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INSPIRING TRAVEL
across ASIA

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In this first issue of Exceptional Experiences, we turn our attention exclusively to luxury and wellness. Asia, with its tantalising heady mix of cultures and landscapes, has emerged as a premier destination for indulgent, holistic well-being encounters. Imagine retreating to the serene beaches of Indonesia's remotest islands, the lush hills of Northern Thailand, or the tranquil gardens of Kyoto in Japan, where traditional healing meets modern opulence. Private encounters offer the ultimate wellness experience, where rejuvenation and restorative health is tailored to reset the mind, body, and spirit. This captivating region's unique blend of ancient wisdom and contemporary luxury promises an unparalleled journey to ultimate well-being.

The art of curated experiences

For close to 30 years, Destination Asia has crafted bespoke travel solutions and offered unparalleled expertise in a region we proudly call home. We continually push boundaries to uncover the most 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.

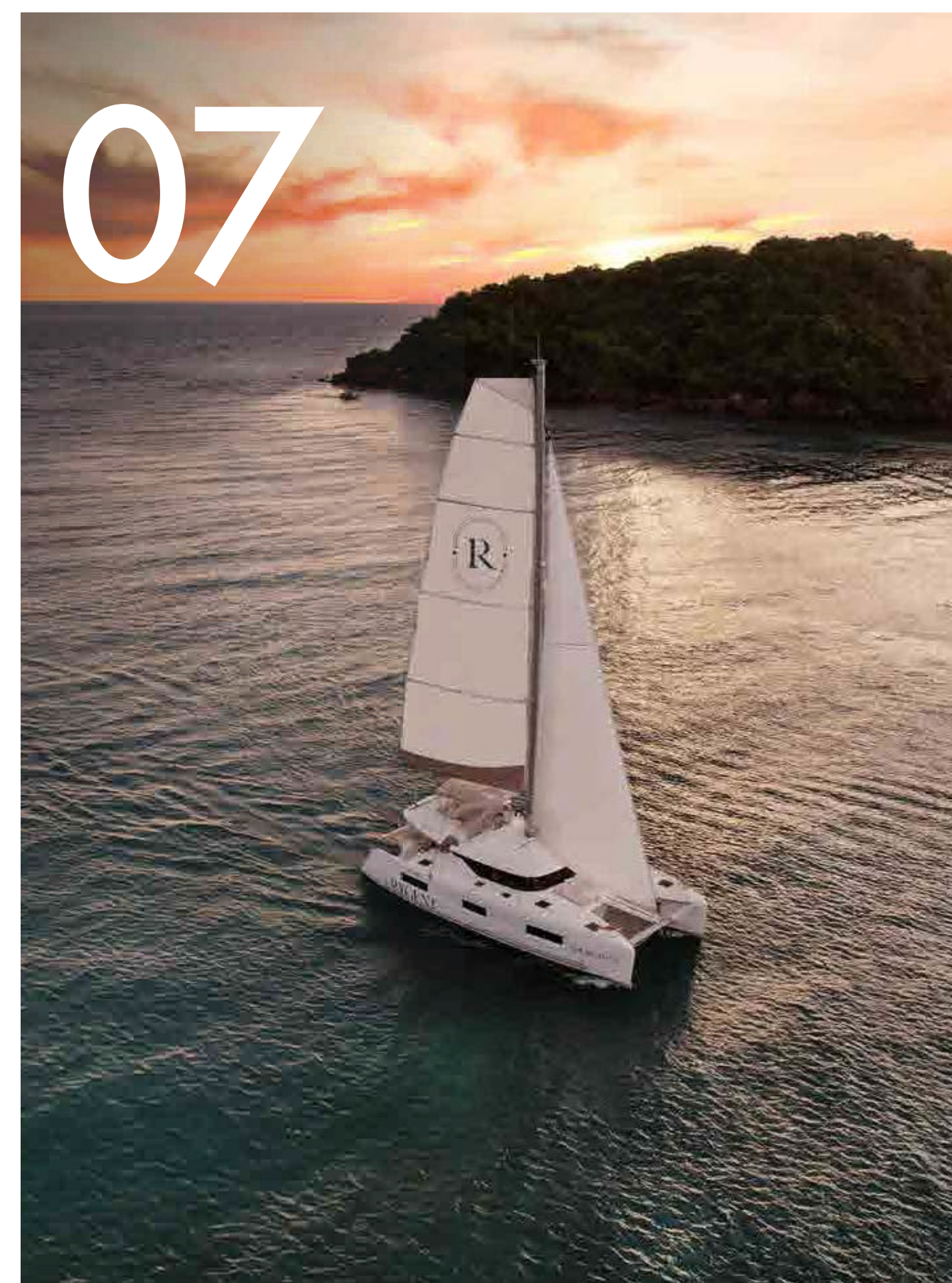
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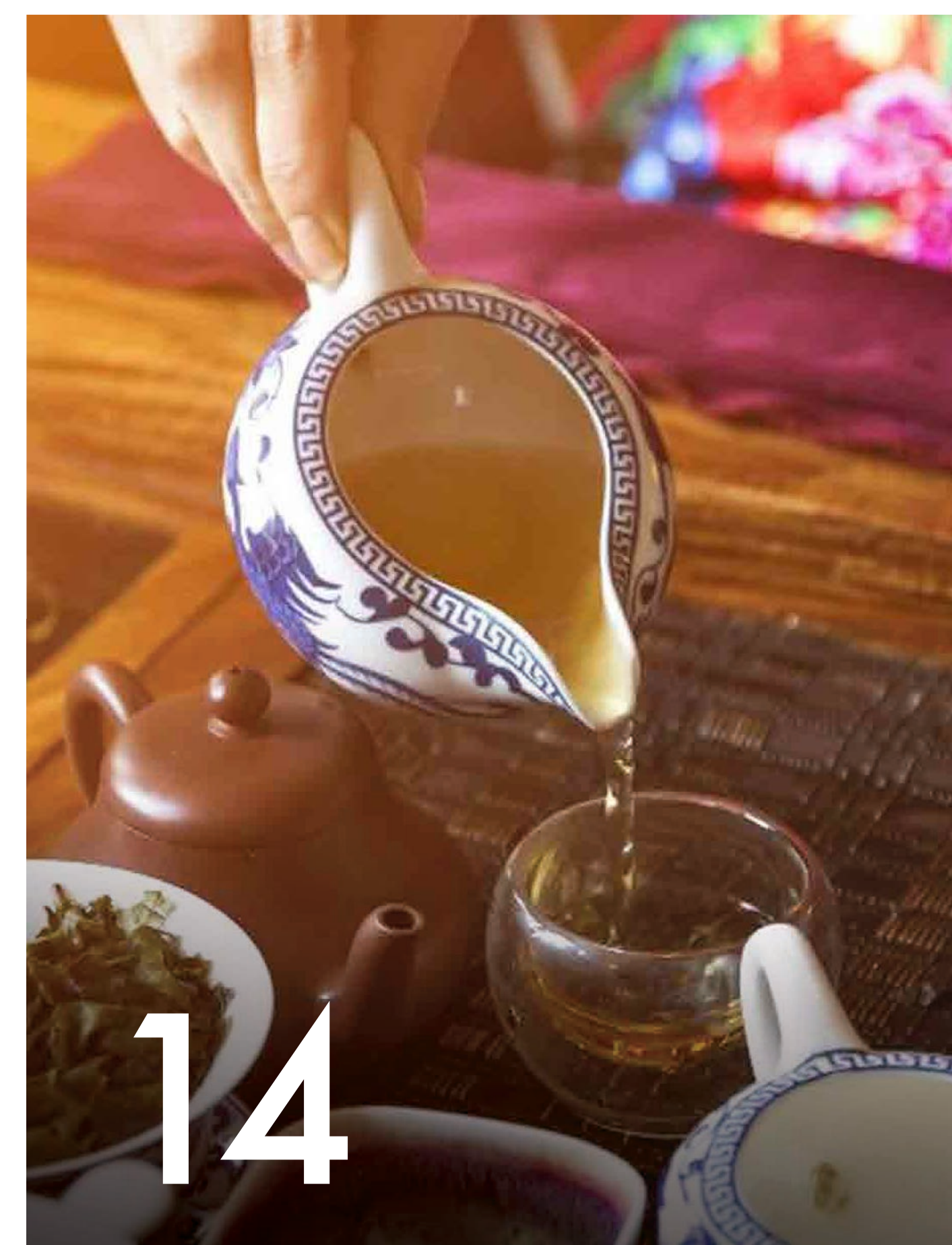
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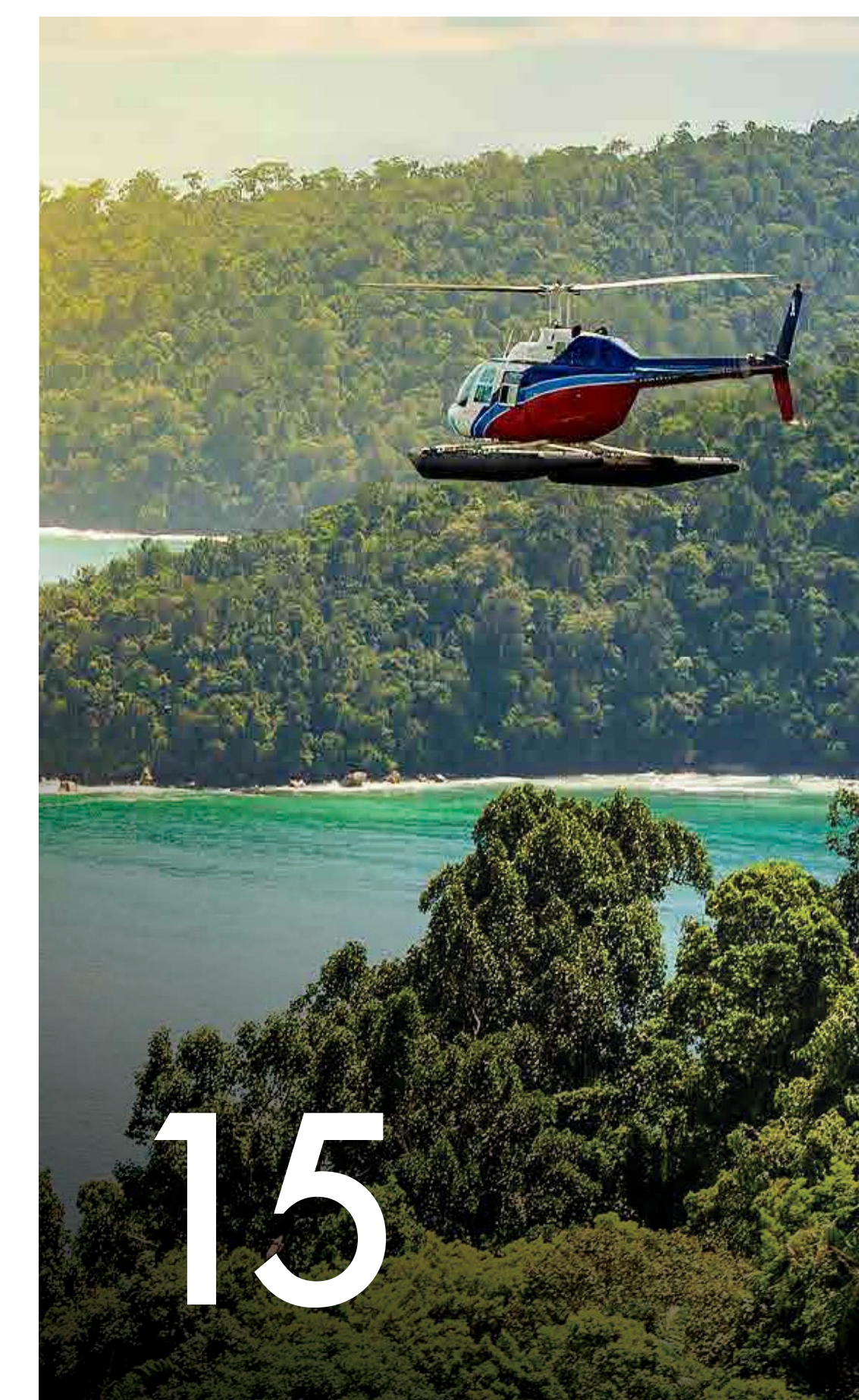
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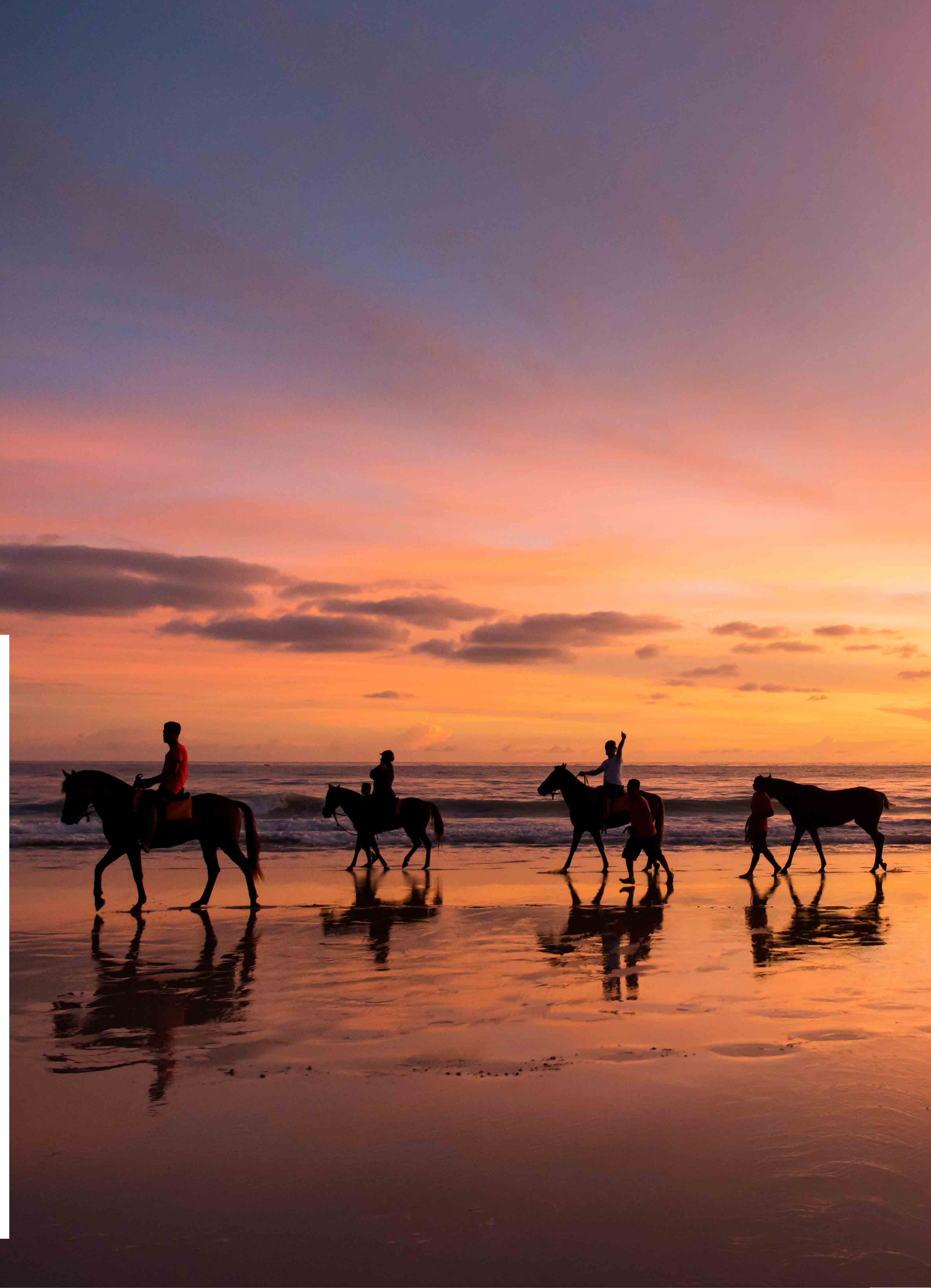
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On the Edge of **WILDNESS**

