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Raffles Hotels & Resorts' properties in Asia continue to enchant travellers with their blend of heritage charm and timeless elegance.

Raffles Hotel, Singapore, Raffles Beijing Hotel, Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor, Siem Reap and Raffles Hotel Le Royal, Phnom Penh have been honoured as some of the world's top hotels by readers of prolific travel and lifestyle magazines, Condé Nast Traveler and Travel + Leisure.

Flagship **Raffles Hotel Singapore** has been on Conde Nast Traveler's Gold List of the world's best places to stay for 15 consecutive years and 7 consecutive years on Travel + Leisure's list of the world's 500 best hotels (T+L 500). Declared a Singapore national monument and home to the Singapore Sling, the iconic hotel serves approximately 2,000 glasses of this renowned cocktail daily.

The elegant **Raffles Bejing Hotel**, residence of heads-of-states, dignitaries and officials of the International Olympic Committee during the Summer Olympics in Beijing in 2008, features architecture from the Beaux Arts period and houses gems such as a century old Bösandorfer piano, a sprung timber dance floor dating back to the 1920s and a collection of hand-tufted carpets from the region of Xinjiang (an important hub on the ancient Silk Road). Raffles Beijing Hotel scores full marks on the Gold List for its unmatched location, just a few minutes stroll away from the commercial district of Wangfujing, the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square.

**Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor**, named once again on both the Gold List and T+L 500, is located a mere 8 kilometres from the magnificent temples of Angkor. Angkorean architectural and decorative elements are found throughout the hotel, reflective of the rich heritage of its destination. The lobby features a restored and functioning cage elevator, the only one in town when the hotel opened in 1932, while the hotel's swimming pools are inspired by the ancient bathing ponds of the Khmer kings at Phimeanakas temple. Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor has recently unveiled a luxurious new range of Cabana Suites which feature private terraces for easy access to the pool.

**Raffles Hotel Le Royal** features four Personality Suites named after luminaries who have stayed at the hotel: Charles de Gaulle, Jacqueline Kennedy, Somerset Maugham and Andre Malraux. Each suite contains memorabilia and artefacts associated with their namesakes. Restaurant Le Royal features brilliant ceiling paintings of lotus and honeysuckle by Assasax,

painter by appointment to His Majesty, King Norodom Sihanouk. Raffles Hotel Le Royal has been on T+L 500 for five consecutive years.