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*EXCEPTIONAL*  
**EXPERIENCES**



*REIMAGINED paths  
through ASIA*

THAILAND | VIETNAM | JAPAN | HONG KONG | INDONESIA | SINGAPORE | CAMBODIA | MALAYSIA | LAOS





# EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

## *Inspiring Your Next Journey*

Welcome to Issue Five of Exceptional Experiences, where we set out to uncover some of Asia's most iconic and dramatic destinations with unexpected and novel ways to experience them. Across the region, classic landscapes and unique encounters entice travelers to connect with the timeless wonders of Asia – we've added a twist to many, making them that little more memorable.

From Cambodia's forest-shrouded temples and elephant sanctuaries to Bali's quiet rice valleys and jungle springs, Asia unfolds through moments of classical beauty. Drift above ancient ruins by helicopter, wander Luang Prabang in traditional silk, or share stillness beside Kuang Si's turquoise cascades. Glide along the Singapore River or George Town's heritage streets and pause beneath illuminated temples in Ayutthaya. Each experience reveals nature, culture, and place in harmony, creating journeys shaped by discovery, reflection, and a deeper connection to Asia.

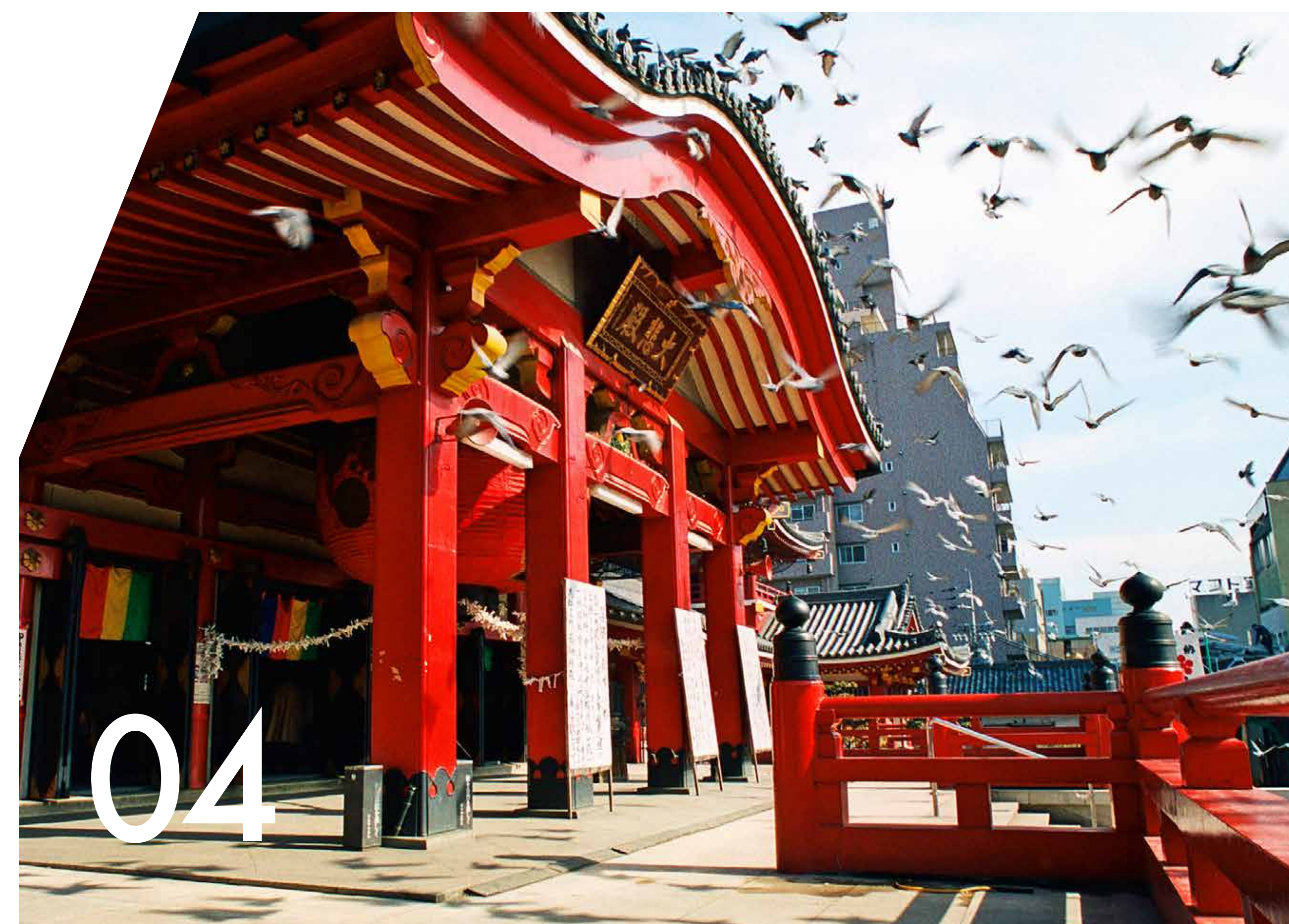
## *The art of curated experiences*

As we celebrate our 30th anniversary this year, we take time to reflect on the tailormade travel solutions and expertise we can offer our partners in a region we proudly call home. As Asia's most trusted DMC, we continually push boundaries to uncover the finest rewarding and unforgettable encounters, paired with private and exclusive properties. The stories shared in this issue are unique and can't be found in any guidebook, ensuring that every journey with us is truly exceptional.

If you see something you like and want to know more, then reach out to our travel planners via the contact page.



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# JAPAN'S CULTURAL DEPTH

A journey of unlikely encounters | 6 days

Explore Japan through a thoughtfully curated journey that balances celebrated landmarks with lesser-known cultural treasures. From Tokyo's dynamic blend of tradition and contemporary design, travel onward to Nagoya for intimate cultural encounters and local culinary discoveries. Venture into Minoshi, renowned for its UNESCO-recognised washi heritage and preserved Edo-period streetscapes. The journey concludes in Kyoto with rare access to sacred temple spaces and rituals. Together, these experiences reveal Japan's cultural depth through moments rarely encountered by most travellers.



