



### The Great Outdoors

In this, our First Anniversary edition, we bring you big skies, vast expanses of sand, pleasing stretches of flora and spiritually-infused high-altitude kingdoms.

We trek the daunting passes of the Indian Himalaya, chart a Belgian cyclist's arduous ride from Brussels to Bangkok, climb Tanzania's Kilimanjaro on a teambuilding jaunt, and try to blend in at a Yi wedding in Yunnan's secluded, 'green dragon'-defined territory. Pausing for breath in Kyoto, for Japan's springtime cherry blossom festival, we then explore further afield, in Brazil, at the edge-of-the world vacation spot, Jericoacoara.

And, to welcome our new distribution channels around the Middle-East, we present a special outward-bound section profiling this increasingly visitor-friendly region. In Oman, we four-wheel drive through the high 'jebels' and on through the longitudinal dunes and flaming sands of the Wahibi Sands Desert. In Jordan, a camel is the vehicle of choice to wander the Wadi Rum. But first, we capture the Dubai dialectic: a dazzling, seven-star hotel-filled oasis surrounded by arid desert plains and flanked by the Indian Ocean.

Closer to home, Thailand's wine, National Park and golfing hub, Khao Yai is an evocative background for our fashion pages. And, the country's jungle-clad, sparsely developed southern isle of Koh Chang proves to be a great destination to motor around. We also profile some of the frivolous outdoor pursuits to be enjoyed around and about some of the region's city hubs: in Singapore, Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur.

Finally, we profile a selection of hot outdoor-style resorts, spas and eco lodges in West Bali, Kenya, the Dubai desert and central Thailand.

Don't wait until the climate changes; head out, and stay out, with [lifestyle + travel](#).

Safe journey,

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