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CITY SNAPSHOTS FROM ACROSS THE NETWORK



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## BANDUNG

★ BDO ¥ INDONESIA ♥ INDONESIAN ⊖ IDR ☎ +62 DAILY FLIGHTS FROM SINGAPORE

**THE WIND CHIME** Widely considered to be the first fine-dining restaurant in the city, this swish eatery is known for its steaks. From Wagyu to local beef, Chef Felix is a deft hand when it comes to preparing your cut of steak and has cooked for celebrities like Bruce Willis

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and David Beckham. *IG: @windchimerestaurant* 

## Y 5758 COFFEE LAB

Located within a two-storey shophouse, this industrial-chic space features an exposed ceiling and white brick walls. The café on the first floor serves a wide variety of coffee sourced from across Indonesia while the laboratory located up on the second floor hosts events such as coffee tastings, manual brew courses and latte art workshops. fb.com/5758coffeelab

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### ORBITAL DAGO

Opened in 2016, this contemporary art gallery showcases works by Indonesian and international artists – from paintings and sculptures to multimedia installations. It also holds artist talks, performances, screenings and art workshops for adults and children. The on-site café serves classic Sundanese dishes like *nasi liwet* (aromatic spiced coconut rice). *orbitaldago.com* 

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This cosy space sells one-of-a-kind souvenirs by local designers. Pick up postcards, cute enamel pins and handmade notebooks - the ones printed with reproductions of antique Indonesian maps and manuscripts make great gifts. *IG: @tobucil* 



### BANGALORE

★ BLR ↓ INDIA ♥ KANNADA ♀ INR ☎ +91 6 FLIGHTS WEEKLY FROM SINGAPORE

**1Q1** Housed in an Art Deco-style

building that formerly held

this stylish Asian restaurant

are indulgent affairs. There

Korean bibimbap to choose

Japanese-Peruvian Nikkei

cuisine - a novelty in the

city - that truly steals the

show. The tuna ceviche

marinade) is a highlight.

Record a tune in a music

studio, play an oversized

xylophone or simply learn

more about contemporary

and classical Indian music at the country's first

interactive music museum,

which includes a collection

indianmusicexperience.org

of over 100 indigenous

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**INDIAN MUSIC** 

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SOUVENIR

Benne murukku is a spiral crunchy snack. Made with rice and lentil flours and generously doused in *benne* (butter), it's easily found at local grocery stores.

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#### BLUE TOKAI COFFEE ROASTERS, KORAMANGALA

Start the morning with an aromatic single-estate coffee in this breezy bungalow that houses a chic café and roastery. This Delhi transplant sources its beans from various coffee estates in South India. The sweet, nutty Attikan Estate medium dark roast from Karnataka lends itself well to an espresso. *bluetokaicoffee.com* 

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#### WINDMILLS AT THE AIRPORT

Grab a craft beer as soon as you touch down at this trendy bar outside the airport's arrivals hall. There are six beers on tap, brewed in collaboration with local brewer Geist. Mango Ale, made with Indian Alphonso mangoes, remains a local favourite. *Kempegowda International Airport* 



## **CHIANG MAI**

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#### SOMTUM DER CHIANG MAI

The local branch of buzzy Bangkok-based Somtum Der, which received a Michelin Bib Gourmand mention in 2018, is a convivial space brightened with colourful traditional textiles. Savour classic northeastern Thai recipes like *larb pla dook yang* (spicy minced grilled catfish salad with popped rice) and grilled meats with sticky rice. *fb.com/somtumderchiangmai* 



#### WEAVE ARTISAN SOCIETY

Housed in a former ice factory, this studio and performance space incorporates artisan dyeing and weaving workshops,



top-notch local coffees and handicraft boutiques. fb.com/weavesociety

## SLOW STITCH STUDIO

Tucked away in a cute studio in the city's crafty San Khampaeng suburb, this label employs Japanese stitching techniques, natural dyes and hand-loomed cottons and silks to produce one-off textiles, handbags and accessories. *slowstitchstudio.com* 



#### TAMARIND VILLAGE

Although located in the heart of Chiang Mai's old city, this tropical oasis offers a feeling of serenity thanks to its flower-filled courtyards. The interiors feature terracotta flooring, traditional textiles and a collection of local artefacts. This artsy hotel also hosts regular exhibitions. *tamarindvillage.com* 



#### CRU 2ND FLOOR WINE BAR

The sommelier at this atmospheric rooftop bar perched atop a traditional Thai wooden house curates nightly flights featuring top-rated vintages, from New Zealand to Italy, paired with European charcuterie and cheeses. fb.com/cruwinebarcm

### DANANG

★ DAD \$ VIETNAM ♥ VIETNAMESE \$ VND ☎ +84 DAILY FLIGHTS FROM SINGAPORE

## THIEN LY

With its bright blue walls and pared down furnishings, this café offers a laidback vibe. Their speciality is *bun bo nam bo*, spicy noodles with stir-fried meat and topped with peanuts and herbs. Other popular items include their summer rolls where fresh shrimp, pork, vegetables and rice vermicelli are stuffed in a soft rice paper and served with tamarind sauce. *thienlydn.com* 