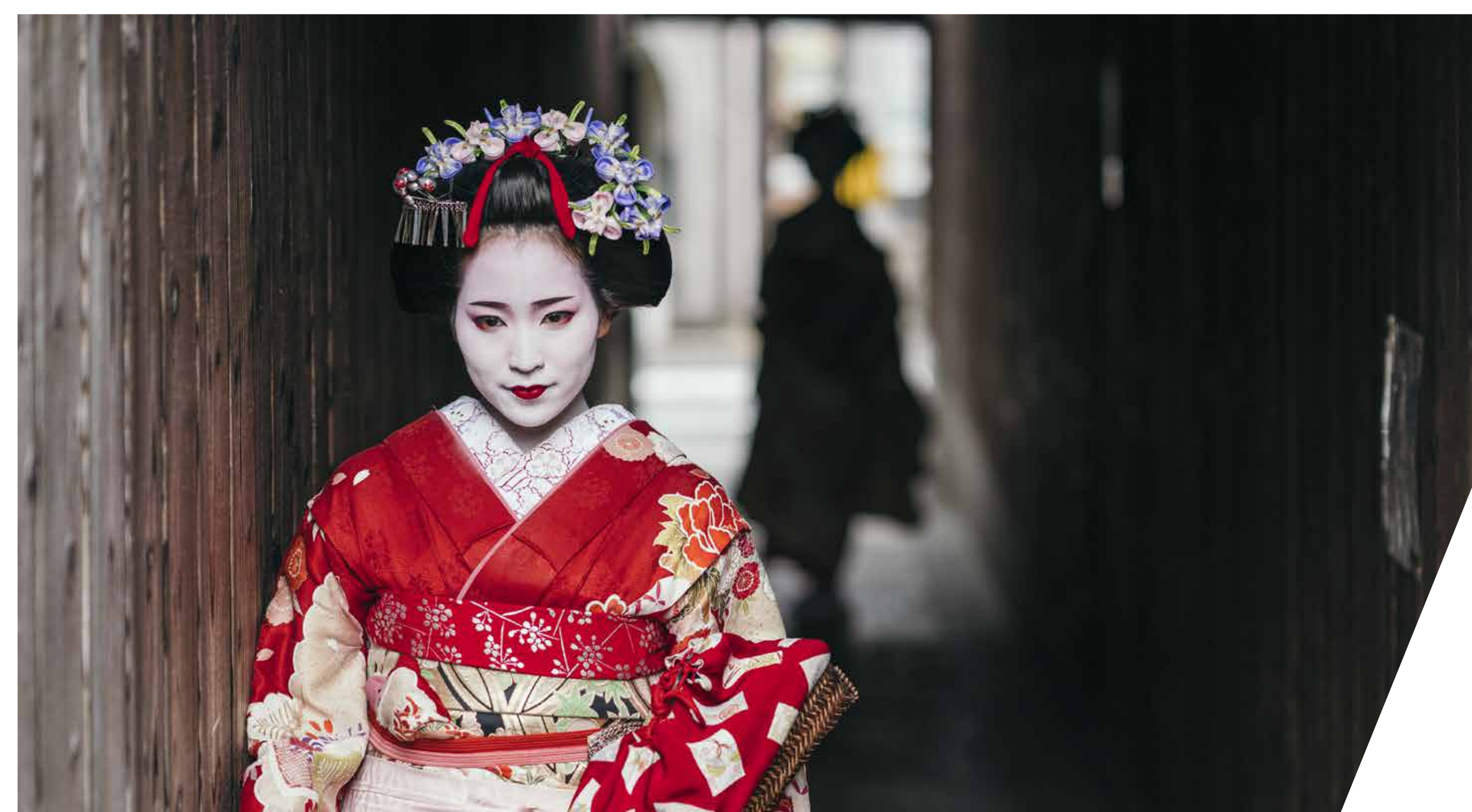


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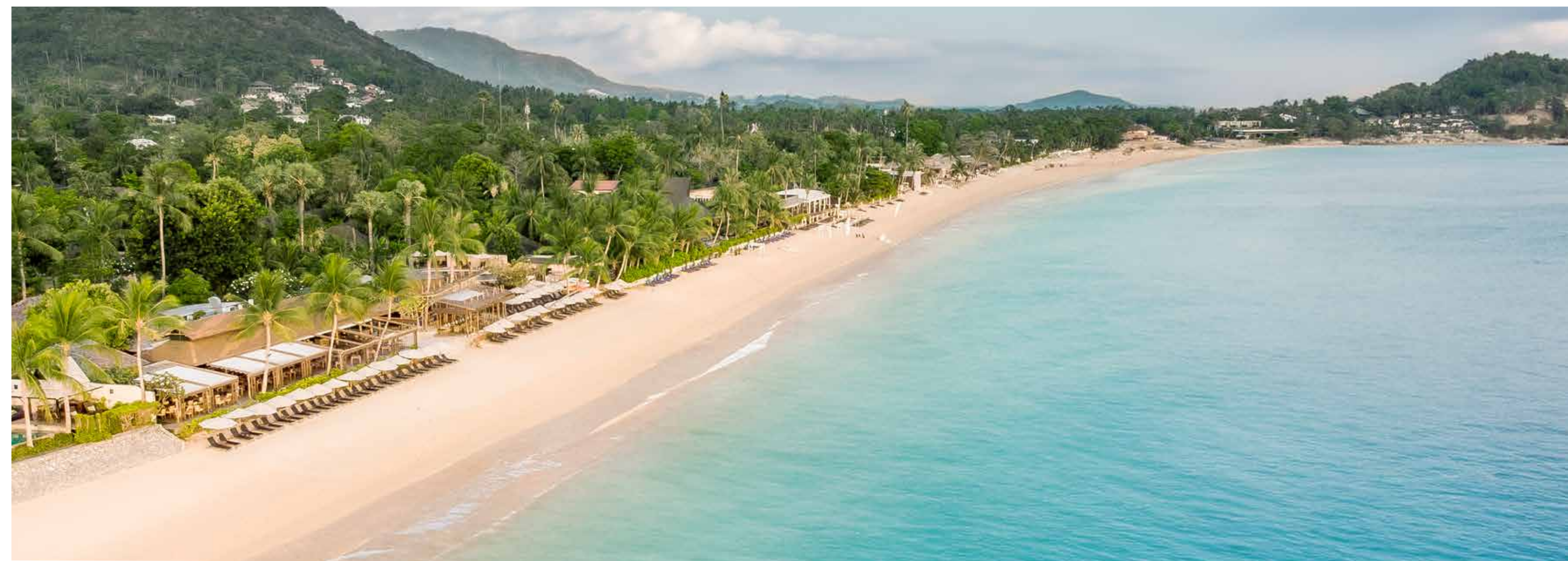
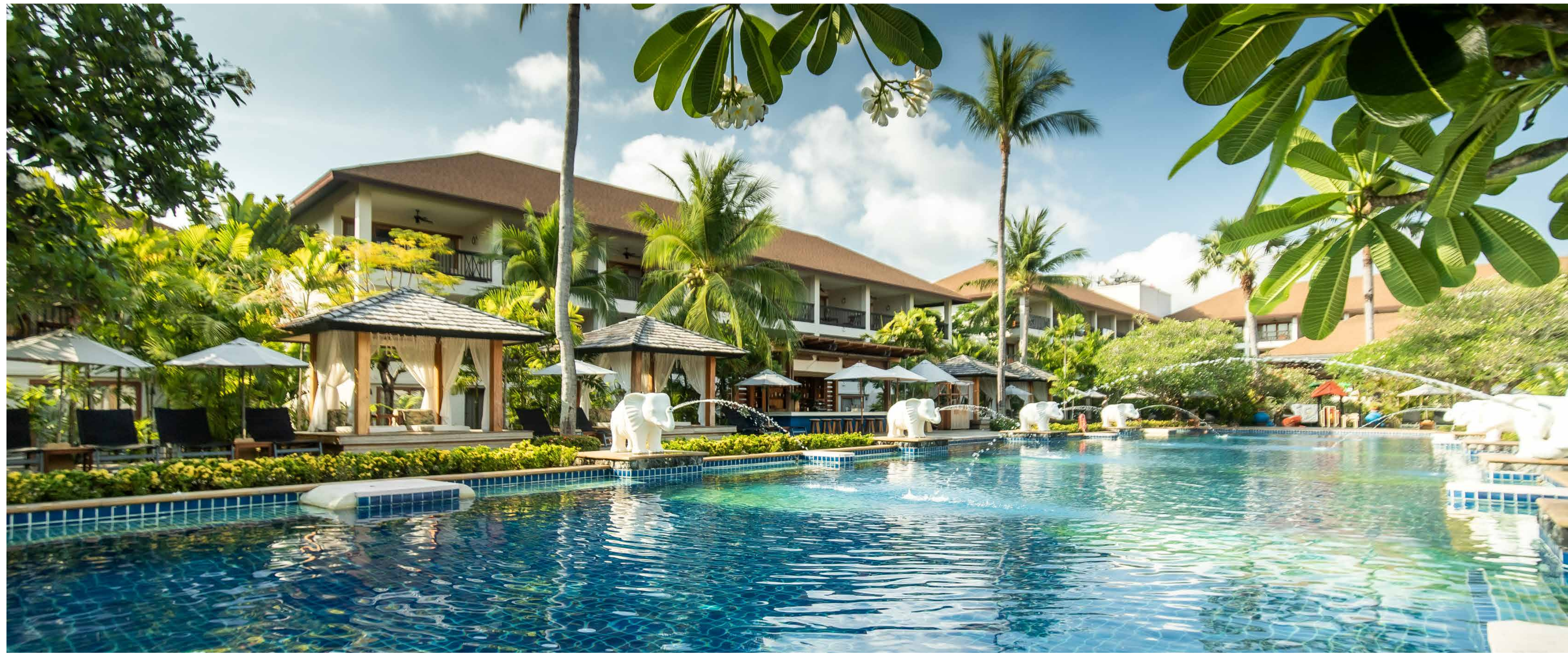
*on your journey*

