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*The voyage of discovery
is not in seeking new landscapes
but in having new eyes
Marcel Proust*

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ABOUT SECRET RETREATS



A Different Way of Traveling

By emulating yesteryear's travelers who sought to broaden the mind, infuse themselves with new cultures and discover the genuine hospitality of Asia that continues to be celebrated around the world.



Exclusively in Asia

Secret Retreats is a collection of some of the finest boutique residences, hotels and boats throughout Asia and a brand that provides experiential experiences for the discerning traveler. Representing a collective of cultured individuals whose taste, sense of refinement, simplicity and hospitality is reflected in the unique properties that they created, Secret Retreats is solely devoted to promoting properties within Asia. Conscious of the uniformity of luxury hotel chains around the world that has deprived today's travelers of authenticity and individuality, Secret Retreats sets a new reference point in the hospitality industry through advocating exclusive boutique hideaways and promoting bespoke travel experiences.

Members of Secret Retreats believe that luxury is not about acquiring extravagant products and lavish facilities, but about authentic interactions with the local people, getting to know the heart of the culture and their generous hospitality. The intrinsic value of luxury cannot be derived from a monetary exchange, rather it is found in the enriching moments that are shared when making new connections and experiences.

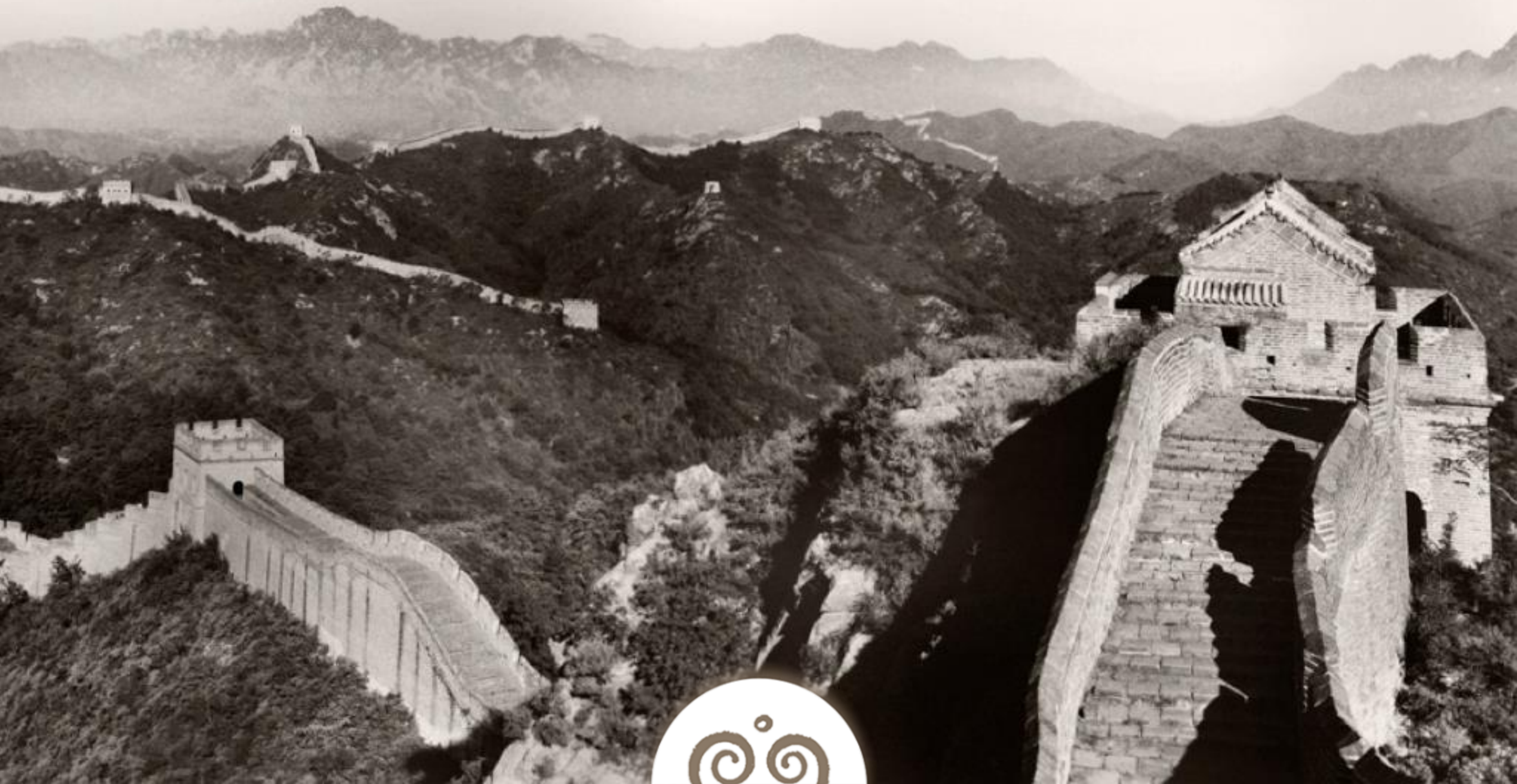
Weaving a thread between these hidden gems in Asia, Secret Retreats has invented Kim, an imaginary character, whose quests and escapades takes us on an exploratory journey around the Orient

The members of Secret Retreats share common values in environment conservation and the preservation of local cultures. Each hotel defends and upholds the traditions of their country, the architecture, nature and its inhabitants and strive to make each guest's experience as authentic as possible.



BEHIND THE SCENE

United in their love for Asia, affinity with boutique hotels and passion to preserve the local culture has inspired the founders of Secret Retreats to plant the seed of this beautiful venture.



The Founders



Bruno Ferret

An expert in tour operations within Asia and founder of a successful travel company, Les Ateliers du Voyages, that catered to the French market. Selling his Tour Operations to Kuoni in 2009, Bruno moved to Bangkok and started three hotels in Asia; Samar Villas in Siem Reap, Cambodia - Villa Mathis in Bali, and Muang La in Laos.

Bruno is Secret Retreats' Executive Director.



Stéphane Junca

A hotel marketing guru whose roles have included overseeing the development of several luxury hotels in China; joining the Tugu Hotel in Bali as Marketing Director; and serving as the regional director of Relais & Châteaux Asia before co-founding Secret Retreats . Stéphane is passionate about travel and has spent most of his working life in Asia always on the lookout to explore new properties and discoverer new experiences that will provide the discerning traveler with a memorable stay.

Stéphane is Secret Retreats' Managing Director.



A Vision for Hospitality



SECRET RETREATS guests will enjoy the following features:

- Intimate properties that are discreet, tranquil and in harmony with their natural environment.
- An average room capacity of twenty rooms with some properties ranging from fewer rooms to solo quarters.
- An unique opportunity born out of the owner's personal passion to experience the traditions and culture, be in touch with the local people, a natural hospitality and seamless service.
- Fine gastronomy experiences using the freshest local ingredients and products to create traditional recipes invigorated with a modern twists by talented and innovative chefs.
- Charm and five star luxury that reflects the proprietor's personality and taste
- Attention to detail with regards to service, the selection of furnishings and architecture.
- A sensory feast and discovery of the soul of a property
- A commitment to sustainable practices



Secret Retreats Sustainability Pledge



Members of Secret Retreats are active members of their community and engage in philanthropic endeavors that support the sustainability of the local people, their culture and the preservation of their natural habitat. Valuing the importance of planetary stewardship, Secret Retreats' aim is to bring a greater awareness to each member's individual charities through a centralized system.

Representing the collective vision and goals of each individual, Secret Retreats offers enthusiastic patrons of Secret Retreats an opportunity to contribute to the local community while at the same time seeks for strategic partnership with potential donors and sponsors. In 2015, members formalized a common commitment of every Secret Retreats members to act responsibly in all their dealings, in the form of a signed pledge (read www.secret-retreats.com/en/we-care)

Frequent disasters (earthquakes, flooding, fires in rainforest...) have prompted Secret Retreats to answer cries for *Help* and to find a way to raise money on regular basis to help urgent charity needs. An ongoing Charity Auction system has been set up; it will allow the highest bidders to win stays, dinners or activities in Secret Retreats properties www.secret-retreats.com/auction.



