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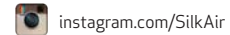
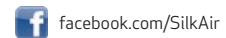


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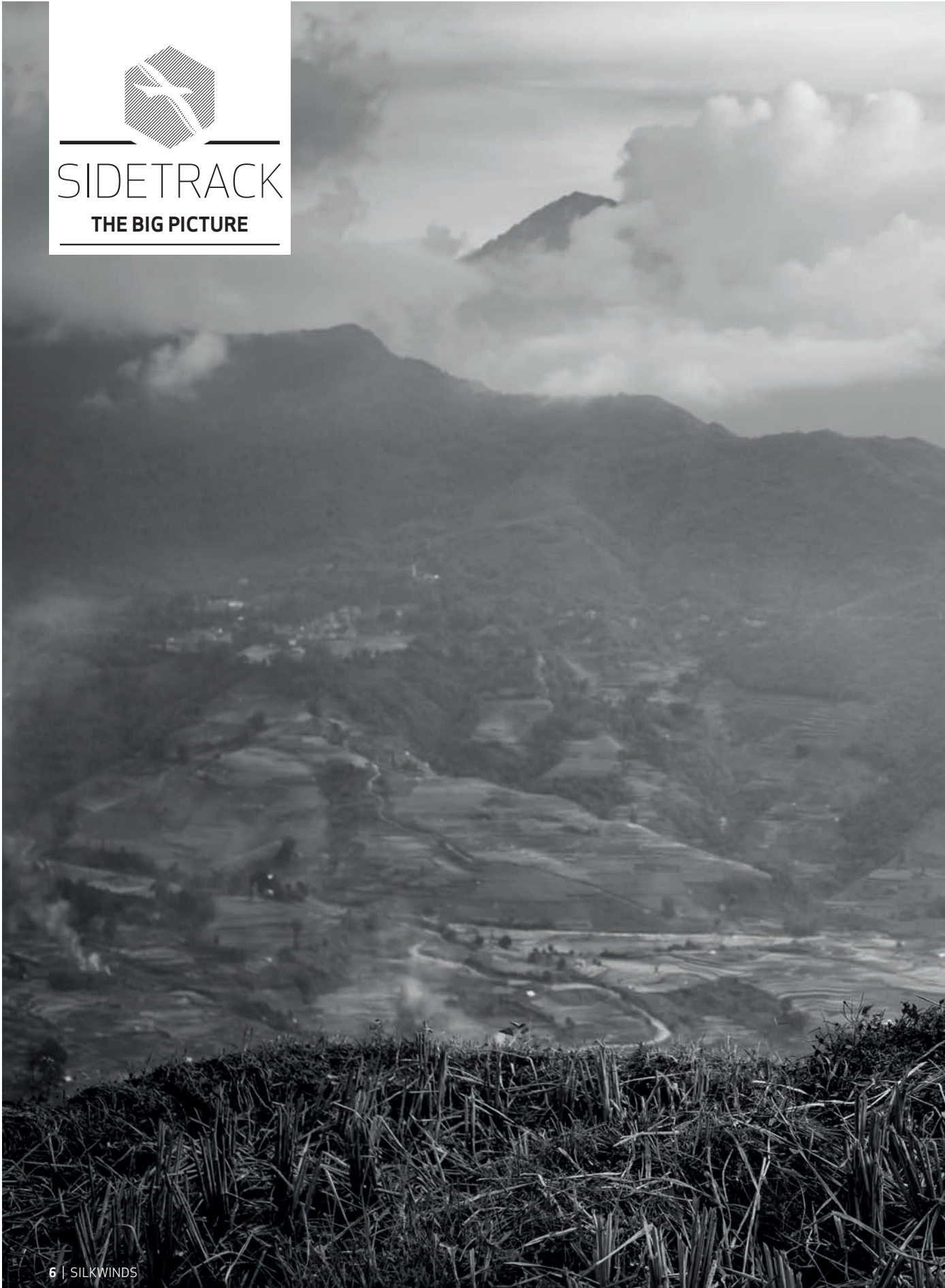
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THE BIG PICTURE





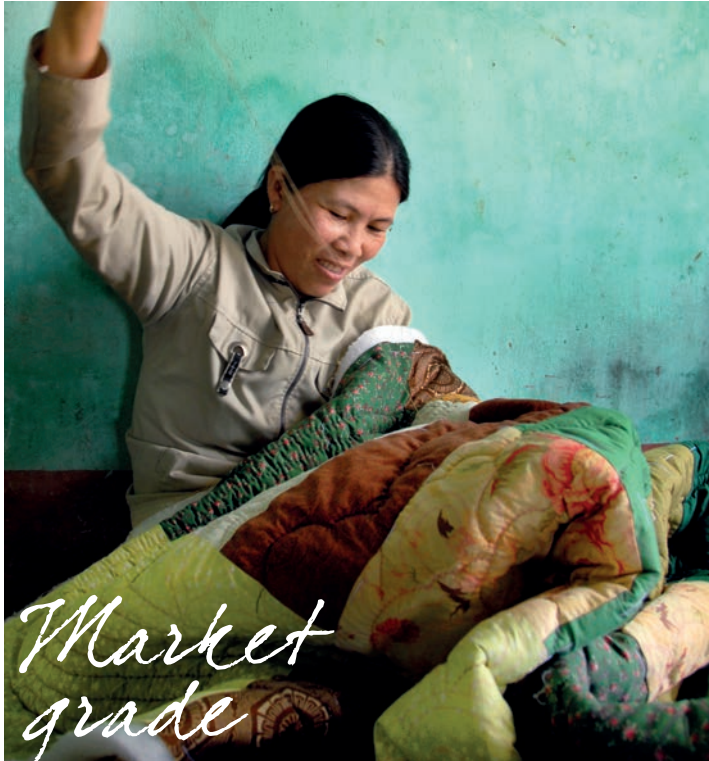
A local farmer in Y Ty village takes a break from harvesting rice to smoke *thuoc lao*, a traditional tobacco pipe commonly seen in northern Vietnam. Y Ty village sits high on a mountain in Lao Cai province, which is approximately a five-hour drive from Hanoi. The dreamy landscape in the background lies at the Vietnam-China border.
Quinn Ryan Mattingly



*Sun,
sand,
spa*

Here's an idea for you if you're planning to whisk the kiddos away on a surprise trip this March: Spa sessions for the whole family! The Angsana for the Family spa package is available in Bintan and Phuket, and offers guests a selection of themed treatments as well as body polishes and face masks created specially for children. There's even one that caters specially to the boys.

Called Boys' Hangout, it lets fathers and sons bond over a body massage and polish after an afternoon of roughhousing on the high seas. To get the most out of your stay, be sure to check out the resort's Credit Goes to You promotion, which lets you redeem dollar credits up to USD200 when you stay for a minimum of two consecutive nights. Offer is valid till March 2016. angsana.com



Imagine surviving on USD0.30 cents a day. For the members of Vietnam's poorest rural communities, this is the stark reality they have to contend with. Franco-Belgian non-profit Mekong+ trains women from these villages to become entrepreneurs by producing handicrafts such as quilts and pottery so they can support

their families and keep their children in school. It currently employs around 300 artisans who are paid "a fair income". Profits from sales are re-invested into the women's villages. These products can be found at Mekong+ in Hanoi, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City, Phnom Penh, Siem Reap as well as at its online store. mekong-plus.com



METAL GLAM

The next time you're in Chiang Mai, skip the touristy souvenir shops and make yourself a silver keepsake instead. The Nova Art Lab conducts jewellery making classes for visitors of all levels, even complete novices. Classes range from one-day workshops for the time-crunched to five-day courses, after which you'll walk away with your very own pendant and ring, as well as learn how to set a stone. Fees start from THB1,750 for a one-day workshop. nova-collection.com



CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

Known as much for his Hollywood A-list clientele as his stylish Californian cuisine, celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck opened the first overseas outpost of his iconic Spago restaurant to much fanfare at the Sands SkyPark last October. While the Californian influence is unmistakable

– Puck's Beverly Hills team curates the ingredients used here – there's also a playful nod to local and Asian flavours as evinced by such dishes as pan-seared striped bass *laksa* and bigeye tuna *tartare* (left). Previously open only for dinner, Spago Singapore is now open for lunch, so if you have clients to impress, there's one more option on your go-to list. [facebook.com/spagosingapore](https://www.facebook.com/spagosingapore)



BURGER BLING

Joining the ranks of the world's priciest burgers is this entry from the recently opened Dream Beach in Phuket. For those with an expense account (or a bacchanalian appetite), THB30,000 (about USD827) gets you a hunk of a wagyu burger layered with foie gras and a gold leaf bun as well as a bottle of Dom Pérignon. The experience also comes with a complimentary night's stay in the Sky Suite.

dreambeachclub.com



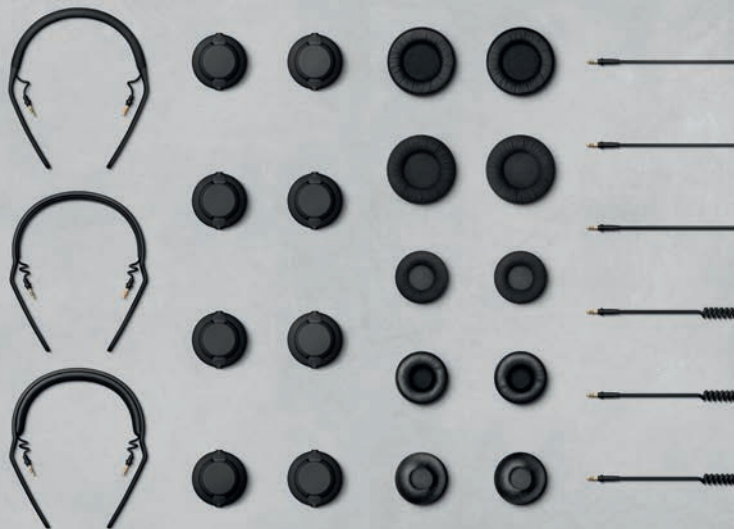
Liquid gold

In the rarefied world of tea connoisseurs, the Yunnan variety known as *pu-erh* exemplifies the old adage of not judging a book by its cover perfectly. It's become an increasingly popular corporate

gift and TeaSpec, a company specialising in *pu-erh* has set up shop to educate enthusiasts and collectors about the finer points of this tea. According to founder Carole Tan, while it might be grown in Yunnan, the best *pu-erhs* are stored in Malaysia, which has the most ideal climate for ageing the tea as it is not overly humid or dry. The company, which has its own warehouses in the country, offers a curated selection of rare teas and collectors' items. teaspec.com

SOUND

U Hip Danish audio company AIAIAI has long been known for their sleek understated headphones and dedication to quality. With their modular TMA-2 system, audiophiles can now configure their own. Users can either choose from four pre-configured designs, like the Young Guru preset that was developed in collaboration with the Grammy award-winning sound engineer; or they can build their own with the configurator and choose their preferred headbands, earpads, cables and driver units on the company's website. Bonus: instead of replacing the entire headset when one part becomes faulty, customers can simply swap out that component with a new one. aiaiai.dk

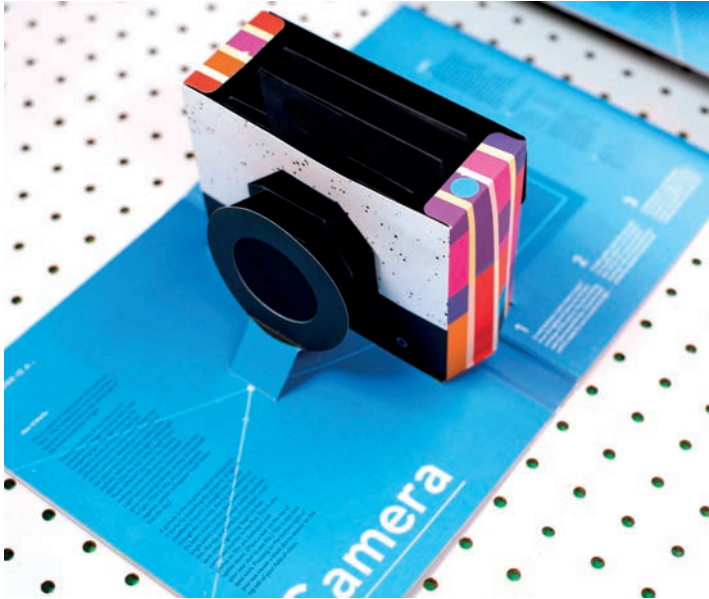


A close-up photograph of a young girl with dark hair, smiling broadly and showing her teeth. She is wearing a light-colored collared shirt. The background is slightly blurred.

STUDENT *or* STREET BEGGAR



A simple decision can shatter a child's dream. Everyday, many children in the Mekong Sub-Region face the most critical decision of their lives, at an early age: to pursue education or work to earn for the family. That is why Child's Dream is here: to support and help them realise that education is the best thing they can possess in order to empower themselves and help shape their own futures.



Behind the camera

Is it a book? Is it a camera? Well, it's both. Aptly titled *This Book is a Camera*, this deceptively simple-looking pop-up tome by artist and designer Kelli Anderson offers a crash course on the building blocks of photography. Eschewing fancy accessories, Anderson goes back to basics and shows the reader how one can build a working pinhole camera with nothing more than a piece of paper. Included with the book are a lightproof bag and a starter pack of photo paper. kellianderson.com



EAT UP

If you're a parent struggling with picky eaters, here's help: Yumit, an interactive placemat that turns mealtimes into an interactive game. It comes with a scale, which tracks the amount of food eaten. Each gram is transformed into "energy", which powers various games. The more they eat, the more games they get to play. Apart from motivating junior to finish his meal, it also enables parents to upload pictures of their children's meals to the accompanying mobile app and in doing so, keep track of what they've been eating. yumit.io



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Cambodian chef Luu Meng
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cuisine to the world

WORDS MARISSA CARRUTHERS





SIDETRACK / 4 QUESTIONS WITH...

Owner and head chef of Phnom Penh's renowned Malis restaurant has been championing Cambodian food for as long as he can remember. Born into a family of cooks, Luu – who was crowned Asia's Best Chef last year by Malaysia-based *Top 10 of Malaysia* and *Top 10 of Asia* publications – picked up his passion from his mother, who owned a streetside restaurant in Phnom Penh. After spending his youth in a refugee camp post-Khmer Rouge reign, he returned to the capital to study, and went on to attend hotel school in Thailand, where he made it his mission to revive Cambodian cuisine. He opened Malis in the early 2000s – followed by Topaz (French), Yi-Sang (Chinese), and Khéma (fine French) – sowing the seeds for a new breed of fine Cambodian dining and service.

