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NEWSLETTER

Adventuring in Nature

Untouched
nature & traditions

Land of
a million elephants

Stay. Give back.
Beyond a holiday

September – October 2026

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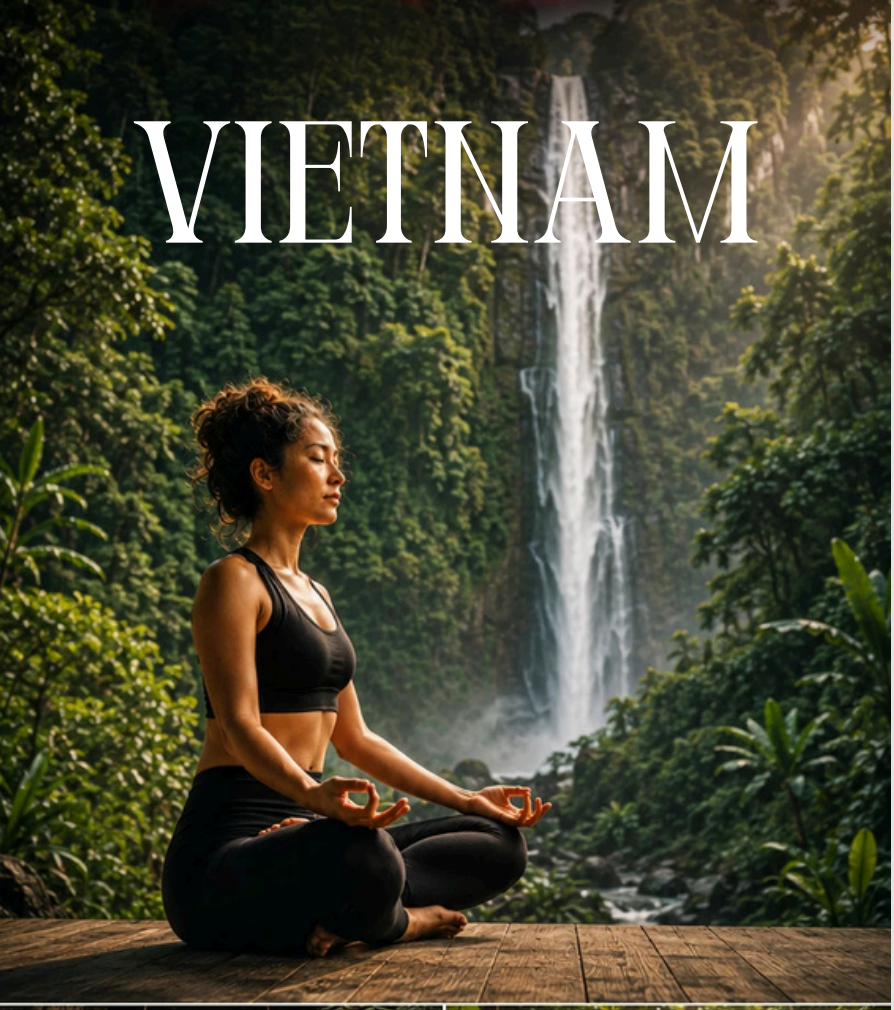
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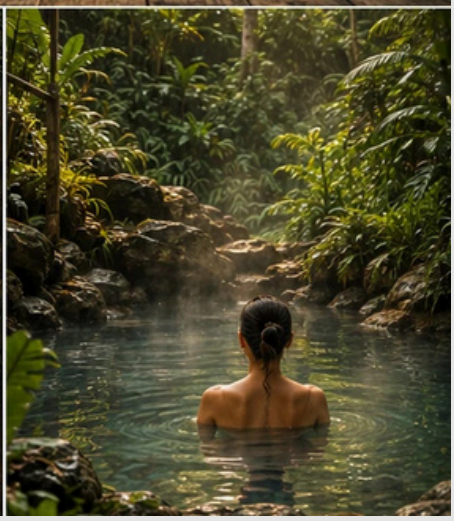
VIETNAM











Wild landscapes, local culture and mindful experiences come together to restore body and mind — a new kind of wellbeing shaped by nature, stillness and meaningful connections.

Vietnam is redefining
wellness through nature







BÌNH LIÊU

ADVENTURES in nature

DESTINATION
UPDATES

A distinctive Dao subgroup, the Dao Thanh Phan of Binh Lieu are known for their strong cultural identity, striking red headwear and traditional rammed-earth homes, preserving a unique highland way of life along Vietnam's northern border.



A cultural heartland of the Dao Thanh Phan, rich in traditions.

- Distinctive traditional dress with iconic red headwear.
- Renowned for generations of hand embroidery.
- Age-old customs and rituals passed down through generations.
- Traditional rammed-earth homes shaped by the mountain environment.
- Strong ties to the land, forests and farming traditions.
- Authentic village life in the remote highlands of Binh Lieu.







DESTINATION
UPDATES

WEEKEND MARKETS

A lively window into Binh Lieu's ethnic culture, filled with traditional dress, local produce and highland traditions.









