level and spacious bedroom with a private massage area above. Here, the large balconies offer views over a pine forest and the cerulean sea beyond. The largest suite is the Romy, named after Romy Schneider, who starred in the 1969 classic *The Swimming Pool*. This impressive space measures a spacious 130 square metres and boasts two bedrooms, a private garden with a pool, a private bath salon upstairs and a huge terrace.

All guests will enjoy the range of upscale amenities and facilities that the hotel offers, including a shuttle service to the town to explore its celebrated history. With a local culture that simply opens up to immersion and a Mediterranean climate to boot, who could ask for a more perfect escape?

Make a date with film icons such as (from top) Brigitte Bardot, Romy Schneider and Sophia Loren at the elegant MUSE Saint Tropez.

For more information please visit www.muse-hotels.com

THIS SERENE SANCTUARY PRESENTS 15 WELL-APPOINTED SUITES ALL NAMED AFTER MUSES FROM THE FILM AND MUSIC WORLDS.





FERRIES ACROSS THE HARBOUR

SYDNEY'S BUSTLING WATERWAYS AND THEIR UBUQUITOUS FERRIES OFFER PICTURESQUE SIGHTSEEING TOURS OF THE HARBOUR AND NEIGHBOURING DISTRICTS.

Words M WILSON



One of the most memorable activities in Sydney is a ride on a Sydney Ferry, those ubiquitous green and yellow vessels that still ply the harbour as they have for more than a century. Many journeys of discovery are available right at the doorstep of the Sydney Harbour Marriott at Circular Quay, gateway to many iconic attractions and one of the city's main transportation hubs. We explore the five best short Sydney Ferry rides to soak up that quintessential Sydney experience. The picturesque Watson's Bay was first established as the oldest fishing village in Australia. The ferry travels past the city's east foreshore offering great views across the harbour. Pick a picnic spot and feast on the famous fish and chips. Or stroll along The Gap clifftop to Macquarie Lightstation. Eclectic Balmain is located to the west of Harbour Bridge and has terrific dining choices; you could do a pub crawl or visit Balmain Market on Saturdays.

A short trip across the water will take you to Cremorne Point where you can enjoy a lovely foreshore walk, admiring the gardens, fabulous vistas and federation architecture. Sophie's Lookout provides beautiful views of the harbour. The ferry to Abbotsford will take you under the bridge and up the idyllic Parramatta River. Enjoy a leisurely lunch at the renowned award-winning Sydney Rowing Club, the oldest rowing club in New South Wales. The beachside suburb of Manly has been a draw for Sydneysiders since the 1800s. There is plenty to keep you busy here after the 30-minute ferry ride. Connecting the harbourside wharf to the famous ocean beach is Corso, a pedestrian mall dotted with surf shops, boutiques, cafés and classic pubs. You could even catch a whale-watching cruise.

For more information and advice on any of these journeys, please see the Concierge at Sydney Harbour Marriott. Visit marriott.com.au

MANY JOURNEYS OF DISCOVERY ARE AVAILABLE RIGHT AT THE DOORSTEP OF THE SYDNEY HARBOUR MARRIOTT AT CIRCULAR QUAY.



The Sydney Ferry will bring you to such iconic landmarks as the Macquarie Lightstation, Australia's oldest lighthouse, and the Sydney Rowing Club. Facing page: Manly Wharf is an oasis of sensory and gastronomic delights on the Sydney Harbour waterfront.





From left: Threadneedles Hotel, The Academy Hotel, The Gainsborough Bath Spa.



Monkey Island Estate, The Glasshouse Hotel Edinburgh.

AT THE HEART OF EMPIRE

YTL HOTELS EXPANDS ITS PRESENCE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM WITH TWO ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES IN LONDON AND BERKSHIRE.

Words JUNE MONG-LOFTIN

YTL HOTELS IS SET TO CREATE MEMORABLE STORIES AND EXPERIENCES WITH ITS UNITED KINGDOM PORTFOLIO OF PROPERTIES.

Malaysia's Pangkor Laut Resort captured the heart of Luciano Pavarotti when he visited this legendary gem of an island in the Straits of Malacca. Since then, YTL Hotels has become renowned for its award-winning properties in Asia and around the world, each of which has been designed to match the uniqueness of its location with superior blends of history, culture, nature, conservation, and of course, luxury.

Now, YTL Hotels is set to create similarly memorable stories and experiences with its United Kingdom portfolio of properties. From the ancient Roman-influenced Bath to the capital of Scotland, the rolling green acres of Berkshire, the dynamic City of London and London's glamorous West End, these hotels are handpicked and carefully curated to offer guests unparalleled luxury experiences that are historically, aesthetically and emotionally connected to the cities and towns in which they are placed.