How does it feel to be named Asia's Best Chef?

It is a great honour, not just for me but for Cambodia. It gives me a platform to show the world that Cambodian cuisine – often overshadowed by Thai and Vietnamese food – deserves to be up there alongside French, Chinese and Italian food. That was an amazing moment because not only did I win the award, our local jasmine rice also won World's Best Rice for the third year running. I was very proud.

What's distinctive about Cambodian cuisine?

It's full of fresh flavour and



incredible ingredients that are unique to the country. We have top class pepper from Kampot in south Cambodia, palm sugar from Kampong Speu, fresh crab from Kep, and six types of native lemongrass, to name a few. What makes Cambodian cuisine stand out is its subtle use of spices. We use more herbs in our food so it has much less fire.

How are you reviving and modernising the local cuisine?

I love experimenting and my aim is to serve traditional Cambodian dishes for the modern palate. I take a lot of care in presentation and sourcing the finest and freshest ingredients. Take our Kampot crab fried rice (above) – it's beautifully presented kaffir-flavoured

rice cooked in fresh crab juice, and then wok-fried and served with crab meat caught straight from Kampot city.

As head of the Cambodia Restaurant Association, what do you bring to the table?

Cambodia spent a long time rebuilding itself after the war. This is now our time to shine, but it's important that we can compete on an international level. To do this, we have to make sure we are the best – from the farmers growing the produce through to what is plated and served. Passing on my skills and training to the next generation of young Cambodian chefs is an important part of this, and it's something I take seriously.

LUU RECOMMENDS...

The second outpost of Malis will open in Siem Reap on 15 February. The restaurant's *pièces de résistance*? Luu's rendition of four local specialities.

Beef Lok Lak

A simple but wholesome dish of stir-fried marinated, cubed

beef served with red onions on a bed of lettuce, cucumbers and tomatoes. A flavoursome dipping sauce of lime juice, salt and Kampot pepper ups the ante.

Chicken and Banana Blossom Salad

Each bite presents a new

layer of taste, thanks to the combination of roasted chicken, banana blossoms, crispy shallots, mint, holy basil and chillies.

Bamboo Shoot and Smoked Fish Soup

An age-old recipe using finely sliced bamboo shoots cooked with

baby corn in a vegetable broth, finished off with smoked river fish and *sa-om*, a citrusy Cambodian herb.

Fish Amok

Undoubtedly the country's signature dish (right), this is a mild curry

of fish, steamed and served in banana leaves, sweetened with coconut milk and seasoned with *kroeung*, a spice and herb paste.





SINGAPORE
15 FEB

Russell Peters Almost Famous World Tour

If you're a fan of the Canadian funnyman, better get your tickets pronto: After performing to three sold-out crowds last year, Peters is back for a "Special Return Engagement" at the Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre with new material. If you're one of those lucky ones sitting in the front row, be sure to brush up on your adlib skills just in case you get a first-hand taste of his lightning-fast improv. sistic.com.sg

KOLKATA
THROUGH 7 FEB

International Kolkata Book Fair

The largest book fair in the world after the London and Frankfurt shows will be paying tribute to the Cuban revolutionary Che Guevara and the Vietnam War this year. Award-winning authors Magela Baudoin and Abdourahman Waberi are among the visiting writers, and other highlights include a contemporary Vietnamese art exhibition as well as workshops and panel sessions from the 3rd Kolkata Literature

Festival, which will be taking place simultaneously from 4-6 February. kolkatabookfair.net

DENPASAR
10-20 FEB

Galungan

One of Bali's biggest Hindu festivals, this 10-day fete celebrates the triumph of good over evil. It's also a time when ancestral spirits return to earth, so expect processions and

temple offerings, as well as streets lined with *penjor* (festive bamboo posts with offerings). A major highlight is the Ngelawang ceremony, which sees performers travelling from village to village performing the *barong* dance.



SIEM REAP
15-20 FEB

Chub Met Friendship Festival

Do you know what sound a *pin* makes? How about a *khene*? If you haven't got a

clue, check out this inaugural celebration of Cambodian music – a showcase of more than 25 performances by the country's top rock, pop and hip-hop artists as well as the country's musical heritage and traditional instruments. chubmet.com



SINGAPORE
16-21 FEB

Singapore Airshow

Aviation buffs, make sure to block out 20 and 21 February in your social calendar, as that's when this mega aerospace event will be open to the public. Check out the Static Aircraft Display area and see the world's top military jets and luxury airliners up close, as well as the thrilling aerobatic displays by the RSAF Black Knights and visiting squadrons. singaporeairshow.com

KUALA LUMPUR
21 FEB

A New World: Music from Final Fantasy

Fans of the popular console game series Final Fantasy will tell you its allure isn't just its lush fantasy worlds, but also the games' stirring soundtracks. Taking place at the Dewan Filharmonik Petronas, this concert showcases new arrangements by Arnie and Eric Roth, the creative team behind the bestselling Distant Worlds concerts, and will take fans through a musical journey spanning more than 25 years. ffnewworld.com

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Yangon

With a rich legacy, vibrant cityscape and oodles of charm, this grand dame of Southeast Asia is now its rising star

WORDS SAKINAH MANAFF-GREEN



Although it is no longer the country's official capital, Yangon is still the gateway to Myanmar and a must-visit stop in the itinerary.

Its gleaming temples, shrines and pagodas will always hold sway for many first-time visitors, but delve deeper and you'll discover a gritty edge tempered by friendly locals and great food.

Housed in a faded yellow-and-white building with minarets, the mausoleum is redolent of incense as pilgrims – mostly from the Subcontinent – pay their respects by offering sweets and reading verses from the Quran. It was reported that when his grave was discovered, it contained the remarkably well-preserved skeleton of the emperor wrapped in a silk shroud.

ROYAL REPOSE

On an unremarkable road leading from the Shwedagon Pagoda lies the tomb of **Bahadur Shah Zafar II** (Zi Wa Ka Street), India's last Mughal emperor who was exiled to the city in 1858 following the unsuccessful Sepoy Rebellion in Delhi.

HIP, HOT YANGON

Rangoon Tea House (77 Pansodan Road; pictured

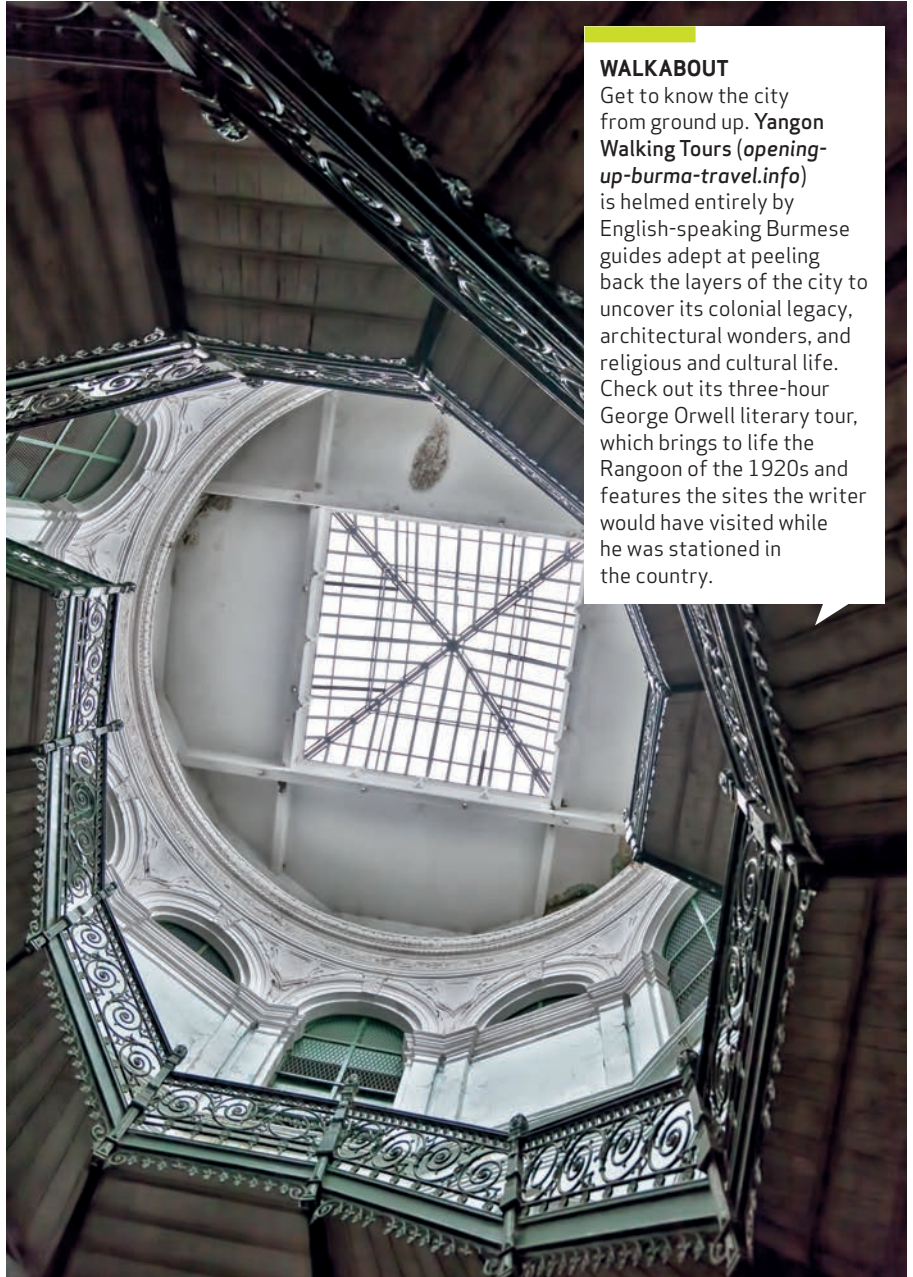


left) boasts the splendour of a grand tea saloon in the days of the British Raj with the din and chatter of a traditional Burmese roadside teashop. There are 16 different blends of *laphet yay* (Burmese tea) to wash down famous teahouse classics like split pea *paratha*, *aloo samosas* (potato turnovers) and *mohinga* (noodles in a fish broth). For bespoke cocktails and tapas, head to **Blind Tiger** (No. 93/95 Ground Floor, Sate Kan Thar Road (Lower Block), 7 Quarter, Kyaut Ta Dar Township), when it reopens in its new location from 1 March. The contemporary speakeasy plays jazz standards and exhibits works by local artists.



ART FRIEND

Tucked away on the first floor of a dilapidated building is the loft-like **Pansodan Gallery** (286 Pansodan Street; pictured above), one of the city's best-loved art spaces. Owner-artist Aung Soe Min showcases the old Burmese masters as well as emerging artists, and a variety of local contemporary and antique



WALKABOUT

Get to know the city from ground up. **Yangon Walking Tours** (opening-up-burma-travel.info) is helmed entirely by English-speaking Burmese guides adept at peeling back the layers of the city to uncover its colonial legacy, architectural wonders, and religious and cultural life. Check out its three-hour George Orwell literary tour, which brings to life the Rangoon of the 1920s and features the sites the writer would have visited while he was stationed in the country.

art and collectibles; the latter including pre-junta historical photos, posters and advertisements. Visit on Tuesday evenings, when the gallery plays host to artists and creative types.

ON SHORE

When Yangonites want to hit the surf and relax, they head to **Chaung Tha Beach** (facing page, right inset), a five-hour drive from the

city. On this long stretch of golden sand, they ride bikes, float about on rubber rings, ride ponies on the beach, play beach football, eat fresh seafood, shop for souvenirs and have picnics. Visit the small pagoda built on a limestone boulder at the southern end of the beach.



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Bak Kwa

The Lunar New Year is here and for many Chinese Singaporeans and Malaysians, no festive snack platter is complete without a few slices of barbecued pork jerky

WORDS LISA-ANN LEE

The Chinese answer to meat jerky in the West, these charcoal-grilled squares (or coin shapes) of porcine deliciousness, with their smoky caramelised and savoury notes, are available year-round but it's during the Lunar New Year that its demand soars.

For a snack of humble origins – *bak kwa* was a means to preserve meat in China's Fujian province back in the day – its flavour profile is surprisingly complex. While savoury, it also has a distinct sweetness, thanks to the sugar in its marinade. The key is balance. The most addictive kind of *bak kwa* is juicy (for this

reason, you want to use pork that has a decent fat content) with a delicious smoky char that comes from being grilled over a charcoal fire. While purists swear by the classic sliced or minced pork version, a multitude of variations abound. For gourmets, there's a Berkshire pork version; there are also beef, chicken and fish varieties, even turkey and crocodile meat. *Bak kwa* can be enjoyed on its own, in a sandwich or even as a pizza topping. Tip: Choose a malty brew like an amber or English ale to complement the caramelised notes of the sweet meat. Eat well and prosper!

Try it at: Lim Chee Guan, 1 Park Road, People's Park Complex #01-25, Singapore

DENDENG

Compared to *bak kwa*'s sweet moreish notes, Indonesian *dendeng* (usually dried water buffalo meat or beef) – a staple of Padang cuisine – is a decidedly spicier affair. There's the popular *dendeng balado*, pan-fried till crisp and served with a piquant *balado sambal*, and *dendeng batokok* – where the beef is steeped in a marinade and then smoked over a charcoal fire. Before serving, the meat is flattened with a mallet and then topped with a spicy green chilli *sambal* laced with coconut oil. Enjoy with steamed rice.

Try it at: RM Padang Malah Dicubo, Jalan Stasiun Timur (Pasar Baru), Bandung



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THE CHOSEN ONES

The Dieng Plateau in Central Java has an open secret: it is home to the children of the gods. *Nelissa Hernandez* meets one special child





Opening spread:
A child with *gembel*
receives blessings
during the hair-
cutting ceremony
in Dieng

This page, from top:
Rural life in Central
Java; tea plantations
and potato farms
dot the landscape
of Java; a religious
leader performs
a prayer during
the Dieng Cultural
Festival



If there is something one must bear in mind when visiting Indonesia, it is that nothing should ever be taken at face value. Animist beliefs still rule some households; ancient rituals are performed to appease the restless gods when disaster strikes; and ancestral beliefs take precedence in some aspects of everyday life. And in the Dieng Plateau in Java, something as ordinary as hair can make someone larger than life.

In local parlance, they call them *gembel*.

A common Javanese term for clumped, dishevelled hair, *gembel* is also the term used to call children with this hair type. These *gembel* are the chosen ones, the favoured few referred to – and revered as – the children of the gods. They are believed to be the reincarnation of Dieng’s founder, and every year an elaborate ritual is held to ceremoniously trim their unusual hair, and grant them one wish.

