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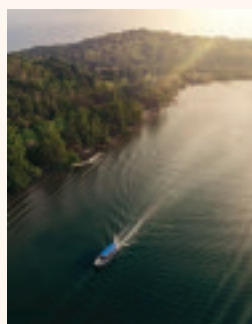
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Dear guests,

I hope all of you are in the best of health. This marks the first time we are extending *Going Places* magazine to our sister airlines Firefly and MASwings, and I hope that this will be a great reading companion to flip through for ideas for your next vacation, or to discover new places. We thank you for flying with us as your airline of choice on this journey and hope you enjoy our Malaysian Hospitality service along the way.

The Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG) recently announced its 2022 Annual Performance, and I am pleased to share that we have made commendable traction, with our financials improving significantly in the second half of 2022. As a group, we managed to achieve a net operating profit of RM556 million, while net loss after interest and tax for the year reduced 79% to RM344 million from RM1.65 billion a year ago. We also continue to be of cash positive status since October 2021, despite navigating in unfavourable market conditions due to rising fuel prices and FOREX. This is a

significant achievement, especially given the after-effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our operations as we continue to restore capacity into the market.

While I am proud of our financial achievements, I also recognise that we have fallen short of meeting customer experience expectations at times. I wish to assure you of our unwavering commitment to providing inimitable Malaysian Hospitality service across all our airlines. I understand that there are areas that we need to improve, particularly in terms of customer experience.

We appreciate your patience and want you to know that we are working hard to address these issues, as our focus remains on you, our valued customers. We will continue to double down on our efforts in ensuring customers remain our centre of gravity to provide you with more products and services that are aligned with your needs and changing market environments.

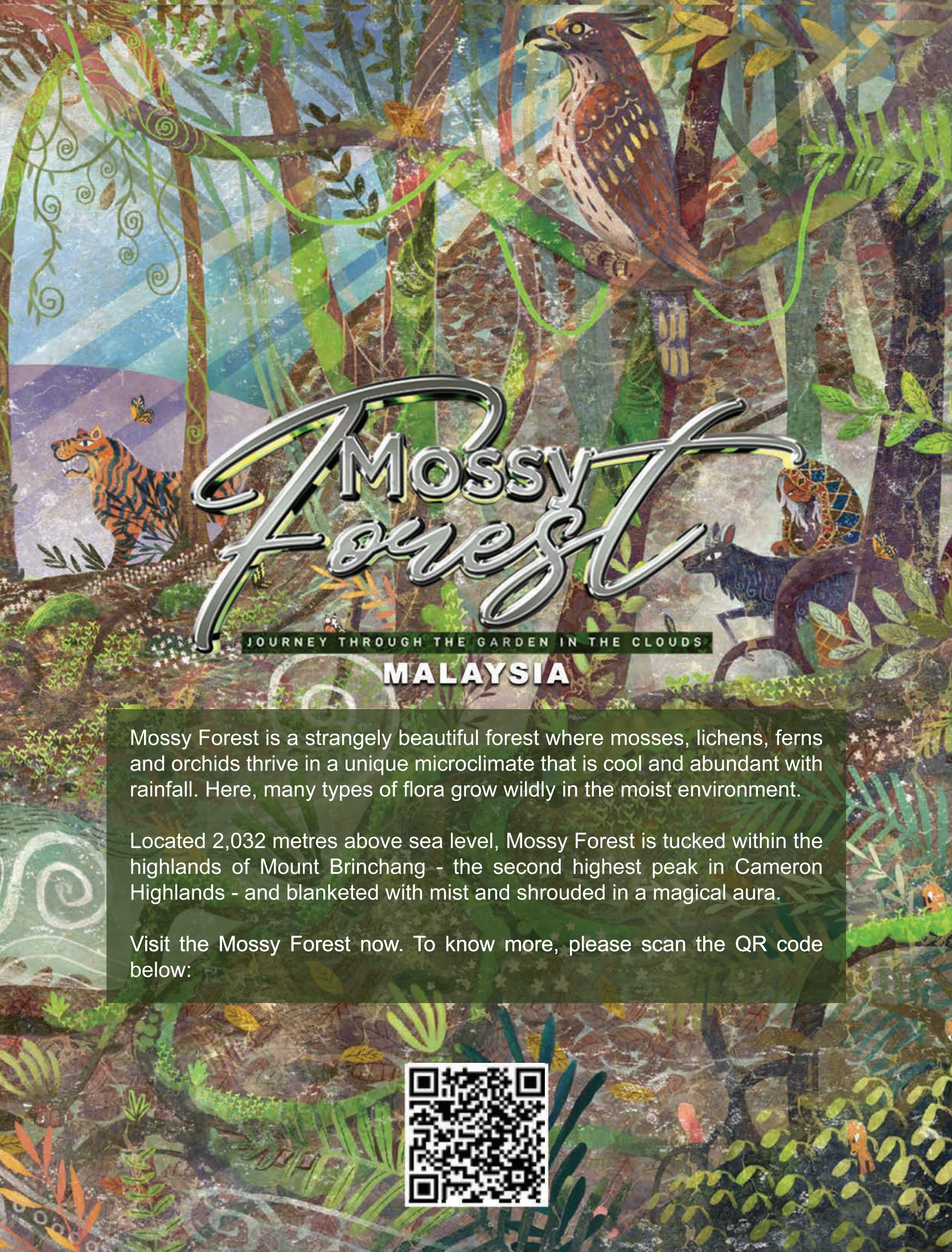
I am also pleased to share that we have introduced several initiatives to achieve our goals that are outlined in our Long-Term Business Plan 2.0. In the pipeline, we will be introducing the Voluntary Carbon Offset Programme, which will allow passengers to offset emissions associated with their flights by supporting verified carbon offset projects directly when booking through Malaysia Airlines' official website.

I am also pleased to share that we recently transferred four popular Malaysia Airlines' Intra-Borneo services to Firefly following robust demand recoveries across all markets, with the latter now operating one-time daily return flights on the Boeing 737-800 aircraft between its new hub in Kota Kinabalu (BKI) and Sandakan (SDK), Tawau (TWU) and Kuching (KCH), as well as between KCH and Miri (MYY); providing passengers unparalleled travel experience with comfort, convenience and efficiency.

With these developments and other exciting projects in our pipeline, you can look forward to an enhanced experience, greater connectivity and a memorable journey onboard Malaysian Hospitality. Once again, thank you for flying with us and we hope to see you onboard again soon.

Izham Ismail

Group Managing Director
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MALAYSIA

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Starting this month, in addition to our loyal readers flying with Malaysia Airlines, passengers on board Firefly and MASwings will now be able to read *Going Places* – we warmly welcome you on board and hope that you find our stories and photographs to be inspiring, informative and entertaining.

On this issue's cover is Langkawi, which consistently ranks high in travel lists of Asia's best islands. It is also a popular destination for beachside activities and duty-free shopping. But Langkawi's true gems – 550-million-year-old geological formations, majestic mangrove forests and vibrant wildlife – still largely remains under the radar, 16 years after it became the first geopark in Southeast Asia to be recognised by UNESCO. That is about to change.

The world has become more socially and environmentally responsible post-COVID, and in Langkawi, tour operators are spearheading this initiative. In "Forces of nature" (page 42), read about entrepreneurs such as Irshad Mubarak and Dato Alexander Isaac who are advocating sustainable, zero-emission activities to discover the island's natural wonders.

Also in *Going Places*, one of our many reasons to love Malaysia includes Kuching's Rainforest World Music Festival, which is being staged in person this year – promising a thumping good time in the Bornean jungle (page 13). Still in East Malaysia, we offer a 24-hour guide to Kota Kinabalu (page 35) to help you explore its plethora of creative businesses, water activities and local dining favourites – tender beef noodles with thick laksa broth, anyone?

Beyond Malaysia, Johor-born Gin Lee is now a chart-topping pop singer based in Hong Kong, and she is our local guide to the Fragrant Harbour. On page 24, she recommends shops that carry artisanal goods, quaint neighbourhoods and high-energy live concerts. Speaking of the latter, we've rounded up the best summer music festivals in London that audiophiles will love – from rock and roll to hip hop, there's something to jumpstart your groove this summer (page 22).

There are more stories to inspire you to travel in this issue, and we're as excited as you are about seeing what else is new within the network. Let's go!

Shermian Lim
Editor

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Craig is a Bangkok-based writer who loves long runs and long reads. He has written about everything from Bhutan's first craft beer fest to driving Australia's rugged Tanami Track.



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Writer, "24 hours in KK", p35

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Photographer, "Forces of nature", p42

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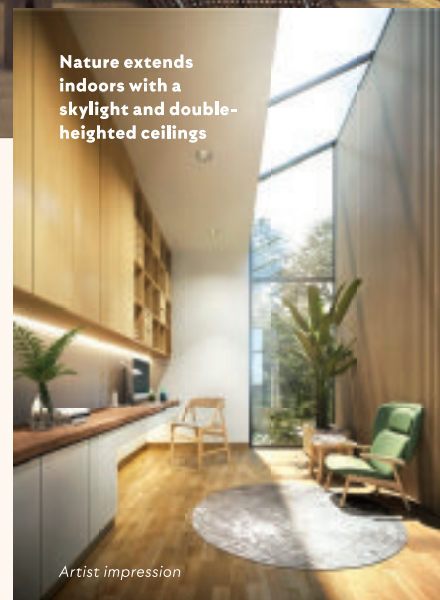
Recovering Paradise

Surrounded by nature and inspired by the Japanese Zen, Mio Spring is a unique residential development focused on being one with nature



In Japanese philosophy, there is a concept known as yugen, which roughly translates to “mysterious profundity”. It describes the emotions that arise in response to something that is deeply moving, such as watching the sun dip beneath the horizon or wandering around a large forest.

This reverence for our natural world is the guiding principle behind Mio Spring, a developing residential enclave in Gamuda Cove. Recognising homeowners’ burgeoning desire for wide, open spaces and greater harmony with nature – especially in our post-pandemic era – this upcoming development offers countryside living in close proximity to southern Klang Valley.





Commune with nature

Drawing inspiration from Japanese aesthetics and way of life, Mio Spring features minimalist-style two-storey terrace houses built against a backdrop of lush greenery. Heading out and embracing the great outdoors has never been easier as this 618-unit development is situated right next to Central Park, a sprawling green lung that spreads over 60 acres, is pet-friendly and features three lakes and a scenic 5km-long walking and cycling trail. You can even treat yourself to a spot of *shinrin-yoku* (forest bathing), the unique Japanese practice of being calm and quiet among the trees to soak in the benefits of nature.

Even if you choose to stay within the gated compound, nature is never too far with the biophilic landscaped facilities that include a tranquil bamboo trail, multiple zen gardens and a blossom-lined boulevard. Other recreational facilities at Mio Spring include an outdoor multi-purpose sports court and a ninja-inspired playground for little ones.

You even get to enjoy the therapeutic effects of Mother Nature in your own home, thanks to thoughtful architecture features such as floor-to-ceiling windows, designed to let in an abundance of natural light, and an open-plan layout on the first floor to enable flexibility in space planning. In addition, the longitudinal kitchen design extends outwards to a verdant

garden, which helps to bring the outdoors in.

The interiors are also in line with Japanese design principles, with a focus on clean lines, earthy colours and bright, open spaces that create a feeling of art, nature and simplicity. Beyond just aesthetic appeal, each room was also designed with functionality in mind, which is why the bedrooms all come with an en-suite bathroom and are all OKU-friendly.

A beautiful way of life

Mio Spring is the fifth residential development in Gamuda Cove, a new satellite city recognised by the country's Ministry of Environment and Water as Malaysia's first 5-Diamond Low Carbon City, with all its buildings, gardens and parks

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adhering to environmentally-conscious practices such as rainwater harvesting, smart waste management and solar power initiatives.

In addition, the sustainability-focused development also offers residents various walking and cycling paths, an antique tram network, e-bikes and electric vehicle charging stations, making it easy to adopt an active lifestyle with a lower carbon footprint.

Commuting made easy

Venturing out to the heart of Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and indeed across Klang Valley is a hassle-free affair, with the township's dedicated interchange with the ELITE Expressway. From Gamuda Cove, Putrajaya is just 10km away, Kuala Lumpur 30km away and Petaling Jaya 35km away. To the south, Kuala Lumpur International Airport is 17km away. And when the toll-free 2km Cyberjaya Link is completed, Cyberjaya will be a short five-minute drive away.

Mio Spring is open for registration.

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register your interest.





Mangala Resort & Spa

Mangala Resort and Spa is an award-winning hidden paradise located in Kuantan. After 20 years of rehabilitation, the resort has transformed into an experiential destination, surrounded by vast lakes and wetlands. Immerse in the flourishing landscape built to preserve, nurture and maintain a thriving ecosystem. With nature-inspired villas, indulging spa treatments and exquisite meals, Mangala Resort and Spa offers a tranquil setting to disconnect and recharge.



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REASONS TO LOVE MALAYSIA

Bold flavours, inspiring people and unforgettable places

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Kota Kinabalu

Chalet stays among rainforest wildlife

At Borneo Sepilok Rainforest Resort, Sandakan's newest leafy hideaway, nature is the whole itinerary. About a 10-minute walk from the Rainforest Discovery Centre, Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre and Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre, Borneo Sepilok Rainforest Resort is the ideal home base from which to enjoy guided hikes and incredible wildlife encounters before retreating to your four-poster bed and private in-room jacuzzi for the night.
borneosepilok.com

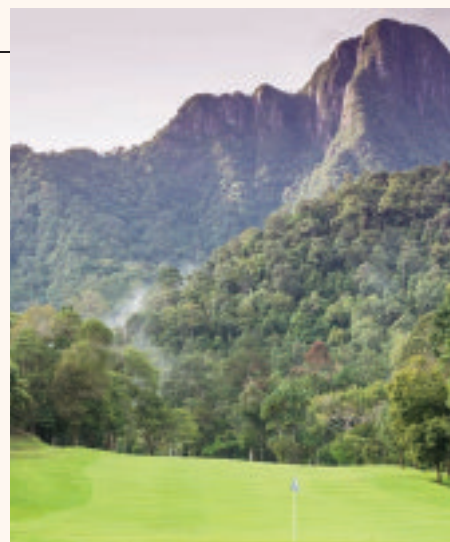


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Langkawi

Traditional spa days



For today's traveller, wellness is a priority rather than a luxury. The Datai Langkawi's all-day Malay Wellness Journey makes it both. Expanding on the age-old Malay practice of *mandi embun* (dew bathing), the day starts with a guided sensory walk into the ancient rainforest that surrounds the Gunung Machinchang mountain formation. You'll then take part in the *mandi maul hayat* ritual, a river-bathing practice believed to help regulate your circadian rhythms. After some light breathing and stretching, it's back to the spa for an invigorating *urut melayu* (Malay massage).