THIS CLASSICAL BUILDING OF PORTLAND STONE WAS BUILT IN 1856 FOR THE CITY BANK LTD, WHOSE LOGO CAN BE SEEN ON THE STAINED GLASS DOME OVER THE SPACIOUS LOBBY.



Threadneedles Hotel exudes grandeur in a thoroughly modern way amid the bustle of the Square Mile.

STAYCATIONS IN THE CITY OF LONDON

The elegant Threadneedles Hotel, an Autograph Collection Hotel in the City of London is a well-kept secret among seasoned travellers. This 19th-century architectural gem has 74 rooms, including two on the top floor with a balcony offering skyline city views.

This classical building of Portland stone was built in 1856 for The City Bank Ltd, whose logo can be seen on the stained glass dome over the spacious lobby. Threadneedles Hotel's provenance has links to the Merchant Taylors' Guild, one of the 12 great livery companies of the City of London from the Middle Ages. The domed lobby (adjacent

THERE IS A LOT TO RECOMMEND STAYING IN POSSIBLY THE RICHEST SQUARE MILE IN THE WORLD.



to Marco Pierre White's in-house restaurant) is a great place to meet friends, have a pre-dinner aperitif or impress a client.

There is a lot to recommend staying in possibly the richest square mile in the world. It is populated in the working week with financiers and lawyers, and buzzing with the pulse of global business. But if you walk down its streets on a weekend marvelling at the architecture, there is quiet and peace. And amazing room rates for weekend stays. There is also the Romantic Package that guests can purchase when booking a room, which includes a bottle of champagne, exquisite Paul

Young chocolates, and rose petals to surprise a loved one. Its location is right in the heady mix of the Royal Exchange and the Bank of England, as well as the former offices of the East India Company. You will have no doubt that you are staying in what was once the heart of a great empire. After breakfast on weekends, enjoy a leisurely stroll around the vicinity. St Paul's Cathedral is a 15-minute walk away and you have a choice of three colourful London markets in the vicinity: Spitalfields, Leadenhall (a Harry Potter film location) and the foodie Borough Market.

For more information, please visit www.hotelthreadneedles.co.uk

Accommodation at Threadneedles Hotel is in a palette of muted tones, with an emphasis on natural wood furnishings and soft lighting.

Facing page, from top: enjoy champagne and freshly shucked oysters at the Champagne bar; the property sits in the midst of London's financial heart.



ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL IS A 15-MINUTE WALK AWAY AND YOU HAVE A CHOICE OF THREE COLOURFUL LONDON MARKETS IN THE VICINITY.





ECLECTIC MUSEUMS AND THE BLOOMSBURY SET

At the gateway to London's West End and in the heart of Bloomsbury, The Academy Hotel, a member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World, marries Victorian enlightenment with Edwardian invention. There is possibly no better collection of museums belonging to singular gentleman explorers, architects and collectors than the ones located within a black cab's ride from The Academy Hotel. The hotel has 50 freshly renovated guestrooms spread out over the five Georgian townhouses it occupies, designed by the celebrated Alexandra Champalimaud with a nod to the breezy Bloomsbury style of the 1920s and 1930s literary set.



Situated in the heart of Bloomsbury in London's West End, The Academy comprises a collection of five Georgian townhouses combined into one charming luxury hotel.

IF YOU CROSS GOWER STREET, THEN
TURN RIGHT ONTO MALET STREET, YOU CAN
BE ONE OF THE SIX MILLION VISITORS TO THE
BRITISH MUSEUM.

A visitor to London can get up-close to a bead-net dress from 2400BC at Petrie Museum, a 10-minute walk from the hotel, then pop over to the Wellcome Collection to see Napoleon's toothbrush before hailing a cab to view an Egyptian sarcophagus of Pharaoh Seti I. And if you cross Gower Street, then turn right onto Malet Street, you can be one of the six million visitors to the British Museum, created in 1753, the year physician and naturalist Sir Hans Sloane passed away and bequeathed his 71,000 objects to a organisation where today, anyone could view them for free.

And when you tire of all this science and history, there are the musicals of the West End, the exotic restaurants

of Chinatown and the shops of Covent Garden. The Academy Hotel is also right around the corner from Store Street where you can find a coffee emporium, an old school Italian trattoria, a co-op supermarket, a Busaba Eathai restaurant and the College Arms pub, a haunt of students and lecturers.

Breakfast and dinner is served in The Refectory, while The Alchemy Bar is a great place to gather for a drink. As you sip on one of the bartender's signature cocktails, cast your mind back to the risqué era of the Bloomsbury set where they lived in squares, painted in circles and loved in triangles.

For more information, please visit www.theacademyhotel.co.uk



The beautifully appointed guestrooms and suites have been created by the New York-based, award-winning Champalimaud Design, with a contemporary take on townhouse living.



