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Tower Club at lebua
lebua at State Tower
When we were given an opportunity by the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) to visit Bangkok, we obviously jumped at it (who wouldn’t?) and packed our bags to explore this magical and vibrant city. Here are some of the main highlights of our trip.

First and foremost, how to get there! Emirates takes you from Bahrain to Bangkok via Dubai, in about seven and a half hours. Flying on the Airbus 380 was not just pleasant, but pretty exciting, especially the in-flight entertainment system (which we couldn’t get enough of). We somehow forced ourselves to fall asleep, so we could be fresh as daisies, for the schedule was packed for the next few days, from massages to Thailand Happiness Festival, sightseeing and experiencing Thai culture at its best.

TOWER CLUB AT LEBUA
Located on the corner of Charoen Krung and Silom roads, Tower Club at Lebua is Bangkok’s finest 5-star executive all-suite and all-club hotel, at the heart of Bangkok’s business and shopping areas, with nightlife at an arm’s reach. Each of its spacious suites offer breathtaking views of Bangkok and the Chao Phraya River. Each of the hotel’s 221 spacious suites (from 51st to 56th floors) have a warm and contemporary décor, accented by hardwood floors and honey beige and light brown furnishings adding that touch of luxury. The ultra-comfy beds come with Frette mattresses, 330 thread count linens, down feather pillows, and all the amenities for an
AMAZING THAILAND

THAILAND WAS RECENTLY VOTED THE TOP WISH-LIST DESTINATION IN SOUTH EAST ASIA. FACT'S APPLE SHARMA WENT ON A JOURNEY TO EXPLORE BANGKOK AND EXPERIENCE FIRSTHAND WHAT MAKES THIS CITY TRULY AMAZING!

unforgettable stay. We were pampered at the Tower Club Lounge on the 52nd floor, with a sumptuous atmosphere and unlimited privileges. The Dome (on the 66th floor) at Lebua comprises excellent restaurants and bars, offering an exquisitc selection of cuisines from Mediterranean to innovative European and modern Asian. The celebrated Sky Bar (of The Hangover II fame) stole the show, with its inspirational cocktails, including the hangover, which was invented for the cast and crew of the film! 

Visit www.lebua.com for more information.

SAMPRAN RIVERSIDE

Sampran Riverside is an award winning eco-cultural destination close to Bangkok (about two hours). Since 1962, its philosophy and activities are based on traditional Thai way of life of the Sampran District. The facilities include a 4-star riverside hotel, Thai houses, spa, restaurants, meeting rooms, Thai Village, Organic Farm and a weekend farmer’s market. We experienced various cultural activities at the unique Thai Village, with morning art and craft workshops and afternoon cultural shows. The 4-star riverside hotel has superior rooms, family rooms and suites, each with its own balcony and equipped with modern amenities. The traditional Thai houses by the lake are one, two and four bedrooms, all with modern facilities and services. The 10-acre Organic Farm is certified byIFOAM and EU standards, with vegetables, fruits and herbs grown for the hotel and restaurants. Sampran Riverside also caters to tailor-made events, green meetings, team building, weddings and special occasions.

Visit www.sampranriverside.com for more information.
Together with other media in the UAE and the region, we have been invited by the Tourism Authority of Thailand to experience The Kingdom of Thailand from a different angle. The beaten tracks of Bangkok, Phuket and Samui are well-documented and its busy markets, dollar-a massage right on the beaches and amazing bar with that associated love life are explored by so many that they become, dare I say, tedious.

The Tourism Board of Thailand has put together a Fam Trip that covered Middle East and Asia, bringing together 90 media representatives from each of their 20 regional offices, to taste, feel and live the amazing land of Sam where much yet to be discovered.

TOURIST IN THAILAND

The western world discovered Thailand for the purpose of tourism mainly in the second half of last century. As soon as Europe was back on its financial feet after the devastating war times of its first half, coupled with modernisation, boom of air travel and travel in general, Thailand fell into prominence as a chosen destination. It was hardly surprising because of the weather, exotic food, abundance of variety in everything, all made it into the marvellous stories of travelled lands as the cotted set in around Atlantic shores months later after summer. Then hippies followed flower-powering over to the rich land and relatively unexplored locations where many settled down. Thailand welcomed them all and over the years and has been welcoming many back again. The main holiday spots are very well-known to the world and a typical traveler would have not only visited this country on his travel bucket list, he would have its name written down a few times as it is impossible to experience its true beauty in one trip.