- 1 Enjoy an exclusive geisha performance and refined lunch in Nagoya, offering an intimate cultural encounter rarely experienced outside Kyoto.
- 2 Discover Nagoya's Osu district through guided street food exploration, sampling local favourites in a lively neighbourhood beloved by residents.
- 3 Take part in hands-on *washi* papermaking in Minoshi, learning a centuries-old craft and creating a personal keepsake rooted in tradition.
- 4 Wander Minoshi's preserved Edo-era streets, admiring historic architecture and delicate washi lanterns that illuminate the town's cultural legacy.
- 5 Experience a private Kyoto temple visit, witnessing a sacred *goma* fire ritual and accessing hidden halls closed to the public.

*Want to know more about this unique experience?*  
*Get in touch with our team.*







## BANDARA SPA RESORT & POOL VILLAS, SAMUI

Thailand

Located on Bophut Beach near Fisherman's Village, Bandara Spa Resort & Pool Villas, Samui blends laid-back island living with modern comfort. Unwind in stylish rooms and private pool villas surrounded by lush gardens or spend sun-soaked days across four swimming pools.

From revitalizing treatments at the Shine Spa, Samui to family-friendly fun at the Monkey Club (kids' club), every moment is designed for pure island relaxation - complete with all-day dining by the sea at Chom Dao Beach Club.





# VIETNAM SLOWLY REVEALED

A new perspective | 15 days

Embark on a refined journey through Vietnam, where celebrated landscapes are matched by warmth, elegance, and meaningful human connection. From historic cities to tranquil waterways, each destination unfolds at an unhurried pace, allowing space for reflection and discovery. Thoughtful encounters, private access, and subtle local touches enrich the experience, while carefully selected resorts and attentive service ensure comfort throughout. It is the generosity of the Vietnamese people, woven seamlessly into each moment, that transforms this journey into something quietly memorable and deeply personal.





