

The Journey, is just part of the Adventure

From Australia, getting almost anywhere, takes time. What better way to break up a 24 hour journey, than with a stopover of a day or few?

Each suggestion comes with a nod to where you might rest your head, satisfy your appetite, or something to see.



NO ROADS
EXPEDITIONS

I. Singapore, Singapore – “Passion Made Possible”

A dazzling mix of sleek skyscrapers and lush green spaces. From the iconic Marina Bay Sands and Gardens by the Bay to the vibrant streets of Chinatown or Little India. Don't forget it's incredible food scene!



- **Eat:** At one of the famous Hawkers Centres, such as the **Maxwell Food Centre** or **Lau Pa Sat**.



- **Stay:** Can you really go past the iconic **Marina Bay Sands** with its stunning infinity pool and panoramic views of the city skyline!?

<https://www.marinabaysands.com/>



- **On Route to:** Singapore often feels half way to everywhere! Perfect for a stop along the way to one of our trips in **Europe**, or recovering after hiking in **Nepal**!



- **See:** Does anyone go to Singapore without exploring the famous **Gardens by the Bay**?



2. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – “Garden City of Lights”

The iconic Petronas Twin Towers soar above the skyline, while lively street markets, colorful temples, lush parks and bustling neighborhoods, offer up delicious street food, from spicy satay to sweet roti.



- **Eat:** Asian life connects so fluidly with the streets, so bustling street food haven **Jalan Alor** is a must-visit for foodies.



- **Stay:** Industrial-chic design with modern comforts. **Hotel Stripes** has a rooftop pool and trendy vibe, perfect for something a bit different but still perfectly central.
<https://www.stripeskl.com/>



- **On Route to:** Another city well connected with Nepal, it's also a great stopover on the way to a Europe trip.



- **See:** Just out of the city sits the **Batu Caves**, but it's hard to go past the **Petronas Towers** at sunset!



3. Santiago, Chile – “The City of Contrasts”

Santiago, is a vibrant city nestled in a valley surrounded by the breathtaking Andes Mountains. The city pulses with culture, from its buzzing street art scene to its world-class museums and lively plazas.



- **Eat:** One of Chile's most acclaimed, **Boragó** offers an extraordinary fine-dining experience focused on diverse native ingredients. An unforgettable culinary journey, but at a price!



- **Stay:** **Hotel Cumbres Lastarria**, a stylish boutique hotel in the heart of the vibrant Lastarria. A rooftop pool and bar offer stunning views of the city and the Andes.
<https://www.cumbreslastarria.com/>



- **On Route to:** Santiago is the key gateway to South America, be your destination **Peru**, **Ecuador** (for Galapagos), or **Chile** itself!



- **See:** A cable car from the **Parque Metropolitano** affords amazing city views, however a truly moving experience is the **Museo de la Memoria y los Derechos Humanos** (Memory and Human Rights).



4. Hong Kong, China – “Asia’s World City”

A dazzling fusion of old & new, where neon lights and huge skyscrapers fill the skyline, & bustling streets pulse with energy 24/7. A vibrant mix of east & west, innovation, & tradition makes it a city like no other.



- **Eat:** The “world’s cheapest Michelin-starred restaurant”, **Tim Ho Wan** serves incredible dim sum. Expect to queue!



- **Stay:** Stylish and intimate, **The Fleming** blends modern luxury with a nod to the city’s colonial past. A more boutique experience with a fantastic restaurant.

<https://thefleming.com/en/>



- **On Route to:** A perfect stopover on route to **Europe**. you can also find your way to **Nepal** (or even **Japan**).



- **See:** For breathtaking views of the city & harbour, head to **Victoria Peak**, riding the historic Peak Tram to the top.



5. Anywhere in, Mauritius– “Another World!”

A vibrant tropical paradise, where lush green mountains meet crystal-clear turquoise waters, it’s a cultural melting pot, a blend of Indian, African, European, and Chinese influences seen in its people & delicious cuisine.



- **Eat:** Set in the Labourdonnais Estate, **La Table du Château** offers a refined dining experience with a mix of French and Mauritian cuisine. Out of town, but something else!



- **Stay:** At the foot of the majestic Le Morne Brabant Mountain, **LUX Le Morne** offers a luxurious and tranquil stay. Perfect for those who want the beach, service & nature!

