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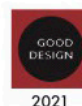
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CEO'S NOTE

KATA PENGANTAR

Pelanggan kami yang budiman,

Selamat datang di kabin pesawat Lion Air Grup. Edisi majalah ini adalah edisi perdana majalah penerbangan kami digabung menjadi satu untuk semua maskapai dalam Lion Air grup.

Komitmen utama Lion Air Grup adalah keselamatan dan keamanan dengan investasi pada system yang terintegrasi tentang analisis perilaku pesawat dan awak pesawat secara real time (WQAR).

Lion Air Grup terus membuka rute-rute baru untuk mempercepat konektivitas dari berbagai kota domestik dan internasional melalui Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, dan Bangkok menuju kota-kota wisata favorit Anda.

Lion Air Grup juga memperkenalkan konsep multicity yang memberikan keuntungan bagi traveller seperti fleksibilitas perjalanan dan efisiensi biaya.

Menghadapi Libur panjang natal dan tahun baru kami himbau untuk merencanakan perjalanan udara lebih awal demi kenyamanan perjalanan dan liburan Anda.

Selamat menikmati perjalan Anda.

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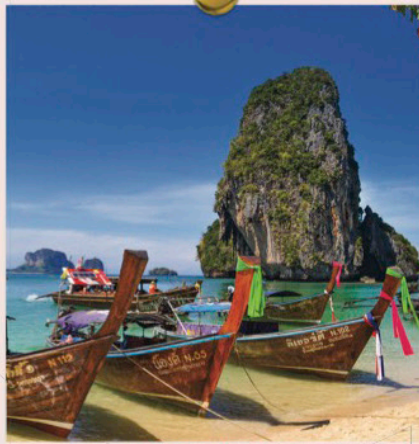
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Lion Group dan Jeju Air Resmikan Rute Baru Bali – Incheon Tepat di **Hari Penerbangan Nasional 2024**



- Wisatawan, pebisnis, dan masyarakat Indonesia kini bisa berangkat dari Bali atau Batam dengan Lion Group, lalu melanjutkan penerbangan langsung ke Incheon bersama Jeju Air. Sebaliknya, wisatawan dari Korea Selatan dapat terbang ke Indonesia dengan Jeju Air dan terkoneksi ke berbagai kota di Indonesia melalui Lion Group.
- Lion Group dan Jeju Air berharap dapat memberikan kontribusi besar terhadap pertumbuhan ekonomi dan hubungan bilateral kedua negara.
- Gunakan aplikasi BookCabin, mempersiapkan rencana perjalanan untuk mendapatkan pengalaman terbang yang semakin berkesan.
- Bali - Incheon dengan penawaran spesial mulai dari Rp 4 juta pulang pergi!

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Nomor Penerbangan	Rute	Waktu Terbang	Waktu Tiba	Jadwal Tiba
7C-5304	Bali → Incheon	23:05	07:10 (+1)	7x seminggu
7C-5303	Incheon → Bali	15:40	21:50	7x seminggu

Kemudahan dalam Satu Genggaman

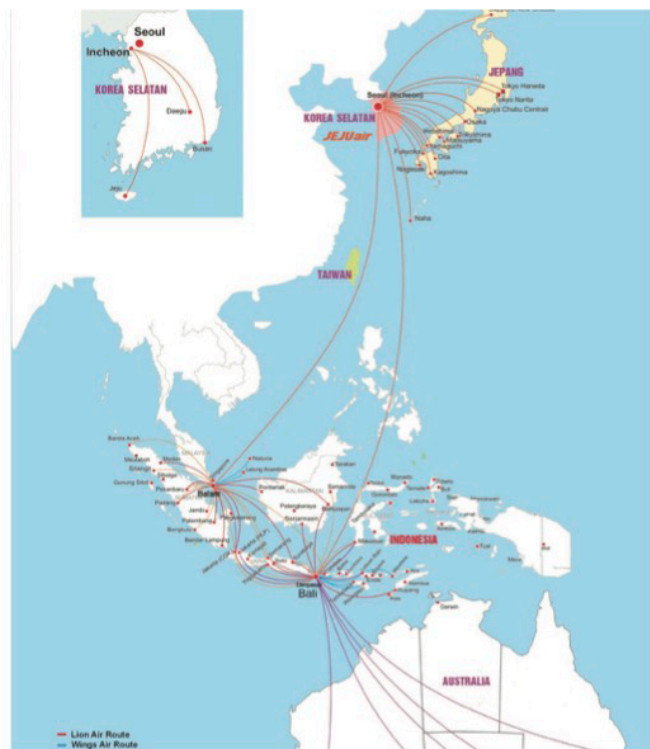
Penumpang dapat memanfaatkan aplikasi BookCabin untuk merencanakan perjalanan secara praktis. Melalui aplikasi ini, penumpang memiliki akses ke berbagai pilihan rute dengan harga terjangkau, check-in online, serta kesempatan upgrade ke kelas bisnis pada penerbangan Batik Air. Fitur-fitur ini dirancang memberikan pengalaman perjalanan lebih menyenangkan. Nikmati penerbangan Bali - Incheon dengan penawaran spesial mulai dari Rp 4 juta pulang pergi! Jangan lewatkan kesempatan terbaik ini untuk liburan impian Anda ke Korea Selatan.

Daya Tarik Rute Bali – Incheon Bagi Pebisnis, Wisatawan, dan Masyarakat

Rute baru Bali – Incheon memberikan nilai tambah bagi berbagai kalangan. Pebisnis mendapat akses langsung dan cepat ke Korea Selatan, pusat ekonomi utama di Asia Timur. Wisatawan memiliki lebih banyak opsi untuk menjelajahi budaya Korea Selatan yang kaya dan menikmati berbagai atraksi terkenal, sedangkan masyarakat umum dapat dengan mudah mengunjungi kerabat atau kolega di Korea Selatan.

Dua Pilihan Rute ke Incheon: Bali dan Batam

Skema codeshare (kerjasama) Lion Group dan Jeju Air, penumpang memiliki dua pilihan rute dari Indonesia menuju Incheon, yaitu melalui Batam dan Bali. Nilai lebihnya memungkinkan penumpang untuk memesan tiket dengan fleksibilitas dan pilihan rute yang lebih beragam. Lion Group dan Jeju Air berharap layanan ini dapat mendukung pertumbuhan pariwisata Indonesia dan memperkuat hubungan bilateral Indonesia –Korea. Sebagai pemimpin maskapai berbiaya rendah di Korea Selatan, Jeju Air berkomitmen mendukung pertumbuhan industri pariwisata Indonesia dan pengembangan ekonomi regional. Dengan menawarkan pengalaman perjalanan yang luas dan harga yang kompetitif, Jeju Air berharap dapat memberikan kontribusi positif terhadap peningkatan konektivitas, khususnya antara kedua negara.



Mendukung Penerbangan Berkelanjutan dan Ramah Lingkungan: **Ketentuan Pembayaran Non-Tunai di Lion Group**

- Hanya ada satu nomor contact center WhatsApp resmi Lion Group +62 81119380888, yang melayani percakapan teks (chat only)/ tidak ada layanan panggilan suara (telepon).
- Pembelian tiket secara perseorangan tidak dapat dilakukan melalui transfer antarbank. Harap gunakan metode pembayaran lain yang telah disediakan.
- Pastikan selalu memeriksa informasi metode pembayaran non-tunai yang benar saat melakukan pembayaran.
- Dilarang melakukan pembayaran ke nomor rekening pribadi karyawan (staff) serta pihak lain yang mengatasnamakan karyawan dan Lion Group.

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Manfaat pembayaran Non-Tunai di industri penerbangan dalam konteks lingkungan, antara lain:

1. Pengurangan Sampah Kertas, sehingga berkontribusi pada pengurangan limbah dan pemotongan pohon yang dibutuhkan untuk memproduksi uang kertas.
2. Efisiensi Energi, sehingga mengurangi waktu yang dibutuhkan untuk proses pembayaran, dan pada gilirannya, mengurangi jejak karbon dari kegiatan operasional.
3. Penyederhanaan Proses, agar pengelolaan yang lebih baik dan pengurangan penggunaan sumber daya dalam proses transaksi.

Manfaat transaksi pembelian/ pembayaran tiket pesawat udara Lion Group bagi calon penumpang, yaitu mengurangi risiko kehilangan atau pencurian uang tunai, mempermudah akses dan transaksi tiket dengan cepat dan aman melalui berbagai platform digital, mempercepat proses transaksi, mengurangi biaya operasional terkait pengelolaan uang tunai, dan menyediakan laporan transaksi yang lebih akurat, memberikan fleksibilitas dan kemudahan dalam melakukan pembayaran di mana saja dan kapan saja, terutama saat bepergian ke luar negeri.

Galeri Nasional Rayakan Jejak Kreatif Seniman Indonesia



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pengalaman lintas waktu dan ruang.

"Dalam setiap karya seni, terkandung kisah tentang pencarian, pertemuan, dan penggabungan antara yang lokal dan yang global," kata Teguh.

Karya-karya yang dipamerkan meliputi periode akhir abad ke-19 hingga akhir abad ke-20, memperlihatkan transformasi dan dinamika seni rupa Indonesia di kancah dunia. Ada karya Raden Saleh, Basoeki Abdullah, S. Sudjojono, Agus Djaja, Affandi. Juga karya seniman kontemporer seperti Heri Dono, Mella Jaarsma, dan Entang Wiharso.

Membaca rentang waktu, Alam menjelaskan, pameran ini bukan sekadar dokumentasi sejarah, melainkan perjalanan yang mengajak kita merenungi bagaimana pengalaman lintas batas memperkaya ekspresi seni.

"Menawarkan sebuah ruang kontemplasi, di mana kita dapat melihat bagaimana para seniman Indonesia meresapi pengaruh dari dunia yang lebih luas, sambil tetap mempertahankan kedalaman lokalitas dalam karya-karya mereka."

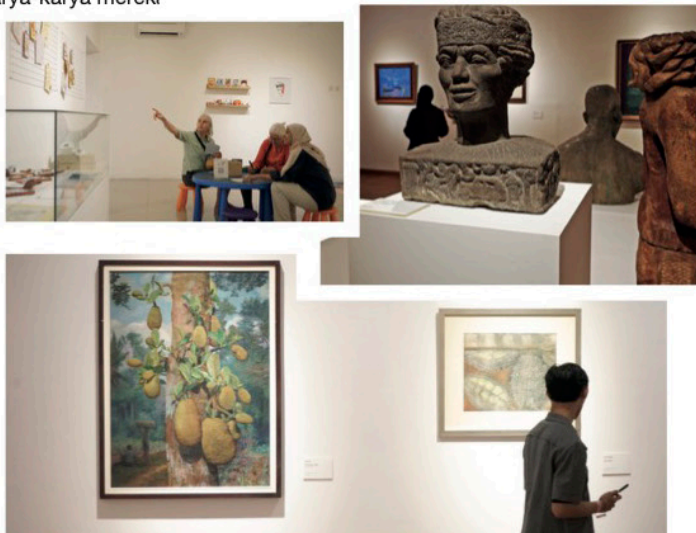
Setiap karya seni seolah menyimpan kisah. Ingatan akan peristiwa. Memori pada zamannya, baik secara kolektif maupun personal. Karena itu pula, sebuah karya juga dapat mengungkap perjalanan senimannya.

Jelang pengunjung tahun ini, Galeri Nasional Indonesia mengajak penikmat seni menyelami kisah dan perjalanan kreatif para perupa Tanah Air lintas generasi yang menjelajahi negeri-negeri di berbagai belahan bumi. Membawa serta nilai dan identitas dalam peta seni rupa internasional.

Lebih dari 50 karya yang menandai jejak-jejak artistik 45 perupa Indonesia dihadirkan dalam pameran bertajuk 'FLÂNEUR: Kembara Lintas Dunia'. Tema yang diangkat dilandasi pada pemikiran bahwa manusia senantiasa tergerak untuk memahami segala sesuatu yang tidak diketahui, dan tertarik melihat 'dunia yang lain'.

Bertempat di Gedung A, Galeri Nasional Indonesia, Jakarta, ekshibisi karya para maestro seni rupa berlangsung 15 Oktober – 11 November 2024. Seluruh karya merupakan koleksi negara yang ada di Galeri.

Kurator pameran Alam Wisesha dan Teguh Margono menyatakan, seni rupa memiliki kekuatan untuk menembus batas-batas geografis, budaya, dan identitas. Menyuarakan



INDONESIA

Indonesia Kaya

Indonesia Kaya (www.indonesiakaya.com), in collaboration with content creator Aulion, is set to present a musical drama titled 'Kukejar Kau Sayang' at Graha Bhakti Budaya, Taman Ismail Marzuki, Jakarta, Indonesia, from November 29 to December 1, 2024. This performance will bring a story set to dangdut music in a new way, blending expressions of authentic Indonesian culture with various modern music genres. The show will run for three days, with two sessions each day at 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM. Directed by Aulion with co-director Maruf Andi and produced by Nuya Susantono, the show will feature familiar social media personalities such as Ganta, Bondol, JPG, Leyla Aderina, Waode, and many more. 'Kukejar Kau Sayang', with a script by Bintang Pradana, will be even livelier with original music composed by Ravi Agustiana.



