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WELCOME

On behalf of everyone at Minor Hotel Group I'd like to express my delight at the successful March 1st launch of Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel, a landmark hotel in the heart of the prestigious Rajadamri area. It has been an honour working with our team of associates who have been invaluable in helping with the transition from the Four Seasons brand to Anantara. We're thrilled to be continuing the journey with exciting new concepts in hospitality that we hope to be sharing with you on your next visit to Bangkok.

Our cover story unravels the wonders of the Maldives with a spotlight on six of the best island resorts in the Indian Ocean. These pristine resorts of swaying palms and white sand beaches represent some of the most beautiful islands in the world and offer the ultimate in luxury escapes and new beginnings.

'Daring to be different' is the ethos behind our joint venture with PER AQUUM, a global trendsetter in luxury hospitality undergoing an evolution with an exciting new brand identity. With two PER AQUUM properties in the Maldives and one in Dubai firmly established, we are currently transforming Essque Zalu in Zanzibar to a PER AQUUM early next year. Our joint venture with PER AQUUM continues to go from strength to strength, with at least five additional properties planned over the next five years.

Globally, Minor Hotel Group continues to expand, with 133 hotels in 22 countries promising a diversified range of options to suite every type of traveller. Earlier this year saw the opening of AVANI Seychelles Barbarons Resort & Spa, the first AVANI resort in the Indian Ocean. Other new beginnings include our entry into Qatar with the opening of Banana Island Resort Doha by Anantara and the addition of the Tivoli Group to our portfolio. With this bold acquisition we venture into two new continents with properties in Portugal and Brazil.

Last but not least is the merging of Cheli & Peacock Group of Companies under the banner of the Elewana Collection, adding 14 properties in the most stunning regions of Northern Tanzania, Kenya and Zanzibar to the Minor Hotel Group Portfolio.

On behalf of everyone at Minor Hotel Group, I'd like to wish you safe and inspiring journeys in the months ahead.

Dillip Rajakarier
CEO Minor Hotel Group



Long famed for its impeccable hospitality in one of the capital's most prestigious addresses, the former Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok, which has been under the ownership of Minor Hotel Group for the past 15 years, has recently rebranded to Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel, proudly flying the flag for Minor Hotel Group's luxury discovery brand Anantara. Drawing on her profound experiences as General Manager, Titiya Chooto divulges some of the key highlights of this renowned Bangkok hotel.

How has the rebranding to Anantara enriched the guest experience?

The hotel has always been well known for its superlative guest service and now under the Anantara flag we are building upon this hallmark to emphasise even further the gracious elegance of Thai hospitality, coupled with Anantara's warm and personalised service. Many of the hotel's associates have been a part of the team for years and know our clientele very well, and we are

immensely proud to offer a sophisticated yet welcoming ambience that ensures all guests feel a part of our family here.

What are the hotel's three most famous culinary experiences?

Offering diverse cuisine from our award-winning restaurants, the continued popularity of Sunday Brunch means advance booking is a must. Biscotti is one of the top Italian restaurants in town, serving authentic cuisine and attracting diners with sophisticated business luncheons and romantic evenings. Aqua, our al-fresco bar, is the place to be seen and exudes a very sociable scene for discerning guests.

What are the hotel's most striking aesthetic and location features?

No other hotel in the heart of the city offers such an impressive aesthetic appeal, with traditional Thai architecture and glorious gardens creating serene exclusivity in a fantastic location, right next to the sky train and many cultural and cosmopolitan attractions. Entering the hotel lobby is an experience in itself. Stately columns, hand painted silk panels and a magnificent frescoed ceiling were created by some of Thailand's most celebrated painters, sculptors and craftsmen, and the grand staircase is one of the most photographed elements of our hotel. Yet despite the grandeur, the lobby feels incredibly welcoming and more like a palatial home, a place where guests can relax amidst the artistic beauty, or host important meetings in tasteful privacy.

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It has never been easier to book your Anantara journey of discovery. Anantara Hotels, Resorts & Spas recently launched its itinerary booking functionality on anantara.com. Whether you are booking a few days in Bangkok followed by a weekend getaway in a private villa in Phuket or booking your desert hideaway at Qasr al Sarab before you journey on to Eastern Mangroves, it's all easily bookable with our new functionality.

DISCOVERY

Discovery is the Anantara, AVANI and PER AQUUM partnership with Global Hotel Alliance. With over 500 partner hotels globally, there's a hotel almost everywhere you need one offering great rewards and benefits. A world of possibilities is yours to explore across 30 member hotel chains in the alliance. Join Discovery today by going to anantara.com/loyalty and start seeing the rewards.



THE BEST OF THE MALDIVES

A CORAL MASTERPIECE COMPRISING 2,000 ISLANDS STRETCHING 900 KILOMETRES FROM NORTH TO SOUTH, THE MALDIVES REPRESENTS AN ISLAND OASIS OF UNPARALLELED BEAUTY.

