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## Life aquatic

In October, Ang Thong Marine National Park – an archipelago in the Gulf of Thailand – was designated an ASEAN Heritage Park. Here's what you should know about this pristine slice of paradise, which reopens in mid-December



42

Number of islets that make up the archipelago, featuring soaring limestone mountains, verdant jungles, secluded lagoons and white-sand beaches.

### EYES ON THE PRIZE

A brief history lesson on the Nobel Prize award ceremony, taking place at the Stockholm Concert Hall on 10 December

Swedish inventor, businessman and philanthropist Alfred Nobel wills much of his fortune to prizes rewarding those who serve humanity.



1895



1901

The first ever Nobel Prizes are awarded, including to Henry Dunant, who founded the International Committee of the Red Cross and initiated the first Geneva Convention.

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Number of bird species within the park, including the Pacific reef heron and the white-bellied sea eagle. In the shallow waters you can spot hairy-nosed otters, sea turtles and a multitude of fish from stingrays to sharks.

28km

Distance of the park from Koh Samui, which can be reached via a one-hour speedboat ride. Day trip itineraries are offered by various operators.

## NATURE'S PLAYGROUNDS

Other new ASEAN Heritage Parks to visit



18,765ha

Approximate area of **Lo Go-Xa Mat National Park** in Vietnam's Tay Ninh province.



20km

Length of coastline at **Hat Chao Mai National Park** in Thailand, home to the endangered dugong.



8

Number of ASEAN Heritage Parks in Myanmar, including the **Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary**.



## WHAT DRIVES US?

Travel motives of APAC residents, from a survey by Hilton Honors\*

88%

Feel that their "love of travel is a huge part of how they define themselves".

55%

Agree that travel "empowers people to feel more knowledgeable".

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"Aspire to be an 'expert' within their social circle and the first to discover new locations".

\*The survey featured 2,300 travellers (aged between 20 to 45) from 11 Asia Pacific markets.

Marie Curie is the first female laureate, winning the Nobel Prize in Physics, and again for Chemistry in 1911. She is the only woman to have been recognised twice.



1903



1964

French philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre declines the Nobel Prize in Literature. He's the first person to ever pass on receiving the honour.

17-year-old Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzai, the youngest ever laureate, receives the Nobel Peace Prize for championing girls' rights to education.

2014



2019

American scientist John B Goodenough is the oldest laureate at 97, receiving the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work on rechargeable lithium-ion batteries.