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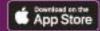


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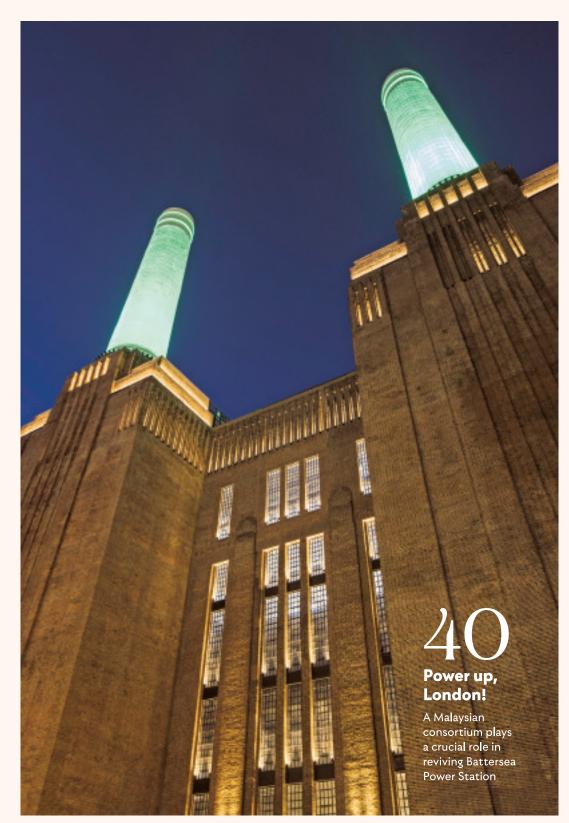






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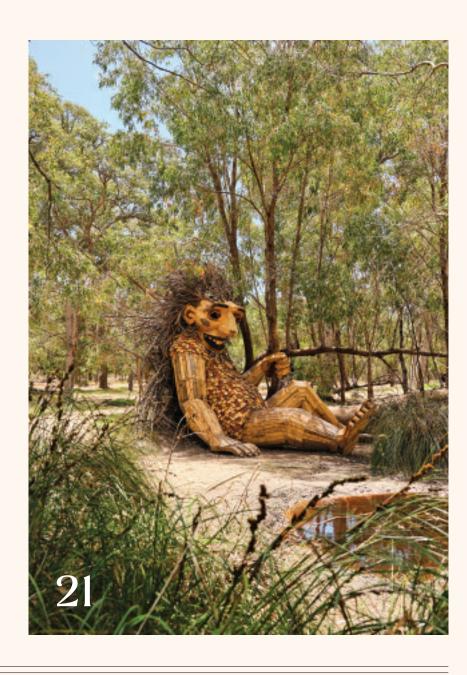
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A Hidden Gem in the City

Royal Selangor Visitor Centre is an unmissable destination in Kuala Lumpur

Experience Malaysia's living heritage and immerse yourself in Royal Selangor's rich history at the height of colonial Malaya's tin rush. Witness the evolution of arts, culture and craftsmanship through stimulating exhibits, live demonstrations and pewter crafting workshops.

There's something for everyone at the visitor centre. Here are all the reasons why it belongs on your must-visit list!

earn & Explore!



Enjoy a complimentary museum tour, where you will learn about the rise of Royal Selangor and tin mining in Kuala Lumpur through artefacts from as far back as the 1800s.

Kids can learn and play at the Science Discovery Gallery and learn through engaging hands-on exhibits.



Visit the live pewtersmithing demonstration stations, where you will witness timehonoured techniques of creating handcrafted pewterware.

Get Crafty!

Create Memories!



The Foundry

Unleash your creative genius at The Foundry workshop. Craft accessories from molten pewter using pre-set moulds. The more adventurous can opt to give freehand a try. Suitable for older kids and adults.



School of Hard Knocks

Be a pewtersmith for a day and craft a pewter bowl using traditional tools and a wooden hammer, similar to those used by pewtersmiths more than 100 years ago. You will receive a certificate of completion.



Tease your taste buds with a variety of bistro-style dishes at The Café. For those who enjoy live music, look out for the music weekends that feature live jazz performances.

Other seasonal activities also include school holiday fun for kids (and parents!).



There are plenty of interesting photo ops at the visitor centre, from the World's Largest Pewter Tankard to a replica of the Twin Towers, made with over 7,062 tankards. Capture your happy moments, share them on social media and tag @royalselangor.



Homes by the Water's Edge

In a nature sanctuary and smart city, surrounded by wetlands, The Waterlily offers a new lifestyle of serenity and privacy

s a new year begins, you may be reflecting on how you wish to live. Many are longing for a slower pace of life, closer to nature. Others are seeking work-life balance, far from the stresses of the city, yet close to the responsibilities that call on us.

Built in harmony with nature, in order to preserve and restore what was there before for

future generations, The Waterlily will be the first waterfront luxury bungalow collection in Wetlands Estates, Gamuda Cove. Situated in Malaysia's Southern Klang Valley corridor, it offers a new way of life: one where you begin and end each day with birdsong and fresh air, cocooned in safety and privacy.

When the development of Gamuda Cove began, Gamuda Land applied its town-making principle of "listening to what the land has to tell us". In order to work with nature and not against it, the planners took into consideration the nearby wetlands, home to an abundance of flora and fauna. This mindful masterplanning has ensured that people and nature can come together to call this place home when ready.

The Waterlily is flanked by the 1,111-acre Paya Indah Discovery Wetlands and the 90-acre Forest Park, and combines modern conveniences with sustainable design. The estate features 57 exclusive two-storey bungalows, each with five ensuite bedrooms, an extensive driveway, wet and dry kitchens, balcony and private green space to enjoy with family and friends.









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Homes at The Waterlily feature a seamless connection to nature, an abundance of natural light, good ventilation and lush greenery

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— Cheo Yuan Ping, General Manager of Gamuda Cove

Wrapped in Nature's Embrace

With biophilic design at its heart, The Waterlily offers not just proximity to nature, but a chance to commune with it daily. The development has less than four bungalows per acre, ensuring each home is ensconced in landscaped gardens and heritage trees. Floor-to-ceiling windows in the living room, bedrooms

and bathrooms invite in natural light, while large openings promote cross-ventilation. The building materials used for The Waterlily also complement nature's own palette. Many of the bungalows offer access to the canals that meander through the estate, and large backyards serve as a recreational space for family and guests. Selected bungalows even feature an outdoor tea pavilion where you can spend time with family or even host intimate parties.

A Smart, Sustainable City

With Gamuda Land at the helm and a 20-year master plan, Gamuda Cove is Malaysia's first 5-Diamond Low Carbon City recognised by the country's Ministry of Environment and Water.

The 1,530-acre township is zoned into residential, commercial, and other districts. Gamuda Cove's buildings, gardens and parks all adhere to sustainable practices such as rainwater harvesting, smart waste management and solar power initiatives. What's more, with walking and cycling paths, an antique tram network, e-bikes and electric vehicle charging stations, Gamuda Cove makes it easy to adopt an active lifestyle with a lower carbon footprint. This year the development will also welcome SplashMania Waterpark, making the township an even more attractive destination for visitors and an investment for residents.

Community and Convenience

Residents of The Waterlily and other Wetlands Estates residences will hardly miss city living, not when the tranquility of nature co-exists with complete amenities. Kelab Tani, a curated two-acre community space, is exclusive for residents to meet friends over dinner or an evening on the deck overlooking the 90-acre Forest Park in Wetlands Estates.

Connectivity Across Klang Valley

Commuting to the city centre will be a breeze with Gamuda Cove's dedicated interchange with the ELITE Expressway. You're a 10km drive from Putrajaya, 30km from Kuala Lumpur and 35km from Petaling Jaya. To the south, KLIA is 17km away. And when the toll-free 2km Cyberjaya Link is completed, Cyberjaya will be a mere five-minute drive away.

The Waterlily is slated for completion in 2025. To arrange for an exclusive tour, please visit and register at **wetlandsestates.com** or call **03 9212 0455**.





Dear guests,

I hope all of you had a joyful start to 2023. For some of you, this may be your first flight since the pandemic, the new year, or even your first flight with Malaysia Airlines. I would like to personally welcome you onboard and hope you enjoy our Malaysian Hospitality service to your onward destination.

In 2022, with the reopening of borders across countries, many had travelled to reconnect with loved ones to make up for the lost time. We foresee this will continue into 2023, especially with more optimism to travel to new places with the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions globally. While we have certainly progressed positively as the world transitions from pandemic to endemic, I urge that we all continue to remain vigilant to ensure the safety of ourselves and those around us.

As an airline, our priority remains in ensuring that we are able to safely and seamlessly connect people to places. While Malaysia Airlines remains an Asia Pacific-focused carrier,

we are a global airline delivering premium services and offering superior connectivity with our partner airlines, including through the **one**world alliance. As you are reading this, we are proud to celebrate our 10th anniversary as a **one**world member airline since first joining the alliance on 1 February 2013.

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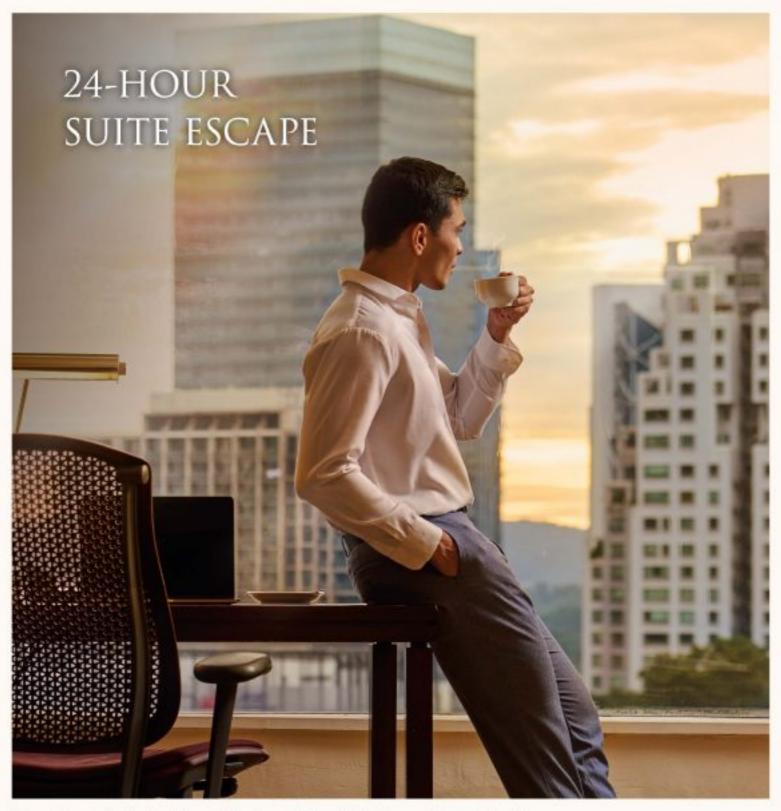
On top of having access to a global network, our frequent flyers will also gain special privileges and rewards, including earning and redeeming points across the entire alliance network. This means that as a member of Enrich, the award-winning travel and lifestyle loyalty programme of Malaysia Airlines, you can also earn Enrich Points and Elite Points when you fly on any oneworld member airline. Additionally, as a oneworld traveller, you will also gain access to over 600 airport lounges to unwind before your flight. So, if you have not done so yet, I invite you to sign up as an Enrich member on our website (enrich.malaysiaairlines. com) to enjoy a world of privileges beyond air travel.

With wide access to global destinations, I hope this will encourage you to plan your travels for the year and make memories in new places. As the first point of contact in connecting people to places, we strive to ensure necessary measures are continuously upheld for your comfort and convenience and ensure safe and seamless travels for all our guests.

As always, we wish you a pleasant journey ahead while enjoying our Malaysian Hospitality. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Captain Izham Ismail

Group Chief Executive Officer



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ow that we have dutifully celebrated two new years (Gregorian and lunar) within one month, we are excited to go back to what we love doing – planning travel adventures. Whether you were able to

fly overseas for a quick vacation or decided to stay in and go local during the recent holiday season, let 2023 be the year that you start going places again, start new traditions and discover new favourites. To help you with that, we have filled up this issue with travel ideas across Malaysia and around the world.