ADVENTURES
IN BERKSHIRE



THE MONKEY BAR WITH ITS GARDEN TERRACE AND THE WHISKY SNUG ARE JUST THE SPOTS FOR A DRINK TO CAP A MEMORABLE DINNER.

The British literary doyenne Rebecca West described Monkey Island as, "a bright lawn set with many walnut trees and...great chestnuts...and a white house with a green dome rising in the middle of it..." in her debut novel *Return of the Soldier*. West and her lover HG Wells were part of the glittering social coterie from the turn of the past century who were guests at lavish parties thrown on the eight-acre island. In 1723, Charles Spencer, third Duke of Marlborough, acquired the property. He was a keen angler who built

two Palladian follies on the grounds – a Fishing Temple and a Fishing Pavilion for entertaining. From 1840, this idyll was the haunt of politicians, aristocrats, singers and writers.

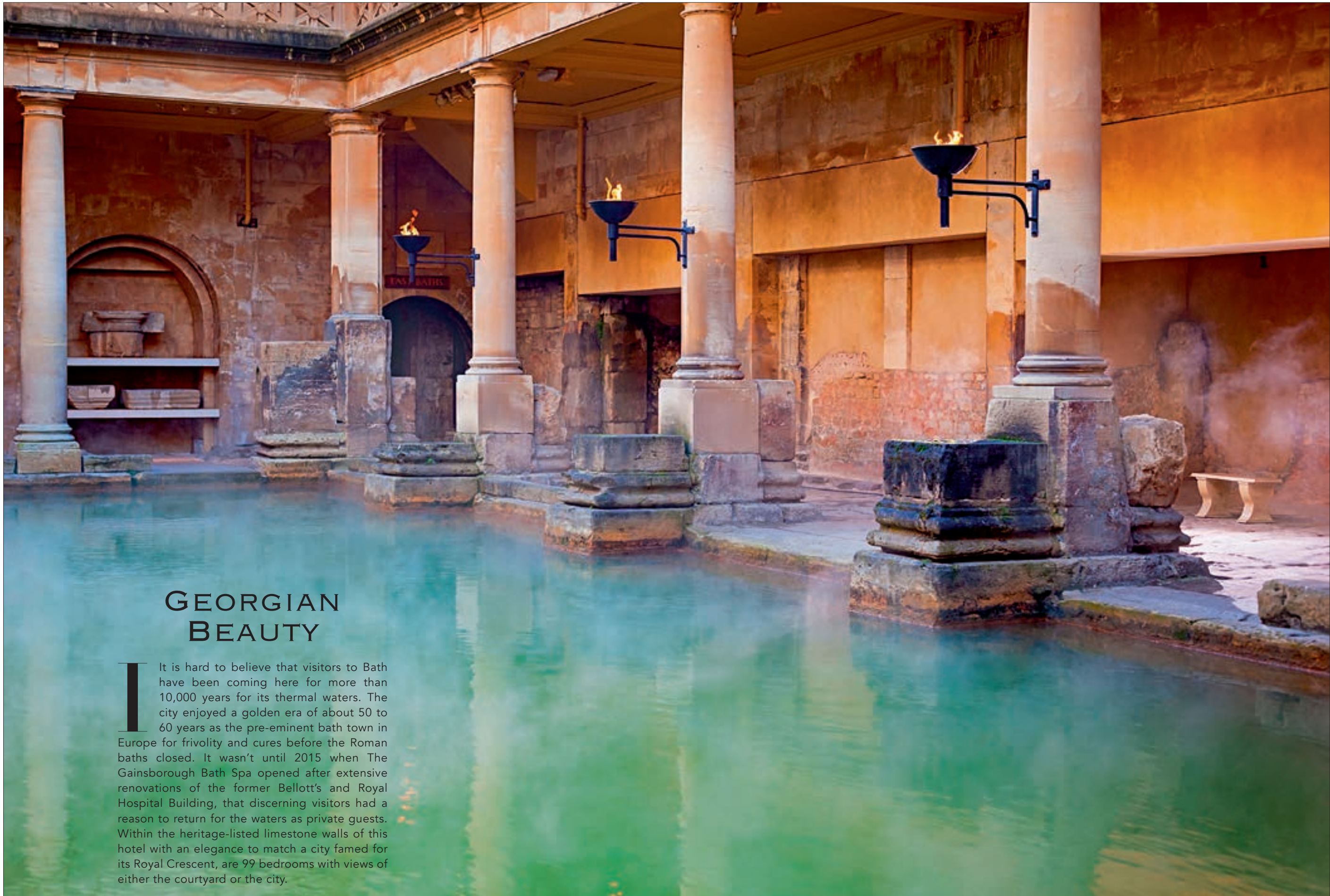
The luxurious Monkey Island Estate, a member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World, is one of YTL Hotels' two recent landmark openings in the United Kingdom. Guests will once more be able to enjoy long lazy days in the riverine luxury of its 27 guestrooms and three suites designed by award-winning New York-based Champalimaud