I barely believed it the first time I heard of it. If a physiological quirk determines who hails from the pantheon of gods, how could shaggy hair, of all things, be the indicator of a sacred privilege? What were the gods thinking! Suspending disbelief, I had come to Central

Java to see it for myself. And boy, it is indeed all about the hair.

KNOTTY TRUTHS

The Dieng Plateau is perched 2,000m high in the centre of Java island. The meandering uphill drive from Semarang leads us past potato farms, tea plantations and roads partly enveloped in fog. Dieng’s altitude spells chilly and wet weather in November, and – as if the gods noticed our arrival – a pounding rain suddenly drops like a bomb when we’re about to meet a child with *gembel* who lives at Dieng Kulon village in Banjarnegara regency. The downpour, however, does not dampen the spirit of Suci, my guide.

“We will meet her soon,” Suci assures me, and the next thing I know a doe-eyed seven-year-old with *gembel* is having *ayam goreng* lunch with us. She steals glances at me between handfuls of rice, probably bewildered by my English. I smile at her, bewildered by her hair. I eye her *gembel*, fascinated, while thinking, *this is for real!*

Her name is Zerlina Sheila Natania, and according to her 25-year-old mother, Apriliyanti, she was born with naturally straight hair. “She had a fever that lasted for a week when she was two years old, and then we noticed



This page from top:
A child gifted with
gembel; Dieng's
children ready for
the hair-cutting
ceremony

her *gembel*," explains Apriliyanti. Locals believe that the growth of *gembel* is always preceded by a fever, and it typically does not occur at birth.

"May I touch her hair?" I ask Apriliyanti. She nods and smiles. It may not be the most polite of requests but I have just met a child of the gods, and I am not wasting the precious opportunity! Zerlina's fringe and the hair on top of her ears are as soft as any kid's hair, but her *gembel* rests on her nape like a messy, oversized low ponytail. It's so firm and looks like a thick spider web held in place by powerful hair spray. This type of *gembel* is known as *wedhus* in Javanese – literally "goat" – as the hair above her nape grows like the animal's tail.

As is the case with other *gembel*, Zerlina's hair shows signs of unusual 'behaviour' when she experiences emotionally tense situations, such as during moments of anger or frustration. "When she asks for something and we can't give it to her, her hair will go up!" explains her mother. She said only one or two strands of Zerlina's *gembel* will shoot upwards, but the normal hair stays as it is. On another occasion, Zerlina had asked Apriliyanti to go *jalan-jalan* (a casual stroll). When the latter refused, Zerlina's disappointment once again caused her *gembel* to rise.





Telaga Warna Lake (or Colour Changing Lake) is one of the most visited tourist attractions in Dieng



OF SCIENCE AND LEGENDS

The modern world would, of course, attribute this unnatural occurrence to scientific data. “The explanation of the phenomenon appears to be one for medical science,” said researcher Prijohutomo, in an article published in 1969 by the Center for South and Southeast Asia Studies at the University of California Berkeley. “According to popular belief, *gembel* hair is partly caused by the cool climate of the area.”

Yet a more recent study in Yogyakarta, published in *Cakrawala Pendidikan* journal in 2009, reveals that “the *gembel* hair gene inheritance is determined by the recessive autosomal gene.” This means that the trait is not seen in every generation of the affected family – this is especially true in Zerlina’s case; both her parents do not possess any *gembel*.

The Javanese beliefs, however, are far removed from the rationale of science, and rest on what Suci calls “local wisdom”. In a billboard at the entrance to Dieng, the words “Local Wisdom” are actually

This page, clockwise from right: Two priests trim a *gembel*, after which the hair is expected to grow normally; a traditional dancer at the Dieng Cultural Festival; *gembel* *wedhus* resembles a goat's tail

emblazoned next to a photo of a 13-year-old child with *gembel*. "In Indonesian tourism, local wisdom is important," says Suci with pride. It's difficult to pinpoint what exactly "local wisdom" means, but one thing's for sure: it entails upholding centuries-old traditions passed on from one generation to the next.

In Dieng, a popular tale on the origins of *gembel* points to Ki Kolodete and his wife, Nyi Rororonci. Legend has it that Ki Kolodete, a priest believed to be one of the founders of Dieng, vowed to keep his hair long till the area attains prosperity. His promise purportedly still manifests in Dieng's children with *gembel*, who are said to be his chosen descendants.

WISH UPON SOME HAIR

As the kids grow up, at some point in their lives, they would wish their



gembel to be shorn – it is only then that their 'sacred' mane can be chopped off. As expected, cutting the hair of the children of gods is by no means a simple affair.

A hair-cutting ritual called *Ruwatan Anak Gembel* – arguably the highlight of the three-day

Dieng Cultural Festival in July or August every year – involves showering the children with water sourced from Sendang Sendayu, a natural well; wrapping their head with a piece of white cloth; and taking them to a procession on a horse cart from the priest's house to the Arjuna Temple complex, where the ceremony takes place. A priest performs a prayer in Javanese and Arabic before cutting the *gembel*. In accordance to the belief that the hair must be returned to the sea, the freshly trimmed locks are then collected and thrown to the Serayu River. It is thought that the children's hair will grow normally from then on.

In 2015, the sixth edition of the Dieng Cultural Festival – which also showcases the region's traditional dances and cultural performances – was witnessed by almost 4,000 spectators. Eight children, four of whom were Zerlina's schoolmates, had





their *gembel* shorn. As part of the ritual, each child is granted a wish; anything he or she wants, the festival's organising committee will bestow upon them. The wishes are very simple: apples, bicycles, duck eggs or *tempeh* (fermented soy) are often what the kids ask for.

Unsurprisingly, the festival has its share of controversy. "There was once a six-year-old who had asked for a motorcycle owned by the regional police director," says Suci. "However, it turned out that the wish was a lie – the kid only asked for an apple and a rooster; it was the dad who wanted the motorcycle!" The committee refused to cut the *gembel* of that child after they discovered the truth.

So what happens when a parent cuts his child's *gembel* outside the festival? Suci says that those kids would be struck by a fever that lasts till the hair

grows back. If the hair takes two months to grow back, I ask, does that mean that the child will have a fever for two months? "Yes," says Apriyanti nonchalantly, as if it's the most common thing in the world, claiming that it actually happened to one of her neighbours.

We turn to Zerlina and ask her what would she wish for if her *gembel* would be trimmed right there and then. She smiles and quickly replies, "two apples."

"Children have simple wishes," quips Suci. My thoughts exactly.

Later I found out that "Dieng" literally means "abode of the gods." High above the clouds it sits, and there I had met one of the children of the gods who just wants two apples. Indonesia's ironies never run out.

Locals bearing food, fruits and other offerings as part of the festival parade that culminates at the Arjuna Temple complex



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HIDEAWAY SPOT

MesaStila resort in Magelang, a 90-minute drive from both Semarang and Dieng, is a good base to explore Central Java. It hosts a variety of cultural experiences, including learning how to play *gamelan*, and a tour of its coffee plantation. Its infinity pool spills onto the slopes of the Javanese jungle, while each of the 23 villas – reconstructed from the traditional *joglo* house – boasts views of nearby mountains. mesahotelsandresorts.com/mesastila



REEFS, WRECKS & BARRACUDAS!

With year-round tropical climate and a unique position on the northeast coast of Borneo, where you can experience diving with big fish yet get close to the small creatures, it's little wonder Sabah's islands draw both deep sea divers and snorkellers, even day trippers

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MANUKAN: DAY TRIPPERS' ESCAPE

Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park is a great place to get wet. A 20-minute speedboat ride from Sabah's capital Kota Kinabalu and we're soon snorkelling off Manukan Island, where a gentle slope of sand leads to off-shore coral reefs and flotillas of clown fish.

The second largest of five islands that span this aquatic park, Manukan's opalescent sapphire water, caramel sandy beaches and tourism infrastructure make it the marine park's most visited island.

Even non-divers can enjoy a 30-minute ride on brightly coloured submersibles or Scuba-Doos, each with a diver who films the experience and delivers your

personal DVD to the beach within minutes. By late afternoon, the day-trippers depart, leaving the island to overnight guests.

What else to do At nearby Sapi Island, adventures like reef sea walking can be had at Borneo Reef World's pontoon, while divers favour Clement Reef, named after Sabah dive pioneer Clement Lee. Here, schools of yellowfin barracuda, squid, triggerfish, a resident turtle and exotic nudibranches thrive amongst colourful hard corals.

For a James Bond moment, take a speedboat to nearby Gaya Island, and a 10-minute forest walk to a flying fox. Buckle-up and hold tight for a breathtaking 250m ride back to Sapi.



Picturesque
Manukan Island
lures divers and
non-divers alike



LANKAYAN: DREAM DIVES

A mere speck in the Sulu Sea 90 minutes from the northern coastal city of Sandakan, a bracelet of coral sand encircles a green top knot of tropical vegetation anchored by swaying casuarina trees.

At just 13 acres and one kilometre in circumference, Lankayan is not just a remote tropical dive island but stands as testament to corporate social responsibility and environmental planning – it’s the cornerstone in the development of Sugud Islands Marine Conservation Areas, a 463sqkm protected marine area.

“Through ecotourism initiatives, we’ve restored the habitat for native flora and fauna and fostered coral diversity to provide a unique environmental travel experience,” said Kenneth Chung, CEO of Pulau Sipadan Resort & Tours, which helped end the island’s earlier fish bombing activities.

Jawfish Lair, Froggie Fort and Mosquito Wreck – a former Japanese WWII ship that’s home to packs of jackfish and barracuda – are some of the exciting wreck and natural dive sites to explore in the area. So is the anticipation of a dream dive with a whale shark, the harmless nautilus of the sea.

Soft corals, feather stars and sea fans along with clown anemone fish, shrimp and porcelain crabs, have made Lankayan a macro- and muck-

diving hot spot (an area of small fish and sea creatures amid waters with sediment), while Lankayan Island Resort, situated within the Sea Turtle Corridor, offers modern amenities in an island setting.

Hawksbill and green turtles come here to forage and nest and as dusk falls, we watch as turtle hatchlings waddle mechanically towards the sea. Forming a protective convoy with other guests, we usher them on their journey into the unknown.

SIPADAN: DEEP SPACE

Legendary in diving circles, Sipadan is the undisputable jewel in Sabah’s aquatic crown framed by a golden triangle of dive islands – Mabul, Kapalai and Matakang.

Malaysia’s only island perched atop a limestone pinnacle that rises 600m from the depths of the Celebes Sea, Sipadan’s spectacular coral wall was described by the late undersea explorer Jacques Cousteau as “an untouched piece of art” – which promptly shot it straight to first place on every diver’s bucket list.

However, years of overcrowding followed, and eventually in 2004, Sipadan’s dive resorts closed.

“In the diving business, the environment is our silent partner and we had to allow nature to recuperate,” said Clement Lee, Sipadan dive operator pioneer and chairman of Sabah Tourism Board’s Dive Committee.

“Diving isn’t mass tourism.





Clockwise from top left: a turtle hatchling in Lankayan heeds the ocean's call; snorkel right from your hut at Sipadan-Kapalai Dive Resort; a safety lesson before taking the plunge; swimming with barracudas on Sipadan; a cluster of dive gear; time out from the water



When it comes to creating sustainable diving in Sabah, less is more."

Dive permits are now restricted to 120 a day, allocated amongst 12 neighbouring island resorts and all divers must log at least 20 dives. Our first stop is Barracuda Point, teeming with life as a swirling river of big-eyed jackfish spiral and rotate in intricate patterns.

Floating on the edge of a whirlwind of thousands of blacktail barracuda and squadrons of bumphead parrotfish, man transforms into an aquanaut dwarfed by nature's awesome display.

Coral Garden's huge sea fans, rippling anemones and hard corals are viewed with absolute clarity, and reef fish dance through sunbeams of light that illuminate the vertiginous sliding wall. Divers swim companionably with green turtles before hovering motionlessly as whitetip reef sharks glide by. Nature in all its vibrant forms live large beneath the Celebes Sea.

KAPALAI: REEF ENCOUNTERS

Styled like a classic Malay water village set amidst the gentle seascape of Ligitan Reefs' shallow sandbanks, Sipadan-Kapalai Dive Resort offers plenty of snorkelling action right at our doorstep.

Novice snorkellers love this safe environment and, sliding off the jetty, we're soon silently





observing schools of trumpetfish, playing hide-and-seek with shamelessly colourful reef fish darting through coral heads and giving a nod to Frankie, the resident barracuda.

A large turtle keeps a friendly eye on us as we fin past the edge of a coral ledge, before it slid into the indigo depths.

Diving is made easy at Kapalai's spectacular sites – we join a small dive group at Kapalai House Reef, one of several dive sites around the resort.

“Look out for jawfish, frogfish, manta rays and beautiful nudibranches,” says dive master Val, as he outlines the 45-minute macro diving highlights. “It’ll be a slow dive so take your time,” he adds.

The back of the boat buzzes as crew pass oxygen tanks and gear to divers; securing fins and with a hiss of air, we disappear over the side in a vapour of bubbles. We are rewarded with sightings of a flamboyant cuttlefish rippling

along the bottom, a giant cod and green turtles.

Back at the dive centre, an enthusiastic group of young Chinese are undertaking a Discover Scuba Diving course. Sabah's exotic islands already attract around 25,000 Chinese

divers each year, more than one-third of all visiting divers.

Sipadan-Kapalai's airy over-water bungalows with broad terraces are also a big drawcard and after a day kayaking, snorkelling and diving, couples armed with the ubiquitous selfie sticks head for the sand island on the edge of the sea for sunset photos.

Below the boardwalk, our private aquarium is bustling with life as barracudas cruise by, scattering shoals of small fish like confetti.

On Kapalai, it's more about the ripple effect than making waves.

MATAKING: FREE & EASY

North of Kapalai, the exquisite coral island of Matakina appears, postcard perfection in an azure sea. Fringed by talcum-fine white sand, Reef Dive Resort, the island's sole resort, offers both macro and pelagic (a zone in the





middle of the sea space where larger fish occupy) diving at 30 nearby dive sites, plus the lure of a day trip to Sipadan 90 minutes away.

An artificial shipwreck attracts cod, jackfish, goby fish and blue-spotted stingray, while resident barracuda Charlie and a school of jackfish patrol the resort's main jetty.

What else to do This enticing piece of paradise has plenty of other activities to enjoy. We make a house call at the Bajau water village on Omadel Island 40 minutes away to buy handicrafts made by the "people of the sea".

Some guests jog around the island to burn off buffet overload or join staffer Lando's football league – three teams who play daily at 5pm and give a warm welcome to visiting soccer aficionados.

