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Huizhou Palm Island Resort

Fancy a short break that will suit you to a tee? This two-day/one-night break at Palm Island Resort in Huizhou, close to Guangzhou, could be just the ticket. Enjoy round-trip coach service between Hong Kong and Palm Island Resort any day of the week, with pick-up and drop-off from either Pier No.3 in Central or Kowloon Station. The break is priced at \$730 per person for non-golfers (based on two sharing), while golfers can enjoy 18-holes, including green fee, golf cart, locker, and caddy for \$1,370 per person. Apart from golf, you can also take advantage of the resort's spa facilities, their indoor and outdoor pools, and yoga classes. Consider trying out their paintball war game site as well, which is China's first licensed paintball venue. Offer ends December 30. Call 3151 8888 or visit www.swiretravel.com.



Bangkok 1910

Thai bespoke tour specialists Smiling Albino are offering a three-night/four-day tour that revels in the nostalgic charm of Old Siam, with departure dates from October 1. The package begins along the banks of Bangkok's Chao Phraya River with a visit to the fresh produce market, a walking tour of the city's canal system and Chinatown, and drinks overlooking Wat Arun. Two nights are included at the Mandarin Oriental, which boasts an original building dating back 100 years and decor inspired by past guests including Somerset Maugham and Joseph Conrad. Then you'll be whisked away for a night in



One&Only Le Saint Géran, Mauritius

Epicureans are invited to feast their senses as superstar chef Alain Ducasse makes a rare visit to his first Spoon outside of Paris on the tropical paradise of Mauritius from December 6-8. Joining head chef Romain Meder at the One&Only's Spoon des Iles, Ducasse will be preparing ten dishes that highlight ten years from his luminous career, with wines to match. Ducasses's guest spot culminates with a gala dinner showcasing local flavours with dishes like Mauritian palm heart ceviche and Lapsang Souchong soup. Surrounding this visit, the One&Only is offering a '10 Years, 10 Dishes, 10 Wines' package at €200 (HK\$2,200) per person. It includes a private cooking lesson with Romain Meder (including lunch with glass of wine, recipes, cooking hat, and apron) dinner at Spoon des Iles (excluding drinks), a Spoon de Iles lunch box, and a signed Spoon cookbook. Room rates start from €694 (HK\$10,700) for a Junior Suite, from €1,275 (HK\$14,200) for an Ocean Suite, and from €4,565 (HK\$50,700) for a Villa. The dining package is valid from November 20–December 20. See www.oneandonlyresorts.com.

a Thai Villa at the Amphawa Resort and Spa on the outskirts of the city, to enjoy the rural charms of a bygone era, including clam-digging at the Mangrove Forest Conservation Centre. The package is priced at US\$1,350 per person, including airport transfers, three nights' accommodation, a local SIM card, transport, selected meals and a 'Nostalgia Kit', packed with maps, and vintage postcards and newspaper clippings. Call (+66) 2718 9561, or see www.smilingalbino.com.

Check-in Park Hotel Clarke Quay



Location

Just minutes away from one of Singapore's most famous dining and nightlife hubs, the hotel is perfect for night owls. Its proximity to Clarke Quay also means great views over the Singapore River.

First impressions

The Park's design harks back to Singapore's colonial history, with red-tiled spires, cast-iron accents, and other Victoriana features. But overall the boutique hotel boasts a hip and current design, complete with all mod cons.

Accommodation

Three-hundred and thirty-six rooms and suites are spread over ten storeys. The top two floors are dedicated to Club rooms, with high-speed internet access and the best views in the house.

Facilities

The hotel's signature eatery is Brizio, an all-day venue serving both Western and Asian cuisine, with a focus on seafood. There's also a gym, a sizeable outdoor pool overlooking the Clare Quay waterfront, and a spa set in the gardens.

The verdict

The Park Hotel pays tribute to Singapore's past and present, with its colonial features and ready access to Clarke Quay's happening scene. And while poised on the front door of the hustle and bustle, it also offers a sanctuary for recuperation. **Alethea Dean**
From now until December 31, book a Superior room at the Park Hotel from S\$168 (HK\$910) per night, including buffet breakfast, river taxi round trip, free broadband access for three hours, and late check out till 3pm. See www.parkhotelgroup.com/phcq or call +65 6593 8888.



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