

Honeymoon GETAWAYS

Hidden gems around Asia
ideal for adventurous newlyweds





Interested in a holiday but don't want to travel far? Here is a list of some of the hidden gems of Asia that offer a great alternative to the more traditional luxury chain hotel setting but allows authentic interactions with locals. Intimate in size, with most properties being less than five rooms, you are able to benefit from a more tailor-made experience.

Belonging to a bespoke brand called Secret Retreats, these boutique resorts represent cultured individuals whose taste, sense of refinement, simplicity and hospitality is reflected in the unique properties that they created.

SUPANNIGA IN ISAN, THAILAND

Located in northeastern Thailand, sip a cup of Pu-erh tea as you listen to the gentle ringing of chime bells and birdsong. A stay at Supanniga Home provides travelers with an initiation of the local traditions and customs.

MADUZI HOTEL AND YACHT IN BANGKOK, THAILAND

A boutique hotel located in Bangkok's Sukhumvit area, Maduzi embodies a tranquil setting with all forty rooms tastefully appointed. On display are the owners' personal collection of teapots, rare antiques, and frescoes. Aside from the unique cultural



mix of Thai heritage and modernity in its design and decor, Maduzi extends its services very personally, with a presence of members of the owning Thai family. For gourmets, Japanese Chef Yuya Okuda is preparing his fine French cuisine in a casual, informal setting at Maduzi Restaurant.

Jeeva Beloam in South Lombok, Indonesia

A Beach Camp located in a secluded cove surrounded by pristine sandy beaches amidst fifty-five hectares of unspoiled nature. Each beruga has a spacious covered terrace with large daybeds and a sitting area overseeing the sea recreating a tranquil and serene 'Robinson Crusoe' experience.

SI DATU BUA, INDONESIA

A luxurious three-cabin boat and a modern incarnation of the traditional Indonesian 'Phinisi' sailing boat that once carried cinnamon, cloves and ironwood.

RAK KO JAE IN HAHOE, KOREA

Located in central South Korea, this UNESCO Heritage site embodies yesteryear's traditions and is a place where you can rest your soul. Encircled by mountains and skirted by a meandering river, RakKoJae is a sanctuary of peace and serenity.

3+1 BEDROOMS IN BEIJING, CHINA

Situated in a traditional Hutong area of Beijing, this intimate property features white minimalist interiors, an inner courtyard displaying yearlong vegetation and a rooftop terrace with views overlooking daily traditional Beijing life.





HOMA MOON LAKE HOTEL IN SHANGHAI, CHINA

Homa Moon Lake Hotel of Modern Art can be found in the heart of the Shanghai sculpture park located in the charming district of Sheshan and its nearby hill. The twenty-three contemporary rooms are exceptionally spacious and tastefully designed reflecting the owner's passion for the arts.

SATRI HOUSE IN LUANG PRABANG, LAOS

Located in the heart of Luang Prabang, Satri House was the residence of the 'Red Prince' who later became the Lao People's Democratic Republic's first president in 1975. Preserving its charm of yesteryear, the property still showcases colonial accents and Lao architecture. From polished terracotta floors in the lobby to porches with views overlooking the exotic garden and swimming pools, Satri House twenty-eight rooms and three suites offer an idyllic setting. The sense of refinement and calmness of both the property and the Satri House team is what gives it a blissful setting.

MUANG LA RESORT IN LAOS

An enchanting lodge tucked away in amidst the mists of Northern Laos, Muang La Resort consists of five traditional Laotian style houses with red-orange interiors that emanate a feeling of harmony. Each of the 10 rooms exhibit locally handcrafted furniture and artwork. Working closely together with the local village chief, the resort is an exemplary model of being an active member of the community. The ideal comfort, unspoiled setting and proximity to many of the local ethnic groups guarantee that you will have an unforgettable holiday.

KANAYA HOTEL IN KINUGAWAY, JAPAN

Built in 1931, the Kanaya Hotel is a family run hotel that goes back three generations. The hotel grounds and 41 rooms combine both traditional and contemporary style and reflect a harmonious and tranquil atmosphere characteristic of the Ryokans. The cigar lounge is a welcome surprise and the white game tables and archival photographs evoke a feeling of the 1930s. As you step outside the hotel, your eyes will spot an onsen (thermal bath) and a terrace overlooking the meandering mountain-flanked Kinugawa river.



ANOPURA IN JAIPUR, INDIA

Featuring two luxurious bedroom suites and one tent, Anopura certainly warrants its title as the smallest luxury hotel in the world. Its natural thatched roofs and traditional Indian daybeds invite you to lie back and take in the majestic views of the surrounding hills of the Aravali.

SUKOON IN KASHMIR, INDIA

Meaning 'Divine peace' in Kashmiri, this luxurious boat is moored on Dal Lake in Kashmir and offers five spacious bedrooms that invites you to cruise in style as you discover the natural world of the Zabarwan mountain range situated at the foothills of the Himalayas. ■

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