EXPERIENCES & EXPERTISE



Experiences by Secret Retreats



www.secret-retreats.com/en/experiences

Secret Retreats provides contemplative travelers with unforgettable experiences that broaden the mind, engage the senses and nourish the spirit. Whether you seek to unveil the mysteries of the Orient, engage in the art and culture of indigenous societies, immerse yourself in the flavors and spices of the local cuisine or indulge in a rejuvenating spa therapy that traces its origins from ancient healing traditions - Secret Retreats experiential experiences ensures that you taste the best that Asia has to offer and come away feeling that your life has been enriched.

Secret Retreats offers both an experience that shuns traditional hospitality and reflects the pure essence of the country and its culture. Our bespoke tailor-made itineraries introduce you to a new dimension or perspective of a country and its people that you were previously unaware of. Catering to the discerning traveler, our comprehensive range of thematic experiences includes:

Taste of Asia

Take a gastronomic journey hosted by your own private Chef as you enhance your palate and learn how local products and indigenous dishes are created. Equally exciting is joining a cooking class or experiencing the local flavors at all **Secret Retreats** restaurants. The educational taste of discovery promises to linger long after the voyage has been savored.

Spa Indulgences

Pampering reaches new sensual heights with age-old therapy techniques from yesteryear that use local herbs, spices and methods to provide you with the ultimate Spa Indulgence.

Meditative Highlights

Participate in yoga and restorative meditation practices that aim to refresh your chi, rejuvenate your spirit and give you a serene new outlook on life.



Golf

Let us organize the ultimate golfer's holiday where you can enjoy the luxury and privacy of staying at one of our boutique hotels while enjoying one of the many international championship golf courses in Asia less than a forty-minute commute from many of our properties.

Corporate Retreats

Seeking to organise a corporate event or a unique team building experience? We can help and plan something exclusive at one of our hideaways. In a city, on a deserted tropical island, on the ocean, or tucked away in the mountains, we offer ideal venues for intimate size meetings and incentive groups.

Arts and Culture

Venture into a sensory experience as you learn the artisanal skills of the local people, engage in the local dance and music and explore the sacred temples and heritage sites that Asia is historically known for.

Nature and Adventure

Discover the wondrous beauty of nature and the thrill of adventure as we introduce you to the hidden gems of Asia's wildlife and scenic countryside.

Romantic Escapes

Enjoy our collection of romantic escapes, hidden sanctuaries and charming boutique residences ideal for a honeymoon, wedding, anniversary, or other festive occasion.

Secret Weddings

Imagine organising a wedding filled with mystery, excitement and wonder as you whisk away your closest friends and loved ones on a secret Asian sojourn that will only be revealed at their final destination. Close your eyes and dream of the colour rich world of Rajasthan... Always dreamed of swimming in the turquoise waters in the Maldives? Perhaps you want to experience the sounds of the drums and the vibrant, time honoured red *qipao* dress in China, or simply relax on a tropical island? Asia is our playground and together with our team of local experts, we look forward to making your wedding dreams a reality.





The Hosts

The puppets, also known as wayang, symbolizes the spirit of hospitality of our hosts. You will find these puppets in all our properties.

Secret Retreats properties are owned by epicures and art and antique aficionados. Philanthropic by nature, uniting each property owner are their shared values and commitment to promote the sustainability of the local communities, the indigenous culture, and the environment. Planetary stewards and connoisseurs of the finer things in life, each property owner serves as the ultimate host, introducing their guest to an authentic experience of their country and culture.

Expert Guides

Passionate about sharing their trade and knowledge on the place in which they dwell, our Expert Guides will reveal to you a way of life that gives travel and exploration a whole new meaning. From meditative journeys to sacred sites led by a yoga master, learning the artisanal skills of the local people as your guide takes you to the city's best art galleries and workshops, traversing on the road less travelled where our celebrated photographers share with you some of the charming hidden treasures of a city or a remote monastery tucked away in the mountains, to embarking on a culinary journey where our award winning Chefs will tantalize you with their inside knowledge of the local flavors and ingredients as you follow them to the local markets and farm plantations.





The Secret Dinners

Secret Dinners are one-off events that embody the story of the people and the place and will surpass any of your previous dining experiences. Through combining an exquisite, carefully selected setting with an unprecedented culinary cuisine, Secret Dinners will ensure that your evening is nothing short of magical. Secret Dinners are put together by a well-rounded partnership of three distinctive bespoke brands: Secret Retreats, Lotus Arts de Vivre and Italian Fine Wines, who understand that the needs of today's discerning connoisseur is to provide them with an authentic and unparalleled experience.

www.secret-retreats.com/en/experiences/taste-of-asia?target=secret-dinner

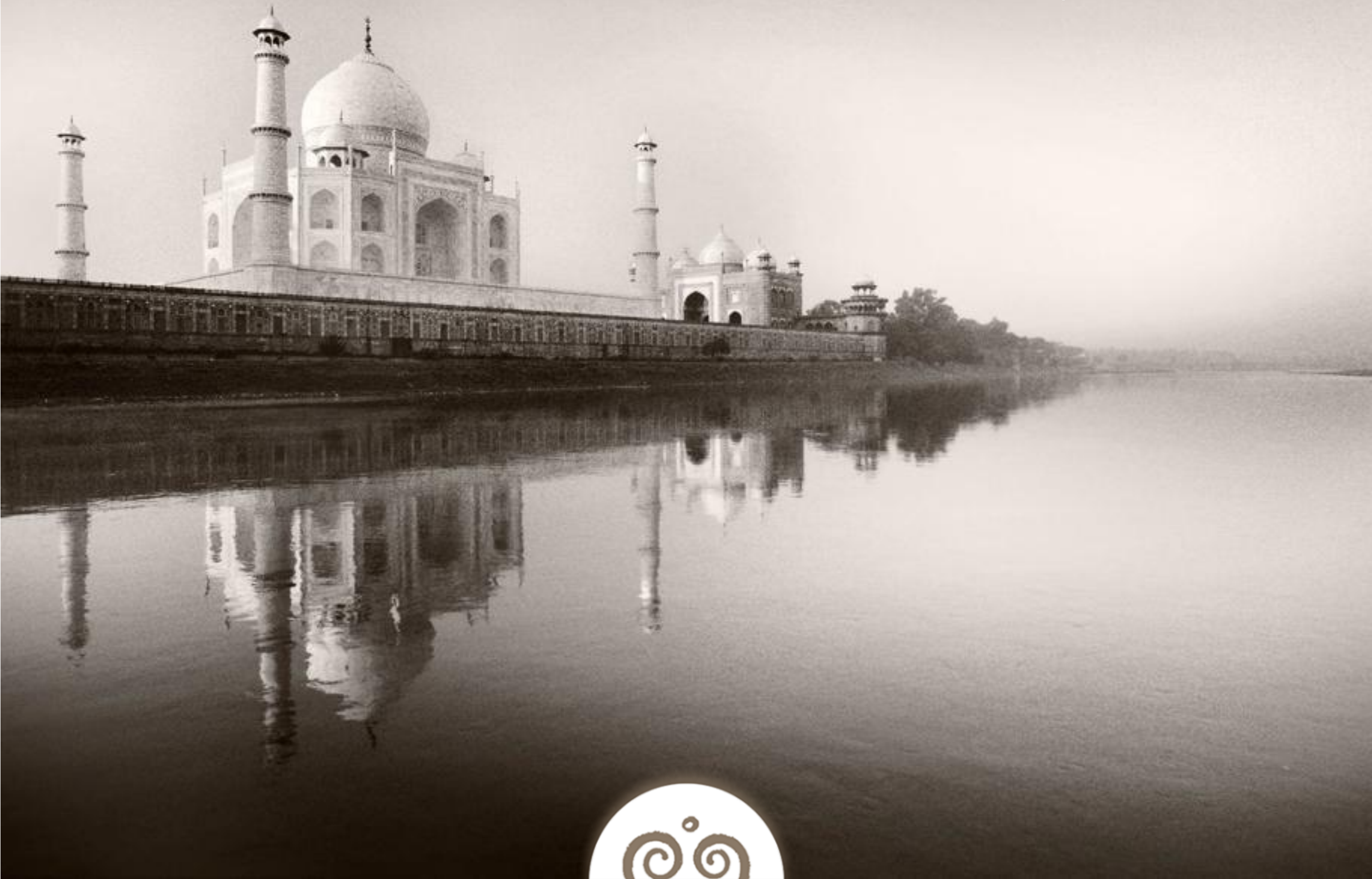
The Secret Journey

Looking to experience a once in a lifetime opportunity? Allow us to whisk you away on a mysterious Asian sojourn that will only be revealed to you as you arrive at your final destination. Regardless of where you are on the planet, our driver will escort you to your private jet or first class cabin that will transport you to a place of dreams. Our tailor-made itineraries might include a candlelit alfresco dinner amidst mythical ancient temples prepared by a 3 Star Michelin chef, a luxury safari experience amidst tropical rainforest, heli-skiing down the soft powdery snowy mountains of Japan, to sailing the seas that are home to unexplored deserted islands. Dedicated to providing the discerning traveler with contemplative discoveries that far exceed expectations, Secret Journeys promises to be nothing short of magical.