Sharing the Secrets of Sumba | 8 days

Sumba, Indonesia's hidden gem located just an hour's flight from Bali, captivates with its leisurely pace of life, offering the ultimate sanctuary for relaxation and rejuvenation. This serene paradise invites you to connect with nature from its remote, rugged interior to the private sweeping beaches. Bespoke experiences blend responsible travel with intimate community engagements, and the Sumbanese people, renowned for their warm hospitality, ensure every guest feels exquisitely at home. Indulge in unparalleled wellness amidst Sumba's breathtaking natural splendor for an unforgettable, luxurious retreat.

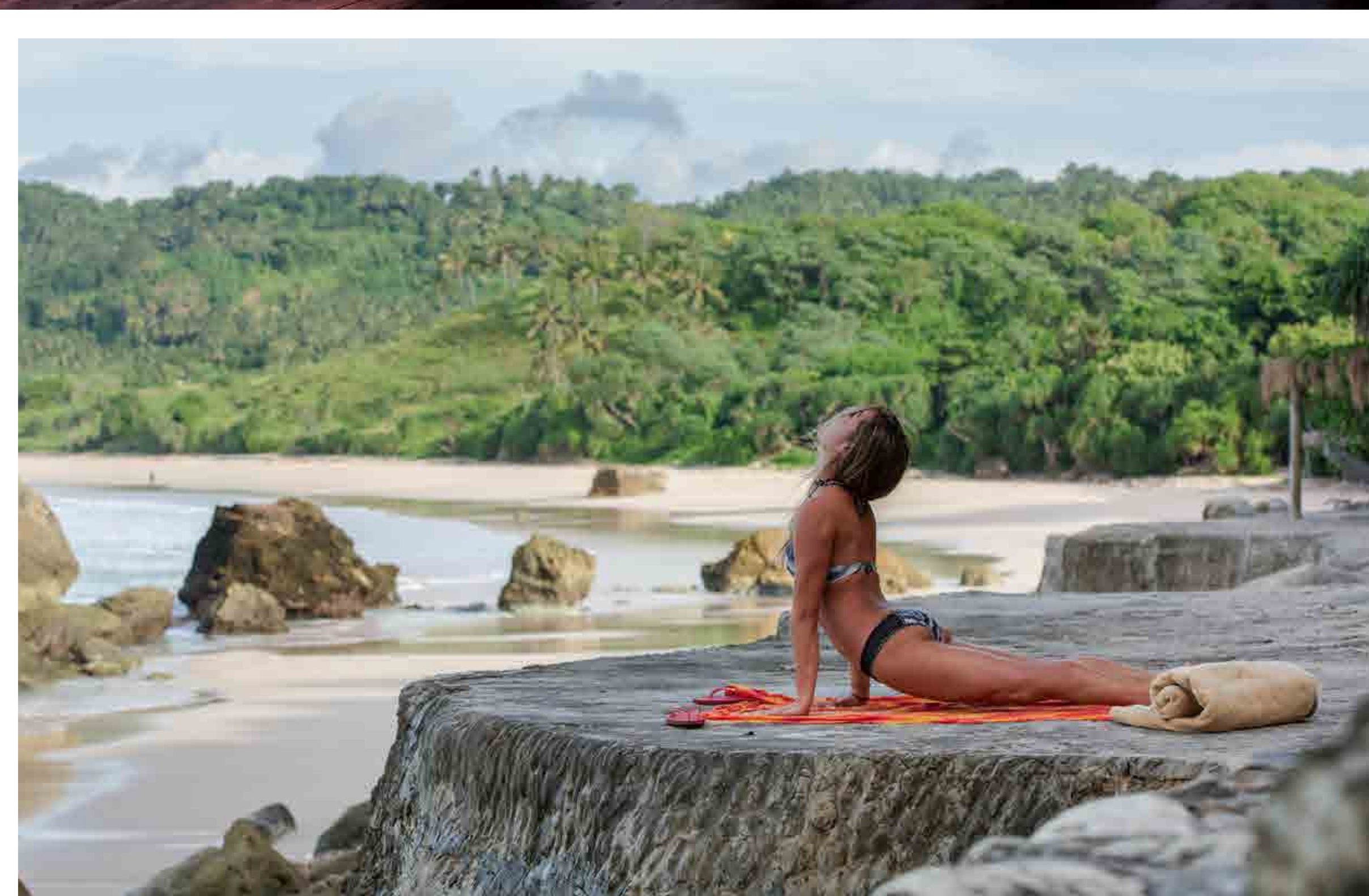




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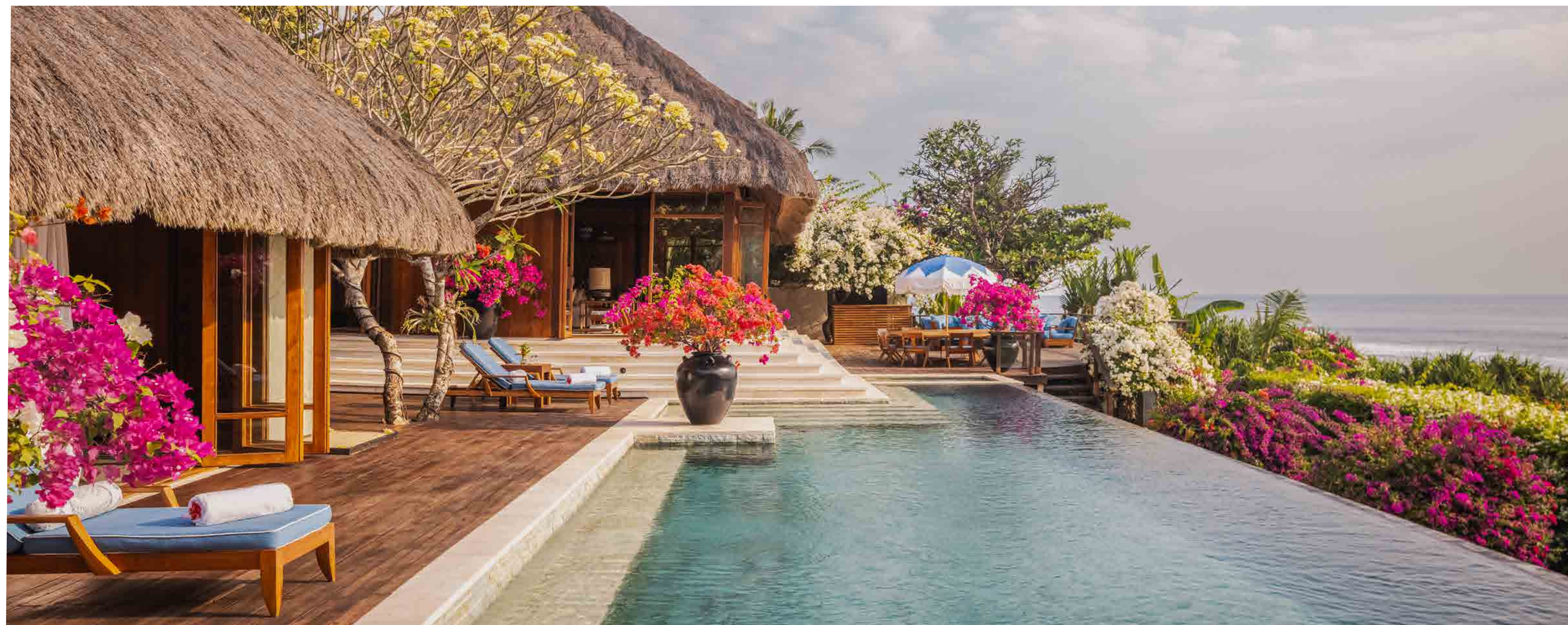
on your journey

- 1** Stroll to the breathtaking aqua marine blue lagoon of Matayangu, absorbing the peaceful and inviting surroundings of Lapopu Waterfall.
- 2** Pamper yourself with a Spa safari inclusive of reflexology and massage treatments amidst palm trees and rice paddies.
- 3** Get active with a surf lesson and paddle on the warm ocean before catching one of Sumba's rolling waves.
- 4** Take a wander along the beach at sunset or canter atop one of Nihi's beautiful Sumbanese horses.
- 5** Unwind and be pampered at your own private villa in Nihi Sumba, an intimate and sustainable luxurious resort set at the edge of wildness.



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



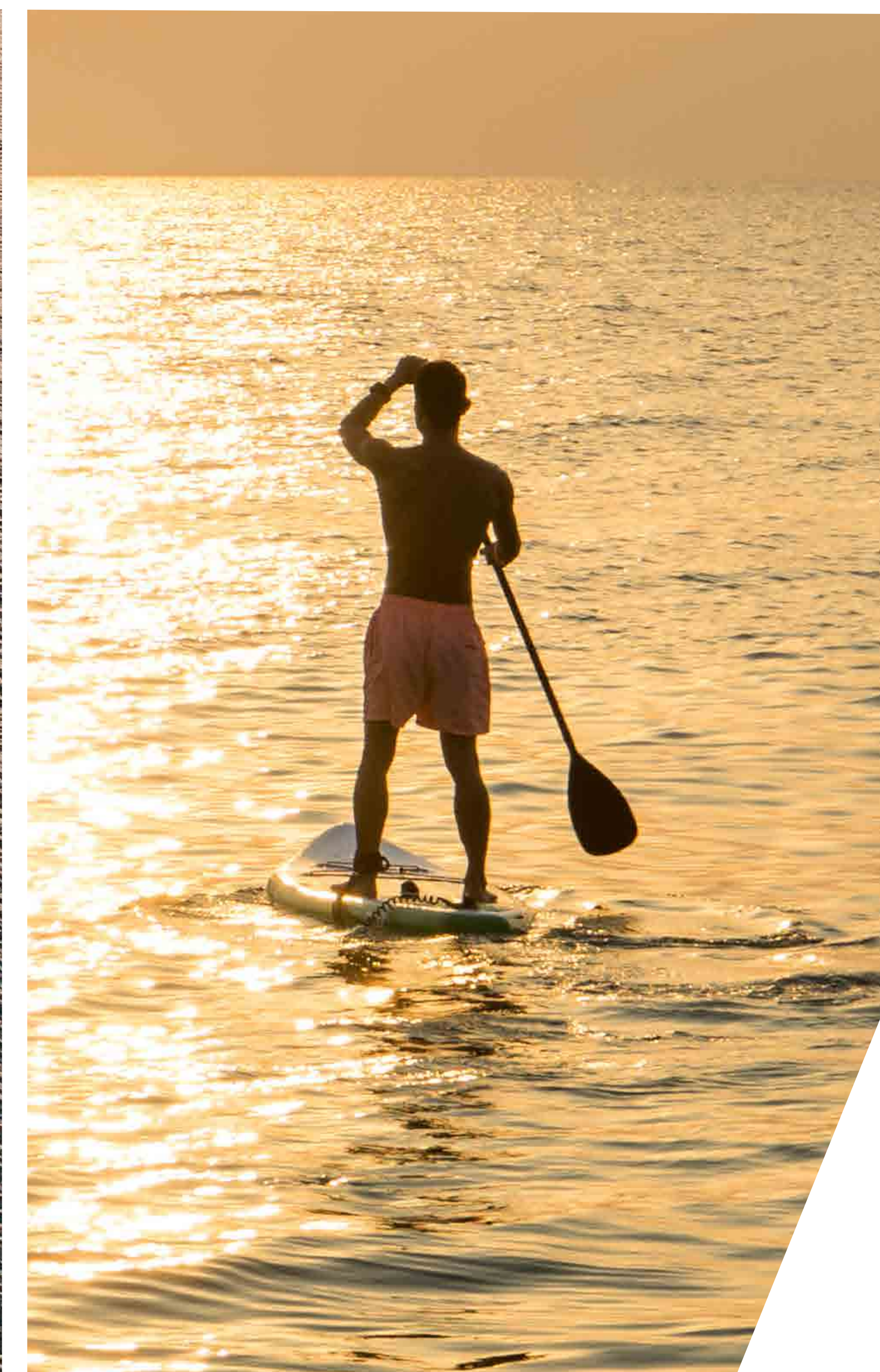


NIHI SUMBA

Sumba, Indonesia

NIHI Sumba, located on Sumba Island in Indonesia, has been rated as one of the top hotels in the world by Travel & Leisure for the past nine years. NIHI offers guests a rare sense of discovery through a boundless experience of unregulated freedom, understated luxury and unforgettable memories. NIHI is not an escape from everyday life, it is the return to a life well lived. A place to connect with something larger than oneself. A haven for the adventurer, the wanderer, for the endlessly passionate and wildly curious.