Farming shapes both the landscape and the rhythm of Dao Thanh Phan village life, from terraced rice fields to seasonal mountain crops.



MOUNTAINS, MINORITIES & THE BAY

Hanoi–Binh Lieu–Halong Bay–Hanoi
4 Days/3 Nights

Four days of authentic encounters, wild landscapes and slow travel, blending highland culture, untamed nature and the serene waters of Halong Bay.

- Stay in a traditional rammed-earth house, share home-cooked meals with the Dao Thanh Phan.
- Trek through forests and explore a little-visited minority market — before unwinding with a peaceful interlude on Halong Bay.









GARRYA
Mù Cang Chải



BEAUTY IN SIMPLYCITY

Set among the iconic rice terraces of northern Vietnam, Garrya Mù Cang Chải is a tranquil mountain retreat designed for slowing down, reconnecting and restoring balance.

Inspired by Garrya's philosophy of Beauty in Simplicity, the resort blends contemporary wellbeing with bamboo architecture, Hmong-inspired details and a deep connection to the surrounding landscape.







From 8LEMENTS Spa to mindful movement and local experiences, every stay follows the natural rhythm of Mù Cang Chải.

COME FOR THE LANDSCAPE • STAY FOR THE STILLNESS
LEAVE RENEWED







Y Tý Sea of Clouds

A spectacular highland escape just 70 km from Sapa, famed for its sea of clouds, sweeping rice terraces and dramatic mountain scenery.

Y Tý is home to the indigenous Hà Nhì people, whose distinctive culture remains remarkably well preserved.



At nearby Choản Thèn Village, traditional rammed-earth houses offer an authentic glimpse into Hà Nhì culture and way of life.





Y Tý Ethnic Market
Saturday
A lively weekly gathering offering an authentic glimpse into local ethnic life, with traditional dress, handicrafts, regional food and community trading. Uncrowded by tourists.









Muong Hum Market
Sunday
A colourful local market accessible from Y Ty and Sapa, known for its ethnic diversity, local produce and relaxed atmosphere. Also relatively uncrowded by tourists.

- **May** – **June** | Water season transforms the rice terraces into shimmering mirrors, reflecting the sky and clouds.
- **August** – **September** | Golden rice harvest season.
- **October** – **March** | The best time to witness dramatic seas of clouds rolling around Y Tý's villages.

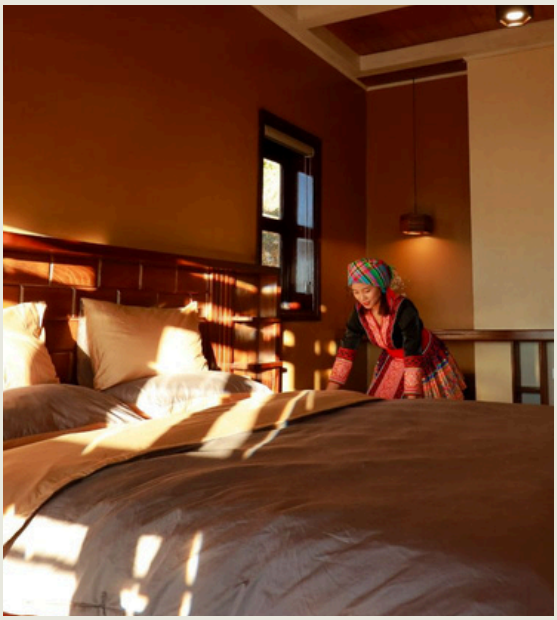


CLOUD PARADISE RESORT – Y TY



Located at 2,123 metres, this high-altitude eco-retreat rises above mountains, rice terraces and Y Tý's legendary sea of clouds. Handcrafted by local ethnic artisans, it blends modern comfort with highland character, with villas inspired by Hà Nhì, Mông and Dao cultures.

Highlights include a spa with herbal therapies, Dao herbal baths, regional dining, plus easy access to cloud hunting, trekking, Choản Thèn, Lảo Thẩn and A Lù terraces.





HA GIANG AYA LODGE

Opened in early 2026, Ha Giang Aya Lodge sits within a Hmong village in Sủng Trái, on the Ha Giang Loop, offering mountain views and a more immersive connection with local life.



