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Design your next journey

Welcome to issue two of Exceptional Experiences, where we explore authentic encounters that connect you with the true essence of Asia—its food and its people. From its rich cultural diversity to its irresistible cuisine, Asia is a destination that captivates travelers through its vibrant flavours and warm hospitality.

From meeting with the Bidayuh people of Malaysia to dining at a chef's private home in Cambodia, we urge you to soak up the wonderful opportunities for memorable encounters. Savour the harmonious flavours of Hanoi and the regal sophistication of Hue. Embrace Balinese traditions on the Island of Gods as you prepare the legendary "Babi Guling", and wander through decades-old specialty shops in Hong Kong.

The art of curated experiences

Destination Asia sets the standard for bespoke travel experiences across Asia. With over 25 years of regional expertise, deep local knowledge and an extensive supplier network, we create meaningful connections and craft tailor-made journeys paired with private and exclusive properties. The stories shared in this issue are designed to inspire, ensuring every journey with Destination Asia is truly exceptional.

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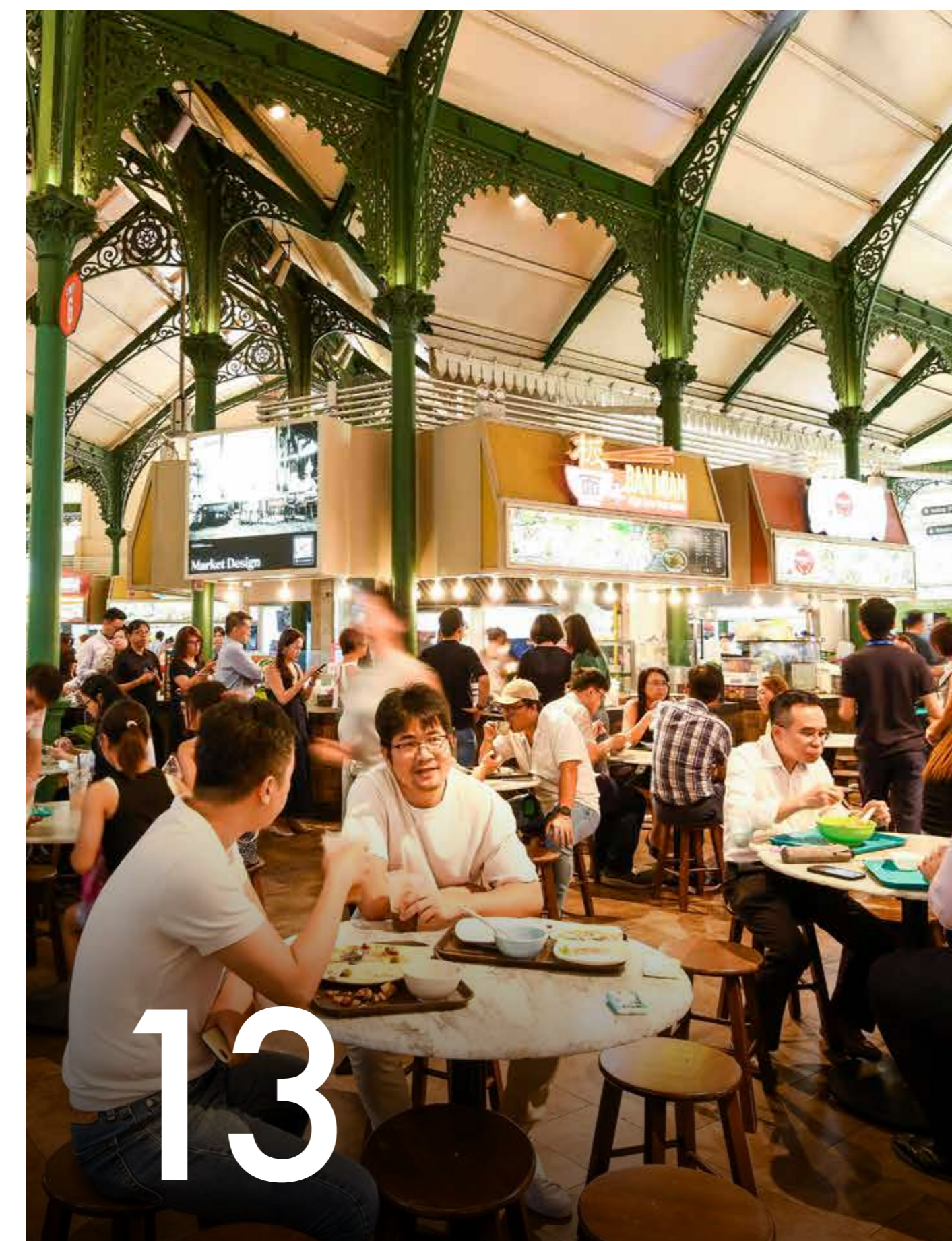
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Rich & Vibrant FLAVOURS

Unveiling the spirit of Japan | 8 days

An exquisitely designed journey offering an unparalleled connection to Japan's rich traditions and vibrant essence. Through a series of authentic and immersive encounters, uncover the grace of dining with geisha, the tranquility of temple tea ceremonies, and the ingenuity behind cave-aged sake. From enjoying freshly harvested meals in rural Tochigi to discovering the hidden flavours of castle towns and the dynamic energy of Osaka's dining culture, each moment unveils the spirit of Japan. Blending authenticity, sophistication, and cultural depth, this experience offers an unforgettable taste of Japan.

