Concierge: Bali holiday package

Bali Island Resort Benua in Bali's western resort area, Tanjung Benoa, has a Transfers On Us package from now till Dec 31.

Starting from US$100 (S$140) a night, the package includes a two night stay in the holidaymaker's preferred room type, daily breakfast for two, return airport transfers, a beachside BBQ dinner, Wi-Fi and access to the Resort Centre and Bali Club. Children under 12 years old stay and eat for free.

For more information, go to www.balibenua.holidayinresorts.com or e-mail reservation.benoa@big.com

UPSCALE HOTEL OPENING AT INLE LAKE

Myanmar's Inle Lake has many accommodation options along its shores for those wanting to explore the scenic area. But good news for those looking for a spot of luxury: the first upscale designer hotel will open there on Oct 1. The 94-room Sanctuary Inle Resort features an Olympic-sized swimming pool overlooking the lake, a 110 sq m presidential sanctuary suite and The Refectory, a Shan and international cuisine restaurant.

The resort offers four room categories, including a pair of suites with excellent views.

Guests can see monasteries, pagodas and temples as well as the lake, which is famous for its rafted wooden houses. Floating vegetable gardens and fishermen who propel their boats across the waters with a oar-ended rowing style.

Rooms range in size from 40 to 160 sq m and feature high ceilings, natural wood floors, plush beds, air-conditioning and cable television.

The resort also features a 110 sq m Sanctuary Spa with five treatment rooms and numerous therapies, including its signature TamanSalubrity with tea and coffee harvested from the property, as well as hot stone massages and facials. This will also be a gym.

The resort also has eight tours, ranging from a half-day cycling excursion to Red Mountain Estate winery to a full-day trip to Inle's ancient temples.

Opening room rates start at S$347 (US$30) a night.

For more information, go to sanctuary-inle-resort.com

MORE FLIGHTS ON QANTAS

Between Dec 15 and Feb 6, Qantas will increase its flights from Singapore to Perth from 10 to 16 a week to meet demand for the course during Australia's summer months.

Flights between Brisbane and Christchurch will grow from three weekly to daily starting Oct 30, to connect Qantas’ Asian and American networks via Brisbane, and a new daily Melbourne-Christchurch service will start on Dec 4.

For more information, go to www.qantas.com

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