Hong Kong

Disneyland Hong Kong

Celebrate the holidays at A Disney Christmas at Hong Kong Disneyland, from November 15, 2024, to January 1, 2025. Experience magical festivities with dazzling decorations, Disney character performances, a tree-lighting ceremony, and live concerts. Enjoy festive dining, meet-and-greets, and the enchanting atmosphere, making it a must-visit Christmas celebration for families and Disney fans alike.

15 Nov 2024 - 1 Jan 2025

Source: <https://www.hongkongdisneyland.com/>

Solo, Indonesia

International Mask Festival

The International Mask Festival celebrates the art of masks, bringing together global performances and exhibitions that highlight their emotional and cultural significance. This immersive event, open to the public for free, promotes cultural harmony through captivating mask dances and showcases from renowned artists around the world.

15 - 16 Nov 2024

Source: <https://www.ums.ac.id/en/life-at-surakarta/events>



Asia

Imagine Dragons LOOM World Tour

Imagine Dragons are set to perform in Malaysia as part of their LOOM World Tour on 21 November at the Bukit Jalil National Hockey Stadium, Kuala Lumpur. It is their first show in Malaysia since 2018. Following that, they will perform in Bangkok (23 Nov), Singapore (25 Nov), Taipei (28 Nov), and Hong Kong (30 Nov/1 Dec), before wrapping up in Tokyo (3 Dec). Recently, the band made history with ten songs surpassing one billion streams on Spotify.

21 Nov 2024 - 3 Dec 2024

Source: imagedragonsmusic.com

Maudu Lompoa Maulid Nabi di Sungai Cikoang

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Deretan perahu berhiaskan telur, pakaian, sarung, dan hasil bumi memenuhi muara Sungai Cikoang. Suasana penuh warna di antara gempita masyarakat Takalar berjejal di tepian sungai. Hiasan aneka warna di muara sungai itu adalah suasana ritual tahunan Maudu Lompoa yang digelar sebagai peringatan Maulid Nabi Muhammad SAW.





Berbeda dengan peringatan Maulid Nabi Muhammad SAW oleh pemeluk agama Islam di seluruh belahan dunia, di Cikoang, Kabupatén Takalar, Provinsi Sulawesi Selatan, peringatan Maulid punya gaya yang khas—dikenal dengan perayaan Maudu Lompoa (maulid besar). Dalam perayaan ini masyarakat setempat menghias perahu-perahu yang biasanya digunakan nelayan untuk mencari ikan dengan beragam kelengkapan sehari-hari. Mulai dari baju, celana, kain, sarung, dan seprei.

Pagi itu, di awal Oktober 2024, kami berangkat dari Makassar menuju Cikoang. Ini kali ketiga saya pergi ke acara Maudu Lompoa. Setelah menempuh perjalanan sekitar satu jam, kami tiba di Desa Cikoang. Suasana keramaian sudah terlihat saat mendekati muara sungai. Di bagian belakang perahu ditempel uang kertas Rp 50.000 atau Rp 10.000. Hiasan pada seluruh perahu yang berupa kain, spre, sarung, pakaian serta hasil bumi ini merupakan simbol bahwa ajaran Islam yang masuk di Cikoang awalnya dibawa oleh pedagang.

Kami disambut deretan perahu-perahu berhias warna-warni. Maudu Lompoa di Cikoang merupakan peringatan kelahiran



Nabi Muhammad SAW yang memiliki akar sejarah yang kuat di masyarakat Cikoang. Secara turun temurun tradisi ini dipelihara oleh keluarga Sayyid Al'-Aidid.

Kehadiran tradisi Maudu' Lompoa di Cikoang diawali dari kedatangan Sayyid Djalaluddin bin Muhammad Wahid Al' Aidid. Sayyid Djalaluddin seorang ulama besar asal Aceh, cucu Sultan Iskandar Muda Mahkota Alam, keturunan Arab Hadramaut, Arab Selatan, dan masih keturunan Nabi Muhammad SAW yang ke-27. Sayyid Djalaluddin Al' Aidid tiba

di Kerajaan Gowa-Makassar pada abad 17, masa Pemerintahan Sultan Alauddin.

Tradisi ini untuk menanamkan kecintaan kepada Nabi Muhammad SAW dan keluarganya. Ritual keagamaan dan kebudayaan ini rutin digelar di Cikoang, berjarak sekitar 55 kilometer dari Kota Makassar. Jarak sejauh itu dapat ditempuh sekitar 1-1,5 jam perjalanan. Maudu Lompoa ini bahkan sudah menjadi salah satu event wisata nasional.

Di akhir kegiatan, ribuan warga yang memadati kegiatan ini berebutan telur Maulid. Nah, dalam acara ini ada juga tradisi saling siram air dan mandi di pantai sebagai simbol pembersihan atau penyucian diri.

Maudu Lompoa digelar bukan hanya perayaan peringatan hari lahir Nabi Besar Muhammad SAW hasil akulturasi agama dan budaya, tapi juga sebagai ajang silaturahmi masyarakat Cikoang dan sekitarnya. Itu tampak dari masing-masing perahu mewakili satu kepala keluarga.

Bagi warga Takalar dan Sulawesi Selatan,



event Maudu Lompoa juga refleksi ketauladanan Nabi Muhammad SAW. Perayaan Maudu Lompoa bukan hanya sekadar peringatan seremonia semata tapi juga pengingat akan nilai-nilai penghormatan, kebersamaan, dan akhlak mulia. (*)





Tech Meets Diabetes

Diabetes continues to pose a significant global health challenge and Malaysia is no exception. In the 2024 National Health and Morbidity Survey on Non-communicable Diseases and Healthcare Demand by Malaysian Institute for Public Health, nearly one in six adults were reportedly affected by the condition.

Health Tech on the Rise

Malaysia is seeing increasing awareness of wearable devices like Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGMs) and fitness trackers, which allow patients to monitor their blood sugar levels in real-time. Apps like mySugr and Malaysia's own MySejahtera (which was originally created for COVID-19) are helping people track their health more effectively than ever. As the local market grows, there's huge potential for businesses to innovate and offer even more personalised, easy-to-use solutions that can fit seamlessly into users' lives.

The Role of AI and Data in Healthcare

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is changing the game. It is more than just a buzzword. AI helps doctors and patients alike by analysing vast amounts of health data and providing personalised care recommendations. In Malaysia, initiatives like the Penang Digital Health Ecosystem are already exploring how AI can streamline diabetes care, making it more efficient and tailored to each patient's unique needs. Startups and businesses that can harness AI to improve diabetes management have a clear opportunity to lead the market.

Telemedicine and Remote Monitoring: A Booming Market

Telemedicine is no longer just a convenience, it is becoming a necessity. Malaysia has seen a massive rise in telemedicine services like DoctorOnCall, making healthcare more accessible, especially in rural areas. For businesses, this represents a major opportunity. Companies that partner with wearable device manufacturers or develop health apps can tap into a market that is growing exponentially.

Looking Ahead

As the landscape of healthcare continues to shift towards digital, the opportunities for businesses to innovate and grow are enormous. The intersection of wearable tech, AI, and telemedicine is not just about making healthcare more convenient, it is about offering solutions that can improve lives. Businesses that seize this moment will not only be at the forefront of health tech but also make a real difference in the way diabetes is managed.

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Year-End Escapes

As the year comes to a close, why not treat yourself to a memorable holiday getaway? Picture dazzling cityscapes, lively beachside parties, and heartwarming local traditions. Explore incredible destinations where year-end festivities blend people, cultures, and places in magical ways.





Burj Khalifah Fireworks

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

When it comes to celebrating the holiday season, Dubai sets the bar high. This dazzling metropolis transforms into a playground of lights, luxury, and entertainment during Christmas and New Year. From its world-famous fireworks displays to charming festive markets, Dubai creates an unforgettable experience for every kind of traveler.

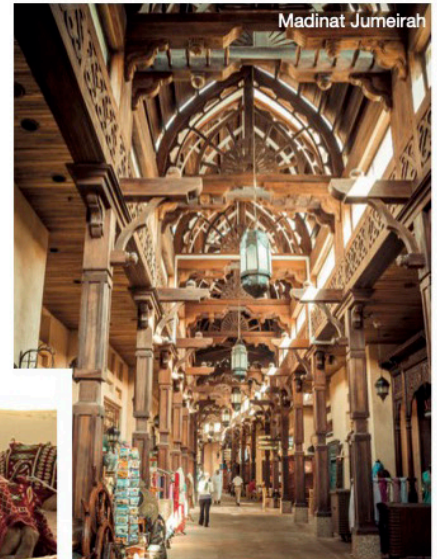
Despite being a Muslim-majority city, Dubai embraces the spirit of Christmas with unmatched enthusiasm. Festive markets, like the famed Madinat Jumeirah Festival Market, come alive with twinkling lights, traditional decorations, and activities for all ages. This year, you can experience festive magic at Ski Dubai's Winter Wonderland from 1 to 25 December.

Luxury hotels across the city host indulgent Christmas brunches and dinners, complete with themed menus and décor that rival any winter wonderland. Shopping malls like The Dubai Mall and Mall of the Emirates add to the cheer with grand Christmas trees, enchanting displays, and festive promotions.

Dubai pulls out all the stops for New Year's Eve, offering celebrations that are nothing short of extraordinary. The Burj Khalifa's iconic fireworks display is the highlight, illuminating the night sky with breathtaking pyrotechnics and LED animations. For an unforgettable experience, secure prime seats at Burj Park and watch the 828 metres tall architectural marvel sparkle as part of Emaar's New Year's Eve festivities,

welcoming 2025 in style. Other landmarks, including the Burj Al Arab and Atlantis The Palm, also host stunning shows, ensuring a dazzling start to the new year.

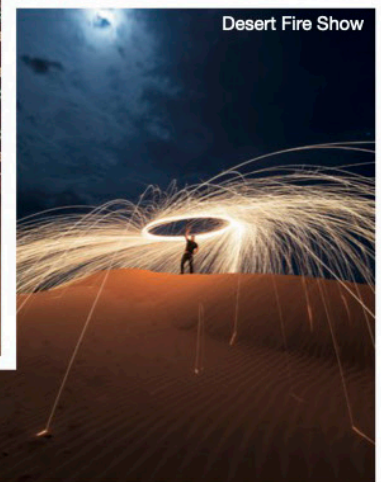
For those seeking unique experiences, desert safaris offer traditional Bedouin-style celebrations under the stars. Think cultural performances, camel rides, and gourmet feasts by a bonfire. Alternatively, rooftop lounges and beach clubs host glamorous parties with international DJs, countdowns, and uninterrupted views of the city's breathtaking skyline.



Madinat Jumeirah



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Singapore shines bright during the festive season, transforming into a dazzling playground of lights, celebrations, and unforgettable experiences.

Orchard Road takes the spotlight during the holidays with its annual Christmas light-up, running from November 1, 2024, to January 5, 2025. This world-famous shopping strip becomes a wonderland of twinkling lights, colourful displays, and festive decorations. For a truly magical experience, head to Christmas Wonderland at Gardens by the Bay, where light installations, festive markets, and seasonal performances create a charming yuletide escape.

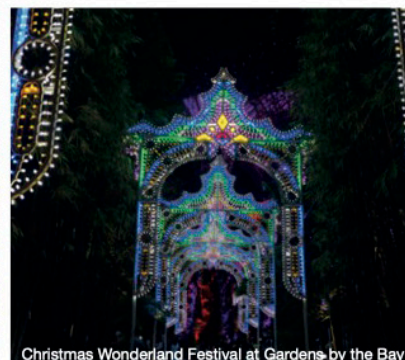
New Year's Eve in Singapore is nothing short of spectacular, with Marina Bay

Countdown leading the celebrations. Expect a stunning fireworks display over the iconic skyline, accompanied by live performances and a buzzing party atmosphere. Beyond Marina Bay, rooftop bars, beachside venues, and even exclusive yacht parties offer diverse ways to welcome 2025 in style.

December falls during Singapore's rainy season, so pack an umbrella and dress for tropical showers. With temperatures ranging from 23.5°C (celsius) to 30°C, the weather is warm, but the festive energy will keep you comfortable. Accommodation fills up quickly during the holidays, so book early to secure your ideal stay.



