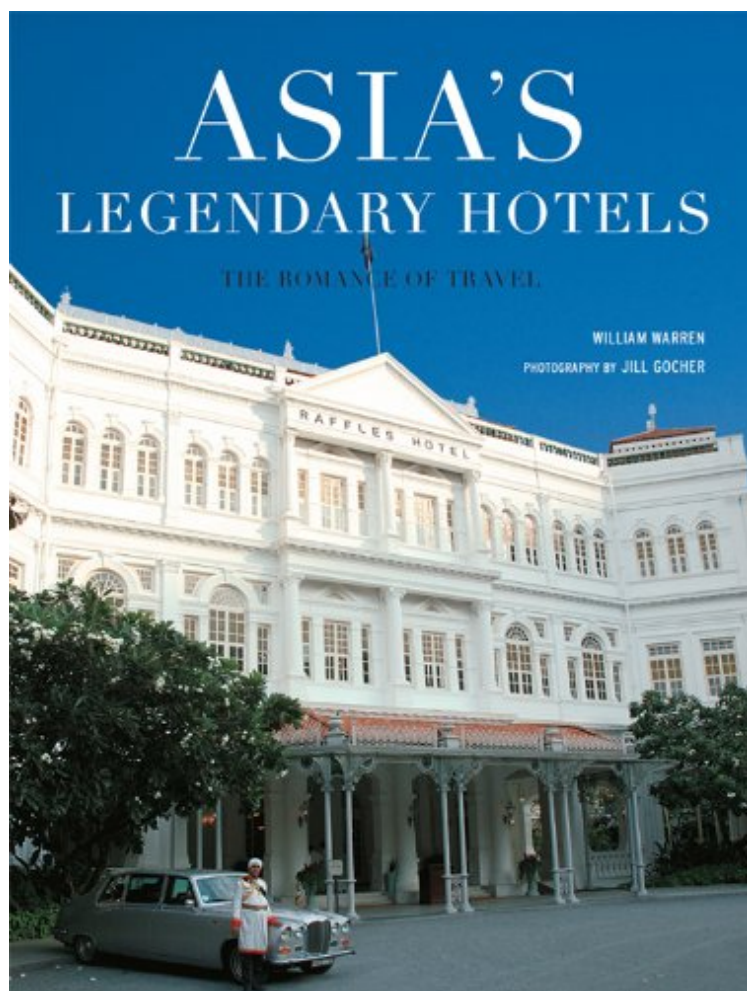


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Having been interested in tracking down the remaining stamp of the Western colonialism on present-day Asia for close to a decade, I ordered this book immediately after I came across it in a magazine.
The accommodation, the theme of this book, is absolutely one of the few ways left for those who are

interested to savour the good old and short-lasting colonial era on their own today. Unlike South Korea which has struggled, since its departure from the Japanese rule, to stamp out the Japanese influence both materially and mentally, most of the Asian countries have retained the Western colonial stamp and have learned to utilise it as one feature of tourism. This book covers most of the internationally-famed hotels in both South and South-East Asia dating back to the colonial era. Every page is beautifully coloured looking like they have been freshly and directly from the authors' camera. Each hotel's visual introduction is accompanied by a detailed commentary on the history of the hotels. Hotels featured here range from Peninsula in Hong Kong, the Strand in Burma to top-tier hotels in both Vietnam and Cambodia. My conclusion is this is not merely a picture guide of old hotels but a highly detailed, academic and entertaining encyclopaedia of colonial hotels with a cornucopia of tips on travelling. I highly recommend this book for the above reasons, but not 5-star evaluation due to the book's rather bulky size and heavy weight (If the book were much more compact it would be a perfect addition to your list of things to take with you on your trip).

Featuring over 370 artful photographs and insightful commentary, this book is an exploration of the most magnificent and opulent hotels across the Asia-Pacific region. Asia, and its many splendid countries such as Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia and Sri Lanka, prides itself on being a destination. It has a rich history, and a part of that history is the magnificent travel accommodations that sprang up to cater to the western traveler. Presented with more spectacular photos and rare archival images, Asia's Legendary Hotels features some of Asia's most significant luxury hotels, locals renowned for their monumental history and superb levels of service and luxury. No literary hotel nor colonial hotel is left out of the mix, from the Raffles Hotel in Singapore to the Ananda in the Himalayas. This book captures the romance of travel from days gone by, when the journey itself was as much of an adventure as the destination. Featured Asian hotels include: The Peninsula Hotel, Hong Kong The Taj Maal Palace and Tower, India Dwarika's Hotel, Nepal Grand Hotel, Sri Lanka The Strand, Myanmar The Oriental, Bangkok, Thailand Raffles Hotel Le Royal, Cambodia Hotel Majestic, Vietnam Eastern and Oriental Hotel, Malaysia The Fullerton Hotel, Singapore And many morehellip;