Design. Want more intimate accommodation? Then choose from six private residences on the Estate, three of which were once the stately homes of composer Edward Elgar, Grand Prix racer Stirling Moss, and Thunderbirds co-creator Sylvia Anderson: namely Long White Cloud, Brook House and Sundial Cottage. Design highlights include the cheeky simian paintings on the ceiling of The Monkey Room. Besides The Monkey Room and its tongue-in-cheek decor, there is the Monkey Island Brasserie for lunch, afternoon tea or dinner with menus crafted by Executive Chef Will Hemming. The Monkey Bar with

its garden terrace and The Whisky Snug are just the spots for a drink to cap a memorable dinner.

Monkey Island Estate is the ideal base to visit heritage properties such as Cliveden, Hambleton Vineyard, Highclere Castle (where the BBC series *Downton Abbey* was filmed), the ornamented Savill Garden as well as the royal haunts of Ascot, Windsor and Eton.

For more information, please visit www.monkeyislandestate.co.uk

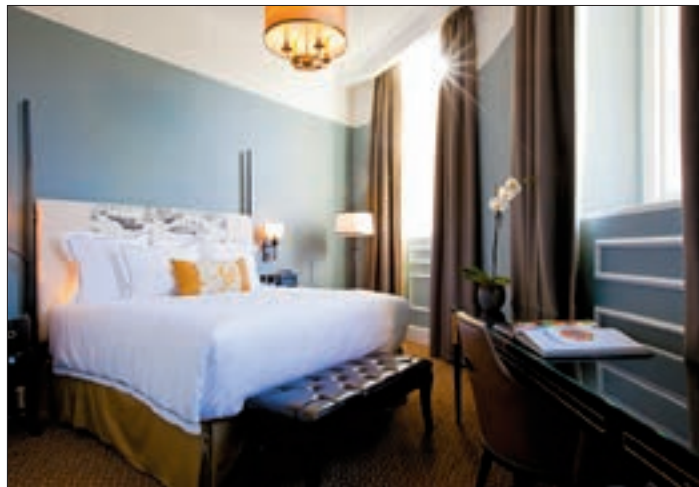


GEORGIAN BEAUTY

It is hard to believe that visitors to Bath have been coming here for more than 10,000 years for its thermal waters. The city enjoyed a golden era of about 50 to 60 years as the pre-eminent bath town in Europe for frivolity and cures before the Roman baths closed. It wasn't until 2015 when The Gainsborough Bath Spa opened after extensive renovations of the former Bellott's and Royal Hospital Building, that discerning visitors had a reason to return for the waters as private guests. Within the heritage-listed limestone walls of this hotel with an elegance to match a city famed for its Royal Crescent, are 99 bedrooms with views of either the courtyard or the city.

Set beneath a glass atrium, Spa Village Bath offers a contemporary perspective on the city's thermal water heritage.

THE GAINSBOROUGH BATH SPA IS THE ONLY HOTEL SPA IN THE UNITED KINGDOM WITH ITS OWN THERMAL WATER SOURCE.



Originally built in the 1800s, The Gainsborough Bath Spa occupies two Grade II Listed buildings with distinguished Georgian and Victorian façades in the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Ottoman sultans had their Turkish baths, the Moroccans their hammams, Europe had its Vichy and Baden Baden but The Gainsborough Bath Spa is the only hotel spa in the United Kingdom with its own thermal water source. The Spa Village at the property consists of three pools of different temperatures, an ice chamber and treatment rooms. I highly recommend the aquatic body treatments, one of which combines yoga asanas and tai chi in a thermal water pool.

However, it is not all about bathing rituals if you are a guest; dining at Dan Moon at The Gainsborough was one of my highlights the last time I stayed here. Devon-born Daniel Moon's love of marrying seasonal produce in an eclectic fusion menu, supported by a knowledgeable, attentive staff, made it one of my meals of the season.

For more information please visit www.thegainsboroughbathspa.co.uk





The Glasshouse Hotel is a standout among luxury boutique hotels and is considered one of the best places to stay in Edinburgh.

POSTMODERN MEETS NEO-GOTHIC

If it is good enough for Meryl Streep and Jack White of the White Stripes, it is good enough for me, I thought. Apart from the extra touches like the heated floors in spacious bathrooms along with equally large bathtubs, a duck duvet light as a cloud, immense glass windows with a view of Calton Hill, and a wonderful menu of single malt whiskies in the bar at The Snug, there was something you can't build, design or buy. It is the singularly friendly, warm and genuine hospitality from the

youthful, enthusiastic staff at The Glasshouse Hotel Edinburgh, an Autograph Collection Hotel. When the city's weather is less than warm or sunny sometimes, you can be assured that it will definitely be so in the welcome you will receive here as soon as you arrive.