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Orchard Road Street Party



View of Singapore City



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Live Traditional Performance



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Sunset at Sutera Harbour

Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia

Kota Kinabalu, referred to as KK by locals, is an incredible destination to celebrate Christmas and welcome the New Year, offering a mix of the liveliest celebrations and serene escapes. Whether you are in the mood for high-energy festivities or a laid-back evening, this tropical gem has something special to offer.

For a vibrant Christmas celebration, locals flock to Padang Merdeka (Merdeka Field) in the evenings to enjoy the Kota Kinabalu Christmas Celebration (KKCC) with family and friends around the city's main Christmas tree. This year's celebration is no different. The 19th KKCC 2024 themed Love in Action, is held on 10 - 13 December, and

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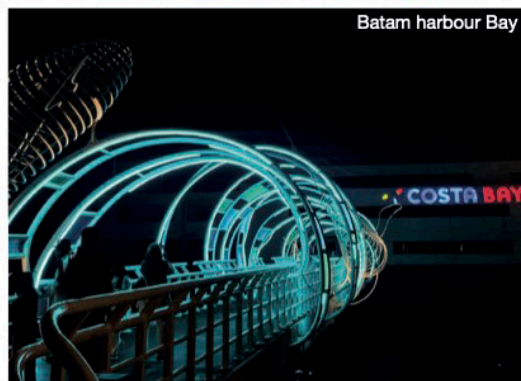
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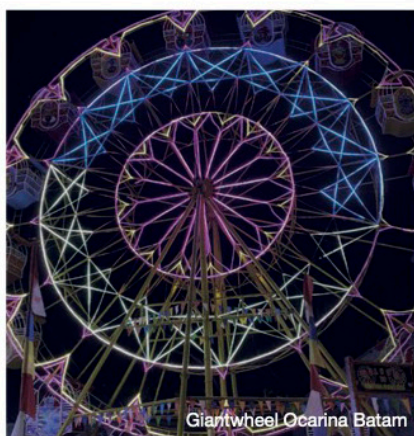
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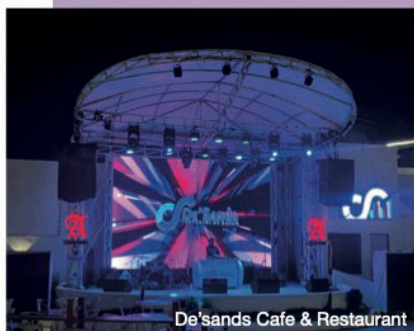
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Giantwheel Ocarina Batam



De'sands Cafe & Restaurant

Batam, Indonesia

Batam might not be the first place that springs to mind for Christmas or New Year's Eve, but this tropical gem offers a celebration unlike any other. With a mix of laid-back island vibes and electrifying festivities, Batam is the perfect place to toast the arrival of a brand-new year.

As the sun sets, Batam's beaches come alive with bonfires, live music, and crowds gathering for the countdown. Resorts and beach clubs host grand parties, where dazzling fireworks light up the sky and reflect off the South China Sea, creating a magical atmosphere. Resorts often offer New Year's Eve packages, including gourmet dinners, live entertainment, and champagne toasts, providing the ultimate indulgent experience.

In addition to its excellent golf courses that draw avid players, Batam is a haven for water sports enthusiasts, with numerous sports clubs and resorts along the Nongsa

Coast and Waterfront City. It is a destination packed with fun outdoor activities the entire family can enjoy.

Food lovers will be delighted by Batam's vibrant food scene. Night markets buzz with energy, offering fresh seafood like chili crab and *sambal* (spicy condiment) prawns alongside local treats bursting with flavour. Whether enjoying a casual feast at a market or dining in style, Batam's cuisine adds a special touch to the festivities.

Traditional cultural performances and lively shows further enhance the celebrations, bringing Indonesian heritage to life. With tropical charm, warm hospitality, and electrifying festivities, Batam promises an unforgettable New Year's Eve adventure.



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Ngee Ann City Civic Plaza

Wrapping Up: A New Year's Journey Through Culture and Celebration

Each of these destinations offers a unique way to celebrate the year's end, from beachside gatherings and cultural festivals to grand urban spectacles and serene nature escapes. Traveling to celebrate the New Year allows you to step into different worlds, each filled with joy, hope, and a shared sense of celebration. Whether you are drawn to the luxury of Dubai, or the multicultural vibrancy of Singapore, these destinations promise to make your year-end unforgettable.

So why not start the New Year somewhere extraordinary? With so much to experience in these beautiful places, you are sure to find joy, inspiration, and the perfect start to 2025.



Montigo Resorts Nongsa



Orchard Road

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Housed in KAYALI's iconic diamond bottle, this scent brings a delicious touch to every day. The all new Yum Boujee Marshmallow | 81 Eau de Parfum Intense, is a warm, gourmand fragrance blending strawberry, pink marshmallow, and whipped vanilla for a sweet, irresistible scent. Its luxurious notes include Italian lemon, pink musk, and freesia.

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Bengaluru Beyond the Silicon Valley

by Peter Stemmet



a dizzying height and when you come across the four-yard coffee you simply must try it. This comes highly recommended by Narayanan when visiting the historic neighbourhood of Malleshwaram, surrounded by temples and bazaars.

In the evening the market in V.V. Puram is pure paradise for food lovers. While your morning outing would have taken in predominantly South Indian cuisine, your

after-dark experience will include dishes from across the country, including fire paan. According to Narayanan, *paan* is like a betel nut which traditionally people would chew. Nowadays there is a little bit of a fire in it and as you put it in your mouth, because of the oxygen, it extinguishes but it looks like you are eating fire.

Co-founder of Unventured Expeditions, Tejaswini Gopalaswamy says that for locals,

Bengaluru is famous for being the tech hub of India but there is so much more to this cultural melting pot. It might be time to get your head out of the cloud and explore this fascinating city bit by bit. This is not a guide you can download featuring the typical sites. Instead, it is an opportunity to upgrade your opinion of the capital city of Karnataka, starting first thing in the morning with a walking tour.

Madhusudan Narayanan, founder of 5 Senses Tours, says a morning walk to take in *idli* and *puttu* is a must. If you need some data on those dishes, *idli* is a steamed rice cake made from fermented rice and *urad dal* batter while *puttu* is a breakfast dish from nearby Kerala; a steamed rice cake layered with coconut, often served with *kadala* (black chickpea curry) or banana.

You can also crack the code first thing in the morning with filter coffee, something Narayanan says is a must in Bengaluru. The froth of the coffee comes from pouring it from



Lal Bagh Park, Bengaluru

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House is another great option with so much to choose from you could easily spend the whole day there sifting for hidden gems. You might also enjoy the charm of Goobe's Book Republic and their chalkboard sign that often indicates that you would have a better day if you entered their bookstore. It might sound like a bit of a hack, but it is hardly an error message. It is also worth mentioning Higginbothams - the oldest bookstore in Bengaluru but the truth is that there are plenty of options for you to take in and find something delightful.



Higginbothams



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The charms of this city also extend to arts and culture. Most visitors will take in Bangalore Palace and Lalbagh Botanical Garden but you should include some art galleries in your to-do folder for this trip. The National Gallery of Modern Art features an outdoor area with craft shops and the opportunity to interact with artists and art students. Kynkyny Art is a leading gallery for affordable contemporary Indian art that is considered friendly and suitable for first-time buyers. The gallery even ships its artwork worldwide.

At the risk of spamming you with options in India's Silicon Valley city, it is worth recommending a visit to an organic farm.

Again, there are many options. You can actually stay at one where you will be asked to help out with farmwork for around five hours a day. That would entail cleaning a shared common area and making trenches around the young trees. While you do that you can enjoy the peaceful surrounds while safe in the knowledge that Bengaluru itself is just a few minutes away. Guests stay in huts which include a kitchen area to cook in, bed, pillow, blanket and a mosquito net.

Alternatively, you can visit one of these farms, take in the magnificence of it all and then return to the city. You can get a tour of what goes on behind the scenes of providing you with an organic glass of milk, for example, and naturally get a taste of it to boot.



Idli



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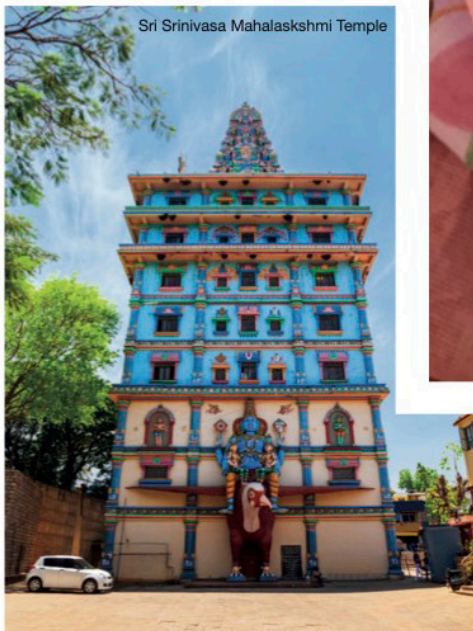
Saree Textile



Paan



Sri Srinivasa Mahalaskshmi Temple



Most people in Bengaluru will speak English and Hindi, as well as the local language Kannada. Travellers on a budget will be delighted to know that Bengaluru, like the rest of India is considered a very affordable destination and the locals are among the friendliest you will find anywhere. Narayanan explains that guest visits in India tend to be more informal compared to Western countries. In many traditional neighborhoods, people often drop by unannounced to visit their neighbours, and this is generally not considered offensive. Unlike the formality seen in countries like Germany or the UK, personal engagements in India are more spontaneous, similar to social customs in Spain or Italy, where personal connections often take precedence.

Gopalaswamy notes that just as Bengaluru may spark your curiosity, you will likely attract the curiosity of the locals as well. Visitors should be ready to interact with residents, who may ask to take photos with them. It is common for tourists to be treated like celebrities in the city.

To truly ignite your Bengaluru experience, take down your own personal firewall and allow the city to spark your curiosity. Embrace the vibrant culture, savour the flavours and immerse yourself in the lively streets where tradition meets innovation. This way you will get maximum output out of your trip, even while extinguishing a fire out of a flavoursome paan - just one of many memories you can make here from which the flames will never go out.

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Iconic Red Bridge on Hoan Kiem Lake

Alluring Hanoi

by Ketki Gadre

Embark on a captivating journey through the diverse landscape of Hanoi, that promises an unforgettable adventure through dynamic culture, enchanting architecture and therapeutic food. A trip to Hanoi captures the essence of Vietnam where tradition and modernity coexist harmoniously.



Hanoi Temple of Literature

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Hanoi, known to be Southeast Asia's oldest city, has a deep rooted history that is over 1,000 years old. In spite of the western influence and modernisation, Hanoi clutches tightly to its heritage, and a tuk-tuk ride through the city showcases just that. Here is a handy guide to explore centuries-old pagodas, savour the flavours of Vietnamese street food and immerse yourself in the city's historical landmarks.

Wonder along the Hanoi Old Quarter

Arguably the most popular neighbourhood in Hanoi, the Old Quarter represents so much of what makes the city unique. A maze of streets dating back to the early 13th century, full of massive crowds, the endless honks of motorbikes and tuk-tuks, and the bump of locals pushing past with shoulder-poles filled with baskets of produce. It is safe to say that it is an assault on the senses, but a place that will grow on you the more you explore.

At the heart of Hanoi's Old Quarter are 36 streets named after guilds whose artisans

worked for the emperors of Vietnam at the Thang Long Citadel. Stroll through silk, silver, and herbal medicine streets, and roadside carts selling fruits, flowers and hats all along. Light an incense or offer fresh flowers at the Bach Ma Temple that honours the appearance of a white horse to the founder of Hanoi. Get connected with Vietnamese tradition at the Heritage House, House No.87 at Ma May Street, an ancient house with original features and artefacts. Or simply walk the labyrinth streets appreciating the amalgamation of old and new worlds in the city.

Experience Tranquility at Hoan Kiem Lake

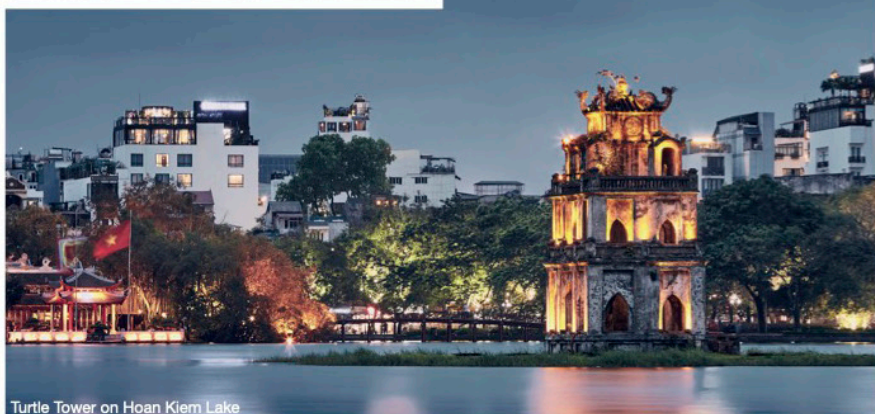
Leave the traffic noises and the hustle bustle behind as you walk from the Old Quarter to the Hoan Kiem Lake. Hoan Kiem Lake serves as a popular gathering spot for both locals and tourists, enveloped in lush greenery within the bustling cityscape. While locals engage in exercises, cycling, tai chi, a form of martial art and communal activities, visitors soak in the essence of Hanoi. Whether it's taking a leisurely stroll around the lake, admiring the Turtle Tower standing in the middle, or capturing stunning photographs of the scenic surroundings, the lake offers something for everyone. There are ample cafés, bars, and restaurants nearby to watch Hanoi pass by.