The February-March issue starts with a list of 17 highly compelling reasons we love Malaysia (p11) – from hobbit homes for rent in Kota Kinabalu to a zero-waste start-up in Selangor that makes gelato out of unsold produce. In our guide to what is happening overseas, read about giant sculptures hidden across Western Australia's Peel region (p21) and the best way to experience the Indian city of Bengalaru (p27).

Our cover story is about Battersea Power Station, an important London landmark that had been abandoned for decades until a Malaysian consortium decided to invest its time, money and vision to transform it into the United Kingdom's newest tourist attraction (p40). This is something that we can truly be proud of.

We have many more stories for you inside. So do turn the page and enjoy planning your next travel adventure.

Team Going Places

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Healthy Skin Begins Here

Embarking on a natural lifestyle in the new year? Be sure to include your skin



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fter all the cakes and cookies of Christmas, the late-night parties of New Year weekend and delicacies of Chinese New Year reunions, it's time to recommit to a healthier lifestyle.

But as you switch to organic food or sign up for a new gym, be sure this transformation includes your skin. Did you know that most regular skincare products are packed with preservatives? A healthy lifestyle should include natural skincare.

Luckily, making that switch is easy and affordable, thanks to Bio-Oil Skincare Oil (Natural), a 100% natural, plant-based product that's perfect for daily use.

A New Offering from a Trusted Name

Skincare Oil (Natural) isn't a new-fangled product. It's the latest offering from one of the most trusted names in skincare. Bio-Oil is world-renowned for harnessing the skin-loving power of oil. Its original offering, Skincare Oil, is a leading scar and stretch mark product in the world.

Skincare Oil (Natural) simply takes that beloved product and reformulates it for eco- and health-conscious natural skincare fans. It contains zero artificial fragrances, colourants, preservatives, parabens, phthalates, phytoestrogens or steroids – nothing but the pure goodness of plant oils.

A Fuss-Free Skincare Companion

A natural lifestyle doesn't mean loads of new products and long skincare routines. Skincare Oil (Natural) not only nourishes and hydrates the skin, it repairs the skin's natural oily layer and prevents moisture loss throughout the day. In short, it's the only product you need for radiant, well-nourished skin.

Apply it all over the face and body when you step out of the shower, let it absorb for a couple minutes before applying make-up. If you don't wear make-up, even better. You're all done!

Suitable for All Skin Types

There's no guesswork with Skincare Oil (Natural). It's been clinically proven to suit even the most sensitive skin and is non-comedogenic, meaning it won't clog your pores. Use it daily on your face and neck, including sensitive areas such as the eyelids and lips.

Have a natural, healthy 2023!

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- rosehipchamomile
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Visit our themed galleries - Space, a place to discover the wonders of astronomy; Geotime Diorama, where you can learn and understand life on earth during pre-historic times; and Sparkz, an introduction to basic science concepts using a hands-on approach.

Other exhibition areas are the Offshore Platform, a true to life experience on an offshore oil rig and SPEED! - which delves into the world of science behind racing.

Meanwhile, at the **Maker Studio**, get inspired by the chance to test your creativity as science communicators facilitate the creation and tinkering process among our guests. There's also age-appropriate live science shows and workshops to spark curiosity among our young people about the world



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In a recent upgrade to inculcate the importance of adopting sustainable lifestyle practices as humanity progresses, Petrosains launched the **Energy Capsule**, an autonomous ride featuring light and music experiences, and multimedia elements that journeys "back in time and into the future".

Cosy up in the 10-minute ride for a better understanding about the new energy story and the next technological revolution needed to deal with current, real-world issues and future challenges.

Aligned to the preservation of nature and our environment, the Sustainability Gallery aims to educate and empower people everywhere to think about the 'future we choose'. This showcase features content on significant issues, including ways to measure and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, exploration of new energy options, and integrated solutions in the global demand for energy.

So come on over, and dive into the fun world of science at Petrosains, The Discovery Centre® today!



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Bold flavours, inspiring people and unforgettable places







Kota Kinabalu

A place for hobbits

In the shadow of Mt Kinabalu lies an unexpected village of hobbit homes. Tucked into the lush green slopes of the Kundasang Valley in Kundasang, 100km east of Kota Kinabalu, they come complete with round doors, grass roofs and rustic furnishings, styled after the home of Bilbo Baggins from Lord of the Rings. Each one also

boasts an enviable view of Mt Kinabalu. These unconventional homestays have proved such a hit with hobbit-loving travellers that they are often booked-up months in advance. There are four different hobbit homes, each accommodating between two to six people.

facebook.com/ humblehobbithome



3 Johor Bahru

Little fireflies everywhere

One of life's most profound experiences is watching nature do its magic. At Kota Tinggi Firefly Park in Johor, you can board a river cruise in the evening to enjoy a leisurely cruise through the mangroves and watch fireflies lighting up the night sky. It's not just 45 minutes of fireflygazing, though. If you're lucky, you'll also spot monitor lizards along the river banks.

facebook.com/ktfireflypark



Kuala Lumpur

Modern embellishments

Anni Tai is breathing new life into old crafts, one stitch at a time. The embroidery artist and sewing influencer is known for her stunning floral hoop art embroidery and quirky fashion embellishments, such as custom-embroidered Nike labels, denim jean pockets and button-down shirt lapels. She was one of four Malaysian artists selected by the Hong Kong Tourism Board to create art pieces inspired by perennial icons of Hong Kong as part of their "Arts in Hong Kong" campaign. Tai also teaches online sewing seminars around the world, and her intricate, vividly-hued works are likely to inspire you to reach for your own sewing basket. instagram.com/annitai_





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Kuala Lumpur

Local gems and unique reads at Lit Books



For a deep dive into Malaysia's best reads, look no further than independent bookstore Lit Books. While big chain bookstores are aplenty in the city, Lit Books is one of a handful of more curated book spaces, with shelves that navigate the balance between local and regional authors as well as international heavy-hitters. Stop by to find your next favourite read - if you're lucky, you might even catch an author signing or reading. In recent months, Lit Books has hosted authors Preeta Samarasan, Audrey Magee, Karina Robles Bahrin and more. litbooks.com.my

Celebrate local produce and international flavours

There's a whole new generation of restaurants that are obsessed with spotlighting unsung Malaysian ingredients - akâr is one of them.

"At akâr, we pride ourselves in underlining the Malayan land, whether it be reinterpreting familiar flavours or sourcing indigenous ingredients," explains chef Aidan Low, the man behind the restaurant's signature blend of local produce and French techniques. "We believe the food culture in Malaysia has 'haute' potential and would like to showcase that to the world."

The team has taken that haute potential to heart, with an inventive, exciting menu that changes with the season and has in the past included the best of Cameron Highlands' vegetables topped with an airy oyster foam as well as liver mousse scented with lemongrass, galangal and ginger.

"We have a dish called Terroir, which is a good example of what we try to achieve in akâr," says chef Aidan. "It's a medley of local ulams and legumes arranged into a landscape, served alongside a sauce made from fermented udang geragau, also known as cincalok." Book yourself a seat at the open kitchenfacing counter for the best, most intimate dining experience - and for the chance of a chat with chef Aidan as he works his magic.

akardining.com







Kuala Lumpur

A space for great scents

Step into local candle company Lilin+Co's world of scents at Ol-Factory. Here, you'll be able to get a whiff of all of Lilin+Co's best-selling scents (try their Lychee & Black Tea combo) as well as witness the artisanal candles being crafted in house. Lilin+Co candles are all 100 percent made using soy wax, with unique scent blends that are phthalatefree lilinandco.com









Kuala Lumpur

Gelato with a twist

A zero-waste startup in Selangor is hoping to turn the tide. Founded by 21-year-old Hailey Yong, The Unusual Greens rescues produce that has been categorised as "imperfect" from being turned into food waste and transforms them into gelato. Some of the tantalising flavours include pineapple, orange and calamansi, and strawberry cheesecake.

theunusualgreens.com



Modern poetry for digital natives

Charissa Ong was just 24 years old when she published her first best-selling collection of modern poetry, Midnight Monologues. She then found her own publishing house where she supports other young Malaysian writers in releasing their work, including Germaine Thai's inaugural printed collection, Generation of Fragile, which launched end-2022.

"Whether you are going through heartbreak and need to feel that you are not alone, or you are just looking for some gratitude, a little motivation, or a mantra for the day, there is something in there for everyone," says the 30-year-old

Thai, who lives in KL. Thai and her contemporaries regularly share their work on social media for "bookstagramers", a term used on Instagram users who share artfully styled book photos and/or reviews.

"The feedback we had from readers in their 20s and 30s is that they are looking for new ways to connect with literature. This generation does not have a lot of time and they are used to visual, bite-sized information designed for the digital medium. With modern poetry, it is easy to dive into short, simple stanzas, find beauty and meaning, and then share it." instagram.com/germainethai_ quotes



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Modern art in the heart of a residential neighbourhood

If you enjoy art but not the typical gallery experience, UR-MU is for you.

KL's newest independent art gallery is housed in an actual house, improbably tucked away in the heart of Bukit Bintang.

A relaxed, informal space, UR-MU started life as a private collection of over 100 pieces of Malaysian and regional

art, but has recently opened up to the public. The gallery consists of 10 themed spaces, including Kampung Kita (Our Kampung), Raksasa (Monsters), Superheroes, Framing Modernity, and more. Take your time to meander through the spaces and don't forget to visit the rooftop sculpture garden.

ur-mu.com









Kuala Lumpur

New stunning location, same **Modern Indian** flavours

Nadodi will continue concocting dishes that pay homage to Malaysia's early settlers, but come March, the plan is to do so from Level 7 at Four Seasons Hotel. Abbi Kanthasamy, founder of Nadodi, shares, "I am excited for the journey ahead as we continue to proudly present the unique flavours of Southern India and Sri Lanka." In addition to lovely views of the city, look out for creative dishes like I Am So Prawny, which features freshwater king prawn flecked with coriander and caviar, and Corn Fritters Pie Tee, which comes with yoghurt mousse and pomegranate seeds topped with a heap of fresh salmon roe. nadodikl.com



Kuching

lban designs turn heads on the catwalk

Sarawakian fashion designer Edric Ong debuted his 14-piece SS2023 collection at London Fashion Week in September, the first time Iban textiles have appeared at the prestigious event. A proudly ethical designer, Ong has been a long-time collaborator with Sarawak's longhouse weavers and artisans. The collection features hand-woven silks and knitted hemp layered with classic pieces for a range of modern looks. Accessories include an array of rattan Topi Tunjang, the distinctive peaked headwear of the Iban people, reimagined with metallic finishes and colourful prints, as well as statement-making Iban collars. *edricong.com*





13 Drawing inspiration from Malaysia's kopitiam

Recreating the magic of Malaysia's unique kopitiam culture is no mean feat. But Kuala Lumpur-based illustrator Jacktus has done just that. Through whimsical sketches, Jacktus shares his love of Malaysia's heritage coffee shops with the world. His designs are now available in a range of stickers, fabric patches, tote bags, and postcards.

instagram.com/jacktus.my





Kuala Lumpur

Peranakan favourites, reimagined

At Bol, you'll find familiar Peranakan flavours recast in completely new forms. Like the humble duck and salted vegetable soup, reincarnated as a delicate tortellini dish. Or a rustic, punchy rojak, distilled to its essential elements and presented in a tart. The intense, fragrant flavours of curry kapitan applied to delicate sea bass instead of chicken. And while you're waiting in between courses, there will be plenty of great photo ops in the tastefully decorated space.

instagram.com/bol_in_kl

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Penang

Natural wines at a Penang hideaway

Communal Table by gen is one of a clutch of new independent Penang restaurants that are adding exciting new elements to the city's cuisine - think aged Bidor duck and "sup ikan tulang" congee. Their fun, hip menu is complemented with a thoughtful drinks list that draws on the best of local craftsmanship - you could sip on a Malaysian craft beer or down a shot of Sarawak tuak (rice wine), depending on your mood. Their wine list is another exercise in great curation, with an excellent selection of natural, biodynamic and organic wines from all over the world.

gencommunaltable.com





Kuala Lumpur

Hit up live music joints

If you haven't updated your playlists for the year, now's the time to do so. SHN (pronounced 'shen') is a Malaysian singer-songwriter on the up and up with silky vocals and an irresistible indie pop sound. "I love to tell stories," SHN says. "If you like listening to lyrics and enjoy wordplay, you'll probably be interested in my songs. My song '27 in a 7-Eleven' talks about having a quarter-life crisis in a convenience store." Here, SHN shares her top live music picks in Malaysia's capital city.



