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## THE HILLS ARE ALIVE

Step back in time
to the mountainous,
windswept islands of Batanes
in northern Philippines

Shanghai's latest design inspiration is Imperial China

Secret Hong Kong islands for repeat visitors

Travel essays by America's new generation of Filipina authors

Singapore

# Bedtime story collection

The Lion City's newest neighborhood-centric hotels are all about celebrating local histories with a touch of luxury

HOTELS



#### The Great Madras

Located in a backpackers' row in Little India, there's nothing shabby about The Great Madras. If anything, the three-floor hotel's off-white walls and neon signage have the feeling of mystery lurking in every corner. The Great Madras takes inspiration from Wes Anderson's hit thriller, The Grand Budapest Hotel, with 35 rooms that come with pastel green and millennial pink walls. Guests can get their hair cut at the hotel's barber. Or they can lounge by the pool, accessible via a pink circular arch. thegreatmadras.com

#### **Andaz Singapore**

The Hyatt's latest development occupies the 25th to 39th floors of a skyscraper in Bugis, which, prior to the 1950s, was known as one of Singapore's most illustrious areas, named after a seafaring people of Sulawesi. Traders and merchants of different backgrounds passed through Bugis, and the Andaz reinterprets this history with shiny lacquered-wood floors and elongated lightwood panels. The most stunning feature, however, is the rooftop bar, Mr Stork, which boasts private teepee huts with soft cushions. singapore.andaz.hyatt.com

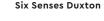


### CHILD'S PLAY

Art is not just for grown-ups. Kicking off on June 9 at the National Gallery Singapore is the Children's Festival: **Small Big Dreamers** 2018, a threemonth-long festival introducing little ones to the wonderful world of experiential art. Expect there to be obstacle courses galore, and interactive exhibitions by the Japan-based teamLab, known for their funky digital glow-in-the-dark installations that fill up entire rooms, and Filipino artist Mark Justiniani's giant-sized, futuristic rooms that utilize mirrors and lights. nationalgallery.sg

#### **Ann Siang House**

The idea of a food-centric hotel was a long time in the making for real estate developer Ashish Manchharam who grew up in the Malay enclave of Kampong Glam, surrounded by double-story, rainbow-colored shophouses that housed cafés. The dream materialized in the form of a 20-room boutique hotel in Singapore's ultimate foodie and bar-hopping destination, Chinatown. Ann Siang House's restaurants and F&B popups dish out deliciousness, from pizza to Peranakan fare. annsianghouse.com



Nestled in a row of refurbished shophouses in Tanjong Pagar, the Six Senses Duxton reflects its surroundings – an eclectic district which once sat at the crossroads of Singapore's Chinese, Malay and Indian communities. The black-lacquered, gold-accented hotel occupies eight former shophouses. Minimal changes were made to the interior, which houses 49 non-identical rooms furnished with period pieces such as Chinese porcelain friezes and Malay timberwork. sixsenses.com/hotels/duxton/destination

