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WE PRESENT TO YOU OUR TOP 100 EDITORIAL CHOICES OF BEST PROPERTIES TO STAY IN BASED ON DIFFERENT CATEGORIES, EXPERIENCES, FACILITIES, SERVICE EXCELLENCE & DECOR. WE COVER UNIQUE LOCATIONS, HERITAGE HOTELS, WILDLIFE LODGES, DESTINATION SPAS, CITY HOTELS, MOUNTAIN RETREATS, BEACH RESORTS, PRIVATE ISLANDS, NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA, EUROPE, AUSTRALASIA & ASIA, MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA. THE EXPERIENCES AND CATEGORIES ARE MANY BUT ALL WITHIN THE COMMON BANNER OF LUXURY, DREAMY, ELEGANT AND EXCELLENT.

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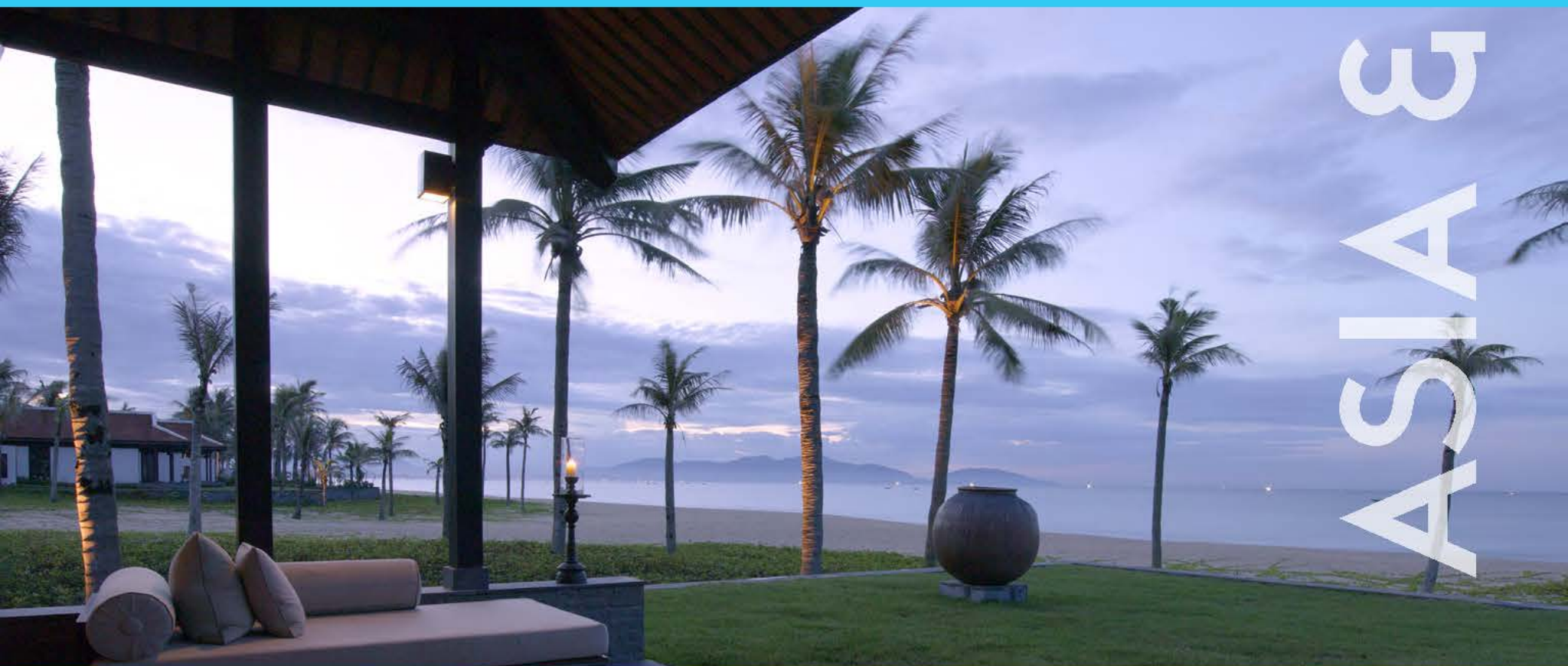
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EMBRACE ALL THAT ASIA AND AUSTRALASIA HAS TO OFFER, IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE ROYAL CULTURE, THE SCENERY AND RICH HISTORY FOR A REWARDING EXPERIENCE. WE BRING YOU THE EXOTIC AND ORIENTAL PROPERTIES HERE. FIND THE BEST AMONG THESE VAST REGIONS BOUND BY THE BEAUTIFUL ARCTIC, PACIFIC, AND INDIAN OCEANS. FROM ITS EXTENSIVE HISTORY TO ITS GORGEOUS LANDSCAPE.