#### ۲ 7 BRIDGES BREWING

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Launched in 2017 with a menu of seven craft beers, the brewery continues to expand its seasonal offerings, such as the Sakura, a sweet pilsner. Try the refreshingly fruity Sunset Weizen or a more hoppy Imperial IPA, while enjoying views from their terrace of the famous fire-breathing Dragon Bridge. *7bridges.vn* 

#### Š SUN WORLD

**DANANG WONDERS** Enjoy a day at this sprawling amusement park, which includes a monorail, roller coasters and a gigantic 115m-tall Ferris wheel. The wheel, standing at roughly the height of a 25-storey building, is one of the world's highest. *danangwonders.sunworld.vn* 

#### PHEVA CHOCOLATIER

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Sourced from cocoa beans cultivated in southern Vietnam, these handmade chocolates are ground with vanilla beans from Madagascar and enhanced with natural cocoa butter. Choose from 18 flavours, including white pepper, dark orange peel and milk pistachio. *phevaworld.com* 



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## HIROSHIMA

★ HIJ ↓ JAPAN ♥ JAPANESE JPY +81 3 FLIGHTS WEEKLY FROM SINGAPORE

## SHIORI

Located just a short walk from Hiroshima University, this restaurant is widely considered to serve the best *okonomiyaki* (fried Japanese pancake served with ingredients like shredded cabbage, eggs, pork and shrimp) in town. This lively eatery fills up quickly, so be sure to get there early. *6-2-13 Saijocho, Shitami, Higashi Hiroshima* 



The thought of enjoying authentic English scones and tea on an island close to Hiroshima might come as a surprise, but that is the main draw at this café, located within a lovingly renovated

**19,500** tonnes Quantity of oysters harvested in Hiroshima annually 120-year-old post office in the historic harbour town of Mitarai. 166-7 Yutakamachimitarai, Kure

## SHERATON GRAND

Conveniently located close to many places of interest, this well-appointed hotel serves as an ideal base for exploring the city. The spacious rooms are all outfitted with the luxuriously comfortable Sheraton Signature Sleep Experience Bed. With four restaurants, a full-service spa and an indoor pool, you'll be thoroughly pampered. *sheraton-hiroshima.co.jp/en* 

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This former industrial warehouse has a beautiful modern interior that highlights its exposed pipes and ventilation systems. Here, you'll find a cycle-themed hotel, a cycle store, a bakery, restaurant and bar, as well as a souvenir shop selling a range of quality local food and craft products. onomichi-u2.com/en



### KATHMANDU

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#### EVERFRESH BY NUWA ESTATE COFFEE

This all-day breakfast café is reminiscent of hipster brunch spots in Melbourne with its bare cement floors, hanging plants and interiors flooded with natural light. But what really gets people coming back is their top-notch food like poached eggs with smashed pumpkin and kale, and the mango smoothie bowl with homemade granola. Everything on the menu is made fresh in-house including the breads and pastries. *fb.com/everfresh.ktm* 





#### TOP OF THE WORLD COFFEE

This coffee house is warm and inviting – perfect for those in need



## SURF & TURF BY

Dining at this funky restaurant feels more like eating at the home of your artsy friend. Set in a cosy shophouse in Phuket's Old Town, the space is adorned with black-and-white murals painted by the owner. Vibrant, creative dishes like grilled seabass with passionfruit, and duck confit ravioli are presented with panache and served with an easy smile. fb.com/ surfandturf.soulkitchen

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#### UNNI'S RESTAURANT

Just steps from the pristine sands of Nai Harn Beach, this laidback beach bar offers a wide selection of cocktails, mouthwatering burgers and delicious vegan wraps. Kick back and enjoy a pina colada with coconut rum or a bacon Bloody Mary in this flip-flop-friendly setting. fb.com/unnisnaiharn

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#### THAI HUA MUSEUM

Housed in a former schoolhouse, this fascinating museum offers insights into the history and culture of Phuket's Hokkien Chinese community, who arrived on the island during the tin-mining heyday of the 1800s. The cuisine exhibit will whet your appetite for Phuket's Baba-Peranakan dishes, which you can then sample at some of the eateries in the nearby Old Town. *thaihuamuseum.com* 

## ENDLESS SUMMER

Set in a bright turquoise Sino-Portuguese mansion, this new boutique adds a further dash of colour to the pastel buildings of the Old Town. There's a range of beach-ready apparel and accessories as well as a kids' corner and a space for art workshops and yoga classes. endlesssummerasia.com





of a break from the chaotic city streets. You'll also find a wide selection of locally roasted and flavoured coffee beans. Must-try flavours include the butter rum and chocolate Swiss almond. tow17.wordpress.com

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#### THE TARAGAON MUSEUM

Browse a sizeable photo collection of Kathmandu's architectural heritage documented by foreign architects and scientists from the 1970s, alongside contemporary art and culture exhibitions. Once a hostel to those foreign researchers and then a hotel, the museum sits within a unique red-brick complex that is an architectural gem in itself. *taragaonmuseum.com* 