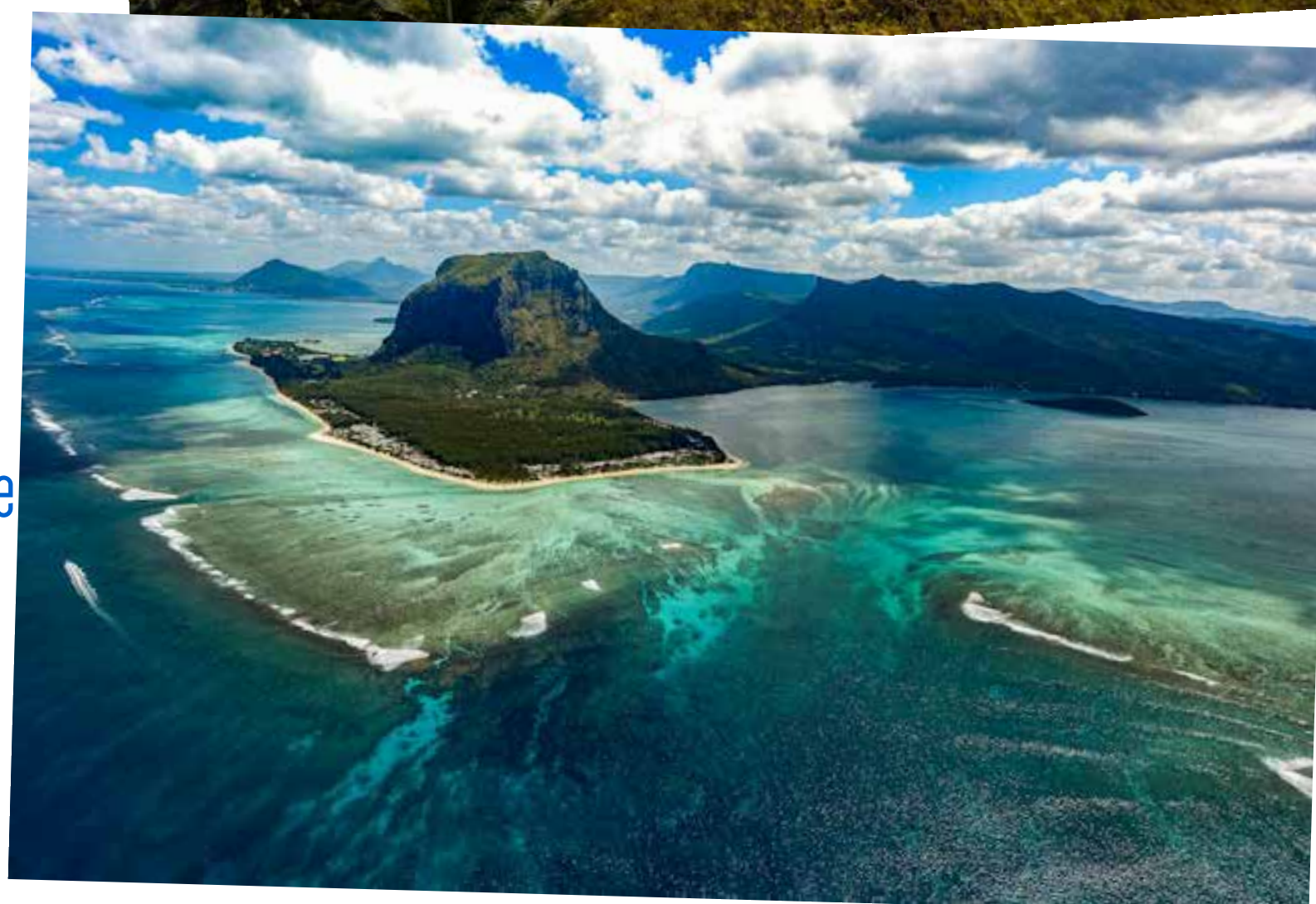
<https://www.luxresorts.com/en/mauritius/hotel/luxlemorne>



- **On Route to:** It’s the perfect stopover on the way to hike **La Réunion** island, less than an hour away by air!



- **See:** If you’re staying at the LUX (see above) you can’t miss it. If you’re staying elsewhere, then it’s a worth a side trip to see the UNESCO listed Le Morne Brabant Mountain!