The neo-gothic facade of the 19th-century church for Lady Glenorchy is ingeniously fused with a modernist metal-framed glass structure on the east end of Princes Street. It is not a glass cube



THE COPPER FIRE PIT IN THE SNUG WHERE YOU CAN ORDER EXQUISITE WHISKY COCKTAILS IS A GREAT PLACE TO BE IN THE WINTER.



From top: behind the historic facade is a newly renovated, modern and contemporary lobby; floor-to-ceiling windows offer dramatic views from nearly every room.
Facing page: The Snug offers a selection of almost 100 exclusive whiskies and a range of indulgent cocktails.

building but glass features abound here, ranging from the grand windows in The Brasserie and the 77 guestrooms and suites, the semi-glass staircase, various glass art pieces, and of course the whisky bottles in The Snug bar. The copper fire pit in The Snug where you can order exquisite whisky cocktails is a great place to be in the winter, and in the spring and summer the hotel

offers picnics on the lawn of the two-acre rooftop garden planted with juniper and lavender. This makes The Glasshouse Hotel Edinburgh a hotel in a city that welcomes visitors at all seasons of the year.

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





12 THINGS TO DO IN 48 HOURS AT PANGKOR LAUT RESORT

RICH IN NATURAL WONDERS THAT ENCIRCLE THE LUXURY PROPERTY, THIS ISLAND CONTINUES TO CAPTURE THE HEARTS OF ROYALTY, MOVIE STARS AND CELEBRITIES.

Words MARK LEAN



SIGN UP FOR THE RESORT'S COMPLIMENTARY YOGA CLASS, HELD ON THE SPA VILLA DECK.

8.31AM Sign up for the resort's complimentary yoga class, held on the Spa Villa deck. With the waters of the Straits of Malacca lapping below, the invigorating session refreshes the mind and energises the body. It is suitable for both beginners and experienced yogis.

9.40AM After working up an appetite, dig into the vast selection of buffet offerings at Feast Village. Dine on staple dishes from the Asian kitchen, such as piping hot noodles made a la minute, as well as Continental favourites including tasty varieties of cheese and pastries baked fresh.

10.35AM Step into a two-million-old rainforest on one of Pangkor Laut Resort's nature walks. Learn from the resident naturalist about the species of plant and animal life that inhabit the area. Guests have options of a short 500-metre walk or a longer, more immersive 2,400-metre walk.



From above: Feast Village also features a patisserie, café, chef's table and wine cellar where guests can purchase wines of their choice; regain physical and mental harmony by exploring the resort's yoga morning sessions amid the fresh ocean breeze and soothing sound of the waves.