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#### THE LOCAL PROJECT NEPAL

As a platform for budding Nepali entrepreneurs and artisans, this boutique houses a variety of homegrown brands and designs under one roof. Here, you can shop and support up-and-coming Nepali labels such as backpack brand Mheecha, sneakers from Dochaa and jewellery by Meraki Nepal. *localprojectnepal.com* 



## SEMARANG

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#### JOGLO AGUNG RESTO AND GALLERY

Order beef ribs prepared in different styles - *penyet* (grilled then smashed and served with sambal) or *tongseng* (stewed with vegetables and a sweet soy sauce) at this restaurant modelled after a *joglo* (a traditional wooden Javanese house). Grab an outdoor table for expansive views of the surrounding hills. *fb.com/jogloagung* 



SOUVENIR

Watch the entire batik-making process before purchasing a beautiful piece of clothing. batiksemarang16. com

## TEVODENOI

**TEKODEKO KOFFIEHUIS** Housed on the second floor of a

colonial building in the Old Town, this cosy café celebrates the city's melting pot of cultures. There's Kopi Arab, spiced with cardamom, clove, ginger and cinnamon, and served with date cookies; and Kopi Gendhis, which is espresso and steamed milk with coconut sugar. fb.com/tekodekokoffiehuis

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#### BUDDHAGAYA WATUGONG

This Buddhist temple complex has two main buildings, both incorporating classic Chinese design and architecture. Here, you'll find a library, a Bodhi tree and the imposing Pagoda Avalokitesvara. Standing at 45m, this is the tallest pagoda in Indonesia.

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## KAMPUNG BATIK

You can buy batik in all shapes and forms (fabric, bags, shoes, accessories) directly from the craftspeople at this "batik village," not far from Old Town. Lessons on batik-making are also available. *Rejomulyo, East Semarang* 



#### HOTEL CHANTI

While the rooms are a little small, guests get to enjoy a complimentary *jamu* (Javanese herbal tonic) every day and a free mini bar. The location is also hard to beat – it's right in the heart of the city's business district and is close to many attractions.



## SINGAPORE

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TEPPAN CHEF'S TABLE

Located on the 25th floor of Andaz Singapore, the latest addition to the luxe hotel's culinary hub serves Japanese rice bowls with gorgeous city views. The lunchtime menu offers moreish options like the Black Angus tenderloin, teriyaki chicken or miso salmon – all made-to-order. *andazsingapore.com* 

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Hailing from Genoa, chef Alessandro Giustetti promises guests freshly made, hand-pulled pasta at this homely new restaurant. Must-try dishes include the *lagane*, an eggless pasta with chickpeas that's said to be one of the oldest surviving pasta recipes, and the *reginette* (a type of wavy pasta) served with meat ragu, olive and pine nuts. *pastabar.sg* 

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Named after the original moniker for JFK International Airport, this newly opened cocktail bar at the Intercontinental Singapore is styled after the glamour of the golden age of air travel. Get cosy in a plush velvet and leather booth seat as you sip on destination-inspired concoctions. An excellent live band, playing tunes from the 1940s to 1960s, completes the experience. *idlewild.sg* 

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#### INDIAN EXPRESS

From Michelin-starred restaurant The Song of India comes this casual eatery in the heart of Little India. Enjoy dishes like the tandoori mix grill platter, which comes with lamb chops, fish and chicken, as well as the butter chicken, cooked in a rich and creamy tomato sauce. *fb.com/ indianexpress.com.sg* 



#### SOUVENIR

Take home rock tea, a type of Oolong tea grown in rocky landscapes and mainly produced in Fujian province.

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#### CHO'S CAFÉ & BAR

During the day, it serves up delectable brunch items such as cinnamon French toast and croissant sandwiches with Taiwanese sausage and baked potatoes. At night, it transforms into a whiskey bar with a carefully curated menu. 121-122 Hexiang Shoufu, 2 Hexiang West Road, Siming District

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#### XIAMEN SHANGLI RESERVOIR PARK

Opened in February 2019, this 47.5-hectare park is connected to the Xiamen Botanical Garden and the Meihailing Ridge, home to over 10,000 bougainvilleas. This tranquil area is ideal for a picnic or a spot of hiking.

#### MIIIT CAFÉ & BAR

Located on the 52nd floor of one of the most famous landmarks in the city, this trendy spot offers stunning views. Try the eponymous cocktail, which is a peach mojito topped with blue snow ice and cream. 52nd Floor, Emall Twin tower A, 180 Yanwu West Road

#### III SEAVIEW RESORT XIAMEN

This beautiful hotel is located a 10-minute walk from the beach and many rooms offer views of the surrounding coastline. It also features an expansive tropical garden and three outsized swimming pools – perfect for escaping the beach crowds during summer. goo.gl/vDyZ9f



★ XMN ♀ CHINA ♥ MANDARIN ⊖ CNY ☎ +86 DAILY FLIGHTS FROM SINGAPORE