There are numerous reasons why the Maldives are considered by many to be the most beautiful islands in the world. Near-perfect white sand beaches fringed by swaying palms look out to an ocean of mysterious wonder rich with marine life. Luxury beachfront and overwater villas are poised at the water's edge inviting guests to absorb the full glory of nature, glistening turquoise waters by day followed by nights so clear you're able to pick out the shooting stars one by one and watch silver flickers dance on the ocean's edge.

Because each island is its own resort, the overwhelming effect is one of total escapism, a feeling of being lifted to the edge of the world and placed in the lap of luxury where every desire is catered for.

With over 100 resort islands, the only difficulty is choosing one that will suit your needs. Whether on honeymoon, a family holiday or action packed fun beneath and above the waves, the following resort islands include something for every type of traveller.



ANANTARA DHIGU RESORT & SPA

Located 35 minutes by speedboat from Malé International Airport, this tropical paradise is ideal for families and couples. Featuring a wide choice of accommodation, the spacious villas are complemented with a resort infinity pool, tennis facilities and fine dining beneath the stars. Guests of all ages can enjoy a full range of water sports and diving excursions that include regular encounters with stingrays, turtles, baby reef sharks and more.

Voted Leading Family Resort in the Maldives 2014 by World Travel Awards, the children's club allows kids to run wild with their imaginations in the safety of professional care while indigenously inspired spa treatments in luxurious overwater suites will soothe body and soul of the parents.

ANANTARA VELI RESORT & SPA

The tranquil environment makes this resort perfectly suited to couples or groups of friends looking for a relaxing island hideaway. Spacious luxury villas, infinity pools, great dining venues and a multitude of watersports from diving to surfing mean you get to relax and enjoy yourself in any way you choose.

Spa enthusiasts will be excited by the Sundari Ayurvedic Spa treatment, bringing a holistic approach by incorporating elements of the Ayurvedic lifestyle in consultation with the resident Ayurvedic Doctor. A healthy approach results in finding your balance between indulgence and wellness. Sunset cruises, cinema beneath the stars and great dining means the fun continues when the sun goes down.





ANANTARA KIHAVAH VILLAS

A mesmerising 30-minute seaplane flight from Malé International Airport, Anantara Kihavah Villas offers a harmonious blend of relaxation and exploration, enhanced with a healthy house reef and a world-class choice of dining venues.

Spacious private pool villas are either poised over the water with sweeping ocean views or nestled along a pristine stretch of private beach. A short boat ride will have you snorkelling uninhabited islands encircled by abundant reefs that are home to turtles, eels and beautiful coral formations, or cruising in solitude as the sun sets on another day in paradise.

A quartet of restaurants called Sea, Fire, Salt, and Sky offer one-of-a-kind over and underwater dining

experiences. Fire will conjure up Teppanyaki grills on an open flame before your eyes. Salt creates an exciting choice of Asian cuisine presented and paired with salt variations by the resident Salt Guru, while Sky is the place to sit at the ocean's edge and indulge in a cocktail or two counting shooting stars.

And then there's Sea, a mythical escape into the depths of the ocean where a brilliant array of fish swim before your eyes while you indulge in a wine dinner you'll be talking about for years to come.

NALADHU, MALDIVES

Naladhu, Maldivian for 'beautiful island', is a resort of sublime comfort and intimate settings for two where only the moon is allowed to intrude upon your privacy. Every space is yours to own. Expansive villas and houses, each with a private pool front the azure Indian Ocean, offering unsurpassed comfort and a graceful elegance that never goes out of style.

Couples can enjoy sunset cruises to the edge of the ocean, and when the stars appear, wine dinners for two at the Living Room Restaurant elevate the mood to sublime.

The uniquely luxurious Ocean Retreat Spa affords 100% attention to you and you alone, with sauna, private pool, tropical rain shower, and an ocean facing relaxation deck on which to enjoy spa cuisine for breakfast or lunch.

With full access to facilities at the neighbouring Anantara Dighu and Anantara Veli island resorts, guests are invited to enjoy the best of both worlds.



PER AQUUM HUVAFEN FUSHI

Romance meets relaxation at this visionary resort where stunning indoor spaces flow into the beauty of the island setting. This small but intimate island resort guarantees privacy for couples. Spacious villas and pavilions by the beach and over the water blend modern technology with timeless grace.

Sail beyond your island domain and keep your eyes wide for dolphins as you dive beneath the waves, or captain a catamaran and sleekly cut through the water for a fast sailing adventure.

For a fantasy dining experience worthy of James Bond, look no further than Vinum, a golden hued wine cellar and private dining space eight metres under the white coral sand. Featuring a wine cellar of 6,000 bottles peppered with hidden gems, this enchanting journey of culinary thrills will ignite parts your imagination no cooking show will ever reach.

