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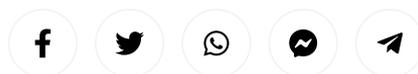
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# Regency-inspired hotels in Asia that will fit right into the world of ‘Bridgerton’

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On your next escapade, opt to immerse yourself in the blushing blues of the Bridgerton estate, or the summery gardens of its famous soirees



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When Shonda Rhimes's series adaptation of *Bridgerton* first landed in our laps in 2020, it fed into our imaginations for a new sort of Regency-era drama: one that was both visually breathtaking and a taker for ravishing romance scenes with the potential to make any woman blush. Three seasons on, the latter requires no explanation; from the stolen moments between Daphne and Simon to Anthony and Kate's undeniable chemistry that left the ton (read: us) only quivering in their wake. With the latest season now in our midst, our attention has no doubt been called to the friends-to-lovers romance blooming between Colin Bridgerton and Penelope Featherington, but one thing's for sure, the frivolous costumes, impeccable beauty notes and illustrious sets continue to draw our eyes.

By way of the latter, Emmy award-winning set decorator Gina Cromwell and production designer Will Hughes-Jones can be owed our good graces; their masterful moodboarding of the period drama's stately homes and lush gardenscapes adding to the frothy fantasy that unfolded on our screens. So much so that through the seasons, we've learnt to associate certain colours with the different characters or families. Think the blushing blues of the Bridgerton household or the lemony-green splashed all across the Featherington's drawing room.



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As the lot of us enjoy the recently released episodes of *Bridgerton* Season 3, some of us might be dreaming of our very own regency-inspired escapades. And whilst heading to England—the homeland to our fictional desires—might be the most immediate solution, perhaps you'll be glad to be acquainted with the fact that a slice of its historical charm can be found in a number of luxury addresses much closer to home. Without further ado, a curation of destination hotels in Asia that would fit right into the candy-coloured universe of *Bridgerton*; each one brimming with European-inspired interiors; colonial-style architecture; and the floral romance of the Regency drama.



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## Waldorf Astoria Shanghai, China

Waldorf Astoria Shanghai's exterior alone is one that instantly calls to mind the spanning estates that one would see in *Bridgerton*. But traipse further in and you'll be met with the sophisticated charm of the property's elegant interiors—embellished with glistening chandeliers and ornate furniture. This is also where to go if you wish your dwelling of choice to be equally endowed: its softly-lit bedrooms are every bit a *Bridgerton* fantasy, accented by old school touches of mahogany and marble tops.



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## The Strand Yangon, Myanmar

Flowers and florals play a starring role in *Bridgerton*, filling every wall and space with a sense of spring that reflects the youthful optimism of young debutantes and romantic promises of the social season. With a modern take on the show's delicate floral patterns, The Strand Hotel in Yangon, Myanmar, captures the Regency era's refined charm and promises a taste of the *Bridgerton* characters' high society lifestyle without the high stakes. As you stroll through the hotel, the vibrant yet tasteful floral designs on the wallpaper create a sophisticated, period-inspired ambiance, perfect for guests wishing to immerse themselves in a Regency-inspired getaway.



Courtesy of The Pottinger

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## The Pottinger, Hong Kong

The house of *Bridgerton* has long been associated with its sole defining hue: a lilting wedgewood blue, melded with a pristine shade of cream-white. For those who are bound for Hong Kong, consider a stay at The Pottinger; notably located in a neighbourhood teeming with the heritage spirit of its colonial past. Its dreamy interiors invites a wash of natural sunlight, but it is its subtle infusion of pastel hues—through silkscreen headboards and ornamental wallpapers—which truly make it worthy of the *Bridgerton* name.



Courtesy of Hamilton Ureshino Hotel

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## Hamilton Ureshino Hotel, Japan

With dark leather armchairs, palatial black mahogany pieces, and carefully-arranged decor that's foliate rather than floral, experience the dignified intensity of Anthony's study in the Bridgerton House at the Hamilton Ureshino Hotel's Western-style dining room. Seamlessly blending classical Japanese elements with the luxurious finishings of a British stately home, the manor-like hotel in the Japanese onsen town Ureshino goes beyond evoking the opulent architecture and interiors as seen in *Bridgerton*. While the Regency romance is predominantly set in London, much of the show's filming took place in Bath, known for its striking architecture, historical charm and Thermae Bath Spa—Britain's only natural thermal Spa with warm, mineral-rich waters which the Celts and Romans enjoyed over two thousand years ago. Nestled in Ureshino Onsen, the Japanese hot spring town known for its skin-soothing, alkaline waters, the hotel provides a closer alternative to Bath's healing waters. Soothe your skin and your mind in the clear onsen waters or enjoy the hotel's authentic Italian cuisine, featuring ingredients sourced from the Island of Kyushu.



Courtesy of The Eastern & Oriental Hotel

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## The Eastern & Oriental Hotel, Penang

With its rich heritage and time-honoured tradition of the English afternoon tea dating back to 1885, the Eastern & Oriental Hotel in George Town, Penang is the perfect setting for those seeking a romantic, Regency-inspired experience. Prepare to be transported into an experience reminiscent of *Ranger's House* whether you opt for enjoying afternoon tea served on a triple-tier cake stand at Palm Court, strolling through the hotel's lush gardens, or simply unwinding in the elegant, spacious suite adorned with vintage furnishings, high ceilings, and intricate moldings that could be found in any of the *Bridgerton* siblings' bedrooms.



Courtesy of Raffles Udaipur

## Raffles Udaipur, India

Bridgerton is no stranger to its grandiose soirées—held in extravagant ballrooms and balmy summer gardens. Perhaps then, Raffles Udaipur presents itself as the perfect location to immerse oneself in the magic of the regency love story. From its verdant green gardens to its exquisite event spaces, all meant to emulate a luxurious country estate. With its main dome inspired by classical Palladian and European architecture, there's no escaping its unique allure—which is only more keenly felt within its art-decorated walls and the charming high ceilings that surround you upon entrance.

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