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## AMANPULO Philippines

Amanpulo is set on its own private island, Pamalican, part of the Quiniluban Group of Cuyo Islands in the Philippines. Surrounded by white sand beaches, clear blue waters and a coral reef three hundred meters from the shore, it is the epitome of an island paradise. Tucked into the tropical foliage, the forty beach, hillside and treetop Casitas are modeled after the Philip-

pine bahay kubo dwellings. Each casita has its own buggy for exploring the island. This surely is a place of peace where relaxation and wellness go hand in hand. The Aman Spa is situated on a hillside above the treetops with views of the Sulu Sea. Designed as a tranquil sanctuary, it consists of a series of pavilions constructed of native wood and other natural materials.





BLOOMING FIELD LODGE

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### Australia

Bloomfield Lodge, 17 stylishly appointed timber retreats are tucked away almost unseen in the World Heritage listed Daintree rainforest, with colonial style elegance, an idyllic setting and stunning views of the rainforest or the Coral Sea, the retreats are your personal haven. Adventurous spirits can take advantage of Bloomfield's unique location and experience some of the highlights of Tropical North Queensland,

discover Australia's most incredible nature with a guided rainforest walk or a cruise along a jungle fringed river. This luxury boutique hideaway delights guests with gourmet dining featuring fresh local ingredients and makes it more adventurous to discover some of the highlights of tropical North Queensland. Bloomfield's aura of calm and the natural beauty of the rainforest soon takes over, rejuvenating body and soul.

## CRADLE MOUNTAIN LODGE

### Tasmania, Australia

Just two hours scenic drive from Launceston and hour and a half from Devonport, this superb escape showcases the best Cradle Mountain has to offer with warm hospitality, sensational local food and wine, indulgent spa treatments, breathtaking scenery and magnificent wilderness surrounds. Set discreetly within the wilderness setting, the Lodge offers four different styles of accommodation, from the contemporary Pencil Pine Cabins to the luxurious King Billy Suites. Cradle Mountain Lodge provides the perfect haven to escape, rejuvenate, indulge and explore. The national park's walking trails helps you to discover its incredible history, culture and natural beauty. Visit Tasmania's intriguing wildlife and discover the rich heritage of a land that has drawn travelers to its mesmerizing mountains and valleys for years.



CRADLE MOUNTAIN LODGE



A nighttime photograph of the St. Regis Lhasa Resort. The resort features traditional Tibetan architecture with white walls and dark, curved roofs. The buildings are illuminated from within, and their lights are reflected in a pool of water in the foreground. In the background, there are dark, silhouetted mountains under a deep blue night sky. The overall atmosphere is serene and elegant.

# ST. REGIS LHASA RESORT

## Tibet

Located in the eastern part of Lhasa, St. Regis Lhasa Resort is this unique city's most coveted address—conveniently located in the famed Barkhor area. The sweeping landscapes surrounding this exclusive resort provide a timeless, inviting setting for contemplation as well as exploration. Be seduced by an unfolding series of delightful moments in three remarkable restaurants and our intriguing wine bar. Experi-

ence healing Tibetan treatments in the splendid Iridium Spa and bask in the warmth of St. Regis' sparkling Golden Energy Pool. The resort is within ten minute walk to the ancient Barkhor shopping area and Jokhang Temple. Lhasa has many other famed attractions to explore including Barkhor Street, Lhasa's oldest thoroughfare, brimming with eclectic market stalls and diverse colorful architecture.