But what is it that makes people return? What magic does the land, the climate, or the food have that made travelers realize, after a week or so into their trip, that they have not explored enough and barely touched the richness of its offerings? How is it possible that after six days, four flights, a few-hour trek, five shopping trips, countless meals and massages, as I reflected on the trip, I am humble admitting that I have merely opened the door, but haven’t fully stepped into Thailand’s wonders? There is too much to learn and too little time to do so. That is one secret, the other one? It starts with the people, of course. Thai people are one of the simplest, happiest and most non-commercial nation you will encounter. Perhaps it is because they have never experienced sanctions under another’s rule. Perhaps it is because they are land people, in abundance of natural resources, one does not need to push its power over others, or envy a neighbour. Whatever it is, it works. Everyone you meet, you can engage into a conversation. Thai people welcome visitors with open arms; however, be courteous and respectful, observe others’ behavior, learn a few phrases - it will get you a long way. A word on bargaining, “Made in Thailand” products are already dirt cheap, so don’t be the oblivious tourist, pay your price and start haggling when you consider buying over four of the same or similar item. That works and anything more you end up looking cheap yourself.

BANGKOK, CHIANG MAI AND OFF THE WOODS

We only had one night in Bangkok. After a quick check-in at the ubiquitous Lebua City. Toward Silom Road, we explored its roof top bar The Dome, famous for being the location of filming Hangover II while getting at the panarama of the city. It is amazing, seeing the busy streets filled with people, and so many of them. Bangkok is roughly three times bigger in square kilometres than Dubai. Relatively flat and spreading over your horizon, river floating through, humid, overcast, sticky, wonderful and full of life. One night market shopping spree later, we hopped on a plane the next day heading out to our real destination, Chiang Mai province, and the true purpose of our trip which is the Royal Project excursion and the experience of community-based tourism right in the rich lands of northern Thailand. Chiang Mai is the gateway to the northern part of the country. Our arrival was met with unusual hot afternoon that is rare during rainy season in this part of the country. However, we received our share of brief thunderstorm lasting well into the night. Asian traditions culture is ever-present; stalls with various brick trails...
are spilling on every street corner, selling mostly fabrics of any shape and kind, souvenirs, surprisingly handy weapons usable in your regular street fight, natural products such as soaps, massage oils and anything Muai Thai related. Thus are very proud of their sport and sports clubs offer round-the-clock training for anyone who is up for it.

We were welcomed into our program with a reception and explanation of what the community-based tourism is all about. In brief, we were about to experience traditional ways of life deep in the forests of Chiang Mai. This was not going to be a sightseeing tour from a luxurious vehicle. This was a serious program 20 years in making, joining 65 communities aimed at providing better life to the locals as well as initiative to bring tourists face-to-face and hand-to-hand with the real local life, away from Pattaya’s fun city. Most of us have not heard of the possibility to stay a night with a local family, brew coffee in rust outdoor makeshift kitchen or tend rice fields and we couldn’t wait to get on the way. Early morning, we boarded a bus and headed out of the city on a route to the Doi Inthanon National Park.

As soon as we left the city, absolute greenery enveloped us all the way for the next two hours. We passed villages, fields of vegetables, and the further we drove, the more we learned about the land from our guides. His Majesty the King of Thailand has been and continues to be a true king to his country and the people through the constant involvement in every aspect of the nation’s life. Building on his forefathers’ political achievements, Thailand is a proud land that has not been under another’s rule throughout the modern history. Sacrifices and current affords aside, it has enjoyed a relative peace since becoming Thailand (free land) from the great kingdom of Siam. And it is here to stay.

Our one stop before the Royal Project kick-off was at the highest peak situated right in the Doi Inthanon Park at 2,556 meters, we were geographically at the foothills of the Himalayas. Exploring this sanctuary of Mother Nature, the rare species of flora and fauna share this stunning scenery, tumbling waterfalls and dramatic landscapes. Just as we arrived, we were greeted by a drizzle and an occasional rain on our scenic trail through the rhododendrons, wild orchids, mosses and lichens. The mist was pouring down from the clouds impaled on the peaks around us, adding to the mystery and almost sacred enchantment of this ensemble of nature. Then there are the elephant statues marking the entrance to the trail, as well as a memorial shrine built in 1915 and rebuilt in 1986, where the ashes of Inthanon, the seventh ruling prince of Chiang Mai, are laid.