6. Bangkok, Thailand – “City of Angels”

Bangkok pulses with energy—glittering temples, chaotic street markets, fragrant food stalls, neon lights, and vibrant nightlife. A captivating mix of rich history, modern style, and endless adventure at every corner!



- **Eat:** **Jay Fai** is an iconic spot, famous for its Michelin-starred Thai street food. Try the signature drunken noodles!



- **Stay:** A charming, boutique atmosphere in a traditional Thai house and lush garden is **Ariyasom Villa**. Perfect for those seeking a more intimate and tranquil stay.

<https://www.ariyasom.com/>



- **On Route to:** Another that fits in perfectly with a **Nepal** or **Europe** trip, as well as **La Réunion**!



- **See:** You can't visit Bangkok and not visit the **Grand Palace** or the iconic **Wat Pho** (& its 46m reclining Buddha)!



7. Istanbul, Turkey – “Where Continents Meet”

A dazzling fusion of East and West—majestic mosques, bustling bazaars, rich history, vibrant street food, and stunning views of the Bosphorus. A city where cultures, continents, and centuries beautifully collide.



- **Eat:** The legendary **Dürümzade**, famous for its Adana Kebab (perfectly seasoned minced lamb, grilled to perfection) served in a warm dürüm (wrap).



- **Stay:** In Sultanahmet, Hotel Amira is a cozy, boutique hotel. Perfectly located for exploring Istanbul's top landmarks, like the Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque.