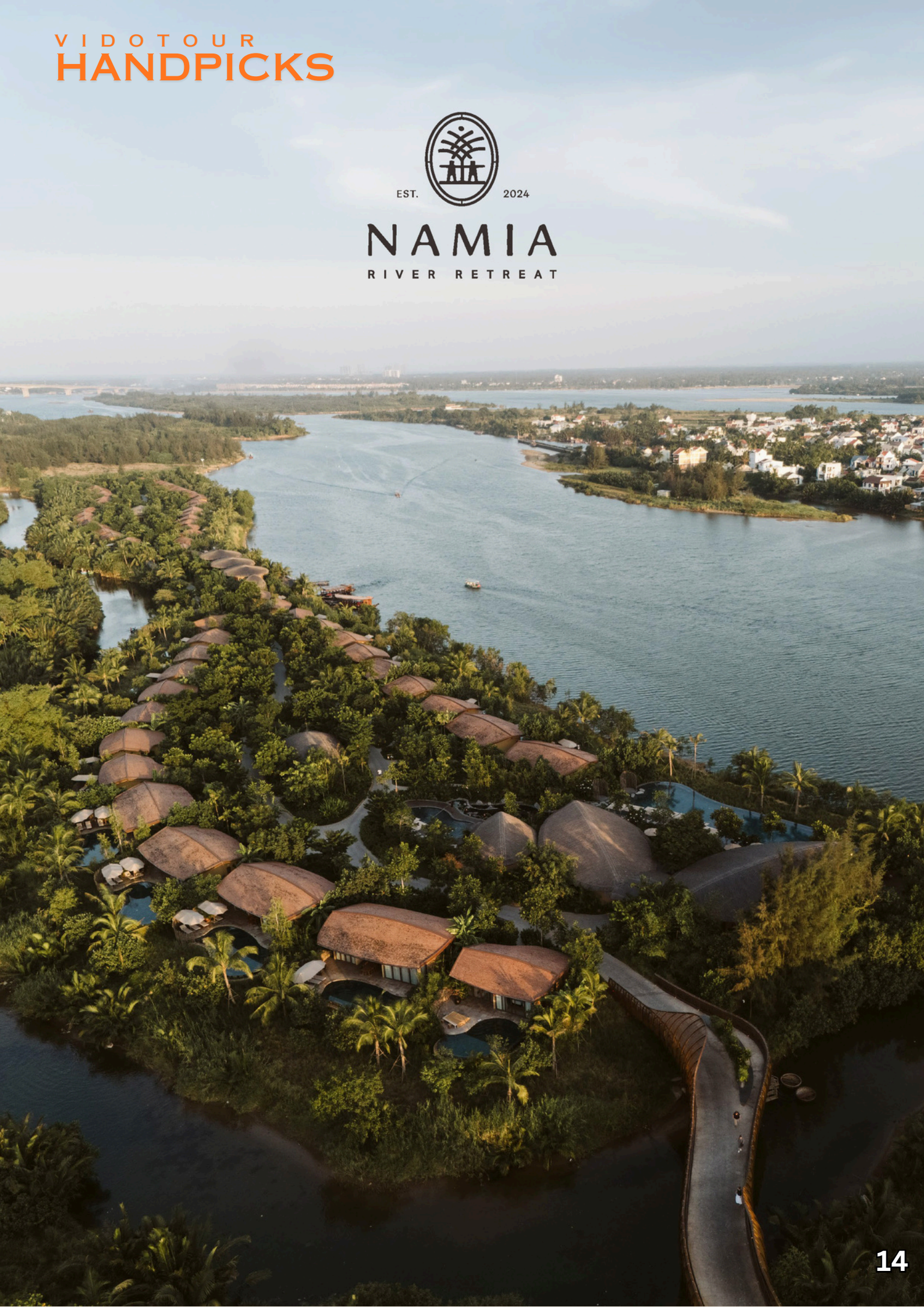


The lodge blends modern comfort with a strong community focus, with local staff from nearby villages, Sủng Trái's Tuesday market close by, and easy access to trekking, village visits and cultural experiences. Mountain-view rooms and bungalows feature private bathrooms, air-conditioning and heating, with a restaurant and bar on site.








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NAMIA
RIVER RETREAT

A MINDFUL RIVERSIDE RETREAT

In The Heart Of Hoi An

Located on the tranquil Con Ba Xa Islet, just 15 minutes by bicycle from Hoi An Ancient Town, Namia River Retreat is a wellness-inclusive resort with all private pool villas surrounded by the breathtaking vistas of the Thu Bon River.





Wellness Inspired by Vietnamese Heritage

Namia presents a wellness concept inspired by Vietnamese Southern herbology and cultural healing traditions, woven into every guest touchpoint, from daily 90-minute wellness journey at Lumina Wellbeing & Spa featuring a herbal hammam or sauna & cool plunge and traditional Vietnamese therapies, to in-villa rituals.

Mindful Living by the River

Namia encourages guests to move with the natural rhythm of the day and connect with themselves through cultural experiences, from guided bicycle trails, basket boat rides to sunset river boat, alongside mindful rituals such as meditation walks, yoga sessions, and lantern lighting ceremonies.



Exclusive Offer
STAY 3 NIGHTS, PAY 2

Booking:
01 June – 30 Nov 2026

Stay:
01 Jun 2026 – 28 Apr 2027

Includes breakfast buffet, minibar, wellness journey, yoga and cultural experiences, shuttle boat to Hoi An Ancient Town, and sunset river boat with cocktails and canapés.

Terms & Conditions apply.

