

Concierge: Bali holiday package



A junior suite at Sanctum Inle Resort, the first upscale hotel on the shores of Inle Lake in Myanmar, which opens on Oct 1. PHOTO: ALEXANDRE GAREL

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BALI HOLIDAY PACKAGE

Holiday Inn Resort Benoa in Bali's watersport area, Tanjung Benoa, has a Transfers On Us package from now till Dec 23.

Starting from US\$105 (S\$140) a night, the package includes a two-night stay in the holiday-maker's preferred room type, daily breakfast for two, return airport transfers, a beachside BBQ dinner, Wi-Fi and access to the Resort Centre and Kids Club. Children under 12 years old stay and eat for free.

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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 Sanctum Inle Resort features an Olympic-sized swimming pool overlooking the lake, a 150 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 markets, pagodas and stupas as well as the lake, which is famous for its stilted wooden homes, floating vegetable gardens and fishermen who propel their boats across the water with a one-legged rowing style.

Rooms range in size from 40 to 150 sq m and feature high ceilings, natural wood floors, plush beds, air-conditioning and cable television.

The resort also features a 170 sq m Sanctuary Spa with five treatment rooms and numerous therapies, including its signature Tamarind Scrub with tamarind harvested from the property, as well as hot stone massages and facials. There 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 Kakku's ancient temples.

Opening room rates start at 334,470 kyat (S\$380) a night.

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

MORE FLIGHTS ON QANTAS

Between Dec 12 and Feb 6, Qantas will increase its flights from Singapore to Perth from 10 to 14 a week to meet demand for the route during Australia's summer months.

Flights between Brisbane and Christchurch will grow from thrice 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.

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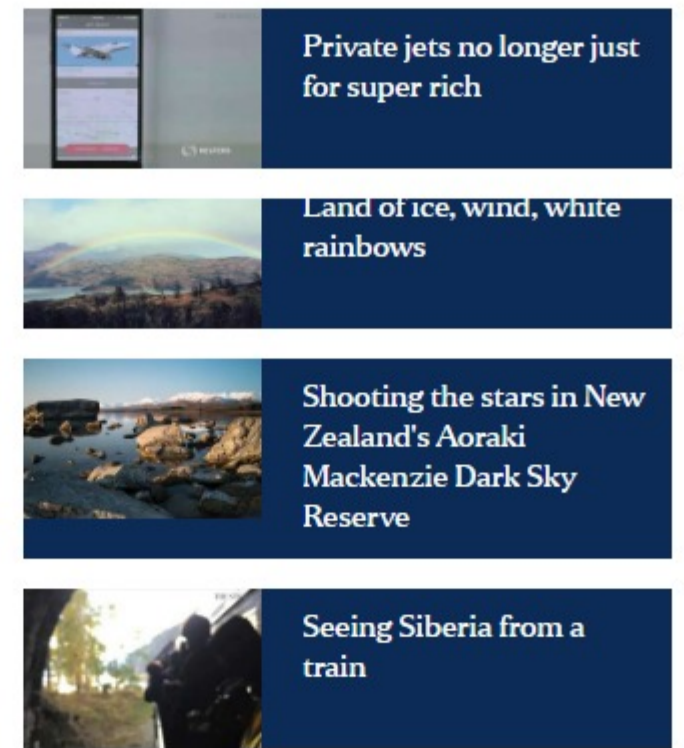
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