The lake is tied to the legend of King Le Thai To (1385-1433), who was given a holy sword by the Sea God to defeat invaders and later asked to return it to the depths of the lake. This legend leads to the lake's name, Hoan Kiem, meaning Lake of the Returned Sword, or Sword Lake.

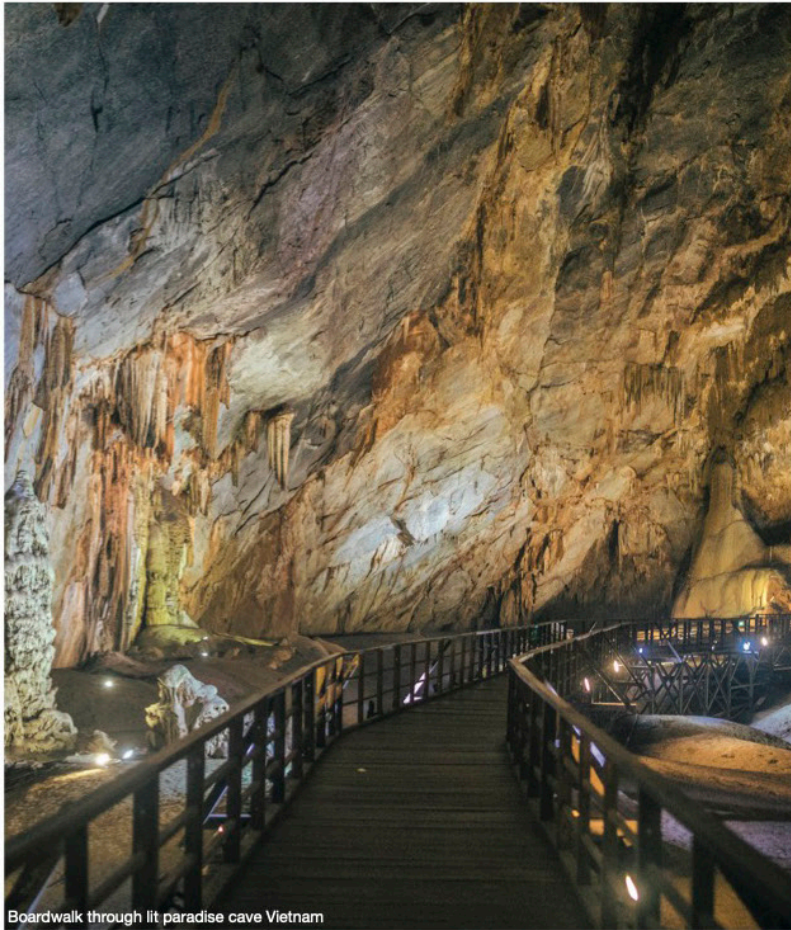
There is a floating temple in the middle of Hoan Kiem called Ngoc Son Temple that is also popular among tourists. Connected to the mainland with a gorgeous, red coloured foot bridge, Ngoc Son Temple was originally dedicated to a famous Chinese General, but has since been transformed into a temple dedicated to Buddha.



Strolling around Hanoi



Turtle Tower on Hoan Kiem Lake



Boardwalk through lit paradise cave Vietnam

Soak in the Spirituality at Pagodas

Embarking on a spiritual journey through Hanoi's sacred sites is something looked forward to by one and all. Tran Quoc Pagoda, one of oldest pagodas in Vietnam, was founded 1,400 years ago by King Ly Nam De and is a symbol of Vietnamese Buddhism. The building was originally named Khai Quoc, which translates to Establishing the Nation. The pagoda complex is spread over 3,000 square meters and the main pagoda of the temple is 15 meters (m) tall and has eleven levels. A gemstone lotus sits proudly symbolising the Buddha at the top of the tower and there are many carved statues on the pagoda walls.

Further southwest, about 20 kilometres (km) away from Hanoi's city centre, Thai Pagoda is surrounded by picturesque landscapes and steeped in rich historical and cultural significance. Additionally, the Perfume Pagoda, 70km away from Hanoi is a complex of Buddhist temples that provides a profound pilgrimage experience as you navigate through its caves and mountains.



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Visit the Temple of Literature

Built in the 11th-century to honour academics, the Temple of Literature is situated in extremely peaceful and serene surroundings. Also known as Van Mieu in Vietnamese, it was the first national university in Vietnam, educating students till the 19th century and producing thousands of talents for the country.

The temple is dedicated to scholars, and sages. Its primary attraction is the area filled with a stelae of doctors. Here, stone turtles carry large stelae engraved with the names of exceptional scholars on their backs. Local students often touch these turtles' heads, hoping for good luck and success in their studies. The site is also popular with local students who throng here to get themselves



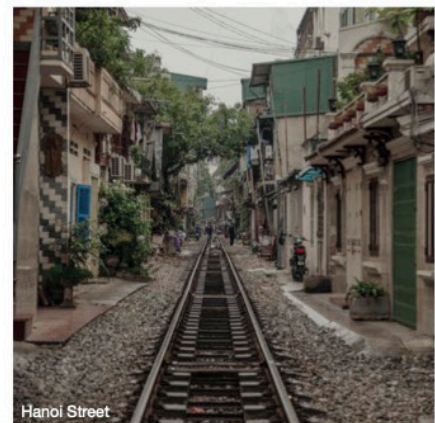
Reflection of Buddhist Pagoda



Traditional Vietnamese Rice Hat

photographed with graduation caps.

This two-acre site is also home to some of the best-preserved buildings, courtyards and immaculate gardens.



Hanoi Street



Get Awed with Water Puppetry

Largely unknown outside Northern Vietnam until the 1960s, the ancient art of water puppetry stands out as one of the country's most captivating highlights. Over 1,000 years ago, rice farmers in the Red River Delta conceived this unique art form. The most esteemed venue for these performances is Thang Long Municipal Theatre, situated in the heart of Hanoi.

The puppeteers stand waist-deep in the water behind a screen and operate the puppets on large rods to give the impression that the figures are moving across the water. The water puppet show includes various pieces which are well arranged, performed by professional and experienced artists under

a thorough preparation of content, water pavilion, puppets, light and audio system.

Enjoy Hanoi's Culinary Extravaganza

Tasting the street food in Hanoi is a rite of passage. Whether you are dining in cafe, a luxurious restaurant or on streets, try the delicious *bun cha* (pork patties and rice vermicelli), the famous *pho* (noodle soup with beef layered with herbs and spices), the *divine banh cuon* (silky rice crêpes stuffed with minced pork, shallots, and wood ear mushroom), sister dish *pho cuon* (made with beef), and French-influenced *banh mi* (baguette stuffed with pâté and pickled veg).

Vietnamese coffee (dark, strong coffee with



condensed milk) is another must try in any of the hundreds of cafes lines across Hanoi. The different versions that will keep you going are coconut coffee and egg coffee served either hot or cold.



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Uzbekistan,

A Culinary Adventure

by Shannim Mohd Sa'ad

In the heart of Central Asia, Uzbekistan unfolds like a vibrant tapestry, woven with threads of ancient history, rich culture, and deeply rooted traditions. To explore Uzbekistan is to embark on a sensory journey, one where the true essence of the country is revealed not just through its landscapes or architecture, but through the flavours and aromas that fills the air. Uzbekistan invites you to discover its soul, one bite at a time.

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A Flavourful Experience of Tashkent

Chorsu Bazaar, Tashkent's ancient marketplace is a delightful sight of the city. Here amid the chaotic scene of bargaining and banter, visitors are transported to the local side of Tashkent and its culinary wonders. Under Chorsu Bazaar's giant turquoise dome, life unfolds in its truest essence. The air is filled with the scent of fresh *shashlik*, Uzbekistan's famous grilled meat skewers, harmonising with the vibrant colours of fruits and vegetables, drawing you into the bustling market to discover its diversity. From fresh fruits and vegetables to horse meat sausages, bread, and souvenirs, Chorsu Bazaar is more than just a marketplace. In the chaos of bargaining banter, you will find yourself lost in the magic of Tashkent's culinary wonders. Each taste, whether it is the succulent *shashlik* or the sweet bite of dried fruits offers a glimpse into the daily life of the locals. The experience leaves an indelible mark, not just for its flavours, but for the warm and welcoming spirit that defines Uzbekistan.

Plov, the Heartbeat of Uzbek Cuisine

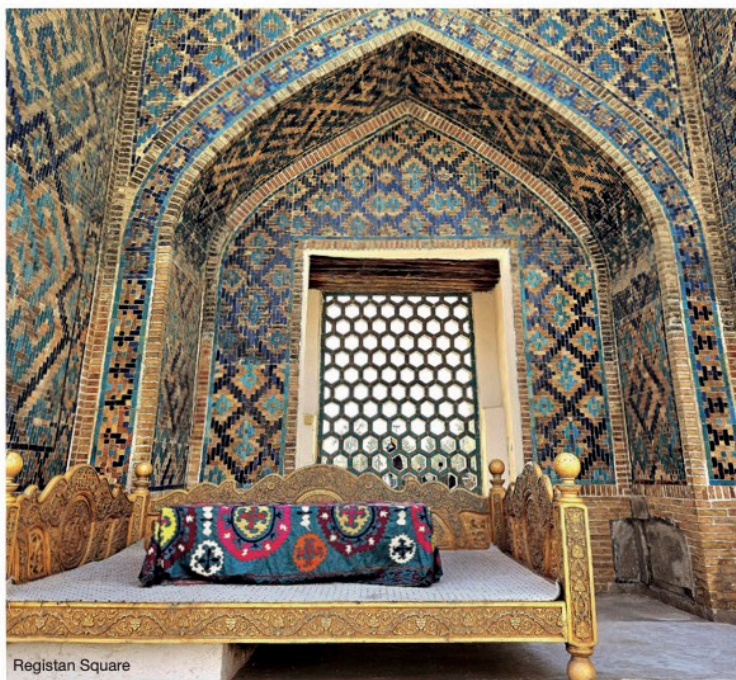
The star of the menu is Uzbekistan's national dish and obsession, *plov*. This hearty dish of rice, meat, onion, carrots and cumin seeds is socially and traditionally integral to the country's culture, originating back as far as the tenth century. Imagine a massive cauldron, flames burning its sides as the rich aroma of lamb and cumin fills the air, promising a feast that embodies the heart of Uzbek cuisine. Plov is not just food, it is a communal experience, a dish that has brought families and friends together for centuries. Traditionally prepared in large quantities, *plov* is also served during



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Uzbek handcrafted pottery



Registan Square

weddings, celebrations, and gatherings, bringing people together in a shared appreciation for good food and company. Each region in Uzbekistan adds its unique touch to *plov*. In Tashkent, it is often drier and lighter in texture due its method of preparations. In Samarkand, they tend to add chickpeas and other local ingredients, altering the texture and the taste of the dish. Another variation can be seen in Bukhara, where local dried fruits like apricots and raisins are added, providing a subtle sweet taste. The *plov* in every region reflects its local tastes, available produce, and cultural influences, making it a versatile and diverse dish throughout Uzbekistan. Wherever you taste it, *plov* tells the same story; the warmth of the community, and enduring the power of tradition.

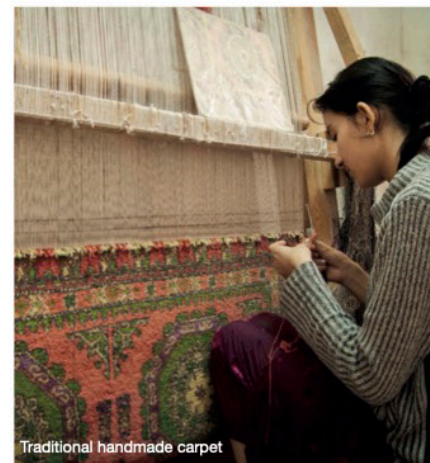
Samarkand, a Feast for Senses

As you journey beyond Tashkent, the flavour of Silk Road beckons. Each city along the Silk Road boasts its own culinary specialties, reflecting the diverse influences of traders and travellers who traversed these ancient routes.