The Bee

"This venue brings local and international acts on the same stage. One night you might get a well-known Indonesian rapper and the next, you'll get an up-and-coming local artist. By highlighting local music in the same arena, [they] aid in dispelling the myth that local music lacks in quality compared to international music." thebee.com.my

REXKL

"They've done such a great job turning this historical site into an atmosphere that celebrates the arts, whether that be through music or food. Here, you'll find exhibitions, workshops, live music, a barbershop, a tattoo parlour, and a well-stocked bookstore. It's hard to be bored at REXKL."

rexkl.com

Live Fact

"Tucked away on the second floor, this intimate performance space has hosted many incredible talents. I've had the privilege to play here and enjoyed it very much. Live Fact is an independent and self-sustaining venue, and the team are great to work with, always paying extra attention to make sure a good show is put on." *livefact.my*



Kuala Lumpur

A new marketplace for the world's most-wanted sneakers



Sneakerheads rejoice! A curated marketplace for coveted kicks has opened, and its collection of Jordans and Dunks is impressive. Founded by 22-year-old techpreneur Ryan Ng, CNCRD is a one-stop-shop to buy in-demand and authenticated footwear, both online and in-store.

"Sneaker culture has shifted from what started out as a niche community to a culture that has been accepted by the masses," says Ng. "Consumers view sneakers as a form of self-expression and are willing to pay what they deem or seek the value to be."

In fact, experts say that sneakers are emerging as an "alternative asset class", meaning they're transitioning from a collectible to a bona fide investment. Equity researchers predict the global sneaker and streetwear resale market could reach US\$30 billion (RM126. 9 billion) by 2030.

Ng's opportune business venture combines an online sales platform with a recently-opened showroom in Bukit Damansara – a five-minute walk from MRT Semantan. He believes customers want both the convenience of an online transaction with the tactile and social experience of a brick-and-mortar store.

Business aside, Ng says he's still just a sneakerhead. So, what's his favourite pair?

"I personally have around 40 pairs in my collection. It's hard to pick a favourite but it's probably the Air Jordan 1 Nigel Sylvester's." *cncrd.com*





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A global guide to uplifting updates for work, rest and play

















Work to travel, travel to work

As remote working increases in popularity, perhaps it's time to find inspiration in a new city. Here are three different hotels that make it easy to pull off your nine-to-five in a unique setting





RYSE, **Autograph Collection**

Seoul, South Korea

Who's it for

Creative types who like stylish workspaces.

Why you'll love it

This modern bolthole was devised with creatives in mind. You'll see this reflected in everything from the design-centric rooms decorated with striking pieces from local and global artists; to the 5,000-square-foot retail space offering unique items. Come evening, make your way to the rooftop lounge to sip on cocktails created

by standout Seoul bar Le Chamber as DJs spin classic hip-hop tracks.

Workation features

Besides the standard fixings, rooms come with a Bluetooth speaker, drip coffee and a complimentary facial mask for an in-room spa break between meetings. The hotel boasts multiple work studios complete with tables, couches, Wi-Fi, projection screens and digital projectors, making them suitable for business meetings and solo working alike. rysehotel.com

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Owen House by Hmlet

Singapore

Who's it for

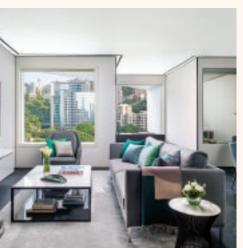
Digital nomads who love the coworking vibe.

Why you'll love it

Situated in an Art Deco-inspired building in the charming Little India district – just steps away from cultural attractions, plenty of vegetarian restaurants and an MRT station – this boutique hotel is the brainchild of Hmlet, the pioneer of co-living spaces in Singapore. Whether you stay for a day or a few months, Owen House has got you covered with nine types of rooms that are all equipped with a working area. At the lobby downstairs, get your caffeine fix during the day and mingle with the public at night as the 35-seater Sunlight and Moonshine transforms into a cocktail bar.

Workation features

On the second floor is a communal lounge exclusive to in-house guests as well as a meeting room where you can hold video calls and host off-site meetings. All rooms come with high-speed WiFi and a smart TV where you can mirror your laptop screen if you desire. hmlet.com/owenhouse



The Murray

Hong Kong

Who's it for

Those who want to be in the centre of the action.

Why you'll love it

Formerly a government office building, The Murray was overhauled in a massive US\$1 billion renovation and opened to much fanfare in

2018. In each of the hotel's 336 capacious rooms, you'll find plush beds, a personal bar and luxurious marble bathrooms, alongside award-winning design elements such as recessed windows that let in plenty of natural light without subjecting you to direct heat from the morning sun.

Workation features

Located on the cusp of the financial district, this is an ideal pick for those who need to be close to the CBD. Rooms are kitted out with workstations, and guests can take advantage of 24-hour in-room dining for a convenient lunch option. Alternatively, you can work from one of the hotel's public spaces that feature ample power sockets – we like the Garden Lounge, which overlooks St John's Cathedral. There's also an indoor lap pool for a refreshing post-work dip. niccolohotels.com







PODCAST

"Less is more with storytelling"

Dr Anna Sulan Masing shares three lessons learned while creating a 10-episode podcast that explores her Iban heritage



"Taste of Place" is a series that

explores our relationship with the past and nostalgia, with the story of pepper as the thread. This podcast has been deeply personal for Dr Masing – who is part of the Iban community - as the story focuses on Sarawak pepper and the Iban who farm it. In the podcast, she delves into the flavours of her favourite dish, Sarawak laksa; visits Kapit, a riverside town in the Borneo interior where her family is from, for Hari Gawai (harvest festival); and learns about the history of swidden agriculture, an indigenous way of farming that the Iban and other Dayak communities practise. Here are three things she learnt during this process:

Trim your darlings!

"Edit, edit, edit. When it comes to storytelling, less really is more. You want to weave a story that brings the audience along with you, not drown them in facts. Give yourself enough time to do this; episode two had 50 pages of transcripts and I read six books [as research], episode three was re-written five times - but both are under 40 minutes. Trust your producers when they say to cut!"

Don't work with animals (well, do, but be prepared)

"Animals are unpredictable, especially farm cats in the Borneo jungle. They enjoyed climbing all over the recording equipment when something vital was being explained. In episode eight, there was a lot of sudden squealing from both myself and the team due to a large fish jumping off a table. Filming in the field was challenging and I wish I had taken more time, set up equipment better, re-recorded things, and listened back on recordings more. And I wish I'd remembered to press record, instead of being distracted by cute animals."

Recognise the magic of soundscapes

"A good podcast really is about collaboration. As an academic and writer, I got bogged down in words and hadn't realised the power of a soundscape. The right sounds and music add texture to a story. Having people who understand these aspects is a gamechanger producer and music director Catherine Yang is a genius!" taste-of-place.captivate.fm





- Pepper was originally planted in Sarawak in the 1840s and cultivated by the Hakka Chinese in the Bao district.
- When the vines begin to ripen, the pepper is harvested by handpicking and dried under the sun for three to four days to make black peppercorns.
- White pepper comes from the same berry, when the outer husks are washed off.
- The "spice" or heat in pepper is not a taste experience but a sense of touch - it has a molecule called piperine that stimulates our pain receptors. Pepper, chillies, and ginger all give pain sensations.

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Best of Bengaluru

Traditional South Indian eats, innovative craft beer, year-round good weather and lots of green spaces make India's buzzing tech capital an ideal place for work and play – here are our tips for a memorable visit by MALAVIKA BHATTACHARYA



Bangalore International Centre

In 2019, the Bangalore International Centre opened its doors as a new cultural hub – a striking space for art, theatre, cinema, and music.

Housed underneath an impressive solar roof, surrounded by greenery and flooded with natural light, the building houses an art gallery and library, alongside an amphitheatre and performance spaces.

Each month sees around 20 free events, ranging from classical Indian and modern interpretive dance to musical performances, art shows and talks. Stop by the cheery in-house café where a rotational menu from Podi & Spice highlights homestyle regional South Indian dishes from Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu. There's also a bar run by Arbor Brewing Company. bangalore international centre.org



Geist Brewing Co.

In a city with over a hundred microbreweries, Geist Brewing Co. stands out for its sustainable brewing practices in the craft beer space.

Their zero-liquid-discharge beer is brewed at a 10,000sqft factory, where all the rainwater is harvested, while leftover grain from beer production is supplied to local cattle farmers for livestock feed, or upcycled to grain flour that's used in baked goods.

Geist's citrusy IPAs, Belgian-style ales and Bavarian dark wheat beers are available on tap at a sprawling outdoor beer garden within the premises.

Set around an old Banyan tree in a lush green space, filtered sunlight streams through the canopy to long tables where Bangaloreans gather for craft brews and bar eats. Geist also offers take-home refillable growlers of their beer – a rarity in India. *geist.in*



Mavalli Tiffin Rooms

The typical Bengaluru morning begins with a frothy South Indianstyle filter coffee served in a short steel glass, followed by a hearty breakfast of crisp, butter-laden dosa (rice flour crepes) and pillowy idlis (rice cakes). Traditional eateries called darshinis dot the cityscape, dishing out these classic breakfasts with generous sides of coconut chutney and tangy sambar (lentil soup).

Of these fuss-free food joints, Mavalli Tiffin Rooms (popularly known as MTR) is among the most iconic. Dating back to 1924, the brand's flagship outpost is situated just down the road from the popular Lalbagh garden, with simple interiors and a menu that features specials like the rava idli (savoury semolina cakes) and chandrahara (their trademark deep fried dessert that is served only on Sundays), alongside the classics.

You'll see snaking queues on a Sunday morning, even as early as 7am – a definite indicator that this is, indeed, one of the best breakfasts in town. mavallitiffinrooms.com



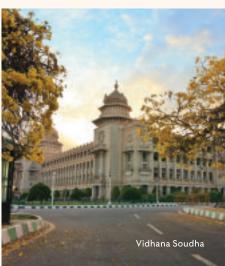
Cubbon Park

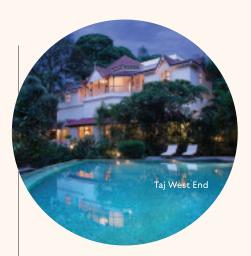
Beyond the steel-and-glass of the tech capital's business parks lie the green spaces that lend Bengaluru its moniker, Garden City. Of these, the British-era Cubbon Park, dating back to the 1800s, is the city's most beloved. Spread across more than 121ha in the city centre are lawns perfect for picnics, winding paths amid a quiet bamboo grove, and towering Banyan trees – India's national tree. The park is particularly glorious in spring - February to April - when the Tabebuia trees burst with vivid pink and yellow blooms. Take a walk around to spot eye-catching buildings such as the bright red State Library, the colonnaded High Court, and the stately Vidhana Soudha, a government office building.