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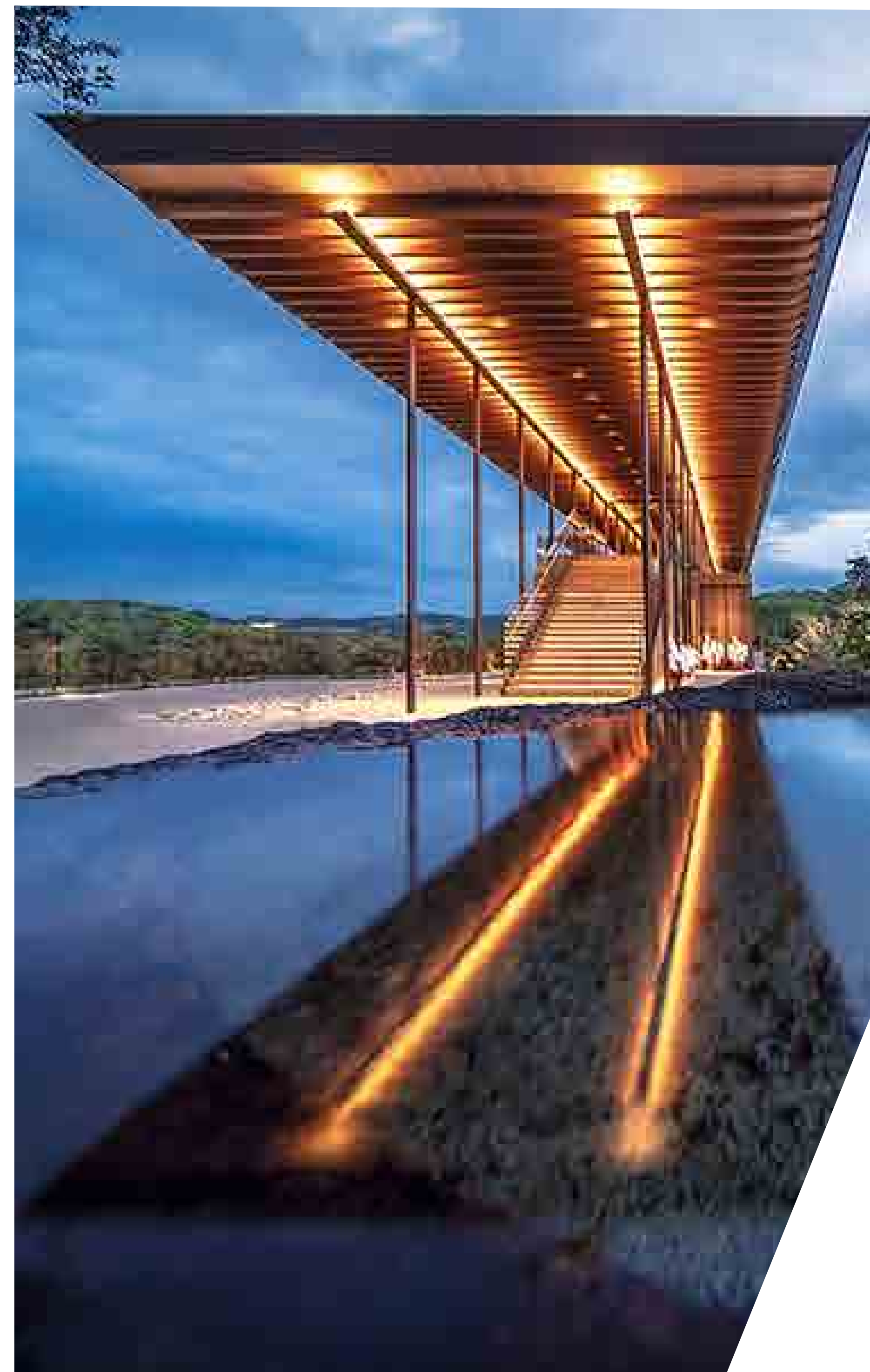
Step into serenity | Full-day

A luxurious and customisable experience in Vietnam, where you can indulge in private yachting, savour exquisite cuisine, and relax in crystal-clear waters. From the wondrous island of Phu Quoc, this private cruise aboard Serenity connects with the rhythmic sound of the ocean waves as the horizon meets the sea. From the comfort of the deck, a premium BBQ lunch is served with highlights such as David Hervé N°2 French Oysters and Amur Prestige Caviar, before finding a secluded location to drop anchor and enjoy the marine life below.

Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- * Let go of it all and bask in the peacefulness of secluded bays while soaking in the view of waves lapping untouched islands.
- * A culinary masterpiece served onboard, from French Oysters to Phu Quoc sand lobster, black tiger prawns, and Hokkaido scallops.
- * Enjoy the water your own way, with paddleboarding and snorkeling or simply lounge above the waves, gazing towards the sky.

*Want to know more about this premium experience?
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Zen & Serenity REAWAKENING

Awaji Island ancient healing | Half-day

Nestled on the serene Awaji Island in Japan is a retreat marrying architectural sophistication with traditional Japanese Zen practices. Immersing guests in lush natural surroundings, its inviting spaces cultivate a peaceful ambiance from within. Through guided zen meditation and yoga, complemented by a plant-based culinary journey highlighting seasonal ingredients, both body and soul leave feeling revitalised and ready for tomorrow.

Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- * Delight in and learn about the serene blend of Awaji's lush forests and outstanding architecture utilizing natural materials.
- * Partake in Zen-based yoga and meditation techniques to increase self-awareness while reinvigorating the body and mind.
- * Indulge in Zenbo cuisine, a concept that centers around seasonal plant-based ingredients and traditional fermentation techniques.

*Want to know more about this healing experience?
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Champagne & Angkorian **WONDERS**

Let your thoughts drift away | Half-day

Begin your day with an unforgettable adventure, departing from Siem Reap before sunrise in an open-top Jeep. Feel the breeze as you cruise through the countryside, arriving at a secluded spot where a champagne breakfast awaits. Enjoy delicious bites and a glass of chilled bubbles, surrounded by stunning scenery as the sun rises over the horizon. Next, step into the balloon's basket and gently ascend, capturing the awe-inspiring moment as the dawn light fills the sky. Below, Angkorian-era temples slowly reveal themselves, as you drift peacefully above the mist and treetops.

Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- * Cruise in an open-top Jeep through the Cambodian countryside as the sun rises to signal the break of dawn.
- * Refresh with a Champagne breakfast served picnic style as your personal hot air balloon is prepared for lift off.
- * Float silently over the majestic ancient temples surrounding Siem Reap on a journey that uplifts the soul.

Want to know more about this breathtaking experience?
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Tranquility & **DISCOVERY**

Cleansing Body & Soul in Chiang Mai | 4 days

Set amidst the verdant landscapes of northern Thailand, Aleenta Retreat Chiang Mai invites those seeking restorative indulgence to embark on a journey of renewal and self-discovery. Experience personalised moments of tranquility, from sacred temple blessings and Tibetan sound therapy to mindfulness coaching tailored to every personal need. With serene, thoughtfully designed hideaways and areas to reflect, this peaceful oasis is a sanctuary where holistic well-being and relaxation converge in perfect balance.



EXCEPTIONAL TOUCHPOINTS

on your journey

- 1** Discover a holistic approach to life and inner peace through yoga and Vipassana meditation sessions led by renowned masters.
- 2** Explore ancient tunnels adorned with intricate murals while connecting with the spiritual essence of a temple's forested grounds.
- 3** Create a symphony of therapeutic sounds and vibrations via the holistic healing practice of Tibetan Sound Therapy.
- 4** Embark on a culinary experience led by expert chefs to create organic health-conscious plates that leave you craving more.
- 5** Release all tension with a hot oil fire massage known as “Yam Khang”, a preserved form of local culture that employs a charcoal fire to treat ailments.

*Want to know more about this therapeutic experience?
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VARANA

Krabi, Thailand

Varana Hotel, Krabi's first sports and wellness destination, offers a unique "Wellcation Experience," merging an active lifestyle, holistic wellness, and sustainability. The hotel embraces minimalist luxury and eco-friendly practices inspired by the Bio-Circular-Green Economy model, featuring organic cuisine, Naam Wellness hydrotherapy, world-class spa treatments, and a variety of activities. Every detail is designed to support holistic well-being and environmental stewardship, offering a rejuvenating, sustainable experience that seamlessly blends luxury with nature.





A Splash of **ELEGANCE**

Singapore's iconic escapes | Full-day

Set sail on an opulent cruise through Singapore's southern islands, from the golden sands of Lazarus Island to the rustic allure of St. John's. Swim in crystal-clear waters, stroll sunlit beaches, or unwind on deck before passing by the iconic city skyline. As evening falls, indulge in the refined delights the iconic venue Ce La Vi has to offer. Nestled on the rooftop of Marina Bay Sands, this legendary location combines exquisite cuisine with breathtaking sunsets.

Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- * Indulge with a four-hour private cruise showcasing Singapore's idyllic island escapes, far from the city lights.
- * Dive into the pristine waters and wander along sun-kissed shores before sailing past the iconic city skyline on your return.
- * Be pampered with a delicious array of cuisine and cocktails as you gaze upon the Singapore skyline from an iconic venue.

Want to know more about this iconic experience?
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Tantalising **TEA THERAPY**

Refreshing rituals & reflexology | Half-day

Embark on an exquisite voyage in Hong Kong that begins with a refined Chinese tea ceremony. Discover the rituals of tea drinking under the guidance of an expert who unveils centuries of cultural heritage. Savour the delicate flavours and charming traditions before enjoying an indulgent foot reflexology session, where expert hands apply gentle pressure to targeted reflex points on your feet. This rejuvenating therapy not only soothes but also aligns and revitalizes, offering a harmonious blend of therapeutic and preventative benefits.

Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- * Immerse in Chinese culture and the rituals of tea drinking where every detail is crafted to perfection.
- * Uncover the revitalizing power of reflexology, an ancient practice revered for its exceptional curative and preventative benefits.
- * Delight in a lavish self-care experience designed to rejuvenate and elevate your body and well-being.

Want to know more about this refreshing experience?
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A Majestic **ESCAPE**

Spectacular Sabah Uncovered | Full-day

Experience the wonders of Malaysia's Sabah from the sky and on land, starting with a sensational helicopter ride over the majestic Mount Kinabalu. Marvel at the stunning landscapes before exploring Kota Kinabalu's iconic landmarks, including the Sabah State Museum and the picturesque City Mosque. Then immerse yourself in the rich history of the Kadazandusun people at Monsopiad Heritage Village, where the descendants of the legendary warrior Monsopiad share their vibrant culture. Enjoy a traditional lunch, followed by engaging Sabahan tribal dances, including the graceful 'Sumazau'.

Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- * Soar above the mighty Mount Kinabalu from the comfort of a helicopter, viewing this iconic landscape in all its glory.
- * Indulge in the cultural wonders of Sabah, peeling back the history of the region's fascinating architecture.
- * Discover and immerse yourself in the colourful traits of the Kadazandusun people at Monsopiad Heritage Village.

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Spirituality & **MEDITATION**

