Sanctum Inle Resort
MYANMAR

Opened in May 2015 on the shores of Myanmar’s fabled Inle Lake, Sanctum Inle Resort offers stunning views over the country’s second largest lake, half a mile above sea level.

Off the beaten track, three hours from Yangon, the 96-room hotel is designed to inspire relaxation and contemplation. Architectural flourishes such as Spanish-style arches invoke monastic traditions, while the chic, minimalist rooms are designed by Paris-based Brigitte Dumont de Chassart.

Operated by one of Asia’s premier hotel management companies, Apple Tree Group, the resort offers four room types, and includes a pair of suites with views of the lake, a gateway to some of Asia’s most fascinating floating markets, impressive pagodas and ornate stupas.

While the rooms range from 45 to 100sq metres, all feature lofted ceilings, wood floors, plush beds, air conditioning and cable TV.

Sanctum Inle Resort serves local and Western dishes at The Refectory Restaurant. The wide-ranging menu includes staples of the Shan culinary tradition — from noodles and soups to salads made from the onsite garden — as well as curries from Myanmar.

Traditional favourites are also available at The Cloister Bar, an elegant hangout serving an ample selection of Burmese beers, two premium local vintages and a short list of exquisite international wines.

Furnished with teak furniture carved locally, The Sanctuary Spa offers a range of healing massages in six treatment rooms. The signature experience is the Inner Sanctum Journey, which starts with a tamarind skin exfoliation, continues with either an Aromatic Bliss or Swedish massage, and ends with a cleansing facial.

The relaxing vibe continues at The Chapter House — a quiet, comfy space with a library of books and board games. Should business travellers wish to retreat to Sanctum Inle Resort, the room can be transformed into the ideal venue for a group meeting.

Bike hire is available on site and staff can give directions to local attractions and workshops where travellers can obtain many of the handicrafts on sale in the hotel’s boutique. In addition, eight exhilarating tours are offered, including a half-day cycling excursion to Red Mountain Estate Winery and a day trip to the ancient temples of Kakku.

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