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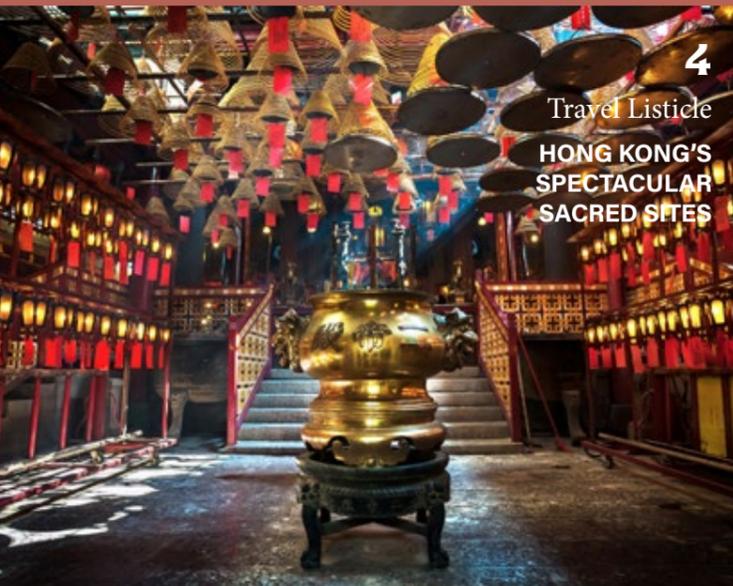
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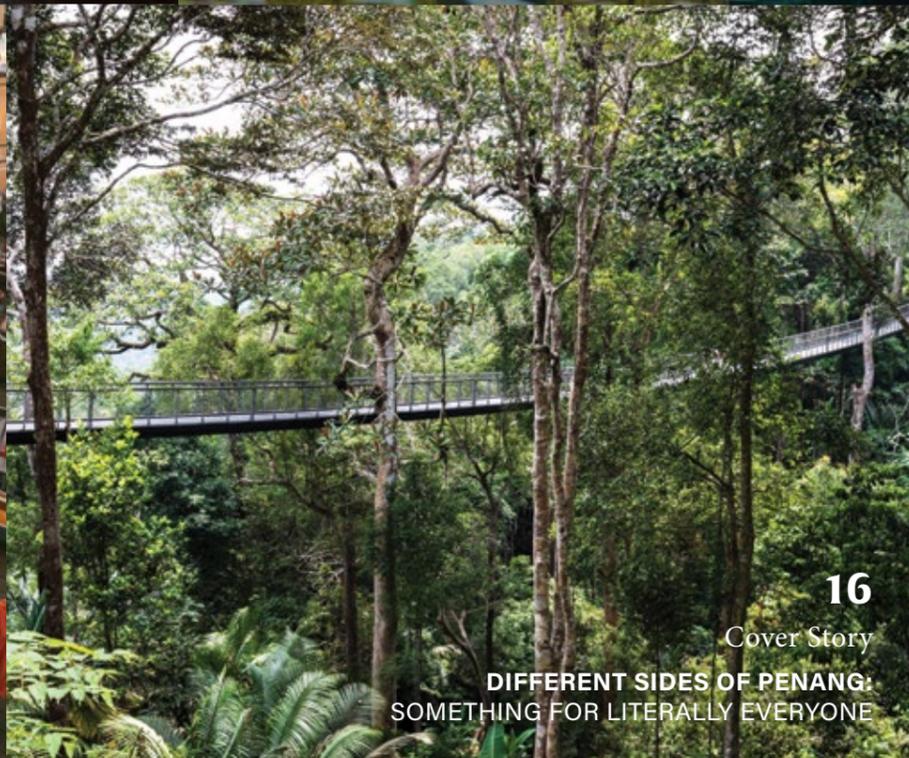
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Editor's Letter

Dear Wonderers,

The skies are blue, the flowers are blooming, and the sun is blazing. It's summer, the season when everything feels alive. The fifth issue of *The Wonderer* takes you on a journey to well-loved cities seen in a new, raw, dazzling light.

Our cover story on Malaysia's beloved cultural melting pot, **Penang** (p.g. 16), invites you to discover new sides of the city beyond food and Peranakan culture, from contemporary art destinations to eco-friendly countryside escapes. If you are travelling to **Hong Kong**, don't miss our feature (p.g. 4) on its most sacred sites, offering a unique way to explore the Pearl of the Orient.

For those in search of photo opportunities, **Pattaya** (p.g. 8) is the place to be, brimming with spots for all kinds of photoshoots, from immersive art spaces to beautiful gardens. Bangkokians with furry friends will enjoy our recommendations of pet-friendly venues serving homey brunches (p.g. 12).

Sports fans will be pleased to learn about the newly revamped **Amari Buriram United** (p.g. 22), a sports-themed hotel offering top-notch services. This issue is packed with six inspiring conversations with our guests and colleagues across the ONYX family. Meet an Italian family enjoying sunny days at **OZO Phuket** (p.g. 24), and Wandi and Nina from **Amari Kuala Lumpur** who share their stories from behind the scenes (p.g. 26). A British couple reflects on their many stays at **Oriental Residence Bangkok** (p.g. 28), while another loyal guest tells us why he keeps sending friends to **Amari Don Muang Airport Bangkok** (p.g. 32).

We also catch up with a couple who have returned to **Amari Bangkok** for the past 12 years (p.g. 34), and speak with the General Manager of **Shama Lakeview Asoke Bangkok** about his remarkable journey from doorman to leading the property (p.g. 36).

Now is the perfect time for adventure—book your stay, pack your bag, and enjoy everything your summer has to offer.

Warm regards,

The Wonderer Editorial Team

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Sik Sik Yuen Wong Tai Sin Temple ▲



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SIK SIK YUEN WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE

HEALTH, LOVE, AND FORTUNE

Known as a uniquely “East-meets-West” destination, Hong Kong is a vibrant melting pot of cultures and a global financial hub, promising a one-of-a-kind experience and new opportunities with each visit. In addition, for faith-driven travellers and those looking for an auspicious start to something new, Hong Kong is also famous for its many temples dotted across the city.

Out of approximately 600 religious sites, some temples are especially famed for “granting wishes” to modern-day pilgrims. Here are four temples in Hong Kong for the spiritually curious.

Wong Tai Sin Temple, currently administered by the Taoist organisation Sik Sik Yuen, is dedicated to the namesake historical figure, also known as the “Great Immortal Wong.” He is believed to have lived during the Eastern Jin Dynasty. According to legend, he was a poor shepherd who later practised Taoism and attained immortality, becoming revered for his healing powers.

The temple began as a small shrine housing a sacred portrait of Wong Tai Sin in the early 20th century before expanding into a complex of halls, pavilions, and shrines, eventually becoming one of the most significant temples in Hong Kong. Covering a large area and incorporating feng shui elements, the site allows visitors to find peace in its tranquil garden.

Word has it that wishes made here are often granted, particularly those concerning health, love, and fortune, making it a staple on the itinerary of faithful travellers in Hong Kong.

Getting there: MTR Wong Tai Sin Station

CHE KUNG TEMPLE

WEALTH AND SUCCESS

Famed for its lucky fan-bladed wheel, Che Kung Temple dates back to the late Ming Dynasty. It was established in honour of Che Kung, a military commander during the Southern Song Dynasty, who was praised for his bravery and strategic leadership. Having protected countless people, he came to be revered as a deity symbolising protection from harm and evil. Local legend has it that his spirit helped dispel an epidemic in Sha Tin, where the temple now stands. The temple was renovated in 1890 and later rebuilt in 1997, which explains its relatively modern appearance despite its long history.

The Wheel of Fortune is an unmissable feature of the temple and is believed to bring wealth and success when spun.