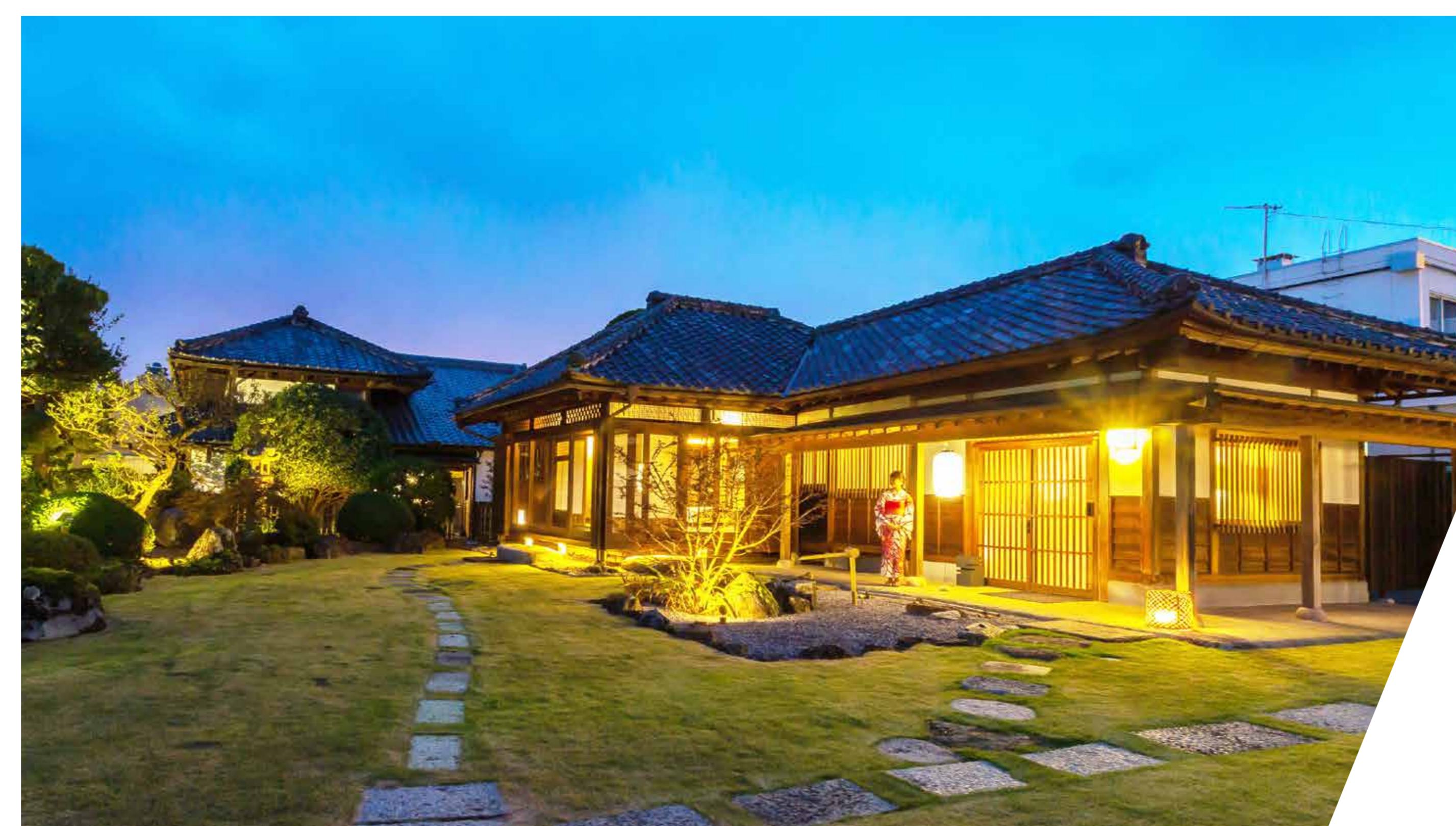




EXCEPTIONAL TOUCHPOINTS

on your journey

- 1** Savour exquisite kaiseki cuisine at a Tokyo ryotei restaurant as elegant geisha perform, sharing their refined artistry and timeless traditions.
- 2** Experience a private tea ceremony and guided meditation in a peaceful Tokyo temple, uncovering the harmony of Japanese mindfulness.
- 3** Visit a sake brewery where bottles are matured in a cave, enhancing their unique flavours and time-honoured brewing methods.
- 4** Enjoy a farm-to-table dinner hosted by local farmers in Tochigi, featuring seasonal ingredients and heartfelt hospitality in a rural setting.
- 5** Stay overnight in a renovated traditional Japanese house, blending historic architecture with modern luxury for an unforgettable cultural retreat.