PER AQUUM NIYAMA

Enjoy panoramic views of the Maldives with a 45-minute seaplane journey from Malé International Airport into PER AQUUM Niyama – one destination spread over two islands.

This is luxury that dares to be different, complemented by playful leisure activities, sensational restaurant concepts and state of the art villas catering to families and couples with a sense of adventure.

Dive, snorkel, kitesurf and jetski to your heart's content, or indulge with innovative treatments at LIME Spa. The new Explorers club has activities to ignite children's imagination as they become artists, inventors, explorers or chefs.

Dining venues range from six metres underwater to six metres above ground where tropical wildlife may be your unlikely dining companions at Nest, a wonderfully imaginative fine dining concept built from bamboo and set in the treetops of this tropical paradise.



ADVANCED BEAUTY TECHNOLOGY GETS PERSONAL

AT A TIME WHEN TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES ARE ACCELERATING AT UNPRECEDENTED SPEED, THE MOST SUCCESSFUL INNOVATIONS MARRY HIGH-TECH CAPABILITIES AND PERSONALISATION, WITH THE SPA WORLD TAKING THIS TREND TO A NEW LEVEL OF BESPOKE CUSTOMISATION.

Rejecting the notion that one assessment, treatment or product suits all, MSpa's unique spa brands use advanced beauty technology for detailed scientific analysis and recommendations, as well as cutting-edge treatments and products that target individual needs for optimum results.

In a private consultation using clinical imaging to identify wrinkles, uneven tone, UV damage and blocked pores, Elemis Spa at the St. Regis Bangkok, Anantara Spa at Eastern Mangroves Hotel & Spa in Abu Dhabi and Mandara Spa at JW Marriot Cairo offer a technologically advanced pre-treatment Facial Mapping Analysis to ascertain each client's skin needs. Treatments then use the LPG Cellu M6 machine - the first generation of cell stimulating

technology to deliver the ultimate in anti-ageing, lifting, slimming, firming and relaxation for the face and body. 100% natural and effective, non-invasive and non-aggressive, LPG uses cellular stimulation techniques to rejuvenate dormant cells and revitalise natural, healthy activity. For the face, neck and décolleté, Endermolyft treatments help to plump, define and densify skin, reducing wrinkles by up to 43% in just eight weeks. Sculpting the body with dramatic results, Lipomassage eliminates localised fat and in 12 weeks even the most stubborn fat is released.

Spa guests at Anantara Maldives and at Banana Island Doha Resort by Anantara off the coast of Qatar's capital benefit from the latest high-tech beauty solutions, with Elemis BIOTEC facial treatments offering a one stop shop for all facial needs. Combining Elemis' unique skin lift touch with high potency actives which penetrate deep into the skin to re-charge the cells' energy to assist skin responsiveness, the science of five-in-one bio-electric technology comprises ultrasonic peel, microcurrent lift, galvanic, light and oxygen therapies to re-boot cellular performance and re-establish effective cell communication for immediate and longer lasting effects.



Showcasing PER AQUUM's bold one-of-a-kind concepts, PER AQUUM Niyama's LIME Spa is the first and only spa in the Maldives to offer the hyaluronic oxygen treatment by Intraceuticals - the only professional skin care regime that uses a machine to apply pressurised, therapeutic-grade oxygen to deliver a special serum of low molecular weight hyaluronic acid, essential vitamins, antioxidants and peptides, leaving skin immediately brighter, firmer, plumper and smoother. While harnessing technology from NASA experiments and Nobel Prize winning laureates, LIME Spa at PER AQUUM Desert Palm offers the K-Lift Age Management System by Kerstin Florian. K-Lift treatments combine three non-invasive, anti-ageing technologies: red LED light therapy, impulse micro-currents and transdermal delivery - which improve dermal density and trigger collagen production, re-educate muscle tone, firm and lift, stimulate cellular energy and deliver essential rejuvenating nutrients.

Whether you're a savvy spa aficionado or are new to advanced beauty technology, our highly trained therapists offer private consultations to explain these high-tech treatments and tailor the ideal experience for you.

FAMILY FUN ON QUEENSLAND'S SUNSHINE COAST

WHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD CAN YOU WALK ON SUGAR COLOURED SANDS AND SWIM IN THE DEEP BLUE OCEAN AT SUNRISE, SPLASH ABOUT AT A WATER PLAY PARK AND CUDDLE A KOALA BY DAY, THEN RETURN TO THE PEACEFUL SURROUNDS OF A RELAXED, TRANQUIL OASIS IN THE EVENING? QUEENSLAND'S SUNSHINE COAST IS WHERE.

