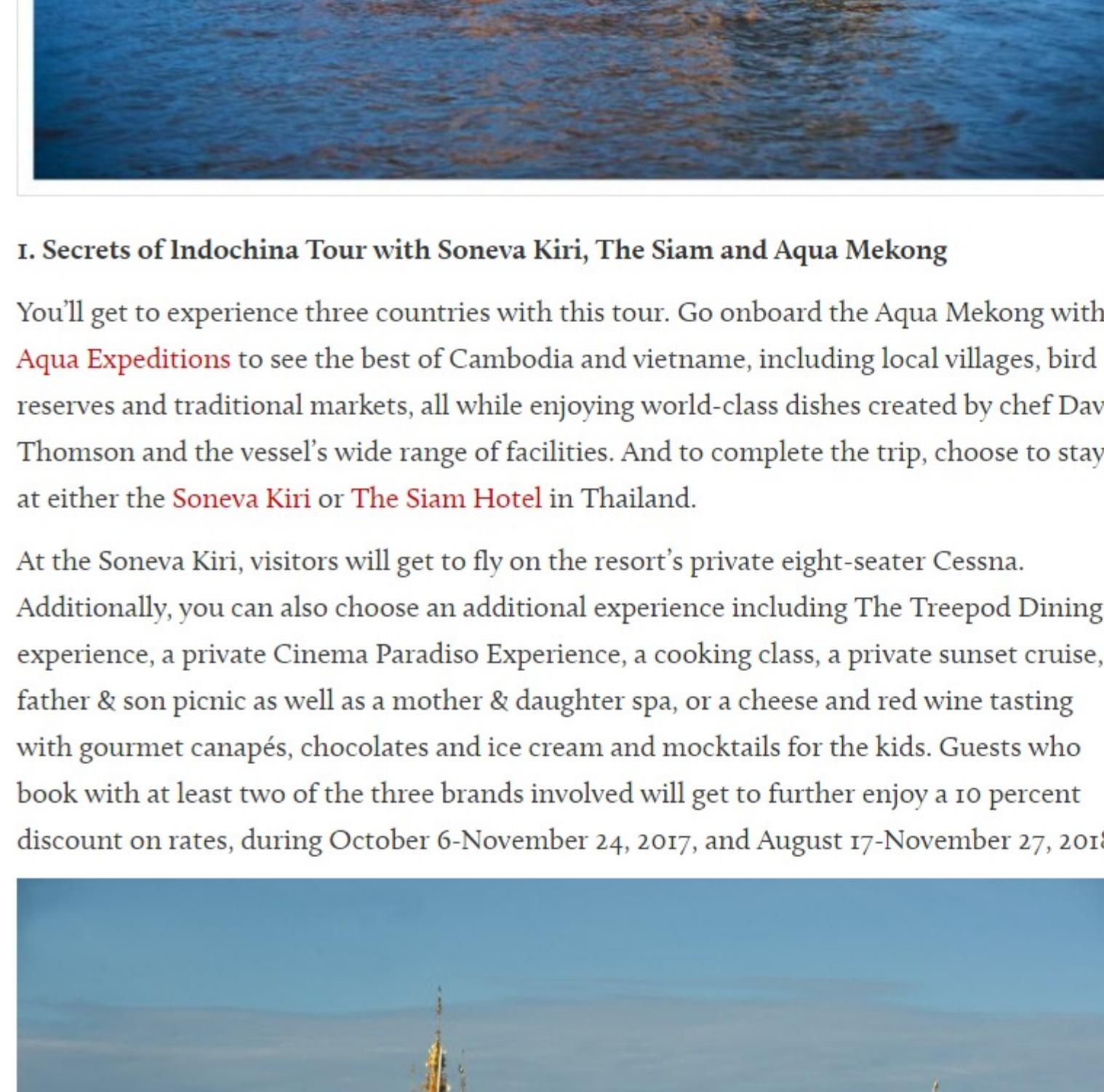


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5 TRAVEL EXPERIENCES TO SAY YES TO