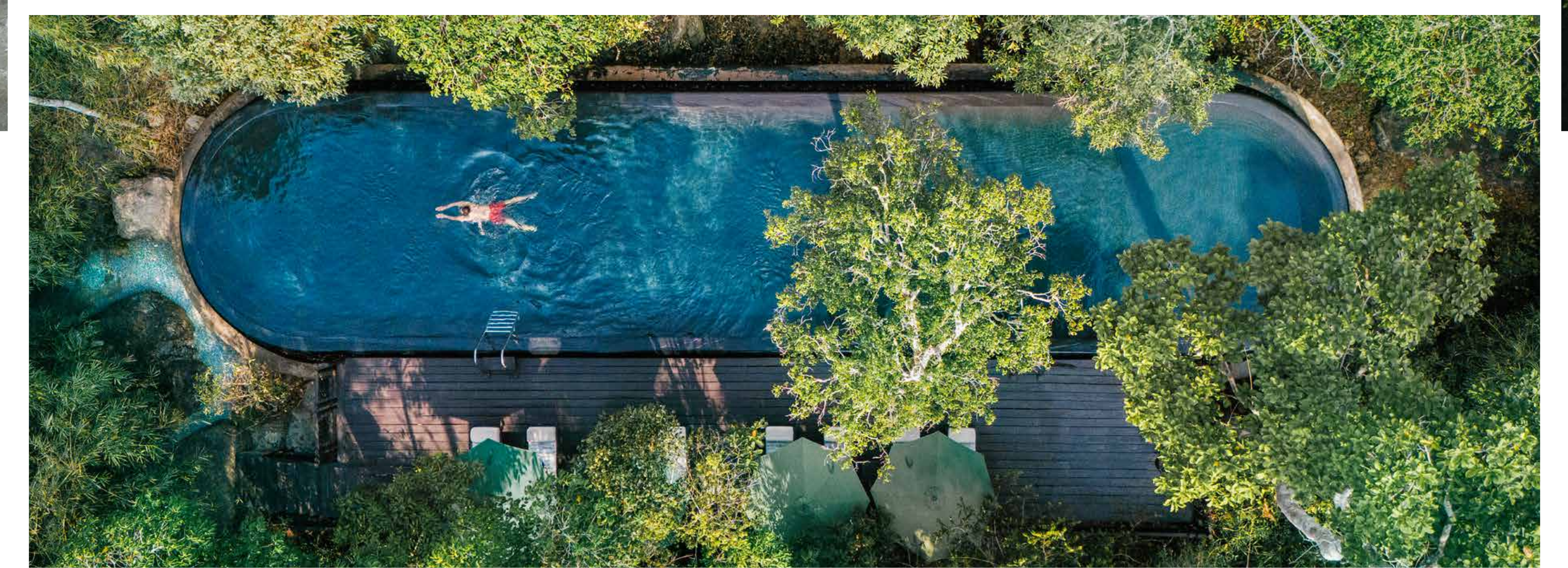
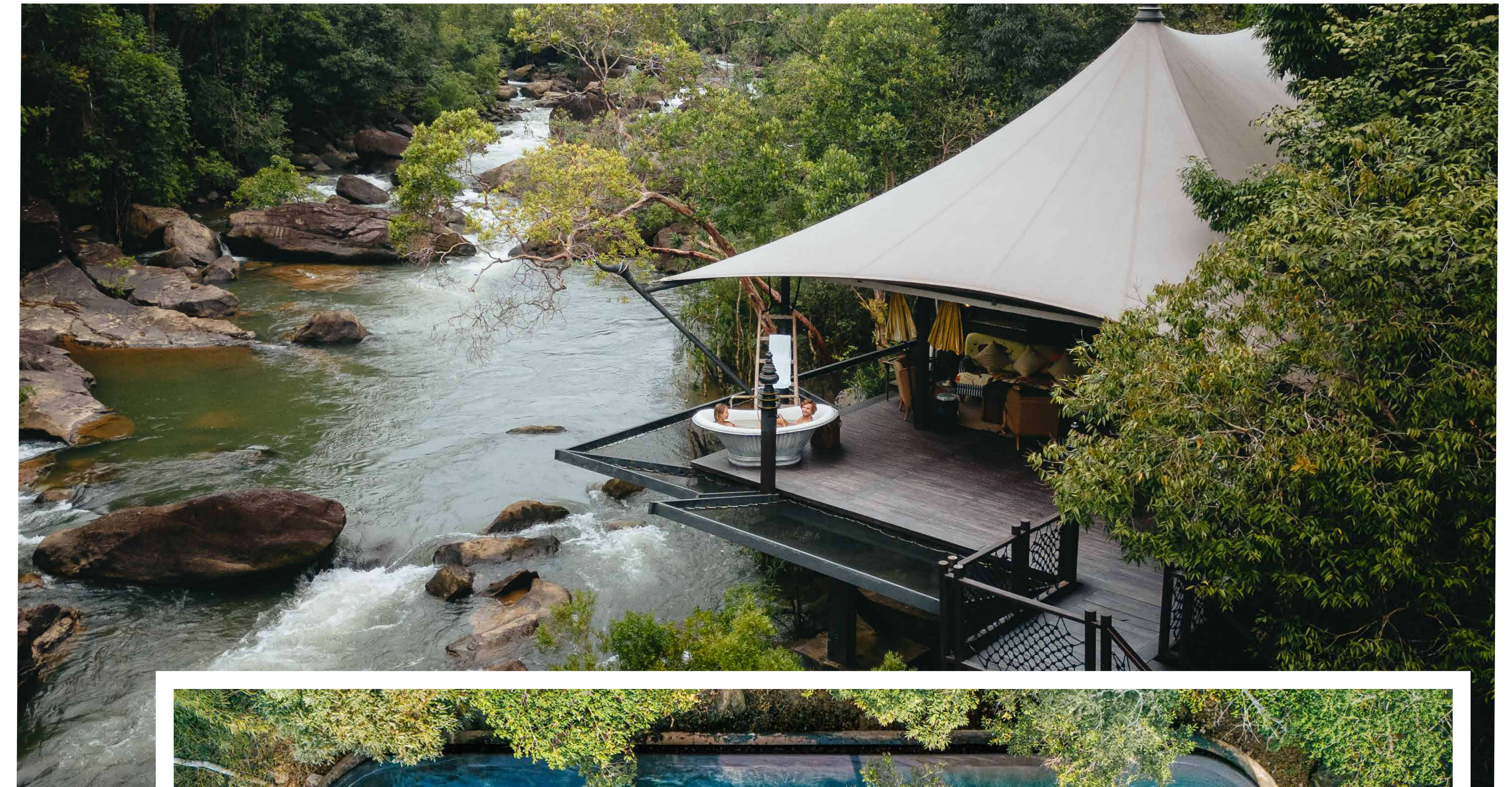
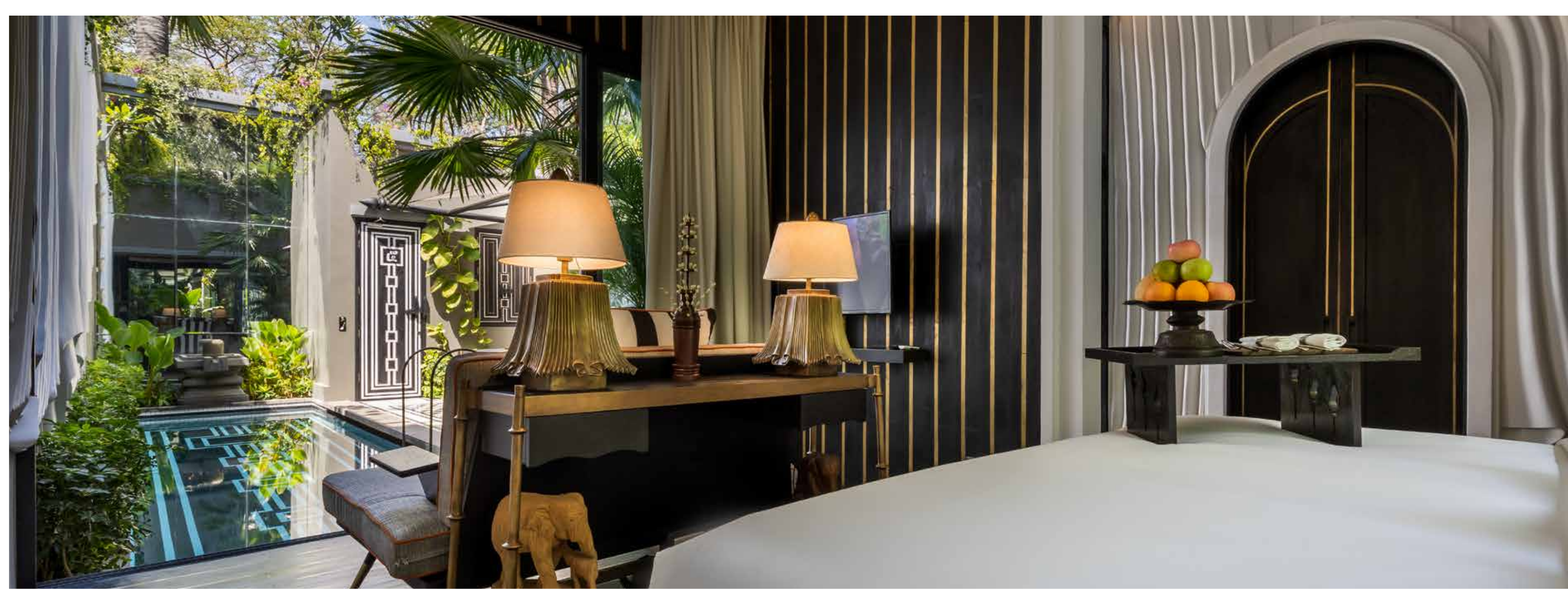