Australian families have long regarded the Sunshine Coast as a premier destination for a memorable family holiday fusing action and adventure for the kids with time to relax and unwind for parents. With this in mind, Oaks Oasis in Caloundra, just over an hour's drive from Brisbane International Airport, has created the ultimate family resort within an easy walk to the beach and just a short drive to one of the region's favourite local attractions – Australia Zoo.

Home of the “Crocodile Hunter”, the late Steve Irwin, Australia Zoo presents families with a thrilling, educational and uniquely Australian opportunity to get up close and personal with not only a menagerie of the world's most interesting and intriguing animals, but Australia's very own indigenous national icon – the ever popular and always adorable koala.

Queensland is one of few special places in the world where visitors can cuddle these Aussie marsupials, and at Australia Zoo there are 66 resident koalas that are part of a highly successful koala-breeding programme. These koalas act as ambassadors for their cousins in the wild, raising not only funds for conservation projects through encounters, but also awareness for their plight for survival.

And while the Sunshine Coast is an idyllic natural koala habitat with rolling, verdant hinterlands offering vast pockets of unspoiled bushland for koalas to enjoy and visitors the thrill of sighting these shy marsupials in the wild, an increasing number of koalas are being brought into Australia Zoo's Wildlife Hospital suffering injuries sustained in motor vehicle accidents, dog attacks and from the effects of disease, deforestation and the increasing urbanization of their natural habitats, too.

The Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital is the largest project of the charity founded by Steve and Terri Irwin in 2002, Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors, as a way to include other passionate people in the protection of the world's precious wildlife and wild places. With no ongoing government funding, the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital relies solely on donations to Wildlife Warriors to continue their important work.

As a partner already supporting the vital work of Wildlife Warriors, Oaks Hotels & Resorts has also recently named a cute koala joey, Oasis, in a bid to foster conservation connection with their visiting guests who can go and visit Oasis at Australia Zoo's purpose-built Koala Oasis where

she can often be found snoozing or snuggling contently with her mum Alexa.

After a busy day of wildlife adventure and education, families will love returning to their very own oasis, with Oaks Oasis offering 10 acres of lush, landscaped gardens just a short stroll to Caloundra's pristine Golden Beach. With a multi-level, on-site water play park, complete with water slides, fountains, giant tipping bucket and interactive activities, youngsters will be in their element while parents can relax close by. Other family-fun activities include a tropical lagoon pool and spa, children's playground, floodlit tennis court, miniature putting green and beach volleyball court.

Oaks Oasis is an easy walk to local swimming, sunning and surfing hot spots, while other popular local attractions including Underwater World – Sea Life, Big Kart Track, Underwater World, Aussie World and Eumundi Markets are within easy driving distance.

GO:

Australia Zoo
1638 Steve Irwin Way, Beerwah QLD 4519

STAY:

Oaks Oasis
Corner North Street & Landsborough Parade,
Caloundra QLD 4551

Oaks Seaforth
98-110 Alexandra Parade, Alexandra Headlands
QLD 4572



BOLD LUXURY



PER AQUUM
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A NEW ERA

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AFTER 10 YEARS OF DELIGHTING GUESTS WITH ICONIC EXPERIENCES,
PER AQUUM HOTELS & RESORTS TAKES LUXURY TO THE NEXT LEVEL.
SEE THE BRAND'S NEW LOOK AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ALL THE EXCITEMENT AHEAD.

Once upon a time a handful of hoteliers had a dream to create wild resorts, the likes of which the world had never seen. Soon, rainbows of fish were gliding inches away from stunned guests in the world's first underwater spa. The innovations continued to roll out over the next decade, from an Arabian escape with views of adrenaline-packed polo matches to a second underwater playground, transforming throughout the day as it hosts private Champagne breakfasts and late night DJ sessions alongside the nocturnal mysteries of the reef.

For some brands, this might be the climax of the story. For PER AQUUM, it is only the beginning. Nick Downing, today's Vice President of PER AQUUM, was a key member of the brand's original launch team. After years of globetrotting and lending his talents to other projects, Downing was wooed back to the trailblazing brand by Minor Hotel Group in order to kick things up to an even more spectacular level. So what is in store? For starters, a handful of new properties over the next five years. Insider secret: expect an ultrachic PER AQUUM resort in Zanzibar by early next year.

What else? Well, anyone who has made a big change in their life can tell you that a makeover and a designer wardrobe can work wonders for feeling like a new-and-improved you. To reflect its elevated status as it expands and transforms, PER AQUUM has unveiled a stylish new logo and visual identity.

Not just any brand artists would do for PER AQUUM. They had to have the best and the brightest. Following a competitive pitch, MHG chose Hong Kong-based Eight, a brand strategy and communications firm behind some of the globe's leading brands like Apple, Mont Blanc, Cathay Pacific and Virgin Atlantic.