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Where to stay

Conrad Bengaluru

All rooms at this 24-storey hotel overlook Ulsoor Lake and the city's sweeping green cover - a rare treat in the busy CBD. Conrad Spa - among the best in the city - is known for its signature Ayurvedic and Tibetan-style therapies. Be sure to stop by the al fresco Tiamo by the infinity pool for gorgeous city views. hilton.com

Hilton Garden Inn

Located in a sprawling business park, this 353-room hotel opened in 2022 with well-appointed rooms, large-scale conference space and innovative dining options. Tuck into traditional South Indian meals and international fare at the restaurant F5. hilton.com

Taj West End

With its sloping tiled roofs and intricate trelliswork, this 19th-century heritage hotel retains much of its old-world grandeur. The grand dame is set within eight hectares of sprawling gardens, with age-old raintrees and tropical plants. Take your pick from award-winning Vietnamese cuisine at Blue Ginger or time-honoured Indian fare at Masala Klub before rounding off your evening with inventive concoctions at Blue Bar. tajhotels.com

This sprawling 292-room hotel is set around tranquil gardens and beautiful water features. With a dedicated Japanese eatery, an Italian kitchen, and a refined North Indian restaurant offering kebabs, the dining options are varied and superb across the board. For a spot of relaxation, book yourself into the on-site Kaya Kalp Spa or work up a sweat at the well-equipped fitness centre itchotels.com



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A new generation of indigenous voices

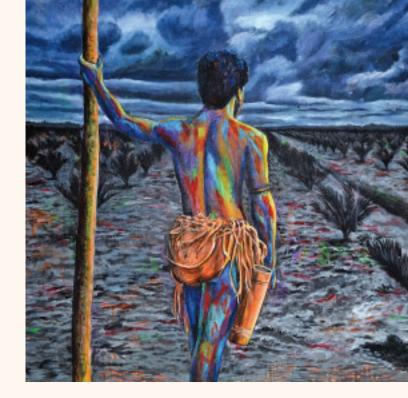
On a mission to preserve their heritage and save the planet, three creatives contribute to putting the art, music and stories of Malaysia's tribes on a global stage

Words Sharon Crowther

Left: Shaq Koyok, a performance artist from the Temuan tribe that is indigenous to Peninsular Malaysia emuan artist Shaq Koyok stands on a street in Venice, Italy, wearing a tribal headband and holding a handful of woven mats. Everything was made in his home village, Kampung Pulau Kempas, 10,000 kilometres away in Selangor, Peninsular Malaysia. Gondolas and tourists glide past Koyok as he begins his performance piece, silently inviting bystanders to join him in touching their faces, momentarily, to the mats.

His 18-minute-long expression, titled *Letter to the Forest*, was part of the 2022 Venice Biennale, a prestigious international art exhibition attended by more than 800,000 people. The aim of Koyok's performance was to inspire a connection with nature and his people.





Koyok is part of the Temuan tribe, one of the 18 Orang Asal (original people) groups indigenous to Peninsular Malaysia, whose people are traditionally forest dwellers and foragers.

Most of Koyok's career has been spent depicting the struggle and resilience of his tribe. His most famous pieces are painted on canvases woven from pandan (a tropical plant with blade-like leaves) and his largest public work is a mural of indigenous icon Maznah Unyan, on display at the Centre for Malaysian Indigenous Studies in Kuala Lumpur.

One of Koyok's earliest childhood memories is of the deforestation of the 8,000-year-old jungle, Kuala Langat, by his kampung (village), 70 kilometres south of Kuala Lumpur.

"The jungle was my playground as a kid. It's a place where my people would go to find food or to be close to nature," Koyok shares. "Now what's left of it is much further away from the kampung and from the community. It's very sad."

Back in 1927, more than 7,000 hectares of Kuala Langat was gazetted as a permanent forest reserve, but today less than 1,000 hectares remain. The area is classed as tropical peatland which, Koyok says, is a significant carbon sink with an important role to play in the fight against climate change. He recently represented Malaysia's indigenous population at the 2022 global climate summit, COP27, in Egypt.

"Malaysia's indigenous people have a strong connection to nature; the jungle, the soil, and the land we live on. We believe every place, tree, mountain has a spirit and we've been taught that for many

old, who now lives in Kuala Lumpur.

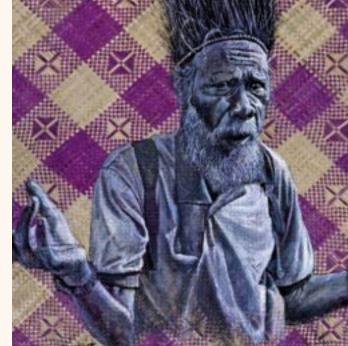
talking about

"When we're

says the 37-year-

generations,"

Clockwise from top left: Legacy, Confession of Palm Oil, Where Are Our Rights, Age of Tomorrow; paintings by Shaq Koyok



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We seek to live in harmony with the land. When we take something from the forest, we replace it. These are lessons we can share

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solutions to climate change, we need to include indigenous wisdom, because sustainability is a way of life for indigenous people," Koyok explains. "We seek to live in harmony with the land. When we take something from the forest, we replace it. These are lessons we can share. I think my work is always about connection. I have always felt driven to be a voice for my community in Malaysia because we are facing many challenges due to the development of our traditional lands. Art presents an opportunity to make our voices heard."





Embark on a native experience

Discover and learn about Malaysia's indigenous culture first-hand with Native, a social enterprise that empowers indigenous communities to forge meaningful connections with visitors while giving travellers authentic experiences with Malaysia's Orang Asal. Kampung Serendah is less than an hour's drive north of Kuala Lumpur, making it the ideal way to include an indigenous experience in your travel itinerary.

Take a hike with a native guide

See nature from a new perspective by taking a jungle hike with an indigenous guide. Discover traditional fruiting methods, foraging skills, and ancient folklore.

Prepare a traditional Temuan meal

Learn the secrets of Temuan cooking, handed down through generations, and enjoy a meal with new friends in the kampung. This is the perfect way for foodies to experience a truly oncein-a-lifetime meal.

Spend the night in a jungle homestay

Experience nightfall in the jungle and see the stars like never before from a traditional Temuan bamboo homestay. Tucked away in nature, you'll have private access to the riverbed of Sungai Serendah to take a dip before dinner or in the morning.

Native travel experiences empower indigenous entrepreneurs and invest in community development. Find out more at **discovernative.org**

Koyok's sentiment is also echoed in the work of Iban poet, lyricist and musician Kulleh Grasi, who released his inaugural collection of written work, *Tell Me, Kenyalang*, in 2019. Written in Iban and Malay and translated into English by Pauline Fan, it is the first work in decades to include Malaysian indigenous languages in translation and offers international readers a rare literary insight into Grasi's unique culture and context.

"Art is an important medium for these stories because art is inclusive, it belongs to everyone. The sound and rhythm of words, even ones not in your language, is universal," says the poet from his home in Kuching.

Published in New York and launched in Berlin, Singapore and Penang, the collection was subsequently nominated for multiple international awards, including the 2020 Best Translated Book Awards.

"It is a big responsibility," admits the 38-year-old, who was born in the small town of Kapit, on the Rajang River in Kapit Division, Sarawak. "I didn't ever see myself publishing poetry and the response has been overwhelming at times, but this is the call I must answer, to represent my tribe. We need to steer our own story."

Sarawak's indigenous population includes the Iban, Bidayuh, Kenyah, Kayan, Kedayan, Lunbawang, Punan, Bisayah, Kelabit,

Bough

Murum and Bakun are unbound at the navel, smoked boar hanging, the many lips of the sky part into color. Kulleh Lenge, the white-necked leopard, sleeps still on the bough. Tiga layan ko kina: sinking away into the hush of things, Tugang turns towards the sky. The distance to Eden is only a finger's length from the bough's eye.

Translated from Malay by Pauline Fan

Akui

Sun-squint on the horizon Illuminates clenched gravel, tear-stones from dusk's eyeball at Long Bedian.

Against the knot of the adau tree the wind's rustle, heart-fist of the ancestor of *Ding Ngau*, feeling his own pulse.

If these descendants are the sons of dragons, the turbulent waters will surely drift to the deepest word cavern spewing a listless eye.

Isip leaves emerge after rain, your dragon is unperturbed, but meng ngasau akui, I, akui.

Translated from Malay by Pauline Fan

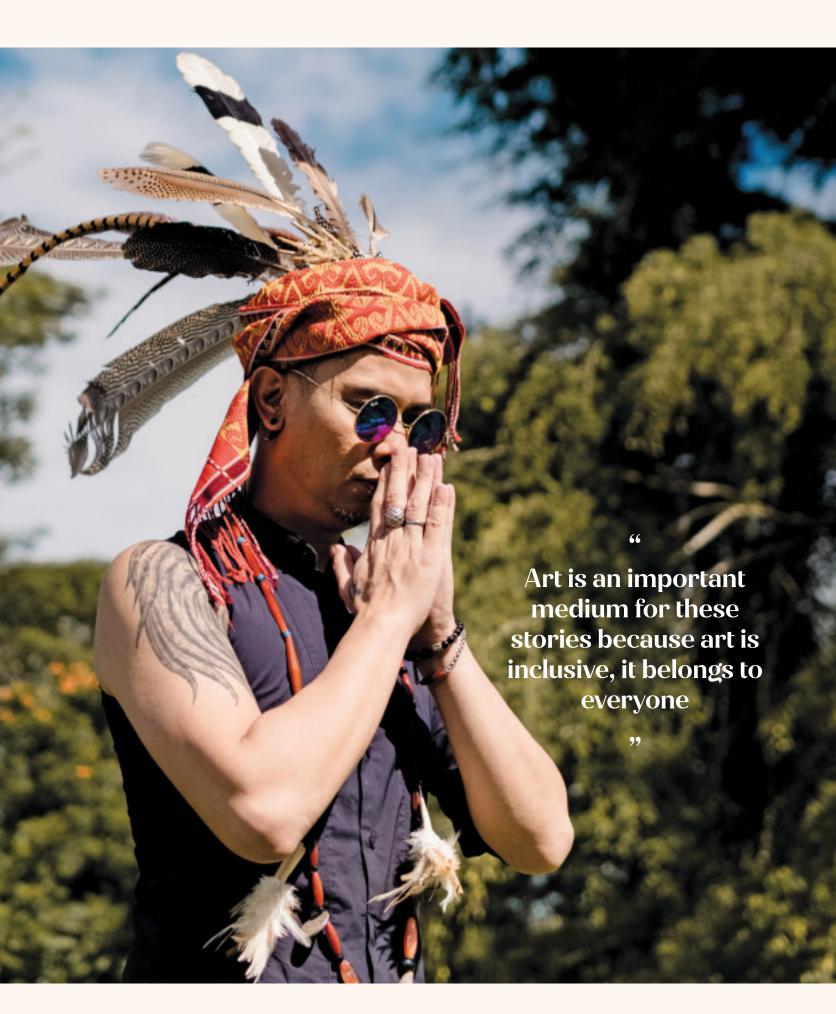
Berawan, Kejaman, Ukit, Sekapan, Melanau, and Penan. They are collectively known as Dayak. The Iban, once fearsome warriors known for headhunting, make up more than 50 percent of Sarawak's population.

Grasi, whose real name is Royston John Kulleh, started out as a visual artist before becoming a musician and, eventually, a published poet. It is in his poetry, a product of memory and legend, a mix of mundane and magical, that he feels his true ancestral calling.

"There is a poetic culture in the Iban people. We are good at weaving words. Poetry is in my blood," he says. "I have been asked why I don't write entirely in Iban or why not entirely in Malay or why have the work translated into English. Some people don't agree with that, but as an artist, I believe it is my job to channel evolution and to be a vessel for change. It isn't just a literal translation; it is a translation of the soul."

This spread:
Poet, lyricist and
musician Kulleh
Grasi, a member
of the Iban tribe
of Sarawak; two of
his poems







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their generous hospitality and for the practice of elongating their earlobes with metal rings. Murang visits regularly with tribal elders in Bario, a community of villages in the Kelabit Highlands, Miri Division, Northern Sarawak, which is where she "receives songs".

"I always ask if I can change [the song], and they always tell me to do whatever it takes so that my generation will listen to it," she says.

As the first female professional sape player, Murang has toured the globe, playing at some of the world's biggest events, including Paris Fashion Week and SXSW in Austin, Texas. "To travel the world as a musician is something I could never have dreamed of. I come from such a small village in the middle of Borneo. There are only 40 people living there full time. Sometimes, on stage, there are tens of thousands of people listening to the sape and songs in these endangered languages. I'm just gobsmacked. When people say beyond your wildest dreams, that's exactly what this is."