PULI HOTEL &amp; SPA

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### Shanghai, China

The Puli hotel and spa is an urban concept that blends the immediacy and convenience of being in Shanghai's most central location with the quite, emotional indulgences of a peaceful luxurious resort. The distinctive duality is something you will encounter and enjoy throughout your stay. Authentic touches of historic and cultural reference sit side by side with new benchmarks in innovations, lead-

ing edge technology, and design that pervade throughout its contemporary urban space. The quality of the hotels facilities is only matched by its service delivery. Handcrafted, genuine, and complete that allows you to relive the traditions of Shanghai's famed hospitality, the result is a uniquely new experience right in the very heart of one of China's most dazzling cities.

## THORNGROVE MANOR HOTEL

### Australia

Inspired timeless, idiosyncratic design with a sense of wonder, Thorngrove is an example of creative romantic imagination and architectural freedom. It displays the energies of art in building, in a form that transcends age displaying unique, creative and inspired architecture, captivating style and contemporary influence. Thorngrove is the quintessential idyllic romantic escape for couples. Individually located and uniquely private accommodation catering for personal selection, with privately sited dedicated entries. Exquisitely crafted, creative surroundings provide engaging experiences for the soul and spirit; providing a journey beyond the destination. The hotel is located near Adelaide city and hills, Bridgewater Mill, Barossa Valley, Cleland Wildlife Park, Kangaroo Island, Penfolds Magill Estate, wineries and vineyards, historic villages, gardens and museums.





# QUALIA Australia

Qualia is situated on the secluded northern-most tip of Hamilton Island surrounded by the Great Barrier Reef. Part of the Whitsunday group of 74 islands, it is located a little south of neighbouring Whitsunday Island and the brilliant white sands of renowned Whitehaven Beach. Subtly elegant, instinctively Australian and distinctively Qualia, the resort's 60 individually designed pavilions flow through to private sun decks and infinity plunge pools overlooking the sea. Local timber and stone surround every villa with expansive sea vistas, landscaped Australian bushland and tropical palms, effortlessly brings the outside in with no compromise on the view.







THE OBEROI RAJ VILLAS

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### Jaipur, India

Located just a fifteen minute drive away from the city centre of Jaipur, The Oberoi Rajvillas is the perfect base from which to explore one of India's most exotic and vibrant cities. The hotel's speciality is its luxury tents, villas, Kohinoor Villa and private pools. The hotel has carefully preserved and restored a 280-year-old Shiva temple and an ancient Rajasthani haveli (mansion) on its premises.

The hotel's architecture is inspired by the royal culture of Rajasthan. The old armory that is majestically mounted on the walls is a source of constant fascination. The beautiful purple Jacaranda and deep orange and yellow Gulmohar trees are splashed with the contrasting hues of bright flaming red bottle brush trees.

## THE NAM HAI HOI AN

### Vietnam

The stunning all villa resort located on pristine Hoi An Beach features sixty one bedroom retreats as well as forty privately owned two-to-five bedroom residences each with a private infinity pool. Resort guests and residence owners at this property enjoy impeccable service amid lush landscaping and unobstructed views of the sea. The unique and gracious culture of central Vietnam combines The Nam Hai's unprecedented splendor to deliver luxury experiences. Vietnam has always been a hit for everyone. The food, people, sights and history keep even the most seasoned traveller coming back for more. The resort boasts a serene spa, gourmet cuisine and abundant recreational pursuits including an 18-hole Colin Montgomerie golf course and its elegantly designed ambience.



THE NAM HAI HOI AN



# SIX SENSES YAO NOI

## Thailand

Six Senses Yao Noi sets a remarkable benchmark for island resort living in Asia. Located in Thailand, the attention to detail of this luxury property reinforces the brand's commitment to elegance. Presenting a distinguished lifestyle and beautiful views, the Pool Villa provides secluded and generous personal space, giving you a chance to be present with yourself. The modern architecture is stunningly designed and constructed with the use of natural materials, blended well. The island setting puts you under its spell. The mesmerizing beauty of Six Senses Yao Noi will beckon you to visit again!