MHG and Eight worked closely to evolve the brand and showcase its pole position at the cutting edge of luxury. Together they created a new logo and graphics inspired by the element of water. In the logo, you see an elegant monogram representing ripples and the immersive experience of a stay at a PER AQUUM hotel or resort.

The new tagline, 'Daring to be different', embraces the brand's mission to break the mould with each and every property and to continually offer fresh, avant-garde journeys for its discerning guests.

All hotels and resorts have been renamed to highlight their shared ties under the PER AQUUM umbrella. Whether you book your next stay at PER AQUUM Huvafen Fushi, PER AQUUM Desert Palm, PER AQUUM Niyama or one of the up and coming PER AQUUM hotels, you can expect a bold take on luxury and a fresh array of surprises.

To find out more about the brand's evolution and new identity go to peraquum.com or search social media platforms for **#PERAQUUMLife**



PER AQUUM Huvafen Fushi, Maldives



PER AQUUM Desert Palm, Dubai



PER AQUUM Niyama, Maldives

SPICE SPOONS

A MOZAMBICAN CULINARY JOURNEY

DISCOVER THE UNIQUE FLAVOURS AND CULINARY HERITAGE OF MORE EXOTIC DESTINATIONS, WITH SPICE SPOONS COOKING CLASSES SPREADING WORLDWIDE.



Anantara is passionate about connecting guests to authentic cultural heritage, with local experts sharing their passions and personal stories in richly interactive journeys. Venturing behind the scenes of some of the world's most exciting culinary cultures, Anantara's Spice Spoons cooking school offers much more than just a cooking class. Designed for newcomers who are looking to pick up the basics and aspiring chefs seeking fresh ideas, Spice Spoons experiences at Anantara properties around the world have proved immensely popular. Following the tremendous success of the Thai, Arabian, Vietnamese, Indonesian and Maldivian cooking experiences, "Spice Spoons - A Mozambican

Culinary Journey" is now offered at two luxurious island resorts in dazzling archipelagos off the coast of Mozambique.

At the Spice Spoons cooking schools of Anantara Medjumbe Island Resort & Spa and Anantara Bazaruto Island Resort & Spa, culinary experiences commence with a local cultural drive accompanied by the resort's local Island Guru and Mozambican chef, introducing students to the unique array of island spices and flavours, as well as a visit to a local herb garden to select fresh herbs to be used later on in the cooking class. Back at the resort guests learn about Mozambican cuisine's cultural significance and health benefits, indigenous ingredients and cooking equipment, as well as convenient replacements to use at home. Students discover how Mozambican cuisine embraces Indian and Portuguese influences, with meals typically consisting of cassava or rice paired with beans, vegetables or fish. The chef instructor highlights popular condiments such as coconut milk and the hot pepper relish piri-iri, national specialties and the importance of cashew nuts in the creation of local beers, as well as dishes reserved for special occasions like bolo polana cake. Revealing the cultural diversity of Mozambican gastronomy, the chef showcases curries and samosas which are testament to the Indian influence; Portuguese wines that are widely available and often used for cooking, such as in the seafood and peanut stew matata; and the fresh fish sourced from the abundant waters of the Indian Ocean.

When it's time to don chef hat and apron for the actual cooking class, guests choose from a wide collection of authentic recipes and cook their favourites in a step by step lesson. Dishes are savoured in a chef-hosted meal, providing further opportunities to discuss local culinary trends, and guests leave with new skills to entertain family and friends back home, as well as a Spice Spoons shopping bag containing a certificate, apron, chopping board and box of recipe cards with drink recommendations to enhance the flavours of each unique dish.

Learn to recreate the unique flavours of African island life at Anantara Medjumbe Island Resort & Spa and Anantara Bazaruto Island Resort & Spa.



DISCOVER ANCIENT KHMER LEGENDS AND THE REAL CAMBODIA

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE SPLENDOURS OF ANCIENT KHMER HERITAGE AND THE RUSTIC AUTHENTICITY OF LOCAL CAMBODIAN LIFE WITH A RANGE OF UNIQUE SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES, AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY AT ANANTARA ANGKOR RESORT & SPA.



The quaint Cambodian town of Siem Reap offers a gateway to the magnificent Angkor Archaeological Park UNESCO World Heritage Site of ruins from the ancient Khmer Empire, most notably the iconic Eighth Wonder of the World, Angkor Wat. Only a short drive away from this spectacular temple, as well as Siem Reap's colonial charms, traditional Cambodian culture and delightful riverside attractions, Anantara Angkor Resort & Spa is a boutique retreat that resembles a grand Khmer villa, with exquisite rooms and suites overlooking a beautiful courtyard swimming pool that is inspired by ancient royalty.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES



SUNSET DINING BY DESIGN IN A TRADITIONAL KHMER HOUSE

Experience Anantara's signature private dining concept in a traditional Khmer house, just a short drive from the resort. Receive a warm welcome by your private chef and butler. Relax inside the elevated open plan living area, furnished in art deco style. Sip champagne as your butler tells stories of village life, spirit ceremonies at the local pagoda, and how this 90-year-old wooden house was relocated from the banks of the Siem Reap River and painstakingly rebuilt. Step onto the wrap-around veranda to admire sunset over rural surrounds and descend at your leisure to savour fine wines and canapés inspired by traditional Khmer and French cuisines, served at a candlelit table in the garden.