www.secret-retreats.com/en/offers/secret-moments/secret-journey



MEMBERSHIPS & COLLECTION



Criteria of selection

Secret Retreat Label:

High-end offering and a customised service are key to Secret Retreats. The members of the Secret Retreats collection have to fulfill the following criteria of selection:

- Small, independently owned properties
- Exceptional environment
- Charm and character
- Level of comfort and service worthy of a luxury hotel
- Bespoke service
- Unique experiences (cuisine, local sights, spa, art)
- An authentic Asian feel



Unique to Secret Retreats:

There is no network for luxury Asian hotels. Secret Retreats fulfils an essential need to develop commercial and marketing synergies, whilst respecting cultural differences, working methods and the interests of each member-owner.

The members of Secret Retreats benefit from the following services:

- Online portal, a one-stop-shop, with detailed description of each Secret Retreats member in four languages: French, English, Mandarin and Japanese.
- A user-friendly booking engine
- Concierge services
- Customer relations management system
- Travel Agents connection via the reservation system
- Press office
- Partnerships
- A fellowship of like-minded people



4 other specific labels



Exclusively for small properties (15 rooms max) often in remote destinations, these intimate dwellings are welcoming sanctuaries, offering a more rustic comfort, but still an authentic experience of place, people, and hinterland



Beautiful in design and perfect for those looking to rent an exclusive holiday home with family or friends, villas are just sold as a unit of x rooms, with full service, private chef and butler service.



Boat on a river, lake or at sea, the cruises offer journeys of discovery in an exotic location onboard a beautifully designed, full-service vessel. Cruises are available for both fixed departure dates throughout the year, and private charters.



Revealing the true essence of Asian flavours, our collection of independent restaurants, serve cuisine made with local produce to reflect the taste and culture of the land. The chefs are passionate and willing to share.



Cambodia



SIEM REAP (Angkor) :
THE SAMAR VILLAS & SPA
www.secret-retreats.com/samar



A blend of traditional Khmer architecture and contemporary design, this nine bedroom property offers a sense of refinement and warmth typically found in a beautiful family home. With its secluded alcoves, silver objects, bird-like shaped teapots, mythical maps, local antiques, traditional fabrics and artwork, The Samar Villas offer an elegant place of tranquility and romance.

Food: The hotel and its adjacent restaurant, The Fou Nan, serve a superb Cambodian cuisine.



KEP :
SAMANEA BEACH SPA RESORT
www.secret-retreats.com/samanea



Samanea Beach Spa Resort is located along the beach of Kep, the favourite destination of HE King Sihanouk during the 1950's. Only 10 Khmer style villas set in a lush botanical garden surrounded by the sea and the mangrove. A certain "end of the world" feeling seizes you along the infinity pool or on the private white sand beach, while watching a stunning sunset on the bay of Thailand and the islands.

Food: taste a cuisine combining bio-food and sea produces, directly brought by the local fishermen to the property beach.



SIEM REAP
MAISON POLANKA – 5 rooms
www.secret-collections.com/polanka



CARDAMOM
4 RIVERS FLOATING LODGE – 12 tents
www.secret-collections.com/4ruvers



SIEM REAP
CUISINE WAT DAMNAK – Restaurant
www.secret-collections.com/watdamnak



BATTAMBANG
LES MAISONS WAT KOR - 10 rooms
www.secret-collections.com/watkor



SIEM REAP
MIE CAFE– Restaurant
www.secret-collections.com/miecafe



PHNOM PENH
TIGER's EYE - Restaurant
www.secret-collections.com/tigerseye

Greater China (Hong Kong - Taiwan)

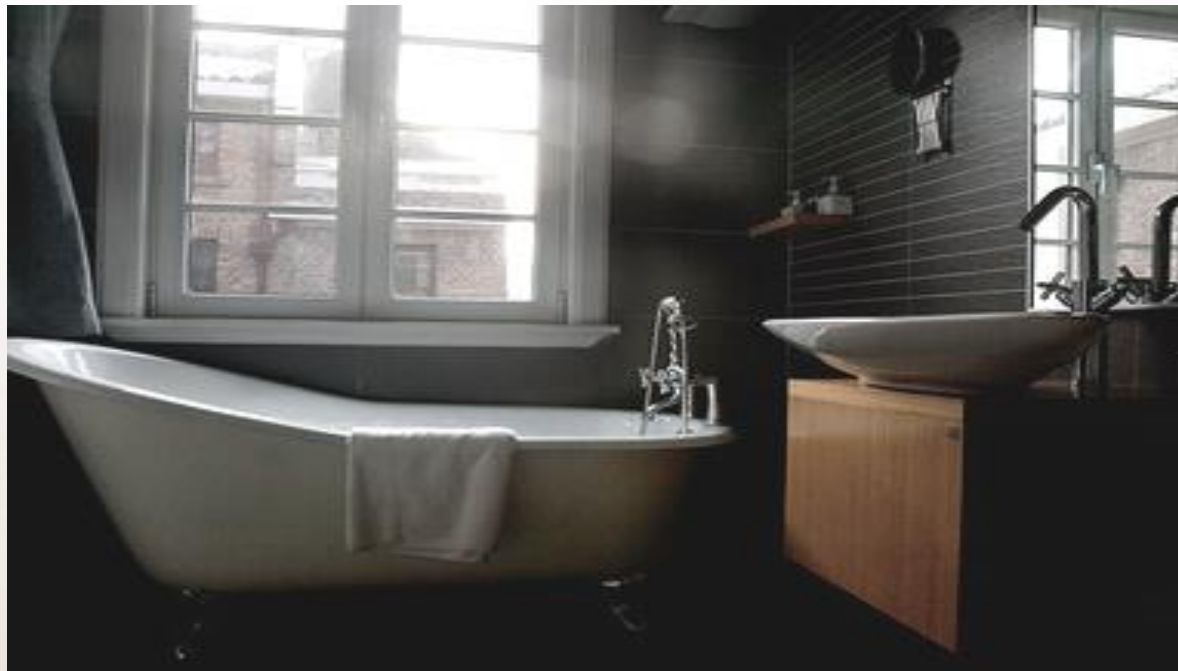


PINGYAO :
JING'S RESIDENCE
www.secret-retreats.com/jing



Jing's Residence is a boutique hotel located in the Shanxi Province, in the heart of the old town of Pingyao. Formerly the residence of a rich silk merchant, this traditional dwelling made of ancient carved wooden window frames, timber structural elements, bamboo flooring and rice paper ceilings has been fully renovated to its original condition. An inner courtyard comprised of nineteen bedrooms and suites that feature large nature motif vases exquisite lacquer chests and antiques, Jing's Residence is an exceptional property that reflects the owner's passion for the arts.

Food: Signature dishes include delicate pastries filled with rose jam.



TIANJIN :
MINYUAN33
www.secret-retreats.com/minyuan



Minyuan 33 is a charming boutique hotel with seven rooms located in the former British concession. Built in 1939 by a well-known local architect, the hotel was originally made of two rows of houses and featured a former wooden staircase and charming furniture that reflected the time and splendor of the British concession during the colonial period.

Food: Café Sambal offers a large selection of Malaysian specialties and local dishes are also served in the lounge.



SHANGHAI :
HOMA MOON LAKE
www.secret-retreats.com/homa



Homa Moon Lake Hotel of Modern Art can be found in the heart of the Shanghai sculpture park located in the charming district of Sheshan and its nearby hill. The twenty-three contemporary rooms are exceptionally spacious and tastefully designed reflecting the owner's passion for the arts.

Food: The restaurant serves Chinese cuisine and grilled dishes.