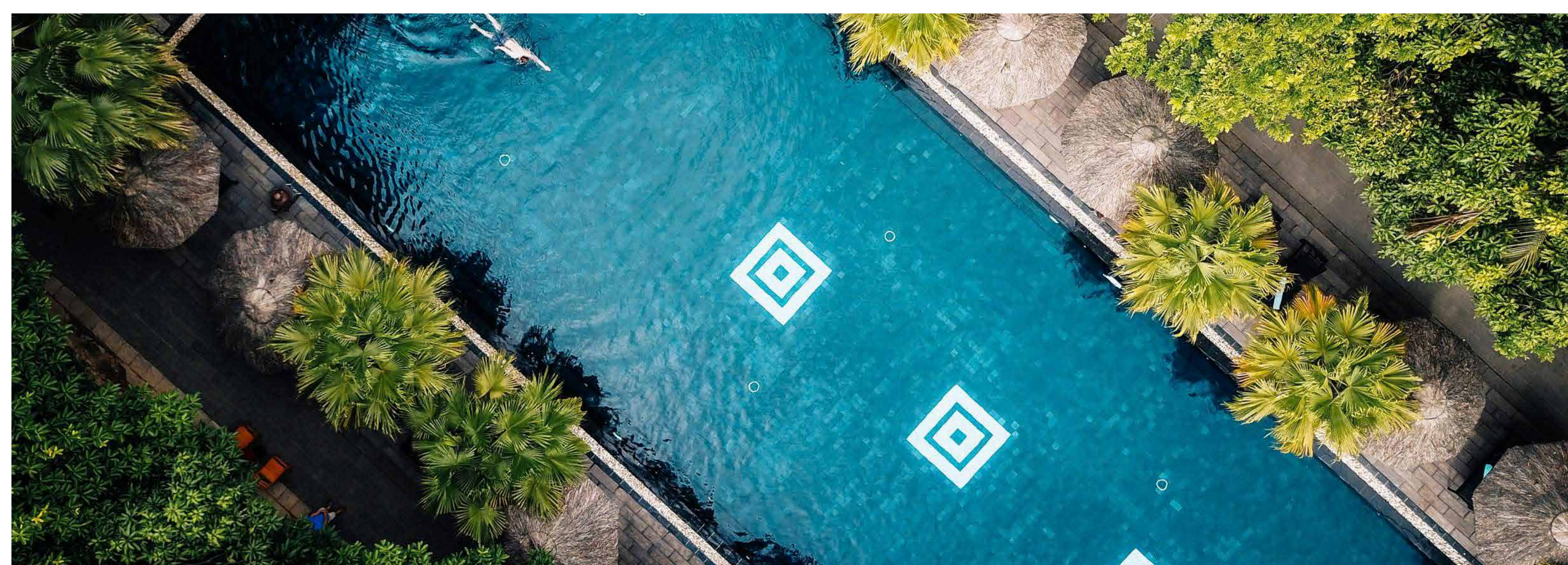
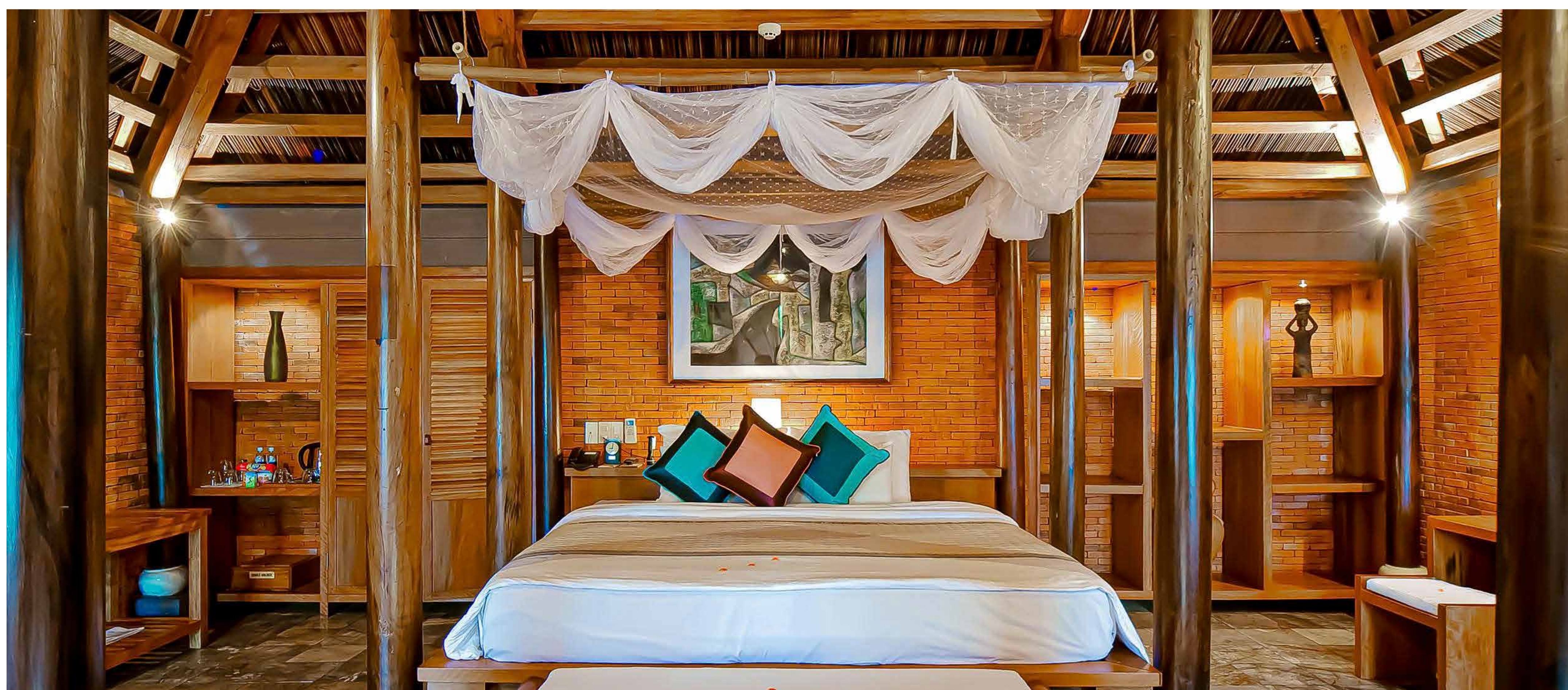
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- 1** Wander Hanoi's hidden alleyways with private access to a colonial home, meeting its owner and hearing personal stories of the city's past.
- 2** Take a scenic seaplane flight over Halong Bay, capturing sweeping aerial views of emerald waters and dramatic limestone karsts.
- 3** Explore Hue's imperial heritage with exclusive breakfast dining inside the Royal Palace, accompanied by live traditional music and tea.
- 4** Experience Saigon's street life before sharing an intimate home-hosted dinner with a culinary storyteller beyond the city's tourist trails.
- 5** Cruise the quiet waterways of the Mekong Delta aboard a luxury vessel, discovering rural life amid lush landscapes and timeless rhythms.