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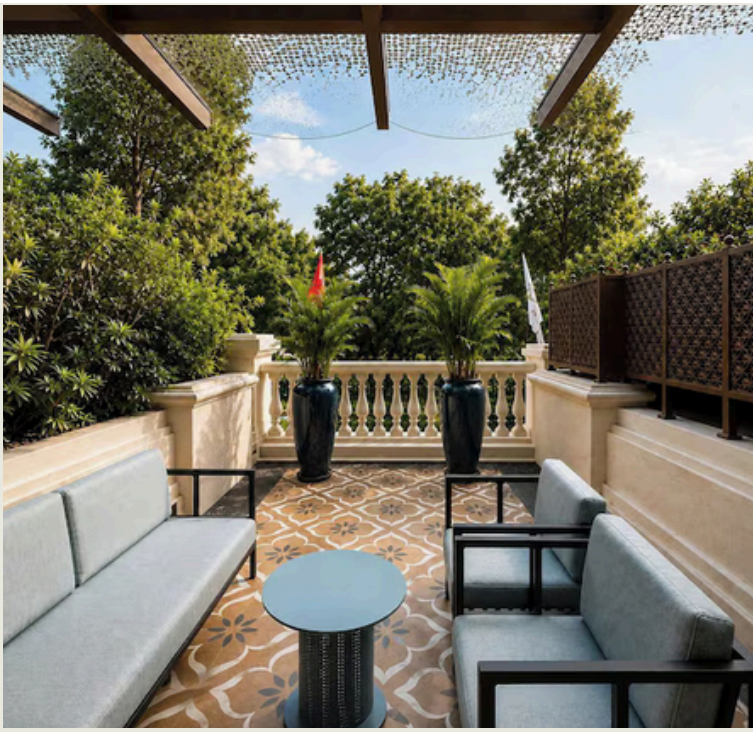
SMALL LUXURY HOTELS OF THE WORLD

VIRTUOSO PREFERRED

THE THEODORE HANOI

Opened September 2026, The Theodore Hanoi offers 98 rooms in a prime location overlooking Hoàn Kiếm Lake, steps from the Old Quarter.

Highlights include a pool, fitness centre, O Spa, Italian dining, French pastries and private dining spaces.











NHAAN RESORT & SPA – HOI AN

Hilton's Tapestry Collection



Opened in August 2026, NHAAN Resort & Spa Hoi An is a five-star riverside retreat in Cam Thanh, blending biophilic design by Võ Trọng Nghĩa, wellbeing and local heritage.







BEACH FRONT LUXURY REIMAGINED ON HALONG BAY

InterContinental Halong Bay brings a fresh resort lifestyle to this legendary landscape.

Contemporary design, panoramic views, refined dining and signature wellness come together in one striking new address.





- 275 suites, residences and private villas
- Six distinctive restaurants and bars
- Signature spa, pools and fitness facilities
- Elevated leisure — exclusive kids' club, cinema, games lounge and curated daily recreation



HOIANA
RESORT & GOLF

BEACHFRONT LIVING, MADE FOR FAMILY MOMENTS

New World Hoiana Beach Resort offers a refined coastal escape for families, couples and leisure travellers, within easy reach of Da Nang International Airport and UNESCO-listed Hoi An Ancient Town, and a beachfront gateway to the wider Hoiana experience.





NEW WORLD

HOIANA BEACH RESORT

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AT NEW WORLD HOIANA BEACH RESORT

- 330 spacious rooms & suites
- Direct beach access
- Outdoor pools for adults & children
- Complimentary weekend kids' foam parties
- 2,700 sqm PLAY Kids' Club
- Complimentary shuttles to Da Nang, Hoi An & Da Nang International Aipport

From relaxed days by the sea, Feel Your Way into vibrant dining, entertainment and memorable experiences across Hoiana Resort & Golf, a world-leading integrated destination where exceptional stays and local character come together.





MORE TO DISCOVER

- Indoor Entertainment Hub
- Award-winning Hoiana Shores Golf Club
- 25+ restaurants & bars

Northern Artisanal Heritage

A genuine journey into Northern Vietnam's traditional craft villages, created for travellers passionate about local craftsmanship and savoir-faire.



Ha Thai Village
Discover the centuries-old art of lacquerware and create your own piece to take home.



Quang Phu Cau Village
Experience traditional incense-stick making and admire colourful bundles drying in the sun.



Chuong Village
Learn the art of conical-hat weaving, try it yourself and meet local artisans.

New Cave Discovery in Phong Nha

Hang Thắng (Victory Cave) plunges explorers 20 metres underground into a 3,000-metre world of 50-metre columns, stone curtains and rare cave pearls — a thrilling new adventure in Phong Nha–Ke Bang NP.











CÔN ĐẢO islands



WILD BY NATURE

A remote island sanctuary off southern Vietnam, Côn Đảo blends pristine beaches, protected forests, rugged mountains and rich marine life. Release baby turtles, snorkel over coral reefs, fish, hike through the national park, or watch sunrise and sunset over the ocean — all in a destination still refreshingly far from mass tourism.





WHEN TO VISIT

- March to September, when calmer seas favour snorkelling, diving, hiking and island exploration.
- June to September is especially rewarding for sea-turtle nesting and hatchling-release experiences.

EASY ACCESS

Multiple daily VASCO ATR 72 flights connect Ho Chi Minh City with Côn Đảo, alongside services from Cần Thơ and high-speed ferries.