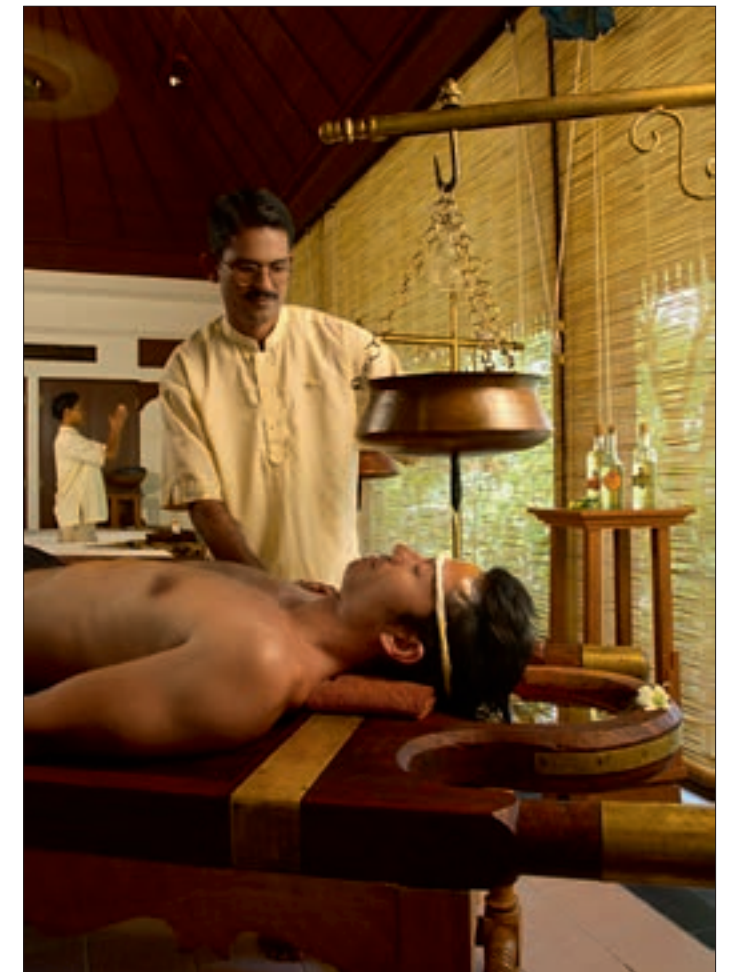
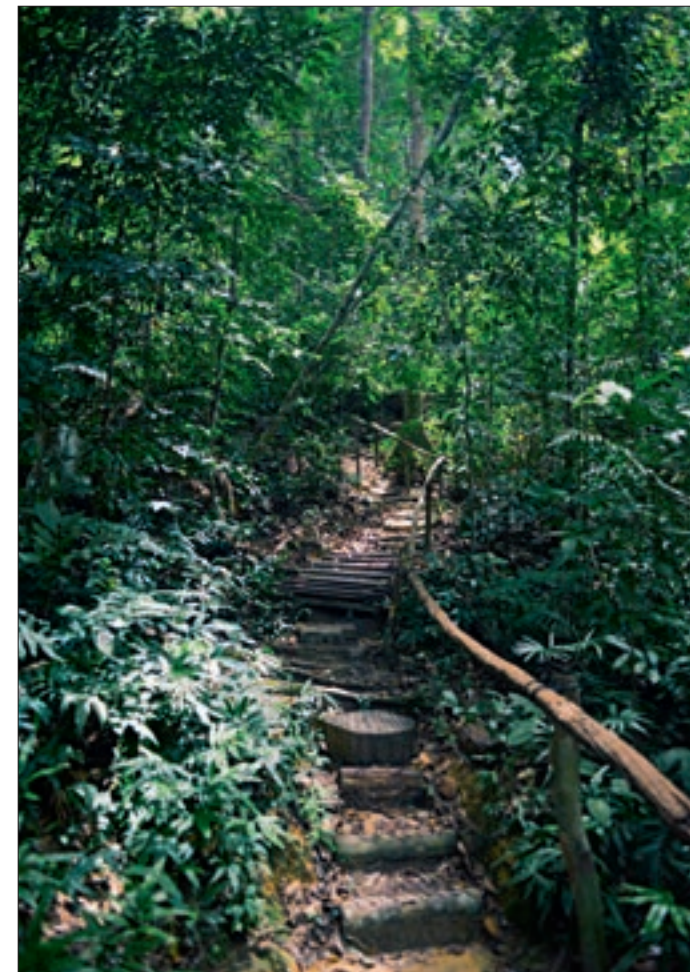


Clockwise from left: embark on a pleasurable gastronomic journey with The Chef's Kitchen Experience; Ayurvedic oil therapy purifies the body by eliminating the vitiated inner principles of the body; uncover the mysteries of the island's spectacular virgin rainforest on a guided jungle trek.

12.45PM Pick up cooking tips from the executive chef and learn from his extensive knowledge of exotic Asian herbs and spices with The Chef's Kitchen Experience. This gastronomic journey includes a visit to neighbouring Pangkor Island's fishery, dried seafood markets, noodle maker and floating fish farm. Returning to the resort, rejuvenate with a 45-minute Bath House Experience before beginning your specially curated Southeast Asian cooking lesson.

2.30PM Get a personalised consultation with Spa Village Pangkor Laut's in-house Ayurvedic specialist at the Ayurvedic Hut. This is followed by a recommended treatment such as Shiro Dhara, where prescribed herbal oil is continuously poured over the forehead along with the application of medicated oil on the body to encourage an all-enveloping sense of relaxation.

GET A PERSONALISED CONSULTATION WITH SPA VILLAGE PANGKOR LAUT'S IN-HOUSE AYURVEDIC SPECIALIST AT THE AYURVEDIC HUT.



LIFE MOMENTS

4.35PM Soak up some sun or read a book on the world-famous Emerald Bay with its clear waters and fine white sand.

7.10PM Romance is the order of the evening with a private candlelit dinner for two and a bespoke menu featuring dishes such as barbecued lobster. The evening setting is like no other as you and your partner have for your personal enjoyment, the glittering stars above and the calming sounds of waves on the shore.

9.35AM Morning is the ideal time to energise the mind and body with a *tai chi quan* session, which is aimed to revitalise the body's energy channels and organs.

11.50AM Join the pool scene at The Royal Bay Beach Club with its stunning infinity pool. For lunch, dine on a selection of tasty Asian and Western dishes, and test the bartender's skills as he creates signature cocktails to liven up an already beautiful afternoon.

Emerald Bay is the place to go if you'd like to spend some quality time with yourself or a loved one, or to take part in a morning *tai chi quan* session.



