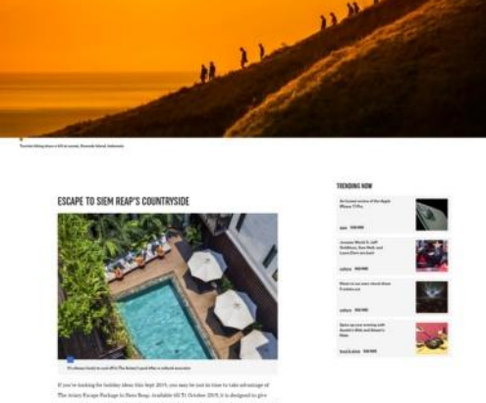




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THE BEST HOLIDAY IDEAS FOR THE ADVENTUROUS THIS OCTOBER 2019



Traveler hiking down a hill in scenic, Komodo Island, Indonesia

ESCAPE TO SIEM REAP'S COUNTRYSIDE



It's always lovely in rural #ric The Ariara's posh villas a cultural associate

If you're looking for holiday ideas this Sept 2019, you may be just in time to take advantage of The Ariara Escape Package in Siem Reap. Available till Tr October 2019, it is designed to give guests at The Ariara a chance to explore spots beyond the popular temples of Angkor Wat and the ancient city of Sieves. You can experience Cambodia in a truly authentic way before returning to The Ariara's luxurious perimeters in the heart of Siem Reap.

The three-night package takes you on a journey of discovery in Siem Reap's countryside. Consider the Buffalo Tours, where you can spend time with the rural Kuspot community in Chanrey Village and witness first-hand their way of life. It also takes you to the banks of Cambodia's picturesque Tonle Sap Lake, a Unesco Biosphere Reserve, to visit either the Kompong Phluk or Chong Kneas communities who live on the water. Make sure you have ample memory space for photos.



At Chanrey Village, a #Guest and driver with his oxen

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO TAKE IT NICE AND SLOW...



From the Ariara to the beautifully appointed lounge suite of the Aqua Nera

In the age of voracious travel, what is a meaningful way to spend our holidays? Consider sailing. The silent form of long distance travel has had a facelift, with tailored itineraries and personalised experiences designed for solo travellers and families alike. There are friendly expeditions take on immersive adventures through pristine nature that is teeming with wildlife. Think swimming with whale sharks in Cenderawasih Bay and discovering the rare endemics in the Flores Sea. And all this while enjoying the finest accommodation and world-class cuisine.

One operator in the Asian region is Aqua Expeditions, with cruises to Komodo, Cantoon and Spice Islands and as far out as Raja Ampat on its ultra-modern craft Aqua Blu. If you're honest to explore Peru and the Amazon, or sail for distant capes and bays to South America, then the beautifully appointed Aqua Nera is the vast to go.



The Presidential Deck interconnecting Suite on Aqua Blue

GERMAN ADVENTURES ON TWO WHEELS



Seeing the world on a mountain bike allows you to be truly spontaneous

Apart from the chance to reduce our carbon footprint, the beauty of touring on a mountain bike is flexibility – go where you want, when you want. You can camp wherever you please, also take a mountain bike if you fancy a swim, and generally tour on your own terms.

One of the biggest mountain bike route networks in Germany is in Rhön where some 350 routes are connected, making it simpler to plan tours. The Rhönrad Strasse is a good starting point and Daniel Albrecht, the operator, supports guests with tips and tricks and also offers guided tours.

Less hills and more fresh sea air welcome you at the Ostseeradweg Strand at the Baltic Sea. There, the Insel-Hotel hires out bikes made from bamboo, in cooperation with the German bicycle company My Boo. Guests can go for a ride along the Baltic coast or take a detour to lake Bannenhofsee – beautiful views guaranteed.



Breathtaking sights everywhere in the Hohe Tauern National Park

HOW BLUE IS THE OCEAN

An aerial view of the InterContinental Maldives Lagoon Villas

It took a while but the InterContinental group now has a property in the Maldives. At the heart of the Unesco World Biosphere Reserve no less. The resort offers 61 luxurious villas, residences and facilities including six restaurants so your palate doesn't have a chance to feel jaded). But more than that, travellers who care about our planet will appreciate its efforts towards preserving the ocean for future generations and guests.

Apart from various green initiatives to reduce waste, the InterContinental Maldives is also involved in a dedicated marine ecosystem project in partnership with the Manta Trust. The aim is to nurture a safe habitat for the manta rays within the resort's lagoon, and to provide guests with invaluable information and the opportunity to swim or snorkel alongside these graceful creatures over underwater coral gardens.

The cuisine and deck of the three-bedroom overwater residence at the InterContinental Maldives

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