POULO CONDOR
Boutique Resort
CON DAO - VIETNAM

Poulo Condor Boutique Resort & Spa offers excellent value in a tranquil French-colonial setting. Surrounded by mature forest and lush gardens, it opens onto a secluded beach, with spacious rooms, an infinity pool, spa, gym and dining — a peaceful retreat immersed in birdsong, greenery and the sounds of nature.











LUXNAM*
PHUQUOC
VIETNAM



Managed by The Lux Collective, LUXNAM* Phu Quoc is scheduled to open in 2028.

Located on the remote northern coast of Rach Tram in Phu Quoc, the resort will feature 126 designer villas. It is set to become Vietnam's first full-scale, Maldivian-style overwater resort, with a striking dragon-shaped layout extending above the shallow waters of the Kien Giang Biosphere Reserve.







CLASSYC PREMIUM HANOI

A stylish upscale stay on Hang Buom Street, in the heart of Hanoi's Old Quarter, with contemporary rooms, pool, spa, restaurant and bar — ideal for travellers seeking comfort close to Hanoi's historic heart.



HOI AN MOON PREMIUM BOUTIQUE HOTEL & SPA

A new luxury boutique hotel near Hoi An ancient town, inspired by the city's full-moon nights and lantern glow. Highlights include spacious rooms, pool, fitness centre, spa, restaurant and complimentary bicycles.



CoCo Dining

Housed in a historic French villa, CoCo Dining celebrates Vietnam through memory, ingredients and imagination. Chef Võ Thành Vương transforms regional flavours and culinary traditions into an expressive tasting menu-where heritage is not simply preserved, but thoughtfully reimagined for a new generation.





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Reservation: +84 969 730 660

AN·NHIEN GARDEN



Hidden in a nearly 500-year-old heritage garden in Huế, An Nhiên Garden Vegetarian offers a refined approach to vegetarian dining, bringing together cuisine, culture, art and nature.



Seasonal local ingredients are transformed into elegant dishes inspired by Vietnamese traditions and the gentle flavours of Huế.



Alley 11, Nguyen Dinh Tu, Hue City
Reservation: +84 948 106 066



HUE – PHONG NHA Heritage Train



Launched in September 2026, this new rail journey connects Hue and Phong Nha through the changing landscapes of Central Vietnam — rivers, rice fields, rural villages and sweeping countryside views.

- 190 km | Approx. 4.5 hours
- 3 stops via Dong Ha, My Trach and Dong Hoi before reaching Tho Loc Station, near Phong Nha NP.





LONG THANH International Airport
Scheduled to open on December 2026 — Vietnam's new international gateway serving Ho Chi Minh City and Southern Vietnam.

Direct Flights DONG HOI – CAM RANH

- 3 flights weekly | Tue • Fri • Sun
- Operated by Sun Phuquoc Airways
- Dong Hoi → Cam Ranh: 12:05–13:25
- Cam Ranh → Dong Hoi: 14:05–15:30





Direct Flights CAN THO – DA LAT

- 5 flights weekly | Mon • Wed • Fri • Sat • Sun
- Operated by VASCO with ATR 72 aircraft

Direct Flights WARSAW–HANOI
From 31 March 2027, LOT Polish Airlines will launch non-stop Warsaw–Hanoi flights.

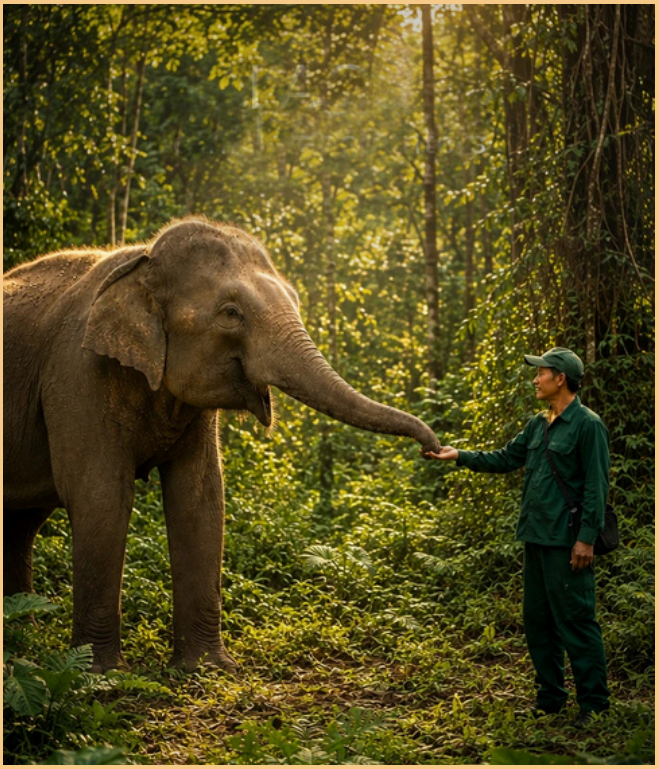
- 3 flights weekly in summer | 4 in winter
- Boeing 787 Dreamliner



LAOS

Land of a Million Elephants

- Deep cultural connection with elephants and local communities.
- Focus on welfare, habitat protection and responsible tourism.
- Ethical experiences support elephant conservation and local livelihoods.