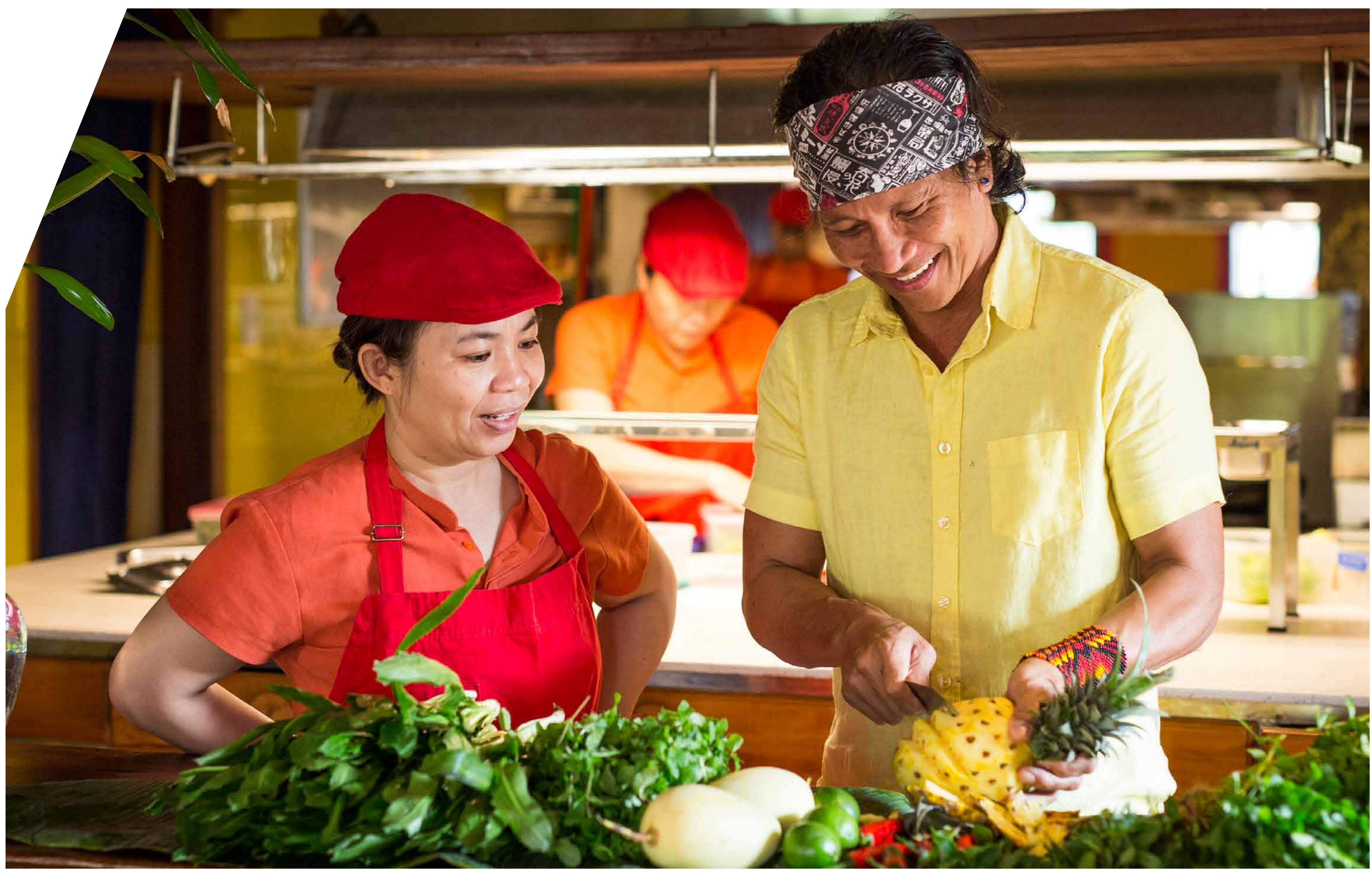
*Want to know more about this cultural experience?
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Intimate & Indulgent **TASTES**

Timeless Vietnamese treasures | 4 days

This mesmerising journey invites you to discover the essence of Vietnam through its rich gastronomic traditions and timeless cultural treasures. Indulge in exclusive dining experiences, personalised cooking sessions, and meaningful interactions that unveil the heart of Vietnam's way of life. From Hanoi's harmonious flavours to Hue's regal sophistication, Hoi An's enchanting allure, and Saigon's dynamic vibrancy, every moment draws you deeper into the country's spirit. Meticulously designed, this itinerary seamlessly weaves indulgence with authentic and unexpected moments, creating a travel experience that is both transformative and memorable.