Finally, because no Malaysian experience is complete without food, the journey concludes with a delicious spa meal based around the traditional *enam rasa* (six tastes) of hot, sweet, sour, salty, bitter and astringent. Savour it with views of the serene, turquoise waters of Datai Bay. thedatai.com

Unwind at home

No time for a spa session?
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experience with these
local products



**Olive & Lemon
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**Damage Repair
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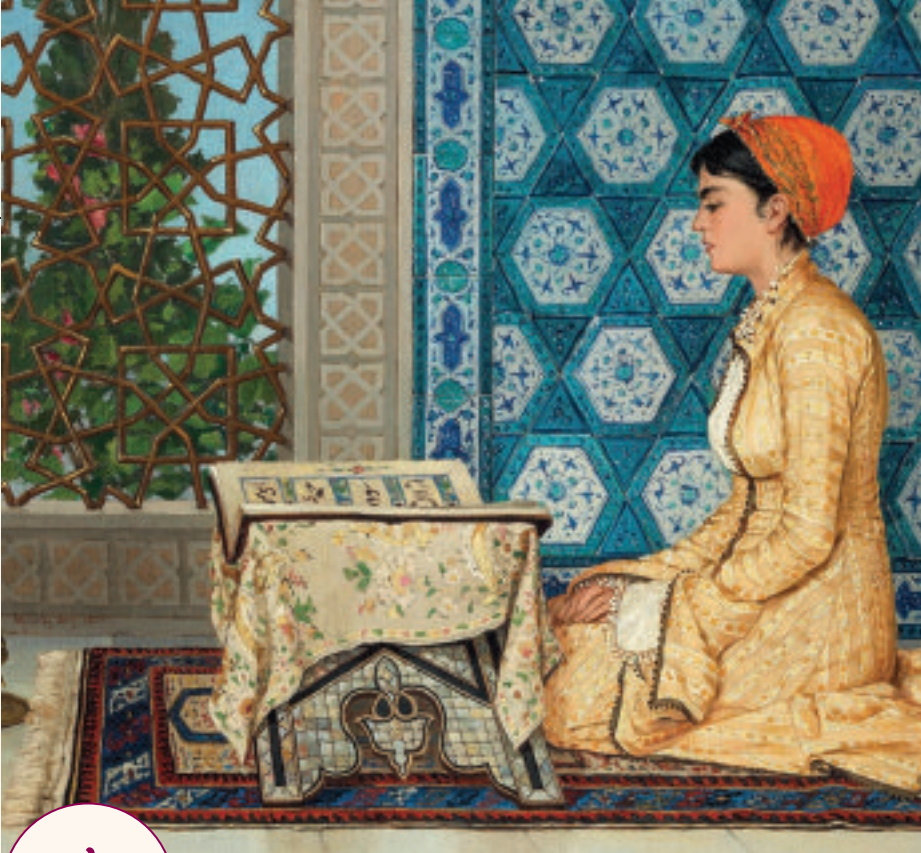
A handy little tin containing skin-loving tamanu, sea buckthorn oil and calendula to soothe irritation. jeaniebotanicals.com

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Kuching

Music in the Bornean forest

Rejoice, world music fans! The Rainforest Music Festival returns to a live format from 23–25 June. Expect 199 international and local musicians to take musicophiles on a journey through sound. Highlights: Grammy winners Gipsy Kings, pop reggae veterans Big Mountain, ngoma music troupe Safi Theatre and contemporary folk ensemble Rastak. rwmf.net



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Kuala Lumpur

An exhibition that challenges Orientalism

The Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia's latest exhibition, *Orientalist Paintings: Mirror or Mirage?*, confronts the fraught concept of Orientalism in painting and provides a nuanced overview on artists' depictions of the Middle East and North Africa in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Opening this month and running through October, this is one of the museum's largest exhibitions yet. Visitors will have eight sections to explore, tracing the unfolding creative paths of artists such as Frederick Arthur Bridgman and Osman Hamdi Bey. iamm.org.my

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Kuala Lumpur

A flea market committed to sustainable practices

Festival director Evangeline Lim could not find a regular market that prioritised community and sustainability, so she organised one. Kabut in the Park happens several times a year in the scenic grounds of the KL Performing Arts Centre, where shoppers can enjoy a morning of bargain-hunting among unique pre-loved

items. In line with the sustainability theme, you're asked to bring your own containers to store the snacks and drinks bought from food vendors – to be enjoyed over a balmy lakeside picnic. Kabut is on 3 June, with more to follow in September, November and December. [instagram.com/kabutinthepark](https://www.instagram.com/kabutinthepark)





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Penang

A young chef helps diversify George Town's food scene

Penang is synonymous with its local food. Domestic and international tourists flock here to sample dishes such as char kway teow, curry mee, asam laksa and dozens of other classics. In this culinary landscape, it would seem to make little business sense to open a French-inspired fine-dining restaurant in George Town.

And yet, that's exactly what Penang-born chef Kim Hock Su did with Au Jardin. Five years later, in 2023, he garnered one Michelin star for the effort.

It's been a long and winding journey back home for Su, who received his culinary training in the UK. "I worked at the White Hart at Lydgate and later at the Freemasons at Wiswell, under Michael Shaw and Steven Smith respectively. I would have happily stayed on, but an



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injury brought me home." Su began his first foray as a French-inspired restaurateur in Penang.

He opened pâtisserie Les Macarons de Valérie in 2012, followed by Basil, Le Bistrot in 2014, with investors who eventually took him and half his team to open a Taipei branch of the café. However, the challenge of running and staffing two branches was unsustainable.

One day, Su had a culinary epiphany. "I was at the San Pellegrino Young Chef Academy competition representing Taiwan," he recalls. "And Malaysia was notably absent. Why was I competing for another country when there was no one to represent Malaysia?" This realisation was pushed into action by personal circumstance. When their first child was born, Su and his wife closed both restaurants and returned home to Penang in 2018.

This was the beginning of Au Jardin. Here, Su showcases his culinary knowledge and international experience, married with some familiar flavours and predominantly Malaysian ingredients. "The essence of French cuisine is to take inspiration from the terroir and local fresh produce," he says. "I'm not here reinventing char kway teow or asam laksa, but I'm incorporating what makes those dishes great into our food."

Su and his team change at least 85 percent of the menu every month, offering a fresh experience to regulars and new diners alike. But the *canard à l'orange* – a 90-day old duck stuffed with hay, oranges and spices then aged for two weeks and roasted on the bone – has not been allowed to retire. "I dropped it once and diners complained, so we have one evergreen item on the menu."

Even with his success thus far, Su doesn't plan to expand anywhere else. "The art of street food is dying in Penang. The upcoming generation either no longer wants to inherit this craft or leaves Penang for different pastures. By bringing attention to Penang via Au Jardin, perhaps I can elevate interest in the food scene as a whole and keep heritage street food going." restaurant-aujardin.com

Beyond street food

Don't leave Penang without trying the dégustation menus at these restaurants



Curios-city

Tucked away in a revamped old warehouse in the heart of George Town, Curios-City serves Malaysian-European cuisine amid a backdrop of concrete walls and trendy foliage. The eight-course dégustation menu changes every couple of months and has featured ingredients such as jackfruit, blue swimmer crab, fresh river prawns and durian. instagram.com/curioscity.pg



Gen

Chef Johnson Wong takes you through his personal culinary journey with nostalgic flavours and local ingredients. The haiku-like bilingual lunch and dinner menus merely list the star ingredients of each course: "duck, Ayer Itam ginger", for example, or "oyster, mountain yam". genpenang.com

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Kuala Lumpur

A Broadway musical starring local theatre talent



When the curtain rises on *The Producers* at the Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre in July, Peter Ong will look forward to hearing laughter from a live audience again. "This will be the first major musical production in KL since the pandemic," says the performer and co-founder of PAN Productions, "which is why we decided to go with something gloriously camp and over-the-top hilarious."

The Tony Award-winning musical by Mel Brooks – which was made into a movie starring Nathan Lane, Uma Thurman and Matthew Broderick in 2005 – was first staged by Pan Productions in 2013, where it swept the top four prizes at the Boh Cameronian Awards.

As one of Southeast Asia's most versatile stage artists and tenors, Ong is as adept in musical comedy roles. In this year's restaging of *The Producers*, he reprises his role as Max Bialystock, an eccentric fraudster who hatches a wickedly funny

plan to defraud wealthy older ladies.

But there is a bigger purpose behind bringing mainstream musicals to Malaysia.

"By staging Broadway or West End musicals with local cast and crew, we're helping Malaysian talent develop experience that will

be recognised by international producers. It helps our performers add to their credentials and maybe even find stardom overseas."

For instance, emerging artist Aaron Teoh, who recently landed a role in the Hollywood adaptation of *Wicked*, started out in PAN Productions musical theatre before touring with *The King and I* in the United Kingdom.

"Aaron's success is proof of how important it is that our artists are seen and heard," says Ong. "Who knows if we are nurturing another Michelle Yeoh right now?"

***The Producers* runs from 21 July to 6 August at KLPAC (Pentas 2). Tickets are available on cloudtix.co from 1 July.**

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Who knows if we could be nurturing another Michelle Yeoh right now?”



of the local fashion scene with his handmade, trendy leather footwear. The brand has since expanded into men's and women's accessories, made in limited quantities that are snapped up in minutes. nazifinasri.com

Sheer fashion

Hanya's founder Veen Dee Tan has an active life, as you'll know from her adventures on Instagram (@deecupps). Hanya's line-up is just as dynamic, from monochrome Harlow shirts and turtlenecks to more dramatic tops and baju featuring pleats, puffy sleeves, peplum and lots of organza. shophanya.com

Breathable bamboo

Kualesa specialises in sustainable natural fabrics with a focus on breathable basic shirts and tees made with bamboo. Look out for their Batik Tribute line, a modern take on the classic batik motif. kualesa.co

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Malaysia

5 local brands to add sizzle to your summer wardrobe

Jewellery for all

Make a statement with **Moodd's** handmade demi-fine jewellery which are designed to be suitable for different tastes. The brand prides itself on its fair and transparent pricing by partnering with goldsmiths around the region. moodd-jewelry.com

Relaxed vibe

Simple, wearable shapes in ombre satin, bleached denim, marbled linen – these are some of the looks that make **Shaofen's** style so unique. Couple that with the brand's painstakingly hand-knotted paracord bags – intricate, intriguing and just big enough to carry a bottle of water. shao-fen.net

Not just for men

Nazifi Nasri brought the oft-forgotten category of men's shoes to the forefront





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Penang

Australian brunch in a century-old shophouse

Penang's long-beloved all-day breakfast spot Urban Daybreak has a new home on George Town's Bishop Street – and it's beautiful.

Located inside a century-old shophouse, where natural light streams through old-fashioned louvered windows, the former art gallery underwent a renovation to make room for its new resident eatery.

"We wanted to reveal the soul of the building rather than change it," says founder Jeremy Teoh of the lovely interior arches, wooden floors and terracotta tiling. The walls were kept white as the idea of an art gallery evolved to celebrate not only the coffee culture but also the local art scene in Penang.

Urban Daybreak's legendary menu still

features all the classics: fried chicken waffles, the bestselling Avocado Smash and Urban's Really Big Breakfast, a sharing platter for a hearty start.

Urban Daybreak has a sister restaurant of the same name – and fame – in Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur.

[instagram.com/urbandaybreak](https://www.instagram.com/urbandaybreak)

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Malaysia

A tribute to the biodiversity of Perlis

Perlis, the northernmost region of Malaysia, is home to rare wildlife such as the slow loris, stump-tailed macaque and Lar gibbon. A new photobook, featuring images by Peter Ong and illustrations by Jennifer Linggi, pays tribute to this rich biodiversity, with an urgent message about conservation.

A collaboration between the Perlis Nature and Wildlife organisation and youth-led environmental group Roots and Shoots Malaysia, *Wang Kelian, Perlis – The Forgotten Valley* is not just a keepsake, but a bittersweet reminder of what we stand to lose if we don't act quickly.

"Malaysia is a mega-biodiverse country, and we need to take better care of it," Ong says. "We must get out of the mentality that it's someone else's job."



IMAGES: JONATHAN LIM (URBAN DAYBREAK)



11

Kuala Lumpur

A social entrepreneur driving epic change

When John-Son Oei started building homes for *orang asli* (indigenous communities in Malaysia) villages in 2010, he expected it would be a six-month break before starting a career. Thirteen years later, community service has become his purpose. Through his social enterprise EPIC Homes, Oei has helped build nearly 190 homes, empowered villagers to start their own businesses and grown EPIC Homes into an organisation that supports everything from digital learning to circular economy initiatives.

How did EPIC Homes take off?

In the first project we did as EPIC Homes, we built a community toilet over a weekend in 2010. Everyone had an amazing experience. I realised that many people are hungry to make a difference, but don't know what to do except donate money. I wanted to provide a platform for people to meet the communities they're working with and learn their culture. I believe that looking beyond your own survival is key to unlocking your purpose in life.

How do you build homes so quickly?

We were inspired by Ikea. The main structure can be assembled in half a day. Our suppliers provide timber for the subframe in standard cuts that fit the steel frames. There's a manual you can follow to put the house up from scratch. We also split into teams – one for structure, others for the roof, floors and walls.

How many people join the builds, and where do they come from?

People from more than 50 countries have joined us for builds. Some fly in to volunteer and then travel around Malaysia.

The ideal number for a holistic experience, where there's time to have fun and take pictures, is 30 people. You can do it with 15 – you just wouldn't have time for ice cream breaks!

When did your mission grow to include social entrepreneurship?

For our second project, we were pointed towards a man who was living in a shack. We thought: Let's raise some funds. But some questions bothered us. What happens after the house has been built? How did he even end up in this state? If you bypass the person and go straight to solving the problem, you strip them of their dignity.

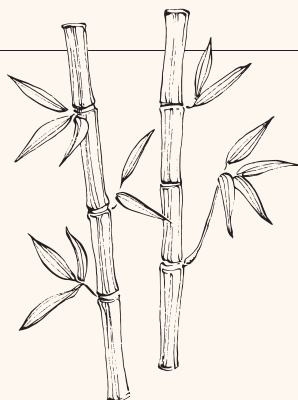
Have any volunteers remained in touch with the communities?