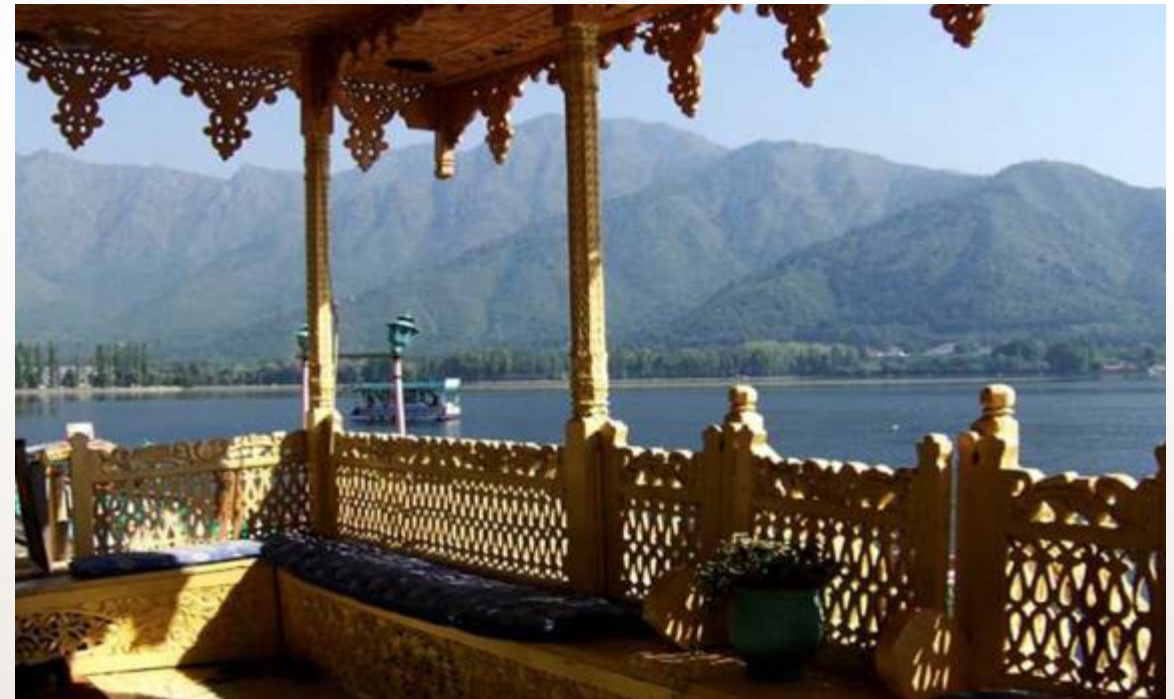
SOUTH TAIWAN:
MUDANWAN VILLAS
www.secret-retreats.com/mudanwan



Named after the local village Mudan, this hot spring resort is situated in Pintung Taiwan. Set amidst remote mountains on the banks of Tou-Mu Lake, each suite features both an indoor and outdoor hot tub with sodium bicarbonate spring water that can be adjusted to any temperature. Immerse in a tranquil atmosphere in a traditional Paiwan tribal architecture setting showcasing wooden pillars carved in the shape of Chinese moccasins, a legendary Paiwan tribal symbol.

Food: The restaurant overlooks a tropical garden and serves daily fresh ingredients with local flavors. A red wine blended with local millet wine is offered.

India



DAL LAKE :
SUKOON HOUSEBOAT
www.secret-retreats.com/sukoon



The Sukoon Houseboat ('divine peace' in Kashmiri) is a boat converted into a luxury hotel moored on Dal Lake in Kashmir. Laden with local villages, floating vegetable gardens and lotus blossom fields, the overall decor with its carved wooden doors open to reveal a lounge adorned with crystal chandeliers and intricately hand woven Kashmir carpets that provide a distinctive Victorian feel. The boat offers five spacious bedrooms and invites you to cruise in style as you discover the natural world of the Zabarwan mountain range situated at the foothills of the Himalayas.

Food: On the roof of the houseboat a feast awaits, from raita, pakora, leg of Lamb, yellow lentils, crispy nans and aubergine caviar.



MALABAR COAST :
NEELESHWAR HERMITAGE
www.secret-retreats.com/neeleshwar



Neeleshwar Hermitage is located in the province of Kerala along a beach of golden sand. The hotel is situated along a coconut plantation, shading stunning lagoons. Reflecting one of India's wondrous layers, Neeleshwar consists of 16 luxury bungalows made of noble materials, in synergy with the natural habitat. A vast emerald coloured swimming pool emerges amid greenery alongside a coconut grove. To compliment this experience of local art of living, the Lotus houseboat takes you for a voyage out of time, into the green backwaters in perfect symbiosis with the ancestral region's pace.

Food: The Anapura restaurant offers a delicious nutritious cuisine while the beach restaurant offers "Meenakshi" (catch of the day) and crisp salads.



JAIPUR :
TALABGAON CASTLE
www.secret-retreats.com/talabgaon



Talabgaon Castle is a hundred-fifty year old fort that was built by Thakur Vijay Singh ji Rathore and has been beautifully restored as a Heritage Resort. Strategically located in the heart of Rajasthan only one hour and a half drive South of Jaipur and North of the Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve. The only hotel with its own Polo field and stables; you can also enjoy a camel safari or horse trek through the peaceful countryside, visit surrounding villages and experience firsthand local traditions of the people, explore the temples or stop for lunch at a traditional mud house within a local farm.

Food: The restaurant features a Rajasthani cuisine that can be served in the dining room, by the pool, in the garden or, for a more local experience, at one of the mud houses in the village mud.



ALL INDIA:
THE RARE INDIA COLLECTION
www.secret-retreats.com/rare-collection

The Rare India Collection comprises of over 30 Heritage forts and palaces, luxury camps, boutique homestays, jungle lodges, plantation bungalows, private villas by the sea, yoga, wellness and spa retreat all over India. Each property is unique and intimate and powered by charismatic hosts and their abiding passions. Sharing Secret Retreats' common values and hospitality, The Rare Collection represents the essence of Indian hospitality and are a veritable immersion into a fascinating land.

Food: Depending on the regions, from Rajasthani cuisine, to vegetarian delights, or spicy Kerala curries.



DARJEELING:
GLENBURN TEA ESTATE
www.secret-retreats.com/glenburn



Glenburn is a heavenly little plantation retreat that lies on a hillock above the banks of the River Rungeet, high in the Himalayas, overlooked by the mighty Kanchenjunga mountain range. Started by a Scottish tea company in 1859, Glenburn then passed into the hands of one of India's pioneering tea planting families – The Prakashes. Guests are accommodated in one of the two bungalows, each comprising four charmingly decorated suites and common areas, gardens, verandahs and terraces accessible to all our guests, surrounded by hectares of Darjeeling tea plantation.

Food: All meals are included in the tariff and are prepared according to the select preferences of each guest: from interesting local fare (Tea-Leaf Pakoras, Tibetan Momos, Burmese Khow Suey) and traditional Indian dishes, to exotic South-East Asian delicacies, and a variety of European dishes. Most fruits, vegetables, herbs and spices are grown in the garden.



LADAKH
NIMMU HOUSE - 9 rooms
www.secret-collections.com/nimmu



GOA
SUMMERTIME VILLA - 3 rooms
www.secret-collections.com/summertime



KERALA BACKWATERS
LOTUS HOUSEBOAT – 2 cabins
www.secret-collections.com/lotus



GOA
SOLITA CRUISE – 2 cabins
www.secret-collections.com/solita

Indonesia



MALANG, EAST JAVA:
TUGU MALANG

www.secret-retreats.com/tugu-malang



Located on the island of Java, Tugu Malang offers a rich Dutch colonial past from everything that a lover of history and culture may wish for: delicate silks, hand painted batiks, sumptuous Ikat textiles, antique statuettes, enigmatic masks and leather puppets. A blend of Chinese, Javanese and Western cultures, the décor features four-poster beds, large baths and silver coffee sets. The word Kejawen refers to a metaphysical search for harmony within one's inner self and a connection with the universe which summarizes the values of the Javanese staff at Tugu Malang.

Food: Melati restaurant offers a Javanese cuisine using traditional recipes along with a wide selection of tea.