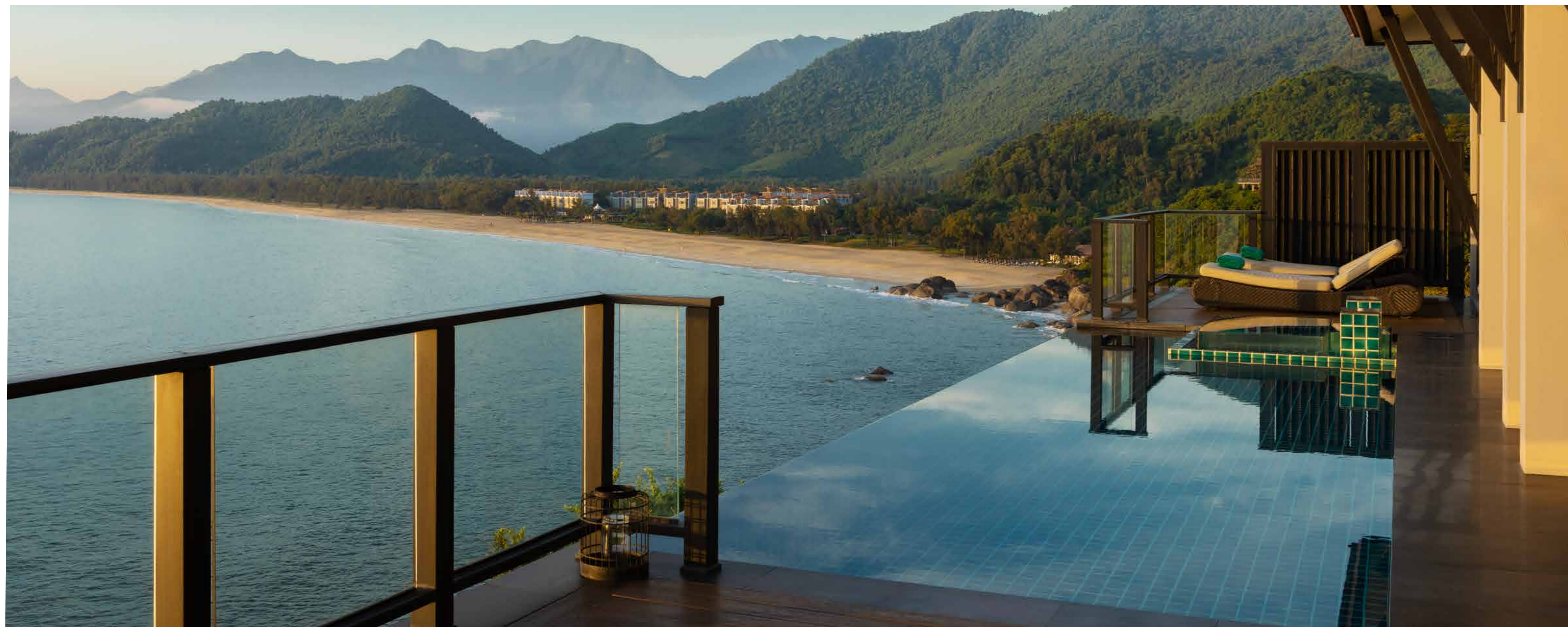
EXCEPTIONAL TOUCHPOINTS

on your journey

- 1** Craft authentic dishes in Hanoi on a culinary journey guided by a master chef, exploring the Yin-Yang philosophy behind Northern Vietnamese fare.
- 2** Discover mindfulness and balance in an intimate tea session, delving into the profound cultural significance of Vietnamese tea traditions.
- 3** Relish a private Perfume River theatre show blending traditional Hue melodies, Western classics, and a bespoke royal-inspired dinner.
- 4** Explore secret cocktail bars in ancient alleys, savouring unique concoctions inspired by the city's rich cultural heritage.
- 5** Immerse in Vietnam's diversity through an exclusive guided tour of traditional jewelry, featuring exhibits from all 54 ethnic groups.

*Want to know more about this transformative experience?
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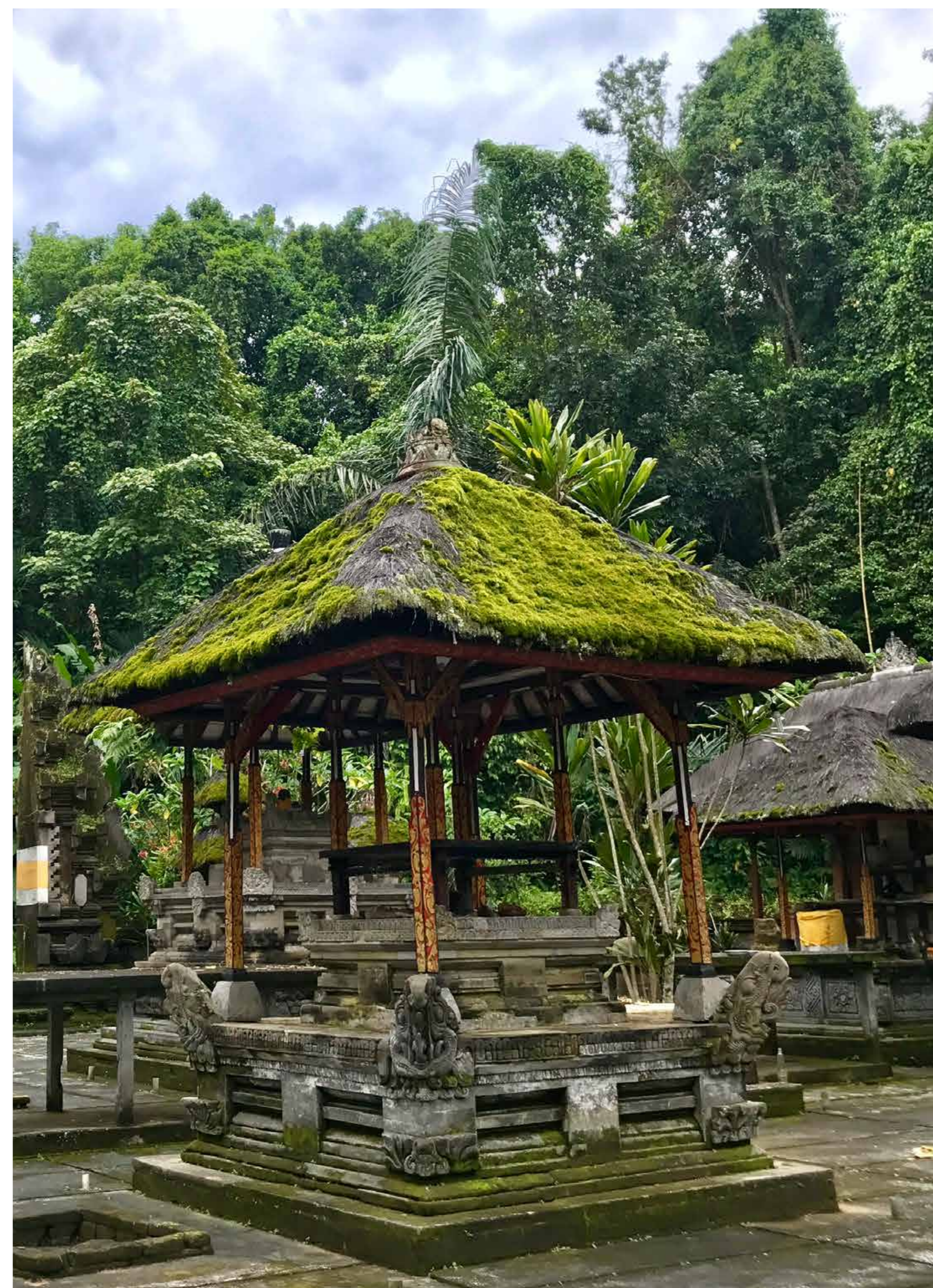