Another popular excursion is

to mountainous Bohey Dulang Island, half-an-hour by boat, for a hike through hills that crest at 600m with spectacular panoramas across the Celebes Sea. We plump for beachcombing along the sandy causeway from Matakating to Matakating Kecil, where an aquatic playground is home to seahorses, frog fish and turtles.

For a fish-eye view, we slide into Matakating's silky aquamarine water and snorkel along the reef's edge. Above, the sun shines with intensity while below, tiny silvery flashes shimmy past, and bright indigo-blue triggerfish and iridescent reef fish fill our view. At the reef's edge, bluefin trevally, a muscular fish built for speed, looms mysteriously out of a dusky blue. For more details, visit sabahtourism.com



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Clockwise from top left: March to October is the best time to dive in Sabah; Reef Dive Resort; join Matakating's local football league for a game with the locals; turn in for the day in Kapalai; flamboyant lionfish



GETTING THERE

Arrange with Sea Quest Tours & Travel (seaquesttours.net) to get to Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park islands. For the other islands, you can make arrangements with the resorts (below) or tour operators.

STAY

Manukan Island Resort
manukan.com
Lankayan Island Dive Resort
lankayan-island.com
Sipadan Resort
sipadan-resort.com
Sipadan Mabul Resort
sipadanmabulresort.com
Sipadan Water Village Resort
sipadan-village.com.my
Matakating Reef Dive Resort
matakating.com



SEE

Mabul Water Bungalows' House

Reef: An artificial structure for potato grouper, barracuda, macro diving, nudibranches, seahorses

Kapalai House Reef: Artificial reef that attracts turtles, grouper, batfish, and the spectacular flamboyant cuttlefish

Sipadan's Barracuda Point:

For big trevally, turtles, reef sharks and barracuda

Lankayan: Excellent for macro diving and a nesting ground for green and hawksbill turtles

TAKING A CHANCE ON LOVE

IN A REMOTE VILLAGE IN CAMBODIA, THE SEARCH FOR ONE'S SOULMATE REMAINED CLOSE TO HOME – IN A HUT, TO BE EXACT. DESPITE ENCROACHING DEVELOPMENT, IT'S A TRADITION ONE YOUNG MAN HOPES TO KEEP ALIVE

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He was young and in love. And in these Cambodian highlands, that meant Chroeng had to make a three-hour trek over hills and thick jungle just to see her.

Cambodia's northeastern Ratanakiri province is home to about eight indigenous minority groups living in small clusters on the hillside, subsisting on the forest and small-scale cultivation.

Forty years ago, no trace of development had yet penetrated these hills. There were no roads – and certainly no telephones – making romantic courtship an arduous challenge. That didn't

deter Chroeng, now 60, because at the end of those long walks, Bagn would be waiting for him in her “bride hut.”

EARLY START

Premarital huts are a vanishing ethnic Kreung tradition, which I discovered when I visited Chroeng's village, about a half hour from the provincial capital of Banlung.

This lush region near the borders with Vietnam and Laos boasts natural splendour, from waterfalls to the iconic Yeak Laom volcanic lake. But the province is also rich in culture, though many traditions are

fast disappearing in the face of rampant deforestation and development.

One such tradition is the huts. In Ratanakiri, Kreung tribes would build a hut for a boy or girl once they reach adolescence. There, they are encouraged to sleep with their romantic partners, away from their parents – a tradition that may seem scandalous in most of Southeast Asia, where premarital sex is frowned upon, if not outright rejected.

Chroeng's village is home to one of very few such huts that exists, said Khiang, a friend who invited me on one of his trips to the village. A Cambodian artist, he



Saov is seen inside his marriage hut. It is a tradition for teenagers of the Kreung minority to build marriage huts to assert their independence, have a space to interact with their friends, and eventually to use the hut for courtship and intimate interactions



From top: Teenage boys gather for breakfast; farmer boys in a deforested area in Ratanakiri. Villagers still eat what they find in the wild, in addition to raising chickens and pigs

has photographed the community over the last two decades, documenting these cultural changes.

Our journey from Phnom Penh took an entire day. We boarded a bus that rumbles on a road following the Mekong River.



From Banlung, we clambered aboard motorcycles that whizzed us along a winding road away from bustling civilisation to the tranquil Tong Kropu village in Ochum commune.

We arrived in the village – a serene cluster of roughly hewn wooden homes – just as the sun was setting. The village, with no electricity or running water, was a quiet sanctuary. Above the rolling hills, the sky glowed a majestic magenta. Flocks of chicken scattered while young girls giggled as they played, waiting for their parents and elder brothers to return from rice and cashew fields.

One sight stood out: among the wooden homes was a lone bamboo hut, raised on stilts two metres above the ground, painted in bright blue, red and white geometric patterns. It was the rare groom hut, built a

couple of years ago by a 17-year-old boy, inspired to revive the disappearing culture.

COMING OF AGE

After settling in that evening, we joined the villagers huddling around a campfire outside the village chief's home, warming ourselves amid the chill highland night. Lit by the flickering fire, a group of older villagers told us about these huts back when they were growing up.

"They build the hut in front of the main family house if they are single," explained one village elder, a scarf wrapped around his head. "The huts were also a way for the tribe's elders to teach young people independence and responsibility in their adolescent years," he added.

The hut was how Choeng and Bagn met. Her village was about 10km away from his, and he first



saw her at a funeral ceremony. “Whenever there was a funeral or any ceremony in her village, I walked there,” he recalled.

Then, he began making the visits more regularly, knocking on the door of her hut. “My wife’s hut was about 3m by 2.5m,” he said, “with roofs made of *kama* leaves and walls made of bamboo.” “We used rattan to connect things together – no nails – and we got the rattan from the forest,” Choeng added. They spent a few months together in her hut before finally getting their parents’ permission to marry.

But development and outside cultural influence – both Khmer and foreign – have threatened indigenous livelihoods. Only two decades ago, they told me, their lives revolved around the forest. In the villages, men and women walked around bare-chested, wearing little but handwrought

cloth made from tree bark or rough textile. Their homes were round, with thatched leaf roofs and walls woven with strips of wood from trees in the surrounding forest.

These days, though, save for extremely remote tribes, many indigenous villagers live in wooden homes built in the Khmer style, as their teens flash smartphones that blast the latest South Korean pop.

LIVING OFF THE LAND

Traditional ways have become tales the elders reminisce over campfires like tonight’s.

As the night descended further into darkness, Choeng and Bagn welcomed us to sleep in their home, a large but plain stilted house where they live with their children and grandchildren.

Over the next few days, we immersed ourselves in their rhythm. We slept on mats under a swath of mosquito netting. In the morning, we woke up around 5.30 to a harmony of birds, insects, and the rough grunts of the hogs. Below the house, the family had gathered around a fire, cooking rice in a basket. Choeng switched on his portable radio that he kept slung over his shoulders,

From top: Saov’s marriage hut, labelled by Westerners as the ‘Love Hut’. The tradition is slowly disappearing due to factors such as diminishing availability of wood, unplanned pregnancies, and the rise of technology; young girls share a light moment

Right, from top: Pristine natural sites like waterfalls dot the Ratanakiri province; Bagn (in green), whose courtship with her husband Chroeng was conducted the traditional 'Love Hut' way, with other women of the Kreung clan



streaming traditional Tampuan and Kreung chansons. In the mid-morning, a man drove by on a motorcycle selling fish and fresh vegetables. That, combined with herbs plucked from around the village, made our modest meals.

While the children went to school and others set off to rice or cassava fields, we took a walk to explore the surrounding hills. We followed the trickling sound of a stream until we found a small waterfall. Such natural tranquilities abound here – the villagers still take baths at a natural spring a short walk away.

We also visited a family farming on their hillside rice plot. Unlike terraced rice systems more familiar across Southeast Asia, these highland plots see tribes using bamboo poles to poke holes in the ground, placing rice seedlings inside and leaving it for the rain to irrigate.



CHANGING TIMES

We returned from our hike to the village, where two women had hauled fresh jackfruits from a nearby grove. As we sat under a tree, plucking at the sticky yellow fruit, they said their generation no longer lives like their parents did.

For starters, bridal huts have become obsolete. Chok, a 24-year-old who married a Khmer man, said they just talked on the phone. "We used mobile phones to communicate," the mother of two said. Mom, 28, added that she hadn't seen a hut since she was eight years old.


It was a bit of a surprise, then, when Saov, a teenage boy in the

village, decided to revive the hut tradition. "A long time ago, the older generation built it," Saov said, sitting on his porch in his jeans, a T-shirt and jacket. "I built the hut by myself with some help from my two brothers and a friend. I took all the hut material from the forest," he said. "I did all the decoration by myself."

Mostly he stays in the hut by himself, reading or doing homework. No girlfriends yet, he said, grinning boyishly. "No one really interests me yet," he said. He wasn't sure what his future looks like, romantically or otherwise. Besides, boys his age

are mostly concerned with getting out of the village. Said Thanh, Saov's 19-year-old friend, "I want to work outside the country, like go to Korea, a developed country where the pay is good."

For me, though, it was hard to leave what remains of this peaceful life, as it is for Saov, who is committed to preserving his traditions. "In the future, I will build a new house for her," he said of his hypothetical wife. "It will be the same style of my hut."

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Eu Yan Sang Bak Kut Teh

Bak Kut Teh (pork ribs broth) is one of the local favourites. Replicate this signature dish with this mix of pre-packed herbs and spices, such as wolfberry and clove. Available at Eu Yan Sang (all three terminals).

Vintage Kopi Cup Set

Pick up this nifty cup and saucer set – its traditional design will remind you of the aromatic brew you enjoyed at the neighbourhood kopitiam (coffee shop). Available at Discover Singapore (Terminals 1 & 2).

Raffles Hotel Singapore Hainanese Chicken Rice Mix

Considered by many to be Singapore's national dish, Hainanese chicken rice is the perfect introduction to local cuisine. This aromatic pre-mix paste offers a taste of not one, but two, icons of Singapore. Available at Raffles Long Bar, Wines and Spirits by DFS (Terminal 3).



HIT THE *Sweet* SPOT

India is home to one of the richest and oldest sweets traditions in the world. In the Land of the Thousand Gods, Indian sweets would appear to compete with the deities in numbers. Both have a very close relation, and it is still widely believed that the gods have a sweet tooth for certain varieties. Historians defend that the first form of sugar – jaggery – was invented in India during the Neolithic era, and Sanskrit, one of the world’s oldest languages, is rich with words for sugar and sugar products.

Indian sweets can be distinguished by three regions: north, south and Bengal. Most are milk-based but in the north, the milk is boiled till very thick (*khoya*), in the south, chickpea or wheat flour and coconut are used, and in Bengal, the milk is coagulated with citrus juice or curd that has been hung to drain. More than just a treat, Indian sweets play a pivotal role in social gatherings, celebrations and festivals – they are usually presented as gifts to honour an occasion or offered to the gods in rituals.

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This page, from left to right: *Raj kamal*, a cashew barfi, is also called *kaju tarbooz* as it’s made with cashew and looks like a watermelon; *chana malai khir* is a sweetened rice pudding cooked in milk; Kashmiri barfi. **Facing page, from left to right:** A delightful gift box of *badam tiranji*, *kaju kalash*, *badam anjir* cake and *pista barfi*. Barfi is a *khoya*-based sweet filled with nuts like almond or pistachio





From top: *Boondi*, a sweet similar to the syrupy *jalebi* but dipped in saffron sugar syrup, is usually an offering in temples; *ladoo*, said to be the god Ganesh's favourite, is made by hand with a thick batter of flour and nuts





From top: Rings of *jalebi* are fried in quality ghee and dipped in sugar syrup; local and regional sweets are now found all over India. Here, customers wait to snap up freshly fried treats at Jalebi Wala in Old Delhi



From top: A box of barfis, laddoo and dodha; getting the day's sugar fix





Clockwise from top: Kaleva, a famous *halwai* (sweet shop) displays a tempting range of freshly made indulgences. Their secret: use only the highest quality ingredients; a professional sweet confectioner making *dil khush*, a type of *barfi* with cashew and pistachio; *jalebi* is made with a simple Indian wheat flour base

Chaat is a popular Indian snack sold in many sweet shops. It's made with a mixture of potato, crisp fried vada (savory fritter), chickpeas, tangy-salty spices, sour sauces and yoghurt for garnish



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生态足印

来到毗邻宿雾的潜水胜地薄荷岛，除了绚烂的水底世界令人着迷外，岛上丰富的自然生态同样教人目眩惊叹，向往神驰

文 黎有玲



菲律宾号称千岛之国，漂亮优美的海岛多不胜数，其中以水清沙幼的宿雾名气最大。但距离宿雾约两小时航程的绝美珊瑚岛薄荷岛 (Bohol)，知名度及风景也绝不逊色，如诗如画的沙

滩和写意的闲情，足以跃登成为著名的度假天堂。

薄荷岛是菲律宾第十大岛屿，蔚蓝明净的海水赢得潜水天堂的美誉，岛上亦有不少原始自然环境和稀有动物，因此政府近年积极发展

生态旅游，吸引热爱大自然的绿色旅客。

巧克力奇观

薄荷岛的巧克力，当然不是指丰腴柔滑的甜蜜美食，而是位于岛中央的著名景点巧克力山，奇伟的地势令人由衷赞叹。

相传古时两名巨人以石头互相投掷对方，巨石掉在山头，成为一个个连绵起伏的山丘，至今共有1,268座幽峦接迭的圆锥形山头，蔚为奇观。每到夏天旱季，绿草枯干后变为光秃秃的褐色山头，从高处远眺俨如一颗颗诱人的巧克力，因而得名，是世上绝无仅有的同类自然奇迹。

欲穷千里目，便要更上一座山。只要爬上200多级的阶梯，便可在山巅饱览千多座拔地冒起的峰峦，延绵不绝，眼界大开。当中两座山头已发展成为度假胜地，设有各式观光娱乐设施，其中巧克力山历





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一场猴子戏

薄荷岛的生态行程，当然少不了这里最叫人趋之若鹜的迷你猴子：眼镜猴。这种受保护的灵长类动物在地球已经存活了4,500万年，现时数量稀少，属高度濒危物种。

顾名思义，迷你猴子体积极小，只有一个拳头大，样貌亦非常突出，整张脸就仿佛只有一双不合比例的大眼睛，因此称为迷你眼镜猴。牠双眼不能转动，只能够瞪着圆眼，耳朵随着声音摆动，头部和颈项几乎可以作360度旋转，感觉诡异，与电影《小魔怪》的主角形像相若。小猴喜爱趴在树上睡觉，或目不转睛地瞪着游人，神态傻憨可爱，是岛上遐邇闻名的小明星。

豚聚一刻

在薄荷岛，一年四季也可以出海观豚 (whales.bohol.ph/packages.php)，全天候欣赏可爱海豚的风采。听说海豚总是联群结队游玩，要捕捉这种盛况，便要于早上五时多便出发与牠们亲密接触。

薄荷岛由于污染较少，因此海水远较布吉清澈明净，能见度更高。出海乘坐的渔船都是从昔日的捕鲸船改装而成，导游亦是经验丰富的渔民，他们很熟识这带海域的环境，并利用以往捕鲸的技巧和知识，带领旅客追踪海豚或鲸鱼。

船只在海面驶了数十分钟后，不旋踵便可目睹海豚的矫捷身影，三五成群互相嬉戏，还会追着观赏船竞赛，在船边翻腾跳跃，看得大家心花怒放，亦教人顿然醒觉，必须好好保护和爱惜海洋生态。



胜安航空每星期12班从新加坡直航宿雾

上：雄伟的巧克力山连绵起伏，不见尽头，俨如大自然的奇迹

左页：样子奇特有趣的迷你眼镜猴瞪着大大的圆眼，教人也看得目不转睛；被誉为潜水天堂的薄荷岛水清沙幼，果然不负盛名



NATURE'S FOOTPRINTS

Bohol, the Philippines' 10th largest island, is a two-hour boat ride from Cebu and boasts a rich natural landscape.