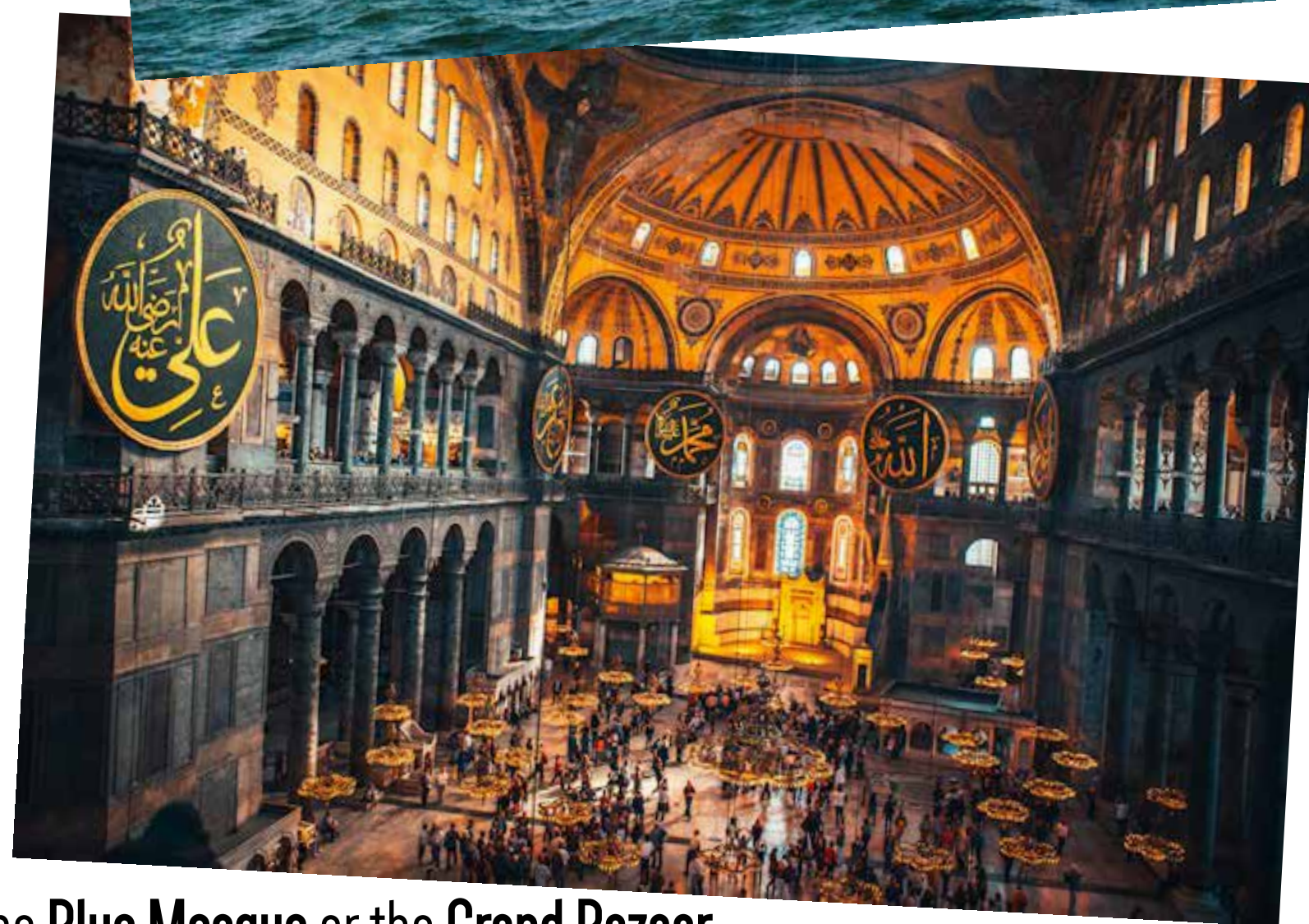
<https://www.hotelamira.com/>



- **On Route to:** With Turkish Airlines now flying direct to Australia, it makes a great stopover en route to **Europe**!



- **See:** Packed with sights such as the **Topkapi Palace**, the **Blue Mosque** or the **Grand Bazaar**, our favourites are the stunning **Hagia Sophia** & the **Basilica Cistern**!



8. Dubai, UAE – “The Best of Everything”

Dubai is a dazzling desert oasis, where futuristic skyscrapers meet traditional souks, luxury malls, and golden beaches. It’s a vibrant fusion of innovation, culture, and opulence in the heart of the UAE.



- **Eat:** For authentic Emirati cuisine, **Al Fanar** offers dishes like machboos, hummus, & grilled meats.



- **Stay:** **Al Seef Heritage Hotel** blends modern comfort with a traditional Arabian feel. For those who want to experience its history while being close to its vibrant culture. <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/dxbasqq-al-seef-heritage->



- **On Route to:** Dubai makes a great break on journeys to **Morocco, Europe, Tanzania** or even **La Réunion**.



- **See:** At 828m tall & the worlds tallest building, it’s hard to miss the **Burj Khalifa!**



9. Denpasar, Indonesia – “Bali, The Island of the Gods”

Bali is a tropical paradise, where emerald rice terraces meet stunning beaches, vibrant temples, and lush jungles. It’s a harmonious blend of spirituality, adventure, and breathtaking natural beauty.



- **Eat:** Known for serving some of the best babi guling (suckling pig) in Bali, **Ibu Oka** in Ubud is a must. The savory, tender pork served with rice and spices is a local favorite.