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Three indigenous art galleries in Malaysia

Kelabit sape (lute) player

Alena Murang, who sings in

the endangered languages of

Kelabit and Kenyah, agrees.

Her music is rooted in the

ancestors, but it flourishes

rhythms, accompaniments

to the land and to nature.

"My generation is the first generation of Kelabit to be born in the city," says the 33-year-old musician,

born in Kuching. "We grew up with MTV and fashion

magazines, but we're also enriched by our indigenous

heritage. I realised that [my music] doesn't have to

be one or the other – traditional or contemporary.

Culture is fluid and the lyrics are not fixed. Every generation of Kelabit has contemporised these songs,

we're just adapting it to ourselves." Murang's songs,

though modernised, retain much of their connection

in the water have different names, the various sounds

of thunder, the different shapes in clouds that tell us

themes are always there, in the words or the sounds."
Murang's tribe, the Kelabit, are one of the smallest
indigenous groups in Sarawak, with a population of

just 6,000. Traditionally farmers, they are known for

when it's a good time to migrate," she says. "These

"We sing about specific rivers, where even the swirls

traditional sounds of her

through contemporary

and music videos.

Explore contemporary and ancient indigenous art for yourself at one of these dedicated creative spaces



Kota Kinabalu

Sabah Art Gallery, in the Layang district of Kota Kinabalu, is home to more than 3,000 pieces of local and international art, including a vast collection of work by contemporary Malaysian indigenous artists. sabahartgallery.com



Kuala Lumpur

Gallery Gerimis is a multipurpose space dedicated to indigenous arts and culture, showcasing works from Orang Asal artisans. Gerimis is also on a mission to document indigenous stories and digitise traditional knowledge. gerimisart.com



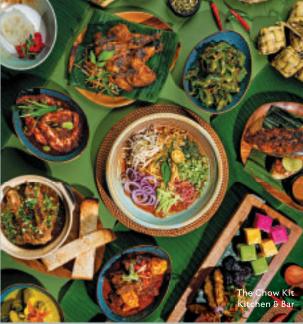
Kuching

The recently opened Borneo Cultures Museum showcases the indigenous heritage of Sarawak and Borneo. Head to the fifth floor for a visual treasure trove of tribal artisans' clothing, beading and carving. museum. sarawak.gov.my

Fasting & Feasting

Kuala Lumpur's most exciting iftar buffets and set menus this Ramadan month







amadan is a magical time in Kuala Lumpur. During this month of fasting and reflection (22 March – 21 April), the city slows down during the day and comes alive after sunset as citizens break their fasts with an iftar dinner with family and friends.

For visitors, Ramadan is a window into Malay Muslim culture and a chance to sample regional Malay dishes, as restaurants across the city roll out special menus for the occasion.

Check out 5 of the most lavish spreads in town – and do call ahead to book and check dates!

Nipah

Named after EQ's beloved restaurant, the Citarasa Nipah buffet returns with a delectable spread of Malaysian dishes – all served in a spacious and inviting space designed for get-togethers. The selection features classic kampung flavours made with heritage recipes, some dating back over a century. Indulge in time-honoured favourites

such as the award-winning beef and chicken satay, rendang, rotisserie lamb and the must-have biryani. Save room for dessert as this buffet has one of the most comprehensive selections in town.

Available 6:30–10:30pm, RM188–288+/person. For 12+ people, RM208+/ person. Book via WhatsApp at +601 2278 9239 or tableapp.com

The Chow Kit Kitchen & Bar

Located in The Chow Kit – voted Malaysia's Best Boutique Hotel by World Travel Awards and among the Best in Malaysia by Michelin – the eponymous eatery is offering a Citarasa Ramadan feast this year. The menu is a culinary journey across Malaysia, with regional favourites such as Johor laksa and daging masak gulai and classics such as cucur udang and satay ayam. For the first three days of Hari Raya, guests can enjoy the Raya Feast Platter menu, with elevated classics such as rendang minang and ayam masak merah.

Citarasa Ramadan: RM420++; Raya Feast Platter: RM260++. Book via thechowkit.com

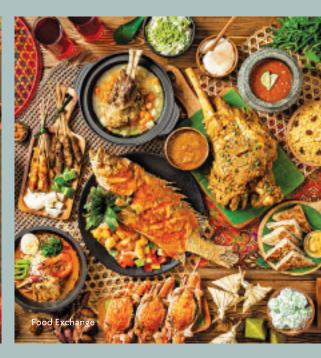
The Reading Room

The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur's festive buffet promises a memorable night in KL Sentral's most luxurious hotel. Malam Warisan Melayu is a culinary journey around Malaysia's 14 states, with a special focus on local herbs and flowers. Along with classics such as chicken, beef and duck rendang, there are more unusual dishes such as the river prawn with sour broth and Javanese ginger, and the asam pedas with snapper fish, ladies' finger and Vietnamese mint from Melaka. Pair them with hard-to-find sambals, such as the black sambal with roselle flower from Pahang.

RM275/person. Book at +603 2727 6696 or stregiskl.oddle.me







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is transformed into a

sumptuous buffet spread with over 20 food stalls. Choose from comfort food such as lidah bakar and lok-lok, and Ramadan specials such as bubur lambuk and roasted whole lamb. The Dapur by KLGCC team is also offering banquet packages for those hosting private Ramadan or Raya events.

Book via +603 2011 9187 or klgcc.com

Food Exchange

In the heart of KL, between the Petronas Towers and Bukit Bintang, the Novotel Kuala Lumpur City Centre offers wellappointed rooms for business and leisure travellers. During Ramadan, it also is the place to savour Sajian Warisan, a special iftar buffet at in-house eatery Food Exchange, featuring over 150 Malay options across three rotating menus and several live stations and a whole kambing golek. Enjoy comforting dishes such as soup gear box merah and spicy chilli crab, along with a plethora of goreng-gorengan (chicken, squid, prawn and fish).

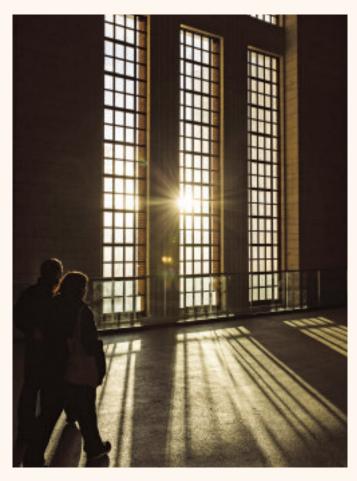
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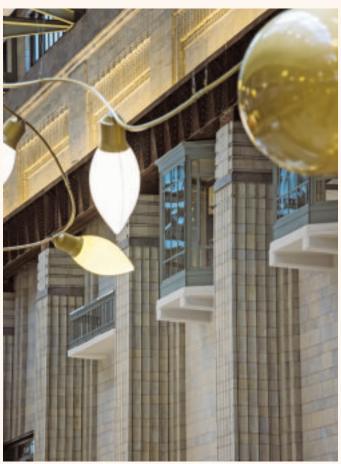
Powerup

A national landmark that has been immortalised in British pop culture, London's Battersea Power Station gets an electrifying makeover as a mixed use development 40 years after it ceased operation – thanks to the resilience and vision of a Malaysian consortium

Words Peter Watts Photography Tom Parker









hen the monumental Thames-side brick cathedral of London's Battersea Power Station reopened to the public in October 2022, after

almost 40 years of being shuttered, the King of Malaysia was the guest of honour. He was invited to unveil a commemorative plaque, in recognition of the power station's rebirth, which would never have happened without Malaysian intervention.

A brick building on the Thames with four distinctive chimneys, Battersea Power Station was built to generate London's electricity in the 1930s. A national landmark, it has been featured in films, album covers, music videos and during the 2012 London Olympics.

After shutting down in 1983, the power station became the city's most distinctive ruin. Hopeful developers arrived with bold dreams and fanciful promises theatres! theme parks! football stadiums! - before departing, defeated by the scale, expense and complexity of the project.

That changed when a Malaysian consortium - made up of Sime Darby Property, SP Setia, and the Employees' Provident Fund – bought the 42-acre site in 2012. Sarah Banham, the power station's head of communities and sustainability, who has worked on the development since 2006, praises the shareholders "resilience and vision" even in the uncertain climate of Brexit and Covid-19. Under their guidance, Battersea Power Station has now

> become the centrepiece of one of London's most exciting developments.

"Battersea Power Station holds a special place in people's hearts in London, the United Kingdom and around the globe," Dato' Jagan Sabapathy, Malaysian chairman of Battersea Project Holding Company, says. "Visitors to Battersea Power Station from Malaysia can expect to experience something truly unique. Nowhere else in the world can people shop, eat, drink, play and work inside a former coal-fired power station that is steeped in history and culture, and has an overarching sense of place and community. The opening of Battersea Power Station is a turning point for this riverside neighbourhood and the pinnacle of 10 years of hard work and dedication."



Previous spread:

The former coal-fired power station in 2023 is a heritage attraction. with facilities that include an observation deck in one of its chimneys













Clockwise from opposite page:

An all-day bar; view from Turbine Hall A; inside Royal Selangor's shop; Roti King's first London outpost; Sugen Gopal, Roti King's chef and owner



WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2023

Keep your eyes peeled for these upcoming events and soon-to-open establishments at Battersea Power Station

Arcade Food Hall. New for spring 2023 is a 24,000sqf food hall inside the power station, which will add a variety of food concepts along with three standalone restaurants and a cocktail bar.

Third Space. The London fitness brand will be opening a 28,000sqf club, offering a space for training, recovery, relaxation, and nutrition.

Light Festival. This annual festival will be returning between mid- January and mid-March with seven aweinspiring installations located across the development site.

Check batterseapowerstation. co.uk for updates.

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Battersea Power Station holds a special place in people's hearts – in London, the United Kingdom and around the globe

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Battersea Power Station's transformation

has been remarkable. Abandoned and roofless, it was home to nothing more than a pair of roosting peregrine falcons in 2012; now it welcomes tens of thousands of daily visitors – and the falcons have their own specially-built penthouse nest. The hard work of restoration was overseen by architects Wilkinson Eyre. Walls had to be rebuilt, six million bricks cleaned and repointed, and 1.75 million bricks sourced and replaced. All four chimneys, corroded by decades of chemicals, were demolished and rebuilt. One chimney has now been converted into a lift – a glass capsule that pops out the top with views across the city skyline.

In the huge central boiler house, where workers once stoked fiery furnaces, offices have been built for Apple, a blue-chip tenant that signifies the calibre of the development. The boiler house is flanked on either side by two turbine halls, filled with shops, restaurants, and a cinema.

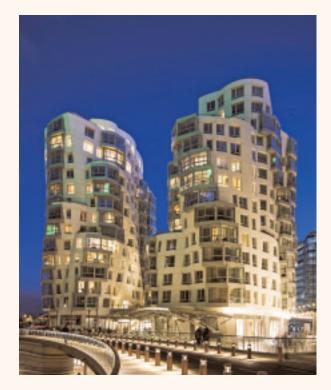
More than 250 apartments have been built into the upper floors, where residents have access to splendid roof gardens. But it's the shops that have been attracting visitors since October last year, with the power station offering a unique retail experience for Londoners. Retailers include Royal Selangor, a Malaysian pewterware specialist, whose collection includes items inspired by the power station. "The idea is to have a brand for everybody," explains Will Emery, a member of the power station's communications team. "Affordable high street brands, some premium

brands and then smaller brands such as Curated Makers, who work with around 40 local artists."

Overlooking the western turbine hall is Control Room A, a fabulous Art Deco space with parquet flooring and marble walls that will be used for events. Control Room B has been converted into a space age cocktail bar. There are two control rooms because Battersea was originally two power stations, built side by side: Battersea A opened in 1933, while Battersea B, delayed because of the Second World War, entered service in 1944. It wasn't finished until 1955, when the fourth chimney went up.