TANJUNG RINGGIT, LOMBOK :
JEEVA BELOAM BEACH CAMP
www.secret-retreats.com/jeevabeloam



Jeeva Beloam ('the Soul of Beloam') Beach Camp is located in a secluded cove surrounded by pristine sandy beaches on the southern part of the island. This unique place features five thatch, wood and bamboo Sasak berugas or small houses amidst fifty-five hectares of unspoiled nature. Each beruga has a spacious covered terrace with large daybeds and a sitting area overseeing the sea. Run solely on solar power and generating water through rain catchment basins and treatment of underground water and seawater, the camp recreates a tranquil and serene 'Robinson Crusoe' experience.

Food: Meals are prepared using fresh fish, eggs and poultry from the neighboring farm and vegetables from the market.



UMALAS, BALI:
VILLA MATHIS
www.secret-retreats.com/mathis



Villa Mathis ensconced in the heart of a vast and lush tropical garden planted with native and exotic species, offers five large independent villas with four to five rooms each. A total of eighteen rooms uniquely furnished with a four-poster bed, a lavish raised bathtub and beautiful décor adorning each vibrant room, no two rooms are the same.

Food: The signature restaurant, Les Nuits Baroques, offers a gourmet cuisine where the scent of lemongrass and nutmeg are unrivaled. You can choose to have a more intimate and romantic dinner at the pool or enjoy the "restaurant's ephemere" concept where you can set a table anywhere in their vast garden.



CANGGU, BALI :
TUGU BALI

www.secret-retreats.com/tugu-bali



Tugu Bali is situated on a pearl grey sandy beach and stretches along the green rice paddies to the small fishing village of Canggu. Entering the home under the protective wings of an enormous statue of Garuda, you will discover over thousand exquisite antiques thoughtfully displayed around the property: masks, sculpted chests and glittering batiks. Resembling a museum displaying fascinating art pieces, this luxuriant resort features twenty-two suites and lodges nestled amidst tropical gardens and each with its own distinct style. Don't miss out on the spa ready to enchant you with its scents of sandalwood and cinnamon that help soothe the soul.

Food: Decadent and opulent or Zen-like simplicity, the dining rooms cater to guests' wishes with tailor made dishes using fresh produce and delicate flavours.



TANJUNG UBAN, BINTAN :
THE SANCHAYA

www.secret-retreats.com/sanchaya



Opening the first half of 2014 on Bintan Island, the Sanchaya is only a forty-minute boat ride from Singapore. Designed by the finest architects and designers, the opulent furnishings found in the nineteen villas and nine suites are inspired by diverse elements in South East Asia. Colonial decor merges with modern convenience ranging from traditional games to iPad's where you can jot down your memories in a journal. The masterminds behind this exceptional resort have created a mosaic where the exquisite villa's viewed as a whole become part of a larger art work.

Food: The main restaurant serves an exotic à la carte cuisine throughout the day and the poolside restaurant specializes in Thai dishes and fresh fish.



MAGELANG – BOROBUDUR, JAVA :
MESASTILA

www.secret-retreats.com/mesastila



MesaStila is a retreat that incorporates a collection of remarkable antiques and enchanting buildings, including a Colonial railway station and historic Joglo-villas with a true wellness experience. The property has 23 unique villas set within an area of 22 hectares of outstanding natural beauty; surrounded by cooling highland-air, eight mountains, tropical gardens and lush vegetation. Built within a charming coffee plantation producing up to 7 tons of coffee a year, the true magnificence of MesaStila is in its spectacular setting and its Hammam Spa.

Food: Javanese-fusion food with a healthy twist - using local and organic produce, healthy cooking techniques, nutritiously dense foods, masses of fresh fruit and vegetables.



BELITUNG:
ARUMDALU

www.secret-retreats.com/arumdal



Peaceful place with undeniably beautiful nature, Arumdal is located on the dramatic coastline of Belitung island. An invitation to experience the serenity of breathtaking landscape, to stroll through the enchanting surrounding or simply to celebrate love away from civilization. Arumdal blends local tradition and modern design together, giving the place a mix of local cultural identity with a touch of modern design. An ideal place to experience the exotic and untouched island of Belitung.

Food: Sahang café takes the best of Belitung's local produce to offer a tantalizing fusion of local, Chinese and international cuisines



PANTAI SIRE, LOMBOK :
TUGU LOMBOK
www.secret-retreats.com/tugu-lombok



On the northwest coast of the island overlooking Mount Rinjani is the exquisite Tugu Lombok. Its tastefully decorated suites with private swimming pools, luxurious villas, and wooden bungalows amidst scented gardens are spaciouly sprawled out along a white sandy beach. Guests can relax in the comfy lounge chairs with a cup of local Arabica coffee, meditate to the peaceful sounds of the waves, enjoy an oil massage, explore the local villages or play golf by the sea. Options are endless, from beachfront settings lit by torches, intimate dining under a palm roof, to a candle-lit dinner underneath the stars as you face the restored ancient temple, Parnuts Merah Puri.

Food: Decadent and opulent or Zen-like simplicity, the dining rooms cater to guests' wishes with tailor made dishes using fresh produce and delicate flavours.



RAJA AMPAT, WEST PAPUA :
MISOOL ECO RESORT
www.secret-retreats.com/misool



A tropical sanctuary, lined with white sand beaches and surrounded by pristine coral reefs, this island resort is nestled south of Raja Ampat. Composed of sixteen luxurious tropical wooden bungalows, it offers an exclusive diving centre which guarantees amazing sights. Each cottage features a hammock strung over the lagoon where colorful fish shimmer in the aquamarine sea. Remaining respectful of the local eco-systems and imbued with a sense of being at the end of the world, rarely will guests encounter such concerted preservation efforts, while still being afforded a comfortable and sumptuous experience.

Food: With an emphasis on fresh and organic products, the serene beach-side restaurant offers Asian-inspired cuisine and western dishes.



UBUD, BALI :
MATHIS RETREAT
www.secret-retreats.com/mathisretreat



Surrounded by lush greenery and breathtaking views overlooking its own rice paddy fields, Kenanga Hotel offers an ideal gateway to Ubud's art, dance and culture. All 15 rooms and bungalows feature an elegant mix of contemporary design and Balinese architecture. Located just 5 minutes by car from the centre of Ubud, immerse in nature in a relaxing setting, replete with a swimming pool and restaurant.

Food: With one of the most beautiful views of rice fields in Ubud, Terracotta Restaurant serves Indonesian and western delicacies, with locally sourced produce.



UBUD, BALI :
SANDAT GLAMPING
www.secret-retreats.com/sandat



Situated only 5kms from Ubud, immerse in nature with a relaxing experience in five magnificent luxury safari-tents and three luxury rice-barns (eco-lumbung). Blending east with west, and complemented by distinctive Italian touches, each accommodation has its own unique décor, replete with all the modern comforts.

Food: Served in modern bio-architecture restaurant, the creations of Chf Joker change on daily basis, from Balinese traditional delights like smoked crispy duck to Italian homemade pasta..



SEMINYAK, BALI :
THE ISLAND HOUSES – 4 villas
www.secret-collections.com/islandhouses



SIDEMEN, BALI :
VILLA IDANNA – 2 rooms
www.secret-collections.com/idanna



UBUD, BALI :
BALI JIWA VILLA – 2 rooms
www.secret-collections.com/balijiwa



MUNDUK, BALI :
SANAK RETREAT – 11 rooms
www.secret-collections.com/sanak





EASTERN INDONESIA :
SILOLONA SOJOURNS – 5 cabins
www.secret-retreats.com/silolona



EASTERN INDONESIA :
ALILA PURNAMA – 5 cabins
www.secret-collections.com/purnama



EASTERN INDONESIA :
SI DATU BUA – 3 cabins
www.secret-collections.com/sidatubua



PALANGKARAYA, BORNEO :
SPIRIT OF KALIMANTAN – 3 cabins
www.secret-collections.com/kalimantan



PALANGKARAYA, BORNEO :
RUHUI RAHAYU – 1 cabin
www.secret-collections.com/ruhui



JIMBARAN, BALI:
CUCA FLAVOR RESTAURANT
www.secret-collections.com/cuca



UBUD, BALI:
LOCAVORE RESTAURANT
www.secret-collections.com/locavore



EASTERN INDONESIA :
SALILA EXPEDITIONS – 10 cabins
www.secret-collections.com/salila



Japan



KINUGAWA ONSEN :
KANAYA HOTEL
www.secret-retreats.com/kanaya



Built in 1931, the Kanaya Hotel is a family run hotel that goes back three generations. The hotel grounds and forty-one rooms combine both traditional and contemporary style and reflect a harmonious and tranquil atmosphere characteristic of the Ryokans. The cigar lounge is a welcome surprise and the white game tables and archival photographs evoke a feeling of the 1930s. As you step outside the hotel, your eyes will spot an onsen (thermal bath) and a terrace overlooking the meandering mountain-flanked Kinugawa river.