EPIC stands for Extraordinary People Impacting Communities. We encourage volunteers start their own initiatives with us. There's one social enterprise involved in ecotourism called Native Discovery and another called The Asli Co. They help women in the community make and market their products, and the funds go to keeping their kids in school.

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The hidden powers of bamboo

EPIC's founder John-Son Oei shares three reasons why EPIC has started using bamboo in its builds



It's sustainable

"Bamboo is one of the most sustainable materials widely available in our country. When you cut bamboo down, it can still capture and store carbon dioxide from the atmosphere."

It provides income

"When the communities treat their bamboo and make it construction-grade, they can sell it at a better price and participate in the supply chain. That has a direct economic impact."

It's versatile

"Ewe Jin Low, a well-known Malaysian architect, came up with a contemporary design utilising traditional bamboo for us. Now there's a waiting list for bamboo EPIC homes."

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!

Learn & 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 time-honoured techniques of creating handcrafted pewterware.

Get Crafty!



The Foundry

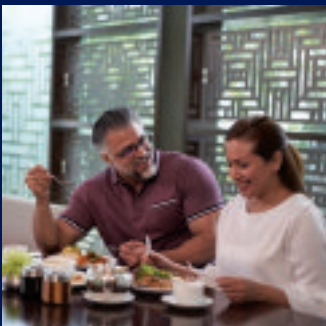
Unleash your creative genius at The Foundry workshop. Craft accessories from molten pewter using pre-set moulds. The more adventurous can opt to give freehand a try. Suitable for older kids and adults.



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.

Create Memories!



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.



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SPOTLIGHT

Paradise awaits

Formerly known as Jurong Bird Park, Asia's largest avian sanctuary has moved to a new 17-hectare location in northern Singapore. Now called Bird Paradise, it is next to other Mandai Wildlife Reserve attractions (which include Night Safari, Singapore Zoo and River Wonders), and is home to over 3,000 birds that include rare species such as the Philippine eagle, straw-headed bulbul, black-winged myna and Socorro dove. Bird Paradise also leads visitors on guided experiences courtesy of the keepers, and holds special presentations at the Sky Amphitheatre as well as bird-feeding sessions. There are also eight walk-through aviaries. mandai.com



ENTERTAINMENT

The sounds of summer

When the temperature rises, London turns up the music. Let loose at three of the capital's best summer festivals

BY DELLE CHAN



British Summer Time 24 June-8 July 2023

A stalwart of the local festival scene, British Summer Time (or BST for short) brings some of the world's biggest artists – plus more than 65,000 revellers – to London's leafy Hyde Park over three weekends. Headliners this year include rock icons **Guns N' Roses**, legendary crooner **Billy Joel** and K-pop girl group **Blackpink**, who will



Billy Joel

make their UK festival debut. Splash out on the Diamond VIP Experience hospitality package, which gives you access to a dedicated standing area with unrivalled views of the stage. bst-hydepark.com

Wireless 7-9 July 2023

Fans of hip-hop, take note: one of the capital's biggest urban-music festivals is slated to return to Finsbury Park this July. This year, **Travis Scott**, **Playboi Carti**, **D-Block Europe** and **50 Cent** will be headlining Wireless as UK festival exclusives, meaning they won't be performing anywhere else in the country this summer.

What's more, the festival has amped up its green credentials: you won't find any virgin single-use plastic on-site, and all waste is either recycled, composted or used to generate energy. wirelessfestival.co.uk

All Points East 18-28 August 2023

First held in 2018, All Points East has established itself as one of London's premier festivals – in fact, it was crowned “Best Festival” at the 2019 Music Week Awards. The 2023 edition promises to be the most epic one yet, with a stellar line-up featuring grime **MC Stormzy**, indie-rock superstars



The Strokes

The Strokes, sibling rock trio **HAIM** and plenty more. In addition, there'll be a roster of free events and activities – from outdoor film screenings to street-food pop-ups – courtesy of suppliers based in the local area. allpointseastfestival.com

Want more music? Visit these live venues

The Lower Third

London's beloved 12 Bar Club has been reborn as The Lower Third, a sleek new space championing emerging acts. thelowerthird.co.uk

The Victoria

This laid-back pub in trendy Dalston is known for putting the spotlight on up-and-coming rock bands. fb.com/victoriadalston

Supa Dupa Fly

This events organiser hosts high-octane hip hop and R&B nights across town, from Soho to Shoreditch. supadupaflylove.com



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INSIDER TIPS

A Malaysian in... Hong Kong

Gin Lee, a chart-topping Cantopop singer, songwriter and actress from Malaysia, shares her favourite places to unwind and find creative inspiration in the Fragrant Harbour

BY EVELYN LOK



I was born in Johor Bahru

into a very musical family. When I was a teenager, we used to perform together in a band. With the support of my father, I pursued a musical career, and in 2010, moved to Hong Kong. I am who I am because of my Malaysian roots, while Hong Kong has inspired me so much, given me so many opportunities and been a driving force for my career.

I recently signed under Emperor Group and have been working on a new album to be released later this year. In the meantime, I've released a couple of singles, including "Dum Dum", which has topped the charts of all five major Hong Kong TV and radio channels.

I feel really at home in Hong Kong now – I love the city's unique landscape, and how the mountains and the seaside are so accessible. Here are some of my favourite things to do around the city.

Getting a legal high

*Old Peak Road Trail
(Old Peak Rd, Central)*

What I like about Hong Kong is that you can reach the mountains just as easily as the seaside. Along Old Peak Road there's a 3.5km trail that takes you up to The Peak, the highest point on Hong Kong Island, in about an hour. Upon reaching the top, you get to see the world-famous views of Hong Kong's skyline with mountains and the sea in the distance. You'll also find the Victoria Peak Circle Walk – an easy loop that I recommend to everyone since it's paved and relatively flat.

Let's get physical

*111 Studio
(Russell St, Causeway Bay)*

Whenever I am preparing for a concert or music-video shoot, I



Xiqu Centre



PMQ

attend dance rehearsals for four to five hours every day and hit the gym with my trainer or do home workouts whenever I can. I work out at 111 Studio, a newly opened private gym owned by my friend and fellow Emperor Group artist Sammy Sum. It's super-clean, private and well-equipped.



musicals and traditional Cantonese operas, plus the architecture is gorgeous. Then there's Freespace, a live-music venue, and the Art Park along the waterfront, where people like to picnic or hang out with their families and dogs. Head over to the waterside for sunset, then grab a bite before seeing a show.

A furry delightful place to stay

*Rosewood Hong Kong
(Salisbury Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui)*

During the pandemic, I booked a staycation with my pet cat, Almond Paste, for the first time. It was amazing! I stayed at the Rosewood Hong Kong, and they thought of everything, from providing a litter box to a pet bed and food bowls. The hotel is next to the pet-friendly K11 Musea mall, so I could explore, shop, dine and do everything with my cat during my stay. After some initial curiosity, she finally decided to sleep with me in the big, comfy hotel bed – she's very smart!

On the waterfront

*Sai Kung Public Pier
(Sai Kung)*

I often work during weekends and take a day off during the week. It works out well, because I get to enjoy the quiet weekday atmosphere of places further out in the countryside, like Sai Kung Town, a small village in the northeastern New Territories that retains Hong Kong's original fishing village charm. At Sai Kung Pier, I can also join a day trip on a speedboat or *sampan* (a small local boat) for a fun day out. I like to go in the late afternoon to catch the sunset, which is spectacular.



Down to a fine art

*PMQ
(Aberdeen St, Central)*

When it comes to discovering local fashion, design, arts and crafts, I enjoy exploring PMQ (the former Central Police Married Quarters), where you can find tons of designers and artists as well as their studios. I

like to spend an afternoon here visiting the silversmiths who make jewellery by hand – I've bought a few adorable cat-themed bangles. I also enjoy browsing handmade glassware in the home-decor shops and shopping for clothes.

Creating a scene

*Central Harbourfront Event Space
(Lung Wo Rd, Central)*

The Central Harbourfront Event Space is the go-to venue for large festivals in Hong Kong – it has a great vibe with fabulous views of the skyline. I love just strolling around, grabbing food and drinks, relaxing on the grass and listening to music.

Hang in a hip 'hood

*West Kowloon Cultural District
(Austin Rd West, Tsim Sha Tsui)*

An artsy and trendy neighbourhood I like to visit often is the West Kowloon Cultural District. It's a relaxing open space with several art-themed landmarks, as well as plenty of cafés and restaurants. The Xiqu Centre is very special, since it shows contemporary



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Just over 556m above the ground, Heavenly Jin in Shanghai Tower's J Hotel truly lives up to its name. Late last year, it set a new Guinness World Record as the planet's most towering restaurant, surpassing Dubai's At.mosphere by some 115m.

The interiors are no less impressive. A 30m-long Silk Road mural greets guests as they enter, while ribbon-like crystal lights twinkle as the open kitchen prepares modern European, Japanese and fine Chinese cuisines.

But let's face it: You're visiting for the view and Heavenly Jin's panoramic view of the Huangpu River is especially stunning after sunset. Reservations are essential.

jhotel-shanghai.com



DINING

Dinner with the stars

The highest restaurant in the world is a must-visit in Shanghai now that China has reopened its borders **BY MARK ANDREWS**



Shanghai Astronomy Museum

This futuristic museum in Lingang occupies 39,000m². It's the newest extension of the Shanghai Science and Technology Museum, and the world's largest planetarium.
Huanhu West 3 Rd



Jin Mao Tower Sky Walk

The world's highest skywalk is located at Jin Mao Tower on the 88th floor, 340m above ground. The 1.2m-wide glass ledge allows you to circle the building for some wild photos.
88 Shiji Blvd



Shanghai Culture Square Theatre

Originally a dog racing track, there's been a theatre here since 1952. The main auditorium seats 1,949 and claims to be the world's largest and deepest underground theatre.
36 Yongjia Rd

Never too big

Supersized attractions to visit in Shanghai



OUTDOORS

Open season

With mild weather, easy access and stunning new trails, summer in Seoul is a hiker's dream **BY MATTHEW C. CRAWFORD**



Columnar Joint Path

Early summer is a sweet spot among Korea's seasons. The rice paddies are filled with neat rows of seedlings, the hills draped in foliage and the mornings still pleasantly cool. To reap the natural bounty, millions of locals head into nature at this time – the older generation armed with sturdy protective gear; the youth adorned in Instagrammable attire. Among the options in the Seoul region, several new trails and walking paths have special appeal.



Gubong Island Loop

Y-Shaped Cloud Bridge, Dodeok Mountain, Gwangmyeong City

In August 2022 a creative piece of engineering called the Y-Shaped Cloud Bridge, the second such structure in Korea, opened in Dodeok Mountain. By stepping onto the suspension bridge and venturing to the centre of the Y, hikers can admire jagged cliffs, an artificial waterfall and a small lake below. Dodeok Mountain sits just beyond Seoul's southwestern city limits.

Trail tip From the parking lot, the loop is about 5km, so budget at least two hours. A more direct route to the observatory takes 40 minutes.

Bugak Mountain, Seoul

Right by Bugak Mountain, a cashew-shaped chunk of granite right smack in central Seoul, an atmospheric trail along the old city wall opened in 2007, followed by a northern section in 2020. In April 2022, the two

southern trails – one slightly northwest of the presidential Blue House, the other just east – had their grand reopening.

Trail tip A short walk from Gwanghwamun Station, these two southern trails take about an hour to ascend, if followed to the highest point of the mountain (342m). Look out for the January 21 Incident Pine Tree, between Chungundae Peak and Baegakmaru Peak, which was riddled with bullets while the commandos engaged in a shootout.

Gubong Island Loop, Ansan City

South Korea's vast tidal flats were named a UNESCO World Heritage site in

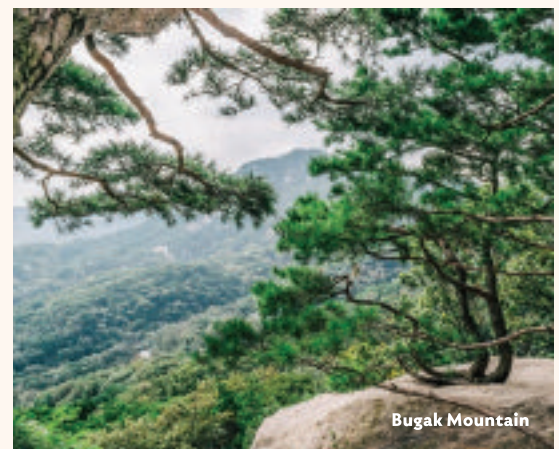
2021. These can be seen along Section 51 of the sprawling Gyeonggi Dulegil trail, where you can find a picturesque spike of land named Gubong Island. Head to the rocky outcrop holding Gubong Sunset Observatory, where a round sculpture is popular with photographers as it lines up with the setting sun.

Trail tip The bridge is about a 40-minute walk and hike from Cheolsan Station, on Line No. 7 of the Seoul Metro. Continue another 10 minutes to the peak of the mountain (just 201m high) for views encompassing the capital, its satellite cities and nearby Surisan Provincial Park.

Columnar Joint Path, Cheorwon-gun

A volcanic eruption thousands of years ago in the northeast of Seoul created a lava plateau and, in some spots along the Hantang River, columnar joints (clusters of hexagonal pillars). In 2021, a series of trails along the river opened, including a suspension walkway skirting a cliff above the river.

Trail tip At a length of 3.6km, the walkway takes about 1.5 hours end-to-end, budgeting. For many, the highlight is a glass-bottomed section that curves away from the cliff.



Bugak Mountain



CAFES

Island oases

Indie cafés in Phuket that offer leafy reprieves,
along with great food and even better photo ops **BY CRAIG SAUERS**

Ma Doo Bua

Meaning “come see the lotus”, Ma Doo Bua is located east of the Laguna Phuket complex. The café-slash-hotel offers an oasis from the action on Bang Tao beach.

The star attraction here is the picturesque lotus pond and its giant lily pads. From morning until dusk, the café fills with Instagrammers queuing up for irresistible shots among the lilies.

They even offer drone services, taking overhead shots while travellers perch in a wooden boat (from THB 500). Order specialties like *rad na* (stirred noodles in thick gravy) or tangy tom yum soda while you wait. madoobua.com

Maybelle's Coffee Garden

When Richie and Maybelle Colligan decided to open a café, they launched a YouTube channel to document the process.

Their 26,000 fans have watched them create a lush space with six coconut trees and vibrant flowers. They've seen the couple develop dishes, including a “proper English breakfast” drawing on Richie's British roots, smoothie bowls and full-flavoured Thai dishes.