One of the best-known attractions here is the Chocolate Hills, a collection of 1,268 unique cone-shaped limestone hills found in the centre of the island. In the dry season, the grass that covers these giant mounds shrivel up, leaving just the brown topsoil so that the hills resemble giant pieces of chocolate. Take in the unique landscape for yourself by climbing more than 200 steps up to a viewing deck, or getting on the Bike Zip in the Chocolate Hills Adventure Park that offers an adrenaline rush 150ft above ground.

No ecotourism adventure in Bohol would be complete without a sighting of the Philippine tarsier, one of the world's smallest and most endangered primates that have existed for 45 million years. Their most distinctive feature: a pair of bulging eyes and, most peculiarly, they're able to swivel their heads and necks a full 360 degrees.

The Bohol Sea is also known as one of the Philippines' best places to watch wild dolphins and whales. Pamilacan Island Dolphin & Whale Watching Tours offers trips out on former whale-hunting boats, run by locals who are experienced guides. Be prepared to set off as early as 5am to ensure you catch the wildlife at their most playful.



SilkAir flies 12 times weekly between Singapore and Cebu



仰光

虽已不再是缅甸的首府，仰光的耀眼庙宇、宝塔和淳朴人文风貌仍是旅客必访的理由。

长眠圣地

印度最后一个莫卧尔 (Mughal) 皇帝 Bhadur Shah Zafar 二世的陵墓四周光塔林立，黄白色的外观虽经岁月洗礼变得暗淡，但前来朝拜和诵经的人潮络绎不绝。

徒步活动

揭开城市的殖民历史、探索建筑瑰宝和人文点滴，跟着仰光徒步旅行社 (Yangon Walking Tours, opening-up-burma-travel.info) 的英语导览员一起认识古城。

城市脉动

高雅、宽敞的Rangoon茶室 (Rangoon Tea House, 77 Pansodan街) 洋溢着英殖期茶馆的华丽和传统路边茶摊

的喧嚣，有16种laphet yay (缅甸茶) 和特色小吃供选择。隐秘的Blind Tiger (93/55底层, SateKanThar路 (低楼), 3月1日迁址到7区KyautTaDar镇) 则以特制鸡尾酒、点心和爵士乐留住访客的心。

艺友

老旧的建筑里别有洞天。Pansodan画廊 (286 Pansodan街) 展示了缅甸大师和新近画家的作品、古董照片、广告海报等。每逢星期二还有画家和艺术家交流活动。

海岸风情

Chang Tha海滩离市区约五小时车程，是城市一族来游泳、玩沙滩足球、骑小马驹、野餐和吃海鲜的天地。



胜安航空每星期13次从新加坡飞往仰光



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GALUNGAN节

这个在巴厘岛的10天印度教盛典除了庆祝正义战胜邪恶，也是先辈灵魂回返人间的时节。街上处处可见悬挂贡品的竹子penjor和多彩游行，各寺庙也因一系列祭祀活动变得闹哄哄。庆典的一大看头是Ngelawang仪式，表演者跳着barong舞，把欢乐从一个村子散播到另一个村子。

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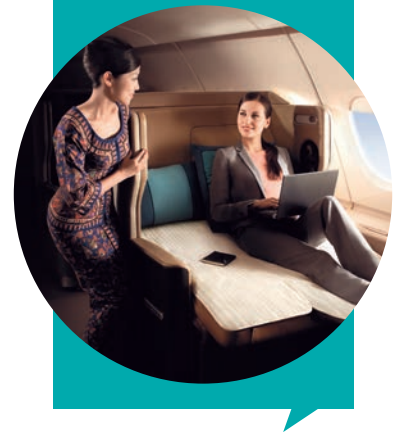
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SEE PENANG with Aaron Wong, flight steward

What's a must-try activity in Penang for first-time travellers?

Grab a map of Penang's street art at the airport, rent a bicycle in Georgetown, and you are set to explore the streets at your own pace. Check out the colourful murals, or the wrought-iron wall caricatures depicting humorous aspects of *kampung* (village) life.

Any great eats?

Lorong Seratus Tahun's curry mee is a local favourite. A dish of yellow noodles in a broth, topped with shrimp, cuttlefish and cubes of coagulated pig's blood, it is typically eaten with a dollop of curry paste.

Shopping tips?

If you fancy browsing through books, jewellery and other pre-loved items, visit the Car Boot flea market at Straits Quay every first Friday of the month.



SilkAir partners Child's Dream Foundation

SilkAir has adopted Child's Dream Foundation as its official charity partner under a three-year Memorandum of Understanding, signed on 20 January 2015 at the foundation's headquarters in Chiang Mai. Child's Dream is a nonprofit organisation committed to helping marginalised kids and youth in the Greater Mekong Subregion, which covers Myanmar, Laos, Thailand

and Cambodia. Established in 2003, the foundation works with local communities to grow educational opportunities and boost health conditions for minors and youth. Activities include health interventions to reduce child mortality, construction of facilities for basic education, setting up of youth employment centres, and provision of high school and university scholarships.

Commenting on the partnership, SilkAir Chief Executive Leslie Thng says: "It has always been SilkAir's goal to reach out to the communities in the Southeast Asian destinations we serve, and we are thrilled to support Child's Dream's good work." childsdream.org

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2015

Ranked among the Top 10 Airlines for Best Cabin Service Worldwide 2015 by Hong Kong-based online travel magazine, *Smart Travel Asia*

2014

Ranked among the Top 10 Airlines for Best Cabin Service Worldwide 2014,

2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009 by *Smart Travel Asia*

Regional Airline of the Year 2014 by *airlineratings.com*, leading airline safety and review website

2013

Regional Airline of the Year 2013 *Air Transport News* (ATN) awards

2012

Ranked 3rd, Top 10 Airlines by Passenger Carriage,

Changi Airline Awards 2012

2011

Best Regional Airline 2011, Centre for Aviation (CAPA)

2010

Inducted into TTG Asia's Travel Hall of Fame following its 10th win as Best Regional Airline at the TTG Travel Awards 2009

2009

Wins Best Regional Airline: Southeast Asia by Skytrax

Milestones

1989 February

Tradewinds takes to the skies on leased McDonnell Douglas MD87 aircraft with flights to Hat Yai, Pattaya, Phuket, Kuantan and Tioman



1992 April & July

Tradewinds is renamed SilkAir. Business Class is introduced

1994 February

New Balenciaga-designed cabin crew uniform is revealed

1998 September

Unveils A320 with seating capacity of up to 150

1999 February

SilkAir celebrates its 10th anniversary

2002 July

Online bookings are made available on the official SilkAir website

2004 August

Cabin crew wear the new wrap dress uniform

2009 February

SilkAir celebrates its 20th anniversary

2012 August

Announces its largest fleet order – up to 68 Boeing aircraft, and launches revamped website

2014 February

SilkAir celebrates its 25th anniversary, and receives its first Boeing 737-800 aircraft

2015 April

Unveils new cabin crew uniforms designed by Singaporean Alexandria Chen



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NO OF AIRCRAFT
14 IN FLEET

NO OF SEATS
12 BUSINESS CLASS
150 ECONOMY CLASS

Length 39.5m
Wingspan 35.8m
Height 12.5m
Typical cruise speed 0.785 Mach



Airbus 320-200

NO OF AIRCRAFT
11 IN FLEET

NO OF SEATS
12 BUSINESS CLASS
138 ECONOMY CLASS

Length 37.57m
Wingspan 35.8m
Height 11.76m
Maximum speed 0.82 Mach



Airbus 319-100

NO OF AIRCRAFT
4 IN FLEET

NO OF SEATS
8 BUSINESS CLASS
120 ECONOMY CLASS

Length 33.84m
Wingspan 35.8m
Height 11.76m
Maximum speed 0.82 Mach



Destination	Flight duration	Airport to city
AUSTRALIA		
Cairns	6:40hrs	5.8km
Darwin	4:40hrs	13km
CAMBODIA		
Phnom Penh	2hrs	11km
Siem Reap	2:10hrs	7km
CHINA		
Changsha	4:45hrs	20km
Chengdu	4:35hrs	18km
Chongqing	4:30hrs	21km
Kunming	4hrs	25km
Shenzhen	4:05hrs	32km
Wuhan	5:05hrs	26km
Xiamen	4:05hrs	20km
INDIA		
Bangalore	4:20hrs	40km
Chennai	4:20hrs	20km
Coimbatore	4:25hrs	10km
Hyderabad	4:35hrs	38km
Kochi	4:30hrs	32km
Kolkata	4:20hrs	20km
Thiruvananthapuram	4:25hrs	6km
Visakhapatnam	4:20hrs	15km
INDONESIA		
Balikpapan	2:25hrs	12km
Bandung	1:50hrs	4km
Denpasar	2:40hrs	13km
Lombok	2:45hrs	30km
Makassar	3hrs	17km
Manado	3:40hrs	15km
Medan	1:15hrs	42km
Palembang	1:05hrs	20km
Pekanbaru	1:05hrs	10km
Semarang	2:15hrs	6km
Surabaya	2:20hrs	22km
Yogyakarta	2:20hrs	8km
MALAYSIA		
Kota Kinabalu	2:30hrs	10km
Kuala Lumpur	55min	80km
Kuching	1:25hrs	10km
Langkawi	1:25hrs	18km
Penang	1:25hrs	21km
MALDIVES		
Male	4:35hrs	2km
MYANMAR		
Mandalay	3:35hrs	45km
Yangon	2:55hrs	16km
NEPAL		
Kathmandu	5:10hrs	5km
PHILIPPINES		
Cebu	3:40hrs	14km
Davao	3:50hrs	12km
Kalibo	3:40hrs	3km
THAILAND		
Chiang Mai	2:55hrs	5km
Koh Samui	1:45hrs	17km
Phuket	1:45hrs	31km
VIETNAM		
Danang	2:45hrs	3km
Hanoi	3:20hrs	45km



POSTCARDS

A quick guide to our 49 destinations



SILKAIR RECOMMENDS

Surabaya

Looking for something to do after braving Bromo's trails? Explore these East Javanese gems

DO

Take a day trip to Trowulan district, which was once the seat of the Majapahit kingdom. It has a strong brass handicrafts tradition, and you can watch local craftsmen create some sculptures from scratch.

SEE

Do as the tourists do and hike the Ijen crater before the break of dawn. The highlight of the trip is seeing the volcano's electric blue flames, which are created by the combustion of sulfuric gases.

SHOP

Built in 1862, the colonial-style House of Sampoerna is home to an art gallery, museum

and café. Shop for batik after visiting the gallery, which hosts the works of up-and-coming local artists.

EAT

Dining at the Dream of Kahyangan restaurant is an elegant affair. Enjoy local Indonesian food – try the grilled *bandeng* (milk fish) and choose among three types of *sambal* – while dining amid antique furniture indoors, or next to koi ponds al fresco.

DRINK

A common thirst quencher, *legen* is extracted from the local Siwalan palm. When left to ferment longer, this sweet drink becomes *tuak*, an alcoholic drink.

AUSTRALIA

CAIRNS

Besides being close to the Great Barrier Reef, this city in Queensland boasts pristine rainforests with unique flora and fauna, bustling farmers' markets and breath-taking beaches and islands.

Frequency 3 flights weekly from Singapore (Mon, Thu and Sat)

Climate Rainy (Nov-May), dry (May-Oct)



Cairns

DARWIN

The capital of the Northern Territory is the gateway to Kakadu National Park, with abundant wildlife, waterfalls and aboriginal rock art. In the city, Darwin's Waterfront Precinct buzzes with open-air dining, bars and trendy boutiques.

Frequency 5 flights weekly from Singapore (Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri and Sun)

Climate Rainy (Nov-May), dry (May-Oct)

CAMBODIA

PHNOM PENH

Stop by the grand Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda within the grounds. Enjoy a stroll along Sisowath Quay, a three-kilometre strip along the west bank of Tonlé Sap river that's lined with bars, restaurants, cafés and shops.

Frequency 21 flights weekly from Singapore

Climate Cool (Nov-Feb), hot (Mar-May), rainy (Jun-Oct)

SIEM REAP

Discover the splendid architecture and bas-relief sculptures of Angkor Wat, one of the most significant archaeological sites in Southeast Asia. Near Tonlé Sap Lake, the charming floating villages are a fascinating sight.

Frequency 11 flights weekly from Singapore

Climate Cool (Nov-Feb), hot (Mar-May), rainy (Jun-Oct)

CHINA

CHANGSHA

Surrounded by three rivers, the capital of Hunan offers attractions like the Aiwan Pavilion in scenic Mount Yuelu. A major port, it is also one of China's top 20 economically advanced cities.

Frequency 3 flights weekly from Singapore (Tue, Thu and Sat)

Climate Spring (Mar-May), summer (Jun-Sep), autumn (Oct-Nov), winter (Dec-Feb)

CHENGDU

Stroll along the city's old bridge, which, when lit, is stunning by night. The capital of Sichuan province also houses the giant panda breeding and research centre, and serves as the gateway to Mount Emei, one of the four sacred Buddhist mountains.

Frequency 10 flights weekly from Singapore

Climate Spring (Mar-May), summer (Jun-Sep), autumn (Oct-Nov), winter (Dec-Feb)

CHONGQING

Marvel at the towering skyscrapers at Jiefangbei district, or visit Wulong National Geology Park for its karst stone bridges and deep mountain valleys.

