

## CHECK IN

The most exciting new stays

### Anantara, Sri Lanka & Oman

This new hotel has opened in the pretty coastal town of Tangalle, on Sri Lanka's south coast (pictured above). With an array of restaurants, a spa and a mangrove-lined beach, it's an idyllic place to unwind. Anantara is also due to open two properties in Oman in mid-2016. Its Salalah hotel will nestle between a beach and a lagoon, and the other will highlight views over the Jebel Akhdar Mountains, just inland from Muscat.

### Leeu House, South Africa

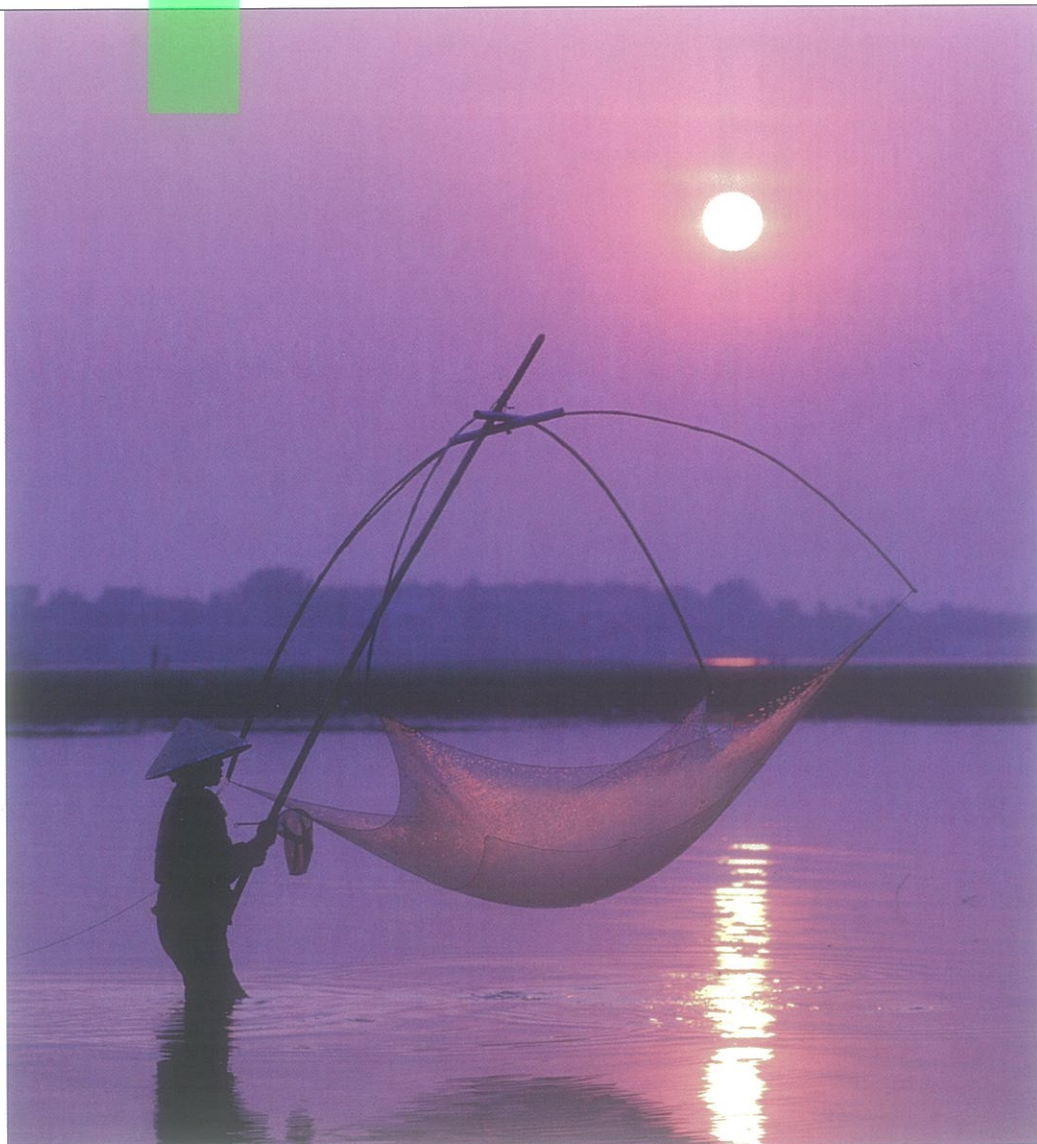
South Africa's latest hotel is a welcome addition to the Western Cape. Previously a Cape Dutch farmhouse, it has been beautifully converted into a stylish boutique hotel in the heart of Franschhoek.

### Galapagos cruises

2016 sees the launch of two luxurious vessels for cruising the Galapagos. The *M/V Origin* is a purpose-built yacht with a Jacuzzi and wet bar. The *M/Y Passion* features six spacious rooms and suites, offering among the best passenger-to-guide ratio.

### PER AQUUM Niyama, Maldives

The latest addition to our Hidden Beaches collection sits on a remote atoll in the Maldives. The hotel also boasts seven restaurants, including both an underwater and a treetop venue.



## See Laos from a different perspective

An exciting new river cruise route has been introduced in Laos. The *Laos Pandaw* has started sailing between Vientiane, in the southwest of Laos, and Chiang Khong, which lies on the Thai border. This ten night cruise takes in Thailand's Golden Triangle, Mekong villages, Luang Prabang, the rivers'

wilder stretches and the Laotian capital. For the hardy explorer, Pandaw also now offer expedition cruises into the far north of the country as well as routes into China. The first departures left in February, with plenty more scheduled. For more information, please contact our Indochina specialists on **01993 838 150**.

## Get creative in Jaipur

Just outside Jaipur, in northern India, lies Bagru, a town known for its hand-printed cloth industry. Watch the printers at work before getting hands-on yourself, using simple designs, uncomplicated techniques and natural dye to create your own traditional cloth patterns. While you're there, enjoy a cup of *chai* while your fabrics dry naturally in the sun. For more information, please contact our India specialists on **01993 838 330**.



## Audley celebrates 'WE Day'

The Audley team attended the UK 'WE Day' at London's Wembley Arena on 9 March to celebrate the young people making positive changes with Free the Children. It was a truly inspiring event, with guest speakers including Professor Brian Cox. To find out more about our charity of the year and the Me to We initiatives that you can experience on a trip to Ecuador, India or Kenya, please visit: [www.audleytravel.com/traveller/spring2016](http://www.audleytravel.com/traveller/spring2016)