*Want to know more about this personal experience?  
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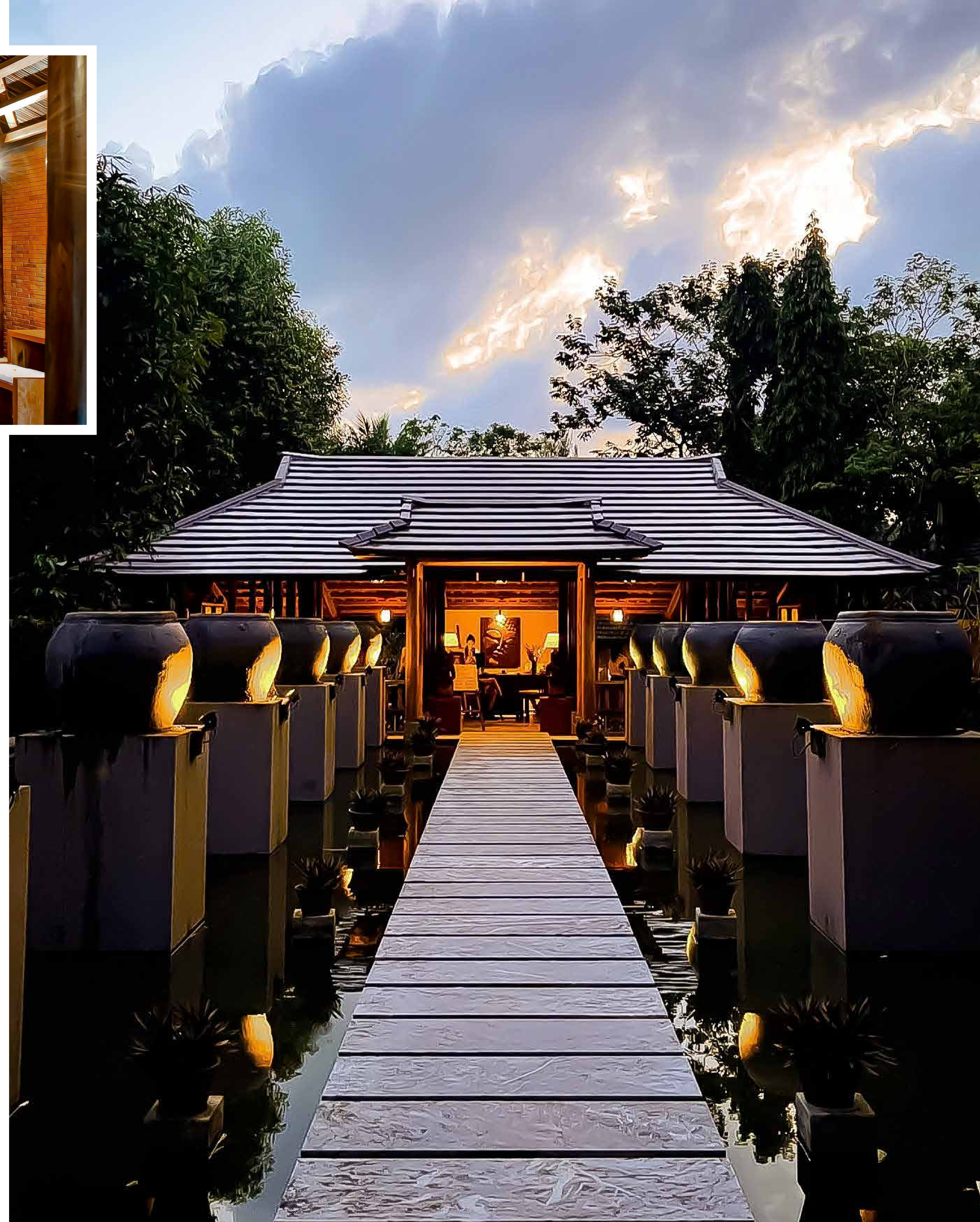


## PILGRIMAGE VILLAGE RESORT & SPA

Vietnam

Pilgrimage Village Resort & Spa is ideally located in the quiet countryside in a rustic village setting surrounded by lush tranquil gardens, yet near famous historical landmarks and the city of Hue. With 173 rooms and villas, the resort is as warm and inviting as it is fresh and full of vision, feeling private yet inclusive.

Pilgrimage Village's interior is a country's centuries-old tradition. Guests will discover the allure of its unique architecture, adorned with intricate wood carvings, ceramic tiles, and luxurious textiles.







# HONG KONG'S LIVING TRADITIONS

Folklore & culture | Full-day

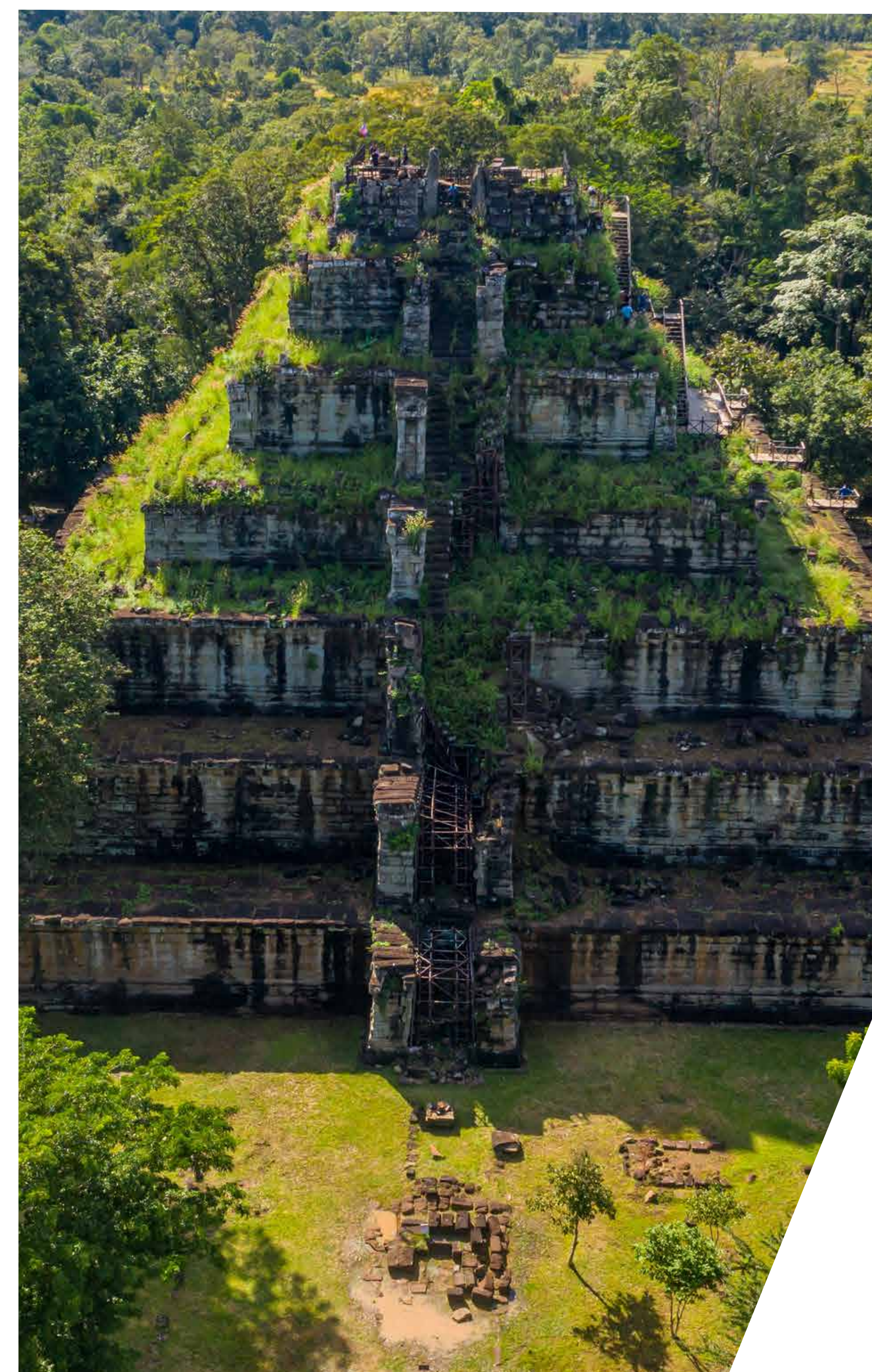
Discover Hong Kong through a morning devoted to living traditions and quiet reflection. Begin along the harbourfront with a guided Tai Chi session led by a master, introducing the practice as a form of meditation in motion that harmonises body and mind. Step into Wong Tai Sin Temple, one of the city's most revered spiritual landmarks, where centuries-old rituals and the Kau Cim fortune-telling tradition offer insight into local beliefs. Together, these encounters reveal Hong Kong's cultural depth beyond its

## Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- \* Take part in a guided Tai Chi session by the waterfront, learning the principles of meditation in motion from a master practitioner.
- \* Visit Wong Tai Sin Temple to explore spiritual traditions, folklore, and the ancient Kau Cim fortune-telling ritual central to local belief.
- \* Engage actively in Hong Kong's cultural heritage through a balanced experience combining mindful movement with meaningful spiritual discovery.

*Want to know more about this traditional experience?*  
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# VIEWS ABOVE CAMBODIA

## Forgotten kingdoms | Half-day

Discover Cambodia from a rare perspective on a private helicopter journey across its rural heartlands. From above, rice paddies, palm-fringed villages, and dense jungle unfold in quiet harmony. Touch down at two remote temple complexes to explore, photograph, and absorb the stillness far from the crowds. Between landings, pause for a refined High Tea at Koh Ker, enjoyed beneath forest shade. This unhurried experience blends aerial discovery, archaeological insight, and moments of understated luxury.

## Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- \* Travel by private helicopter over Cambodia's countryside, with sweeping views of villages, buffalo-dotted rice paddies, and untouched jungle landscapes.
- \* Explore remote temple sites accompanied by an expert specialist, revealing archaeological detail, restoration stories, and insights rarely shared with visitors.
- \* Enjoy a white-linen High Tea at Koh Ker, savouring pastries and sparkling refreshments amid birdsong, forest shade, and ancient surroundings.

*Want to know more about this timeless experience?*  
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# INDULGE IN PENANG

## A heartfelt heritage | Half-day

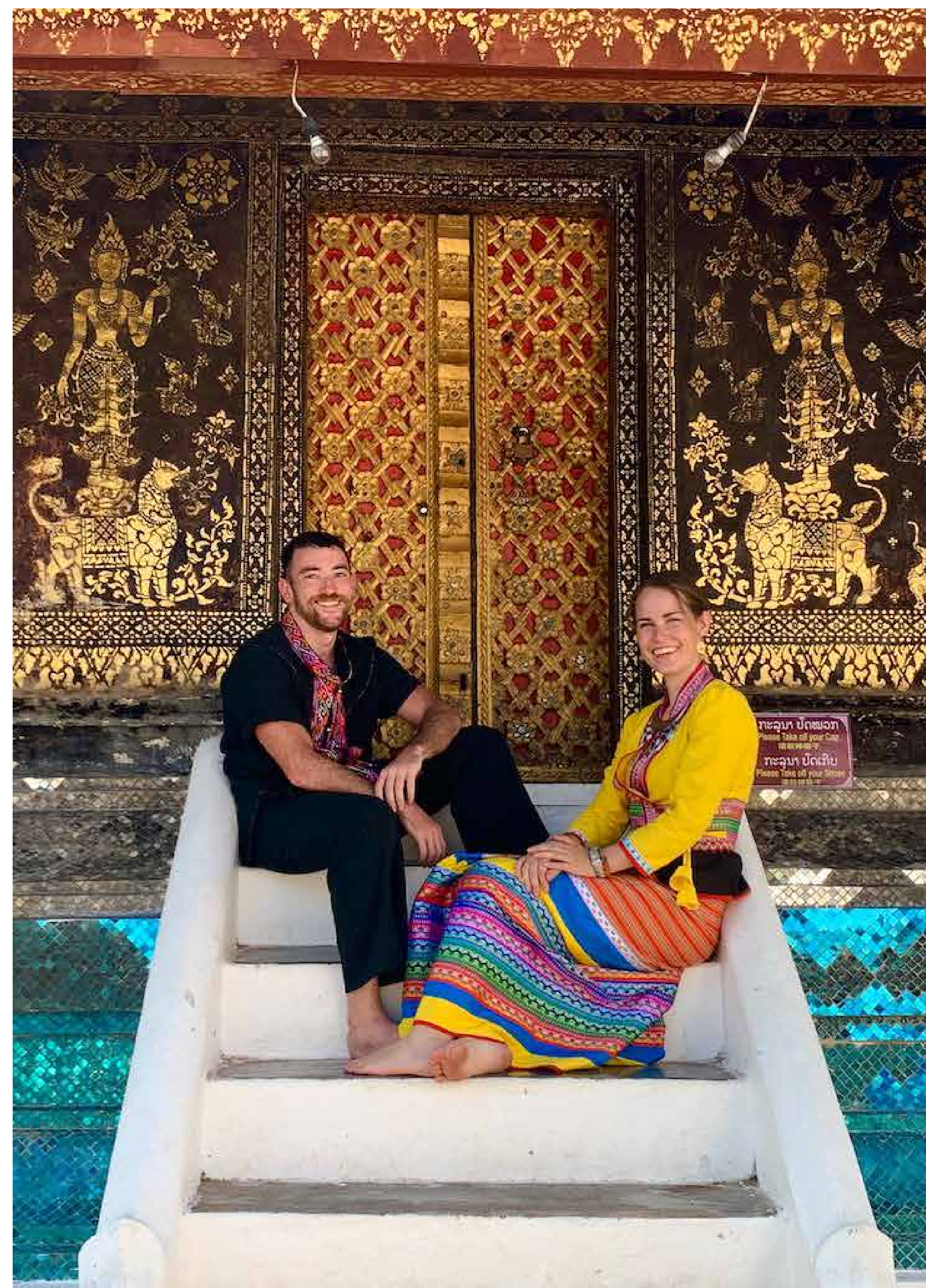
Discover George Town after dark on a journey that blends heritage, movement, and refined indulgence. Glide through the city's historic quarters by Vespa, tracing the famed Street of Harmony and quiet laneways that reveal everyday local life. As evening unfolds, enjoy an elegant dinner at Kebaya Dining, where Peranakan traditions are expressed through contemporary cuisine. The experience concludes with a private Single Malt Whisky Masterclass, offering a thoughtful counterpoint to the vibrant heritage streets that surround you.

## Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- \* Cruise George Town's UNESCO-listed streets by Vespa, weaving through historic neighbourhoods and evening local life with ease and intimacy.
- \* Dine at Kebaya Dining, savouring refined Peranakan cuisine inspired by Straits Chinese and Indo influences within an elegant heritage setting.
- \* Take part in an exclusive Single Malt Whisky Masterclass, learning to appreciate whisky origins, craftsmanship, and flavour nuances with expert guidance.

***Want to know more about this after dark experience?***  
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# A NEW DESIGN IN LAOS

Elegant exploration | Half-day

Step into the living heritage of Luang Prabang through an immersive cultural experience shaped by tradition and place. Begin with a visit to a local atelier to select finely crafted Lao textiles, guided by skilled stylists who introduce the artistry of traditional dress. Dressed in elegant silk or cotton attire, explore temples, historic homes, and everyday spaces where the past remains present. The journey continues through sacred sites and vibrant markets, offering an authentic glimpse into Lao culture, craftsmanship, and daily life.

## Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- \* Select and wear traditional Lao attire, guided by local stylists who introduce the meaning and craftsmanship behind each piece.
- \* Visit historic temples and a century-old royal residence, discovering Lao art, spirituality, and architectural heritage while dressed in traditional attire.
- \* Explore Phousi Market, Luang Prabang's largest local market, experiencing everyday Lao life through textiles, produce, and regional culinary ingredients.

*Want to know more about this authentic experience?*  
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# THAI CLASSICS REIMAGINED

Glowing in gold | Half-day

Ayutthaya unveils itself through a classic journey reimagined after dark. As the sun sets, the former capital reveals a quieter elegance, with ancient temple ruins softly illuminated against the night sky. Travel through the historic city by tuk-tuk, sampling local delicacies and pausing at iconic landmarks steeped in symbolism. The evening unfolds with a refined riverside dinner overlooking glowing temples, where heritage and contemporary comfort meet, offering a graceful and memorable perspective on Thailand's storied past.

## Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- \* Discover Ayutthaya after sunset, as illuminated temple ruins emerge in golden light, revealing the former capital's grandeur beneath a starlit sky.
- \* Travel by traditional tuk-tuk to the iconic Buddha head entwined in banyan roots, one of Ayutthaya's most evocative and symbolic sights.
- \* Enjoy an elegant riverside dinner overlooking softly glowing temples, blending historic surroundings with refined cuisine and modern comfort.

*Want to know more about this historic experience?*  
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# BEHOLD THE BEAUTY OF BALI

## A touch of magic | Half-day

Indulge in a secluded side of Bali through an intimate picnic set within a tranquil jungle and rice-field setting. Beneath traditional Balinese umbrellas, a carefully curated spread of fine cheeses, artisanal cold cuts, tropical fruits, and fresh coconut is served alongside chilled Moët & Chandon. A gently flowing river and open countryside provides a memorable backdrop to relax and let the moment linger. The experience is complemented by a visit to a natural spring for a *melukat* purification ritual, adding a moment of reflection to this refined and restorative escape.

### Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- \* Relax with a private jungle picnic among Bali's rice fields, featuring fine cheeses, artisanal cold cuts, tropical fruits, and freshly prepared refreshments.
- \* Savour chilled Moët & Chandon, served with quiet attention by a personal Balinese host in a serene countryside setting.
- \* Take part in a traditional melukat purification ritual at a natural spring, offering a moment of renewal, calm, and spiritual connection.

***Want to know more about this private experience?***  
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# CELEBRATE SINGAPORE'S DIVERSITY