THE ROYAL PROJECT

Departing from the quick-trip adventure, we arrived shortly at the Royal Project main station for lunch before heading out on a half-hour inspection of the Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon, which is His Majesty the King’s personal project for eliminating opium growing. Established in 1979, the station serves as a research centre for a wide variety of temperate vegetables and fruits, including the promotion of the highland sheries, in order to develop the livelihood of the hill tribe farmers. It also serves as a centre to disseminate knowledge and innovation derived from the research of the sustainable hill farming to the other regions. The agricultural research area in the station includes seven villages that the station is responsible for, the hill tribes of Hmong and Karen.

Prior to 1979, the highlands of Thailand were a very different place to what they have become today. Farmers, uneducated and with limited resources, have taken up opium as the main crop of choice and in the process. Again through little knowledge, they proceeded to burn forests to make room for more farmland, unfortunately finding out not a great fertile land and destroying the nature while at it. This was a huge problem because the produce is illegal, export was easily facilitated through natural border with Laos and Cambodia and the slow but steady diminishing of Thailand’s forests. His Majesty set up and financed this project to enforce knowledge, strengthen the sustainable agricultural industry and increase the standard of life for hill tribes. It took 10 years for the first crops of decent value to be packaged and ever since then, the royal seal can be seen on such products on the shelves of local supermarkets. The station’s research compound comprises of numerous sections divided by the nature of the subject. We were first shown the fruits and vegetables section along with the animal reservation and research compounds. Imagine green-house-like rows of salad leaves, capsicum, tomatoes and others neatly planted on soil matted, table top high, to facilitate close observation, sample study and scientific monitoring. This is the nature’s lab with human assistance and the professors we met all explained enthusiastically about their “majors” on this project. Ever since its establishment, the knowledge was observed and trial-and-error tested, rather than read from a book and applied to guarantee results. Notice boards with useful hints and how-to instructions were practical by the manuals for the workers here, further demonstrating the fact that knowledge is hard earned for everyone involved in this oasis of bearing. It was like Mother Nature giving constant birth to beautiful eddy offerings with full staff of doctors acting as parents embracing this miracle.

Atlantic stargazing, nowhere near their natural habitats, swam right at our feet in made ponds, more of them in close observation, tasks serving for breeding and feeding. Besides the obvious purpose, some animals were here for preservation in avoidance of extinction, such as certain species of frogs and turtles. All of this was nested in the natural surroundings of the Doi Inthanon National Park, a true natural project. As we passed through the various fresh produce farms, we got to
sample various fruits and picked our salad ingredients for a cooking class scheduled for later that day.

Besides the edible elements on display, we had a peak at the cultivation station of the beautiful roses and orchids among others. Thailand is the world’s second largest fresh cut flowers exporter in the world, beaten only by Holland. At the recent Arabian Travel Market, all of the flowers for Thailand’s display were flown in from here, each individual flower preserved with its own water capsule to reach Dubai at its freshest possible. We learned how to rate roses by the height and length of the stem and the ones called Extra, with over 70 cm stem length, travel daily to the royal palace to His Majesty the King. Such is the love and respect for its leader.

Overwhelmed and tired from the trip of the day, we walked through a masterpiece of botanical landscaping leading to the main building of the station. Fountains with curious swans, picturesque seating arrangements along the walkway and scenic lookout spots led the way to our overnight accommodation that was a pleasant surprise with its traditional arrangements and modern technology – WiFi, finally!

We managed to chop up a pretty decent Thai-style salad under the instructions and demonstration of resident Thai Chef while we were busy cooking a traditional Thai curry to our tummies much enjoyment. As the day bid farewell, all I remember was the constant buzz of cicadas and the freshest air I breathed in a long time before it knuckled me out into the next morning.

COMMUNITY-BASED TOURISM
Bright and early the next day, we made preparations to trail to the Mae Klang Luang village along National Trail. As it was pretty much raining from the moment we set foot out of Chang Mai, we were given rudely looking high over-socks as guards against possible leeches which made some scream in horror of that possibility actually happening. Such city boys and girls we were! Nevertheless, we suited up like the Avengers and set out for a hike. The forest was humid and fresh, easy trail to start off with flowers along the way and mushrooms just popping out from everywhere. Our hike started easy enough, and as we were nearing water fall by the sound of it, the slightly difficult sections on our way were lined up by bamboo rails and makeshift wooden stairs in the rich moat soil. A short walk and out of the trail trees, a curtain of fresh cool water spilling from the top of the mountain greeted us, the Pha Doi Siew Waterfall. The power of nature was very present throughout our hours-long trial, and our path mirrored that of the cascading river. Here and there we stopped and waited for each other, offering helping hand where needed as the wet conditions were proving tricky for some with flip flops and slippery trainers. The occasional drizzle was very enjoyable as we passed through decades-old tall trees disturbed only by a plenty of clearings overlooking the scenic rice paddies stretching in front of our eyes.