The building was

originally designed with immense care by architect Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, partly because of its prominent location on the Thames close to Westminster. Indeed, when the building was first proposed in 1930, campaigners that included King George V were concerned about







5 SHOPS TO VISIT AT BATTERSEA POWER STATION

REFORMATION

This stylish, ultra-elegant lifestyle and fashion brand from Los Angeles has a strong focus on sustainability, recycling and upcycling, and produces limited-edition collections. instagram.com/reformation

VAGABOND WINES

An award-winning independent urban wine retailer, Vagabond has a knack for sourcing rare and unusual wines from around the world. instagram.com/ vagabondwines

CSD

Selling pre-loved and authenticated luxury clothes, bags, shoes, and

accessories, CSD replicates the experience of a traditional luxury shopping experience at a more affordable price. instagram.com/csdworld

CURATED MAKERS

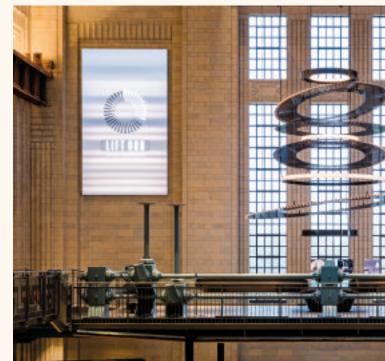
Expect unique hand-crafted novelty items, cards, and household ornaments designed and produced by a carefully curated section of 40 local businesses.

instagram.com/ curatedmakers

THEORY

This acclaimed New York atelier is known for their premium fabrics and timeless cuts, offering a range of classic wardrobe essentials for both men and women

uk.theory.com







Clockwise from top left:

Prospect Place, an eye-catching residential building designed by Gehry Partners; Lift 109, BPS' chimney lift experience; Lift 109's foyer area the impact it would have on the homes and residents of central London.

Scott's beautiful building helped alleviate those concerns, and the detail has been retained by Wilkinson Eyre, with exposed brickwork and old crane gantries kept in place. "We have ship containers full of things from the power station and can give retailers things like old safes and parquet flooring to enhance their environment," Banham says. "There's a sense of fun and informality about it."

The once empty land around the power station has been converted into shops, restaurants, hotels, and apartments, creating a new town centre with buildings designed by acclaimed architects such as Norman Foster and Frank Gehry. There's a new Tube station and public spaces, including Malaysia Square, which has a design inspired by the Mulu caves in Sarawak.

One popular area of the sprawling development is Arches Lane, which utilises the old railway arches and includes a cinema and theatre. It is here where the first UK outlet of Roti King – a hugely successful Malaysian

restaurant – has opened, serving up freshly made nasi lemak, mee goreng mamak, and other popular Malaysian dishes. "A country's cuisine is a powerful window into its culture, traditions, and history, and therefore we take great care in making sure Malaysians living in London or those visiting us for the first time enjoy an authentic and unique Malaysian culinary experience," chef-founder Sugen Gopal says.

Battersea is already buzzing but the development is only half completed, with further buildings planned for the eastern side of the site to provide even more homes, shops, and offices. "Malaysia has played an important role in restoring a piece of the UK's industrial heritage so it can be enjoyed by all for generations to come," Sabapathy says. "We can be extremely proud."



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Stays Above the Fray

3 top-notch hotel experiences to book on your next visit to Malaysia

alaysia's hospitality landscape is truly exceptional. Thoughtful amenities, mouth-watering flavours and renowned Asian hospitality are available in every city. This issue, we shine the spotlight on a city-slicker's dream, a nature-lover's retreat and a design-forward bolthole.



Sunway Putra Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

For shopping and exploring the city

To be in the heart of the action, stay at Sunway Putra Hotel, voted Malaysia's Best Family Hotel by International Travel Awards 2022. The 650-room, five-star hotel is nestled within KL's historic Diamond Triangle – close to the glitzy KLCC and Petronas

Twin Towers and packed with restaurants and malls. In fact, the hotel is linked to Sunway Putra mall and its 300 brands. When you need a break, Sunway Putra Hotel offers a recharge through its well-equipped gym, outdoor pool and jacuzzi and Malaysian flavours at Coffee House. Back in your room, enjoy WiFi and 24-hour room service. sunwayhotels. com/sunway-putra, +603 4040 9888



Geo Resort & Hotel, Genting Highlands

For nature getaways with the family

An hour's drive from KL, and 1,865m above sea level, Genting Highlands is a picturesque getaway. With 252 modern rooms and lush mountain views, Geo Resort & Hotel is the perfect base from which to enjoy this popular hill station. Couples will love relaxing at the poolside all-

day dining restaurant, Cabana, or an Italian date night under the atrium at Glas Haus, while kids will delight in the mini staircase leading up to their lofted beds in the Family Suite - and the infinity pool, of course. Beyond the hotel lie many nature-based outings, such as Genting Strawberry Farm and the Kuala Gandah **Elephant Conservation** Centre. georesort.my, +603 9213 0838



The LUMA Hotel, Kota Kinabalu

For gorgeous Instagram pictures

Kota Kinabalu is the gateway to North Borneo, flanked by rainforest, coastline and Mt Kinabalu. This is the inspiration for The LUMA Hotel, part of the global Design Hotels collection. The lobby is a stunning space, with earthtone sofas, hanging foliage, wicker chairs, polished

concrete and wood paneling, reminiscent of the jungle's raw beauty. The nature theme continues in the WiFienabled rooms, where the bathrooms feature bamboo toothbrushes and refillable dispensers. Tanjung Aru beach is a 10-minute drive away, but in-house eateries JOJO Gastrobar, Hinode Sushi Bar, Fish Market and Flow Coffee will keep you busy. thelumahotel.com, +60 88 286 900



qually chaotic and beautiful, Tokyo F is one of the most unique cities in Asia. It's a bustling metropolis where the latest technological advances sidle up with age-old tradition, where breathtaking cityscapes blend harmoniously with nature, and where narrow streets and maze-like alleyways shadowed by towering skyscrapers reveal secrets and serendipitous discoveries.



Striking a delicate balance

In a city with the most Michelin-starred restaurants (see sidebar), how does a celebrated chef from London outdo the competition? By being creative, naturally, but more importantly, by playing it smart.

"When we were doing the research there were two different camps of style of food in Tokyo - pure Japanese or highend French food fine dining," says Tom Aikens, 53, who made his long-delayed Japan debut at The Tokyo Edition, Toranomon hotel in October after initial pre-pandemic plans came to a grinding halt.

Recalling a dinner at L'Effervescence for chef Shinobu Namae's signature turnip dish ("beautiful dish, you eat it like an apple!") and an expedition to Tsukiji Market, Aikens recalls that since there is barely any crossover of cuisines in Tokyo, he thought, "maybe we should do a little bit of mixing."

At both of Aiken's restaurants - Jade Room indoors and Garden Terrace outdoors - Aikens strikes a delicate balance between two cuisines. "We take a little bit of Japanese to mix with European. This is what we've done," Aiken says.

> Clockwise from bottom right: Chef Tom Aiken: kinmedai osso buso from The Jade Room; okonomiyaki from **Garden Terrace**









The 2023 edition of Michelin Guide Tokyo, released in November, lists 200 restaurants with stars in the Japanese capital. Of these, 12 hold three, including innovative Japanese restaurant Kohaku and (right) French-Japanese dining room L'Effervescence (also awarded a Michelin Green Star). Thirty-nine restaurants were bestowed two stars and 149 have one. Overall, Tokyo's restaurant scene received 263 stars in 2023.





Where to have a slice of (sushi) paradise

1 SUSHI YOSHITAKE, GINZA

At this three-Michelin-starred sushi haunt, legendary chef Masahiro Yoshitake intersperses traditional bites, such as marinated bonito or creamy uni, with sushi prepared with more liberal, creative touches. Both his slow-cooked oyster topped with flavoured jelly, and the signature steamed abalone in a creamy liver sauce, are the stuff that dreams are made of. Reservations are

best made through your hotel concierge or *tableall.com/*restaurant/70 way in advance.
sushi-yoshitake.com

2 SUSHI MATSUE, EBISU

This snug little operation offers an intimate omakase experience of Edo-style sushi. The vibe is warm and unhurried, the menu is filled with high-quality seafood from Toyosu market and the prices aren't insane. The lunch menu – which includes two small dishes, 12 pieces of sushi, and soup – starts at ¥4,600 (RM 148). matsue.cc

3 SUSHI KYUBEY, GINZA

Tokyo's best sushi restaurants are hushed, counter-seating venues that are either impossible to get into or prohibitively expensive. So Sushi Kyubey, with its relatively manageable prices and "walk-ins welcome" stand (for lunch) is a breath of fresh air. The popular establishment turns out top-notch nigiri, such as *chutoro* (medium fatty tuna) and *aori ika* (big-fin reef squid), that stands toe-to-toe with some of its pricier counterparts. *kyubey.jp*

4 KIZUSHI, NIHONBASHI

Regarded as a bastion for fine fish, this counterfocused omakase restaurant in Nihonbashi is one of the oldest sushi restaurants in Tokyo. Kizushi has been in business since 1924 and is run by Ryuichi Yui, its third-generation master. The menu is wide-reaching but sticks to authentic Edomae-zushi prepared with time-tested techniques. +81 3 3666-1682.





Spend a relaxing day at Yuen Bettei Daita – a day spa, ryokan and tea house rolled into one – near the trendy Shimokitazawa neighbourhood. Packages start at ¥2,850 (RM 92.40) and include a session of soaking in the baths, followed by freshly brewed tea and traditional

snacks. uds-hotels.com/en/yuenbettei/daita



In style

Marrying luxury with streetwear, these uber-cool Japanese brands push the fashion envelope

Sacai by Chitose Abe. Headed by designer Chitose Abe, who once made patterns for Comme des Garcons, this high-end fashion label has established itself as a powerhouse for fluid, distinctively fresh, minimal-meets-maximal designs. The progressive cult brand is probably best known in the mainstream for its longrunning collaboration with Nike.

Undercover. Designer Jun Takahashi's rebellious and romantic nature manifests in a vast range of utilitarian designs with deconstructed tweaks. Think oversized shirts and hoodies with bold, punk-inspired graphic prints and poetic messages, short-sleeved crepe shirts with patch pockets, and lingerie that resembles utility gear.

Neighborhood. Inspired by American biker culture, rock and roll, and military uniforms, this menswear brand takes influences of the past to create contemporary versions of leather biker jackets, selvedge denim jeans, and workwear shirts. Buzz around the brand is also due to its collabs with Vans and Adidas.

Suicoke. A customised Vibram footbed is standard for all the footwear produced by this brand, known for purveying highly engineered performance sandals that look fantastic both on the hiking trail and in the urban jungle. Founded in 2006 by designers that remain mysteriously anonymous, Suicoke's reputation has grown in recent years due to tie-ups with Missoni, Lanvin, and Carhartt.



Follow the golden trail

Within the neon-lit streets of Shinjuku lies **Golden Gai**, a labyrinth of more than 200 tiny bars (likely the tiniest in the world) crammed into what was once a red-light district. Stand elbow to elbow with locals and other tourists in characterrich establishments such as the hospital-themed **Tachibana Shinsatsushitsu**, the literature-inspired **The Open Book** (it supposedly has the best lemon sour in the city) and the kitschy, chandelier-adorned **Albatross**.







