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VICKI WILLIAMS investigates a
new fleet of floating hotels

Vicki Williams 體驗新興的水上酒店

ALL THE LUXURY and amenities of a five-star hotel, with the added benefit of breathtaking new vistas each day: welcome to the era of the floating hotel. Also called 'floatels' or 'boatels', these are not cruise ships with thousands of passengers but stunning vessels that only accommodate a small number of guests.

五星級酒店的奢華格調和配套設施，加上煙波浩渺的醉人美景，造就了水上酒店興起的新時代。別號「飄浮酒店」或「船屋酒店」的水上酒店，絕非載客量數以千計的郵輪，而是每次只接待少數客人的迷人輕舟。

GUNTŪ, JAPAN

Combine a luxury yacht with a *ryokan* (traditional Japanese inn) and you have Guntū, a gorgeous floating hotel that navigates the serene, island-dotted waters of southwest Japan's Seto Inland Sea. Award-winning architect Yasushi Horibe celebrates an understated Japanese design aesthetic with plenty of natural timber, large windows and clean lines. Each of the 19 wood-paneled suites comes with its own terrace, while some feature outdoor baths. For those without, there are two communal onsen-style baths on the second deck with large windows to enjoy the view. The priority here is relaxation and letting any stresses of life simply drift away, a vibe that is heightened with a traditional massage or sauna session in the onsite spa. Head to the sushi bar or Japanese restaurant whenever you like and the onboard chef will whip up a gourmet feast according to your personal preferences. Off-boat excursions include exploring local life around the Setouchi archipelago, from observing fisherman to attending seasonal festivals. End the day with a chilled glass of champagne from the third floor deck as the sun sets. guntu.jp

日本GUNTŪ

Guntū 是豪華遊艇和日式傳統旅館的完美結合。這間飄流酒店穿梭於日本西南面的瀨戶內海，讓住客欣賞小島星羅棋布的恬靜景致。得獎建築師堀部安嗣運用大量的天然原木、明亮大窗和利落線條，向含蓄簡約的日本設計美學致敬。19間以木條牆裝潢的套房設有獨立陽台，部分更附設戶外浴池。而其他套房的住客可前往第二層船艙的兩個公共浴池，憑借大窗戶眺望海天一色。酒店的首要宗旨是讓住客享受輕鬆悠閒的時光，驅走日常壓力。在船上水療中心享受傳統按摩和桑拿，可達到身心舒泰的最高境界。你亦可隨時光顧壽司吧或日式餐廳，船上的主廚會按你的喜好精心炮製一桌豐富盛宴。酒店亦有舉辦環島遊，讓客人體驗各個小島的風土人情，節目包括觀看島上漁民作業和參加節日慶典等。日落西山下，在三樓甲板上呷一杯冰鎮香檳，為完美的一天作結。guntu.jp





AQUA MEKONG, CAMBODIA/VIETNAM

With award-winning architecture by Noor Design, gourmet cuisine courtesy of consultant chef David Thompson (the talent behind Nahm in Bangkok and Aaharn in Hong Kong), a bar menu from hipster cocktail designers Proof & Co, and a 1:1 staff to guest ratio, Aqua Mekong is not your average riverboat. Guests can enjoy the passing scenery of the Mekong river from the air-conditioned comfort of the indoor lounge and bar, the pool deck or the sun deck (which doubles as an outdoor cinema), while each of the 20 suites feature full length windows and eight also have balconies. Also on offer are personalised onshore excursions to historic temples and cultural landmarks, hop into double kayaks to navigate the waterways, or explore the riverside bike paths winding through small villages and picturesque rice fields. There is also a private screening room, library and games room, spa, gym, and onboard boutique selling locally made items. aqualexpeditions.com

柬埔寨/越南AQUA MEKONG

Noor Design的得獎建築，由顧問廚師David Thompson（主理曼谷的Nahm和香港的Aaharn的烹飪奇才）打點的佳餚；當時得令的Proof & Co調酒師精心設計的雞尾酒，以及一對一專人服務，上述優點令Aqua Mekong成為非一般的內河船。如欲欣賞湄公河美景，住客可選擇在舒適的空調室內客廳和酒吧，或走上泳池甲板和可關作戶外電影院的日光浴甲板，或20間套房的落地大窗旁，又或其中八間套房的獨立陽台，把美景盡收眼底。酒店更為住客度身設計岸上觀光行程，客人可參觀古老廟宇和文化地標，或躍上雙木舟水上遊，或者沿河邊的單車徑暢遊小村落和如詩似畫的稻田。此外，船上亦設有私人影院、圖書館和遊戲室、水療中心、健身室和售賣當地工藝品的精品店以供消遣。aqualexpeditions.com