Getting there: MTR Che Kung Temple, MTR Tai Wai Station

HONG KONG'S SPECTACULAR SACRED SITES

Four temples for a fortunate trip
Story: Pakvipa Rimdusit



Man Mo Temple

Tin Hau Temple Repulse Bay

MAN MO TEMPLE WORK & STUDY

Brimming with well-preserved historical artefacts and traditional craftsmanship, Man Mo Temple offers a distinctive experience, thanks to its hanging coil incense that fills the space. Its intricate decoration is well worth close inspection and is among the oldest and most revered temples in Hong Kong, built in the mid-19th century. The temple is dedicated to Man Cheong, the God of Literature, and Mo Tai, the God of War.

Locals and travellers visit to pray for success in their careers and studies, a tradition that has continued for generations.

Getting there: MTR Sheung Wan Station

TIN HAU TEMPLE REPULSE BAY FAMILY, ABUNDANCE & SAFETY

Situated at the scenic Repulse Bay, Tin Hau Temple is home to a large statue of Tin Hau, the Goddess of the Sea, overlooking the water and protecting seafarers. There is also a shrine dedicated to Kwun Yum, the Goddess of Mercy. Although located away from the city centre, many people travel here to soak in the peaceful seaside setting. The goddesses are highly revered and believed to grant wishes, especially for those hoping to start a family.

There are small traditional rituals associated with praying here: stepping inside with your left foot first and leaving with your right, standing on the white tiles in front of the Kwun Yum statue, stating your full name and address, and making only one wish.

Getting there: Bus 6, 6A, 6X, 66 or taxi ■

WITH TEMPLES SPREAD ACROSS HONG KONG ISLAND AND BEYOND,
CHOOSING A WELL-CONNECTED HOME BASE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

1 Shama Central Hong Kong Close to Man Mo Temple (Work & Study)

In the heart of Central, this contemporary residence puts you near Man Mo Temple and the cultural streets of Sheung Wan, perfect for those exploring heritage sites and city life. Stylish studios to penthouses suit both short trips and extended stays.

Explore more: www.shama.com/central

2 Shama Hollywood Hong Kong Culture & Temple Visits

Set between Sheung Wan and Central, Shama Hollywood places you near historic neighbourhoods and within easy reach of Man Mo Temple and local dining spots. Comfortable one-bedroom apartments with kitchenettes make both short stays and longer visits feel like home.

Explore more: www.shama.com/hollywood

3 Shama Island North Hong Kong Convenient Base for Temple Day Trips

Close to both Fortress Hill and North Point MTR stations, Shama Island North offers modern rooms for any length of stay and smooth travel across the city, including trips to Wong Tai Sin or Che Kung Temple. Perfect for guests who want easy city access and local comfort.

Explore more: www.shama.com/island-north-hong-kong

4 Shama Midlevels Hong Kong Quiet Retreat Near Temple Exploration

Located on Kennedy Road near Admiralty MTR, this unique one-per-floor residence combines privacy with superb access to bus and metro lines. It's a relaxing home base for visitors planning temple visits and wider city sightseeing.

Explore more: www.shama.com/midlevels-kennedy

5 Shama Tsim Sha Tsui Hong Kong Urban Comfort & Temple Outings

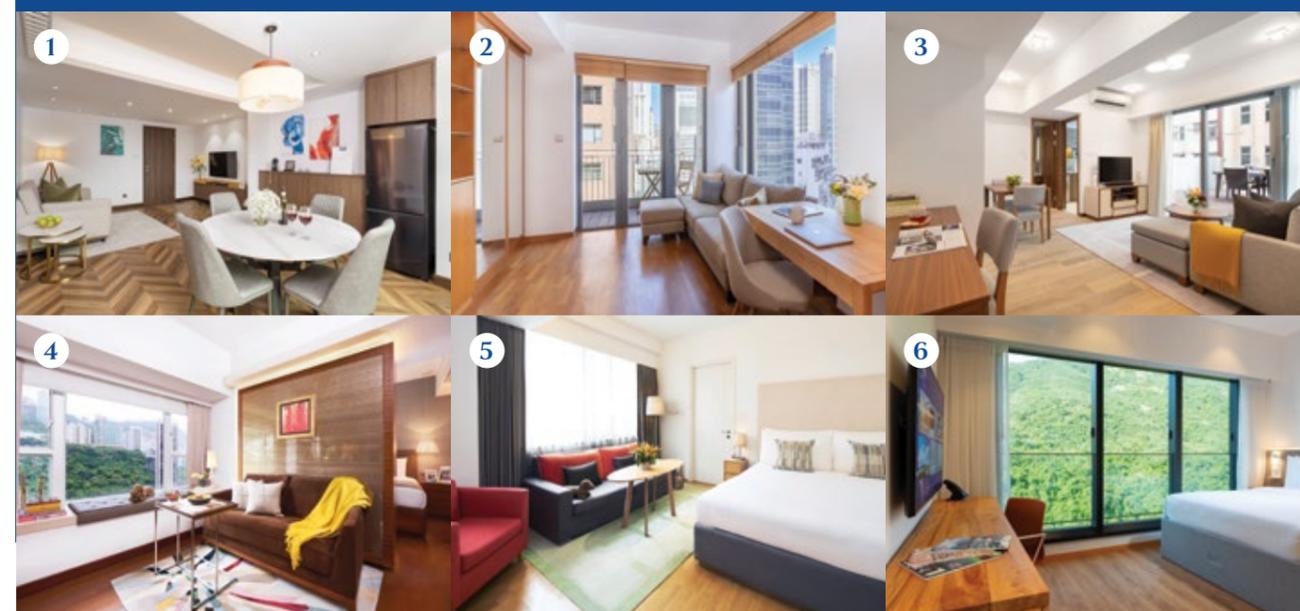
Steps from Tsim Sha Tsui MTR, this serviced apartment brings you close to museums, harbour views, and excellent transit options for temple and cultural excursions across the city. Studios to two-bedroom layouts suit couples, solo travellers or families.

Explore more: www.shama.com/tsimshatsui

6 Shama Hub Metro South Hong Kong Well-Located for City & Temple Exploration

With quick connections to Central, Wan Chai and Tsim Sha Tsui, Shama Hub Metro South makes it easy to plan visits to any of Hong Kong's renowned temples by MTR or bus. Comfortable serviced apartments and shared facilities make it a practical choice for any stay.

Explore more: www.shama.com/hub-metro-south-hong-kong





Khao Chi Chan ▲



4 UNIQUELY PHOTOGENIC SPOTS IN PATTAYA

For trips where the camera roll is part of the plan

Story: Dietrich Neu

Pattaya is often summarised too quickly. Look a little closer and it becomes a city of strong visuals that are easy to reach and easy to photograph. In a single day, you can move from a cliffside landmark that reads like a graphic print to gardens arranged with theatrical precision, from a monumental wooden sanctuary by the sea to an immersive art space where light becomes scenery. The trick is choosing places that reliably give you a handful of frames you will actually want to keep.

For that kind of trip, your base matters. Staying in North Pattaya keeps logistics simple, **Amari Pattaya** and **OZO North Pattaya** make practical hubs for quick rides, quick resets, and easy access to the shoreline when the light turns soft. Use the hotels as your anchor, then build out from there with four stops that each offer a distinct mood and a clear signature shot.



▲ Nong Nooch Tropical Garden

KHAO CHI CHAN

Khao Chi Chan is Pattaya's most instantly recognisable image: a colossal Buddha outline carved into pale limestone and traced in gold. It photographs beautifully because it is clean and graphic. There is very little clutter, just sky, stone, and an icon that reads in a split second, even on a small screen.

To get the best result, treat it as a study in scale. Stand far enough back to include the full cliff face, then let the landscaped foreground create depth. A single person in the lower part of the frame turns the scene from postcard to portrait, and makes the carving feel genuinely enormous.