Enjoy a view of Tokyo Tower from lobby of The Tokyo Edition, Toranomon

Stand-out places to stay in Tokyo

1 THE TOKYO EDITION

The boutique hotel concept created by Ian Schrager, the man behind the iconic Studio 54 in New York, finds a new home in Tokyo. Designed in collaboration with Japanese starchitect Kengo Kuma, the Tokyo Edition, Toranomon displays plenty of showmanship, from the jungle-like lobby to restaurants helmed by acclaimed British chef Tom Aikens, to suites with their own private terraces. editionhotels.com/tokyo-toranomon

2 TRUNK HOTEL

The beautifully designed Trunk Hotel in Shibuya couldn't be more central, yet somehow it manages to feel like a secret. After a day of shopping in Tokyo's retail jungle, cocoon yourself in a high-ceilinged suite fitted out with a record player and a ceiling projector. As enticing as the rooms are, you'll want to spend some time in the hotel's common spaces, including the art-strewn lobby-slash-working space and, in the evening, the buzzy bar. trunk-hotel.com

3 MUJI HOTEL

Located in posh retail district Ginza and in the same building that houses the Muji global flagship store, Muji Hotel allows you to carouse through Tokyo's designer row before relaxing in your calming room. The popular lifestyle brand translates its signature Japanese-inspired minimalism into pared-back accommodations that feature contemporary design, warm lighting, natural materials and, of course, beddings and home accessories sold in its stores.

hotel.muji.com/ginza

3 THE MILLENNIALS

Based on a concept that combines function, comfort, and technology, The Millennials gives a modern and high-tech twist to Japan's famed capsule hotels. Each multi-functional Smart Pod unit comes with an iPod from which you can adjust lighting, air flow, and even the incline of your mattress. The lobby also doubles as a co-working space. livelyhotels.com/en/themillennialsshibuya



No one else has conquered cute quite like Japan. Kawaii culture, characterised by adorably quirky fashion, art, and entertainment, has its headquarters on Takeshita Street in Harajuku.



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The perks of flying through Haneda

Haneda Airport - primarily Tokyo's domestic airport until it opened up to long-haul international flights in 2014 is now gaining a reputation as a more preferable landing site than Narita International Airport, Tokyo's other main flight hub. Here are five reasons why:



2 It has been voted secondbest airport in the world by the World Airport Awards. The Skytrax awards also named it World's Cleanest Airport and the best airport for Person with Reduced Mobility (PRM) and Accessible Facilities.



3 Haneda's selection of shops run the gamut from luxury goods and novelty toys to Kit Kats in every flavour. Head to TIAT Duty Free Shop Central to stock up on these chocolate-coated wafers, as well as boxes of Tokyo Banana custard cake (above).



I It's only a 30-minute train ride to Tokyo Station, compared to the one hour you need to get to Tokyo's central terminal from Narita. Meanwhile, Shibuya from Haneda Airport is a quick 20-minute taxi trip.



4 Before boarding your flight, head to Edo Koji, a charming row of shops and restaurants modelled after a typical street in Edo or old Tokyo. It's a great place to buy souvenirs and enjoy Japanese culinary favourites such as yakitori, oden, and Edo-mae sushi.



5 At TIAT Sky Road, kids can learn more about the plane they're flying on from the model planes and informative panels that are displayed along the corridor. They can even test their piloting abilities in an immersive flight simulator.





Whimsical cafés

You haven't truly experienced Japanese pop culture if you don't visit one of its many themed cafés. Here are three of the quirkiest places to while away an afternoon in Tokvo.

Everything is adorable at Pokémon Café (pokemoncenter-online.com/cafe/ en), an eatery dedicated to Japan's beloved pocket monsters. Sample a souffle pancake shaped like Pikachu and enjoy it with a fizzy soda float topped with a Sprigatito cookie.

Over in Ginza, enter a gothic paradise when you step into Vampire Café

(dd-holdings.jp/shops/vampirecafe/ginza). In a city obsessed with Halloween, this spooky red velvet-decorated restaurant fits right in. Sip on-brand libations such as Nosferatu "black vodka" and Castlevania red sangria, and dine on ghoulish dishes splattered with what appears to be blood.

In Asakusa, a quirky version of ancient Tokyo can be found at Ninja Café & Bar (ninja-cafe.com). At this restaurant that's designed to look like a 15th-century Japanese feudal village, tuck into curry with rice shaped like a shuriken (starshaped throwing blade). Here, you will have the chance to don black ninja robes and learn how to use classic ninja weapons such as the katana sword and fukiya (blowgun).



Life is Suite

Sunway Resort Hotel's transformation means stunning rooms for visitors to Kuala Lumpur

s travel returns, travellers want ever more special experiences on their trips. A wow-worthy room is a must. For spacious suites with exceptional amenities in Kuala Lumpur, check out Sunway Resort Hotel. Part of Sunway City Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's first fully-integrated green township, Sunway Resort Hotel has unveiled phase one of a \$60 million renovation with eight new room and suite types.

Whether it's a demanding business trip, or a cosy family reunion, these new suites offer that something special you're seeking in 2023.

Wellness Suites

Fitness enthusiasts, skip the hotel gym when you book a Wellness Suite, which comes with your personal Technogym gear: treadmill, bench, dumbbells, elastic bands and wellness ball. There's even online Fitscovery coaching and a sleep tracker so get the rest you need.



Business Suites

Say goodbye to balancing your laptop on the nightstand. The 40-45m² Business Suite allows you to set up a sun-drenched office on your business trip – with an oversized desk, a sofa and a printer. Business Suites also come with the Fitscovery coaching service, so you can beat work stress on the go.

Executive Suites

Want to spend the day relaxing in your room? The Executive Suite delivers 58m^2 of space and all the mod-cons for an indulgent stay: a living room with IPTV, wireless charging stations, Nespresso machine and the Fitscovery programme. There's even a spa-like bathroom with own private whirlpool.

Premier Suites

Premier Suites deliver all the luxuries of the Executive Suites, with 20-30m² more space and a bar and living room. The mini bar is stocked with premium goodies, and the whirlpoolequipped bathroom with exclusive bath products. That's not all: Premier Suites come with views of the city skyline.

Sunway Grand Suites

Enjoy a family reunion in the 125m² Sunway Grand Suite, which sleeps four guests across two bedrooms. Spa-inspired bathroom aside, there are also dining, living and bar areas. And your personal butler frees you to focus on the moment.

The new suites are just part of the thrill at Sunway Resort. The resort is also now home to Gordon Ramsay Bar & Grill, the chef's first namesake outlet outside the UK, as well as New York-based Black Tap Craft Burgers & Shakes. Come soak it all in on your next trip to KL!

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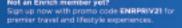
















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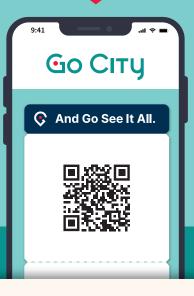
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Meanwhile, another flexible payment option called ShopBack Pay Later is available for customers in Malaysia and

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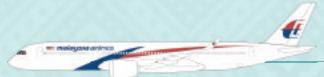
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A350-900 RI MHconnect

No. of Aircraft 6 | Passenger Seating 286 Length 66.80m | Wingspan 64.75m | Height 17.05m Max. Cruising Speed 944km/h

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A330-200 RII MHconnect

No. of Aircraft 6 | Passenger Seating 287 Length 58.82m | Wingspan 60.30m | Height 17.39m Max. Cruising Speed 880km/h

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No. of Aircraft **15** | Passenger Seating **290** Length **63.66m** | Wingspan **60.30m** | Height **16.79m**

Max. Cruising Speed **980km/h**MHConnect Wi-Fi Connectivity on selected aircraft

B737-800NG

No. of Aircraft **39** | Passenger Seating **160–166** Length **39.5m** | Wingspan **38.50m** | Height **12.50m** Max. Cruising Speed **857km/h**



ATR 72-500

No. of Aircraft **9** | Passenger Seating **72** Length **27.05m** | Wingspan **27.17m** | Height **7.65m**



B737-800NG

No. of Aircraft 4 | Passenger Seating 189 Length 39.5m | Wingspan 38.50m | Height 12.50m Max. Cruising Speed 857km/h



A330-200F

No. of Aircraft **3** | Maximum Cargo Capacity **65 (70) tonnes** Length **58.82m** | Wingspan **60.30m** | Height **16.88m** Max. Cruising Speed **1,021km/h**



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No. of Aircraft 10 | Passenger Seating 68 Length 27.05m | Wingspan 27.17m | Height 7.65m Max. Cruising Speed 510km/h



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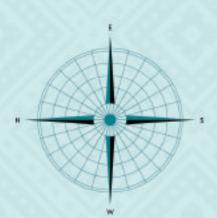
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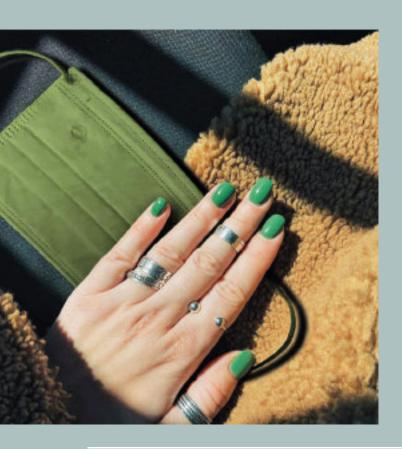
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Check out these two stylish series by Callie Mask, suitable for travellers.





Nature Series

Why spoil your photos with pale, boring masks when you can make them pop with the Nature Series. This collection takes the protection of four-ply masks and supercharges them with vibrant colours. Pose in a rainforest wearing your forest-inspired Evergreen mask, stand under a sakura tree sporting your crimson Blossome mask or lean against a reflective skyscraper with your cobalt New Wave mask. All come in boxes of 10 pieces, making them easy to toss in your carry-on.



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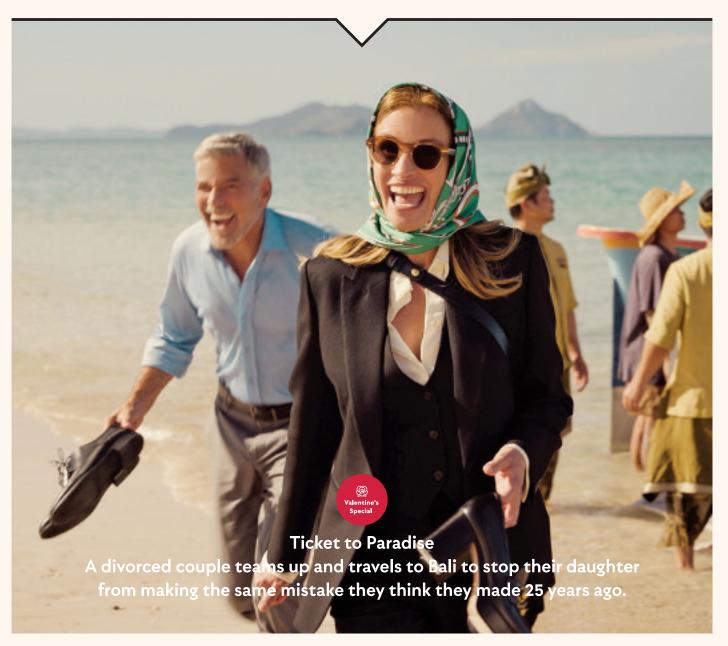
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NEW THIS MONTH $\stackrel{\triangle}{=}$



Hollywood



94 mins | PG 13 | Thriller | E

For Becky and Hunter, life is all about conquering fears. However, after they climb to the top of a remote, abandoned radio tower, they find themselves stranded with no way down.



Fisherman's Friends: One and All 111 mins | PG 13 | Comedy | E



110 mins | PG | Drama | E



Tomorrow Morning 107 mins | PG 13 | Drama | E

A Arabic **C** Cantonese

Guide

LANGUAGES

D Danish **E** English

ES Spanish

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TA Tagalog **TH** Thai

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A+ Arabic

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M+ Malay

RATINGS

G/U General audience. Suitable for all ages.

PG Parental guidance recommended. Some content may not be suitable for children.

PG13 Parental guidance strongly recommended. Some content may be inappropriate for children under 13 years of age.

15 Suitable for audiences aged 15 years and above.

R Restricted. Not suitable for audiences under 17 years of age.

NR Not rated by Motion Picture Association of

Ontains scenes or language that may be disturbing or offensive. Viewer discretion is advised.

M Programmes with Malaysian content.

★ Award-winning movies/ programmes.

International



Before You Die 98 mins | PG | Romance | H, E+

A film based on how a cancer patient and her family handle the crisis and trauma superbly well in an exemplary way.



My Blue Summer 103mins | G | Romance | C, E+



Fearless Love 142 mins | PG 13 | Comedy | TH, E+



Sun and Bolero 133 mins | G | Drama | J, E+

MOVIES ®

Latest



Father of the Bride 118 mins | PG 13 | Comedy | E

A father must come to grips with his daughter's upcoming wedding and handle multiple relationships within his sprawling Cuban American family.