BANYAN TREE LANG CO

Central Vietnam

Nestled along Central Vietnam's most private and pristine three-kilometre beach, Banyan Tree Lăng Cô, featuring a collection of 89 naturally luxurious pool villas, is a multi-award-winning all-pool-villa beachfront resort providing travellers with transformative wellbeing-focused experiences, unparalleled privacy and unspoiled natural beauty. Ideally located as a gateway to the cultural treasures of Danang, Hoi An, and Hue, this beachfront resort is a short 55-minute scenic drive from both Danang and Phu Bai (Hue) International airports, connecting guests with Vietnam's finest UNESCO World Heritage Sites and eco-tourism destinations.





Soulful CONNECTIONS

Balinese spirituality & traditions | Full-day

This extraordinary journey invites you to immerse yourself in the essence of Balinese traditions and connect with the soul of the Island of Gods. Begin your experience with exclusive insights into the island's heritage, followed by visits to three iconic temples steeped in history and spirituality. In a tranquil rice-field setting, engage in a hands-on adventure preparing the legendary dish, "Babi Guling" with members of the local community. Share the feast in a warm and welcoming atmosphere, fostering connections while gaining a deeper understanding of Bali's rich way of life.

Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- * Discover the roots of Balinese Hinduism through an insightful lecture at Pak Enong's house, a hidden gem of cultural preservation.
- * Receive blessings from a local priest, connecting deeply with Balinese spirituality and traditions in an authentic and meaningful way.
- * Participate in a hands-on experience preparing "Babi Guling" (roasted suckling pig), Bali's most famous dish, within a picturesque rice field setting.

***Want to know more about this spiritual experience?
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A Sweet ENCOUNTER

Timeless Thai treats | Half-day

A culinary heaven for those with a sweet tooth, this experience invites you to explore the art of traditional Thai desserts, celebrating timeless recipes passed down through generations. Set in a serene garden, the workshop unveils the secrets of crafting exquisite treats using ingredients such as rice flour, coconut milk, palm sugar, and fragrant herbs. The journey entails a guided garden walk, scenic boat ride along tranquil waterways and immersion in the beauty of Thailand's lush landscapes and daily rhythms. Finish with a visit to the awe-inspiring Big Buddha at Wat Paknam Phasi Charoen.

Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- * Within a relaxed and lush garden setting, create authentic Thai sweets using recipes passed down through generations.
- * Indulge in a Thai high tea set on a solar-powered boat, featuring aromatic herbal teas and an array of Thai desserts.
- * Blending Bangkok's spiritual essence with tasty delights, guests marvel at the majestic Big Buddha, a stunning icon perched on the city's edge.

***Want to know more about this colourful experience?
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Secret Street SNACKS