Frequency 5 flights weekly from Singapore (Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat and Sun)

Climate Spring (Mar-May), summer (Jun-Sep), autumn (Oct-Nov), winter (Dec-Feb)

KUNMING

The largest city in Yunnan province is famed for its natural and historical attractions, like its many colourful and ornate temples, the Yunnan Nationalities Village and karst caves in Jiuxiang.

Frequency 3 flights weekly from Singapore (Tue, Thu and Sun)

Climate Spring (Mar-May), summer (Jun-Sep), autumn (Oct-Nov), winter (Dec-Feb)

SHENZHEN

This city in the Pearl River Delta region has something for everyone, from shopping, dining, art, to theme parks. Soak in the vibrant energy of the city centre and marvel at its cutting-edge architecture and modern skyscrapers.

Frequency Daily flights from Singapore

Climate Spring (Mar-May), summer (Jun-Sep), autumn (Oct-Nov), winter (Dec-Feb)

Darwin



Wuhan



WUHAN

With a history spanning more than 3,500 years, Wuhan offers plenty of sights and experiences for history lovers. Visit Hubei Provincial Museum and marvel at its more than 140,000 artefacts, including ancient weapons and musical instruments.

Frequency Daily flights from Singapore

Climate Spring (Mar-May), summer (Jun-Sep), autumn (Oct-Nov), winter (Dec-Feb)

XIAMEN

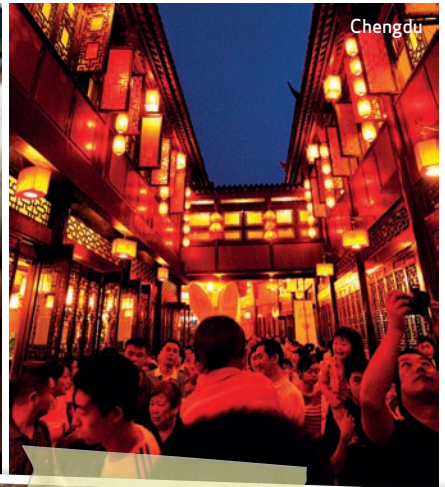
Explore the rounded communal fortresses known as *tulou* of Xiamen's Hakka people. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, they stand as lone castles up to five storeys high. A trip here will also acquaint you with Fujian's stunning countryside.

Frequency Daily flights from Singapore

Climate Spring (Mar-May), summer (Jun-Sep), autumn (Oct-Nov), winter (Dec-Feb)



Kunming



Chengdu



Phnom Penh



Bangalore



Shenzhen



Chennai

INDIA

BANGALORE

While it may be known as India's Silicon Valley, Bangalore lures with its vibrant arts, music, dining and café scene, as well as cultural landmarks such as the Bangalore Palace.

Frequency 5 flights weekly from Singapore (Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun)

Climate Summer (Mar-May), rainy (Jun-Oct), winter (Nov-Feb)

CHENNAI

Admire colourful deities and intricate carvings at temples like Kapaleeshwar in this city steeped in Tamil and Hindu cultures. Formerly known as Madras, Chennai offers diverse attractions, from classical dance shows to its famed Marina Beach.

Frequency 3 flights weekly from Singapore (Fri, Sat and Sun)

Climate Summer (Mar-May), rainy (Jun-Oct), winter (Nov-Feb)

COIMBATORE

Known fondly as the Manchester of South India for its thriving textile industry, Coimbatore also leaves tourists spellbound with its colourful temples, wall art, picturesque wildlife parks and hill stations.

Frequency 4 flights weekly from Singapore (Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun)

Climate Summer (Mar-May), rainy (Jun-Oct), winter (Nov-Feb)

HYDERABAD

The capital of Telangana in southern India is one of the country's most important IT cities. Despite its modern trappings, timeless tradition and iconic landmarks like the Chowmahalla Palace reflect the city's storied past.

Frequency 9 flights weekly from Singapore

Climate Summer (Mar-May), rainy (Jun-Oct), winter (Nov-Feb)

KOCHI

This seaport town has a slew of activities for nature and culture lovers. Learn about the *cheena vala* or Chinese fishing nets unique to the area, explore Portuguese-built churches and forts or the backwaters with its flora and fauna.

Frequency 9 flights weekly from Singapore

Climate Summer (Mar-May), rainy (Jun-Oct), winter (Nov-Feb)

KOLKATA

Ethnically and religiously diverse, the capital of West Bengal boasts an established tradition in the arts. Another must-experience is riding the city's hand-pulled rickshaws.

Frequency 4 flights weekly from Singapore (Tue, Wed, Thu and Sun)

Climate Summer (Mar-May), rainy (Jun-Oct), winter (Nov-Feb)

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Thiruvananthapuram or Trivandrum is one of Kerala's most picturesque cities. To see the bucolic corners of Kerala, hop on a houseboat that cruises the state's backwaters.

Frequency 4 flights weekly from Singapore (Tue, Thu, Sat and Sun)

Climate Summer (Mar-May), rainy (Jun-Oct), winter (Nov-Feb)

VISAKHAPATNAM

Vizag is the second largest city in Andhra Pradesh. It offers natural and cultural attractions such as Kailasagiri Park with its striking Hindu god statues, Kanker Palace and Rishikonda Beach.

Frequency 3 flights weekly from Singapore (Wed, Fri and Sun)

Climate Summer (Mar-May), rainy (Jun-Oct), winter (Nov-Feb)

INDONESIA

BALIKPAPAN

This seaport city is a melting pot of cultures such as the Bugis and Javanese. Take a scenic boat ride down Mahakam river or shop for gemstones and handicrafts in town.

Frequency 4 flights weekly from Singapore (Mon, Wed, Fri and Sat)

Climate Rainy (Oct-May), dry (Jun-Sep)

BANDUNG

A green enclave, Bandung bears traces of its colonial past, like tea plantations opened by the Dutch in the mid-19th century. It's also known for its stunning landscapes, like the crater lake Kawah Putih.

Frequency 5 flights weekly from Singapore (Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat and Sun)

Climate Rainy (Oct-May), dry (Jun-Sep)



Kochi



Visakhapatnam



Medan



Manado

DENPASAR

Denpasar is the capital of Bali, dubbed the Island of the Gods and is one of the world's most popular destinations. Bali boasts pristine beaches, lush rice terraces and a unique form of Hinduism where locals observe vibrant religious and cultural rituals.

Frequency Daily flights from Singapore

Climate Rainy (Oct-May), dry (Jun-Sep)

LOMBOK

One of the islands of West Nusa Tenggara province, Lombok may be famous for its beaches and Mount Rinjani, but its other natural attractions like towering waterfalls, lush rice fields, and the three Gilis are worth a visit.

Frequency 3 flights weekly from Singapore (Wed, Fri and Sun)

Climate Rainy (Oct-May), dry (Jun-Sep)

MAKASSAR

South Sulawesi's capital has beautiful snorkelling and diving sites, as well as stunning mosques and jaw-dropping sunsets. It is also the gateway to Tana Toraja highlands, famous for its lush vistas and elaborate cultural rituals.

Frequency 3 flights weekly from Singapore (Mon, Wed and Sat)

Climate Rainy (Oct-May), dry (Jun-Sep)



Kolkata



Lombok



Thiruvananthapuram

MANADO

This city in North Sulawesi is the gateway to Tomohon and its unique Vihara Buddhayana Buddhist temple complex. Manado is also famous for its dive spots, including Bunaken National Park in the Coral Triangle, which boasts some of the highest levels of biodiversity in the world. **Frequency** 3 flights weekly from Singapore (Mon, Wed and Sat) **Climate** Rainy (Oct-May), dry (Jun-Sep)

MEDAN

Home to the picturesque Lake Toba, the world's largest volcanic lake, Medan is also a culinary mecca. Merdeka Walk offers a mouth-watering selection of local dishes, from spicy Minangkabau specialities to sweet Javanese food. **Frequency** 14 flights weekly from Singapore **Climate** Rainy (Oct-May), dry (Jun-Sep)



Kuching

PALEMBANG

The capital of South Sumatra owes much of its charm to its architecture and historical landmarks. Must-sees include Kuto Besak Fort, once the centre of the Palembang sultanate, and Ampera Bridge. **Frequency** 4 flights weekly from Singapore (Mon, Wed, Thu and Sat) **Climate** Rainy (Oct-May), dry (Jun-Sep)

PEKANBARU

Once a sleepy port on Sumatra's Siak River, Pekanbaru has been transformed into a bustling modern city. As Indonesia's centre of Malay culture, it is home to interesting sites, including the An-Nur Mosque and Sang Nila Utama Museum. **Frequency** 3 flights weekly from Singapore (Mon, Wed and Fri) **Climate** Rainy (Oct-May), dry (Jun-Sep)

SEMARANG

Nestled in the heart of Java island, Semarang boasts a variety of fascinating architecture, like the Sam Poo Kong Temple, built to honour 15th-century Chinese explorer Zheng He, and the Grand Mosque of Central Java, which has Arabic-style arches. **Frequency** 3 flights weekly from Singapore (Mon, Wed and Fri) **Climate** Rainy (Oct-May), dry (Jun-Sep)

SURABAYA

Hailed as the City of Heroes for its role in the nation's struggle for independence, this East Javanese city is also the gateway to Mount Bromo, the country's most famous volcano. **Frequency** Daily flights from Singapore **Climate** Rainy (Oct-May), dry (Jun-Sep)

YOGYAKARTA

This Central Javanese city is home to batik makers and *wayang golek* stick puppet artisans who preserve Indonesia's traditions. Arts aside, Yogyakarta is also known as the site of the majestic Borobudur temples. **Frequency** 4 flights weekly from Singapore (Tue, Thu, Fri and Sun) **Climate** Rainy (Oct-May), dry (Jun-Sep)

MALAYSIA

KOTA KINABALU

Kota Kinabalu or "KK" is home to pristine beaches and iconic landmarks like the beautiful floating City Mosque. A major entry point to Sabah and Borneo, KK's diverse ecology presents many opportunities for forest trekking. **Frequency** Daily flights from Singapore **Climate** Rainy (Nov-Feb), dry (Mar-Oct)

KUALA LUMPUR

The Malaysian capital boasts a sophisticated urban charm rooted in old-world culture – think stately colonial architecture alongside modern marvels like Petronas Towers, and natural wonders like Batu Caves. **Frequency** 54 flights weekly from Singapore **Climate** Rainy (Apr-Sep), dry (Oct-Mar)

KUCHING

Explore Kuching's ethnic richness and eco-diversity. Stay at a longhouse, see the proboscis monkeys at Bako National Park and Semenggoh Wildlife Centre, or get up close with Gunung Gading National Park's giant Rafflesia blooms. **Frequency** 4 flights weekly from Singapore (Tue, Thu, Fri and Sun) **Climate** Rainy (Nov-Feb), dry (Mar-Oct)



Penang

LANGKAWI

Marvel at the wonders of nature in Langkawi, a string of 99 islands on Malaysia's west coast that's home to mountains, caves and rock formations and beautiful beaches.

Frequency 3 flights weekly from Singapore (Wed, Fri and Sun)

Climate Rainy (May-Sep), dry (Oct-Apr)

PENANG

Explore Penang's historic architecture – Chinatown's clan houses and Kek Lok Si Temple – and don't miss the street art, including clever murals and sculptures.

Frequency 35 flights weekly from Singapore

Climate Rainy (May-Sep), dry (Oct-Apr)

MALDIVES

MALÉ

The Maldives charms with plenty of opportunities for snorkelling, diving, and simply having fun in the sun. If you don't feel like getting wet, hop aboard a passenger submarine that can go as deep as 40m.

Frequency 4 flights weekly from Singapore (Mon, Tue, Wed and Thu)

Climate Dry (Jan-Mar), rainy (May-Nov)

MYANMAR

MANDALAY

The last royal capital of Burma, Mandalay is the gateway to Bagan, one of the world's greatest archaeological sites, and the iconic U Bein Bridge, said to be the longest teakwood bridge in the world.

Frequency 3 flights weekly from Singapore (Tue, Thu and Sat)

Climate Cool (Nov-Feb), hot (Mar-May), rainy (Jun-Oct)

YANGON

The former capital of Myanmar brims with fascinating sites, including the 2,500-year-old Shwedagon Pagoda, regarded as the most sacred Buddhist pagoda in the country.

Frequency 13 flights weekly from Singapore

Climate Cool (Nov-Feb), hot (Mar-May), rainy (Jun-Oct)

NEPAL

KATHMANDU

A must-see for extreme adventurers, Kathmandu is also a dream destination for its rich cultural and spiritual offerings.

Frequency 4 flights weekly from Singapore (Mon, Wed, Fri and Sun)

Climate Spring (Mar-May), summer (Jun-Aug), autumn (Sep-Nov), winter (Dec-Feb)

PHILIPPINES

CEBU

This tropical paradise is known as the Island of Festivals for its many colourful annual celebrations. But it is probably best known for its spectacular dive spots with pristine marine life.

Frequency 12 flights weekly from Singapore

Climate Cool (Nov-Feb), hot (Mar-May), rainy (Jun-Oct)

DAVAO

Whet your appetite for nature and adventure in Davao, home to attractions like Eden Nature Park, Philippine Eagle Nature Centre and immaculate forests and trails perfect for hiking and biking.

Frequency 9 flights weekly from Singapore

Climate Cool (Nov-Feb), hot (Mar-May), rainy (Jun-Oct)

Singapore



Davao



Koh Samui

KALIBO

Besides being the gateway to the stunning beaches of Boracay, Kalibo, capital of Aklan province, is also home to the "Mother of All Philippine Festivals" – the Ati-Atihan Festival and its colourful street parades.

