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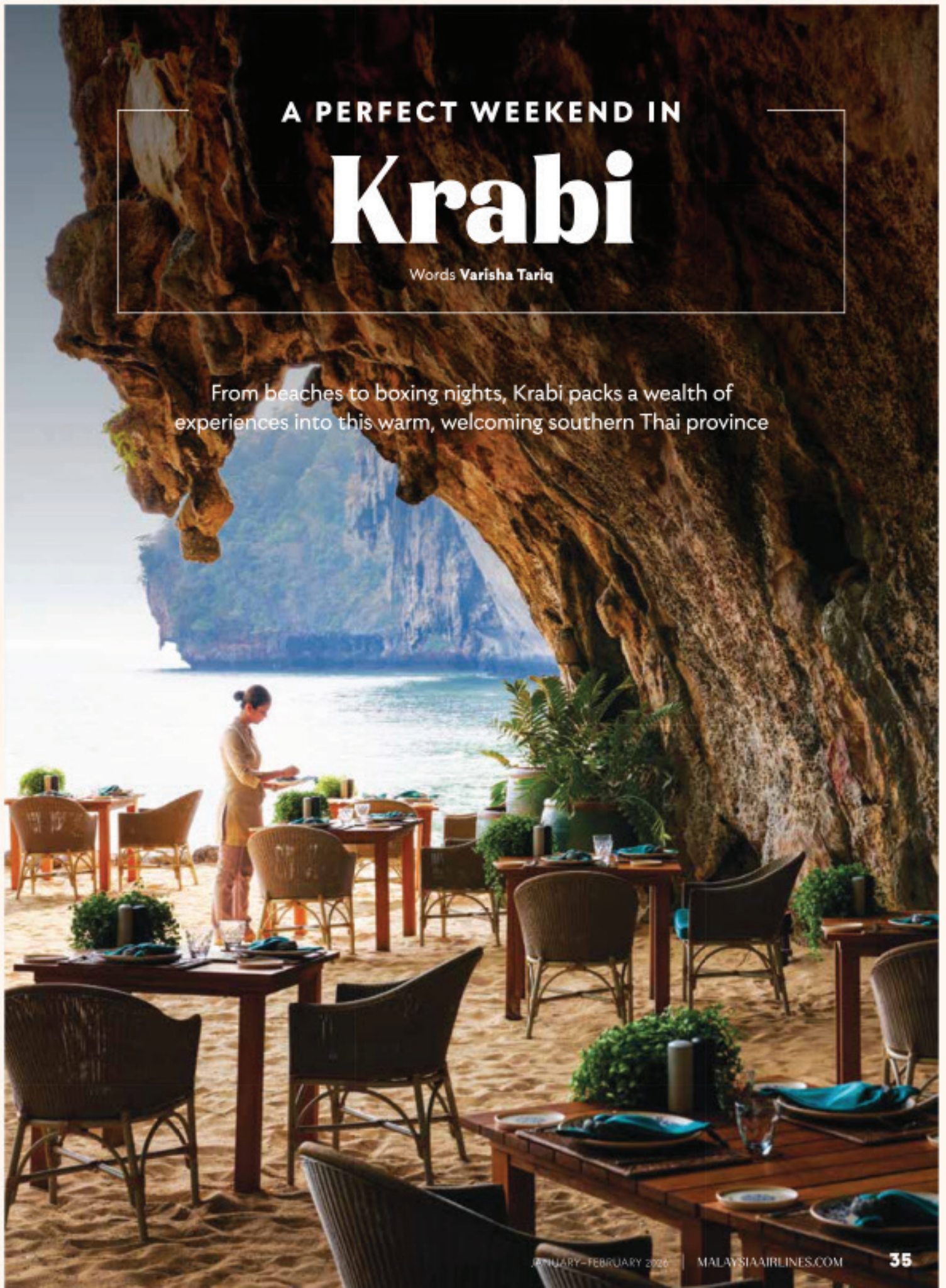
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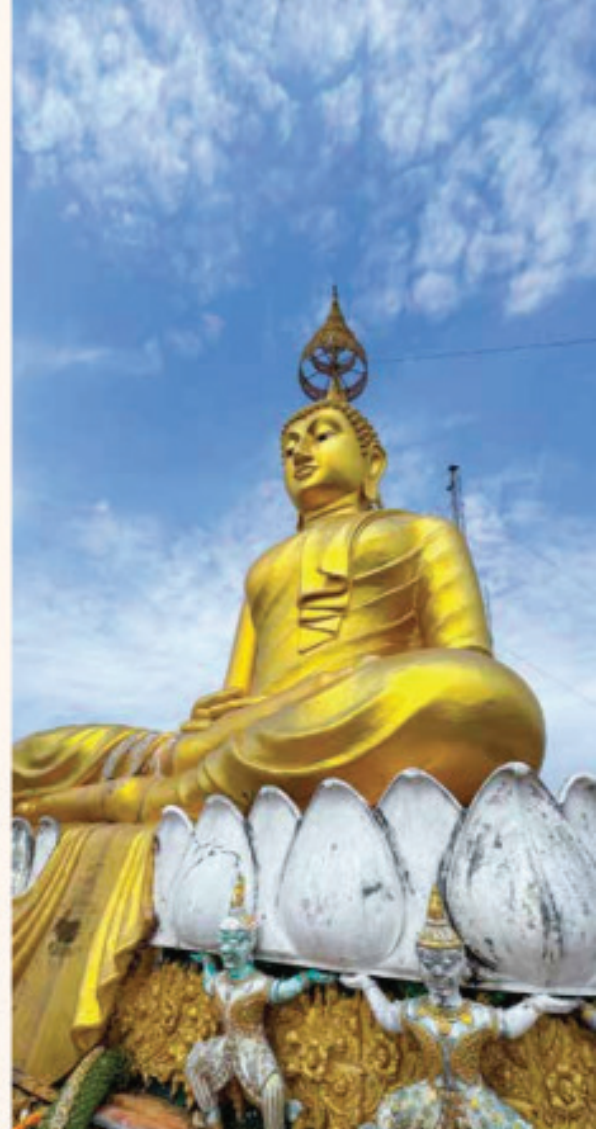
A PERFECT WEEKEND IN

Krabi

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From beaches to boxing nights, Krabi packs a wealth of experiences into this warm, welcoming southern Thai province





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Krabi's history is embedded in caves and folklore. Its name comes from two swords said to be discovered and placed crossed in a cave – an image that became its name and emblem”

Evening. Back on the mainland, walk 10 minutes from Ao Nang beach to **Kodam Kitchen** (3 Khlong Hang Rd; kodamkitchen.com) for crowd-favourite Pad Thai and roasted duck curry.

If you're up for it, take a 15-minute boat ride from Rayavadee Nong Nuch Pier in Krabi Town to **The Grotto** (Rayavadee Resort) and dine beneath limestone cliffs. For hotel guests only.

Sunday

Morning. In Krabi Town, grab breakfast at **Café 8.98** (143/7-8 Ao Nang; [@cafe8.98](https://www.instagram.com/cafe8.98)), known for fresh, tasty dishes that keep locals coming back.

Southeast of Krabi Town, head 1.5 hours out to **Khao Phra Bang Khram Nature Reserve** to visit the Emerald Pool for a refreshing dip, then take a short, uphill walk to the Blue Lagoon. Swimming isn't permitted here for safety reasons, but its deep blue hues – caused by high mineral deposits – are