This is a daylight visit and works best early or late, when the light is gentler and crowds are thinner. It sits outside central Pattaya, so it pairs naturally with other sights in the same general corridor.

PHOTO TIP

Keep your horizon low and give the cliff room to breathe. If your phone has a 2x lens, use it for a more natural perspective, then tap to lock focus on the cliff and nudge exposure slightly down so the gold lines stay crisp.

NONG NOOCH TROPICAL GARDEN

If Khao Chi Chan is about one decisive frame, Nong Nooch is about variety. The garden complex feels like an outdoor studio with multiple ready-made sets: formal landscaping designed for symmetry, flower zones that push colour to the edge of believable, and playful attractions such as Dinosaur Valley that lean into scale and spectacle. It is the kind of place where even casual photographers leave with a gallery that looks deliberate.

The secret is pacing. Start with the most structured areas first, while paths are quieter, then move towards the more whimsical zones later, when crowds matter less because the subjects are larger and bolder. Give yourself time, as the grounds are expansive and rewards come from moving slowly, not sprinting.

Nong Nooch is an easy day trip from North Pattaya and a strong choice when you want maximum variety without having to chase multiple locations across the city.

PHOTO TIP

In the formal gardens, keep the camera level and commit to centred symmetry, using your grid to avoid tilted horizons. After your wide hero shot, switch to close-ups for texture, such as flower clusters and patterned greenery. In Dinosaur Valley, shoot slightly lower than eye level so the figures feel larger and the scene reads as more cinematic.



THE SANCTUARY OF TRUTH MUSEUM

The Sanctuary of Truth is the place in Pattaya that makes you slow down. Set by the sea in Na Kluea, the vast wooden structure reads as a powerful silhouette from a distance, then reveals itself up close as a dense world of carved figures and craftsmanship in motion. It is not only photogenic, but richly textured in a way that rewards attention.

Plan your visit around two types of images. First, the exterior frame that shows the scale of the sanctuary against sea and sky, ideally with a few people in view so the building feels monumental rather than abstract. Second, the intimate close-ups inside: wood grain, carved faces, and patterns that look almost impossible at arm's length. These details are what give your gallery depth.

This is also where a North Pattaya base pays off. The sanctuary is a straightforward ride from Amari Pattaya and OZO North Pattaya, so you can time your visit for better light rather than squeezing it into the middle of the day.

PHOTO TIP

For the signature exterior shot, photograph the Sanctuary from outside with the sea in the background, so the building's silhouette and scale are clear. Once inside, switch to a close-up detail photo of the carvings, focusing on one dramatic element such as a carved face or an intricate pattern in the wood. That "wide outside, close inside" pairing is the easiest way to capture what makes this place memorable.



PADO MEDIA ART SPACE

Every photography-first trip needs an indoor ace, and PADO MEDIA ART SPACE is Pattaya's most reliable. This immersive media art venue is built around projection, colour, and light, with rooms that shift mood as you move through them. The advantage is control. Outdoors, you wait for the sky to cooperate. Here, the atmosphere is designed to photograph well regardless of weather.

PADO works especially well for portraits and short video clips. Light tunnels, digital landscapes, and colour-saturated scenes make simple poses look cinematic, and the variety of rooms helps your gallery feel intentionally edited rather than repetitive. It is also an easy stop to slot into a North Pattaya stay, since you can visit, return to your hotel to cool down and recharge, then head out again when the coast starts to glow.

PHOTO TIP

Go to the light tunnel and take your main portrait there, because it gives the most instantly recognisable "immersive" PADO look. Stand in the centre of the tunnel so the lights form leading lines behind you, then take one photo facing the camera and one facing away for variety. If you want a short video, walk slowly through the tunnel for a few seconds, letting the moving lights create the drama without any extra effort.

Pattaya rewards travellers who treat images as a way of noticing rather than collecting. Choose a few scenes that photograph well, give them the time they deserve, and you will leave with a gallery that feels coherent, distinctive, and surprisingly varied for a short coastal escape. ■



Amari Pattaya

Amari Pattaya is a true Pattaya icon, offering everything you need for a complete seaside getaway in one vibrant setting. From beachfront access and expansive pools to family-friendly zones, gym and premium spa, dining options (including a newly opened pasta lab at the iconic Prego Pattaya!), and spaces to unwind or play, the resort is designed for effortless holidays. Whether you're travelling with friends, family, or simply chasing sun and sea, Amari Pattaya delivers comfort, energy, and variety—right where the action meets the ocean.

Explore more: amari.com/pattaya



OZO North Pattaya

Photography-first travel works best when your base keeps things easy and energising—and OZO North Pattaya does exactly that. Close to the shoreline for early-morning and golden-hour light, and well connected to Pattaya's cultural and creative spots, it lets you move fast and shoot freely. Between outings, you can drop back in to cool down, back up files, recharge your gear, and head out again—no fuss, no wasted time, just good vibes all day long.

Explore more: ozohotels.com/pattaya



The COMMONS
Thonglor

Bangkok has always been a city of rituals: iced coffee in the heat, a late lunch that drifts into the afternoon, a weekend circuit of parks and cafés. What has changed is who gets to come along. Pets are no longer something you plan around. They are part of the outing.

More households have pets, and more owners treat them like family, so cafés and restaurants have become an extension of home. For venues, being pet-friendly now signals ease and welcome, not novelty. Still, the rules vary. Some places allow pets only outdoors or in semi-outdoor zones, while others welcome calm pets indoors, and building policies can change the picture entirely. It is worth checking ahead. Here are six Bangkok spots, plus one brunch address, to make the weekend simple.



6 PET-FRIENDLY CAFÉS AND BRUNCH SPOTS IN BANGKOK FOR AN EASY WEEKEND OUT

Bangkok's pet-friendly table is getting bigger.

Story: Dietrich Neu

Photography: Petrichor, Cuckoo and Friends, Luka Bangkok, Brunch Paradiso, The Commons, VIVIN Suk 22



Cuckoo and Friends

Petrichor



PETRICHOR

Petrichor feels like a reward for leaving the centre. Set by a canal in Thawi Watthana, it has the kind of open-air calm Bangkok rarely gives you: space to breathe, room for dogs to settle, and a pace that encourages you to stay longer than planned. It is built for pet owners who want the outing to feel restorative rather than logistical.

The food and drink match the vibe: café classics done properly, with enough dessert temptation to justify an extra round. Start with an iced Americano, then save room for tiramisu, which is one of the items people come back for. If you are in a matcha mood, the non-coffee options lean playful and sweet, which works well on a slow afternoon when the heat is still lingering.

Address: 88, Thawi Watthana Rd.
Hours: Monday–Thursday 9:30am–6:30pm; Friday–Sunday 9:30am–9pm

CUCKOO AND FRIENDS

Cuckoo and Friends is what happens when pet-friendly becomes genuinely everyday. Tucked into Ekkamai 21, it reads like a friend's retro living room: warm, slightly nostalgic, and made for long conversations. The point is not that your dog is welcome. It is that you can eat and drink well while your dog is simply part of the scene.

The menu is comfort-leaning and a little eclectic. For drinks, it does the classics, but also offers a bright, modern crowd-pleaser in Matcha Yuzu Honey Lemon, which lands in that sweet-sour spot that makes Bangkok afternoons feel manageable. For food, there are dishes with personality: Soho Porkchop if you want something hearty, or Cuckoo's Pesto and Prawns when you want a proper plate that still feels café-casual. It is a good place to come hungry, not just for a coffee.

Address: 34, Ekkamai Soi 21
Hours: Monday–Wednesday, Friday–Sunday 8:30am–5pm



Brunch Paradiso

LUKA BANGKOK

Luka is a Bangkok brunch institution, and the Pan Road branch is made for unhurried weekends, with a menu wide enough to suit mixed cravings.