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PAKBENG



A Sanctuary for Laos' Elephants

A half-day ethical elephant experience in Pakbeng, combining forest encounters with meaningful connections to local communities.

- Walk alongside elephants in their natural forest environment.
- Observe bathing, daily care and positive-reinforcement training.
- Feed the elephants fresh fruit and vegetables.
- Learn, Respect.







LUANG PRABANG

- Blessing at sunset.
- Witness a centuries-old Baci ceremony — a blessing for good luck, wellbeing and safe travels.
- Candlelit setting with scenic views, ideal for a private blessing ceremony.



MOMENTS
Sacred chanting



TRADITIONS
Blessings for good luck & lasting health



BLESSINGS
White threads, Lao traditions.

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VIENTIANE



BOUN THAT LUANG FESTIVAL



Laos' grandest Buddhist festival fills Vientiane with colour, devotion and celebration around the golden Pha That Luang stupa.

In 2026, festivities culminate on 24 November, with a week of religious ceremonies, candlelit processions, cultural events and lively fairs.



FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Wax Castle Procession
- Morning Almsgiving
- Candlelight Procession
- Religious Ceremonies
- Music & Performances
- That Luang Fair



HOTEL

KIRIDARA

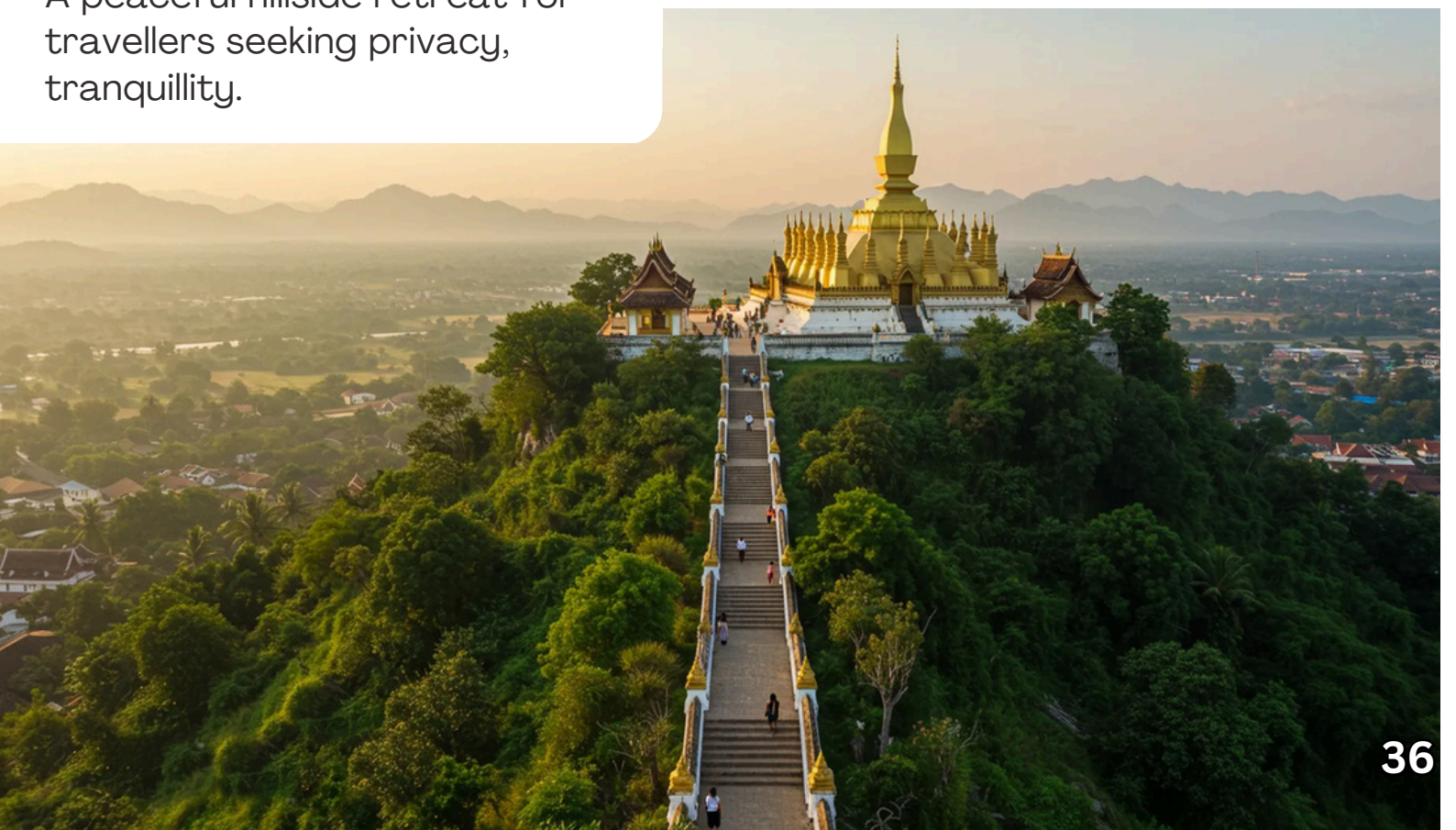
A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON THE CITY

Fully renovated under Souphattra Group, Kiridara Luang Prabang reopened in March 2026 with a refined luxury-meets-nature concept.