Food: The restaurant opens onto the garden and offers a “Kaiseki Ryori” traditional Japanese meal consisting of several courses.

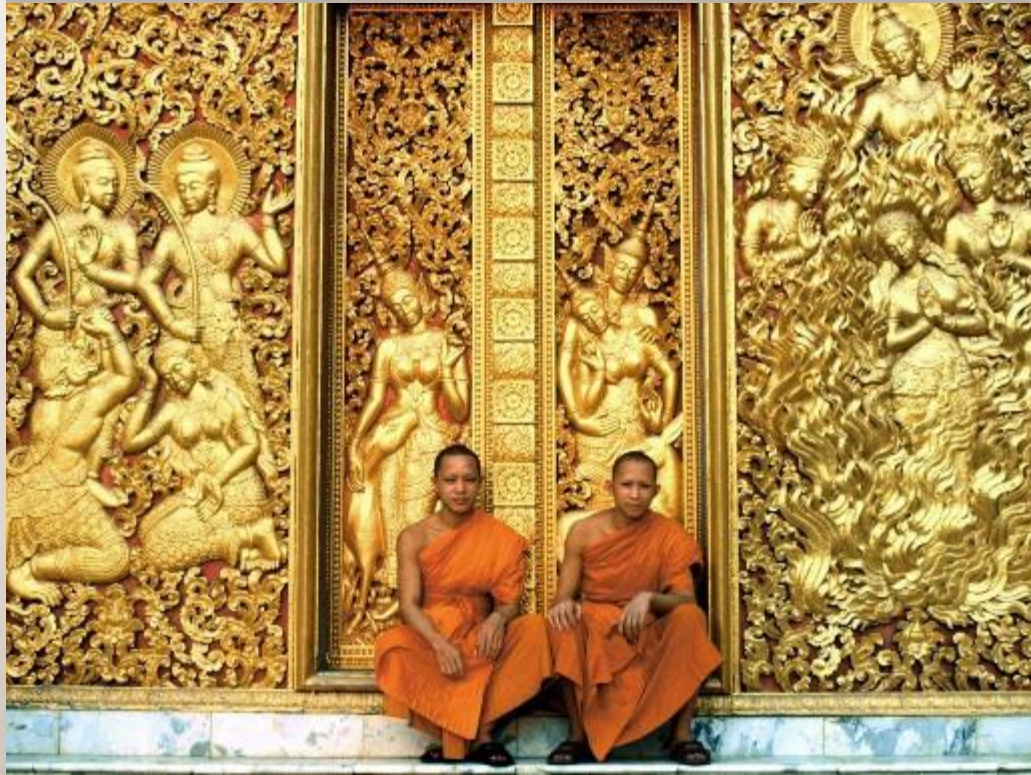


ALL JAPAN :
THE RYOKAN COLLECTION
www.secret-retreats.com/ryokan-collection

The Ryokan Collection comprises of 29 unique inns across Japan's key destinations. A ryokan is a traditional Japanese-style inn that was originally built along the Tokai Highway for travellers journeying between the capital city of Tokyo and the Imperial Palace in Kyoto. Often located near a hot spring (onsen), ryokans have been a central part of Japanese culture for centuries. Sharing Secret Retreats' common values and hospitality, ryokans represent the essence of Japanese hospitality and are a veritable immersion into a fascinating land.

Food: Kaiseki meals usually consist of 8 to 13 courses and include a wide variety of small dishes with local specialties of Sashimi, Nabemono, tempura, grilled fish, boiled vegetables and meats, miso soup, and rice.

Laos



MUANG LA :
MUANG LA LODGE
www.secret-retreats.com/muangla



An enchanting lodge tucked away in amidst the mists of Northern Laos, Muang La Lodge consists of five traditional Laotian-style houses with red-orange interiors that emanate a feeling of harmony. Each of the ten rooms exhibit locally handcrafted furniture and artwork. Working closely together with the local village chief, the resort is an exemplary model of being an active member of the community. The ideal comfort, unspoiled setting and proximity to many of the local ethnic groups guarantee that you will have an unforgettable holiday.

Food: A Laotian-Thai cuisine served in the garden or on the terrace.



LUANG PRABANG :
SATRI HOUSE
www.secret-retreats.com/satri



Located in the heart of Luang Prabang, Satri House was the residence of the 'Red Prince' who later became the Lao People's Democratic Republic's first president in 1975. Preserving its charm of yesteryear, the property still showcases colonial accents and Lao architecture. From polished terracotta floors in the lobby to porches with views overlooking the exotic garden and swimming pools, Satri House twenty-eight rooms and three suites offer an idyllic setting. The sense of refinement and calmness of both the property and the Satri House team is what gives it a blissful setting.

Food: The Satri house restaurant serves a Laotian cuisine with touches of French cuisine offering a harmonious combination of flavors.



MEKONG RIVER – South Laos
VAT PHOU CRUISE – 12 cabins
www.secret-collections.com/vatphou



MEKONG RIVER – North Laos
LUANG SAY CRUISE & LODGE– 20 rooms
www.secret-collections.com/luangsay



Malaysia



KUALA LUMPUR :
VILLA SAMADHI

www.secret-retreats.com/samadhi



Deriving its name from the Sanskrit word for journey, Villa Samadhi is a boutique hotel that offers a luxurious escape from the hustle and bustle of Kuala Lumpur. Located in the leafy embassy district, the lantern-lit paths of this 'Thai-styled' property seduce you to discover this magical hideaway. Each of the twenty-one spacious cream colored guest rooms overlook the curvaceous central pool and are adorned with intricate, colorful Asian antiques, artworks and batik. Aligning with the owners' strong environmental ethics, Villa Samadhi was predominantly made with all-natural materials.

Food: The Mandi-Mandi Restaurant is located on a roof terrace, overlooking the pool and the Bumbung Bar and is a haven where one can relax and rejuvenate.



PULAU TIOMAN :
JAPAMALA RESORT
www.secret-retreats.com/japamala



Reachable only by boat, Japamala Resort is on the tiny Tioman Island and the ultimate back-to-nature escape. The team wishes to offer travelers the ability to renew the dialogue between man and nature and the resort recalls the sense of a Malaysian village, or 'kampung.' Joined by a series of canopy-skimming walkways, the hotel's luxury tree houses and cliff-clinging chalets are secluded and serene, promising rainforest-ringed privacy and unobstructed vistas of the South China Sea.

Food: Located in an open-air pavilion between the beach and the pool, Tamarind's ambiance is enhanced with Buddha statues and solid wooden furniture. Authentic Thai and Vietnamese dishes shine here, including zesty salads and aromatic seafood curries. At the end of the jetty, Mandi-Mandi offers Italian-inspired cuisine amid the sparkling South China Sea.



KUCHING – SARAWAK (Borneo)
THE VILLAGE HOUSE – 12 rooms
www.secret-collections.com/villagehouse

Myanmar (Burma)



INLE LAKE :
INLE PRINCESS RESORT
www.secret-retreats.com/ipr



Arrive by traditional foot-driven skiff into a serene inlet on the eastern shore of Inle Lake, 900m above sea level, beneath the Blue Mountains of southern Shan state. Inle Princess is a hidden refuge and gateway to the unique cultural and natural treasures of Inle Lake. 36 individual chalets sit along the lake shore providing a serene and exotic highland experience. Explore with the lake on boat trips, walks, bike rides or canoes, unwind at the traditional spa and swimming pool, bird watch from your spacious private deck, and dine on the lake at sunset.

Food: Inle Lake is famous for its farm produce and its fishermen. Chef, Than New Oo, knows exactly where to find the best produce. Ingredients are sourced from lakeside markets or grown on site, and wild foods are foraged from around the hotel inlet.



RAKHINE STATE:
MRAUK UPRINCESS RESORT
www.secret-retreats.com/mp



Along the Kaladan River, in a bend of lotus ponds and mangroves, Mrauk U Princess is a gateway into the ancient kingdom of Arakan, where life that has remained almost unchanged for centuries. Explore archaeological wonders, 500 year-old temples and stupas scattered across the hills of the former capital, once home to Bengali literati, Samurai mercenaries and Mughal Princes on the run.