Above all, they've followed along as Maybelle's Coffee Garden grew from a humble space into a local favourite on the hill between Kata and Chalong. [instagram.com/maybellescoffeegarden](https://www.instagram.com/maybellescoffeegarden)

Simply'ism

As a young girl, Darunee “Nok” Chuenban spent her free time harvesting rambutan and durian in her grandparents' orchard in Phuket. Four years ago, she set out to revive her childhood memories, leaving her accounting career to build a rustic café on the land.

Located down the road from the Kathu waterfall and Phuket Wake Park, Simply'ism draws inspiration from the surrounding nature. Come for a slice of Nok's homemade carrot cake or banoffee pie, and enjoy a setting of bamboo and wood interiors, birds chirping and tropical vibes. [instagram.com/simplyism_cafe](https://www.instagram.com/simplyism_cafe)



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tropical climate. These “bioclimatic” design decisions include wall gaps to boost ventilation, louvres to shield windows from the sun and exterior buffer zones to repel heat.

The house that now hosts The Cocoa Project was originally fashioned with a shady front garden to separate it from the road in front, as well as huge lightwells that both cool the building and shower the interiors in natural light. But the previous tenant – a furniture shop – killed off the garden, obscured the design features and blocked lightwells to maximise floor space.

T3 Architects, a Ho Chi Minh City-based firm specialising in sustainability, rescued these modernist features and, as a result, made the building more energy-efficient. “In terms of producing a green building,” says T3 co-founder Charles Gallavardin, “renovation is almost always better than building something new.”

“T3 has illuminated existing Vietnamese heritage and shown there is value in what people already have here,” says Khanh Linh Le, The Cocoa Project’s co-founder and general manager. “This reflects our approach to chocolate: a good-quality product doesn’t need to be imported or luxury.”



DESIGN

Modernist revival

An architectural style enjoys a resurgence in Ho Chi Minh City from an unlikely source

BY JOSHUA ZUKAS

Vietnam has no shortage of epochal architecture, but one major era is often forgotten: the modernist period. That is starting to change with last year’s opening of The Cocoa Project in Ho Chi Minh City’s District 3. How can a chocolatier and café revive an architectural style, you might ask? Well, by thoughtfully restoring the 70-year-old building that houses it.

Vietnamese modernism, which flourished in the mid-twentieth century, is related to the broader post-World War II modernist movement. But it was also distinct, as local architects adapted the style’s functional, economical and minimalist design philosophy for a

Tickle your tastebuds at The Cocoa Project

Along with crisp design and artisanal coffees, The Cocoa Project serves up chocolate treats with local flavours to devour on the spot or take away as perishable souvenirs. Celebrating Vietnam’s most iconic nut, the cashew nuts covered in dark chocolate are wildly popular and make for excellent snacking. For

something with zest, try the chilli-spiced peanuts coated in white chocolate – an ideal beer snack – or the milk chocolate tablets infused with *mac khen*, a spice mixture from Vietnam’s northern mountains traditionally paired with grilled meat.





THE EVOLUTION

Chef Marco Caverni turns up the heat with a revolutionary new menu featuring imagination, creativity, and flavour as key ingredients to redefine the modern grill experience.





SUSTAINABILITY

A ripple effect in Bengaluru

Thanks to one passionate conservationist, India's Silicon Valley is reclaiming its charming old moniker: the City of Lakes

BY GEETANJALI KRISHNA



Malligavad approached the engineering company he worked for, as well as influential local residents. With volunteers, three earth movers and six trucks, he desilted the lakebed, created five artificial islands for birds to nest and planted 18,000 saplings of indigenous trees, fruit trees and medicinal plants – all in 45 days.

“Then we waited for the rains...” he recalls. Year on year, the lake filled up and in October 2022, it overflowed for the first time in 23 years. Over 1,000 villagers celebrated by taking the local deity for a ritual boat ride.

Malligavad is equipped only with a sense of urgency to conserve and revive lakes: “If we don’t repair the damage,” he says, “it’s going to end badly for all of us.”

Over the last six years, the 43-year-old has restored 30 lakes in and around India’s parched Silicon Valley. Today they attract migratory birds and morning walkers alike, and have helped raise local groundwater levels.

But for Bengaluru’s “Lake Man”, this is just one of the many benefits of reviving his city’s lakes. “Lakes not only help ecosystems,” he says. “They refresh human psyches.”

From wasteland to lakeland



Maragondanahalli Lake

A 40-minute drive from MG Road, and next to the Electronic City tech hub, this 8.5-hectare lake was restored in 2022. Its walking track attracts over 700 walkers daily and the area is popular for film shoots.



Nanjapura Lake

This 7.6-hectare lake had dried up almost 50 years ago and was restored in 2019. Located 10km from Bannerghatta National Park, this is a lovely spot for birdwatching as it holds water year-round.



Sampigehalli Lake

This 2.5-hectare lake adjoins Bannerghatta National Park and makes for a nice excursion. Don't be surprised if you come across some wildlife here – it's a popular watering hole for wild elephants.

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24 HOURS IN

Kota Kinabalu

Words **Nova Renata** Photography **Tracia Goh**

Once a small town called Jesselton, the capital city of Sabah in East Malaysia strikes a fine balance between a modern city and a rustic idyll. Sprawled under the shadow of Mount Kinabalu in East Malaysia, Kota Kinabalu is surrounded by beaches and rainforest – the perfect entry point to Sabah's natural wonders.

And then there's the pace of life: KK's laid-back vibes, friendly people and growing creative businesses have become its claims to fame over the years, enticing all sorts of travellers, from backpackers to families.

June is generally a more tranquil month in Sabah, following the month-long *Ka'amatan* (Harvest Festival) festivities in May. It's the perfect opportunity to explore the city's top spots in 24 hours, without wrestling with fully-booked restaurants and crowded beaches.



Saturday

🕒 6am

A walk with the wind

One of the best ways to kickstart your 24 hours in Kota Kinabalu is to catch dawn breaking over the city. It gets bright early here, with sunrise starting as early as 6.14am. Take a morning walk at the Tanjung Lipat beachside track. With swaying coconut trees, gentle sea breezes and a picture-perfect view of Mount Kinabalu, this 4km-long jogging track is one of KK's latest recreational playgrounds. It starts from the old harbour bridge and leads all the way to the iconic, rocket-shaped Tun Mustapha building. There is also a spacious area along the track where you can have a picnic or do yoga overlooking the ocean. *Tanjung Lipat Road*



🕒 8am

Breakfast of Sabahan champions

No morning in KK is complete without a hearty kopitiam breakfast, and a piping hot bowl of *ngiu chap* (beef noodle soup), preferably at Yii Siang Hainan Ngiu Chap. KK's ngiu chap is similar to its Hainanese-style counterpart with meatballs, tender beef tripe, beef tendon, sliced beef and sirloin. It's all mixed in one hearty bowl of thick broth featuring *suan chai* (Chinese sauerkraut) and parsley, teasing the taste buds with a sweet and sour tang.

There is also a hybrid variation called the laksa ngiu chap, featuring the requisite tender beef slices along with springy noodles, served in a rich and spicy bowl of – you guessed it – laksa soup. *Yii Siang Hainan Ngiu Chap, 21 Block C, Lorong Perindustrian*



To know Sabah is to love it. Here are some of the fast facts about the Land Below the Wind you should know before your next visit.



4,096m

Height of Mount Kinabalu, the highest mountain in Malaysia, once thought to be the highest in Southeast Asia

76%

of the world's coral species can be found in Sabah

56%

of Malaysia's mangrove areas are in Sabah



INSIDER TIP

If you're an avid scuba diver, the months of March and April are considered whale shark season, and there's a good chance you'll get to spot some during your dive.

🕒 10am

Island-hopping at the marine park

If you want more beach time after your morning jog, KK is also renowned for its islands and shorelines, particularly the Tunku Abdul Rahman (TAR) marine park, a picturesque cluster of five islands.

To get to the TAR park, make your way to Jesselton Point Ferry Terminal where boats to the park depart at regular intervals between 8am to 4pm. Tickets to the island of your choice (Manukan and Sapi are two of the more popular ones) are available from the boat transfer kiosks. If you can't decide which island to go to, you can also island-hop between them.

The journey to any TAR park island takes around 20 minutes, and a myriad of water activities from snorkelling to scuba diving and sea-walking await once you get there. *Jesselton Point Ferry Terminal, Haji Saman Road*

🕒 2pm

Café-hopping for the 'gram

The hipster café scene has flourished in Kota Kinabalu over the years. A jaunt down Australia Lane at Lorong Dewan offers endless options. Enjoy a cup of coffee, a late lunch or tea, and don't forget to snap a picture or two for the 'gram, as each of the popular cafes boasts distinctive interior decor. October Coffee House Gaya – a pioneer of the scene along Australia Lane – features high ceilings and a rustic barn interior, bedecked in warm floor-to-ceiling wood fittings and furniture.

"We are super proud of the KK coffee scene," says owner Denise Lau. "While we're nowhere close to having a scene like Melbourne yet, we hope we'll live to see the day," she added. Other cafés worth visiting for the coffee, delicious local and Western fusion cuisines and distinctive decor include Woo, Biru Biru Cafe and El Centro. *Australia Lane, Lorong Dewan*



42

Estimated number of indigenous groups

80

Number of dialects spoken

Montoku

is the name of Sabah's very own alcoholic beverage, comparable to soju and sake

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Surrounded by the ocean, KK offers year-round access to some of the freshest and most affordable seafood feasts in Malaysia

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INSIDER TIP

If you're not a beach person, be sure to enjoy a breathtaking rooftop view of the KK City sunset from ON23 Sky Bar at Hyatt Centric.

① **6pm**

Admire KK's glorious sunset

KK's sunset is as magical as its sunrise. Both Tanjung Aru Beach and the Kota Kinabalu Waterfront have several establishments where you can perch on a stool while enjoying a sundowner. For a unique twilight experience, you can also sign up for a sunset paddle-boarding adventure at the Kinabalu Yacht Club, also located at Tanjung Aru beach. *Kota Kinabalu Waterfront*

① **7pm**

Enjoy a sumptuous seafood dinner

Facing the South China Sea, KK offers year-round access to some of the freshest and most affordable seafood feasts in Malaysia.

One of the most popular options is Welcome Seafood Restaurant, beloved for its fast service, cleanliness, as well as reasonable and transparent pricing. Another perk: Welcome lets patrons select live seafood fresh from the tank. Sabahan seafood must-eats include deep-fried soft shell crab, fresh prawns, grouper and an edible type of sea snails known locally as *siput tarik*.

Don't forget to also order the indigenous *sayur manis* (sauropus androgynus), a type of wild vegetable best enjoyed stir-fried with eggs or *belacan* (prawn paste). Sayur manis has a mild and sweet flavour similar to asparagus and offers a slight spinach-like acidic bite. It's also rich in vitamin K, so eat up. *Lot G18, Asia City Complex Phase 2A, Asia City*





🕒 12pm One final lunch of your choice

For lunch, round up your 24-hour adventure by checking out KK's emerging upscale dining scene. JOJO Restaurant at the rainforest-inspired LUMA Hotel is a refined Asian gastro bar that's been popular since it opened over a year ago. Try and get a table at the outdoor deck, though the low-light atmosphere inside is just as nice. Signature dishes include the Wagyu beef steak and tiger prawn fried rice. Top off your meal with a classic tiramisu.

Alternatively, for a final traditional meal, make your way to Little Sulap, a quaint little eatery designed to resemble a wooden *sulap* (a Kadazandusun cottage). This café serves delicious indigenous Sabahan dishes such as *pinasakan basung* (pickled fish soup dish), *bambangan* (pickled wild mango), *tuhau* (pickled wild ginger), *ambuyat* (dish made of sago starch) and *butod* (sago grub). JOJO Restaurant, Block A, Level 1, Lot 3-3A, Sutera Avenue, Sembulan Road; Little Sulap, 5, Lorong Dewan

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Sunday

🕒 6am-2pm A trip to the local market

Drop by the Gaya Street Sunday Market, which starts as early as 6am and runs till about 2pm. There are plenty of things to shop for here, from traditional handicrafts and saltwater pearl accessories to local motif batik sarongs and traditional food. If you're looking for great souvenirs, this is the place. Just be prepared to bargain!



3 picture-perfect hotels in Kota Kinabalu

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Kuala Lumpur's hottest dining destination

From New York City to Sunway City, Black Tap Craft Burgers & Shakes has finally arrived in Malaysia



There's much more to Sunway Resort Hotel's massive \$60 million transformation than amazing suites and top-notch amenities. Located within Sunway City, Kuala Lumpur's first fully-integrated green township, the resort's new collection of world-class restaurants has made it a destination for locals and visitors alike.

A slice of the Big Apple

One such acclaimed eatery is Black Tap Craft Burgers & Shakes, famous for its crafted and highly Instagrammable burgers and milkshakes. Originally from New York, this exciting restaurant now has outposts across the US and the world, in Bahrain, Singapore, Switzerland and the UAE. The newest outpost at Sunway Resort Hotel is the first and only one in Malaysia.

What's cooking

Look forward to a mouthwatering array of gourmet burgers, including the mighty Texan Burger, which comes with juicy prime meat, aged cheddar, crispy onion rings and bacon, and the signature Greg

Norman, which features half a pound of wagyu beef with a luscious house buttermilk-dill sauce and blue cheese.

There are plenty of vegan options on the menu as well, such as the Black Bean Vegan Burger, Vegan Black Bean Salad and the Vegan Black 'N White CAKESHAKES®. There are also local flavours created exclusively for Black Tap Malaysia, including the moreish Percik Grilled Chicken Sandwich.

A beverage shake-up

Be sure to leave room for Black Tap's famous CRAZYSHAKE® milkshakes. These gravity-defying, multi-coloured dessert creations taste as good as they look. There's the delightfully colourful Cotton Candy shake with cotton candy, blue and pink rock candy and a pink and white whirly pop, the Cookie Shake, a vanilla shake that comes with cookie crumbles and topped with a "cookiewich", and the Sweet 'N Salty, a peanut butter shake stacked with a sugar daddy, pretzel rods and a chocolate covered pretzel. Yum!