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RIVERDREAM BOATEL, AUSTRALIA (RIGHT)

For a waterborne Australian experience, cruise the legendary Murray river onboard Riverdream Boatel. The swanky houseboat features five state rooms with outdoor access and large windows, but the Sky Lounge is the ultimate place to take in the scenery, with its two-storey wraparound windows. At night guests are enveloped by a canopy of stars, while nature also impresses at sunset, with vivid colours ranging from a pinky orange through to shades of purple depending on the season. Onshore excursions include lunch and wine tasting in the Barossa Valley, hot air ballooning, kayaking, fishing, bushwalking and paddleboarding. A personal chef is on hand to take care of all dining needs, while guests can also opt to create their own gourmet feast in the well-appointed kitchen or throw the day's catch on the country's favourite cooking instrument: the barbie. dreamboatel.com.au

澳洲RIVERDREAM BOATEL (右圖)

想來一趟澳洲水上假期？就讓Riverdream Boatel船屋酒店帶你漫遊壯麗的墨累河吧。這間時尚的船屋共有五間設大窗的開揚艙房，並連接戶外空間。如想投入絕色美景之中，則要到被兩層高落地大窗環抱的Sky Lounge，體驗大自然氣象萬千的懾人魅力。夕陽西下，季節的交替為雲彩染上粉橙至紫紅的色彩；夜幕高掛，住客又可以沐浴在星海之下。酒店為住客安排了連串登岸短遊活動，包括在巴羅莎谷享用午餐和品酒、乘坐熱氣球、獨木舟、釣魚、森林遠足和立式槳板活動。船上的專屬主廚會為住客悉心打點全日的餐膳，住客亦可在設備齊全的廚房內親自下廚，或者利用澳洲人最喜愛的煮食用具：燒烤架，即席炮製當天的漁獲。dreamboatel.com.au



PRANA BY ATZARÓ, INDONESIA (LEFT)

Unleash your inner explorer onboard the stunning Prana by Atzaró, the world's largest *phinisi* (a traditional Indonesian two- or three-masted sailing vessel). Prana, measuring 55 metres, is two-masted and built of ironwood and teak according to traditional methods. This is where tradition ends though, with everything else heralding boutique five star standards, including its nine design-driven suites and four decks. For the ultimate experience, opt for the gorgeous upper deck Batavia master suite with wraparound windows and terrace affording stunning views from every angle. In addition to sailing remote pristine waters, there is diving, snorkelling, yoga, fishing and visits to deserted islands. More strenuous options include paddleboarding, kayaking, water-skiing and wakeboarding. To relax, sip on sundowners in the air-conditioned lounge or go for a facial in the Oasis Spa, followed by an evening of fine dining, fine wines and a movie under the stars. The bespoke seasonal itineraries include sailings to Komodo, the Banda Islands and Raja Ampat. pranabyatzaro.com

印尼PRANA BY ATZARÓ (左圖)

登上令人歎為觀止的帆船酒店Prana by Atzaró，一嘗當探險家的滋味。Prana是全球最大的印尼傳統菲尼斯帆船（一般為雙桅或三桅），全長達55米，造船匠採用了傳統造船方式利用鐵木和柚木建造而成。它雖擁有最傳統的外觀，但內裡活脫脫是一家五星級精品酒店，九間套房和四層船艙皆流露設計匠心。想享受極致體驗，你可以選擇位於上層船艙的Batavia主人套房。套房四面環窗，附設偌大陽台，可飽覽環迴美景。你不單可以在船上暢遊四野無人的水域，更可參加潛水、浮潛、瑜伽、釣魚和遊覽荒島等活動。若你想在旅程中揮灑更多汗水，還有立式槳板、獨木舟和滑水等活動。你亦大可在船上享受懶洋洋的時光，例如在空調客廳淺嚐雞尾酒，或者於Oasis Spa水療中心享用面部護理。入夜後，跟其他住客一起品嚐美酒佳餚，於繁星下欣賞一齣電影，誠一大快事。酒店的季節航線包括前往科莫多島、班達群島或四王群島。pranabyatzaro.com