STREETWISE GURU SIEM REAP TOUR

Investigate Siem Reap's sightseeing highlights and step behind the tourist scenes on a bespoke private tour. With our well-informed Streetwise Guru as your personal guide, this experience is tailored to your preferences to make the very most of your time. Discover local Cambodian life and the French colonial quarter, the best riverside bars and restaurants, the tastiest street food vendors and the night market's secret spots. Learn how to haggle over souvenirs, or shop for the finest antiques, silk and jewellery. Enjoy the options of a vibrant art gallery, Khmer fashion or temple tour.



MARKET TOUR AND KHMER COOKING CLASS

Travel by tuk-tuk for a traditional market tour and pick up ingredients needed for your cooking class. Choose from a collection of traditional Khmer set menus, or create your own menu by selecting from a range of individual recipes. With everything prepared for your arrival, enjoy refreshments and don your chef hat and apron for the step-by-step cooking class, learning how to prepare and blend the ingredients of each dish for the perfect texture and balance of flavour. Savour your creations for lunch and receive a special souvenir, as well as a selection of recipe cards so that you can entertain friends and family back home.



ANGKOR TEMPLE TOUR

Tour the magnificent Angkor Archaeological Park with a well-informed local guide, experiencing one of the most spectacular ancient wonders on earth, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Uncover the fascinating history of how Angkor was a capital city for more than 500 years, why the king relocated it to Phnom Penh, and how this vast area became overgrown by jungle and inhabited by tigers and elephants, leading the people to flee. Learn about Angkor's rediscovery by French explorers and the period of French colonisation, as well as the huge tasks of piecing together Angkor's illustrious heritage and rebuilding the millions of scattered stones. Delve into the symbolic and practical importance of the temples' moats, the relevance of inscriptions in three languages - ancient Pali, Hindu Sanskrit and old Khmer, the varying architectural styles and tributes to Buddhism and Hinduism.

ELEWANA SKYSAFARI THE ULTIMATE AFRICAN EXPERIENCE

EMBARK UPON A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME SEVEN-NIGHT SAFARI ADVENTURE, TRAVELLING BETWEEN SOME OF AFRICA'S MOST ICONIC LOCATIONS BY PRIVATE AIRCRAFT AND STAYING AT ELEWANA'S UNIQUE COLLECTION OF AWARD-WINNING LODGES AND CAMPS.

From the foothills of Kilimanjaro's sister mountain Mount Meru and the magical 'tree houses' of Tarangire, to the wildlife spectacles of the Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti and Masai Mara, SkySafari offers the ultimate African experience, with incomparable game viewing opportunities, luxuriant accommodations, intimate dining and breathtaking aerial perspectives, courtesy of Elewana's very own executive class Cessna Grand Caravan aircraft.

SKYSAFARI CLASSIC

Discover northern Tanzania's remarkable wildlife parks, colonial history and tribal heritage.



DAY 1

Arusha Coffee Lodge - nestled amongst the coffee bushes of a working plantation on the rolling foothills of Mount Meru

- SkySafari vehicle transfer from Kilimanjaro airport
- Overnight stay in a Plantation Guest Cottage
- Private dining available on request
- A Coffee Tour to learn how the 'bean goes to the cup'
- A visit to our certified Tanzanite gemstone boutique

DAYS 2 & 3

Tarangire Treetops - elevated tree houses overlooking Tarangire National Park

- Daily game drives, a night game drive and a guided walk
- Enjoy a Tarangire bush luncheon
- Spectacular sundowners in the bush
- Dinner in a traditional boma with Masai singing and dancing
- A visit to an authentic Masai village

DAYS 4 & 5

The Manor - an up-country farm home located in the Tanzanian highlands of Ngorongoro

- A full day game drive within the Ngorongoro Crater
- Enjoy a bush luncheon on the crater floor
- A game drive to Lake Manyara National Park
- Horse riding, mountain biking and guided walks around the coffee estate
- A selection of relaxing spa treatments

DAYS 6 & 7

Serengeti Pioneer Camp or Serengeti Migration Camp - depending on the best game viewing opportunities

- Daily game drives in the Serengeti National Park
- Enjoy a bush luncheon in the Serengeti
- Sundowner drinks served by your butler
- Private dining options and outdoor dining under the stars
- Guided game walk (available at Serengeti Migration Camp only)

SKYSAFARI PLUS

Experience all the drama and excitement of the SkySafari Classic adventure, enhanced by your choice of additional extensions - perhaps spending more time at our celebrated bush camps in the Serengeti and Masai Mara to view the annual migration and Big Five, or relaxing at our beautiful boutique beach hotels. The choice is yours.