Mrauk U is a place of extraordinary significance for Burmese and Arakanese history, an unheralded ancient site to rival Angkor Wat or Bagan. Mrauk U Princess was created to share this lost kingdom and create a unique experience in one of the world's last hidden wonders.

Food: Dine aboard teak riverboats along the Kaladan River or in the Gamone Phyu lodge house restaurant on locally-sourced, real Arakanese cuisine. Enjoy the fresh splendours of fish and seafood from the long Rakhine coast and rivers, local spices and pastes and the famous Rakhine Mo Thi.

Nepal



POKHARA VALLEY
TIGER MOUNTAIN POKHARA LODGE -16 rooms
www.secret-collections.com/tmpl

Philippines



PALAWAN
FLOWER ISLAND RESORT
www.secret-retreats.com/flowerisland



Flower Island is an exclusive retreat that is testament to Filipino ingenuity and hospitality as well as a showcase of the rich and vibrant natural resources of Palawan, the Philippines' last frontier.

The resort is a private paradise with verdant foliage, white sand beaches, and azure waters teeming with marine life. Ideal for adventure seekers, nature lovers, and those who simply want a change from the hustle and bustle of city life, a trip to the island is the promise of a piece of paradise, an unforgettable experience you will treasure all your life.

Food: Flower Island Resort Restaurant is located at the beach serving fresh seafood and delicious local recipes.



CEBU:
LES MAISONS D'ITAC
www.secret-retreats.com/itac



Just 2 hours away from Cebu city, Les Maisons d'Itac is a friendly and intimate “home” by the beach, ideal to relax and enjoy Filipino laid-back lifestyle. With 2 villas with private pool and 3 smaller units sharing a larger pool, this quiet retreat is designed for dolce vita aficionados: stroll on the beach, nap on a hammock, snorkeling, kite-surfing, yoga or meditation. The sea breeze and constant view over the ocean brings also peace and calm over the property.

Food: Exclusive to in-house guests, the restaurant is right on the beach and offers seafood and Filipino dishes with a French touch.

South Korea



SEOUL :
RAK KO JAE, SEOUL
www.secret-retreats.com/rkj-seoul



Nestled in a garden in the centre of Seoul, this former aristocratic Korean (hanok) mansion RakKoJae is an authentic four-bedroom home that has been restored to its full glory. The traditional tea ceremony on natural jade flooring and the cooling patio with scattered bamboo and pine trees offers guest a unique experience. Each room is equipped with the essentials inviting one to reflection and inner peace. Relaxation can be prolonged with a traditional mud-sauna heated by wood fire where stone, water and wind share and inhabit perfect harmony.

Food: Traditional Korean cuisine made from fresh local produce and home made miso.



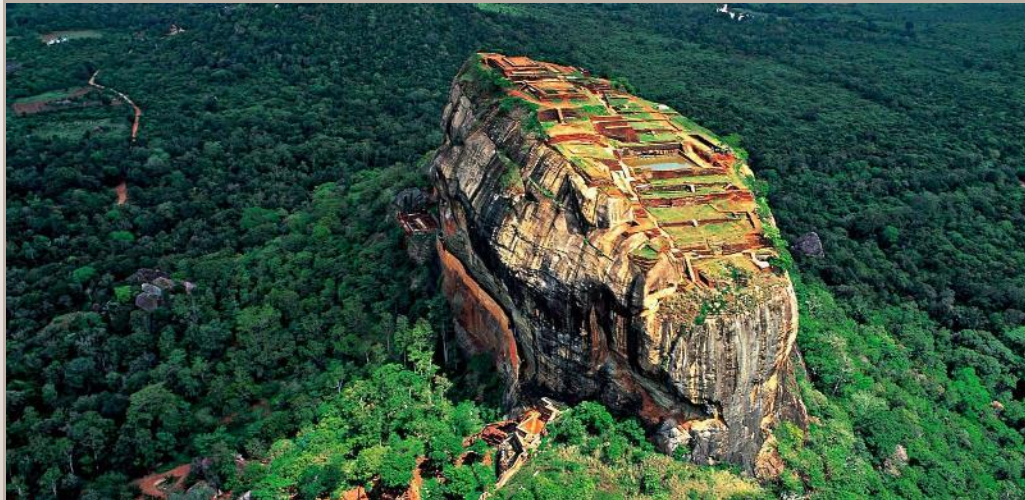
HAHOE :
RAK KO JAE, HAHOE
www.secret-retreats.com/rkj-hahoe



Located in central South Korea in Hahoe village, RakKoJae is a Unesco Heritage site famous for its traditional thatched houses also known as choga. The House embodies yesteryear's traditions and is a place where you can rest your soul. Encircled by mountains and skirted by a meandering river, RakKoJae is a sanctuary of peace and serenity. Composed of four chogas, it combines traditional elegance and modern comfort. The yellow-mud sauna offers an additional relaxation space and the ambiance and details have been carefully executed in order to create lifelong memories.

Food: Their restaurant is famous for the local Andong beef BBQ.

Sri Lanka



YALA & WILPATTU PARKS:
NOEL RODRIGO's LEOPARD SAFARIS
www.secret-retreats.com/leopardsafaris



Using stylish South African tents, both camps are located in two major national parks: Yala and Wilpattu. The campsites are made up of non-permanent structures, ensuring minimal impact on the parks, complete with comfortable king sized beds and a range of modern comforts and allowing privacy. The campsites have been specially chosen for their natural beauty and conveniently shaded areas of forest, which keep the temperature inside the tents cool and provide guests with much needed respite from the sun.

Food: Trees, candle lights, wind, nature around, accompanying each of our tables that are served with a finest taste for detail touched with the entire best flavor from dawn to sunset in a comfortable synergy with nature. Seafood, meat, vegetables, curry, coconut milk, cereals, western breakfast and the exotic fragrances of Sri Lankan cuisine.

Thailand



BANGKOK :
MADUZI HOTEL
www.secret-retreats.com/maduzi



A boutique hotel located in Bangkok's Sukhumvit area, Maduzi embodies a tranquil setting with all forty rooms tastefully appointed. On display are the owners' personal collection of teapots, rare antiques, and frescoes. The staff are readily there to serve you and for those wishing to extend the experience, board the Oyster 53 yacht and sail down to Phuket where you can admire Phang Nga Bay's karts.

Food: The restaurant Truffle offers excellent Provençale cuisine that is revisited by their Japanese Chef.



BANGKOK :
CHAKRABONGSE VILLAS
www.secret-retreats.com/chakrabongse



An oasis in the middle of Old Bangkok, Chakrabongse Villas was built in the early 1900s and belongs to descendants of the Thai Royal family. The residence features a lush tropical garden, a large swimming pool and a terrace offering extraordinary views of Wat Arun on the edge of the Chao Phraya River. The seven spacious rooms are mostly in the traditional Thai style, decorated with woodwork and silks. Attentive staff will be happy to accompany guests with the hotel's private boat through the klongs of the Venice of the East.

Food: the restaurant offers a delightful Thai cuisine with scenic views overlooking the Chao Phraya River.



PAI:
REVERIE SIAM RESORT
www.secret-retreats.com/reveriesiam



Reverie Siam is inspired by the cultural fusion that occurred in the early part of the 20th century. Circa 1925, The Great War has been over for nearly a decade. Prohibition in the States has given birth to Speakeasies with musicians such as Bessie Smith, Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong. New advances in transportation allow those hungry for adventure and wealth to try their luck in new Lands, in our case Southeast Asian Lands. For those fortunate enough to be successful an easy decadent existence follows. The fashions and trends they import with them merge into the local cultures and an intoxicating blend ensues. We celebrate this blend and the heady days of romance, adventure and elegance.

Food: The restaurant is serving fine Mediterranean food accompanied by a comprehensive selection of over 30 wines.



CHIANG MAI :
RACHAMANKHA
www.secret-retreats.com/rachamankha



Located in the centre of the old moated city in Chiang Mai, Rachamankha is renowned for its peaceful and private atmosphere. The twenty-two rooms and two suites are located on two acres of manicured grounds. The distinguished architecture pays homage to the Lanna period, Chiang Mai's golden age and each room is like a chapter revealing a story about the owner's family history. Outside, an opalescent swimming pool and old gnarled trees offer up an unexpected dramatic flair.