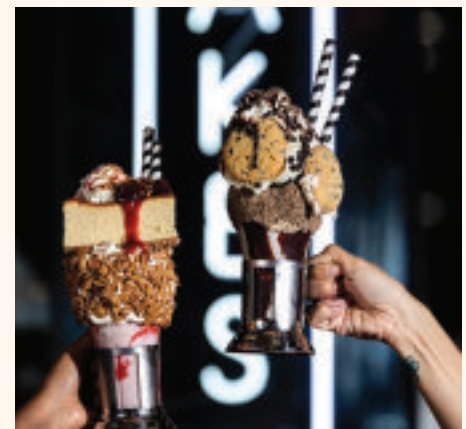
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Whether you're celebrating an anniversary, a birthday or just want a fun time out, the lively vibe at Black Tap Malaysia is sure to please. Inspired by the classic New York diner, the façade and restaurant interiors features eye-catching monochromatic mural art from famous Malaysian street artist Kenji Chai. This stylish ambience is further enhanced by a top-notch soundtrack of 80s and 90s hip-hop and pop hits.

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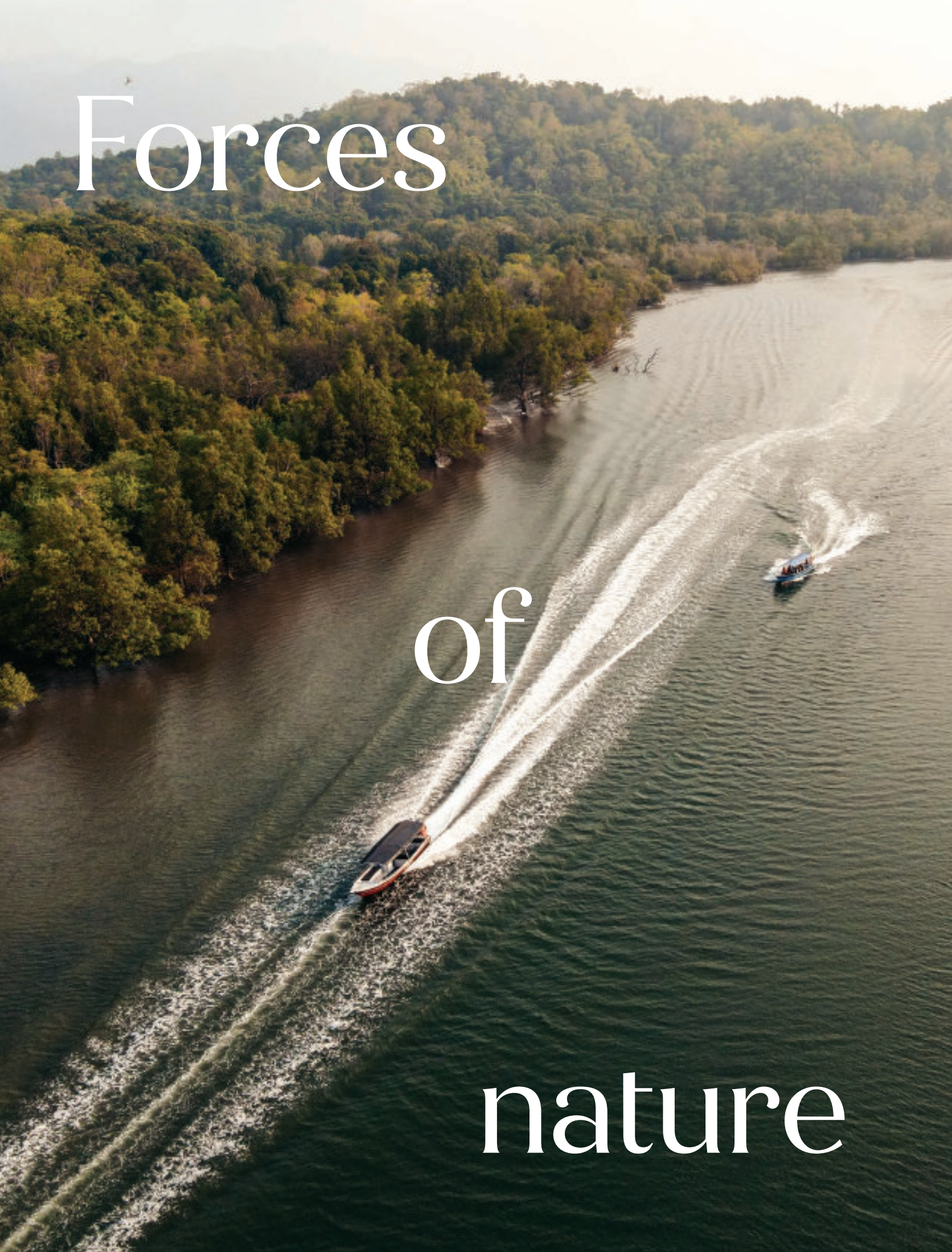
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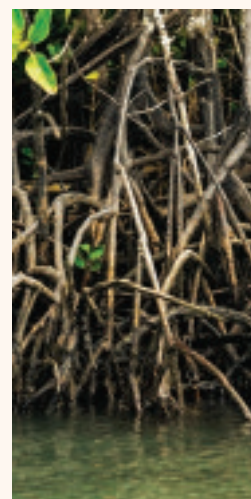
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A group of five Red-footed Boobies are captured in flight over a body of water. The birds have white heads and necks, dark brown upperparts, and distinctive reddish-brown underparts on their wings and tails. They are flying in various directions, with one bird in the foreground showing its wings spread wide. The background is a dense, lush green forest with many thin trees. The water in the foreground is calm with some ripples.

Now that tourism bodies are promoting the greener
glories of Langkawi post-pandemic, tour operators are embracing
the remarkable biodiversity of the archipelago

Words **Marco Ferrarese** Photography **Thinnesh Kumar**



Left to right: Irshad Mubarak; mangrove boat cruise; mangrove roots; slow loris; aerial view of Eagle Square in the town of Kuah, Langkawi

Like dark snakes, mangrove roots close tighter around me until I have no more room to swing my paddle. A log blocks the tip of my kayak. A roof of emerald-green thicket has taken the place of the sky. Infinite rows of *kayu bakau* (Malay for mangrove trees) observe my clumsiness with grave, silent faces.

“Don’t panic. Push yourself out from the side,” says Haris. The enthusiastic Malay nature guide has worked for Dev’s Adventure Tours for the past year and a half. And for the past hour, he has been explaining the various types of rocks, trees and mangroves to my group of four kayakers.

Following Haris’ lead, I put my paddle against the roots and push. Soon, I am back to gliding through Kilim Karst Geoforest Park. Covering the northeastern part of Langkawi’s main island, the area has been a part of UNESCO’s first geopark in Southeast Asia since 2007. The inscription also includes the Machinchang Cambrian Geoforest Park to the northwest and the Dayang Bunting Marble Geoforest Park, which straddles sea rock formations and an islet to the south of the main town, Kuah.

This month celebrates the 16th anniversary of the inscription of Langkawi’s 220-million-year-old treasure trove of diverse habitats. Its coastal mangrove forests, tidal flats, beaches, estuaries, coral reefs, caves and limestone pinnacles that soar like dragon teeth from the aquamarine sea are

breeding grounds for flying lemurs, giant squirrels, slow lorises, monkeys and hundreds of bird species. Surprisingly, biodiversity isn’t the first thing that comes to visitors’ minds when they think of Langkawi.

To show tourists how much more the island has to offer, tour operators such as Dev’s Adventure Tours have been building on the efforts of eco-tourism pioneers such as Irshad Mubarak. A tall, stocky Malay man with an infectious smile, Irshad came to the island in 1988. He was among the first to understand that the island’s natural bounty deserved more focus and founded Junglewalla in 1994 as side-hustle. He made it a fully licensed tour operator in 2005.

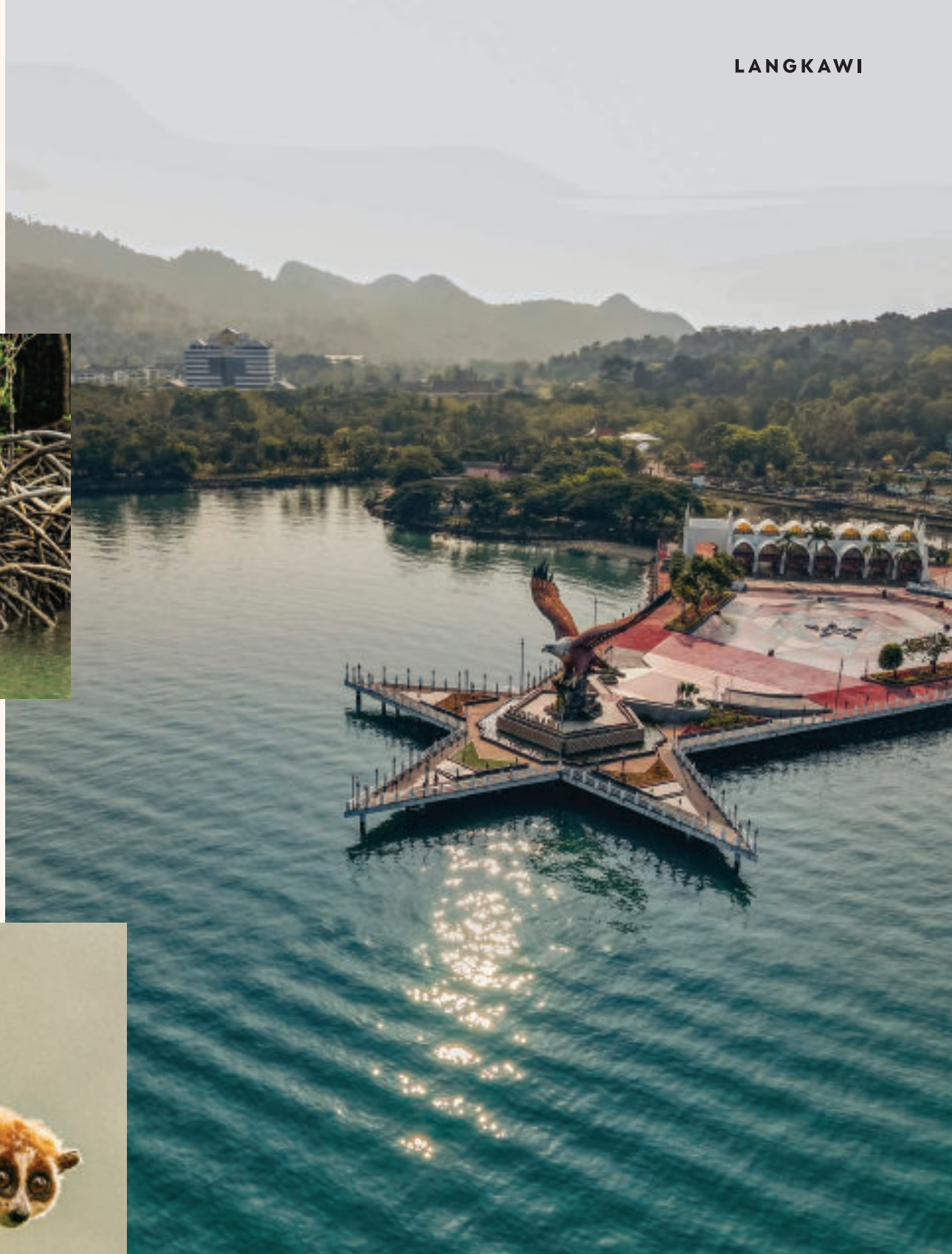
“Langkawi has so much packed within a small area. There are over 265 species of birds, 535 species of butterflies and much more,” says Irshad. “The entire geological history of Malaysia happened here: rock substrate, or soil, determined flora, and flora determined fauna,” he explains.

But rather than explore the million-year-old natural marvels found inland and on the northern fringes, the 3.9 million tourists that visited Langkawi in 2019 flocked primarily to the island’s beautiful beaches and their famous resorts.

The pandemic brought Langkawi’s mass-tourism-reliant industry to its knees, but also helped in one major way. “Many of the places that were once busy with tourist boats crisscrossing the enclosed waterways became quiet and devoid of visitors,”



IMAGE: SHUTTERSTOCK (SLOW LORIS)



Low-emissions jet-skiing

An adventurous way to visit Langkawi's lesser-visited southern islets is by a private jet-ski tour. Cenang-based Megawatersports offers small, self-drive and guided tours that, besides the popular Dayang Bunting island, venture as far as Pulau Beras Basah and the turquoise-ringed Pulau Kentut Kecil. Thinking with sustainability in mind, these jet-skis are categorised as super low-emission vehicles under the California Environmental Body's rating system.



Top: A traditional Malay house in Beras Terbakar
Next page: Cycling in the blissful countryside

says Irshad. “This was truly a needed respite for flora to recover and for fauna to reoccupy certain areas.”

When Langkawi reopened on 17 February 2022 as Malaysia’s first post-pandemic international travel bubble, the Langkawi Development Authority (LADA) and other local tourism agencies vowed to promote a greener reset for the island. Leading the charge on these new priorities, some of Langkawi’s most forward-looking tour operators are now focusing more than ever on nature-based activities that could help carve a new path towards increased ecological awareness.

“We were among the first few tour operators to stop offering wildlife feedings on all our excursions,” says Dev’s Adventure Tours manager and long-time island resident Claudia Mueller. She acquired the company in November 2006 and focused their offerings on more eco-friendly activities such as cycling, kayaking and mangrove boat cruises. “We are also the only ones giving guests drinking water in reusable glass bottles.”

Venturing out on a kayak not only makes travellers appreciate the scale of Kilim Geoforest Park’s limestone bays and pinnacles, it’s also a green way to explore the sea, especially when compared to diesel-powered boat tours and other vessels that are too large to ply the mangrove-draped tunnels that protect the heart of Kilim.

DEV’S ADVENTURE TOURS ALSO OFFERS another self-powered way to go beyond Pantai Cenang’s touristy seafront: bicycle tours along the blissful countryside.

The next morning, my wife Kit Yeng and I drive a scooter along the less-trawled coast north of Cenang to meet our guide in Kampung Raja. Here, we switch our scooters for pushbikes and start cycling along empty coastal paths, taking in the views of viridian hillslopes tumbling into the ocean.

After reaching the end of a cape, we double back through lush paddy fields speckled with grey dots that upon approach turn out to be water buffaloes ducking their horns to drink. I stop my bicycle in the middle of the gravel path. The sun’s rays play against their backs while the backdrop of lush mountains hide all this beauty from visitors.

Gunung Machinchang, the highest peak in this western range, towers watchfully above us. Folklore says that the mountains were formed in part because of two giants, Mat Cincang and Mat Raya, who fought bitterly at a gathering of their families. As penitence, they agreed to be turned into stone, benign for eternity and a geological wonder for visitors like us to marvel at.