Order one of the big signatures, like the breakfast burrito or The Fat Bastard, if you want a proper, filling plate. There are lighter options too, plus solid coffee and fresh juices. It also works well with pets because it feels like a normal brunch stop first, with pet-friendliness quietly built in.

Address: 64/3, Pan Rd.

Hours: Open daily 8am-6pm.

BRUNCH PARADISO AT SHAMA YEN-AKAT

Brunch Paradiso makes a strong client tie-in because it does not treat pet-friendliness as a gimmick. It is simply part of the hospitality. The setting is calm and contemporary, the mood is easy, and the all-day brunch format suits the way Bangkok actually eats on weekends: not rushed, not too early, and often stretched into the afternoon.

The menu is where it earns its name. Messy Eggs is one of the dishes to order when you want something indulgent but still brunch-appropriate. If you are craving pasta, Spaghetti

AOP with Cumberland sausage has a satisfying heat and savouriness that feels more substantial than a typical café plate. For dessert, the Yuzu Cheese Pie is the kind of bright, creamy finish that turns a brunch stop into a full meal. There is also plenty on the drinks side, from coffee to café-style refreshers, which makes it easy to stay longer. If you are turning the outing into a stay, the link to the hotel is seamless, and that continuity is part of the wider trend: pet owners increasingly expect their routines to travel with them.

Address: 69, Yen Akat Rd.

Hours: Open daily 7am-6:30pm

THE COMMONS THONGLOR

The Commons is ideal for groups and indecision, built around multiple vendors, communal seating, and an atmosphere that stays lively without feeling chaotic. The semi-outdoor layout also makes it easy with pets, with far less stress than a tight café room.

Come hungry and treat it like a mini-crawl. Start with coffee, then pick your lane: something BBQ-leaning and comfort-heavy, an easy bagel bite, or a late-afternoon cocktail. The flexibility is the point. You can move around, reset, and choose a corner that suits both you and your dog.

Address: 335, Thong Lo 17, Sukhumvit Soi 55

Hours: Open daily 8am-late



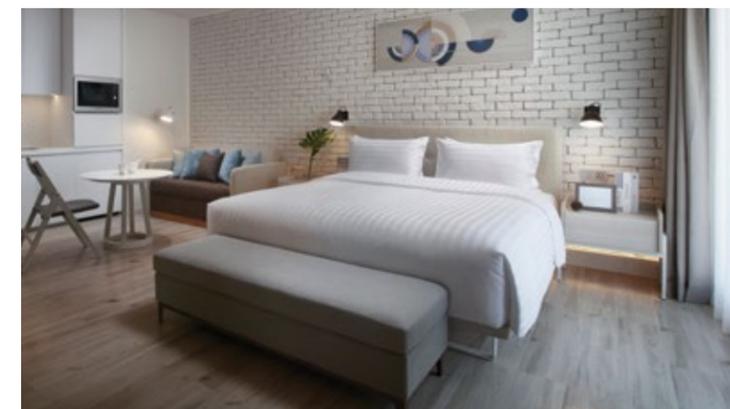
VIVIN SUK 22

VIVIN's Sukhumvit 22 branch is one of the prettiest ways to do a pet-friendly meal in Bangkok. Set inside a restored wooden heritage home, it feels like a small escape: three floors of café, grocery, and bistro energy, designed for lingering. The concept is "shelf-to-plate", which means the food is tied to artisanal products and pantry culture rather than purely restaurant theatre.

What to order depends on your appetite. If you want something substantial, duck confit with mash gives you that bistro comfort in a setting that still feels airy. If you are coming for sweets, the brownie is an easy move, especially with coffee, and it suits the house's slightly nostalgic tone. VIVIN is also the sort of place where you can browse before or after you eat, which makes it ideal for pet owners who want the outing to be more than a single sit-down moment. It is a café, a meal, a shop, and a gentle afternoon all at once.

Address: 267/5, Sukhumvit Soi 22

Hours: Open daily 8am-10pm



Perfectly Placed for Pet-Friendly Living

Shama Yen-Akat Bangkok offers a truly pet-friendly stay, thoughtfully set up for guests travelling with their furry companions. Ideal for both short and long stays, the residence features fully furnished apartments and carefully curated pet amenities that help pets settle in comfortably from day one. Located near Sathorn and Rama 4, with easy access to public transport, pet-friendly cafés, restaurants, and nearby green spaces, it allows for effortless outings while remaining quiet enough for rest and relaxation. It's a practical choice for pet owners who want convenience, comfort, and peace of mind—all in one place.

Explore more: www.shama.com/yen-akat-bangkok



Penang Hill ▲



Penang Hill ▲

Different Sides Of Penang: Something For Literally Everyone

Explore more of the lesser-known parts
of Penang that captivate

Story: Pakvipa Rimdusit

Renowned for its unique culture and compelling history, Penang in Malaysia attracts people from across the globe to try its cuisine, see the street art, and immerse themselves in its historic buildings. But Penang can go far beyond these things. If you plan to visit, consider booking a longer stay and discovering the under-the-radar sides of this charismatic island, with activities and experiences that truly offer something for everyone.

Here are some spots that will help you see Penang in a new light, and they may keep you coming back for more.



Hin Bus Depot ▲

Hin Bus Depot

For art and craft enthusiasts

Situated in George Town, Hin Bus Depot is a creative community hub providing a platform for creatives and artists to showcase their work and for visitors to learn more about Penang's arts and crafts scene beyond its famous cultural attractions.

The abandoned building was converted in 2014 by Ernest Zacharevic, the artist known for introducing Penang's iconic street murals, into a space for his first solo exhibition, *Art Is Rubbish Is Art*. The deserted site was ideal for an exhibit featuring works made from discarded and overlooked items, and he retained the original structure while making necessary repairs. So much effort had been poured into the transformation that he and other artists could not let the place fall into disuse again. Instead, they decided to make it a permanent creative space for other artists.

Gradually, Hin Bus Depot became a community project focusing on inclusive art—where everyone, regardless of age or profession, can be an art enthusiast, not just a voyeur. Today, it features rotating exhibitions, events, weekend markets, workshops, and live performances.

Find out more: hinbusdepot.com



Penang National Park ▲

Penang National Park

For adventurous souls

Just over an hour from the city centre, Penang National Park offers rich adventures, from beautiful beaches and tropical forests to marked hiking routes. With such variety, you can experience the park in your own way, from revelling in peaceful moments on soft-sand or among mangroves—nourishment for both mind and body.

While Penang city is known for its waterfronts, the sandy shores here feel different; they are so secluded that you may find yourself alone along an entire stretch of coastline. You can get closer to nature at the locally run turtle conservation centre at Turtle Beach, where turtles of various sizes are sheltered before returning to their natural habitat.

Its proximity to the city makes this a perfect day trip for those wanting to explore different sides of the island, and it is easily accessible by bus or ride-hailing services. Although dining options within the park are limited, there are plenty of restaurants in nearby Batu Ferringhi, just over a ten-minute drive away.

Find out more: www.wildlife.gov.my/en/taman-negara-pulau-pinang

Penang Hill

For those always on the move

Locally known as Bukit Bendera, Penang Hill is a beloved destination close to the city centre, comprising several hills and offering breathtaking views alongside a wide range of activities to enjoy throughout the day.

Here, you can ride the historic funicular railway to the top for panoramic views, explore nature along well-marked trails, discover heritage flavours, unwind at a local retreat, and more. A highlight not to be missed is the Habitat Penang Hill, an elevated walkway surrounded by 130-million-year-old rainforest, home to rich biodiversity and an ancient ecosystem worth witnessing. Group activities are also available from time to time, including birdwatching, forest bathing and guided walks, with fascinating knowledge shared along the way.