The resort features 43 rooms and villas with panoramic Mount Phousi views and its signature infinity pool.

A peaceful hillside retreat for travellers seeking privacy, tranquillity.






CAMBODIA
THE LUXURY
OF DOING GOOD

FARM HOUSE
RESORT & SPA
KAMPONG CHHNANG
CAMBODIA

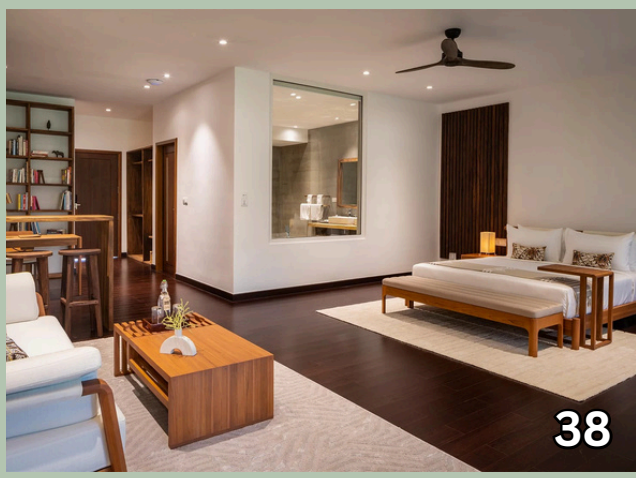
STAY, GIVE BACK
Beyond a holiday



At Farmhouse Resort & Spa, luxury means privacy, memorable experiences and purposeful travel that supports local communities.







FARM HOUSE RESORT & SPA
KAMPONG CHHNANG
CAMBODIA

FINE DINING EXCELLENCE
New Khmer Cuisine



At Restaurant Un, fresh ingredients are transformed into refined dishes celebrating farm-to-table freshness and new Khmer flavours.





Mentored by Michelin-starred chefs, Mariya Un Noun now leads and trains young chefs at restaurant UN.

FARM HOUSE
RESORT & SPA
KAMPONG CHHNANG
CAMBODIA

THE SANCTUARY SPA
Oasis of Wellbeing



- Open-air yoga & meditation shalas, surrounded by lush greenery.
- Saltwater pool, sauna & plunge pool.





SMILING GECKO CAMPUS

Empowering Communities in Kampong Chhnang







- A leading example of tourism as a force for good—combining sustainability, cultural preservation, and community empowerment.
- Support for education, local livelihoods and community development.
- Tour the campus, the school, kindergarten and community projects.
- A visit directly supports long-term, ethical development in rural Cambodia.







BATTAMBANG

S'Art Urban Art Festival

A Biennial Celebration of Creativity

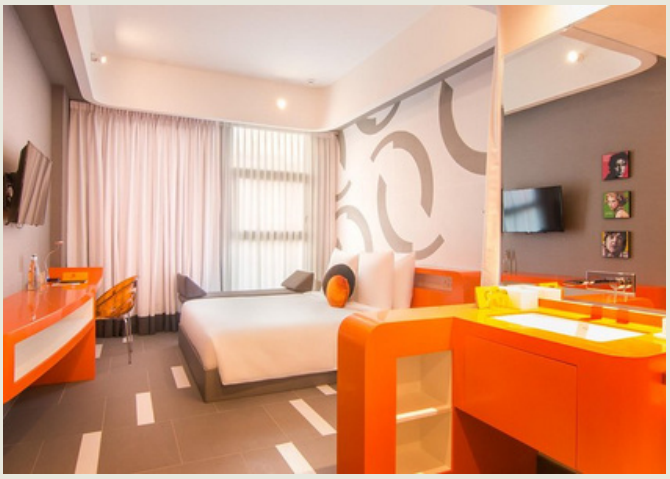
Held every two years, S'Art Urban Art Festival transforms Battambang's streets into a vibrant canvas of murals, live performances, creative installations and workshops. Organised by Phare Ponleu Selpak, the festival celebrates cultural diversity, nurtures local talent and showcases Battambang's creative spirit.

The next edition is scheduled for 8–13 Nov 2027

S'ART
URBAN ART FESTIVAL
BATTAMBANG

SUN & MOON, Riverside Hotel Phnom Penh

Located near Phnom Penh's new airport, SUN & MOON, Riverside Hotel combines easy city access with extensive wellness facilities, including fitness, CrossFit, boxing, sauna, hammam and relaxation baths.