Our next stop is the traditional house of the Beras Terbakar (fields of burnt rice) area. The traditional Malay house of King Ku Halim Bin Ku Hassan is a reminder of Langkawi’s inauspicious past. It was here in 1821, during the battle between Langkawi and Siam, that locals burned all their rice supplies to starve the marauding invaders. Langkawians still lost the war, due to the infamous curse of Mahsuri. Legend says that the maiden was falsely accused of adultery, and her unjust killing damned the island for the following seven generations.

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MAHSURI’S CURSE SEEMED TO END

with Langkawi’s 1987 declaration as a duty-free port which kickstarted several tourism makeovers. Discounted shopping and duty-free alcohol led to a focus on mass tourism and attractions such as the popular cable car and sky bridge on Gunung Machinchang. The arrival of world-class luxury resorts on most of the island’s relaxed beaches – among which Pantai Cenang and Pantai Tengah have the most noteworthy bar and restaurant scenes – attracted many international visitors.



But with the UNESCO Geopark inscription, years before the pandemic, many tour operators and government organisations began considering more sustainable practices. One such tour operator is Dato Alexander Isaac of Tropical Charters, the leading cruise operator on the island and a former president of the Malaysian Nature Society. Since 2014, Tropical Charters has sponsored a free geopark educational tour to more than 4,000 local students and 1,200 teachers.

The aim is “bringing awareness to the geopark and the importance of keeping our waterways clean and using less plastics,” says Isaac, who also takes part in regular beach cleanups. In 2018, Tropical Charters even launched its first electric-operated and solar-powered catamaran to run their popular day and sunset cruises.

LADA and government agencies such as the Wildlife and Forestry Departments are working on creating “Langkawi’s Trans-Island Wildlife Conservation Corridor, which will ensure the genetic health of our precious wildlife,” says Irshad. Langkawi’s natural spaces are fragmented into six smaller, scattered zones. The corridor will help endemic wildlife such as primates, civets, pangolins, mouse deer, porcupine and even butterflies migrate freely among them to feed and mate.

But there are also challenges ahead, with several new mass tourism projects in the works that include reclaiming land to create new artificial islands. The Malaysia Nature Society has warned that reclamation projects will destroy marine life and the ecosystem, disturb water and tidal movements and trigger more ecological problems.

“More can be done for conservation, education and community participation,” says Eric Sinnaya, former president of Malaysia Nature Society and a Langkawi eco-tourism pioneer with Morahols Travels, which he founded in 1982.

AS RESPONSIBLE TRAVELLERS, WE CAN make the final difference for Langkawi’s future. Nature remains the island’s real bounty: besides elusive colugos, Langkawi hosts other wildlife that can be spotted by taking jungle walking tours in the company of eagle-eyed guides.

“Find our fabulous flying fives, namely the flying lemur, flying fox, flying dragon, red giant flying squirrel and the beautiful flying paradise tree snake, which is not dangerous,” says Irshad. Junglewalla runs half-day and multi-day birdwatching tours.

“The latter is quite a unique experience on Langkawi because it’s not yet a top-rated tour, but has its avid followers from around the world,” says freelance nature guide Elis Ishak, a birdwatching specialist.



She’s accompanying me on a half-day tour with Junglewalla to hike in the forest and search for rare birds. We are squatting on our haunches near a tree trunk, pointing our binoculars to the curved mangrove roots that disappear like dark hooks into the water, hoping to see a rare endemic bird, the brown-winged kingfisher.

“It’s a very shy creature,” Elis whispers. In this gruelling waiting game, hunched on the forest floor, we feel the island’s ancient natural powers permeate everything. At last, when my calves start hurting, a fluttering ball descends from the canopy, and the half-fist-sized bird finally shows its golden head and carrot-coloured beak. For a moment, he seems to know where we are, and looks right at us.

Gazing into his eyes, I realise that no new artificial development could ever top the perfection of a million-year-old ecosystem.



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Left to right: Mangroves in Langkawi; Elis Ishak, birdwatching specialist; brown-winged kingfisher



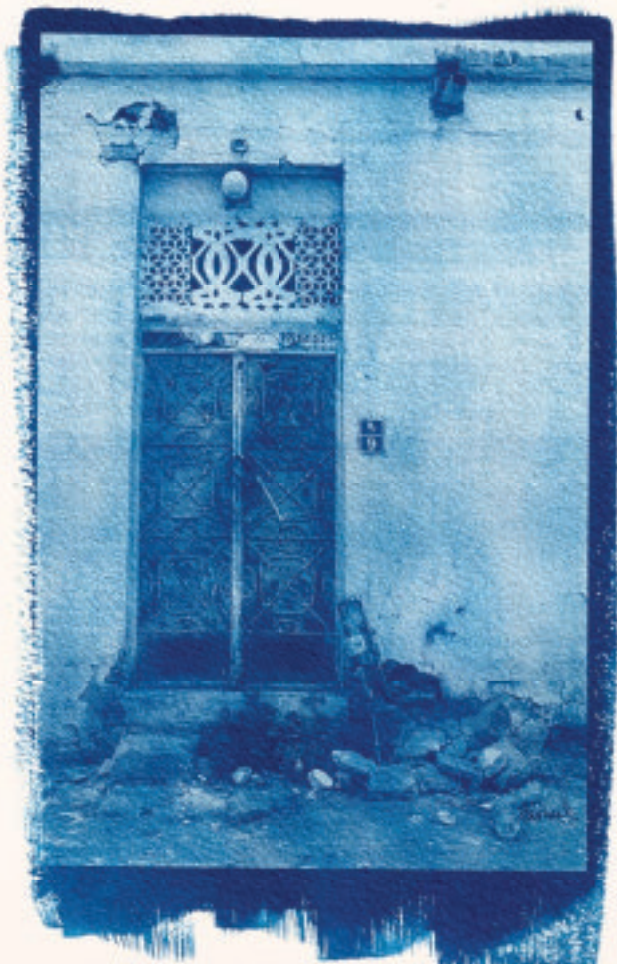
Things to do in Langkawi Geopark

Langkawi Geopark includes all 99 islands of the archipelago, so wherever you go, you are in the park. In addition to exploring by **boat or kayak**, visitors can also take the vertigo-inducing **cable car up to the peak of Gunung Machinchang and walk across the Sky Bridge** for beautiful

360-degree views spanning as far as Koh Tarutao in Thailand. Langkawi's northern coast is also home to its less trawled and more beautiful beaches, such as **Pantai Pasir Tengkorak, Pantai Pasir Hitam, and Tanjung Rhu**, where you can see the island's purplish sunsets. The easiest way

to get to **Dayang Bunting Marble Geoforest Park** is to join a shared island-hopping tour stops at the popular Pregnant Maiden lake and a few beaches. But when your boatman tries to feed the local population of sea eagles, the best thing you and your boat can do is to say "No, thanks."

Qatar



through



Doha's glitzy art and design world has a fascinating counterpoint in the profusion of women photographers currently making waves in the Gulf state

Words **Ulrike Lemmin-Woolfrey**

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atar has over the years become the art hub of the Middle East. There is a constant offering of exhibitions – ranging from fashion design to contemporary and mural art – that highlight Qatari, regional and international talents.

Qatar Creates, a year-round platform for arts and design that actively supports all forms of creativity, also fosters worldwide recognition for many artists.

Compared to other art forms, photography is still in its infancy in Qatar, with just one major festival, Tasweer, promoting the medium in the region and featuring a broad array of diverse talent. And yet, it is exactly this quieter creative stream which sheds light on life in the Middle Eastern country, its people and the country's history, particularly through the lens of Doha's cosmopolitan female photographers, who are in a great position to tackle subjects such as culture and identity, migration and heritage, and what it means being a female artist in the Gulf.

APARNA JAYAKUMAR

Capturing the sartorial flair of Doha's migrant workers

From lying in the mud in the pouring rain to photograph an advertising feature for shoes to shooting on Bollywood film sets such as *7 Khoon Maaf*, to being a set photographer on the 2020 Netflix series *A Suitable Boy*, Indian photographer Aparna Jayakumar has done it all.

She studied in Europe and has travelled the world for editorial and luxury commercials, and her personal projects are all about studying people and social issues, with photos capturing the everyday people on the street. It





was upon moving to Qatar as a spouse that she had a chance encounter with political cartoonist, artist and writer Khalid Albaih, her next-door neighbour, which allowed her to become involved in a project that truly stoked her passion. Albaih – who, through his cartoons and writing, prompts conversations about immigration, race, conflict and identity – conceived Doha Fashion Fridays, initially an Instagram and blog project with Jayakumar behind the lens. It morphed into a full-blown exhibition at the design hub M7 in the traditional neighbourhood-turned-hypermodern creative district Mshereib, and showcases Qatar's multinational migrant workers in their sartorial finery on Fridays, their day off.

"I simply went up to the people I found interesting to shoot and spoke to them," Jayakumar says. "I asked them about their background, their impressions of the city, their fashion inspiration and dreams for the future; and most of the

time, people were happy to share!" The resulting portraits show not only the sheer variety of nationalities coming together in Qatar, and their very individual fashion styles, but also allow an insight into an important segment of the community, which is often discussed but rarely looked at individually.

Even as a well-travelled international photographer, the sheer dynamism of the Gulf state has inspired Jayakumar: "Qatar had a huge influence on me," she says. "Not only the landscape, which is so very different from India's, but also Sheikha Al-Mayassa's [the Emir's sister and chairperson of Qatar Museums] creative vision and Qatar Creates drive, and the community. Being in Qatar has exposed me to a world of art, architecture, design, fashion and cinema that I have not seen before. Access to the best of the best, from Jeff Koons to Ai Weiwei, has been unparalleled! I have learnt so much just from being around all these greats."



SHAIMA AL-TAMIMI
Finding identity as an immigrant

Visual storyteller Shaima Al-Tamimi uses both film and photography to draw on her cultural heritage.

Having grown up in the Gulf, she was first inspired to pick up a camera by her father, also a photographer. “It started as a hobby – sharing stories of my travels and explorations on Instagram – but eventually grew into a career that took me to places I would’ve only dreamed of,” she says.

Living and working in Qatar for the last 12 years, she says that being a visual storyteller in Qatar right now is exciting. “There’s a growing platform and attention being given to photography, especially with Tasweer, a photo biennale, and Qatar Creates, a large arts and culture platform. These initiatives’ aim is to promote local creativity and thus provide a platform for artists to showcase their work alongside global artists, says Al-Tamimi.

Her still-ongoing exhibition at Mathaf Arab Museum of Modern Art, titled *As if We Never Came* (until 5 August 2023), is taken straight from her family’s history, and her own quest to find a place in a world where migration and a variety of homelands can make it difficult to know oneself.

Part of the exhibition is her award-winning film *Don’t Get Too Comfortable*, dealing with her grandfather’s and father’s journeys from Yemen as migrants, which was nominated for the Orizzonti Award for Best Short Film at La Biennale – the Venice Film Festival – and won the Bronze Tanit Award at the Tunisian Carthage Film Festival in 2021.

Talking about her father’s choices when fleeing Zanzibar during the revolution in the 1960s – at the time the country was a British protectorate – she wonders how different her family’s life would have been if he had fled to Britain

instead of Yemen. “Your citizenship determines the opportunities you get in life,” she says.

This interest in migration and identity, and the options both give you in life, led her to cooperate with Aparna Jayakumar on the Doha Fashion Fridays project, which Al-Tamimi took over after Jayakumar left Qatar during the pandemic.

Al-Tamimi is currently working on a new film. She is also busy with a project showcasing the Qatar Flour Mills, the site of which is in the process of being reinvented into the Art Mill Museum.





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***Your Brain to Me, My Brain to You*
by Pipilotti Rist**

This multisensory installation comprises some 12,000 LED lights in changing colours, allowing visitors to imagine the brain's neurons in communicating with each other. **National Museum of Qatar; ends 15 July**



***Beirut and the Golden Sixties:
A Manifesto of Fragility***

Catch a dynamic showcase of the development of Modernism in Beirut, from 1958 to 1975, in paintings, sculpture and multimedia. **Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art; ends 5 August**



***The Curious Desert*
by Olafur Eliasson**

This exhibition has two parts: photographs of Iceland's natural wonders at the National Museum of Qatar; and 12 pavilions, each interacting differently with the desert near the Al Thakhira Mangrove Reserve. **Ends 15 August**

What's on

Three contemporary exhibitions to check out in Qatar



MASHAEL AL HEJAZI

Paying tribute to Doha's oldest neighbourhoods

Mashael Al Hejazi is a Qatari-born and -raised photographer whose pride in her heritage takes centre stage in her work. "Photography is my way of explaining my culture, my country, myself and what it is like to be a Qatari woman, an Arab woman [and] an artist, as well as an international photographer," she says.

Continually progressing in her quest to develop her art, she moved on from her first Polaroid camera as a child to experimenting not only with different cameras, but also with more unusual printing techniques, such as cyanotype and Gum print.

A former artist-in-residence at the contemporary art space The Fire Station Gallery in Doha, where she participated in numerous exhibitions, it was her most recent show that brought all the different elements of her art together. At the Tawtheeq (meaning "documentary")

exhibition *My Mother Lulwa's House* in the old bazaar district Souq Waqif, Al Hejazi showcased photographs of the old neighbourhood of Mshereib, a neighbourhood which a few years back was nearly completely rebuilt and reinvented, and turned into the new design and creative quarter in the city.

Her pictures depict old buildings, abandoned cars and remnants of a life once lived in the neighbourhood before it was razed to the ground. It is Al Hejazi's grandfather's neighbourhood, where she grew up, and she named the exhibition after the tradition of naming a house after a mother-figure who makes a house a home.

Using the cyanotype printing method, the photographs are all blue, and a little washed-out looking, even ghostly.

She explains why this was exactly the right process for her vision:



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Photography is my way of explaining my culture, my country, myself and what it is like to be a Qatari woman, an Arab woman [and] an artist, as well as an international photographer”

“The photographs in normal print would have only shown the old buildings, but with the blue, historic printing method dating back to the mid-1800s, I can show that the houses are also part of history. They are cold, long gone, and the original people and occupants are not there anymore.”

But even though she showcased the ghost of the former neighbourhood, the owners of the houses she photographed – even the owner of the car – were so invested in her project that they came to the exhibition and shared memories.

Al Hejazi is currently organising workshops for other photographers and children interested in art when she is not travelling to learn more about her craft.