Find out more: penanghill.gov.my



Balik Pulau ▲

Tropical Spice Garden

For wellness aficionados

A hidden paradise beloved by many, Tropical Spice Garden on Penang's northern coast is home to over 500 varieties of spices and tropical plants, with activities for people of all ages. Children can enjoy nature-based activities and kid-friendly workshops, while adults can rejuvenate through wellness programmes held throughout the year, including breathwork, ice therapy, and sound bathing—all thoughtfully designed to help participants fully reap the benefits of learning about culture and nature while nurturing their inner world. Visitors can also enjoy cooking classes and refreshments at a convenient café.

Whether visiting Penang as a family, as a couple, or travelling solo, those seeking to soothe their soul should not miss this place. It is easily accessible from George Town by bus or taxi, and advance booking is recommended for all activities.

Find out more: tropicalspicegarden.com

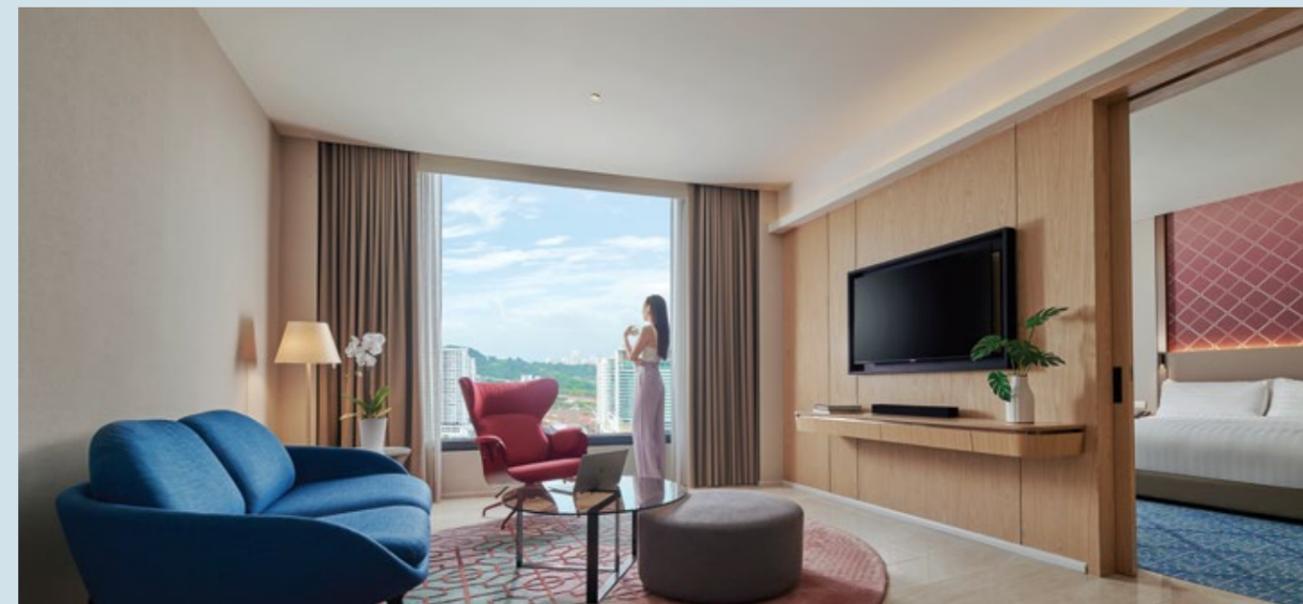
Balik Pulau

For an eco-friendly family escape

Balik Pulau is an in-the-know countryside getaway in Penang, offering close-to-nature encounters with an educational touch for younger visitors. Activities here are slow-paced and centred on learning, making it ideal for a family break from busy city life.

You can take a cycling or ATV tour to soak in the scenery. A visit to Saanen Dairy Goat Farm is highly recommended, a family-owned sustainable farm where guided tours introduce visitors to goat farming, from different species and milking to sustainable animal care. There are also other animals to meet, along with goat's milk products to try.

From May to August, durian lovers can indulge in the fruit's unique flavour at many of the village's durian farms. While in town, don't forget to shop for bedak sejuk, a handmade cooling powder produced in the village, an ancient tradition passed down through generations. ■



Amari SPICE Penang

Just a few minutes from Penang International Airport is Amari SPICE Penang, a five-star city hotel designed to satisfy both leisure and business travellers. It features 453 guest rooms and suites, all with floor-to-ceiling windows offering full views of this beautiful city, in addition to in-room amenities that ensure ultimate comfort. The Club Tiffin Executive Lounge is available for those staying in executive rooms to refresh in style, while all guests can unwind at the large saltwater pool, four restaurants and bars, as well as a first-rate spa. Head out and explore to the fullest, safe in the knowledge that you can really relax upon your return to the hotel.

Explore more: www.amari.com/penang



OZO George Town Penang

Located just steps from the George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site, OZO George Town Penang is a great choice for young travellers and families ready to explore Penang's culture, street art, and local eats. When it's time to slow down, guests can recharge with comfy, well-designed rooms, a rooftop pool, a modern gym, and relaxed dining options. Choose from compact Deluxe Rooms, spacious Superior Two-Bedroom units, or suites—everything you need for easy days and good vibes.

Explore more: www.ozohotels.com/penang-malaysia

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BURIRAM'S BEST STAY FOR SPORTS FANS, REFRESHED

A sports-forward hotel like nowhere else

Story: Pakvipa Rimdusit

Photography: ONYX Hospitality Group



Recently refreshed and designed for sports enthusiasts and adventure seekers, **Amari Buriram United** offers a unique sports-themed stay while retaining top-notch service and modern facilities, ensuring ultimate comfort after a thrilling day.

Ideally located right next to **Thunder Castle Stadium**, it is just a two-minute walk to a local football match. During time at the hotel, guests can enjoy freshly revamped public spaces, including a sleek lobby specially fashioned for Buriram United fans, so get your camera ready for this fan-centric photo opportunity. The outdoor pool allows guests to beat the heat in style or maintain their fitness, all while being surrounded by greenery. **Kick Off Restaurant and Bar** serves tasty Thai and international dishes, as well as refreshing drinks to get the conversation flowing.

All 60 guest rooms and suites are equipped with well-thought-out amenities and pay homage to the country's leading football team through murals and other design elements. Additionally, those staying in BRIC Box rooms overlooking **Chang International Circuit** can witness races, from MotoGP and SuperGT to other major racing events, from the comfort of their rooms, a privilege rarely found elsewhere. The FIT Centre allows guests to maintain their fitness routine with modern gym equipment. For those working remotely, find a quiet corner, connect to the free WiFi, and rest assured you can get everything done right here—including enjoying proper rest and refreshments afterwards. ■



Prego is now open in Buriram

In addition to Kick Off Restaurant and Bar, ONYX's widely praised Prego is now open at Amari Buriram United. Rooted in the time-honoured family recipes of Chef Marco Boscaini, this dining venue offers Italian flavours that are full of character and heart, accompanied by an extensive list of fine Italian and French wines. Don't miss Prego's famous risotto and wood-fired pizzas. Now, head out on your adventures knowing you can re-energise anytime with flavourful dishes made from high-quality ingredients—now brought to sports fans in Buriram for the first time.



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IT STARTS WITH A SMILE

Marco Piras shares why families unpack, relax, and let the good vibes take over at OZO Phuket

Story: Sue Rattanamahattana
Photography: Sirawitch Teepapal

Marco Piras smiles before he finishes his sentences. It's the smile of someone who truly understands hospitality. A father, a husband, and a hospitality professional, Marco travels the world with his wife Cristiana and their six-year-old son, Francesco.

The family comes from Olbia, a seaside town in northeastern Sardinia, right at the gateway to Italy's famous Costa Smeralda—the Emerald Coast—a name that feels just as fitting in Thailand, where Phuket shines with its own kind of emerald beauty.