SOAK UP SOME SUN OR READ A BOOK ON THE WORLD-FAMOUS EMERALD BAY WITH ITS CLEAR WATERS AND FINE WHITE SAND.



LIFE MOMENTS



3.55PM Indulge in a pre-treatment Bathhouse Ritual that comprises a footbath and foot pounding; a Malay 'circulating' bath; a Japanese *goshi-goshi* cloth cleansing followed by a dip in a warm Rotenburu pool; and completed with a Shanghai Scrub. It is now time to enjoy Spa Village Pangkor Laut's signature Campur-Campur treatment. Marrying Malay and Thai massage techniques, the treatment indulges the senses with touch, tone and aromatherapy as whiffs of lemongrass and pandan leaves, placed in herbal pouches and applied along the body, fill the air.

6.45PM No stay at Pangkor Laut Resort is complete without witnessing the sunsets the island is known for. Join the resort's Sunset Cruise – with a glass of wine in hand – and take in the beautiful vistas.

7.45PM Named after a chef who has been with the resort since it opened, Uncle Lim's Kitchen serves authentic Hockchew dishes, a variation of Chinese cuisine prepared with ingredients and products popular among the sea-faring Chinese communities that live in the area. For a memorable dinner, taste some of the restaurant's standout dishes.

Clockwise from top left: Spa Village Bath House; Royal Bay Beach Club; Chinese lime chicken, a signature dish at Uncle Lim's Kitchen; a sunset cruise.



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THE RITZ-CARLTON
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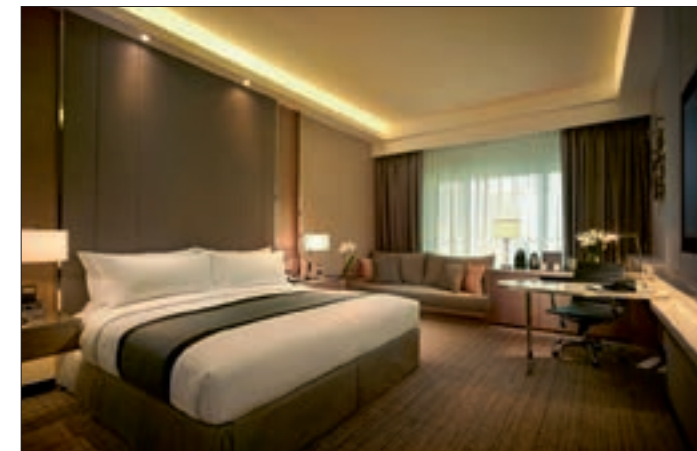


THE RITZ-CARLTON
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NESTLED WITHIN THE EMBRACE OF A PRIVATE SUN-KISSED BAY, THE RITZ-CARLTON, KOH SAMUI IS SURROUNDED BY OCEANFRONT BEAUTY AND QUINTESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES THAT ARTFULLY REFLECT THE SAMUI WAY OF LIFE. THIS MAKES THE BEAUTIFUL PROPERTY AN IDEAL SETTING TO EMBARK ON WELLNESS PROGRAMMES, CULTURAL IMMERSIONS OR CULINARY JOURNEYS.

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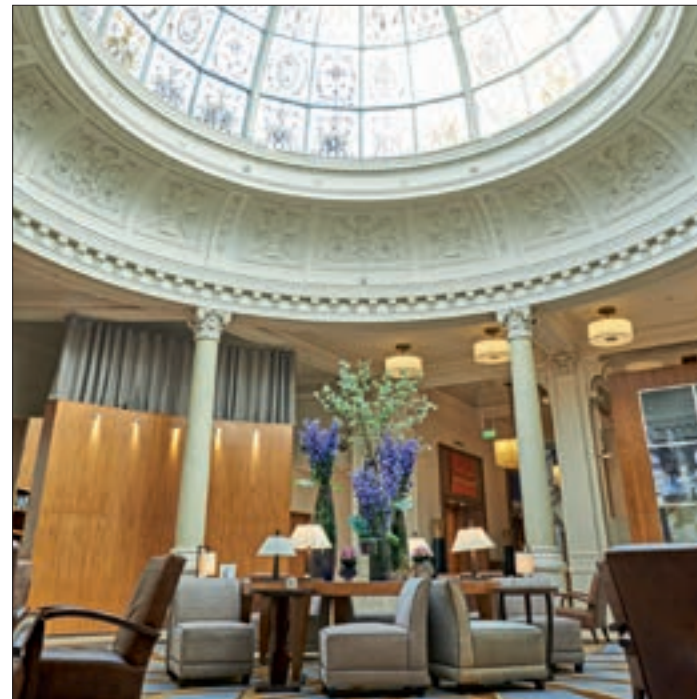
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THIS LUXURY BOUTIQUE HOTEL IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO STAY IN EDINBURGH, WITH COSY CONTEMPORARY INTERIORS, WARM SCOTTISH SERVICE AND CONSISTENTLY SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF THE CITY CENTRE AND CALTON HILL FROM THE HOTEL'S TWO-ACRE ROOFTOP GARDEN.