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Five top art installations in and around Doha



East-West/West-East by Richard Serra in Zekreet



Olafur Eliasson's *Shadows Travelling on the Sea of the Day* near Zubarah Fort



César Baldaccini's *Le Pouce* in Souq Waqif



Jeff Koons' *Dugong on the Corniche*



Al Nehem, the whale shark by Italian artist Marco Balich on Marina Promenade, Lusail

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The best hotels and restaurants to stay and dine-in across Malaysia this month

Take a Break

7 destinations across Malaysia to book for your next vacation

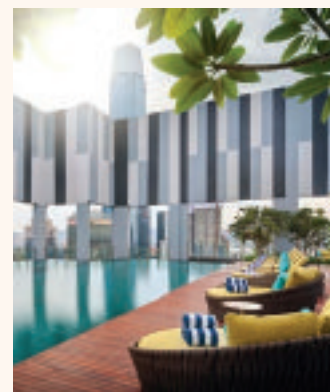
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Given the stamp of approval by Design Hotels and part of the Marriot Bonvoy group, this boutique hotel is a harmonious blend of Art Deco aesthetics and lush greenery inspired by the Bornean jungle that flanks Kota Kinabalu. The hotel supports local talent by collaborating with Sabahan artisans to create the lobby's signature spiral staircase, rattan chairs and woven baskets. Their collection of restaurants have also made a mark on the coastal city's dining scene. Visit Jojo Restaurant for international cuisine and an extensive wine list, Fish Market for hotpot and Hinode Japanese Restaurant for fresh sashimi. Caffeine lovers can get their coffee fix at Flow.

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Le Méridien, Petaling Jaya

Adjacent to metropolitan Kuala Lumpur and trendy Bangsar, Petaling Jaya is the more laidback city in the Klang Valley. At 28-storeys and 300 rooms, Le Méridien PJ easily towers over its neighbours and positions itself as a recognisable landmark directly connected to Paradigm Mall. Even better, the hotel is accessible via highway, LRT and is a seven-minute walk to the bus stop. Rooms facing west are greeted with breathtaking views of Jugra Hill, Malawati Stadium and on a clear day, as far as Port Klang. The Pasar Baru restaurant offers all-day casual dining while PJ's Bar & Grill on the rooftop makes a great spot to dine with views of the sunset.

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Geo Resort & Hotel, Genting Highlands

A 45-minute car ride out of the KL City Centre brings you to the majestic mountain ranges of Pahang. At 860 metres above sea level, Geo Resort & Hotel offers families and corporate groups a chance to enjoy the cool breezes of Genting Highlands, as well as delicious on-site dining and easy access to nature outings. Geo's Glas Haus seats guests in a glass atrium serving Italian cuisine for a captivating dinner under the stars, and fresh mountain air. In the daytime, Cabana café serves up an all-day dining menu by the pool. For adventures off the unbeaten track, check out Chin Swee Cave Temple and Genting Strawberry Leisure Farm.

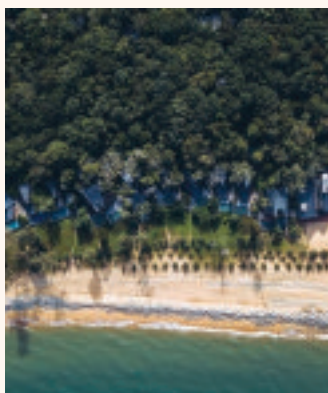
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Whether you're a couple, a family or a business traveller, escaping city life without leaving the capital's golden triangle is very much possible at the Shangri-La Kuala Lumpur. Close to iconic skyscrapers and a 10-minute walk away from KL Eco Forest Park, the property's perks also extend to the outdoor pool, state-of-the-art gym and indulgent dining at in-house restaurant Lemon Garden. Fans of seafood will be spoilt for choice with the selection of fresh oysters, sashimi and shellfish. Travelling with little ones? The kid's friendly station offers a mix of sweet and savoury goodies alongside a healthy a la carte menu.

shangri-la.com
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The Kasturi Resort, Pahang

June through September marks the peak of turtle season on the east coast of Malaysia, and guests at this stunning five-star nature retreat are entitled to a free baby turtle release activity during their stay. In association with the Rimbun Dahan Turtle Hatchery, the excursion includes a lesson on the life cycle of the green turtle and river terrapin, including the laying, incubation and hatching of eggs. Sustainability is at the heart of The Kasturi, an ethos it upholds without compromising on luxury and privacy. With just 23 rooms, the beachfront and forest villas come with their own private plunge pools and stunning views of Cherating's landscape.

the-kasturi.com | +60 95-825 000

Hot Tables

Best restaurants to try in Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Kota Kinabalu

Malaysia is a melting pot of cultures, flavours and dining experiences. Whether you're looking to celebrate with a fun crab dinner or wind down with an after-work pizza gathering, here are our recommended restaurants this month.



For a casual meal: The Social, Mont Kiara (KL)

With many outlets in Klang Valley, The Social is a popular place among those who are in the know. Their Mont Kiara outpost is our favourite for its casual yet polished atmosphere and the big international menu that offers hearty mains, from Maggi mee goreng to spaghetti carbonara. Their sourdough pizzas are a must-try, too! Flash your MAS boarding pass while you dine-in during the month of June for a free plate of small eats.

GF-17, G/F 163 Retail Park, No 8, Jalan Kiara, Mont Kiara, KL
IG: @thesocial.my | +60 3-6412 7008



For fresh catch: Fish Market (Kota Kinabalu)

The first sauna steamboat restaurant in East Malaysia, Fish Market offers diners the live catch of the day. Whether it's scallop, lobster, prawn or crab, seafood is prepared using a trailblazing sauna steam-cooking method that preserves their natural flavours. Expect a warm welcome from the staff, who are always ready to turn on their inimitable Malaysian charm to make you feel at home.

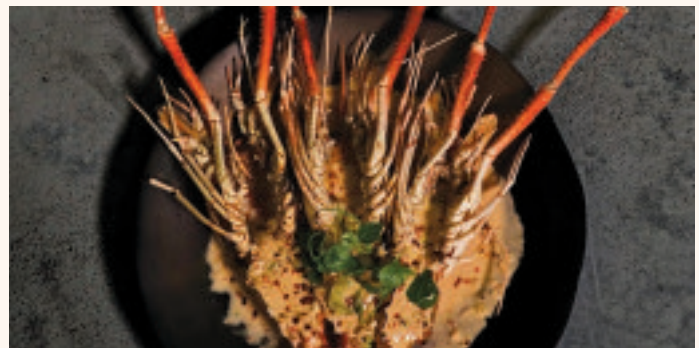
AG2, G/F, Blk A Phase 1, Lorong Sutera, Sutera Avenue, KK
FB: @fishmarketkotakinabalu | +60 12-803 5757



For group dining: The Lankan Crabs, Bangsar (KL)

Food enthusiasts should not miss The Lankan Crabs, which serves up Indonesian live mud crabs that are flown in daily and prepared using authentic Sri Lankan recipes. Spice lovers will love the tangy and spicy Jaffna crab curry, made with the in-house curry powder and tamarind juice. The signature Negombo crab curry has an aromatic base and moderate spice level making it an ideal meal to be shared across the table.

4, Jalan Kemuja, Bangsar, KL
IG: @thelankancrabs | +60 3-2201 0128



For special occasions: Curios-City, George Town (Penang)

Enjoy innovative Malaysian-European fare at this Michelin-selected restaurant, set in a heritage building in George Town. The eight-course menu, which changes regularly, features the best of local produce. Think blue swimmer crab served with lime, seaweed and sweet chilli caviar, and a bird's nest dessert made with jujube gelato, rose petals and jasmine tea. For 10% off your meal at Curios-City, use code <CC10>.

64A-B, Lebuh Victoria, George Town
IG: @curioscity.pg | +60 1-6559 0789

Discover Sarawak

4 hotels to book on your next trip to the Land of the Hornbills



Separated by the South China Sea from Peninsular Malaysia, Sarawak is in a travel league of its own. Take a break from the bustle of Kuala Lumpur and lean into the laidback cities of Kuching, Bintulu and Miri. Whether you're looking to be in nature, soak up city culture or travel for business, keep these locations in mind for your next trip to East Malaysia.

Made for
nature lovers

Mendung Escape

Adventure seekers will enjoy the 700m trek through the Borneo rainforest to get to Mendung Escape. Sitting on top of rolling hills, the bungalow and its five spacious suites provide safe and comfortable lodgings to all types of travellers. The two-bedroom suite is ideal for small groups, and is located on the highest floor for the best views and even comes with an outdoor bathtub and veranda to soak up the scenery. Book during the end of the year when the local durian and langsat fruits are ready to be handpicked on the grounds and enjoyed for dessert.

Jalan Singai, Bau,
Kuching, Sarawak
IG: @mendungescape
+60 10-961 5338

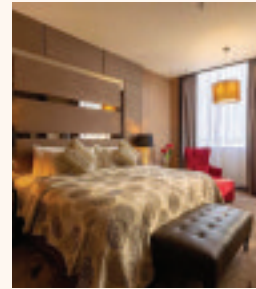


Perfect for
foodies

Meritin Hotel

Towering over Padungan Street in the golden triangle of Kuching, Meritin Hotel sits within walking distance of the central business district, making it ideal for both leisure and business trips. Tastefully decorated, the spacious rooms accommodate all travellers from singles to families. The Meritin suite gets high praise with its king-size bed, pull-out sofa and a massage chair to knead your muscles after a long day of meetings or sight-seeing. As for local food, head to the in-house Merchant Cafe for a hearty bowl of Sarawak laksa, or just order room service to enjoy a private meal.

315, Jln Padungan,
Kuching, Sarawak
meritinhotel.com
+60 82-550 800



Great for
corporate events

New World Suites

Positioned in the heart of the city's liveliest district, New World Suites offers panoramic views during your stay. All 135 rooms are decorated with modern and stylish interiors but the Royal Suite gets a special mention because of its private jacuzzi for a relaxing treat. Ideal for business travellers, the hotel offers fully equipped executive board rooms, a conference hall and a theatre that seats 250 people, making it an excellent fit for corporate events and seminars. You'll be in safe hands with the hotel's experienced team and bespoke meeting packages tailored to meet your needs.

3971, Jalan Tun Ahmad
Zaidi, Parkcity
Commercial Square,
Bintulu
newworldsuites.net
+60 86-331 122



Best for
business leisure

Meritz Hotel

An iconic city in Sarawak, Miri strikes a balance between an urban lifestyle and nature, making Meritz Hotel the ideal home base for your trip. Located near the central district, next to Bintang Megamall, the property's Superior rooms offer a choice of city, hillside or ocean views. Also, the in-house restaurants and bars are well-placed for business meetings. The revolving M-Signature completes one revolution every hour clocking in a memorable experience. To impress a client, book an alfresco dinner at Grand Old Lady restaurant, which delivers unobstructed views of Miri.

1657, Jalan Miri Pujut,
Bintang Jaya, Miri
meritzhotel.com
+60 85-417 888

Island Living

3 ideas to make your Langkawi experience extra memorable

One of the most beloved islands in the world, Pulau Langkawi in Peninsular Malaysia has something for all types of travellers. Looking to soak up some sun and sand? It has beaches aplenty. On the hunt for a good deal? The entire island is duty-free. Seeking a nature getaway? Rainforest trails are beckoning. Here are three spots to check out on your visit to the Jewel of Kedah.



Have some fun in the sun: Gina Leisure Yacht Charters

For a memorable holiday on the seas, Gina Leisure offers private charters with customisable itineraries for intimate gatherings as well as proper parties. For an activity-packed family vacation, the Aventurine is equipped with a single berth, a karaoke system, jacuzzi and two paddle boards. Expecting a bigger crowd? The two-decker Lumlee is great for events and comfortably fits up to 36 adults with its 64-foot open-air deck. But if it's just for two, book a date night on the Aquamarine, where you and your special someone can reconnect over local cuisine, ocean breezes and a stunning sunset.

**Lot LG-7 Royal Langkawi Yacht Club Kuah | ginaleisure.com
FB & IG: [@ginaleisuremalaysia](#) | +60 1-2769 7653**



Grab an affordable nightcap: Cellar Bank

In the bustling resort town of Kuah, on the southeastern tip of Langkawi, Cellar Bank is a must-visit for cocktail lovers. The storefront is a duty-free store which opens into a speakeasy as you walk deeper inside. Founders Ted Ooi and Ange Ch'ng had been in the importing business for 20 years before opening their own establishment that sells their products. The speakeasy houses more than 300 types of bottles, prepared in the expert hands of Cellar Bank's top-notch mixologists. Co-founder Ange is a mixologist herself and handpicks the best talent from all over Malaysia for pop-ups, guest shifts and tasting events.

**25, Jalan Pandak Mayah, 5 Kompleks Cayman
IG: [@cellarbanklangkawi](#) | +60 1-2416 9731**



For an adventure-themed stay: The Pirathouse Dine & Stay

The Pirathouse Dine & Stay will appease all your inner child's swashbuckling seafarer fantasies. A stone's throw away from the popular Cenang Beach, the pirate-themed boutique hotel is tucked away from the action and flanked by a lush jungle. Decorated with nautical interiors and aquatic motifs, the bed and breakfast offers a kitschy-cool stay for a light-hearted adventure. The rooms feature twin and bunk bed options ideal for small groups and families. There is also an on-site bar and a restaurant that serves up a curated menu in line with the property's theme. Beans and a drink, Captain?

**Lot 1697, Jalan Teluk Baru
FB & IG: [@thepirathouse](#) | +60 1-3723 2478**

Perfect Summer Skin

Lightweight and potent,
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is the ideal skincare accessory



Summer travel season is upon us, and here is something to inspire you.

Whether you are planning to pound the pavement in a desert metropolis like Doha or have a rainforest adventure in Langkawi's great outdoors, you need the right gear for the season.

Sturdy walking shoes, UV-protection sunglasses and – yes – a summer-friendly body lotion.

It is crucial to keep your skin moisturised as the harsh summer rays can dehydrate and damage your skin.

At the same time, you will want a moisturiser that is lightweight enough so it does not feel greasy or uncomfortable in the heat.

Introducing Bio-Oil Body Lotion

From the makers of Bio-Oil Skincare Oil, this new body lotion keeps your skin well-hydrated while retaining a light texture. Formulated with twice as much oil than regular store-bought moisturisers, Bio-Oil Body Lotion forms a protective layer on your skin that seals in moisture and reduces water loss. As a result, your skin stays smooth, supple and healthy throughout the day.

Unlike other body lotions that have a thick consistency, Bio-Oil Body Lotion is significantly lighter and absorbs quickly into the skin, so you can get dressed immediately after application. The best part is that it's non-comedogenic and suitable for all skin types. Even those with oily, acne-prone and sensitive skin can use this and experience no discomfort.