"We travel a lot," Marco says. "Europe, the United States, the Caribbean, Asia. But this was one of the first times my whole family was already looking forward to coming back. We rebooked immediately."

What made the difference wasn't just the modern design of **OZO Phuket**, though Marco noticed that straight away. "The building is amazing. It's modern," he says. "But it's the atmosphere. The team. The smiles."

From the very beginning, it was clear. "We felt completely at home. I think Italians and Thais share some-

thing in common—maybe it's the smiles."

Traveling as a family—especially with a young child—changes everything. Little Francesco has faced health challenges over the years, and Marco and Cristiana are careful when choosing where to stay. Safety, support, and responsiveness matter deeply. At OZO Phuket, they found exactly that.

"Last year we had an issue, and it was fabulously managed by the team," Marco recalls. This year, when help was needed again, the response was immediate. "I counted on my phone—in 12 minutes, the doctor was here. Sometimes in my country, even an ambulance doesn't arrive that fast."

That reassurance allowed the family to relax and truly enjoy the holiday. OZO Phuket feels thoughtfully designed around real family life. "The environment, the way the building is laid out, the pool toys for the kids—you have everything you need," Marco says. With family-friendly spaces, a safe

and welcoming atmosphere, and easy access to beach days, boat trips, or simply slowing down together, everything falls naturally into place.

"And when you come back to OZO," he adds, "everything outside disappears. It's magic."

As a CEO and hospitality operator himself, Marco knows that true service can't be forced or programmed. "Genuine warmth isn't something you can fake," he says. "You either have it inside you, or you don't." What impressed him most was the consistency. "From the top manager to every staff member—everybody is smiling. It doesn't matter what task they are doing."

For Marco, that's the heart of OZO. It's not about formality or luxury. It's about ease, warmth, and energy. A place where families feel safe, kids feel free, and parents can finally switch off.

Or, as Marco's experience perfectly sums it up: you unpack fast, relax easily, and let the good vibes take over. ■



▲ Erwandi Rahman (Wandi)

Nursyamin Amanina ▲
Bt Syabrani Leong (Nina)



WANDI & NINA BEHIND THE AMARI KUALA LUMPUR EXPERIENCE

Story: Sue Rattanamahattana
Photography: Nabil Izhar Johar

At **Amari Kuala Lumpur**, refined hospitality is expressed through precision, care, and the people who deliver it every day. Two of those individuals are Erwandi Rahman (Wandi), Food & Beverage Team Leader, and Nursyamin Amanina Bt Syabrani Leong (Nina), Amari Host—both guided by the belief that guests remember not just what they experience, but how those experiences are delivered.

For Erwandi Rahman, hospitality has always been a calling. Trained initially as a chef and once stationed at a demanding wok station, he moved to front-of-house service more than 15 years ago because, as he shares, “I like to connect with the guests. I like to talk to them, share stories, and meet people from different countries.”

Today, as a Food & Beverage Team Leader, Wandi’s responsibilities extend well beyond daily operations. He leads service on the floor, ensuring standards are met through meticulous

preparation—from mise en place and polished glassware to music, ambience, and guest flow.

Reflecting on his journey, he says, “Hospitality is challenging, but it’s deeply rewarding.” Language barriers, cultural nuances, and unexpected requests require calm professionalism, something he encourages in his team: never assume—ask, observe, and respond thoughtfully.

His attentiveness is evident in small yet meaningful gestures: adapting cocktail recipes for allergies, offering warm water with refreshing lime to guests who feel unwell, or noticing personal habits such as a guest’s preferred hand for cutlery. As Wandi puts it, “Guests don’t just remember the room or the food—they remember how we made them feel!”

At the forefront of the guest journey is Nursyamin Amanina Bt Syabrani Leong, known as Nina, who has spent nearly three years as an Amari Host.

Her role centres on recognising, anticipating, and refining the experience of VIPs, return guests, and those celebrating special moments. “Hospitality is not just service—it’s about making people feel happy and understood,” she explains.

From remembering pillow preferences and favourite teas to arranging personalised welcome amenities or discreet birthday surprises, Nina works closely with teams across the hotel to ensure every detail aligns seamlessly.

Her pride comes from recognition that lasts beyond checkout: “When returning guests ask for me by name, it shows they truly appreciate the effort.”

Together, Wandi and Nina exemplify Amari Kuala Lumpur’s approach to hospitality—elegant, attentive, and thoughtfully delivered, with every detail designed to leave a lasting impression. ■



A PLACE THEY RETURN TO

David and Johanna Hall at Oriental Residence Bangkok

Story: Sue Rattanamahattana
Photography: Poonsawat Sudtama

For David and Johanna Hall, coming to Thailand is no longer about novelty. It is about return. Each year, they leave behind the long grey winters of London and come back to a place that feels deeply familiar: **Oriental Residence Bangkok.**

Their relationship with the residence began more than a decade ago, when the building itself was still unfinished. “The very first time we saw Oriental Residence Bangkok was just after Christmas in 2011,” David recalls. “The building was not actually finished.” At the time, David was relocating from New York to Bangkok for his work with an American oil company. With the help of a relocation agent, the couple chose Oriental Residence Bangkok as their initial temporary accommodation. “When we saw the room here, we just fell in love with it,” Johanna says.

“I nearly drove the relocation people mad looking for long term accommodation,” Johanna says with a smile. “I think we probably looked at about 50 other properties.” But the decision to remain at Oriental Residence Bangkok was easily made in the end.

They moved in at the beginning of February 2012, initially staying on the lower floors while construction continued above them. Later, they were offered a residence higher up. “We had room 2001,” David says. “Overlooking gardens—fantastic... actually, on three sides.” With generous space, light-filled interiors, and sweeping green views, it was a home that felt both refined and restful.

What surrounds Oriental Residence Bangkok remains one of its most

remarkable qualities. Nestled within the lush greenery of the embassy district on Wireless Road, the building is enveloped by mature trees on three sides—an unusual luxury in the heart of the city.

David reflects “This morning I was looking out and thinking that we are so lucky to have this outlook over a canopy of trees. It’s unique. Nobody else has it on this road.”

Location has always mattered to the Halls. In the early years, David’s office was at CentralWorld, one of Bangkok’s largest commercial and shopping districts, just over a kilometre from Oriental Residence Bangkok, making the commute easy. Today, they value the freedom of being able to move effortlessly through the city. “It’s between Sukhumvit and the Chao Phraya River,” David says. “From here we can easily get anywhere we want to go.”

Although they left Bangkok in 2014 when David’s assignment ended, the connection never faded. “Since retiring we’ve always come back to Thailand and stayed at Oriental Residence Bangkok,” Johanna says. Usually, they spend around three months a year here—sometimes longer. “The first year we stayed for six months,” she notes. “It’s a long winter in England.”

Their days follow a gentle rhythm. Johanna begins her mornings swimming. “I go swimming before I do anything else,” she says. She spends time playing Mahjong with friends, visiting the Jewelry Trade Center, and enjoying the creative freedom of having clothes made in Bangkok. David uses the

gym, plays golf with former Thai colleagues, and keeps active in his own way. They also travel frequently, as Bangkok is ideally placed for trips to many nearby countries and Oriental Residence Bangkok is well situated for both Bangkok airports.

Together, they share a love of music and art. “We both continue to sing in the choir with the Bangkok Music Society,” David says, “and enjoy learning about Thai culture.” In the late afternoon, they like reading by the pool as the sun sets and sharing a drink.

But, what truly anchors them here is not the routine, but the people. “The staff are wonderful,” Johanna says. “Always smiling and helpful.” David agrees. “When we are here, we feel very well looked after. And we do feel it is genuine. Nothing is too much trouble.”

