



The Pop-Up Charcuterie Room in Bangkok.



Temporium Store, an ode to Singapore's eclectic side.

DRINK

HAUTE TEA

Step aside *Breakfast at Tiffany's*—high tea at the Ritz just might out-bling you.

By Helen Dalley.

Looking to make *that* proposal, or toast a milestone anniversary this Valentine's Day? Then zoom up to the Lounge and Bar on the 102nd floor of the Ritz-Carlton Hong Kong to sample "The Most Fabulous High Tea in the World," served within a luxury treasure trunk alongside US\$20 million worth of jewelry from Graff Diamonds, which guests can try on and—if the mood strikes and the credit card swipes—buy.

Your personal butler will bring luxurious bites including Osetra caviar, smoked salmon, roses and foie gras apples, all paired with flutes of the finest champagne. Nothing goes with bubbly like sparkly and, after a few glasses, that diamond necklace might just seem like the perfect purchase. After all, raising your pinky looks so much more refined when it is bedecked in jewels.

The Lounge and Bar, Ritz-Carlton Hong Kong; 852/2263-2270; HK\$10,880 for two. Make reservations a week in advance.



Luxury trunk with your tea?

NOTICED

Gone in a Flash

Pop ups are all the rage—don't miss your chance to catch some of Southeast Asia's hottest. By Diana Hubbell

Red *jamón Ibérico* streaked with white fat, translucent slices of speck coiled around plump olives, exposed brick walls around a rough-hewn wooden table—this might well be your favorite hole-in-the-wall in Barcelona, but it's not. In fact, it's not even a proper restaurant. Roughly three months after opening this month—check with the hotel for exact dates—the **Pop-Up Charcuterie Room** (*fourseasons.com*) in the Four Seasons Bangkok will be dismantled, so hurry.

This is just one of a slew of short-term projects around Southeast Asia. Over in Singapore, one of the hottest spots in town is the aptly named **Temporium** (*temporium.com.sg*; until

March 8), a six-month-long ode to the Lion City's creative side. A partnership between Breezeway, a heritage-centric boutique group, and Tofu, an ambitious design studio, this funky space incorporates art exhibitions, workshops, eclectic cuisine, and locally designed crafts and clothes, all served with a specially designed ceramic mug of artisanal coffee from Papa Palheta.

Meanwhile in the Philippines, **Manila Pop Up** (*manilapopup.com*) launches regular events such as food truck rallies, impromptu flea markets and even a "recess" themed event dishing out sophisticated, grown-up renditions of childhood favorites. Nothing like nostalgic noshes.



Confessions of an Historical Re-enactor

Hear ye, hear ye! A Boston tour guide loosens his waistcoat—and tells us what it's really like to work the Freedom Trail.

I wear a cocked hat, breeches and stockings, so **people are always yelling "Hey, Paul Revere!"** It's worse for the girls, who get called Betsy Ross or even (ugh) Little Bo Peep.

Back in the day, walking sticks were very popular with fashionable gentlemen. Fun fact: **the amount of heckling I receive every day** is reduced considerably when I carry one. I can't imagine why.

Every once in a while, I have to break character to take a call on my cell phone. But when guests use theirs, I'll yell **"Fie, ye spoilsport!"** Not sharing your magic gewgaws!"