Four hours later, we had reached our destination on the morning – the Mae Klang Luang village. It is a picturesque place surrounded by spectacular rice terraces often used in film sets. Although clearly with elements of modern world (WiFi again), the village is very much kept to itself. Its people originate from Burma whose ancestors settled here around 200 years ago. They are farmers and often wear traditional attire handmade from scratch all around this region, in bright red colours. Short and sturdy because of their work tending fields, they were very friendly and let us, the tourists, take photos and peek into their daily lives.

We also got the chance to explore a traditional Hill tribe home where home stay is provided for. All houses stand on tall pillars. It is so that farm animals such as chicken and pigs along with dogs have a place under the house, as well as a kitchen and extended storage space being available. Above the pillars stands the actual house and that’s all it is – no store room, no halls, no bed frames – one room serves as the main living room area and another one is laid out with mattresses which serves as sleeping quarters.

Tourists who chose home stay live with the family and work during the day in the fields, or doing chores such as preparing food, coffee, and perhaps joining in crafts and clothes making as per experience. Overall, we were reminded of the humble life and passing of it in this sleepy gem of traditions.

Short drive away we were shown an upgraded version for the eco tourist – Phrom Phong’s pink house. Overlooking the serene rice fields, this was a modern version of the rural homestay with slightly more comfortable living quarters, pretty finishes on the basic stone and cemented house with terrace and hammock-equipped patio. I fell asleep for a short while right there, awoken by someone pointing at the fattest, yellowest bananas I have ever seen, staring on the nates next to me. Such is life here.

As afternoon set in, we departed from Phrom Phong village and headed back to town to prepare to leave the next day. A much-needed massage at the fabulous Oasis Spa awaited us. Upon our arrival to Chiang Mai before we boarded a plane back to Bangkok and eventually to Dubai.

SUMMARY
Disconnected from the modern world, our short while in nature is the real island Thailand experience, where in you realize you don’t really need a bigger car, or the fifth pair of shoes, or another coffee morning in some café on Jomtien road. All you need is to reset your brain right here for a week and you’ll come to discover a new you. Mind you, I may have become slightly addicted to the massages seemingly offered everywhere in the main cities of Bangkok and Chiang Mai but as I kept telling myself, I really, really deserved it!
Print Coverage
The Dome at lebua
THE LAND OF SMILES

People say Thailand offers it all to travellers in a neat, great-value package, whether you’re an independent budget backpacker wanting to explore off the beaten track, or a well-heeled tourist looking for an exclusive slice of paradise. From the food and spas, to the temples and culture, Thailand is a land steeped in fascinating Buddhist history, catapulted into the present through fast-paced economic growth that kicked off in the 1960s.

More than 30 million tourists arrive annually. The capital Bangkok offers glittering temples on the Chao Phraya River, with shopping for both bargains and top-range designer items luring the masses as well. Bangkok is famed for its majestic temples, bustling markets, glorious street foods, amazing shopping options and the many nocturnal pursuits. Aside from sights to see, Thailand’s world-renowned fiery cuisine is the perfect antidote to Thailand’s weather and is an attraction in its own right. Savour delicious street food that costs next-to-nothing or splurge on high-end royal cuisine - no matter what you spend, it is always difficult to find a bad authentic Thai meal.

THAILAND

A trip to Bangkok is not complete without two things. Firstly a stay in Lebua State Tower, which has the most breath-taking views of Bangkok and secondly a visit to Khao San Road the epicentre of Southeast Asia’s backpacking universe. Modern Khao San is a hub of somewhat crazed activity that reminds us of a scene at a free-flowing music festival, but with a lot of tuk tuks. Be sure to haggle the price or make sure the meter is on in a taxi. Khao San Road is home to dizzying neon lights, stalls selling everything from tie-dyed tank tops to fake Harvard masters degrees, tattoo parlours that make a mint from people coming from the rowdy bucket bars and the odd Thai granny who sighs at the hippies while reminiscing about when it was just a rice-selling community. Khao San Road is worth a stroll at least once in a lifetime.