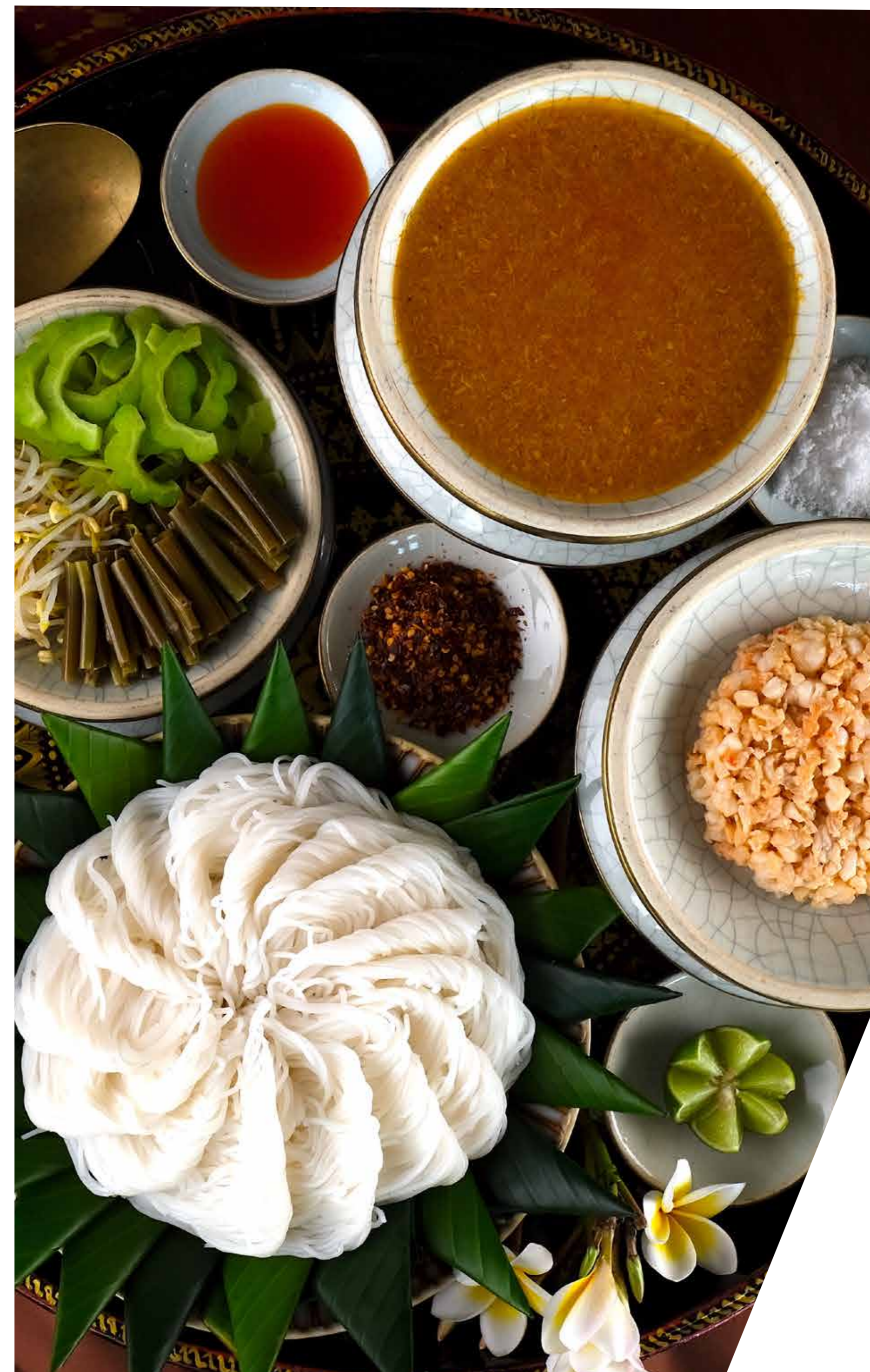
Hong Kong's enchanting eateries | Half-day

We peel back the layers of Sham Shui Po, one of Hong Kong's most enchanting districts, where tradition and flavour thrive. Explore decades old eateries, specialty shops offering exquisite ingredients, and hidden gems beloved by chefs and food enthusiasts alike. Preserving its historic charm, this vibrant neighbourhood offers a glimpse into Hong Kong's heritage. Immerse yourself in its bustling morning energy, savour iconic dishes, and visit cultural landmarks that reveal the stories and evolution of this captivating area.

Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- * Connect with Sham Shui Po, famous for its bustling street markets, fresh produce and intriguing snacks, immerse in the colourful culture while hunting for bargains.
- * Enjoy sampling local delicacies such as curry fish balls, stinky tofu, and Hong Kong-style milk tea, all within a vibrant street scene featuring local stalls and shophouses.
- * Discover cultural sites such as Tin Hau Temple and the famous Golden Computer Arcade, each offering insight into the rich history and traditions of the area.

***Want to know more about this vibrant experience?
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Dine & **DISCOVER**

Khmer culture uncovered | Full-day

Plan for an extraordinary journey into the heart of Khmer traditions with Cambodia's celebrated, and endearing, Chef Nak. Start with an exclusive visit to her serene wooden villa by the Mekong River. After crossing the river by ferry, join Chef Nak at the market to hand-pick fresh ingredients for an enlightening cooking experience. Spend the afternoon unwinding in lush gardens, and as evening falls, enjoy a bespoke dinner prepared by the chef herself. Accompanied by live traditional music, this experience blends exquisite flavors with Cambodia's rich cultural heritage.

Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- * Visit a professional chef's private home on the banks of the Mekong River, learning about local culture and the Khmer way of life.
- * After a visit to the bustling market, savour the flavours of a private cooking class, returning home armed with delicious Khmer recipes.
- * Dine with Chef Nak and her family, enjoying meaningful exchanges, delving deeper into Khmer culture over a glass of wine or one of her delicious cocktails.