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SKIING AROUND THE WORLD

Whether you're dreaming of conquering the slopes this winter or cooling off from the summer heat by hitting the waves in a tropical paradise, you'll find endless activities to choose from during your next stay at one of our Anantara, PER AQUUM and AVANI properties. Make the very most of your getaway by exploring the unforgettable activities of Local Experience awards. Take advantage of the special skiing experiences on offer worldwide, all available completely free of charge as a part of the DISCOVERY member benefits. Master new skills and discover new passions with unique experiences ranging from sand dune skiing and indoor skiing, to water skiing, snow skiing and jet skiing, to name just a few of the thrills that await you.



JET SETTING PRIVATE ROMANTIC DINNER AT AVANI KALUTARA RESORT & SPA

Want to spoil someone special? This private dining experience is uniquely romantic, from the waterfront setting and gourmet menu to the decadent bubbles. Cruise on a jet ski to your dining paradise beside a beautiful lagoon, where your intimate table awaits with seven gourmet courses, as well as a bottle of sparkling wine.



SKI DUBAI – WORLD OF SNOW TO DISCOVER AT ANANTARA DUBAI THE PALM RESORT & SPA

Liven up your dazzling escape to the iconic Palm Jumeirah with a thrilling experience at Ski Dubai Snow Park. Feel indulged by our team as we take care of all the arrangements, including private transportation and a three-hour special session of exciting chairlift, giant snowball and bobsled rides.



WATER SKIING IN NATURE'S PLAYGROUND AT PER AQUUM NIYAMA

Learn the skills and techniques to master the waves with the professional guidance of our qualified water sports instructors. Enjoy either an introduction to water skiing or the excitement of wakeboarding, as you find your balance in the oceanic playground of the breathtaking Maldives.

To start enjoying the benefits of DISCOVERY membership, find out more and sign up for free by visiting anantara.com/loyalty, avanihotels.com/loyalty.html and peraquum.com/loyalty





DISCOVER AUTHENTIC THAI LUXURY AT THE NEW ANANTARA SIAM BANGKOK HOTEL

Boasting one of Bangkok's most prestigious addresses, Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel offers a serene retreat of traditional Thai architecture and glorious gardens that feels far removed from the bustling city, yet is conveniently located in the heart of the capital, right next to a sky train station.

The 354 sophisticated rooms and suites overlook tropical gardens, the pool, neighbourhood streets or the Royal Bangkok Sports Club. Swim at the outdoor pool and sunbathe on the deck surrounded by tropical garden scenery, a waterfall and lotus ponds. Burn off energy or city stress at the 24-hour health club or indulge in award-winning Anantara Spa journeys. Discover some of Bangkok's best culinary experiences, with 10 dining options including award-winning restaurants, the famous Sunday Brunch and refreshments under the lobby's magnificent frescoed ceiling.



ANANTARA PHUKET LAYAN ADDS NEW MUAY THAI BOXING RING

Muay Thai kick boxing is Thailand's much-loved national sport. Now popular the world over, people from all walks of life train in Muay Thai to lose weight, get fighting fit, burn off stress and to experience one of Thailand's most iconic cultural traditions. Introducing guests to this unique martial art form, Layan Stadium is Anantara Phuket Layan Resort & Spa's new state-of-the-art Muay Thai boxing ring, measuring just under half the size of a standard Muay Thai boxing ring.

A range of private classes and programmes are designed to suit all ages and abilities, including a five-day intensive programme with ringside seats at a local stadium match. Each boxing student is kitted out with hand wraps and Muay Thai gloves, and seasoned instructors teach guests how to master the "science of eight limbs" using arms, legs, knees and shins whilst developing technical skill, flexibility, strength and stamina.

OAKS CARLYLE IS NOW OPEN

Oaks' second new-build property in Mackay on Central Queensland's Coast, Oaks Carlyle comprises a 56-room, six-storey serviced apartment complex, joining sister property Oaks Rivermarque in Mackay's burgeoning city centre.

Blending urban design with comfort and convenience, guests enjoy the choice of contemporary hotel rooms and self-contained one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments, of which a selection also feature dual key facilities that are ideal for groups and families. Rooms offer comfortable style and apartments feature full kitchens with modern appliances, laundry facilities, spacious living and dining areas, WiFi, LED TVs with cable channels, iPod docks and private balconies overlooking the CBD, hotel swimming pool or landscaped entertaining area.

