



## Giving Back in Myanmar

While international travel takes a pause, life goes on as usual in Sin Kyun. On this small island in the middle of Myanmar's Ayeyarwady River, just 30 minutes from Mandalay, where farmers grow peanuts and craftsmen make bamboo hats, A&K Philanthropy continues to support the local school to improve access to education for the village children. Thanks to our guests' contributions, two new school buildings were built in 2020. You can get involved in the Sin Kyun project at <a href="mailto:akphilanthropy.org">akphilanthropy.org</a> or visit the village on an A&K river cruise with the custom-designed Sanctuary Ananda ship.

## **Artisanal Flavors of Laos**

Meet the makers of Laos' first and only buffalo cheesel Providing local farmers with a new source of income and new knowledge about vaccinations and animal care, this social enterprise dairy and farm is one of our favorite spots in Luang Prabang. A&K can arrange a private tour with the owners where you can help wash and feed the animals and savor a tasting platter of mozzarella, feta and ricotta as well as fresh farm yogurt and home-made ice cream.



# MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BANGKOK Bangkok, Thailand

A piece of living history, the Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok has served the likes of Tsar Nicolas II of Russia, Eleanor Roosevelt and Princess Diana over its 140 years and occupies a prime riverfront location, representing the hallmark of sophistication and comfort in the city.

Why we love it: Following extensive renovations in 2019, the hotel has never looked better. The new colors and tones give the rooms a fresh, contemporary feel while showcasing iconic views of the Chao Phraya River. Don't miss the quintessential afternoon tea at The Authors' Lounge or a night out with jazzy cocktails at the famous Bamboo Bar.

# THE OBEROI BEACH RESORT, LOMBOK Lombok, Indonesia

Located on the white sandy shores of Lombok's Medana Beach, The Oberoi Beach Resort, Lombok is a peaceful paradise - ideal for romantic escapes, quiet retreats or exhilarating water sports. The spacious thatched-roof pavilions offer contemporary comfort combined with local touches, featuring two poster beds, cushioned cane furniture and hand-picked artwork.

Why we love it: This is the perfect base for exploring coral reefs and underwater life in the nearby Gili Islands. The resort comes complete with its own PADI dive center and an infinity pool that seems to melt into the ocean.

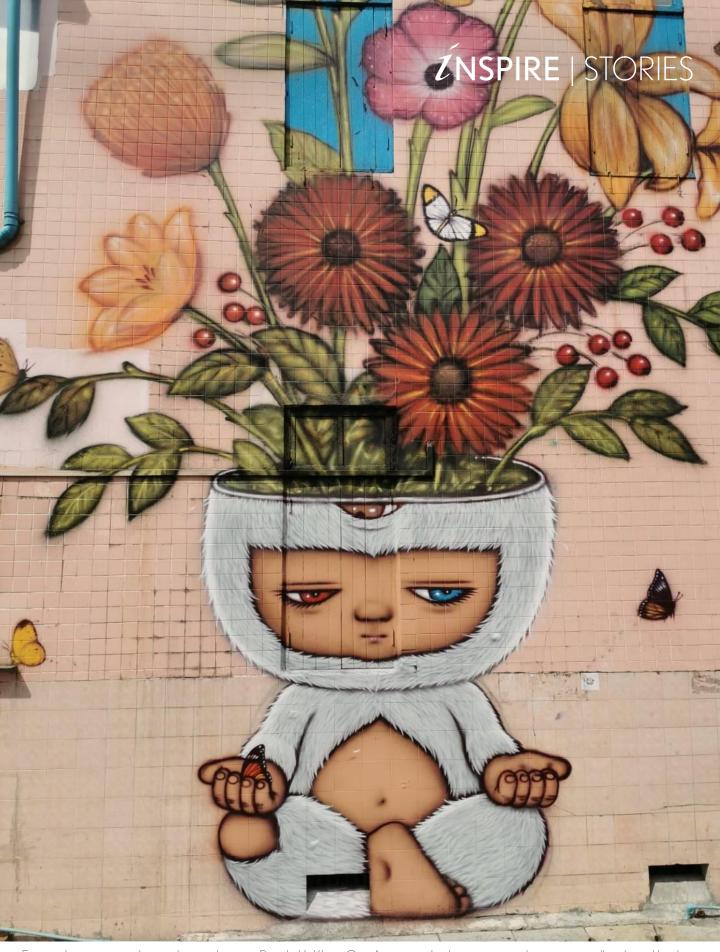


### ZANNIER HOTELS BAI SAN HO Phu Yen, Vietnam

Surrounded by hills and vegetation, Zannier Hotels Bai San Ho is a chic eco-retreat nestled on a private, untouched beach on Vietnam's central coast. Overlooking the Bay of Corals, the resort stands out with its soul and historical authenticity. The private villas celebrate local architectural styles including tribal village homes of the Eden and Cham cultures.

Why we love it: We love the classic, rustic design that has become synonymous with Zannier properties around the world, including sister property, Phum Baitang in Cambodia. This inspired haven is perfect for rest and relaxation with a stunning private beach, gorgeous views from the infinity pool and blissful massages, yoga and traditional wellness treatments at the spa.





Eye-catching street art draws urban explorers to Bangkok's Klong Ong Ang, a canal-side community where a once polluted canal has been transformed into a trendy promenade with food stalls and weekend markets. Just one of many urban renewal projects taking place in the city and one of the locales featured in A&K Thailand's new walking tour series that explores up-and-coming areas of Bangkok, Thailand.

Cover photo: Peach blossoms are used to decorate the home during Vietnam's Tet New Year Festival, a symbol of love and joy

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