

ASIA'S GREATEST ISLAND GETAWAYS

This year, Southeast Asia unveils a collection of spectacular new resorts — from the peace of western Bali to the buzz of Singapore and the glamour of five-star Phuket. By Susan Arny



An island scene in Thailand's Phi Phi Islands. Photo: © iStockphoto.com/Chris Jones

The year is filled with a flurry of new resorts and destinations that have been chosen for their beauty, luxury, and service. The Southeast Asian region is particularly rich in these offerings, with new resorts opening in Thailand, Bali, Singapore, and the Philippines. This year's list of the 10 best resorts in Southeast Asia is a mix of old and new, offering a variety of experiences for travelers.

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SONG SAA

Cambodia

Cambodia is tipped to be the next big thing in Asia, with this place, due to open towards the end of the year, confirming its ascent upmarket.

Song Saa is exciting because it mixes pure-shores escapism and an admirably eco-friendly attitude.

The resort spreads over two teeny white-sand islets in the gloriously untouched Koh Rong archipelago, just off the Cambodian coast, close to Sihanoukville. The owners are sincere about wanting the property to have the lightest of footprints, so they launched their environmental projects four years ago, well before they finished the hotel.

The 25 villas, divided between those dipping their toes in the sapphire waters of the Gulf of Thailand and others snuggled into the jungle canopy, shamelessly steal style statements from the top Maldivian resorts. Expect a cool indoor-outdoor ambience, lots of virgin-white fabrics, floor-to-ceiling windows and sunken decks with oversized loungers.

Song Saa, however, has ambitions beyond being a peel-me-a-grape paradise — it has its eyes on authenticity, so guests are offered mountain treks and expeditions to local fishing villages.