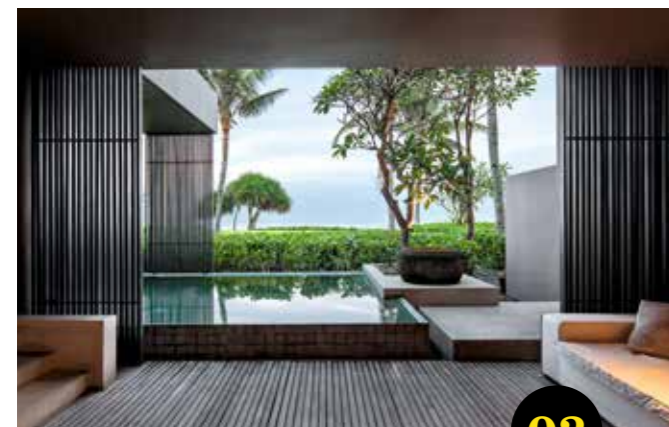


Pole Position

It's that time of the year when ski aficionados are contemplating their next snow holiday. For those who love the pure air and amenities of Japanese resorts, but prefer to stay close to Tokyo, Hakuba Valley in Nagano Prefecture is an ideal pick. With more than 200 runs, 139 lifts, vertical drops of over 1,000 metres and a top elevation of 1,831 metres, Nagano is poised as one of the top playgrounds for ski lovers. Hakuba Hotel Group is the largest independent accommodation provider in the valley, with five picturesque hotels and 22 sophisticated, luxuriously appointed private chalets on offer, along with experienced local staff to assist you upon arrival. Chalet guests can enjoy free airport pickup and drop-off, complimentary onsen facilities and concierge services throughout their stay.

www.hakubahotelgroup.com



Unplug to Recharge

Wellness vacations are having a moment right now. With this in mind, the Soori Bali luxury resort has put together five themed itineraries to offer city dwellers some serious R&R. Each itinerary can be individually tailored to offer specific meal plans and group activities. From stress reduction to weight management or total body rebalancing, Soori's team employs traditional oriental medicine, wellness consultations, yoga, meditation, detox treatments and privately guided mind-body activities to rest and reset your body and mind. Daily rice paddy trekking and beach walks are also part of the idyllic schedule.

www.sooribali.com

Sail of the Century

Helmed by mother and daughter team Jackie and Charlotte Harris, Charlotte Travel aims to bring a personal touch to the luxury travel experience. Their latest venture, Charlotte's Ultimate Cruises, offers a range of exclusive on-board and off-board experiences across hundreds of departures on leading liners around the world. Guests who book through Charlotte Travel gain access to dedicated on-board hosts throughout the trip, a welcome cocktail reception, VIP access to events and personalised shore excursions. Journeys available currently range from a five-night cruise to Indonesia a 121-day world cruise aboard the Silver Whisper in 2018.

www.charlottetravel.com.hk



From Sanya, with Love

The golden shores and extravagant resorts of Sanya on Hainan Island have long lured holidaymakers to China's most well-known beach community. Now there's one more reason to visit, as Rosewood has debuted its first property in China. As the brainchild of Hong Kong-based design agency AB Concept, the resort interiors boast wooden and aquatic elements. Savour the day's freshest catch at The Fishmonger, a market-style restaurant with airy open kitchens. Explore Sanya's rich culinary culture through the guided tours of A Sense of Taste programme, where you can learn more about the local produce. Meanwhile the 100-metre infinity sky pool, which boasts sweeping South China Sea views, offers plenty of photo ops.

www.rosewoodhotels.com



Wellness Flight

Amatara Wellness Resort in Phuket has launched an 'Amazing Amatara' offer to tempt potential holidaymakers. From now until December 25, the resort will reward any guests who book a wellness retreat for five nights or longer with a \$20,000 (HK\$4,730) flight redemption voucher. Set in the tranquil Cape Panwa, the Amatara is known for its all-inclusive healthy retreat programmes focusing on yoga, detox, fitness and relaxation, with balanced meals provided three times a day. Each of the 105 rooms and suites comes with a balcony that boasts picturesque sea views, while the villas each have a private pool.

www.amataraphuket.com



The Art Factor

See Ho Chi Minh City like you've never seen it before through the 'Pearls of Saigon' programme – a joint venture by The Reverie Saigon and Sophie's Art Tour. Founded by gallery manager Sophie Hughes and film festival director Stu Palmer, the eight-hour excursion include a walkabout of the Duc Minh private gallery and a visit to Salon Saigon, a refined space housing a fine arts library and salon, which pays homage to Vietnamese heritage through different forms of art. The tour also sheds light on The Reverie Saigon, a hotel that is at once a collaboration of 17 of Italy's leading design houses and a manifestation of contemporary Vietnamese taste.

www.thereveriesaiagon.com