Leisure time is a pleasure, thanks to a recreation room complete with a communal kitchen and lounge area, outdoor barbecue facilities set amongst the open air leisure precinct, and a ground floor café.





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INTERNATIONAL DUBAI POLO CHALLENGE 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

With its convenient location only 20 minutes from downtown Dubai, PER AQUUM Desert Palm is a uniquely luxurious PER AQUUM Hotel & Resort and boasts a private polo estate that hosts glittering tournaments, the most recent of which was the prestigious Cartier International Dubai Polo Challenge 2015, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

After four fast paced chukkas, the Desert Palm polo team featuring Rashid Albwardy and Alan Meeker took the final win, defeating the UAE polo team 10-4. The winning team was presented with the coveted Cartier trophy by HRH Princess Haya, who then awarded Amr Zedan of the Guards team with the La Martina Most Valuable Player of the Tournament Award. The La Martina Best Playing Pony Rug was won by Ali Albwardy's Castora, who was played by Desert Palm's Diego Cavanagh.



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RELAX BY THE SEA, YOUR WAY, AT AVANI SEYCHELLES

At AVANI Seychelles Barbarons Resort & Spa, Gravity is the place to go if you fancy a good read in a comfy chair with great coffee and tasty snacks in the Lobby Bar. And if you love sunset, this is also the perfect spot. Soak up the romance with the sea at your feet or head upstairs to the shisha lounge and chill out with a passion fruit mojito, frozen strawberry daiquiri or banana rum shake. Carry on the evening after dinner with ambient beats in the background and an infused smoking cocktail in hand.

To start planning your relaxing getaway in paradise, please visit avanihotels.com/seychelles-barbarons

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WHERE IS YOUR NEXT DESTINATION?

MINOR HOTEL GROUP IS OPENING NEW HORIZONS IN EXCITING AND DEVELOPING DESTINATIONS IN 2015. HERE IS A SNEAK PREVIEW OF TRAVEL EXPERIENCES TO START PLANNING.

ZAMBIA



1 | AVANI Victoria Falls Resort *Opening mid 2015*

AVANI Victoria Falls Resort is perfectly located to experience one of Zambia's most outstanding attractions. A convenient five-minute walk to Victoria Falls. With 212 welcoming rooms and suites, guests can explore Zambia's best, from the powerful Zambezi River and the world-renowned Victoria Falls, to Africa's famed wildlife and natural scenery.

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NAMIBIA



2 | AVANI Windhoek Hotel & Casino *Opening mid 2015*

AVANI Windhoek Hotel & Casino is located in the vibrant heart of Windhoek, Namibia's busy capital city. Conveniently situated on Independence Avenue, this central location offers 173 modern rooms, with great access to downtown shopping, restaurants and entertainment. The hotel itself features an in-house Casino and is adjacent to the Gustav Voigts Shopping Centre.

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CHINA



3 | Anantara Guiyang Resort & Spa *Opening late 2015*

Beautifully located in Southwest China, Anantara Guiyang Resort & Spa is just 15 kilometres from Guiyang City, a 15-minute drive from Guiyang Longdongbao International Airport and the train station, and easily accessible by road. Known as the Forest City, Guiyang invites you to escape the heat and discover stunning landscapes, hot springs, waterfalls and scenic golf courses, as well as a rich ancient heritage and colourful ethnic cultures.

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THAILAND



4 | AVANI Bangkok Riverside *Opening late 2015*

Overlooking Bangkok's bustling Chao Phraya River, this 26-floor hotel tower seamlessly blends modern warmth with lifestyle essentials and is just right for any kind of visit - from a leisurely family break to an important business trip. Shuttle boat services to the BTS Skytrain and the central Saphan Taksin boat pier make connecting to the city's major commercial and entertainment districts comfortably effortless.

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SRI LANKA



5 | Anantara Tangalle Peace Haven Resort & Spa *Opening late 2015*

Secluded along Sri Lanka's southernmost shore, Anantara Tangalle will offer 152 rooms and pool villas set amidst a 42-acre coconut plantation and golden crescent beach with Indian Ocean views. Enjoy pool days, a gym, tennis and badminton, holistic exercises on the beach, and a luxury Anantara Spa with Ayurvedic and reflexology centres. Savour poolside refreshments and high tea, as well as international, Italian and Sri Lankan dining.

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OMAN



6 | Anantara Jabal Al Akhdar Resort *Opening late 2015*

Situated inland from Muscat amidst Oman's dramatic mountainous landscape, Anantara Jabal Al Akhdar Resort will offer 115 villas and infinity pool villas. Guests can look forward to a gym, tennis and Anantara Spa pampering, while little ones have their own fun at the kids and teens club. Five dining options include a specialty Arabic grill restaurant in a tower inspired by Oman's forts, and at night the central courtyard will transform into a lively market.

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