Plov, the legendary Uzbek cuisine

Samarkand's Siyob Bazaar is a feast for the senses. In the heart of the lively bazaar, visitors are greeted by a rich assortment of aromatic spices, the colourful selections of dried fruits and nuts and the traditional sweets like nougats and halva. Cheese lovers will find an assortment of locally produced varieties in a designated area of this bazaar.

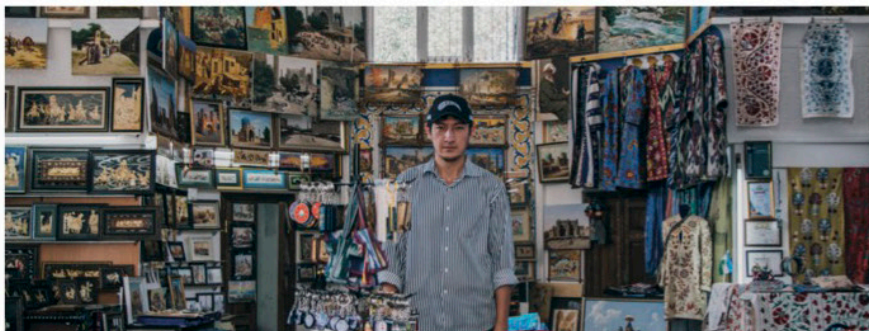


Traditional handmade carpet

The sight of shiny golden round bread displayed on wheelbarrows, vintage baby strollers, and on rustic wooden planks added a touch of whimsy to the bustling scene. Travellers who visit Samarkand should not leave without trying this legendary bread. It is incomparably delicious. Samarkand also takes pride in its unique version of *plov*, a beloved Uzbek dish. Unlike the Tashkent's *plov* which is known for its subtle flavours, Samarkand's version is richer and more aromatic, with large chunks of meat and distinctive use of spices that reflect the city's position along the silk road. This local variation is a must-try, offering a taste of the region's culinary identity.

Bukhara, a Marketplace of Memories

The trade domes of Bukhara are a quartet of marketplaces that have been the heart



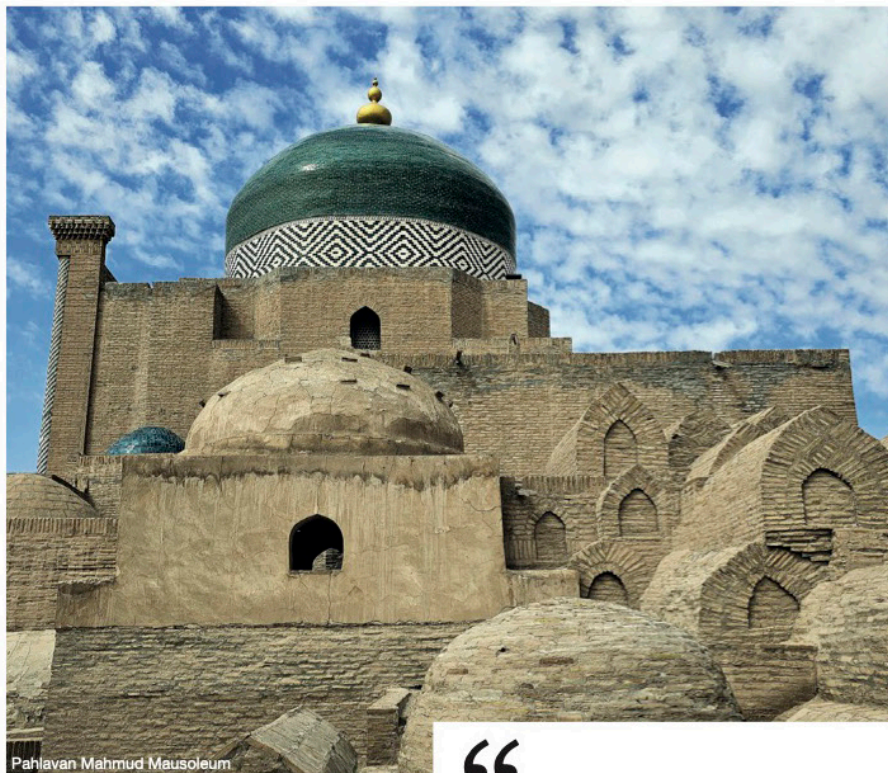
of the city for many centuries. Each dome showcases a unique selection of treasures, from intricate gold and silver jewellery, to fabrics and silk carpets. Amid the lively trade of the local goods, you will come across *samsa*, the city's famous flaky baked pastries filled with spiced meat, laced with onions and herbs. It is served freshly baked. Spices, dried nuts and a variety of cheeses in Bukhara are sold alongside exquisite silk fabrics and handwoven carpets, making it a perfect spot to pick up both edible and wearable souvenirs. The atmosphere buzzes with the sounds of bargaining and the vibrant colours of the merchandise, making it an unforgettable experience.



The writer in Registan Square, Samarkand

Khiva, a Taste of Timeless Tradition

Stepping into Khiva, a UNESCO heritage site feels like being plunged into a living fairytale, where the maze-like alleys and splendid architecture evoke a timeless charm. As you navigate the winding paths through the ancient walled city, every corner reveals a new surprise - be it a hidden restaurant with old-world European decor, or a roof top cafe offering sweeping views of the city's storybook skyline. The unique ambience compliments the culinary experience, where delicate flavour of *shurpa*, a hearty soup simmered slowly with lamb, fresh vegetables and fragrant herbs captures the spirit of Khiva's culinary traditions. Another dish that is only available in Khiva is *yumurta*



Pahlavan Mahmud Mausoleum

barak. These are egg dumplings that are typically served with yoghurt sauce. For a sweet treat, try *chak chak*, a local delicacy made from dough pieces soaked in honey.

The Ritual of Tea

Tea represents more than just a drink in Uzbekistan. From the meticulous preparation of the tea leaves to the artful pouring of the brew, every step is taken with care, fostering connections between friends, family, and strangers alike.

Picture yourself in a *chaikhana*, a traditional tea house, where the simple art of sharing a cup of green tea becomes a moment of connection. In Uzbekistan, tea is served in intricately crafted ceramic bowls known as *piala*. The experience is often enhanced by the accompanying sweet pastries or dried fruits and nuts, which



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The colourful produce of Uzbekistan

are offered as part of the hospitality. Every element of tea culture in Uzbekistan is steeped in tradition. It is a practice that reflects the country's deep respect for hospitality and community.



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Artisanal Delights

Bread, or *non*, is a cornerstone of Uzbek cuisine, and its presence is felt everywhere, from bustling cities to remote villages. Uzbek bread is almost sacred, embodying cultural and spiritual significance. Each region imparts its own unique flavour and texture, making it a true reflection of the local identity. From Samarkand's gleamy golden loaves and bagel-like mini breads, to Tashkent *non* that are slapped against the walls for a crispy and fluffy finish, Uzbek bread offers an experience for travellers to cherish. In a nod to tradition, bread is often torn by hand rather than cut with a knife, reflecting the respect for this staple.

Alongside *non*, yoghurt, *kurt* and the refreshing salty yoghurt drink called *aryan*, each offer a taste of pastoral life, connecting you to the traditions of Uzbekistan's countryside. These dairy staples and their distinctive flavours are deeply rooted in the rural way of life, echoing the simplicity and authenticity of the Uzbek heritage.



The ancient fortresses, Khiva

Uzbek Cultural Dance



Preserving Traditions in a Modern World

In a world that is constantly changing, Uzbekistan remains steadfast to its culinary traditions. Here, ancient recipes are not relics of the past, but living parts of the present. Local chefs and artisans are reviving traditional techniques, using local ingredients to keep the flavours of

Uzbekistan alive for future generations. Every meal here tells a story, and every story is an invitation to connect with a culture that is as rich and as varied as the land itself.

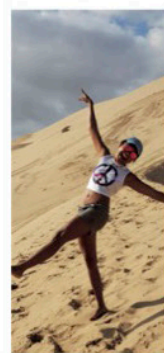
For travellers exploring Uzbekistan, discovering the country's culinary delights is an essential part of the journey. Whether it is hearty *plov*, the delicate *shurpa*, or the simple pleasure of tea, each taste is a reminder of a country that food is more than just sustenance. It is a way of life.



Chorsu Bazaar, Tashkent

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Marking its 50th year, Hanna Country Club stands as one of the top five golf courses in Osaka and is a go-to destination for international golfers. Combining a beautifully maintained course with exceptional hospitality, this club offers everything needed for an unforgettable golfing experience.

Designed by renowned master craftsman Shunsuke Kato, the course has hosted prestigious events like the LPGA Osaka Women's Open and the Japan-Korea Women's Professional Golf Tournament. It's known for its highly strategic layout, providing challenges for golfers of all levels. The meticulously kept greens, which run at 9.0 feet as of June 2023, offer a consistently excellent playing surface throughout the year, ensuring a top-quality round every time.

What sets Hanna Country Club apart is not just the course itself, but also the amenities that elevate the experience. After an enjoyable day on the greens, golfers can unwind at the Tatsuma Onsen, a natural hot spring that draws water from 1,500 meters underground. This tranquil *onsen* (hot springs) provides the perfect way to relax and relieve fatigue, adding a touch of luxury to the day.

With a welcoming staff dedicated to making every visit memorable, and delicious Japanese cuisine available at the clubhouse, Hanna Country Club offers more than just golf. It is a well-rounded experience. From the impeccable course to the relaxing onsen and local food offerings, it's no surprise this club remains a favourite for both locals and international visitors.

For those looking to enjoy a blend of sport and relaxation while in Osaka, Hanna Country Club is an ideal choice, offering the best of both worlds in one exceptional golfing destination.

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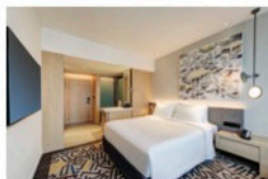
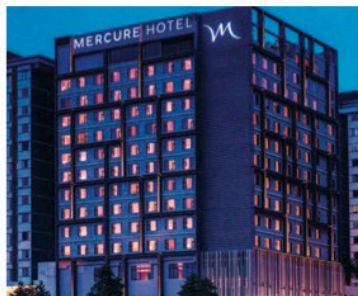


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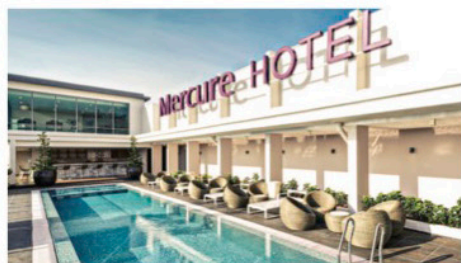
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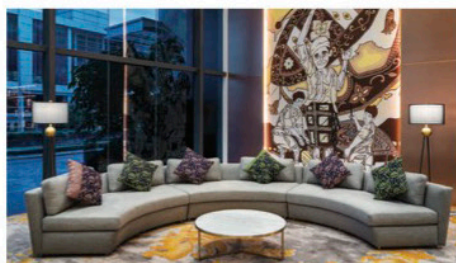
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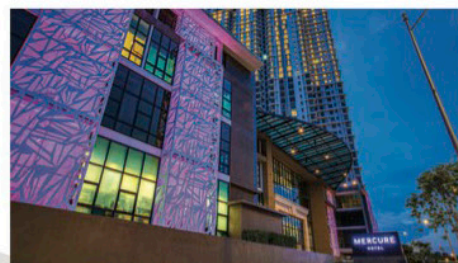
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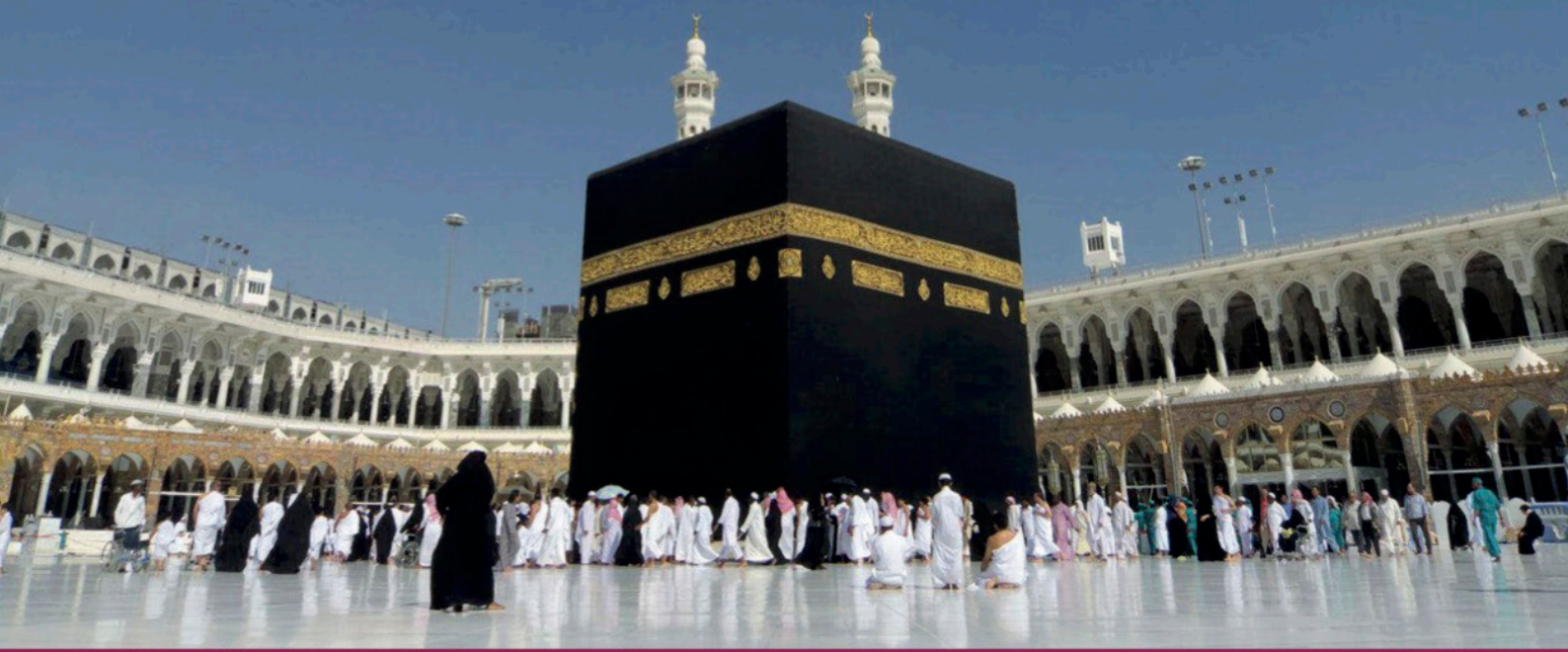
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BMW 520i M Sport