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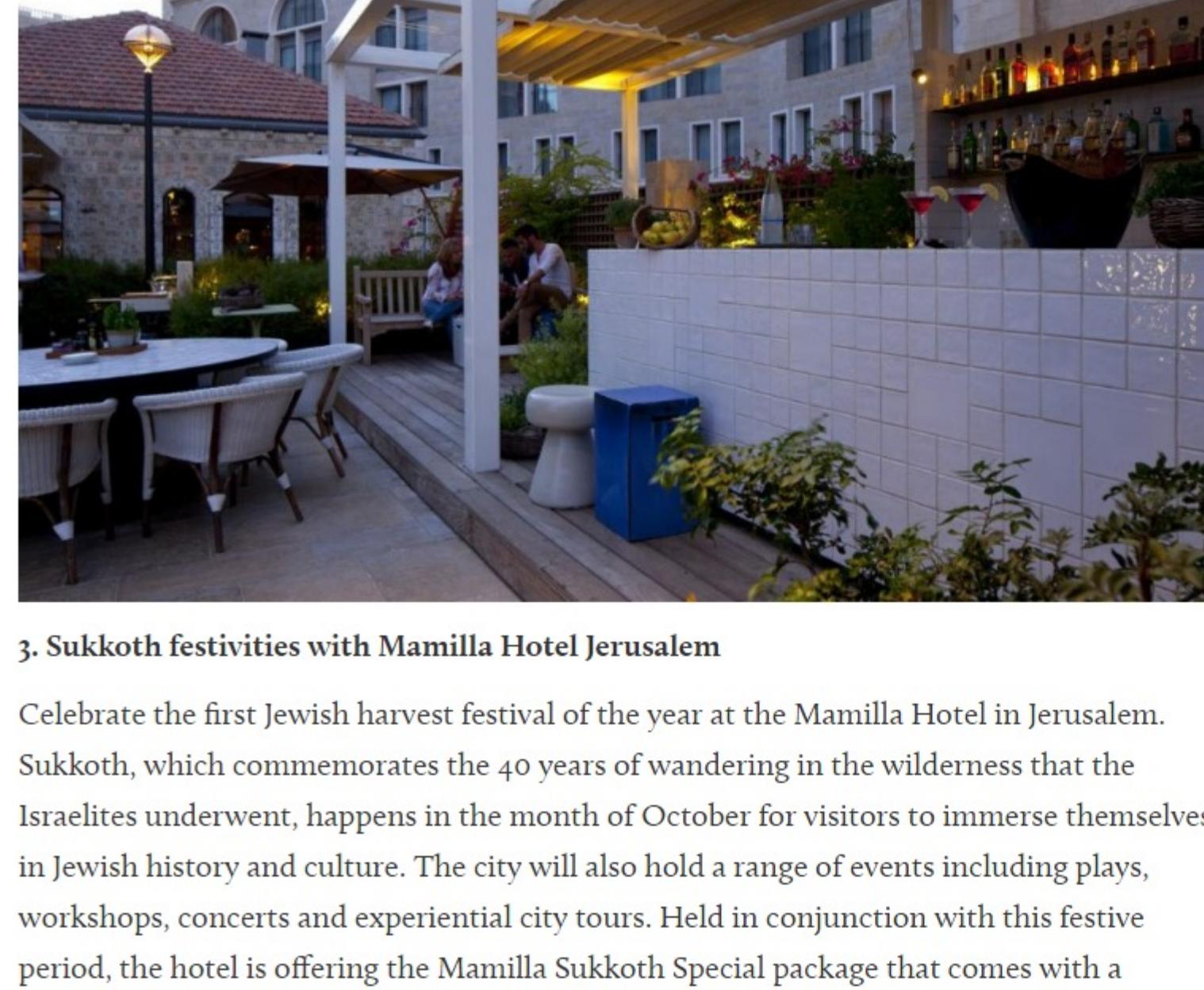
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1. Secrets of Indochina Tour with Soneva Kiri, The Siam and Aqua Mekong

You'll get to experience three countries with this tour. Go onboard the Aqua Mekong with **Aqua Expeditions** to see the best of Cambodia and Vietnam, including local villages, bird reserves and traditional markets, all while enjoying world-class dishes created by chef David Thomson and the vessel's wide range of facilities. And to complete the trip, choose to stay at either the **Soneva Kiri** or **The Siam Hotel** in Thailand.

At the Soneva Kiri, visitors will get to fly on the resort's private eight-seater Cessna. Additionally, you can also choose an additional experience including The Treepod Dining experience, a private Cinema Paradiso Experience, a cooking class, a private sunset cruise, a father & son picnic as well as a mother & daughter spa, or a cheese and red wine tasting with gourmet canapés, chocolates and ice cream and mocktails for the kids. Guests who book with at least two of the three brands involved will get to further enjoy a 10 percent discount on rates, during October 6-November 24, 2017, and August 17-November 27, 2018.



2. Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda Festival with Sanctum Inle Resort

One of the biggest events on Myanmar's calendar, the Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda Festival is a time where pilgrims across the country will visit the storied Inle Lake to pay respects to the 800-year-old Buddha images on site. As such, **Sanctum Inle Resort** has launched the Splendid Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda Festival Package that allows visitors to enjoy a one-day sightseeing tour to experience the religious event, where four of the images will parade around the lake in a barge with a procession and make its way to 14 stilted villages on the lake. The festival runs from September 21-October 8, 2017.



3. Sukkoth festivities with Mamilla Hotel Jerusalem

Celebrate the first Jewish harvest festival of the year at the Mamilla Hotel in Jerusalem. Sukkoth, which commemorates the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness that the Israelites underwent, happens in the month of October for visitors to immerse themselves in Jewish history and culture. The city will also hold a range of events including plays, workshops, concerts and experiential city tours. Held in conjunction with this festive period, the hotel is offering the Mamilla Sukkoth Special package that comes with a complimentary festive meal for couples, running from October 4-13, 2017.

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4. Cooking with Banyan Tree Lang Co

Because we're all seeking out more than just destinations, Banyan Tree Group is offering authentic experiences for guests to appreciate the culture of the local communities they're at. One includes a cooking class at the **Banyan Tree Lăng Cô** in Vietnam, where guests will get to cook at the resort's Organic Farm in a fun and interactive way. The class will also give guests the opportunity to see where the produce comes from and learn to create local, eco-friendly dishes.

5. Commune with baby elephants with Amantaka

Explore the Lao jungle with baby elephant Kit, his mother Tongkhun and aunt Mahn.

Organised by **Amantaka** in collaboration **MandaLao Elephant Sanctuary and Tours**, which focuses on the care and comfort of the Laotian elephants, the interactive experience

involves a boat ride across the Nam Khan River to meet the elephants where guests will be encouraged to feed and interact with these gentle giants, as well as give them a scrub down and rinse in the river with traditional brushes and soaps. After which, go on a two-hour trek alongside the elephants to the Huang Nok Stream. Other sights along the way include the Tad Kuang Song waterfall and the ethnic Khmu village of Ban Hua Tad.

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