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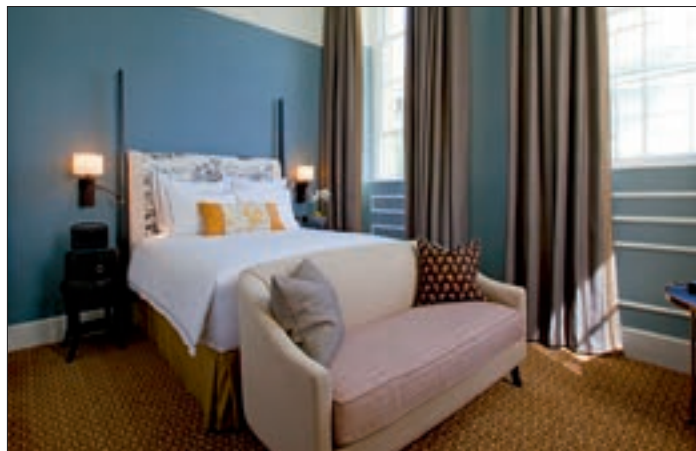
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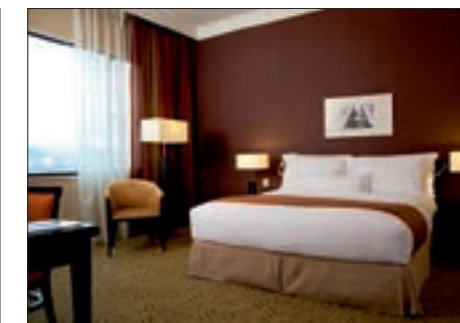
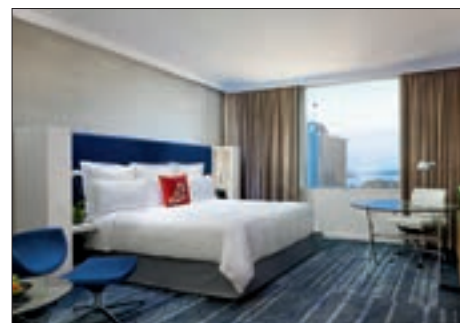
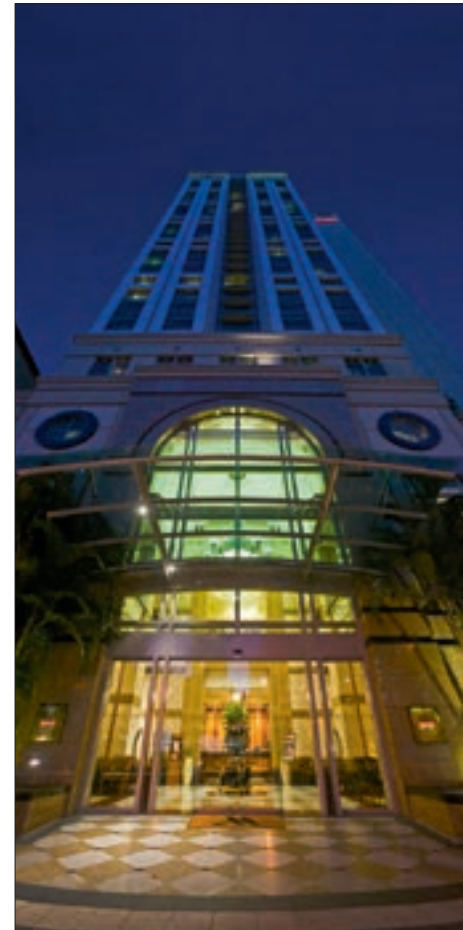
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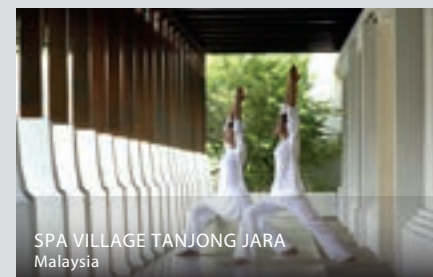


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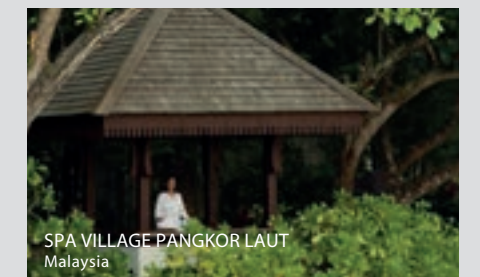
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