Wheels

BMW Malaysia has expanded its impressive 5 Series lineup with the introduction of the New BMW 520i M Sport, a locally assembled model designed for those who value both performance and luxury. Building on the BMW 520i's debut at the Malaysia Autoshow 2024, the M Sport variant adds a sporty edge, further enhancing its appeal.

Sporting an elongated, sleek silhouette with adaptive LED headlights and kidney grilles featuring the BMW Iconic Glow, the 520i M Sport's exterior is a visual treat. The

19-inch M light alloy wheels and M high-gloss shadowline trim complete its dynamic look, making a bold statement on the road.

Inside, the cabin exudes sophistication with M-specific details such as an anthracite headliner and aluminum trim. The three-spoke M Sport leather steering wheel adds a sporty touch, while the BMW Curved Display, featuring a 12.3-inch instrument panel and a 14.9-inch touchscreen, offers intuitive controls. Ambient lighting and the Harman Kardon sound system ensure a luxurious and entertaining driving experience.

Under the hood, the 520i M Sport is powered by a four-cylinder engine paired with a 48V (48-Volt) mild hybrid system,

producing 208 hp (horsepower) and 330 Nm (Newton meters) of torque. It accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h (kilometers per hour) in 7.5 seconds, reaching a top speed of 230 km/h. Advanced driving assistance features, including Active Cruise Control (ACC) and Lane Departure Warning (LDW), ensure a safe and seamless journey.

With monthly ownership plans starting from RM4,013 (Ringgit Malaysia), the New BMW 520i M Sport offers a premium driving experience with unmatched performance and style, making it a standout in the mid-sized luxury sedan market.

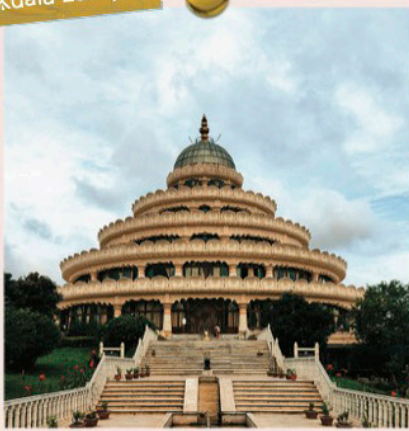
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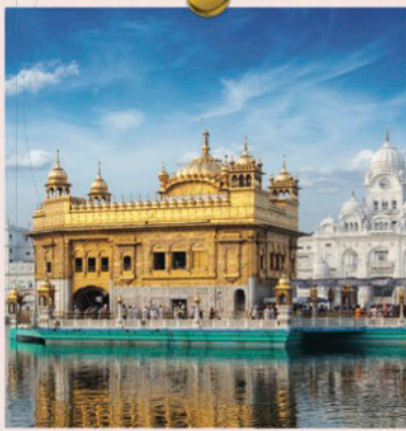
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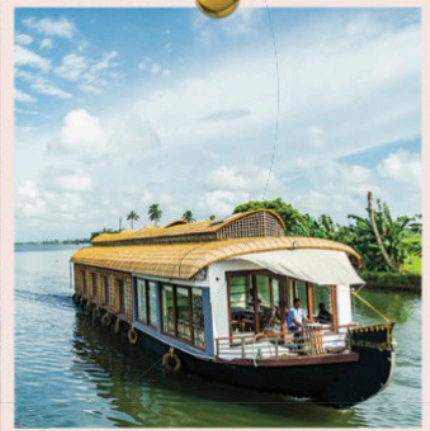
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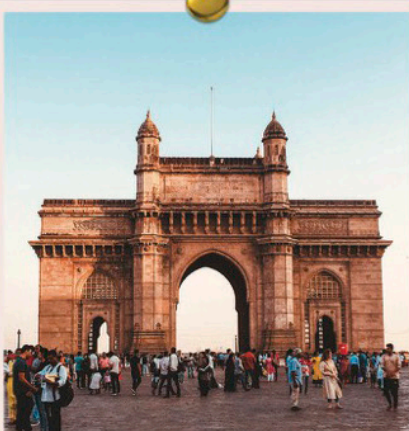
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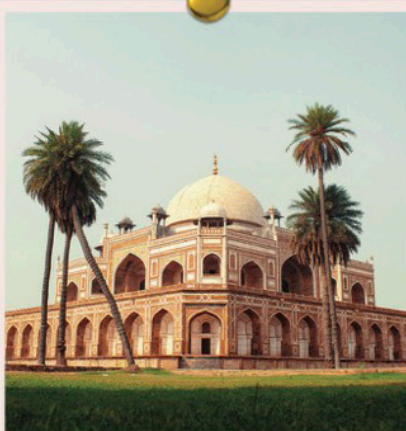
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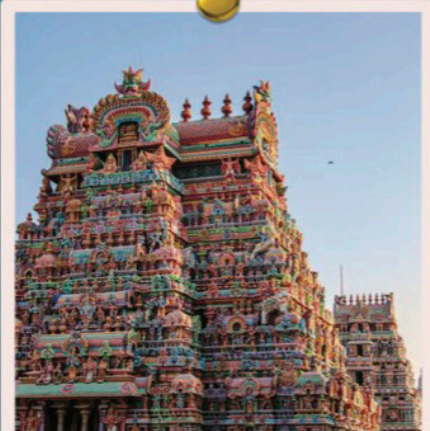
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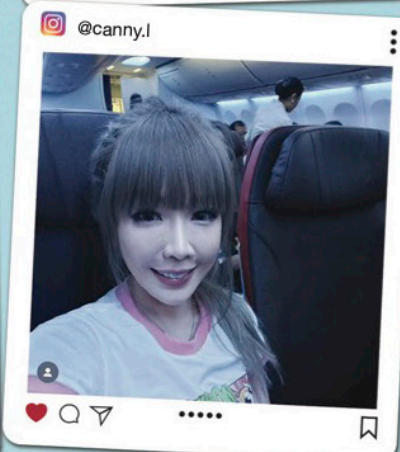
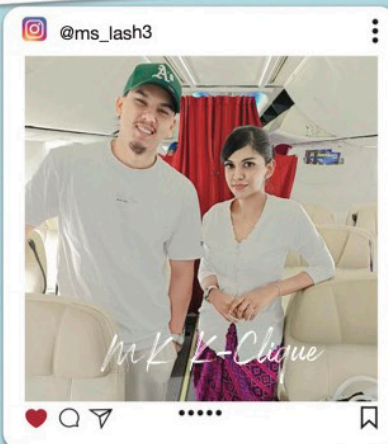
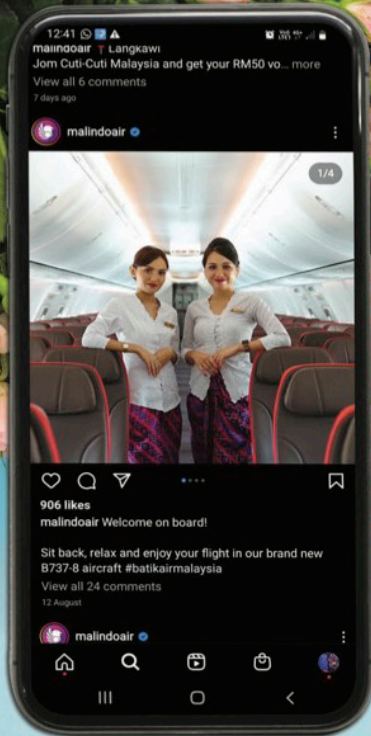


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World Children's Day

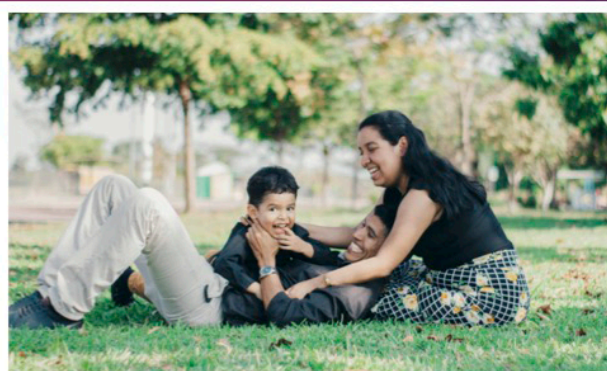


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Established by the United Nations and celebrated annually on 20 November since 1954, World Children's Day serves as a global reminder of the power children hold to shape the future. This year, the theme Listen to the Future urges us to pay attention to children's voices today, recognising that their dreams, ideas, and concerns are essential for building a better tomorrow. By truly listening, we can create inclusive spaces where every child feels valued and empowered. Here are ten ways we can foster meaningful engagement with children and help them thrive.

1. Celebrate individual strengths and achievements

Every child has a unique spark. Recognise their talents, whether big or small, and encourage them to share what they love. When children celebrate each other's passions, it builds a deeper appreciation and connection among them.

2. Cultivate empathy through storytelling and role-play

Stories have the power to open hearts. Read books together or engage in role-play to help children understand different perspectives. Create space to talk about emotions and teach them how to support one another with kindness and compassion.

3. Promote open conversations about differences

Children are naturally curious, so guide them to see those differences whether in

culture, language, or abilities, as these make the world richer. Help them understand that diversity brings beauty and strength, encouraging a mindset of acceptance and inclusion.

4. Support emotional well-being

Every child needs to feel safe to express themselves. Include mindfulness activities like breathing exercises or gratitude journaling in your routines. Offer a listening ear and create an environment where they feel understood and supported.

5. Involve children in decision-making

Empower children by inviting them to help plan family activities or set house rules. When they know their opinions matter, they build confidence and learn the importance of responsibility and ownership.

6. Create opportunities for cultural exchange

Celebrate the richness of traditions by hosting cultural days where children and families can share stories, foods, and customs. These moments foster respect, understanding, and deeper connections across cultures.

7. Celebrate progress, not just results

Teach children that success is not only about outcomes but also about effort and personal growth. Encourage them to embrace challenges, learn from mistakes, and keep trying with confidence.

8. Design inclusive learning spaces

Create environments that are welcoming to all children. Sensory-friendly corners and materials adapted to different needs can ensure every child feels comfortable, included, and able to engage fully.

9. Encourage collaborative learning and play

Group activities that promote teamwork teach children the value of working together. Rotate leadership roles to give every child a chance to guide, support, and shine in their own way.

10. Foster kindness through small acts

Teach children the importance of everyday kindness by encouraging them to perform small, thoughtful gestures—whether sharing, helping a friend, or offering a compliment. These acts not only create positive connections but also nurture a sense of empathy and community.

While Children's Day is a celebration, it is also a time to reflect on the many challenges that children face today. Around the world, countless children are suffering due to conflict, poverty, and displacement. This day is an opportunity not only to celebrate children but also to remind ourselves that every child matters, and every child deserves a chance to grow, learn, and thrive.