Frequency 3 flights weekly from Singapore (Tue, Thu and Sun)

Climate Cool (Nov-Feb), hot (Mar-May), rainy (Jun-Oct)

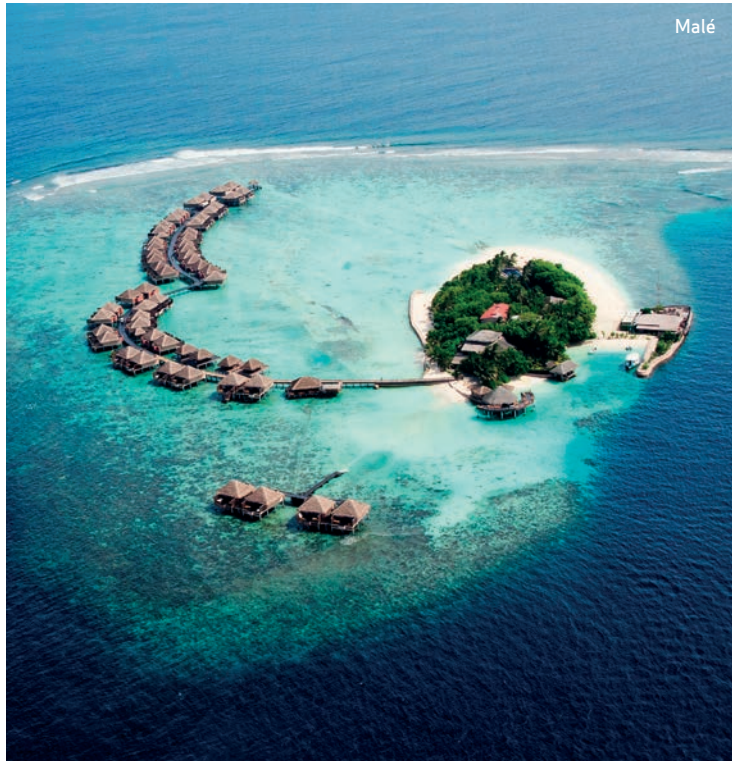
SINGAPORE

A cosmopolitan island city, Singapore draws you in with its myriad cultural sights, shopping malls, dining and entertainment options. Explore Gardens by the Bay – 101 hectares of lovely waterfront gardens – and visit the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple in historic Chinatown.

Climate Cool (Dec-Feb), hot (May-Oct), rainy (Nov-Jan)



Mandalay



Malé



Yangon



Danang

TIMOR-LESTE

DILI

Timor-Leste's seaside capital brims with activities. Relax along Cristo Rei Beach or the pristine beaches of Jaco Island, climb Mount Ramelau or simply admire the scenic vista of rice paddies.

Frequency 3 flights weekly from Singapore (Tue, Thu and Sat). Flights are chartered by Air Timor (air-timor.com)

Climate Rainy (Dec-May), dry (Jun-Nov)

VIETNAM

DANANG

Vietnam's fourth largest city boasts old-world charm and attractions like stunning Non Nuoc Beach and Marble Mountains, a popular pilgrimage site; and Khai Dinh Royal Tomb in Hue, just off Danang.

Frequency Daily flights from Singapore

Climate Rainy (Aug-Dec), dry (Jan-Jul)

HANOI

Scenic and peaceful, enjoy a day at Hoan Kiem Lake in the historical heart of Vietnam's capital. Cross to Jade Island in the centre of the lake via the famous wooden Huc Bridge with its eye-catching red hue.

Frequency 4 flights weekly from Singapore (Tue, Thu, Fri and Sun)

Climate Rainy (May-Sep), dry (Oct-Apr)

THAILAND

CHIANG MAI

The Rose of the North charms with its lush countryside, intriguing hill tribes and tantalising Northern Thai food, like curried egg noodles, papaya salad and sai oua sausages.

Frequency Daily flights from Singapore

Climate Cool (Nov-Feb), hot (Mar-Jun), rainy (Jul-Oct)

KOHSAMUI

A beach lover's paradise, Koh Samui is home to 42 stunning islands within the Mu Ko Angthong National Marine Park. Fun in the sun aside, visitors can explore famous temples like Wat Plai Laem, with its White Buddha with 18 hands.

Frequency 12 flights weekly from Singapore

Climate Cool (Nov-Feb), hot (Mar-Jun), rainy (Jul-Oct)

PHUKET

Fantastic beaches, good food, bargain shopping and friendly locals – all these and more make Phuket a true Jewel of the Andaman Sea. Popular beaches include Kamala, Karon, Kata, Nai Harn and Patong.

Frequency 35 flights weekly from Singapore

Climate Cool (Nov-Feb), hot (Mar-Jun), rainy (Jul-Oct)

HOLLYWOOD MOVIES

Magic in the Moonlight

COMEDY/ROMANCE Director: Woody Allen; Starring: Colin Firth, Emma Stone, Marcia Gay Harden
PG-13 98 mins

Stanley is a magician devoted to uncovering swindles. Planning to expose acclaimed spiritualist Sophie as a fake, he begins to wonder whether she may be the real deal.



Best Man Down

DRAMA/COMEDY Director: Ted Kolland; Starring: Justin Long, Jess Weixler, Tyler Labine
PG-13 86 mins

When their obnoxious best man, Lumpy, unexpectedly dies at their wedding, Kristen and Scott are forced to cancel their honeymoon and fly home to arrange his funeral. Getting Lumpy's body home is just the start of an adventure that leads them to question who the real Lumpy was.

Joe

DRAMA Director: David Gordon Green; Starring: Nicolas Cage, Tye Sheridan, Gary Poulter
R 103 mins

An ex-con becomes an improbable role model after happening upon a 15-year-old boy. He must then decide between absolution and defeat.

Machete Kills

ACTION/THRILLER Director: Robert Rodriguez; Starring: Danny Trejo, Alexa PenaVega, Mel Gibson
R 99 mins

After discovering that an arms dealer is plotting to launch a weapon into space, the U.S.



Million Dollar Baby

DRAMA Director: Clint Eastwood; Starring: Hilary Swank, Clint Eastwood, Morgan Freeman
PG-13 132 mins

Maggie seeks the help of the gruff and reluctant trainer, Frankie Dunn to help her become a professional boxer. Painfully estranged from his daughter, Frankie is unwilling to let anyone get close to him until Maggie walks into his life.

Government recruits Machete for his most dangerous mission yet. He must fight his way through Mexico and put an end to the plot.

Sin City 2

ACTION/THRILLER Director: Frank Miller, Robert Rodriguez; Starring: Mickey Rourke, Jessica Alba, Josh Brolin
R 97 mins

This gritty return to the graphic world of Sin City sees its hardened residents

confront a number of the city's vilified occupants.

Saving Santa

FAMILY/ANIMATION Director: Leon Joosen, Aaron Seelman; Starring: Newell Alexander, Joan Collins
G 85 mins

A common stable elf finds himself at the forefront of an invasion of the North Pole and attempts to fight back. Using the secret of Santa's Sleigh, he goes back in time to twice rescue Santa.

Shaun The Sheep

FAMILY/ANIMATION Director: Mark Burton, Richard Starzak; Starring: Justin Fletcher, John Sparkes, Omid Djalili
PG 81 mins

Shaun gets more action than he bargained for when he takes the day off to have some fun. It's up to Shaun to return everyone home safely after a mix up with the farmer, a caravan and an extremely steep hill unexpectedly leads them all to the Big City.

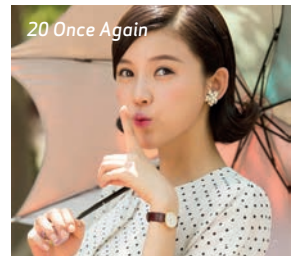
INTERNATIONAL MOVIES

Time is Money

COMEDY Director: Chin-Jung Kang; Starring: Chin-Jung Kang, Ng Man-Tat, Mark Lee
PG 92 mins

Having gambled away his inheritance, Chen Mo is left with nothing. In a last attempt to pay off his debts, he goes to Singapore to increase the value of the only painting he owns by killing the artist.

陈默赌博输光家产，负债累累。为偿还债务，他唯一的希望就是前往新加坡盗取一幅画，并杀害画家使画升值。



20 Once Again 重返二十岁

COMEDY/DRAMA Director: Leste Chen; Starring: Yang Zishan, Grace Guei, Chen Bolin
PG-13 131 mins

Upon learning of her family's plans to place her in a nursing home, 70-year-old



Meng Jun wanders into the night streets. Lured into a photography studio claiming to be able to capture her youth, Meng Jun soon discovers that she has transformed back to her 20-year-old self.

年届七旬的梦君知悉家人欲将她迁入养老院。当她在街头游荡时，被宣称能够留住青春的摄影室吸引上门，发现自己居然回到了20岁的时光。

Monster Hunt 捉妖记

COMEDY/FANTASY Director: Raman Hui; Starring: Bai Baihe, Jing Boran, Eric Tsang
PG 110 mins

In an ancient world based on medieval China, heroes and monsters come in all shapes and sizes. Cute baby monster and future King, Huba is the child of a human father and a monster queen. When enemies threaten to capture him, Huba fights to survive.

古老的中国世界里有形形色色的英雄和妖怪。可爱的小妖兼未来妖王胡巴的父亲是人类，母亲是妖后。敌人誓要捕捉胡巴，他只好为生存而奋斗。

The Merger 我们停战吧

DRAMA/ROMANCE Director: Jimmy Luk; Starring: Frankie Lam, Patrick Tam, Rachel Lam
PG-13 99 mins

Ga-Ga, a passionate teenager, incites a demonstration opposing the demolition of the school library. Failing to prevent the demolition, she turns her focus to the preservation of its valuable books, where she unexpectedly uncovers the truth of her birth parents' love story.

热血少女家家发起示威抗议学校图书馆的拆卸。阻止拆卸失败后，家家一心一意要保留图书馆的珍贵书籍，无意中发​​现亲生父母的爱情真相。

Nightfall 大追捕

ACTION/DRAMA Director: Chow Hin Yeung; Starring: Nick Cheung, Simon Yam, Janice Man
PG-13 98 mins

When an opera singer meets a grisly death, a has-been detective is set against an ex-con in his investigation. The astute ex-crook manages to evade the police time and again.

歌剧演员被残酷杀害，前侦探在调查中面对前罪犯。精明的前罪犯再次逃脱警方追捕。

The Taking of Tiger Mountain 智取威虎山

ACTION/DRAMA Director: Tsui Hark; Starring: Zhang Hanyu, Lin Gengxin, Tony Leung Ka-fai
PG-13 136 mins

This action saga is set against the revolution era in northeastern China. When civilian lives are endangered, the wits of soldiers and bandits are pitted against each other.

中国东北，解放战争时期。民众生命遭受威胁，机智的战士和土匪斗智斗勇。



Gangnam Blues

ACTION/DRAMA Director: Yoo Ha; Starring: Lee Min-ho, Kim Rae-won, Jung Jin-young
PG-13 129 mins

In 1970s South Korea, two poor friends are desperate for cash. Recruited to be involved in a violent political clash, they're separated. Years later, the two friends are pitted against each other as criminal gangs fight for control of lands in Gangnam.

Veteran

ACTION/DRAMA Director: Seung-wan Ryoo; Starring: Jeong-min Hwang, Ah In Yoo, Hae-jin Yoo
PG-13 124 mins

Detective Do-cheol discovers that the heir to the Sunjin Group, millionaire Tae-oh may be involved in his case. Tae-oh proves an elusive target thanks to his powerful connections.

Khoosurat

COMEDY/ROMANCE Director: Shashanka Ghosh; Starring: Sonam Kapoor, Fawad Khan, Ratna Pathak
PG 122 mins

When hopelessly romantic physiotherapist, Mrinalini 'Milli' Chakravarty is recruited to work for the King, she meets a handsome young Rajput prince. She soon discovers that her prince is the complete opposite of her and is engaged to marry someone else.

Ithihasa

DRAMA Director: Binu S.; Starring: Anusree, Shine Tom Chacko
PG 119 mins

A light-hearted tale of two strangers, one a conservative professional and the other a petty thief. When a pair of magical rings are discovered, the two strangers find themselves switching bodies.

Yennai Arindhaal

DRAMA Director: Gautham Menon; Starring: Ajith Kumar, Arun Vijay, Trisha Krishnan
PG-13 120 mins

This epic story follows Sathyadev's journey from the ages of 13 to 38. After his father becomes a casualty of crime, Sathyadev leads a life filled with revenge, tragedy and the extraordinary.



Detective Byomkesh Bakshy!

ACTION Director: Dibakar Banerjee; Starring: Sushant Singh Rajput, Anand Tiwari, Divya Menon
R 120 mins

In war-torn Calcutta in the 1940s, bright detective Byomkesh is on the case to save the world from an evil genius determined to annihilate it. A seductive tale of murder and intrigue, Byomkesh must muster all his means to emerge victorious.

RATING INFORMATION

NR Not Rated 无分级

G General Audience: Suitable for audiences of all ages. 大众:适合各年龄观众观看。

PG Parental Guidance Suggested: Some material may not be suitable for children. 建议家长辅导:一些内容可能不适合儿童观看。

PG-13 Parents Strongly Cautioned: Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. 强烈警告家长:一些内容可能不适合13岁以下儿童观看。

R Restricted: Viewers under 17 years of age should be accompanied by a parent or an adult. 限制:17岁以下观众必须由家长或成人陪同观看。

Mr Bean Animated, Ep 9 & 10

COMEDY 30 mins per episode

A bright yet oblivious loner blunders through his life in a series of unfortunate events. Set in London, Mr Bean is everyone's favourite British bungler.

The Noose, S8 Ep 1

COMEDY 30 mins

Now in its 8th season, *The Noose* is back with its sensational satire around current events. This internationally recognised show makes a mockery of all things news.

Phua Chu Kang, S8 Ep 2

COMEDY 30 mins

After building a dunk tank for a charity fun fair, Chu Kang comes across a very unhappy former client. With the help of Chu Beng, he attempts to cheat his former client at the dunking booth. However, not all goes according to plan.

Pop Corn TV, Ep 11 & 12

COMEDY 30 mins per episode

A family-friendly, laugh-out-loud compilation show of non-dialogue clips, pranks and hidden cameras.

Unbeatable Banzuke – Ep 3 & Ep 4

COMEDY 30 mins per episode

This Japanese game show pits competitors against each other in difficult and entertaining challenges, where athletes push their bodies and minds to the limit to become the ultimate champion. In Episode 4, the competitors go head to head in the treacherous 'Hand Walk', the gruelling 'Quick Muscle', and the impossible balancing act, 'Daruma 7'.

Wipe Out, S6 Ep 11 P1 & P2

COMEDY 30 mins per episode

Join in the fun with this



Madam Secretary

action-packed family entertainment. Watch as contestants tackle the world's largest obstacle course and come up against the Tether Beater. The thrills, spills and wipeouts are all in the name of winning the grand cash prize.

Beauty and the Beast, S2 Ep 1

DRAMA 60 mins

When Detective Catherine is reunited with Vincent Keller three months after his abduction, she finds he's a changed man. With his memory erased and scar gone, he's a powerful beast with a secret agenda.

Elementary, S3 Ep 1

DRAMA 60 mins

Joan offers an olive branch upon learning the truth about Kitty's past. Sherlock helps a mathematical genius when he uncovers a murder while taking part in a math competition.

The Good Wife, S6 Ep 1

DRAMA 60 mins

In an attempt to harness her current sway and popularity,

Eli Gold raises the notion of Alicia running for States Attorney.

