





MYANMAR

Inner Sanctum

After a soft opening earlier this year, Myanmar's newest luxury hotel, the Sanctum at Inle Lake, officially opens this month, happily coinciding with the timing of this year's Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda Festival. Designed to offer guests a contemplative approach to travel, the hotel is in a lush garden setting by the lake and has a refined style, inspired by the many Buddhist cloisters in the region.

Village, which is part set over water, the hotel can be approached by land and boat, and has its own private jetty.

Inle Lake has rapidly become one of Myanmar's most popular destinations, offering a glimpse of simple rural life, as well as the famous floating gardens and Buddhist pagodas that dot the countryside.

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Books to inspire your travels

Created by illustrators Sonny Day and Biddy Maroney, Sydney Word by Word celebrates everything that's great about the city from its famous zoo and Luna Park to the colour and life of Chinatown. In a graphic visual style with one word describing each page, the book is a charming souvenir of the city and great way to prompt a conversation with your child about your Sydney travels. Also in the series: Melbourne Word By Word, illustrated by Michael McMahon.

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