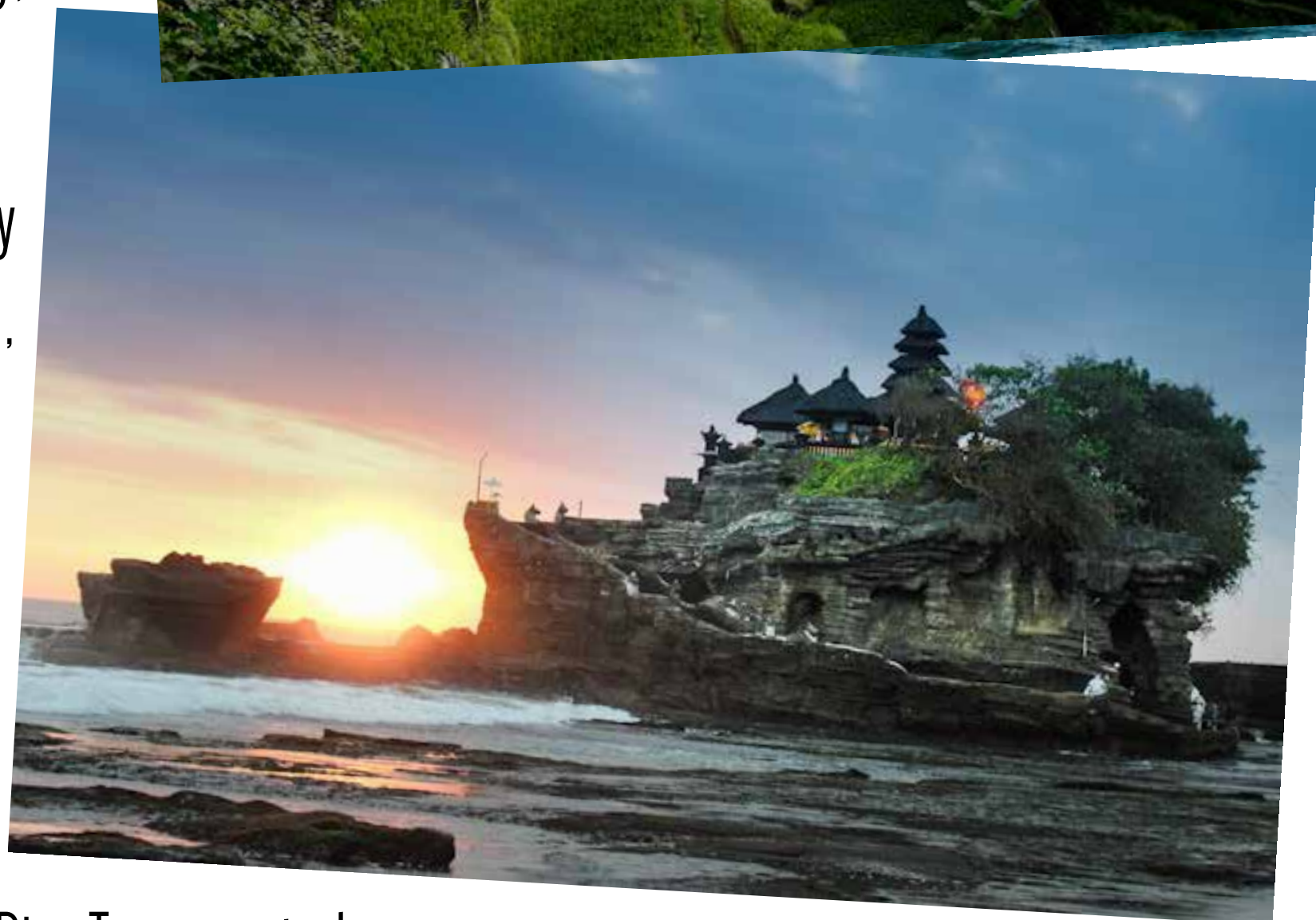
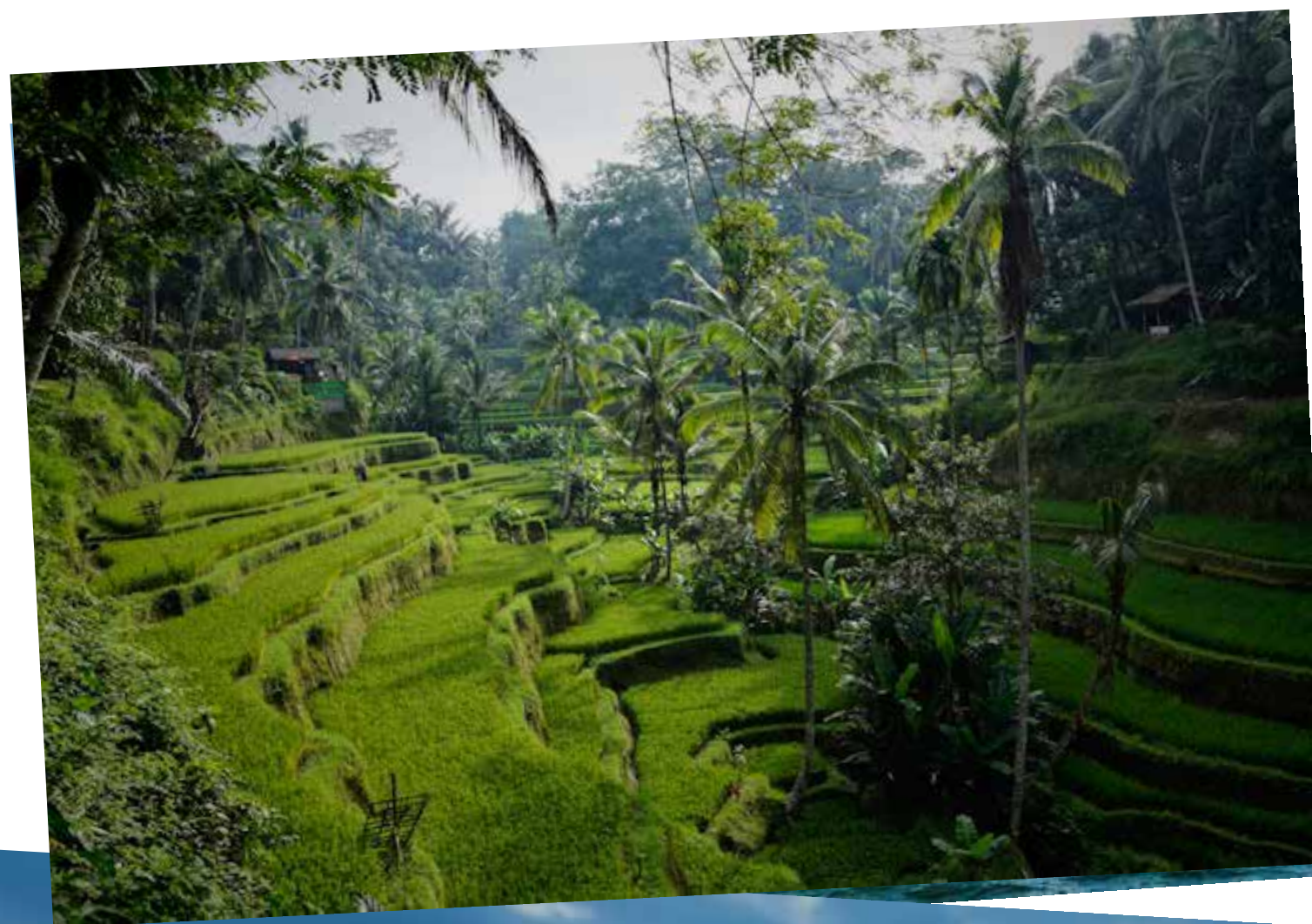
- **Stay:** An exquisite boutique property that seamlessly blends traditional Balinese charm with European elegance, is the **Balquisse**. <https://www.balquisse.com/>