Madam Secretary, S1 Ep 3

DRAMA 60 mins

When Henry's wife uses his job to influence a deal with Pakistan, Henry becomes embroiled in an international negotiation. Meanwhile, an aggressive reporter threatens to publish classified documents leaked from the State Department.

Five Minutes More, Ep 1-6

CHILDREN 30 mins

This tale follows the adventures of five fabulous and unlikely friends who live on a pretty patchwork quilt. Join in the fun with the gang of characters – Faraway the Aardvark, Louisa the Polar Bear and Florrie the Dog.

Bananas In Pyjamas, S2 – The Rainmakers & The Snippys Are Coming

CHILDREN 30 mins

Cuddlestown descends into panic when Bernard gives a message to the Bananas to pass on but the Bananas get the message muddled up.

Only the Bananas can clear up the confusion and put an end to the hysteria.

Hi-5 House – Move Your Body

CHILDREN 30 mins

The Hi-5 gang remind us how incredible our bodies are. Sharing ways to keep strong and in good health, they show us how to make a bedroom gym, do the limbo and animal stretches.

Kate & Mim Mim – Colour Me Happy

CHILDREN 30 mins

After running out of paint, Kate sets out to find more, only to discover that all of the colours have been disappearing in Mimiloo, including Tack's colourful personality. Kate embarks on a journey to return colour to the town and her friend.

Transformers Prime Beast Hunters – Persuasion

CHILDREN 30 mins

The bold Autobots face off against the evil Decepticons. Optimus Prime heads up his band of bots in the battle to protect Earth, and return Cybertron to its former glory.

Tree Fu Tom – Toms Fan Club

CHILDREN 30 mins

While Tom is preoccupied by a group who worship him as their champion, he fails to look out for his friends. Finding themselves in deep trouble with some bouncy Springbeetle eggs, havoc arises when the baby Springbeetles hatch.

Red Bull Tops – Two Wheeled Wonders

(Will also be screened on overhead monitor)

SPORTS 30 mins

Join us as we count down the best athletes on two wheels. Spanning MotoGP, BMX,



FMX, Motocross, Supercross, Enduro and Ice Speedway, these riders are at the top of their game.

Rio: City Of Sport, Ep 5 – The Forest

(Will also be screened on overhead monitor)

SPORTS 30 mins

The Tijuca Forest is the largest urban forest in the world. Because of its proximity to Rio, many extreme sports continue to thrive there. This episode features downhill mountain biking, downhill skateboarding, rock-climbing, paragliding and hang-gliding.

Paradise Asia - Phuket, Thailand

(Will also be screened on overhead monitor)

LIFESTYLE 30 mins

Showcasing distinct Phuket paradises, this episode contrasts two resorts preserving and celebrating history. The contemporary design spectacle of the Indigo Pearl and the subtle and nature-inspired Six Senses Hideaway.

City Time Traveller, Ep 1 – Singapore, The Colonial Past

(Will also be screened on overhead monitor)

LIFESTYLE 30 mins

In this episode, Jason travels to colonial-era Singapore where he's captivated with past architectural marvels and futuristic complexes alike. Through the monuments and old sites, Jason uncovers a rich tapestry of colours and shapes, revealing a fascinating story unique to the city.

Child's Dream

DOCUMENTARY 60 mins

This follows two young bankers who decide to leave behind their careers and devote themselves to helping

people. Together, they create a relief organisation and do everything they can to aid children in Southeast Asia.



House Hunters, Ep 3

(Will also be screened on overhead monitor)

DOCUMENTARY 60 mins

Animals are architects. From clay nests to wooden dams, ecologist and conservationist, Chris Morgan showcases some of the most elaborate structures of the animal kingdom. In doing so, Chris uncovers surprising facts and findings about these stunning animal homes.

Planet Parrot

(Will also be screened on overhead monitor)

DOCUMENTARY 60 mins

This documentary explores why these vibrant and colourful tweeters are thriving in our cities and turning our metropolises into their own oasis.

Battle for Taste, S2 Ep 2 斗味2 (第2集)

CHINESE 60 mins

China's finest chefs go head to head in a gastronomic contest. Hailing from the nation's food capitals Hangzhou and Xi'an, these masters of morsels present their scrumptious fare to be judged by experts.

中国最一流的厨师在美食竞赛中比拼厨艺。来自中国美食之都杭州和西安的厨艺大师们奉上可口美味，接受专家们的评判。

iWalker – Langkawi 爱玩客 (兰卡威)

CHINESE 60 mins

This travel show introduces us to the delights of local customs, cultures and food. It's full of wanderlust and a treat for anyone craving adventure. This episode takes us to the Malaysian resort island of Langkawi for a sun-soaked and sandy island discovery.

这套旅游节目介绍各地风俗、文化和美食。热爱探奇的人们会大开眼界，乐趣连连。本集带我们前往马来西亚度假胜地兰卡威，探索阳光明媚、碧海白沙的海岛风情。

Kang Xi Is Coming – Leo Ku 康熙来了 - 古巨基

CHINESE 60 mins

This Taiwanese variety show, hosted by Dee Hsu and Kevin Tsai, offers a fast-paced, light-hearted collection of celebrity interviews. Actors, musicians and politicians come together to chat with the jovial hosts about everything from current affairs to gossip. This episode features Leo Ku.

由徐熙娣和蔡康永主持的台湾综艺节目呈献紧凑但轻松有趣的名人访问。艺人、音乐家和政治人物聚集一处与活泼的主持人谈论从时事到八卦新闻的天下事。这一集的嘉宾是古巨基。

Mysteries of the 30th Parallel – Egypt 纬度30度的奥秘 - 埃及

CHINESE 60 mins

This documentary highlights the people and places located along the 30th parallel. Uncovering the mysteries of this region and discovering new wonders, the audience is lead through an extraordinary world.

这部纪录片通过背包旅客的观点来描述纬度30度各地的风土人情。它发掘这一带的精彩奥妙之处，带领观众进入一个神奇的世界。



Inkigayo (The Music Trend), Ep Oct 24th

KOREAN 70 mins

This long-running South Korean music programme features the country's best and brightest artists. This episode follows the return of Tei with "Good Old Days", Topp Dogg with "The Beat" and N.Flying with "Lonely".

Running Man - Conquer the Game Stations

KOREAN 90 mins

This popular South Korean variety show features special guests taking on challenges. This episode, join the K-pop Sistar members (Bo-ra, So-you), Lee Guk-joo, Seolhyun (AOA) and Yoon Bo-mi (A Pink) as they attempt to conquer the game stations with the most number of team flags within 30 minutes.

Coke Studio, S7 Ep 3

INDIAN 30 mins

This Pakistani series showcases the country's diverse range of artists and genres. This episode features live studio performances from Abida Parveen, Sajjad Ali, Fariha Pervez, Meesha Shafi, Jimmy Khan and Rahma Ali.

Movie Magic – Movie: Papanasum

INDIAN 30 mins

Join us as we go behind the scenes of the latest releases of Tamil movies. In-depth interviews with actors as well as clips from each feature will help keep you up to date with these blockbusters.



POP

- Breathe In. Breathe Out.**
Hilary Duff/Sony Music Entertainment
- Mobile Orchestra**
Owl City/Universal
- The Bright Side**
Lenka/Sony Music Entertainment
- Forever**
Alesso/Universal
- American Beauty/American Psycho**
Fall Out Boy/Universal
- Piece By Piece**
Kelly Clarkson/Sony Music Entertainment
- 1989**
Taylor Swift/Universal
- Uptown Special (Clean Version)**
Mark Ronson/Universal

EASY LISTENING

- Before This World**
James Taylor/Universal
- Into Colour**
Rumer/Warner
- Stages**
Josh Groban/Warner
- Van Morrison Duets**
Van Morrison/Sony Music Entertainment

- Classics**
She & Him/Sony
- Shadows In The Night**
Bob Dylan/Sony
- Tomorrow Is My Turn**
Rhiannon Giddens/Nonesuch
- The Big Picture**
Kat Edmonson/Sony

R&B / JAZZ

- Wildheart**
Miguel/Sony
- Jackie**
Ciara/Sony
- A Twist Of Rit**
Lee Ritenour/Universal
- Made In Brazil**
Elaine Elias/Universal
- Wallflower**
Diana Krall/Universal
- Interlude**
Jamie Cullum/Island Records
- Cheek To Cheek**
Tony Bennett & Lady Gaga/Universal
- The London Sessions**
Mary J. Blige/Universal

OLD FAVOURITES

- The Best Of The Best**
Various Artists/Universal
- The Singles**
Savage Garden/Universal
- #1 To Infinity**
Mariah Carey/Sony Music Entertainment
- The Story: The Very Best Of Spandau Ballet**
Spandau Ballet/Warner
- Whitney Houston Live: Her Greatest Performance**
Whitney Houston/
Sony Music Entertainment



- Led Zeppelin IV (Re-Issue)**
Led Zeppelin/Warner
- 25**
Michael Learns To Rock/Warner
- The Roxbox! - A Collection of Roxette's Greatest Songs**
Roxette/Warner

CLASSICAL

- Summer Night Concert 2015**
The Vienna Philharmonic with Zubin Mehta & Rudolf Buchbinder/
Sony Classical
- Bach**
Rudolf Buchbinder/Sony Classical
- The Chopin Project**
Olafur Arnalds & Alice Sara Ott/Universal
- Celloverse**
2Cellos/Sony Classical
- Schumann's Piano Concerto And The "Kinderszenen"**
Martin Stadtfeld/Sony Classical
- Keys To Mozart**
Daria van den Bercken/Sony Classical
- Paris, Mon Amour**
Sonya Yoncheva/Sony Classical
- The Salzburg Recital**
Grigory Sokolov/Deutsche Grammophon

MANDARIN - NEW HITS

- Back To The Future 有事吗?**
Da Mouth 大嘴巴/Universal Music
- Love Odyssey 替我照顾她**
Hu Xia 胡夏/Sony Music
- Guilt 罪恶感**
A-Lin 黄丽玲/Sony Music
- On The Way To The Stars 数星星的人**
Kenji Wu 吴克群/Warner Music
- Lee Hom XX - Best & More 力宏二十 二十周年唯一精选**
Lee Hom 王力宏/Sony Music
- Genesis 新世界**
JJ Lin/Warner Music
- Aiyo, Not Bad 哎哟, 不错哦**
Jay Chou/Sony Music
- Lion Roar**
Show Luo/Warner Music
- Action Bii**
Bii/Universal Music
- A Tale Of Two Rainie 双丞戏**
Rainie Yang/Universal Music

MANDARIN - ALL TIME FAVOURITES

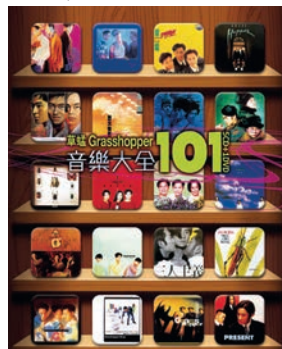
- Pure 原色**
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- Diva 花旦**
Emil Wakin Chau 周华健/Rock Records
- What Is Troubling You 你在烦恼什么**
Sodagreen 苏打绿/Universal Music
- The Greatest Mandopop Duets 巨星金曲合唱篇**
Various Artists/Sony Music
- Fiction 大小说家**
Yoga Lin/HIM International

MANDARIN - OLDIES

- Greatest Hits 童乐会**
Angus Tung 童安格/Universal Music
- Best Of Tiger Huang 钻石系列: 黄小琥**
Tiger Huang 黄小琥/EQ Music
- A Beautiful Mind With China Philharmonic Orchestra 美丽境界**
Chyi Chin 齐秦/EQ Music
- Best Of Fei Yu Qing 钻石系列: 费玉清**
Fei Yu Qing/EQ Music
- Best Of Tsai Chin 钻石系列: 蔡琴**
Tsai Chin/EQ Music

CANTONESE

- Getting Ready 准备中**
Eason Chan 陈奕迅/Universal Music
- Reality Game 现实游戏**
Mr./Universal Music
- Forever Stars - The Eternal: Leslie Cheung 世纪10星 - 永恒篇: 张国荣**
Leslie Cheung 张国荣/Universal Music
- Grasshopper 101 CD 1 & 2 草蜢音乐大全101 CD 1 & 2**
Grasshopper 草蜢/Universal Music
- Forever Stars - The Eternal: Faye Wong 世纪10星 - 永恒篇: 王菲**
Faye Wong 王菲/Universal Music
- Fu Ai 抚爱**
Pong Nan/Universal Music
- By Heart**
Priscilla Chan/Universal Music
- True Legend CD 3 & 4**
Sammi Cheng/Warner Music
- Leon Lai 101 CD 1 & 2 黎明音乐大全101 CD 1 & 2**
Leon Lai/Universal Music



Beyond 101 CD 3 & 4

- Beyond/Universal Music
- KOREAN**
- Ordinary**
Beast/Universal
- Who Are You - School 2015 (OST)**
Various Artists/Warner Music
- Complete**
BTOB/Universal
- In The Mood For Love Pt. 1**
BTS/Universal
- Crazy**
4minute/Universal
- Real Talk**
Boys Republic/Universal
- Time**
Beast/Universal
- The 7th Album 'MAMACITA'**
Super Junior/SM Entertainment
- 2014 S/S**
Winner/Warner
- Play**
Akdong Musician/Warner

MALAY / INDO

- Unplugged**
Dato' Siti Nurhaliza/Universal
- Nada**
Mojo/KRU Music
- Fique**
Taufik Batisah/Universal
- Mozaik**
Ungu/SRC Records
- Terjemahan Hati**
ST12/Universal
- Didi Astillah**
Didi Astillah/Warner
- Malam Ini Kita Punya**
Bunkface/Sony Music
- Fragmen**
Dato' Siti Nurhaliza/Universal
- Hati & Cinta**
Judika/Sony Music
- Live To Love**
Afgan/Trinity Optima Production

TAMIL / HINDI

- Dil Dhadakne Do**
Various/T-Series
- Ek Paheli Leela**
Various/T-Series
- Baby**
Various/T-Series
- Dolly Ki Doli**
Various/T-Series
- Baahubali - The Beginning**
Various/T-Series
- Kochadaiyaan**
Various/Sony Music
- Maan Karate**
Various/Sony Music
- Kill Dil**
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Various/T-Series

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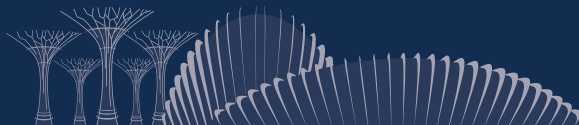
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