It is this sense of care—quiet, consistent, and sincere—that defines their experience. At Oriental Residence Bangkok, luxury is not expressed through extravagance, but through space, calm, thoughtful design, and service that feels personal rather than formal. “You can go out into all the chaos,” David says, “but you come back here and it’s immediately tranquil.”

For the Halls, Oriental Residence Bangkok is not just where they stay. It is where elegance meets ease, where privacy and warmth coexist, and where every detail is quietly anticipated. Service feels effortless—graceful, discreet, and almost invisible—creating a calm sanctuary they return to year after year, not as guests, but as residents who belong. ■



A STAY THAT FEELS GOOD—IN EVERY WAY

When you stay with ONYX Hospitality Group, your experience goes beyond comfort and warm service. It is also about supporting people, communities, and the planet through ONYX for Planet—the Group's commitment to responsible hospitality.

ONYX is proud to have achieved GSTC certification, a globally recognised standard for sustainable tourism set by the Global Sustainable

Tourism Council. This certification confirms that ONYX's environmental, social, and operational practices meet international benchmarks and are applied in meaningful ways.

Four pilot properties—**Amari Bangkok**, **Oriental Residence Bangkok**, **Amari Bangsaen**, and **Amari Don Muang Airport Bangkok**—have already been certified, helping lead sustainability efforts across the Group. Through its "30 by 30"

commitment, ONYX aims to certify at least 30 properties by 2030.

For guests, this means thoughtful design that saves energy and water, reduced plastic use, responsible dining, and environmentally friendly housekeeping practices—all without compromising comfort.

When you stay with ONYX, you become part of a more conscious way of travelling, where everyday choices help create a brighter future. ■



ONYX HOSPITALITY GROUP WINS "BEST PLACE TO WORK IN THAILAND 2025" CERTIFICATION

ONYX Hospitality Group has been awarded the "Best Place to Work in Thailand 2025" certification by the international Best Places to Work Programme, recognising its strong commitment to employee development and workplace excellence.

Operating brands such as Amari, OZO, Shama, and Oriental Residence across Southeast Asia, ONYX places people at the centre of its business strategy. The certification reflects high standards in employee

engagement, workplace experience, and human resource management.

A key contributor to this achievement is ONYX Academy, which offers structured learning, leadership development, and clear career pathways. These programmes have also received industry recognition at the Employee Experience Awards 2025.

ONYX also promotes a dynamic and inclusive culture that encourages creativity and collaboration, while

supporting well-being through the ONYX Cares programme.

As ONYX Hospitality Group approaches its 60th anniversary in 2026, the company is preparing a series of celebratory campaigns and exciting brand collaborations across its portfolio. These initiatives will highlight six decades of hospitality while reinforcing ONYX's commitment to innovation, people development, and continued growth across the region. ■



THE GUEST WHO SENDS GUESTS

How an airline station manager found a trusted partner in Amari Don Muang Airport Bangkok

Story: Sue Rattanamahattana
Photography: Poonsawat Sudtama

For most travellers, **Amari Don Muang Airport Bangkok** is simply a place to rest before or after a flight. For Nattharit Bhawangkaboonyanon, however, it is much more—a trusted partner in helping hundreds of passengers find comfort when their journeys do not go as planned.

As Thai Lion Air's Don Muang International Station Manager and Chairman of the Airline Operators Committee Don Muang (AOC DMK), he manages a fast-moving environment filled with tight schedules and unexpected changes. "I may not be the kind of guest who stays often," he says with a smile, "but Amari is where I send my passengers—and where I know they'll be well taken care of."

His connection with the hotel began years ago, while working in airline catering. At the time, he often needed to arrange food and special requests at short notice. "Once, a passenger wanted a cake to surprise his wife on board," he recalls. "I remembered there was a café at Amari, so I crossed the skywalk to buy a nice cake for him. It was so convenient."

Later, Amari became meaningful on a personal level. When his father and younger brother visited from another province, they stayed at the hotel. "My brother is usually restless in hotels," he says. "But here, he was calm and comfortable. My father was happy too. That meant a lot to me."

In his work, reliability is essential. "When a flight is delayed, you may have 180 tired passengers who need rooms immediately," he explains. "With Amari, we can walk them across the sky bridge—no stress, no complications." Even late at night, the hotel team responds quickly, helping him manage difficult situations smoothly.

That trust makes a real difference. "When passengers arrive upset, everything can escalate," he says. "But once they reach Amari, the atmosphere changes. They're welcomed warmly, and things feel under control again."

Beyond convenience, the hotel offers peace of mind. "When I send passengers here, I don't worry about complaints," he says. "Most people know Amari and prefer it." As a coordinator between airlines and the hotel, he also shares important updates. "If Amari needed to close for renovation, I spread the word so other airlines knew not to send passengers. It was teamwork."

For Nattharit, Amari Don Muang Airport Bangkok represents trust built over time. "Whenever I send my passengers here, I know they'll be well cared for," he says. "That confidence means everything." ■



Amari Don Muang Airport Bangkok

A leading airport hotel designed for travellers who value comfort, convenience, and peace of mind. Located just steps from Don Mueang International Airport and connected by a covered skywalk, it offers seamless access for early departures, late arrivals, and unexpected stopovers. Guests can relax in spacious rooms, enjoy welcoming dining venues, and unwind at leisure facilities such as the swimming pool.

Following its recent major renovation of both guest rooms and public areas, the hotel now presents a refreshed, modern setting that enhances every stay — making it an ideal airport hotel for smooth, stress-free travel.

Explore more: www.amari.com/donmuang



FIFTEEN YEARS OF FAMILIAR FACES: WHY THE BEVERIDGES KEEP RETURNING TO AMARI BANGKOK

Story: Sue Rattanamahattana
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When Janette and Brian Beveridge walk through **Amari Bangkok's** Club Siraa, they do so with the easy confidence of long-time guests returning to a place they know well. They exchange warm smiles with the staff, nod at familiar corners, and slip seamlessly into a rhythm shaped by fifteen years of visits. Five times a year, often for two weeks at a stretch, the couple travel all the way from Edinburgh to stay in the same place.

For a pair who could choose from the world's most exclusive hotels, the question is obvious: why Amari Bangkok?

The Spark That Started It

Their journey with Amari began with a personal connection. Having stayed at the Dusit Thani for years, they followed a trusted hotel director to Amari. "Dusit Thani was fabulous," Janette recalls. "But when the people we knew left, it just wasn't the same."

At Amari, it wasn't marble lobbies or grand gestures that won them over—it was people. "The staff are always wonderful. We've never met a bad one. Always helpful, always welcoming." That bond of trust, built guest by guest, became the foundation for a relationship that outlasted even the most polished luxury brands.

Location, Location, Location

If warmth and welcome first drew them in, convenience sealed the deal. "The location is really good," Janette explains. "I like to shop, and from here you can walk everywhere—Pratunam, CentralWorld, Siam, MBK. You don't need taxis or tuk tuks."

Over the years, the couple have become seasoned wanderers, weaving Bangkok's streets into their personal map of memories. "Even after 25 years of visiting, I still find new things," Janette says. For her, Amari's prime location isn't just about being central—it's about the ease of stepping out and discovering the city at her own pace.

Honest Conversations

What makes their loyalty all the more compelling is Janette's candour. Having worked for an airline for two decades, she knows what world-class service should look like. She praises the spotless rooms, the attentiveness of favourite housekeepers like Khun Noi,

and the thoughtful trainee staff.

At the same time, she doesn't shy away from pointing out areas that could be better. For her, being honest is part of what makes the relationship with Amari genuine. "I'm very into customer service," Janette says. "I know what's simple to do, and sometimes it's difficult here. But still—we always come back."

Her feedback is not rejection, but proof of investment. After all, you only critique what you truly care about.