- **On Route to:** The perfect staging point to tackle the **Komodo Islands** or **Orangutans** (also in Indonesia)!



- **See:** The UNESCO World Heritage listed **Tegallalang Rice Terraces**, truly are a sight to behold! Emerald green rice paddies & breathtaking views make the trip to Ubud a must!



10. Doha, Qatar – “Where Tradition Meets Innovation”

Doha dazzles with its futuristic skyline, vibrant souks, and rich Arabian culture. A blend of luxury, tradition, and innovation, it's a city where modernity meets history along the sparkling Persian Gulf.



- **Eat:** Inside the Museum of Islamic Art, **IDAM** offers fine dining with views of the Doha skyline & the Arabian Gulf.



- **Stay:** Formerly the Ministry of the Interior, replete with 1970's era brutalist architecture, **The Ned** Doha is now a refined option offering a rooftop bar with panoramic views. <https://www.thened.com/doha/>



- **On Route to:** Up & coming Doha, is a great stopover option on the way to **Tanzania**, **Europe** or **Morocco**.



- **See:** An architectural masterpiece, **Museum of Islamic Art (MIA)** houses a stunning collection of Islamic art from across the globe, showcasing centuries of cultural heritage.



11. Brisbane, Australia – “Australia’s New World City”

Brisbane is a vibrant city where the sun meets stunning riverside views. With a laid-back charm, dynamic art scenes, bustling markets, and trendy bars, it's a perfect blend of urban and nature.



- **Eat:** Showcasing modern Australian cuisine with Indigenous ingredients, **Margaret's** gives diners a unique taste of native Australian flavors.



- **Stay:** Situated in the New Farm area, **Spicers Balfour Hotel** is a restored early 1900s Queenslander that blends contemporary luxury with classic elegance. <https://spicersretreats.com/retreats/spicers-balfour-hotel/>



- **On Route to:** This one is for people flying to **Papua New Guinea** to hike the famous Kokoda Track.



- **See:** One of Brisbane's most iconic landmarks, the **Story Bridge** offers 360-degree views of the city and the river.

