



## Six incredible hotels plonked in the middle of famous tourist attractions in Asia

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Across Asia, icons fulfill our fantasies of the destination. Rice paddies. Imperial citadels. Moats. Indigenous dance. The upturned eaves of massive but graceful roofs. The jungle. A beach that served as backdrop to a hit TV drama.



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Mekong River, Laos  
The Mighty Mekong

There's isn't much electricity here, or any mobile phone coverage. Forget about WiFi, or cable television, or air conditioning, which is all rather the point, anyway. From verandas that apron each of these hybrid safari-tent and thatched-sala lodges, there is a view of the mighty Mekong, and the verdurous, jungled slopes across the river. Contemplation is what the experience is all about — contemplation of the sluggish, coffee-colored flow of the world's 7th longest river and the natural cacophony of the jungle environs, 35 kilometers upstream from Luang Prabang. Here, there's little visual difference between what you see today and the days of the great French exploring expeditions of the 1860s when Francis Garnier and company journeyed past these banks, traveling toward the source of the Mekong, or when Henri Mouhot, the re-discoverer of Angkor, traipsed these jungles as a naturalist. Of course, if contemplation alone isn't all that enticing, there's a spa sala perched on the edge of the river. Ah, Asia.