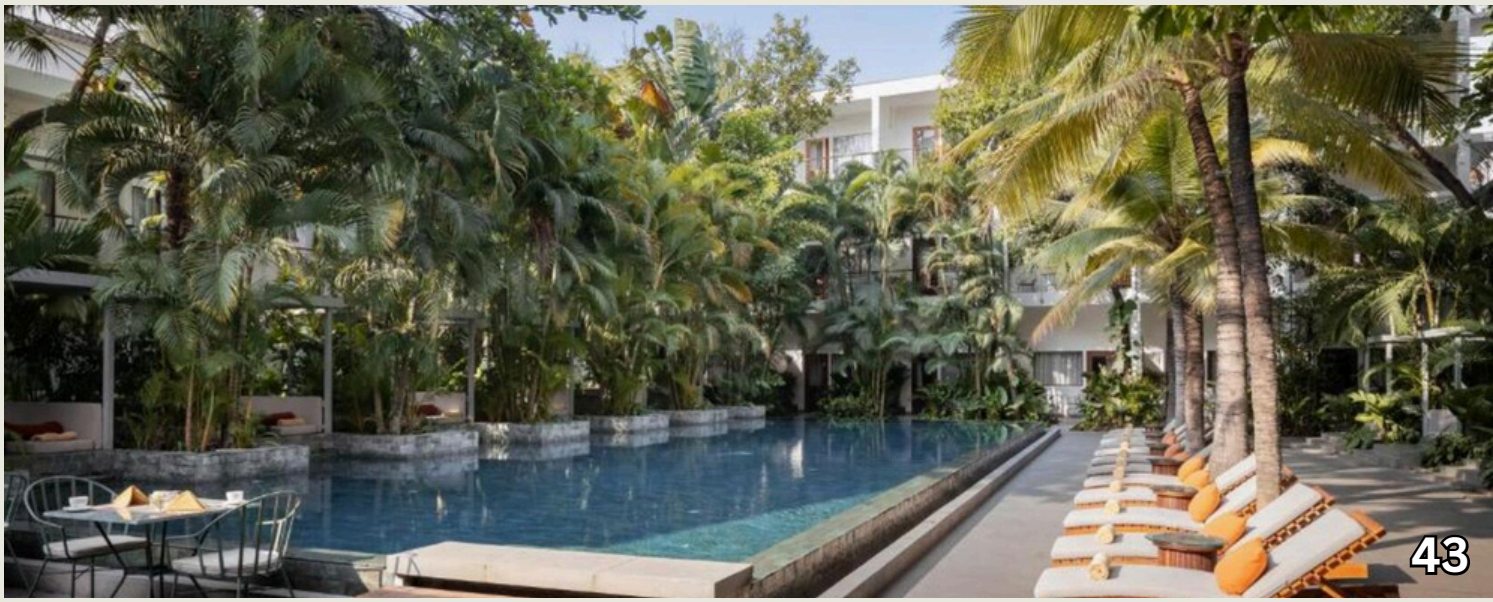


TRIBE
Phnom Penh

TRIBE Phnom Penh has been refreshed under new management, combining smart design, lively social spaces, pool, fitness and a 24-hour sports bar in the heart of the city.

PLANTATION URBAN RESORT & SPA
Phnom Penh

Plantation Urban Resort & Spa is a peaceful city oasis for FIT travellers, blending contemporary Khmer style, lush tropical surroundings and a standout pool with a thoughtful approach to sustainability.



ASIA HOSPITALITY AWARDS 2026 WINNERS' NIGHT

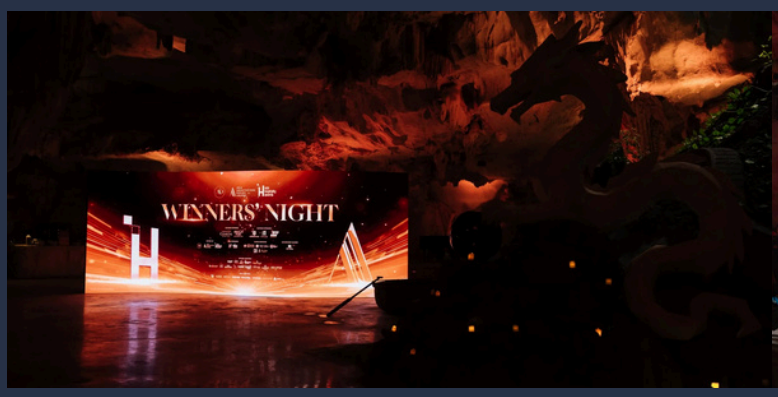


Vidotour was honoured with the 2026 Asia's Leading Destination Management Company Award (for the European & US Market) at the Asia Hospitality Awards, held on 26 June 2026 at Dragon Pearl Cave, Quang Ninh, Vietnam.

The recognition highlighted Vidotour's commitment to delivering high-quality, tailor-made travel experiences across Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos, reinforcing its position as a trusted Destination Management Company with over 35 years of experience.









Creative Amateur Photos 2026

In June, Vidotour organised a smartphone photography course for employees with a passion for photography. Following the course, participants put their newly acquired skills into practice, capturing images that combined technical quality with genuine emotion.



Vidotour Saigon

38 amateur photographers submitted 72 entries, capturing everyday moments from creative perspectives. The Top 10 photographs were recognised for their skill, enthusiasm and passion for photography.



Vidotour Hanoi

20 participants showcase their creativity and individual perspectives.
The Award recognised the Top 6 winning photographs, alongside other awards celebrating notable photographers and works.


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