The next must do is Chiang Mai in Northern Thailand. Here you can take an elephant trek, hike to see the long neck tribes, take a bamboo raft along the river or trek through the mist-shrouded mountains and all in one day. It is a safe bet that you would not regret taking a Thai cooking class so you can show off your new skills to friends on your return home.
EDITOR'S REVIEW

The most memorable part of Bangkok was our stay at the luxurious Lebua State Tower (Off The Hangover Part 2 fame). It can only be described as pure perfection after the long flights. The friendly staff members at the Tower Club were crisply dressed in white ties while serving us complimentary drinks. We were spoiled with a wonderful atmosphere and unlimited privileges that ensured a luxury stay.

While Lebua had plenty of delicious restaurants we dined in the enchanting Breeze with its sumptuous menu of authentic Asian cuisine by one of Thailand's most famous Chefs, Chef Sam Pang. Sam is renowned for his innovative cooking methods which infuse authentic Asian flavors with stunning artistic presentation.

Some of the exquisite dishes included Charcoal Grilled Snow Fish, Braised Wagyu Beef Ribs or for the more brave you could try Shank's Fin & Watercress-Spinach-Clear Soup. My favorite however was the trio of Pan-seared Hokkaido scallop, King crab roll - salmon roe – with a sweet & sour mango jus, served with a glazed tiger prawn with honey sauce, all accompanied by beautiful wines and Japanese sake.

The famous Sky Bar overlooking the city of Bangkok hosts the most breath-taking views from 63 stories high and is called by the New York Times the "most stunning rooftop bar you'll ever see". If you do not stay at Lebua then a visit to Sky Bar is a must. Reservations are made in advance but it is worth every moment you spend there. Be sure to drink a cocktail in their open bar, which overlooks the cityscape. You can watch the sunset and enjoy the slightly cooler temperatures as the sun goes down.

For the real Thai taste, look out for a cocktail which utilises Thai herbs such as lemongrass, kaffir lime leaf or galangal. Lebua's resident master mixologist Ron Ramos has shaken and stirred his way around the world, dedicating his career to the art of cocktail-making. He has just unveiled his series of Sense's Signature Cocktails for Sky Bar and pioneered an exclusive set of Ice Cocktails at Distil. All drinks are designed to surprise and delight every sense.

To book your stay at Lebua visit www.lebua.com and trust me you won't regret it.

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The group’s three properties in India – Devi Garh by lebua, Udaipur; lebua Resort, Jaipur; and lebua Lodge at Amer, Jaipur – are attracting a number of domestic and inbound luxury travellers.

**TT RUKKAN**

Bangkok-based lebua Hotels and Resorts is a growing international luxury brand that operates distinctive hotels. Spreading its wings in India, the group is operating three magnificent properties in India – Devi Garh by lebua, Udaipur/lebua Resort, Jaipur; and lebua Lodge at Amer, Jaipur.

Devi Garh by lebua, Udaipur is a heritage hotel, housed in an 18th-century Devi Garh palace in the village of Udaivilla. It was the regal residence of the rulers of Delwara principality from the middle of the 18th century until the mid-20th century. Devi Garh is a stunning fort palace that has been tastefully restored into a luxurious, sophisticated and elegantly romantic retreat. Nestled in the Aravalli Hills, 28 kilometers away from the city of Udaipur, this all-suite luxury resort assumes the look of new India with an emphasis on design and detail. The innards of the 18th-century fort palace of Delwara has been transformed into a modern contemporary mansion while conserving the ancient exterior.

The second property, lebua Resort, Jaipur is the bar and lounge that has been created from Lakha Prasad and her son Anupri, the pair who made their mark with Devigah, a former hilltop fort-palace near Udaipur. When Devigah opened in 2000, even refreshed traditionalists were surprised and delighted by the modern-nostalgic aesthetic conceived within its traditional onion-yellow walls.

Three villas grace an enclosed courtyard, each of 1900 sq. ft., with a private pool and Jacuzzi. The spacious interior is crafted with intricate Indian hand-wrought metal surfaces and inlaid work. The 68 suites at lebua Resort, Jaipur are combinations of textures, patterns, backlighting and color. Planned along crescent shaped terraces at varying heights, each suite is ensured a view of the Aravali mountains.

Lebua Lodge at Amer, Jaipur is another fine offering from the group. On the outskirts of Jaipur lies the historic Amber Fort. Follow its meandering path to discover a valley, transformed into a geometrical garden. The property comprises 40 bright-white palace terraces lined up in shifting proportions just beyond the smoking walls of the 18th-century Amber Fort.