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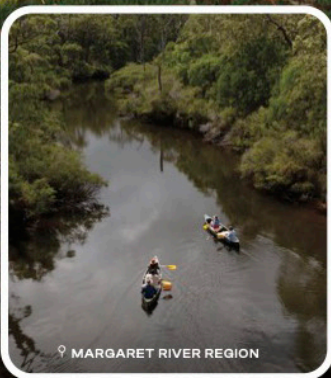


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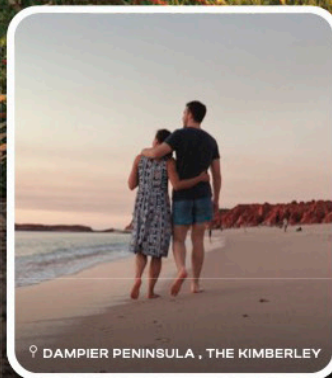
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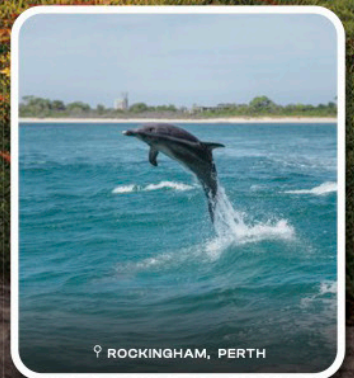
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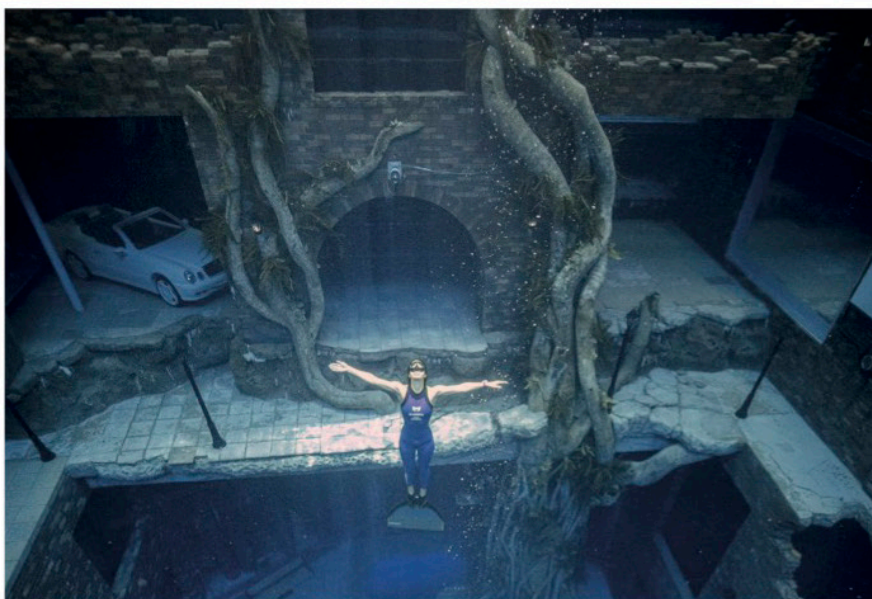
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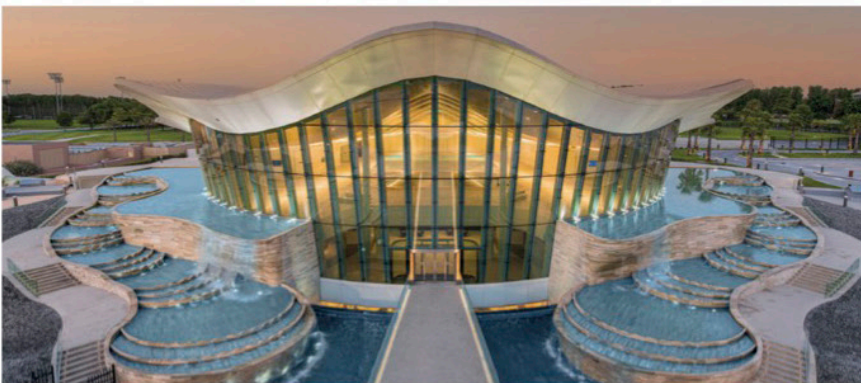


Deep Dive Dubai opened in July 2021, quickly made a splash as the world's deepest swimming pool with a Guinness World Record depth of 60.02 meters. From the start, it has drawn in adventure-seekers from all over, offering a one-of-a-kind underwater experience with modern technology and a tribute to Dubai's pearl-diving roots.



Located in Nad Al Sheba, just 15 minutes from Downtown Dubai, and 25 minutes from Dubai International Airport, Deep Dive Dubai offers more than just a dive. It immerses you in a modern underwater world. With 14 million litres of warm water, state-of-the-art water purification, 56 underwater cameras, the pool features an abandoned sunken city, complete with streets, furnished apartments, and hidden treasures waiting to be discovered.

Designed for divers of all levels, the centre offers three categories of experiences - Discover, Dive and Develop. Beginners can dive into the Discover category, which includes Discover Scuba, Discover Snorkeling and Discover Freediving as well as Experiences for Kids. Certified divers can explore within their comfort zone through the Dive Programs. Those looking to develop the diving skills, you may opt for the Develop Program which is open to all divers. This



program provides Scuba and Freediving courses. Expert instructors from around the world ensure every participant enjoys a safe and enriching experience.

Beyond the diving itself, the oyster-shaped building pays tribute to Dubai's pearl-diving heritage and offers a range of amenities. Guests can unwind at the on-site restaurant, explore the dive centre and its gift shop.

Open Wednesday to Sunday from 10am to 8pm, Deep Dive Dubai is easily accessible by public transport or car. For public transit, take the Onpassive Metro Station (Red Line), followed by bus F15, and a short taxi ride to the centre. Drivers can take Sheikh Zayed Road, exit at Al Manara Road, and follow the signs to the attraction.

Deep Dive Dubai is just the spot if you are looking for something a little different from the usual shopping and city buzz—offering an unforgettable underwater adventure like no other. For bookings and the latest information on Deep Dive Dubai, visit www.deepdivedubai.com.