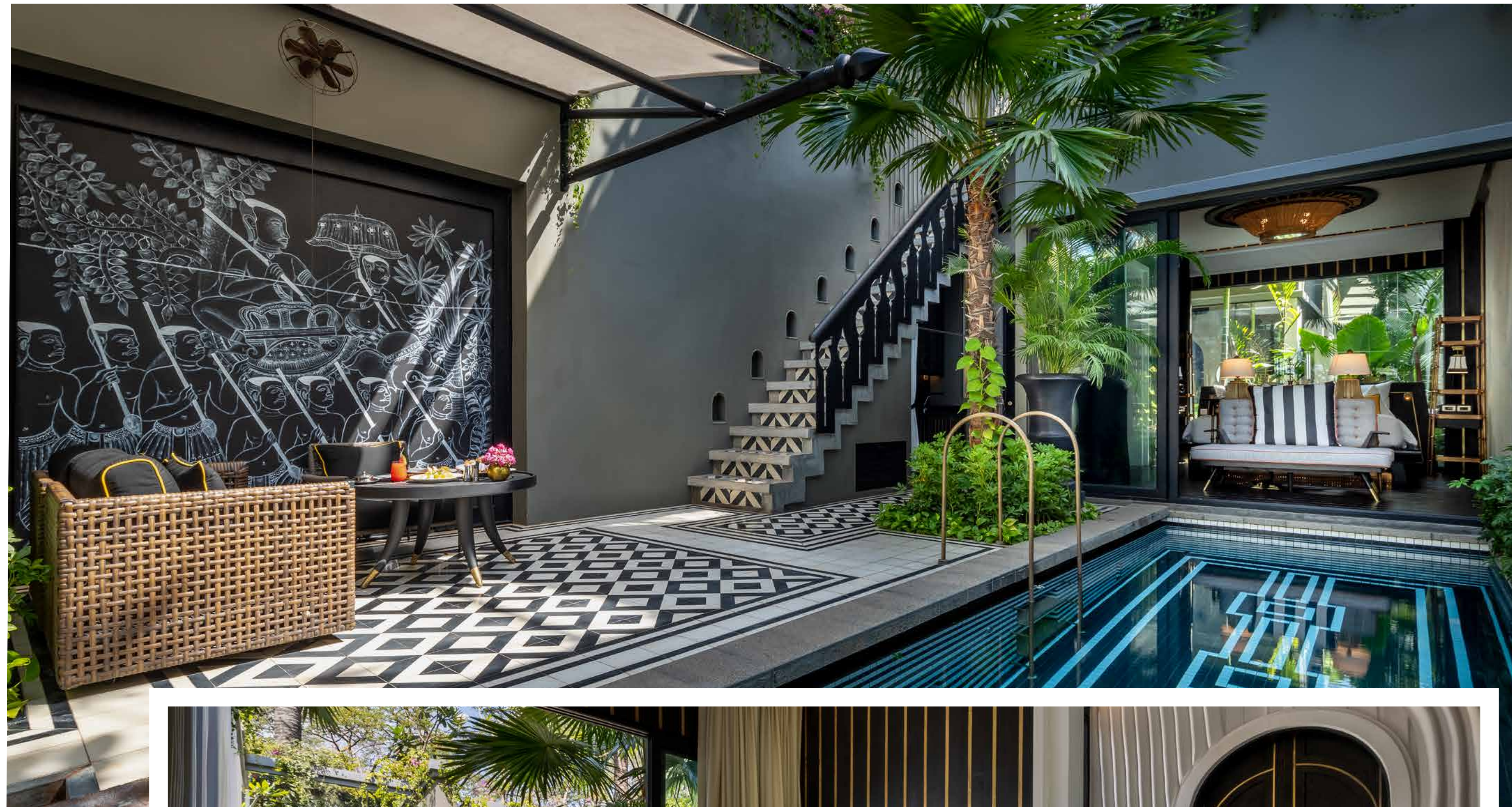
Buddhist traditions & beliefs | Half-day