40 luxury tents, each 1000 sq. ft, tend large bay windows with light-filling curvature and a high roof that accedes in a slope forming a canopy over the bed. A pavilion extends into a private outdoor garden, a space for interaction with nature.

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**Different Offerings**

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Nestled in the Aravali Hills, Devi Garh by Lebua is a stunning hill-top palace fort that has been transformed into a luxurious, sophisticated romantic retreat. This all-suite luxury hotel takes on the look of modern India with emphasis on design and detail, using local marbles and semi-precious stones. Nearby 14th century Jain temples in the village of Delwara are a must visit for any lover of history and culture. Besides these, a visit to the City Palace Museum, the carved temples of Ranakpur and the Kumbalgarh Fort, present a rich cultural history. Devi Garh offers an irresistible combination of the best of the old and new in India, waiting for you to explore.

- On-site private dining experience in heritage venue
- Guided tour of the historic palace
- Camel and horse rides
- ‘Authentic Excursions by Lebua’ menu of adventure and cultural activities
- Tour of surrounding village
- Spa treatment at La Terre Spa by L’Occitane
- Morning yoga session
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### 10 Restaurants in Rajasthan You’ll Love: Jaipur & Jodhpur

Jaipur, a landscape of desert, lakes and mountains, is steeped in India’s rich history, manifest in the region’s numerous temples, palaces and forts. Whether you find yourself in cities like Jodhpur and Udaipur, or somewhere more remote, hospitality is high on the agenda in Rajasthan. Updating our previous gourmet guide, we have selected 10 of the region’s best restaurants, so you can taste North West Indian culture for yourself.

#### Devi Garh - Udaipur

Situated in the beautiful hilltop village of Delwara in an exquisite 18th century palace, Devi Garh is a perfect romantic retreat from the city. Its somewhat theatrical setting features a breath-taking backdrop of mountains, the mellow sound of jal takri and alluvial, contemporary furnishings and intimate spaces with candles flickering in mirrored walls. The menu features an interesting aspect of Indian cuisine, which would not otherwise have been served in such surroundings. This is the famous ‘chaat’ or street food, which the Devi Garh chefs serve with a creative twist. The rest of the menu is based on Indian and International cuisine, and all dishes are prepared with the freshest ingredients.

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Live Like a King in the Heritage Hotels of India

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World class regal hospitality

The state of Rajasthan in India is most popular for such hotels and fittingly so, as the meaning of Rajasthan is ‘land of the kings” and had the most royal estates in pre-independence India. Rajasthan is home to some of the most famous and luxurious heritage hotels in India and the likes of Taj Lake Palace in Udaipur, the Taj Umaid Bhavan Palace in Jodhpur and Devigarh Lebua are ranked among some of the best hotels in the world. Besides being heritage hotels, these properties are run by some of the leading chain of hotels in India and the world like the Taj group and Oberoi and you can be sure of world class service and hospitality as well.

Das 5-Sterne-Setting des Tower Club at Lebua präsentiert sich nicht zuletzt durch seine unmittelbare Nähe zur Spitzengastronomie der thailändischen Metropole. The Dome bündelt einige der renommiertesten Restaurants und Bars hoch über den Dächern der Stadt. Es überrascht nicht, dass auch diese Einrichtungen mit ihren Auszeichnungen ganze Seiten füllen können.

Das spricht für eine 5-Sterne Residenz, die mit ihrer Nähe zum pulsierenden Großstadtdruck und geheztem Flair fürs Abendprogrammpunktiert. The Modern Gentleman ist für seine Leer vor Ort auf Tuchfühlung gegangen.

**5-Sterne Luxus in schwindelnder Höhe mit traumhaftem Blick über Bangkok**

Cheese Please

The Cellar at Lebua is destined to be the latest hang-out for lovers of all things cheesy. The temperature- and humidity-controlled space on the 45th floor is home to over 30 artisan cheeses, with a special emphasis on the creations of Luigi Guelfini in Italy. These include so-called ‘drunken cheeses’ such as brebis bleu (sheep), aged in brandy, and diavolo di chianti bianco prosecco; made with prosecco. There are also pairings available with 35 wines by the glass.

For more information, contact 0-2624-9995 or see reservations@lebua.com.
Thursday Night: Bangkok

If you’re going to spend “one night in Bangkok,” it might as well be Thursday. (Photo: © Getty Images)

For the uninitiated — or those whose only experience is 6 p.m.

The View from Sky Bar (Photo: Lebua Hotels and Resorts/Facebook)
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