🕇 More

We Too Together 94 mins | PG 13 | Drama | E, E+

The Etruscan Smile **107mins** | R | Drama | E

Jungle Cry 117 mins | PG 13 | Drama | E

Don't Worry Darling 122 mins | R | Thriller | E, E+

Moonshot 104 mins | PG 13 | Romance | E, E+

Nope 130 mins | R | Sci-Fi | E, E+

Brian and Charles 91 mins | PG | Comedy | E

The Roundup 106 mins | PG 13 | Action | K, E+ **Breakout Brothers 3** 86 mins | PG 13 | Action | C, E+

Only Fools Rush In **128 mins** | PG | Comedy | C, E+

Voices in the Wind **139 mins** | G | Drama | Fantasy J, E+

My Perfect Roommate 98 mins | PG 13 | Drama | K, E+

A Thursday 129 mins | PG 13 | Thriller | H, E+

Malay

Favourites



132 mins | PG 13 | Adventure | E, E+, J+



My Sister's Keeper 91 mins | Drama | E



Midnight Sun 110 mins | Romance | E

Birds of Prey 🔯 109 mins | R | Action | E, E+, J+

Suicide Squad 😭 130 mins | PG 13 | Action | E, E+, J+

The Judge 142 mins | E, E+, J+

Award-winning movies



102 mins | PG | Romance | E, E+



The Notebook 124 mins | PG 13 | Romance | E, E+, J+



The Lucky One 100 mins | PG 13 | Drama | E, E+, J+

The Time Traveler's Wife @ 107 mins | PG 13 | Romance | E

Before Sunrise 🙆 101 mins | R | Romance | E

The Lake House 🚳 99 mins | PG | Romance E, E+

Manisnya Cinta Di Cappadocia 110 mins | G | Romance | ML, E+



Bunga & Kayu 99 mins | PG 13 | Romance | ML



Kalut Nak Kahwin 90 mins | PG 13 | Comedy | ML

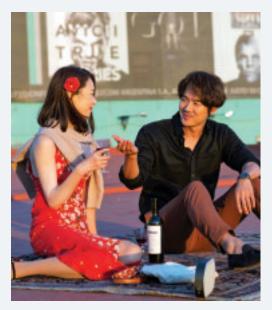
Chinese



Man on the Edge 113 mins | PG 13 | Action | M, E+

Lok, a Hong Kong undercover policeman, struggles in the conspiracy between gangs and the police in order to investigate the truth of gangs' drug trafficking.

Korean





New Year Blues 115 mins | PG 13 | Romance | K, E+

+ More

Shark: The Beginning 108 mins | PG 13 | Action | K, E+

Japanese







Lesson In Murder
128 mins | PG 13 | Mystery | J, E+

Tamil



Oh Manapenne! 140 mins | PG 13 | Romance | T, E+



Ponggal with Paati and Denes: City VS Kampung 60 mins | PG 13 | Comedy | T

Indonesian



Koki-Koki Cilik 91 mins | G | Drama | IN, E+

Tagalog



For the Broken Hearted 92 mins | PG 13 | Drama | TA, E+

Telugu



Super Over 83 mins | PG | Drama | TL, E+

Malayalam



Athiran 136 mins | PG 13 | Thriller | Malayalam, E+

Hindi



Anek 147 mins | PG 13 | Action | H, E+

Kids



The Lego Batman Movie 104 mins | PG | Animation | E, E+

Bruce Wayne must deal with the usual suspects as they plan to rule Gotham City, while discovering that he has accidentally adopted a teenage orphan who wishes to become his sidekick.

+ More

Storks

87 mins | PG | Animation | E, E+

August Rush

114 mins | PG | Drama | E

Tim Burton's Corpse Bride 77 mins | PG | Animation | E, E+

The Boy, the Dog and the Clown 90 mins | G | Family | E, J

Dreamer

105 mins | PG | Family | E, E+

Madagascar

86 mins | PG | Animation | E

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa 89 mins | PG | Animation | E

TELEVISION 🚊

Comedy



Friends 30 mins | Comedy | E

Follows the personal and professional lives of six twenty to thirty-somethingyear-old friends living in Manhattan.



The Big Bang Theory 30 mins | Comedy | E

A woman who moves into an apartment across the hall from two brilliant but socially awkward physicists shows them how little they know about life outside of the laboratory.

🕇 More

The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 30 mins | Comedy | E

Trial & Error 30 mins | Comedy | E

People of Earth 30 mins | Comedy | E

Kids



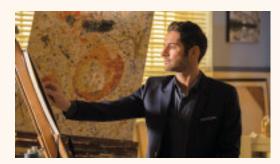
LEGO DC Shazam: Magic and Monsters! 90 mins | Kids | E

🕇 More

Superman: The Animated Series **30 mins** | Kids | E

Justice League Unlimited **30 mins** | Kids | E

Drama



60 mins | Drama | E

Lucifer Morningstar has decided he's had enough of being the dutiful servant in Hell and decides to spend some time on Earth to better understand humanity. He settles in Los Angeles - the City of Angels.



Kung Fu 60 mins | Drama | E

A quarter-life crisis causes a young Chinese-American woman, Nicky Shen, to drop out of college and go on a life-changing journey to an isolated monastery in China. But when she returns to San Francisco, she finds her hometown is overrun with crime and corruption, and her own parents are at the mercy of a powerful Triad. Nicky will rely on her tech-savvy sister, premed brother, Assistant District Attorney and ex-boyfriend, and new love interest as well as her martial arts skills and Shaolin values to protect her community and bring criminals to justice...all while searching for the ruthless assassin who killed her Shaolin mentor and is now targeting her.



Supernatural 60 mins | Drama | E

Two brothers follow their father's footsteps as hunters, fighting evil supernatural beings of many kinds, including monsters, demons and gods that roam the earth.

+ More

The Leftovers 60 mins | Drama | E

The Flash 60 mins | Drama | E

Queen Sugar 60 mins | Drama | E

Doctor Who 60 mins | Drama | E

The West Wing 60 mins | Drama | E

Pushing Daisies 60 mins | Drama | E

Lethal Weapon 60 mins | Drama | E

Best of Malaysia



Romantika 2022 60 mins | Malay | ML

Reality show highlighting the romantic side of your celebrities.



Ejen Ali Series 30 mins | Malay | ML



Nur 30 mins | Malay | ML

Religious



Geng Ta'alim 60 mins | Religious | ML

Geng Ta'alim is a program that points out lesson learning through the sharing of Hadith for the sake of a better soul. Hosted by famous Islamic figure, this program will bring few celebrities to share Islamic views through the hadiths of the Prophet, together with the Jemaah.

+ More

Panduan Wudhu 30 mins | Religious | ML

Panduan Solat 30 mins | Religious | ML

Santai Bersama 30 mins | Religious | ML

Travel



Dolce Vita South East Asia 30 mins | Travel | E

Enrich Luxe Retreats Langkawi 30 mins | Travel | E

Chinese

My Little Princess 60 mins | Chinese | M, E+

The Longest Day in Chang'an 60 mins | Chinese | M, E+

Hindi

Please Find Attached 30 mins | Hindi | H, E+



Tamil

Pasikithu Lah 30 mins | Tamil | T, E+ Kaloori Salai 30 mins | Tamil | T, E+

History

Harry and Meghan: A Modern Love Story 60 mins | History

Lifestyle

The Big Celebrity Adventure 60 mins | Lifestyle

First Love 60 mins | Lifestyle

Nature & Wildlife

Blue Planet II 60 mins | Nature & Wildlife

Business

Elon Musk: Superhero or Super Villain 60 mins | Business

Sports

Football's Greatest Stage 30 mins | Sports

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30 mins | Sports

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including... Meghan Trainor (above), Various Artists, Foo Fighters, Hilary Duff, a-ha, Dardust, August Royals, James Arthur, half-alive, Midnight Oil

Mandarin



including... AKB48 Team TP (above)

World



including... Vusi Ma R5 (above), Marco Mengoni, Jennifer Lopez & Maluma

Malay



including... Misha Omar (above), Alif Satar, Exists, Spring, Metropolitan

Cantonese



including... Moonlight, Silhouette and Sea (above)

Japanese



including... AKB48 Team TP (above), Wacci, Anly, Nogizaka46

Korean



including... Up10tion (above), KOREAN, Kim Woo Seok

Memories



including... Christina Aguilera (above), Harry Styles, George Ezra

Classical



including... Corrado Giuffredi & Leonora Armellini (above)

Jazz



including... Keiko Lee (above), Maria Kim, See Siang Wong,

Relax



including... Masaki Nakamura (above), Andy Stringer, Mount Hayes

Light & Easy



including... Various Artists (above), Kotaro Oshio, Alexis Ffrench

+ Extra

Kids Indonesian Hindi Tamil

+ More

Club

including... Various Artists, Syn Cole & Carla Monroe, Rezz, Pete Tong, DejaVilla

Country

including... Koe Wetzel, Kane Brown, Troy Cassar-Daley, Luke Combs, Tom Douglas

Rhythm and Blues

including... Pip Millett, RealestK, Kenny Mason, Usher, DigDat, Jazmine Sullivan



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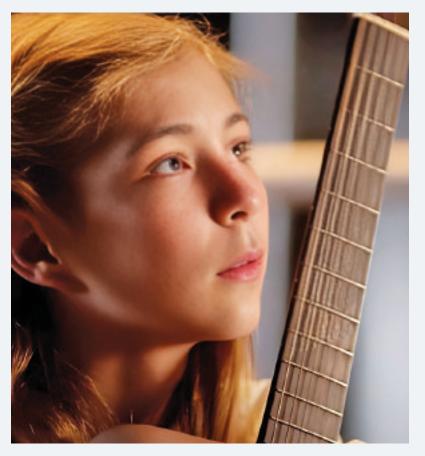




MARCH 2023

MOVIES ③

Latest Hollywood



Harper 103 mins | PG 13 | Drama, Family | E

+ More



Gigi & Nate114 mins | PG 13 |
Drama, Family | E



Catherine Called Birdy 108 mins | PG 13 | Adventure, Comedy | E



Emily
130 mins | R | Biography,
History, Romance | E



Marcus 110 mins | PG 13 | Drama | E

Vesper 114 mins | PG 13 | Adventure, Drama, Sci-Fi | E



The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry 105 mins | PG 13 | Drama, Fantasy, Romance | E, C+, A+, E+



Hounded 94 mins | PG 13 | Action,
Horror, Thriller | E

International



The Anchor
111 mins | PG 13 | Mystery, Thriller | K, E+

+ More



Good Morning 118 mins | PG 13 | Drama | K, E+



Sing a Bit of Harmony 109 mins | PG | Animation, Drama, Music | J, E+



Sehari 128 mins | PG 13 | Comedy, Romance | TL, E+



Anita
137 mins | PG | Biography,
Drama, History | C, E+



Pushpa: The Rise Part I 179 mins | PG 13 | Action, Drama | H, E+



SLR 113 mins | PG 13 | Horror, Thriller | TH, E+

MARCH 2023

TELEVISION

Ramadhan Special



Menantu Atau Isteri Untuk Abah 96 mins | Drama, Comedy | ML

+ More



17 Puasa 75 mins | Comedy | ML



Ramadan Terindah Nurani 90 mins | Family, Drama | ML, E+

Women's History Month



On the Basis of Sex 120 mins | PG 13 | Biography, Drama | E



Ki & Ka 126 mins | PG 13 | Comedy, Romance | H, E+



Achcham Madam Naanam Payirppu 80 mins | PG 13 | Comedy, Drama | T, E+



The Chaperone 108 mins | PG 13 | Drama | E, J+



Woman Walks Ahead 101 mins | R | Biography, Drama, History | E, J+



Little Big Women 123 mins | PG | Family, Drama | C, E+

TV Shows



Shining Vale
30 mins | Comedy | E

+ More



Dragons: Race to the Edge 30 mins | Kids | E



Neymar: The Making of a Superstar 30 mins | Sports | E



Making the Movies: MARVEL 30 mins | Showbiz | E



Gordon Ramsay: Uncharted 60 mins | Travel | E





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