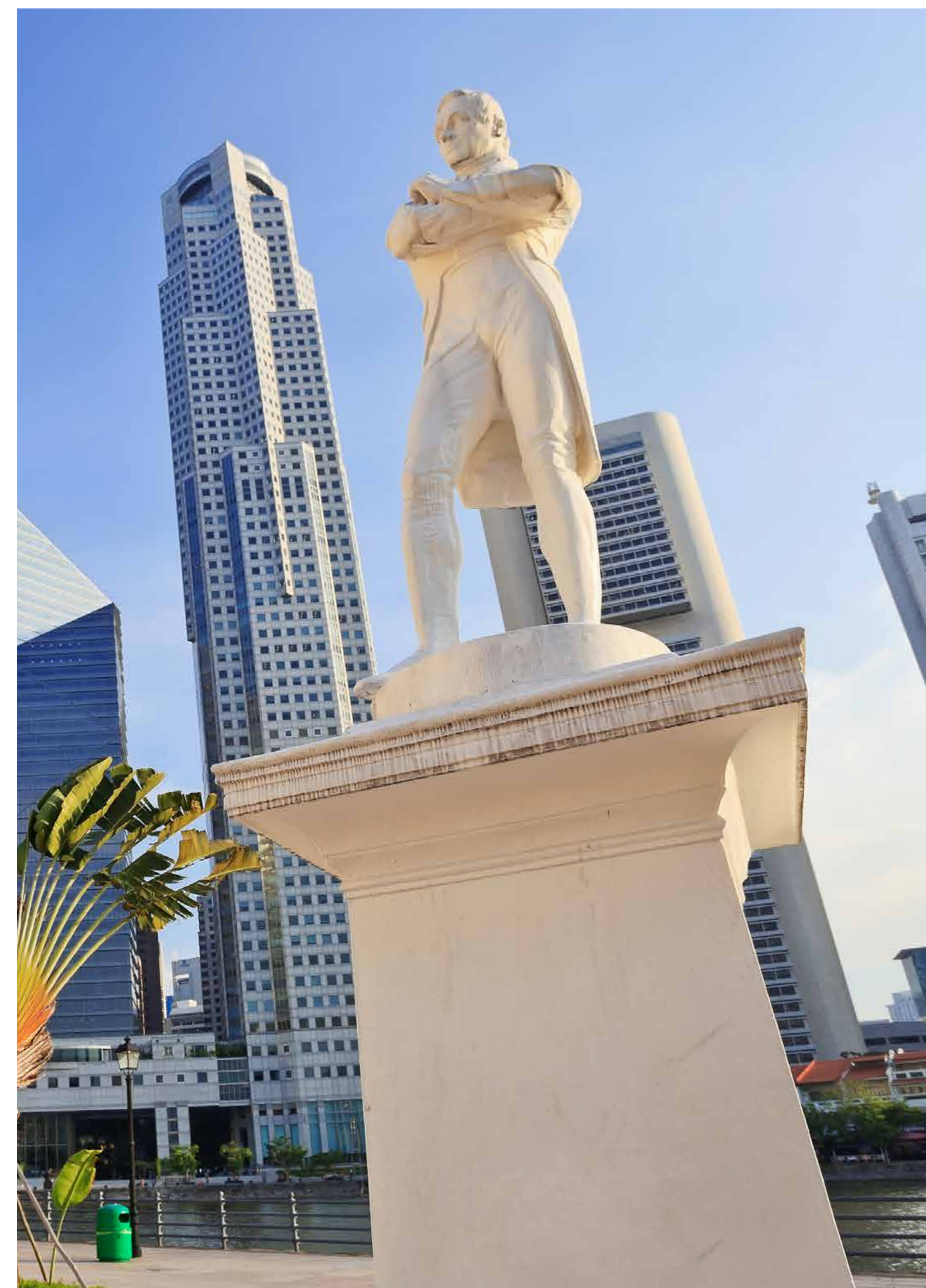
An experience through time | Full-day

Discover Singapore through a journey that blends history, architecture, and green spaces. Cruise along the Singapore River, tracing the city's origins, before pausing at Merlion Park for views across Marina Bay. A drive through the Civic District reveals key colonial landmarks, followed by a visit to Thian Hock Keng Temple, one of Singapore's oldest Chinese temples. The experience concludes at the UNESCO-listed Singapore Botanic Gardens, where a stroll through the National Orchid Garden offers a tranquil and elegant finale.

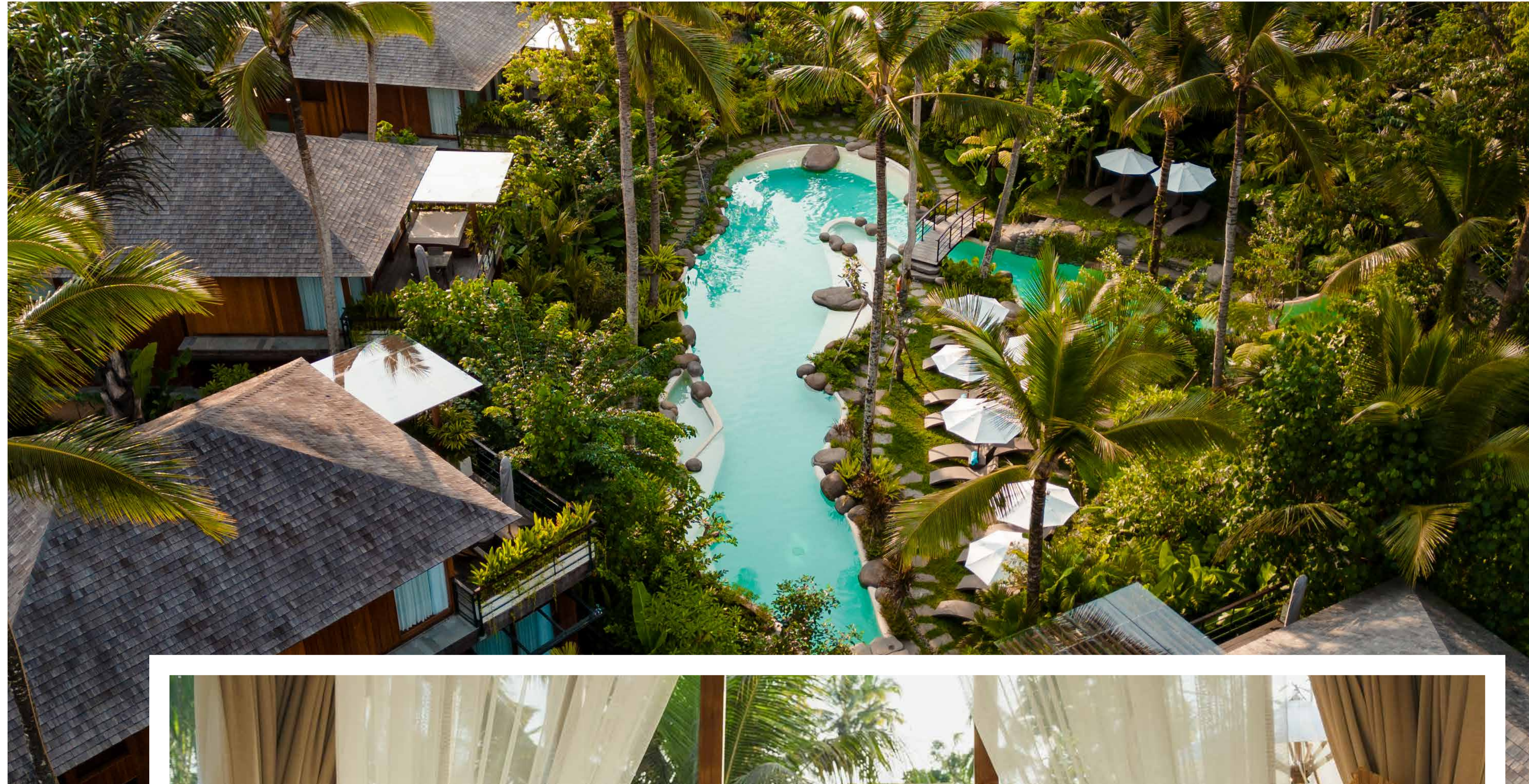
## Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- \* Cruise the Singapore River before continuing through the Civic District, observing historic quays, statues, and architectural details that reveal the city's layered heritage.
- \* Visit Merlion Park to learn the story behind Singapore's most recognisable symbol, pausing to capture a creative photograph with Marina Bay as the backdrop.
- \* Wander the Singapore Botanic Gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and admire the National Orchid Garden's remarkable collection within a peaceful tropical setting.

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## KAPPA SENSES UBUD, BALI

Indonesia

At Kappa Senses Ubud, French elegance meets Balinese warmth, framed by sunlit rice fields and lush jungle surroundings. This refined sanctuary offers a gentle balance of nature, romance, and wellbeing, guided by environmental and social responsibility. Mindful rituals and stories inspired by Rama and Shinta invite you to slow down, reconnect, and embrace wellness as a personal journey shaped by grace, authenticity, and heartfelt hospitality. Every moment is designed to awaken your senses. More than a stay, live an experience.



## UMANA, BALI

Indonesia

Private and exclusive, Umana Bali's spacious and luxuriously appointed villas offer guests the ultimate escape. Starting from 403 square meters, each villa features its own private infinity edge pool and outdoor hot tub. The three-Bedroom Umana Pool Villa sprawls across an impressive 1,200 square meters, making it an ideal retreat for multigenerational families or groups. The resort reimagines Balinese culture to create stays abundant with one-of-a-kind adventures and enduring magic. Bespoke personal service is at the core of the LXR experience, and the service at Umana Bali.







# LET'S START PLANNING

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