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T+L's monthly selection of trip-worthy places, experiences and events.



A temple skyline from the *Namthip* rice barge.

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Go on a sailing sojourn with these handpicked floating hotels.

They say it's about the journey, not the destination. Well aware of this theory, Asia-based curated travel network Secret Retreats added several new independent luxury vessels to its Secret Cruises catalogue this year. Here are a few we can't wait to jump aboard.

Namthip Luxury Rice Barge, Thailand

Cruise from Bangkok to the former Thai royal capital, Ayutthaya, in this remodeled traditional cargo barge with just two decadently appointed cabins and a wooden deck with intimate dining area. secret-retreats.com/namthip; day cruise for up to four people from Bt120,000; overnight cruise for up to four people from Bt150,000, including dinner.

Ginger Junk, Vietnam

This modernized Indo-Chinese wooden junk boat takes to the dramatic waters of Halong Bay as well as quieter Lan Ha Bay. The ship features 12 spacious, modern suites with Vietnamese designs, a terrace restaurant, a relaxing spa and an on-deck Jacuzzi-pool. secret-retreats.com/ginger; one-night low-season cruise from US\$231.

Sequoia Yacht, Indonesia

Charter this elegant, eco-friendly (there's no single-use plastic or palm oil products on board) private yacht around the seas of Eastern Indonesia—Komodo, Sulawesi, the Banda Islands, Raja Ampat and more. Its three suites will fit up to six people. secret-retreats.com/sequoia; one- to two-person sailings from US\$5,500 per night. — ELOISE BASUKI

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