A Place Without "Favourite Memories"

When asked about their favourite memory of Amari Bangkok, Janette pauses. "I can't think of anything obvious," she admits. "Because every stay is the same—it's always good."

Far from being a dismissal, this consistency is the secret. After fifteen years and hundreds of nights, the absence of a standout moment means there has never been a disappointment sharp enough to overshadow the whole. Instead, there has been a steady rhythm of comfort, trust, and belonging.

Looking Ahead

For the Beveridges, Amari Bangkok is more than a hotel—it is a fixture in their lives. So much so that they booked a room here for their daughter and son-in-law's tenth anniversary celebration, and the couple did come in early 2026 and thoroughly enjoyed their time at the hotel.

Fifteen years of loyalty, constructive criticism included, tells a story no advertisement ever could: when people who could stay anywhere in the world choose Amari Bangkok, time after time, it says something powerful about what makes this place special. ■



Amari Bangkok

Amari Bangkok blends modern comfort with the warmth and creativity of contemporary Thai hospitality. Located in the heart of the city near major shopping and business districts, the hotel offers spacious rooms, diverse dining options, and excellent facilities for both leisure and business travellers. With flexible meeting and event spaces supported by professional service teams, it is also an ideal venue for conferences and celebrations. Inspired by local culture, Amari Bangkok delivers heartfelt service and a welcoming stay that feels distinctly Thai and effortlessly modern.

Explore more: www.amari.com/bangkok

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THE GRACE OF GROWING FROM THE GROUND UP

Story: Sue Rattanamahattana
Photography: Poonsawat Sudtama



There is something immediately comforting about Dennis Chong. He smiles easily, listens with care, and carries himself with a quiet grace that makes people feel at ease. Today, he serves as General Manager of **Shama Lakeview Asoke Bangkok**—one of the people behind the scenes shaping how guests experience “feeling at home.” But his story in hospitality began right at the front door.

“I started as a doorman,” Dennis says, without hesitation. It was part of an apprenticeship program at a five-star hotel in Kuala Lumpur, where learning meant being present every day—opening doors, greeting arrivals, and watching tired travelers soften the moment they felt welcomed. Those early days taught him something that never left: how powerful a simple, genuine welcome can be.

That grounding still guides him today. Dennis believes the best guest experiences are built from understanding real moments—the ones that happen on the ground. “You need to know what’s really happening,” he says, “to take care of people properly.” For guests, that translates into service that feels intuitive, thoughtful, and unforced.

Over the years, Dennis’s career took him well beyond the front door. From concierge and sales to senior commercial and operational leadership roles, he worked across some of the region’s most respected hospitality brands, gaining experience in both hotels and serviced residences. Each chapter added a deeper understanding of what guests truly value—and what teams need in order to deliver it consistently.

Dennis doesn’t believe hospitality should feel scripted. Having spent much of his career in five-star establishments, he understands the difference between polished service and genuine connection. “Communication isn’t about star

ratings,” he explains. “It’s about being natural.” Guests may forget the words, but they always remember how they were made to feel—relaxed, understood, and cared for.

That belief sits at the heart of the Shama brand. Shama isn’t about show or formality. It’s about comfort, ease, and living well. “The hardware is what it is,” Dennis says. “The staff are what make the difference.” It’s the smiles in the lobby, the quiet attentiveness, and the feeling that someone is genuinely looking out for you.

One lesson that shaped Dennis came early in his career—and from a guest. While he was working hard to resolve a small mix-up, the guest smiled and said kindly, “Young man, guests are not always right, but they are always important.” Dennis never forgot it. To him, it means listening first, responding with empathy, and finding solutions that leave everyone feeling respected. He believes that thoughtful service recovery often builds deeper trust than a flawless stay ever could.

Beyond operations, Dennis is passionate about developing people—because well-cared-for teams care better for guests. He believes that when staff feel supported and trusted, that warmth naturally flows outward.

Outside of work, Dennis is a devoted family man and a father of two young boys. Family shapes how he defines luxury: time together, a sense of safety, and peace of mind. It’s a perspective many guests quietly share—and one that Shama reflects every day.

After more than three decades in hospitality, Dennis Chong still walks the property, still checks in with his team, still smiles with sincerity.

And while guests may never see every decision he makes, they feel the result—in the calm, comfort, and genuine care that turn their Shama stay into something memorable. ■



Shama At The Heart of It All

Shama is thoughtfully designed for people who value space, ease, and a genuine sense of belonging wherever they travel. With properties in strategic neighbourhoods across Thailand, China, Hong Kong, and Malaysia, Shama places guests close to local life while offering the comfort and consistency of a place that feels like home. From spacious living and thoughtful amenities to friendly, intuitive service, Shama creates stays that are relaxed, reassuring, and effortlessly liveable—whether for a few nights or much longer.

Explore more:
www.shama.com

ONYX Hospitality Group

A Tailored Approach to Hospitality

Headquartered in Bangkok with a regional office in Hong Kong, ONYX Hospitality Group is a leading hospitality management company in the Asia-Pacific region with over 60 years of industry experience. The Group manages a diverse portfolio across Thailand, Malaysia, Laos, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, China, and Hong Kong, delivering tailored hospitality solutions through its core brands — Amari, Shama, OZO, and Oriental Residence. In addition, ONYX operates a selection of spa and dining brands, including maai spa, Breeze spa, Prego, Nila, ChomSindh, Café Claire, and La Gritta.

Combining international service standards with strong local insight, ONYX continues to strengthen its position as a forward-thinking leader in the region's evolving tourism industry.



Meet the Brands

Amari

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Visit: amari.com

Shama

Shama Hotels & Serviced Apartments is designed for effortless everyday living. Located in vibrant neighbourhoods and city centres across Thailand, China, Hong Kong, and Malaysia, Shama blends home-style comfort with thoughtful amenities and friendly service, making it ideal for both short and extended stays.

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OZO

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Oriental Residence

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WHAT'S NEW, WHAT'S NEXT

Designed to Elevate Every Stay

ONYX Hospitality Group continues to grow with a focus on enhancing the guest experience—introducing new places to stay, new reasons to dine and more ways to relax. In 2026, ONYX celebrates its **60th anniversary**, marking six decades of trusted hospitality. Recognised as one of the **Best Places to Work** in Asia-Pacific, ONYX's people-first culture translates into warm, thoughtful service, while a Regional Hotel Group Excellence Award reflects strong partnerships that bring diverse international travellers to ONYX destinations.

A New Way to Stay in Bangkok

ONYX Hospitality Group has signed a management agreement for **Shama Hub Ladprao**, marking the next chapter in the continued expansion of the Shama brand in Bangkok. The property will offer a flexible, well-connected option designed for modern urban living, supporting both short and extended stays in a vibrant city location. **Amari Don Muang Airport Bangkok** is also set to welcome guests again following a refreshed renovation, enhancing comfort and convenience for travellers.

New Reasons to Dine, Relax and Celebrate

Prego Buriram

Prego opens at **Amari Buriram United**, bringing authentic Italian comfort cooking to Buriram's most energetic address. Guests can enjoy handmade pastas, signature risottos and wood-fired pizzas, paired with Italian and French wines in a contemporary, sport-inspired setting. Amari Buriram United will also reopen following renovation, offering an upgraded stay experience alongside the new dining destination for all sport fans!

Celebrating 60 Years of ONYX

To mark its **60th anniversary**, ONYX introduces ONYX Dining, new signature spa treatments and special anniversary campaigns across the portfolio. Guests can look forward to exceptional value offers on stays, exciting brand collaborations and exclusive experiences designed to make every visit even more rewarding.

Prego Pattaya

Prego Pattaya debuts with a refreshed concept centred around the **Prego Pasta Lab & Bar**, where guests can watch fresh pasta being made daily, explore seasonal menus and enjoy a more interactive, lifestyle-driven Italian dining experience from day to night. ■





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