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A Celebration of CULTURE

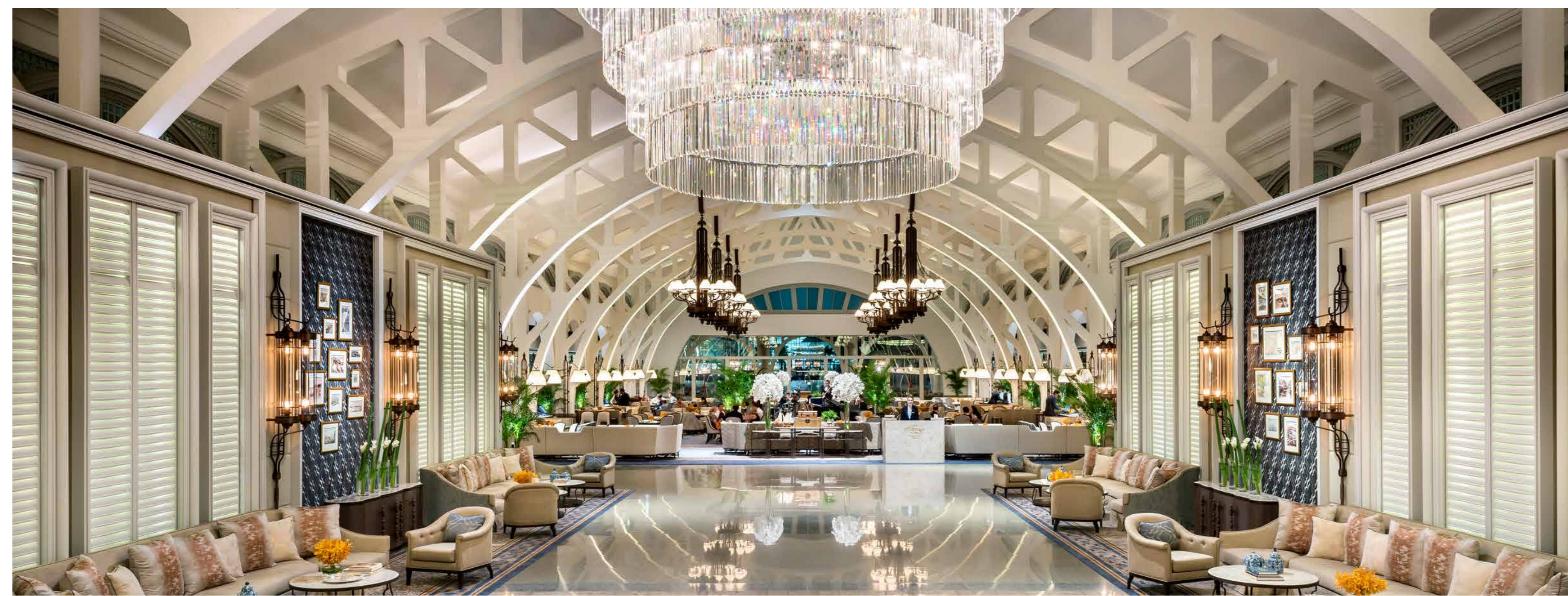
Deliciously diverse Singapore | Full-day

Immerse yourself in Singapore’s vibrant food culture with a journey through Chinatown's iconic dining hubs. Begin at Hong Lim Food Centre, renowned for its diverse offerings before wandering through Chinatown where vivid murals narrate stories of history and tradition. Continue to the bustling Chinatown Complex, Singapore’s largest hawker center, featuring over 260 stalls serving everything from Michelin-starred dishes to beloved classics. Experience the unique tradition of “chope,” reflecting the communal spirit that defines Singapore’s dynamic dining scene.

Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- * Gain a full circle view of Singaporean food with a wet market visit, learning how fresh ingredients move from the market to the kitchen and then table.
- * With your expert guide discover how hawker stalls prepare and serve hundreds of meals each day, prepared right in front of the customer.
- * Enjoy a private tasting session of Singapore’s most iconic dishes, including mouthwatering portions of laksa, satay and delicious desserts.

Want to know more about this delicious experience?
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THE FULLERTON HOTELS

Singapore

Experience timeless elegance at The Fullerton Hotels Singapore. The Fullerton Hotel Singapore, housed in a National Monument located in the heart of the city, blends rich heritage with modern luxury. Once home to the General Post Office, it offers 400 rooms with city views and exceptional dining. Across the road is The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore, a waterfront haven with 100 rooms where modern elegance meets heritage charm. Set at the iconic Clifford Pier, a historic landing point for early settlers, it offers panoramic views of Marina Bay.





Artistry & HERITAGE

Fragrant Treasures of Sarawak | Full-day

Nestled near the Sarawak-Kalimantan border, Mongkos Bidayuh village offers a rare glimpse into the traditions of one of Sarawak's indigenous communities. This vibrant settlement is home to one of the last remaining Bidayuh longhouses, a 24-door structure crafted from wood and bamboo, standing since the 1950s. Encircled by lush rice fields and abundant farms, the village reflects a deep connection to nature. The Bidayuh people, one of Sarawak's many indigenous groups, are renowned for their exceptional bamboo craftsmanship.

Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- * Walk through the longhouse's wooden and bamboo walkways, embracing the relaxed pace and rich traditions of its people.
- * Explore handcrafted treasures and fragrant herbs displayed along the walkway, showcasing the community's artistry and heritage.
- * Visit Serian market to indulge in Sarawak's signature kuih (snacks) and an enticing selection of tropical fruits.

