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FOR CITY-HOPPERS: PARIS

Fall in love with Paris all over again with an indulgent stay at the newly opened Peninsula hotel. Mere minutes away from the Arc de Triomphe and Champs Elysees, the Peninsula Paris resides at 19 Avenue Kleber in the 16th arrondissement. The building itself boasts a rich history as one of Paris' most illustrious hotels, dating back to 1908. Designer Henry Leung of Chhada Siembieda Leung worked hard to preserve this heritage, restoring the facade and interiors with the help of specialists. The Peninsula houses 200 expansive rooms including 34 suites and five private rooftop gardens that offer spectacular 360-degree views of Paris. Six outlets allow you to sample a variety of sumptuous cuisine – the Lobby, La Terrasse Kleber, L'Oiseau Blanc rooftop restaurant, Le Bar, Le Lounge Kleber and Chinese restaurant LiLi.

See www.peninsula.com/paris.

FOR AN EXHILARATING CRUISE: AQUA MEKONG

Drift down the Mekong river through Cambodia and Vietnam on board the Aqua Mekong, Aqua Expedition's third luxury vessel. Fitted by Noor Design, the boat boasts 20 suites with floor-to-ceiling windows, an observation deck with woven cane planter chairs, an outdoor lounge adjacent to a sparkling plunge pool, as well as a spa and fitness centre, library and screening room. Acclaimed chef David Thompson prepares a divine menu bursting with Southeast Asian flavours and the freshest ingredients available. Sip a cocktail created by the award-winning Proof & Company as you watch the scenery float by. The Aqua Mekong offers three-, four- and seven-night itineraries, beginning in Siem Riep, with daily excursions on shore.

Aqua Mekong will launch in October, see www.aquaexpeditions.com.



WISH YOU WERE THERE . . . with Mei Mei Song

corporate communications chief of Plaza Premium Lounge Management

Visited... My closest girlfriends and I did a road trip in Sri Lanka – looking back it was quite ambitious as we covered half of the island in six days, including Kandy, Aditya and Galle with other sightseeing along the way.

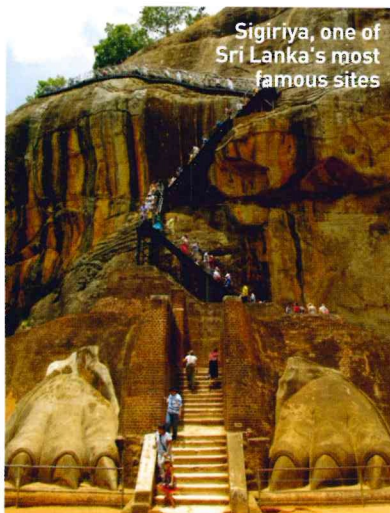
Stayed at... I enjoyed Heritance Kandalama (www.heritancehotels.com), designed by Geoffrey Bawa, but the most impressive hotel was Mas Villa (www.masvilla.com) in the Kandy highlands. We arrived at night along a narrow pitch-black road, but waking up among the tea plantations and rice paddies was amazing.

Did... As any tourist would, we visited the Sigiriya, which gave us an insight into Sri Lanka's rich cultural history. Stilt fishing was my favourite; a beautiful spectacle that allows you to connect with the local fishermen.

Ate... The best two meals I had were in Galle: lunch at the Galle Fort hotel (www.galleforhotel.com) and dinner at the Amangalla (www.amanresorts.com). Dining in the former reminded me of the movie *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*.

Three must-have travel items... Ila rose balm, which I discovered when choosing products for our Wellness Spa at the Plaza Premium Lounge in Heathrow Terminal 2; a range of teas as I buy tea everywhere I go, and Diptyque room spray as it helps a hotel room feel like home!

Came home feeling... Enriched both in terms of culture and quality time with friends.



TRAVELLING RIGHT: RIMOWA LIMBO CREME WHITE SUITCASE

We can't get enough of Rimowa's ridged hard-shell suitcases. The latest is the limited edition Limbo in a sophisticated shade of cream. Polycarbonate reinforced with an aluminium frame makes it mighty sturdy but also light, while the signature multiwheel system allows for easy movement even if you over pack!

See www.rimowa.com.