Immerse in the spiritual heart of Laos with a tailor-made exploration of the UNESCO Town of Luang Prabang. Discover ancient temples like Vat Mano, where revered monks perform soul-harmonising rituals. Unwind with a tranquil meditation session at a serene retreat, and journey by boat to hidden forest temples for an intimate Buddhist experience. Complete your experience with a transformative Yin yoga session led by an international expert, who helps develop inner energy as part of your wellness journey.

Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- * Discover renowned ancient temples where monks perform ancient ceremonies to protect from evil spirits.
- * Take a tranquil ride across the Mekong River to a peaceful, natural retreat where knowledge of Buddhism is shared.
- * Find inner peace through the practice of Power Vinyasa Yoga, a dynamic flow, which synchronises breathing and movement.

Want to know more about this spiritual experience?
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SHINTA MANI ANGKOR

Siem Reap, Cambodia

An upscale boutique property designed by the acclaimed architect Bill Bensley, set in a tranquil, leafy oasis within the charming French Quarter of Siem Reap. Nestled amidst the world-class dining and shopping of Siem Reap's magnificently restored Old French Quarter and just a ten-minute drive from the enduring treasures of Angkor Wat, Shinta Mani Angkor stands as a beacon of hope and progress. Originally founded to support a hospitality training school for disadvantaged local youth, Shinta Mani Angkor has evolved into a contemporary landmark of Responsible Tourism, exquisitely designed by the renowned Bill Bensley.

SHINTA MANI WILD

Cardamon National Park, Cambodia

Disappear into the jungle. Discover a transformative sanctuary. Experience utter remoteness. A radical fusion of captivating design, all-inclusive hospitality, and world-changing conservation, Shinta Mani Wild places you in the midst of Southeast Asia's last untouched wilderness. It's a life-changing adventure that makes a real difference in protecting an imperiled ecosystem. A radical fusion of luxury hospitality and cutting-edge conservation. WILD invites guests to protect unique, endangered species and to change the lives of Cambodians, whilst creating a 'jungle book' of exceptional memories in its natural sanctuary.





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