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Touch of **SPICE**

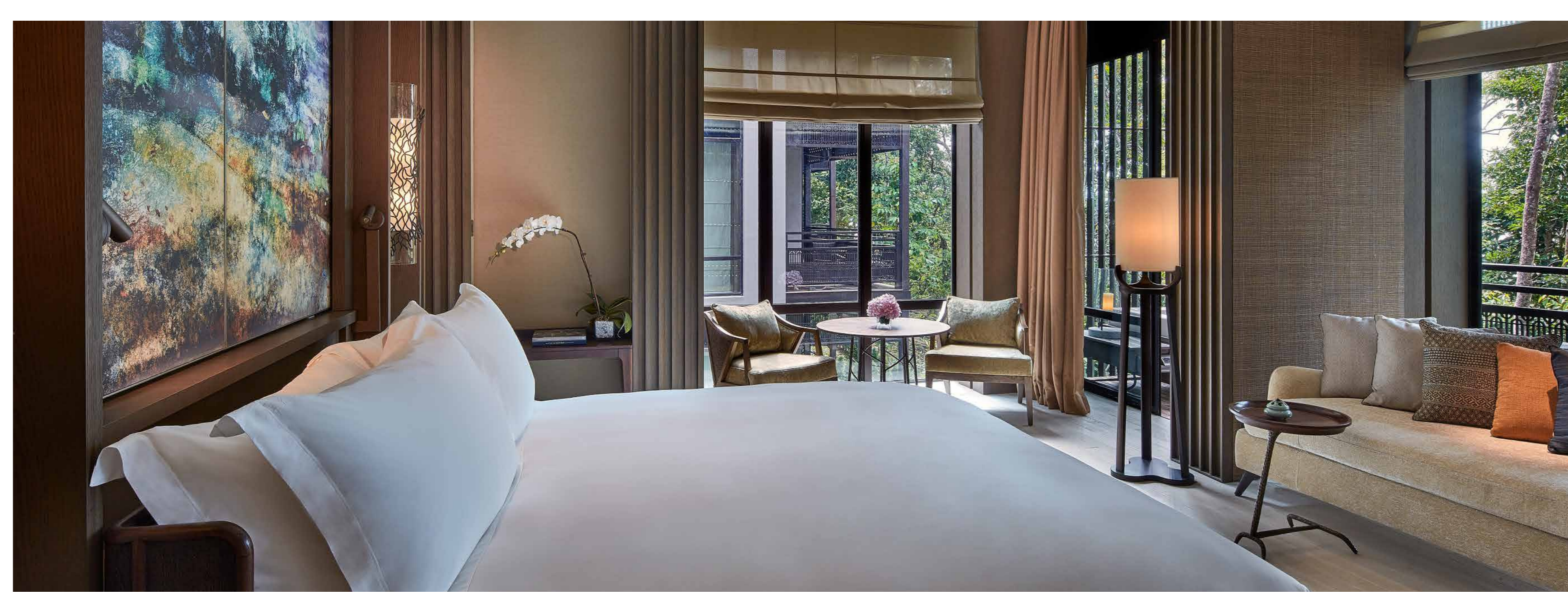
A welcoming Lao family | Half-day

Discover the enchanting traditions and rich heritage of Luang Prabang in an idyllic setting. Guests are welcomed by a gracious family eager to share their way of life and cultural stories. At the heart of this experience is an engaging cooking demonstration, offering a delectable introduction to the vibrant and exotic flavours of Lao cuisine. Prepare traditional dishes alongside the host, sharing meaningful conversations about their life and traditions. Conclude with a heartfelt meal, savouring authentic flavors and creating lasting memories with your friendly hosts.

Exceptional Touchpoints *on your journey*

- * Meet a welcoming family in Laos for an authentic, deeply cultural experience revealing the beauty of this charming nation and its heartwarming people.
- * Roll your sleeves up and learn first-hand how to prepare traditional Laotian dishes, deciding how spicy you want to go.
- * Share a meal together with the host family for an unforgettable afternoon, sharing stories to gain a deeper understanding of Laos.

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THE RITZ-CARLTON, LANGKAWI

Malaysia

Built in harmony with the surrounding nature and set in a tranquil private bay on expansive grounds overgrown with a 10-million year old rainforest and pristine beach that overlooks the turquoise waters of The Andaman Sea - The Ritz-Carlton Langkawi enjoys a setting so unique, you have to experience it first-hand to truly grasp the incredibly diverse beauty of the place. Floor-to-ceiling windows allow you to observe wildlife up close, while the majestic beach and overwater villas boast panoramic ocean views and sunsets.



PARKROYAL ON BEACH ROAD

Singapore

Nestled in the vibrant heart of Singapore's Kampong Gelam district, PARKROYAL on Beach Road stands as an upscale hotel that artfully combines contemporary comfort with rich cultural charm, catering to the needs of both leisure and business travelers. Conveniently located just a brief 5-minute walk from Nicoll Highway and Bugis MRT Station, this hotel is strategically situated within bustling business districts and shopping havens like Arab Street and Haji Lane, where an array of dining and entertainment options awaits.





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