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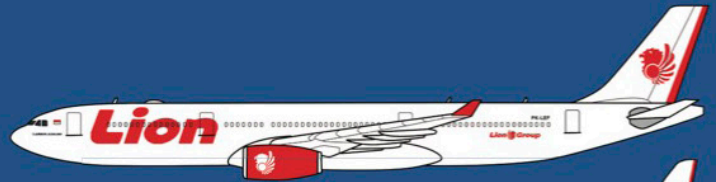
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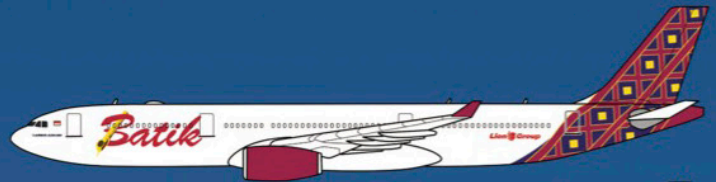
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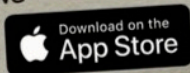
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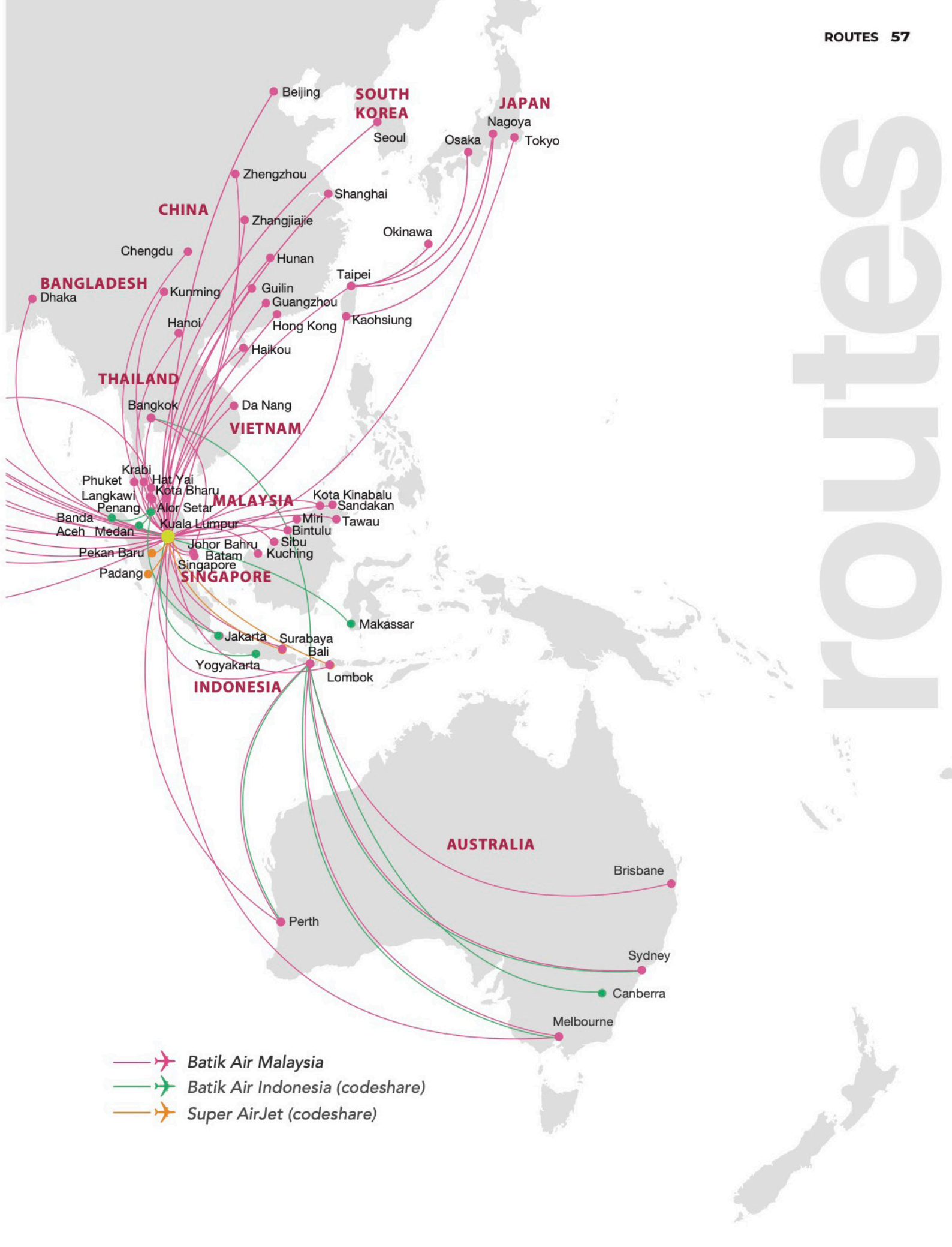
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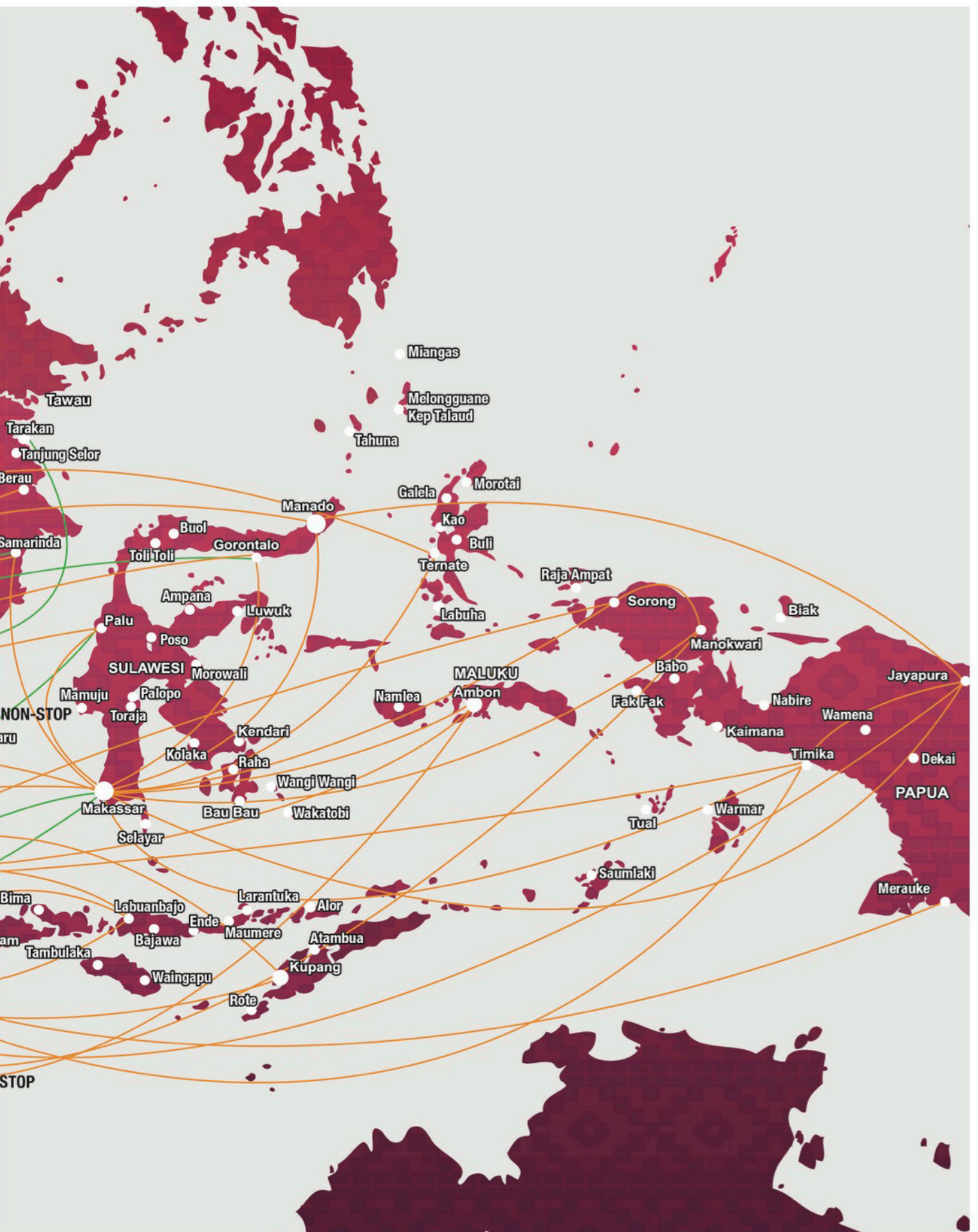
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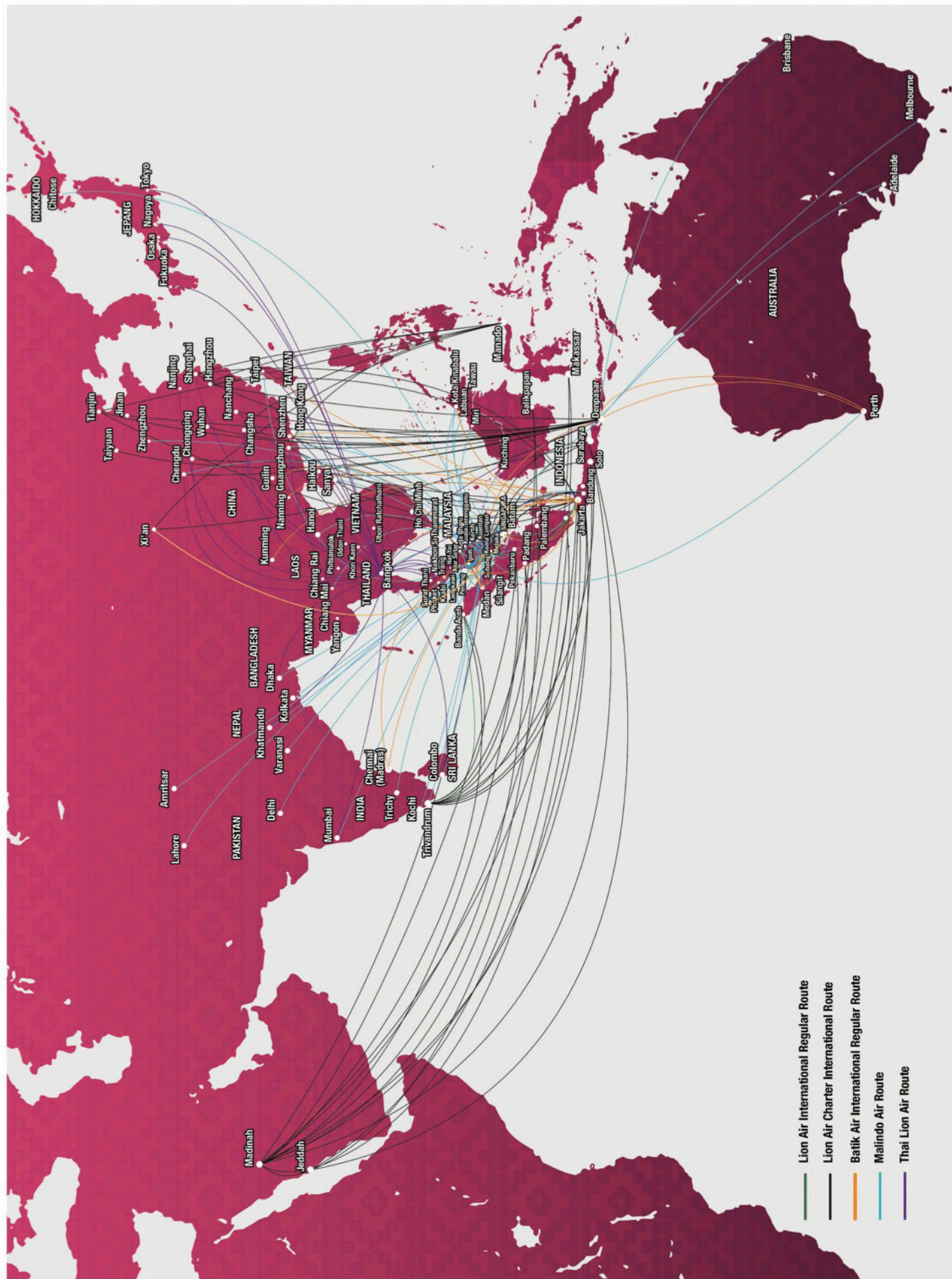
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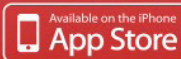
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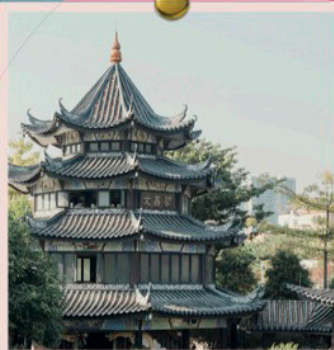
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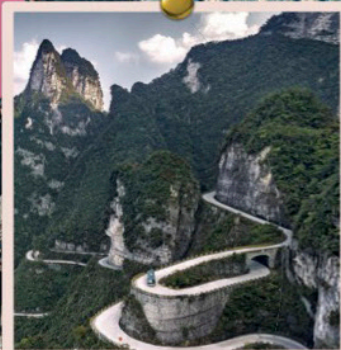
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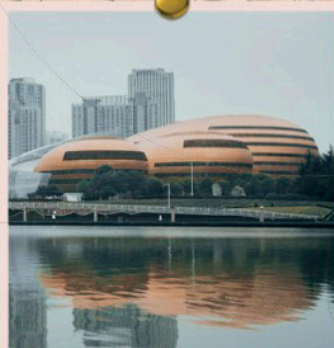
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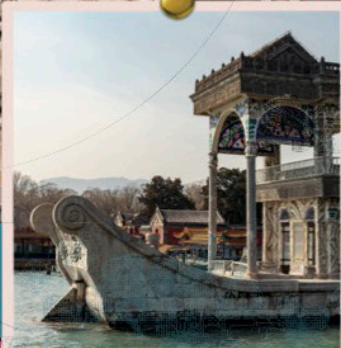
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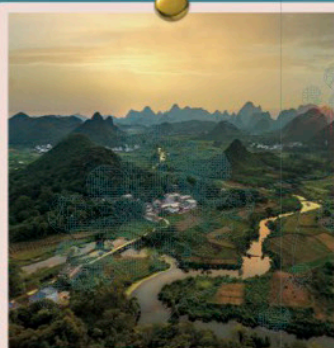
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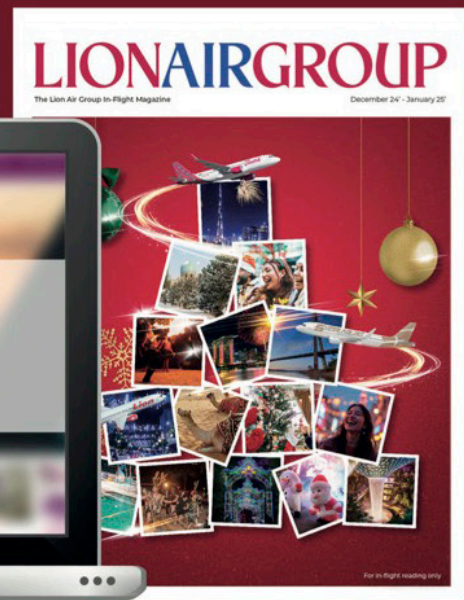
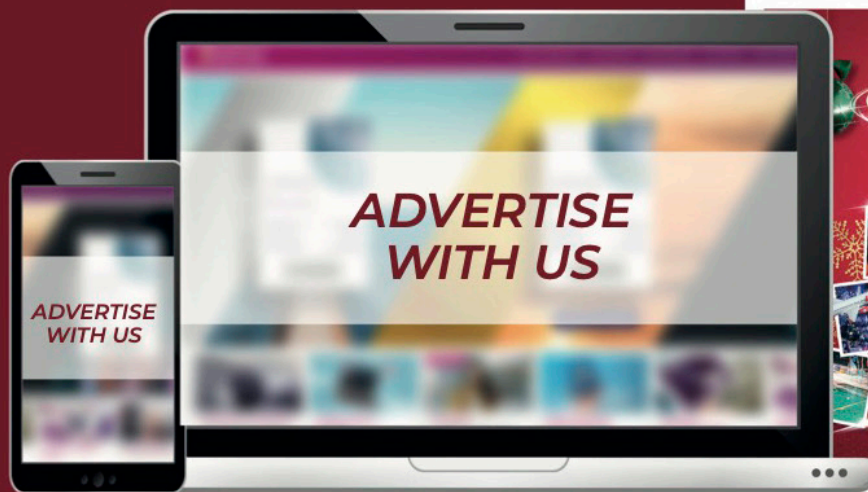
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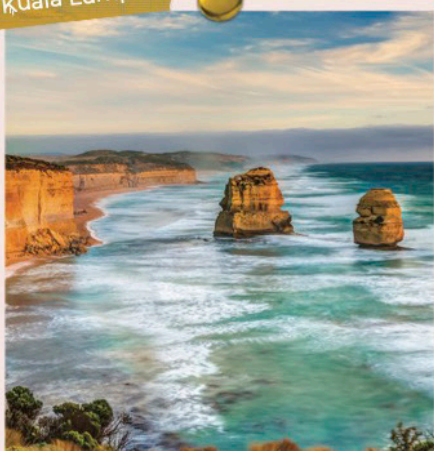
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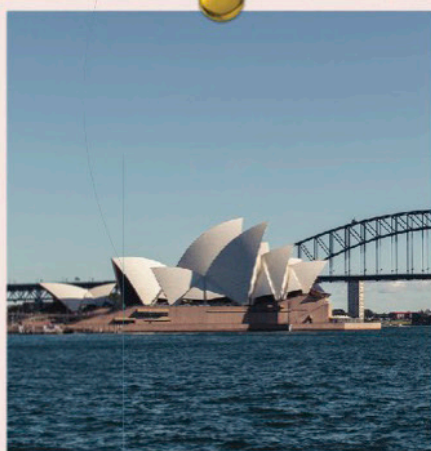
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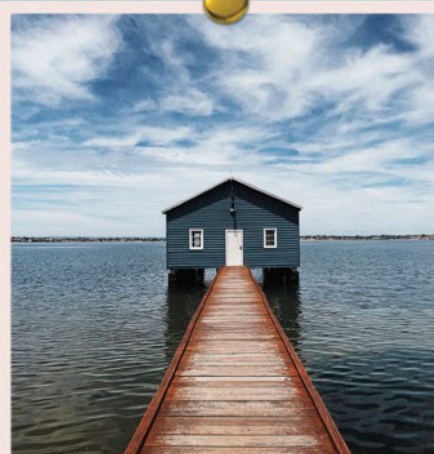
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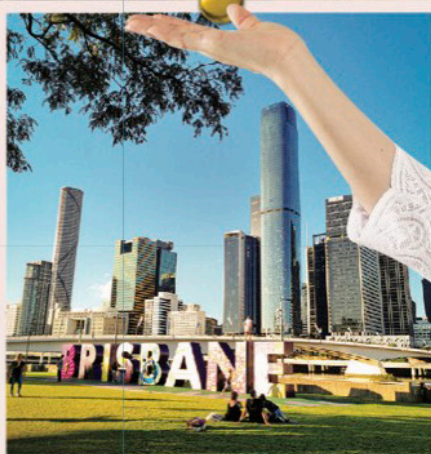
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