Food: Meals are served in the gardens or in the elegant dining room. The restaurant offers a distinctive selection of regional dishes, including Myanmar, Lanna, Tai-Yai and Thai.



BANGKOK :
CABOCHON HOTEL & RESIDENCE
www.secret-retreats.com/cabochon



Brand new, Cabochon opened its eight rooms in April 2012. Centrally located in Sukhumvit, Bangkok, the architecture is reminiscent of 1920s Shanghai and is a homage to the owner's father. Antiques fill the Club Lounge from honey-brown leather trunks to an elegant Asian-designed red sofa. The colonial-style rooms have gracefully combined parquet floors, spacious marble-floored bathrooms, and cutting edge technology. The roof garden features the soothing blue oblong swimming pool. A cosmopolitan universe underlines the owner's art de vivre.

Food: The Thai Lao Yeh restaurant serves Thai cuisine with some rare specialties from Northern Thailand and Laos.



KOH SAMUI :
 KHWAN BEACH RESORT
www.secret-retreats.com/khwanbeach



Situated on Maenam Beach, Khwan Beach Resort is the only boutique and gallery hotel in Koh Samui. Offering a perfect romantic retreat, immerse in peaceful luxury in a private swimming pool villa or suite overlooking the breathtaking bay and Koh Phangan.

Food: Delivered in your villa, the cuisine mix international flavors with a thai accent.



ANDAMAN ISLANDS:
 GOLDEN BUDDHA RESORT
www.secret-retreats.com/goldenbuddha



Away from the tourist crowds, Koh Phra Thong is a barely inhabited and gloriously unspoilt remote island. Backing onto a pristine nature reserve, and fringed by coconut plantations, Golden Buddha Beach Resort comprises 28 privately owned traditional wooden homes, which are sprinkled along the shoreline with a sheltered bay, and a beautiful and deserted 12 kilometre beach.

Food: The main restaurant serves an all-day menu, which consists of staple favourites such as tom yam soup, wok dishes, satays, salads and fruits. There is also a home made Pizza "Hut" on the bay beach.



KHON KAEN, ISAN :
SUPANNIGA HOME – 3 villas
www.secret-retreats.com/supanniga



KRABI :
LE PASSE-TEMPS – 8 rooms
www.secret-collections.com/passetemps



PAKCHOM, ISAN :
MEKONG VILLAS – 6 rooms
www.secret-collections.com/mekongvillas



KOH SAMUI :
YL RESIDENCE No17 – 10 rooms
www.secret-collections.com/YL17





BANGKOK :
LE DU - Restaurant
www.secret-collections.com/ledu



BANGKOK :
SUPANNIGA EATING ROOM - Restaurant
www.secret-collections.com/ser



CHIANG MAI :
DAVID'S KITCHEN at 909 - Restaurant
www.secret-collections.com/DK909



KOH SAMUI :
VILLA AYUNDRA – 5 rooms
www.secret-collections.com/ayundra





AYUTTHAYA :
THE BOHEMIAN's RESIDENCE – 2 rooms
www.secret-collections.com/bohemian

Vietnam



SAIGON :
VILLA SONG SAIGON HOTEL
www.secret-retreats.com/villasong



Located on the Saigon River and only a seven-minute boat ride from the city centre, Villa Song Saigon Hotel offers guests a peaceful oasis. The hotel's twenty-three colonial style rooms are surrounded by a lush garden and feature beautiful exotic wooden floors and furniture.

Food: The restaurant and terrace offer a cuisine ranging from traditional Vietnamese to French dishes.



MEKONG DELTA:
THE ISLAND LODGE

www.secret-retreats.com/islandlodge



Located 90 minutes by car from Saigon, this 12-room lodge is set on a small island in the Mekong Delta. The airy main building houses a bar/lounge, a French-Vietnamese restaurant, and a patisserie. Showcasing Mekong River views, eight guestrooms are located on the first floor. Two 2-bedroom pavilions are nestled in a tropical garden. A spa, 24-metre long swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, and outdoor bar area completes this ideal and quiet setting.

Food: Tribute to the grand parents of the owner, the Comptoir de Marthe et Edouard serves French cuisine, local Mekong specialties and some franco-viet fusion dishes created by Chef Patrick Berenger,



Factsheet

Date of creation: May 2012

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Number of Secret Tables: 8
75 in total

Average number of rooms/property: 15

Rates: 200-1500 USD/night

Average: 350-400 USD

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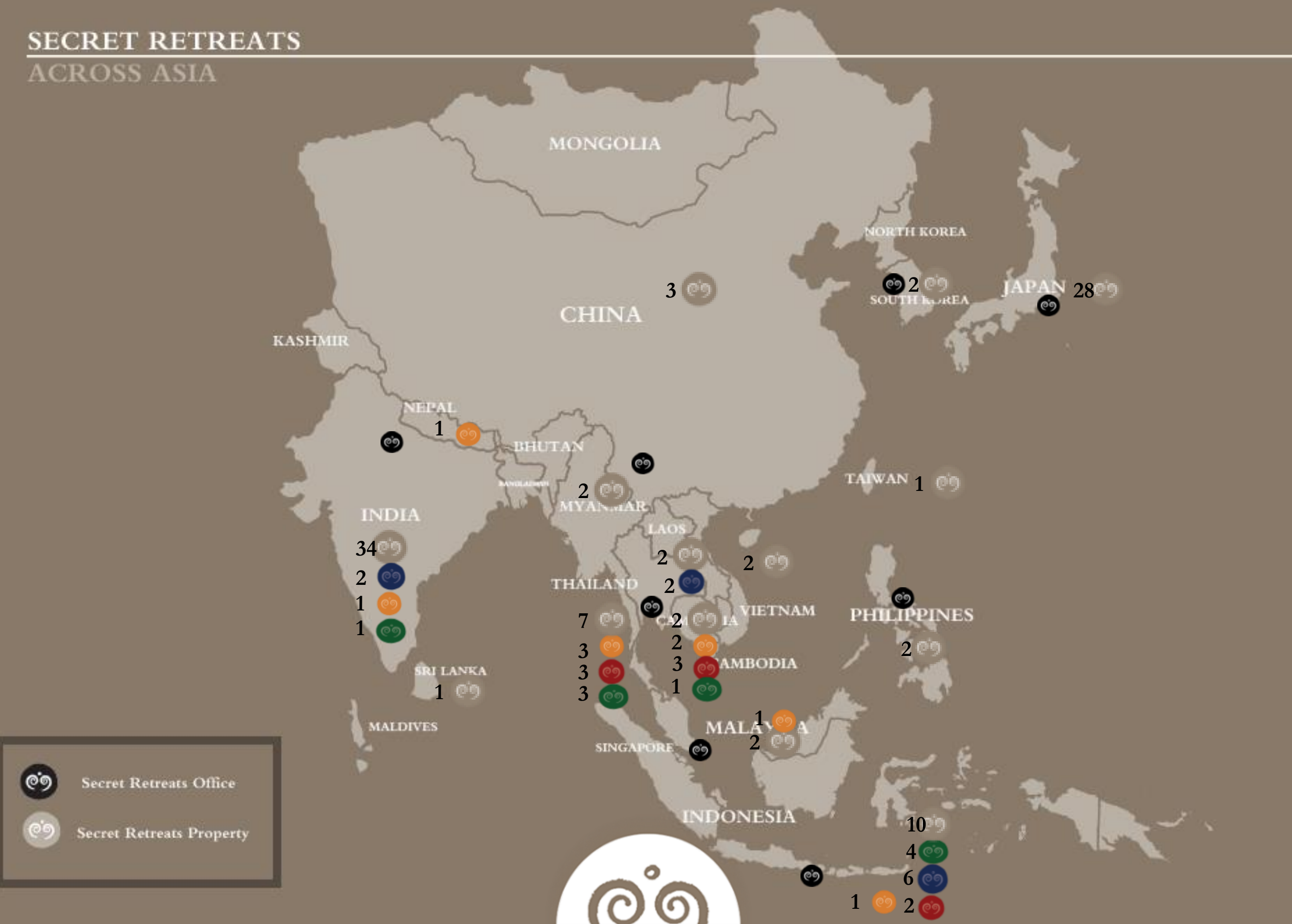
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