Skin-loving ingredients

Bio-Oil Body Lotion comprises a thoughtful blend of ingredients that deliver maximum skin benefits. Shea oil forms a barrier to retain moisture while rosehip oil helps

protect against inflammation. It also has glycerin, which softens and improves the appearance of dry, flaky skin, as well as hyaluronic acid, beloved for its moisture-retaining abilities.

Unique 'Shake-Before-Use' formula

This winning combination of high-oil content and lightness is the result of an emulsion in which oil and water are lightly bound together. As a result, when the lotion is left standing, some of the oils rise to the surface, forming a thin layer. To get the oil layer back into the lotion, simply shake gently before use.

With Bio-Oil Body Lotion in your travel bag, you can be sure your skin will look silky smooth and dewy in all your summer holiday snaps.



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Going green by 2050

Everyone wins when environmentally friendly policies are made a priority. Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG), the parent company of national carrier Malaysia Airlines, announced its partnership with CHOOOSE, a Norway-based climate tech company, to develop a climate-related software solution to support MAG's commitment to reaching net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 in line with the MAG Sustainability Blueprint. Through this partnership, Malaysia

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Intra-Borneo services transferred to Firefly

Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG) is set to facilitate an intra-Borneo services transfer from Malaysia Airlines to Firefly, effective 16 May 2023 as a result of continued demand across all markets. Firefly will facilitate one-time daily return flights using the Boeing 737-800 between Kota Kinabalu (BKI) to Sandakan (SDK), Tawau (TWU) and Kuching (KCH), as well as a daily return service between Kuching (KCH) to Miri (MYY).



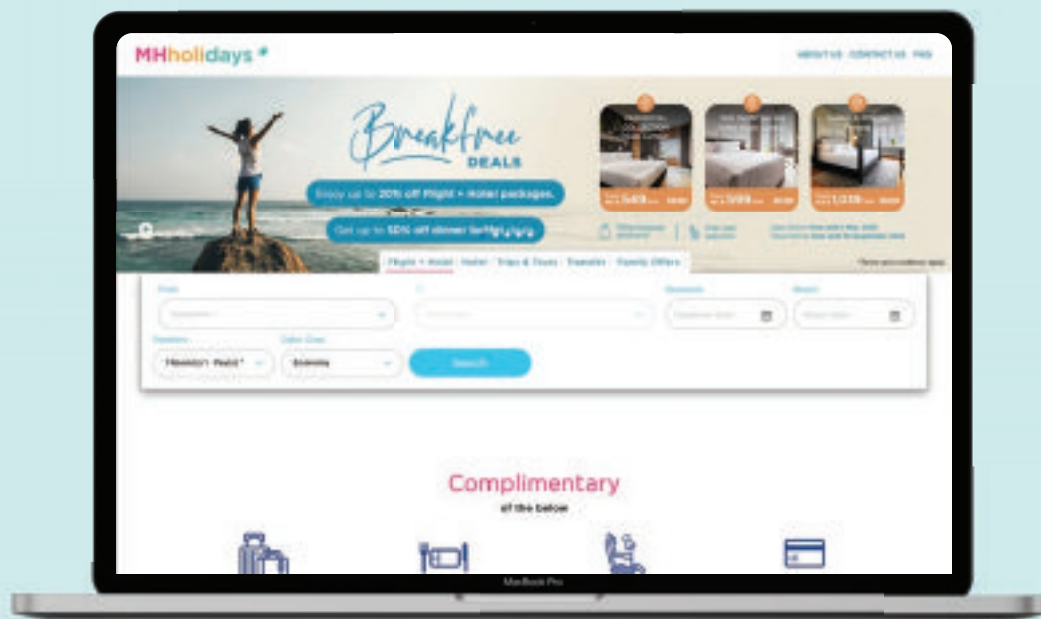
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EnrichMoney Visa Prepaid Card and App

Enrich, the award-winning Travel & Lifestyle Loyalty Programme of Malaysia Airlines, has unveiled its latest offering – the EnrichMoney Visa Prepaid Card and App, powered by MerchantTrade Asia, which includes Visa payment features. The multi-currency e-wallet is a game changer, designed specifically to provide a more secure and convenient way for Enrich members to make cashless transactions locally or when travelling overseas, while also rewarding them in return.



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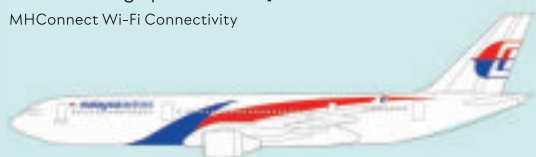
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Length **66.80m** | Wingspan **64.75m** | Height **17.05m**
Max. Cruising Speed **944km/h**
MHConnect Wi-Fi Connectivity



A330-200



No. of Aircraft **6** | Passenger Seating **287**
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Max. Cruising Speed **880km/h**
MHConnect Wi-Fi Connectivity on selected aircraft



A330-300



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**
Max. Cruising Speed **510km/h**



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**



ATR 72-500

No. of Aircraft **10** | Passenger Seating **68**
Length **27.05m** | Wingspan **27.17m** | Height **7.65m**
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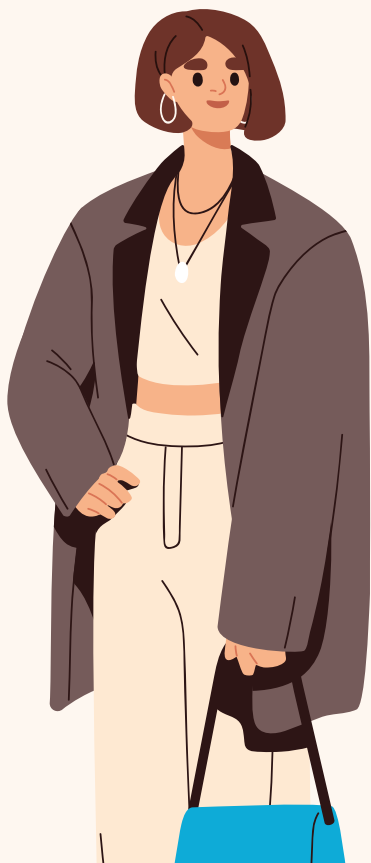


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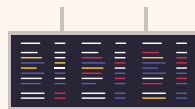
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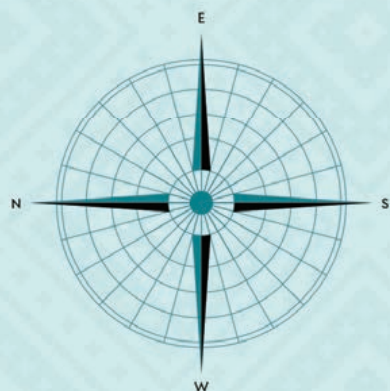
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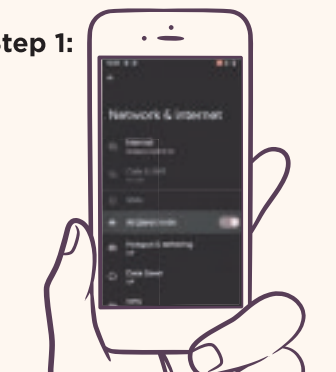
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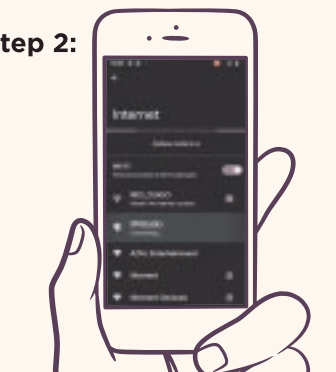
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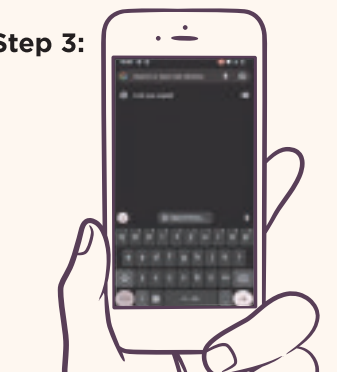
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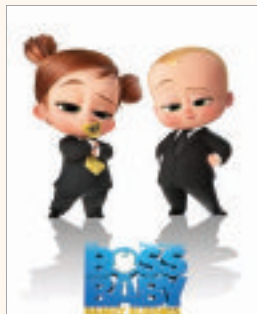
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A Man Called Otto

A grumpy widower's life takes an unexpected turn when a lively young family moves in next door

A Man Called Otto is a 2022 American comedy-drama film directed by Marc Forster from a screenplay by David Magee. It is the second film adaptation of the 2012 novel *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman after the 2015 Swedish film of the same name. The film stars Oscar winner Tom Hanks in the title role, with Mariana Treviño, Rachel Keller and Manuel Garcia-Rulfo.

The movie is a heart-warming story about how one unlikely friendship can change someone's life for the better. Tom steps into the shoes of Otto Anderson, an older, grumpy widower who has given up on life

following the loss of his wife and wants to end it all. His world turns around when the pregnant Marisol (Mariana Treviño) and her young family move in nearby.

Otto meets his match with her quick wit. Despite the initial friction between them, the pair eventually become friends and Marisol helps to revive Otto's passion for life.

The Marc Forster directorial is a perfect compilation of delightful comedy with moments of heartfelt emotion. The movie provides a thought-provoking look at life, love and the importance of friendship."

Latest



Lamborghini: The Man Behind the Legend is a 2022 American biographical drama film written and directed by Robert Moresco. It portrays Ferruccio Lamborghini's long career, from building tractors, to creating military vehicles and finally, designing and building Lamborghini cars that defined his legacy. Frank Grillo stars as the iconic Italian entrepreneur.



Mummies is a 2023 English-language Spanish computer-animated comedy film directed by Juan Jesús García Galocha from a screenplay by Javier López Barreira and Jordi Gasull, and a story by Gasull. The movie follows the fun adventures of three ancient Egyptian mummies who live in an underground secret city that is hidden in ancient Egypt.



Missing is a 2023 American thriller film that was written and directed by Will Merrick and Nick Johnson. The movie is a standalone sequel to the 2018 mystery thriller film, *Searching*. *Missing* stars Storm Reid as June Allen, who searches for her missing mother on vacation in Colombia with her new boyfriend.



The 2022 American comedy-drama film *When You Finish Saving the World* is written and directed by Jesse Eisenberg in his feature directorial debut. Set in suburban Indiana, the movie stars Julianne Moore and Finn Wolfhard as a mother and son named Evelyn and Ziggy, navigating their contentious relationship.



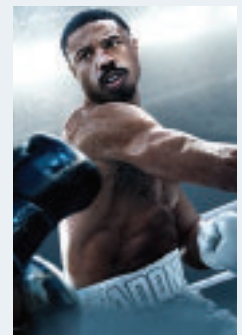
Supercell is a 2023 American disaster action film directed by Herbert James Winterstern, who co-wrote the screenplay with Anna Elizabeth James. The movie stars Skeet Ulrich, Anne Heche, Daniel Diemer, Jordan Kristine Seamón, and Alec Baldwin. It follows a teenage boy who runs away to follow his father Bill Brody's legacy as a storm chaser.



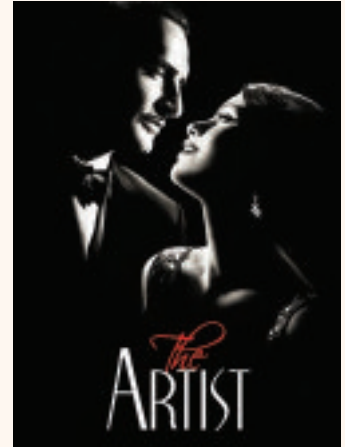
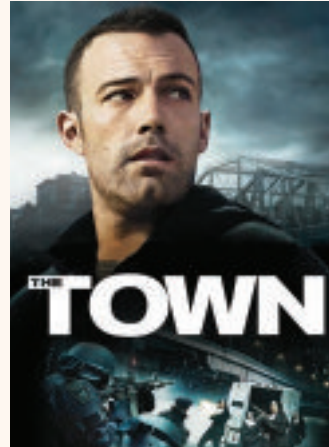
Shotgun Wedding is a 2022 romantic action comedy film directed by Jason Moore and written by Mark Hammer. It features Darcy and Tom, played by Jennifer Lopez and Josh Duhamel, who must save their families after they are taken hostage at their destination wedding. The movie also stars Sônia Braga, Jennifer Coolidge, Lenny Kravitz and Cheech Marin.

For his directorial debut, Michael B. Jordan takes on *Creed III*, the latest film in the *Rocky* spinoff franchise and the ninth picture overall in the beloved boxing saga.

He's also directing himself in the process, as he returns once again to the titular role of champion fighter Adonis Creed, son of Apollo. And he's electrifying on both sides of the camera.



Favourites + Award-winning



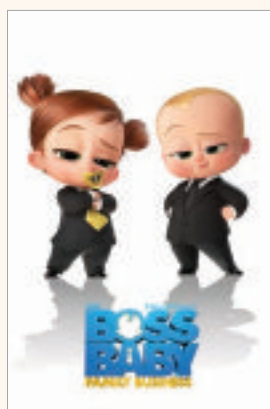
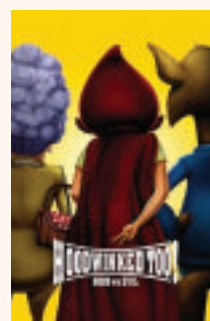
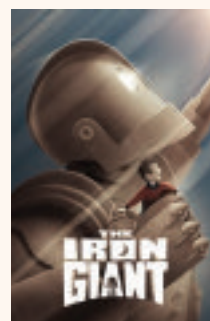
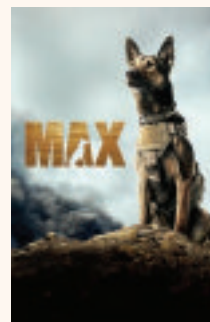
Fatherhood is a 2021 American comedy-drama film about a single father played by Kevin Hart, who raises his baby daughter after the tragic death of his wife. Based on the memoir *Two Kisses for Maddy* by Matthew Logelin, the movie is directed by Paul Weitz from a screenplay by Weitz and Dana Stevens.



Kids



Trolls World Tour is a 2020 animated musical comedy based on Good Luck Trolls dolls. It's the sequel to *Trolls* and follows Poppy and Branch as they encounter other troll tribes. The movie features an ensemble cast including Anna Kendrick and Justin Timberlake. The film follows Poppy and Branch as they discover several more troll tribes that represent music genres other than their own. Troubles arise when the Queen of the Rock tribe plans to overthrow the foreign music genres to unite the trolls under rock music.



Malay



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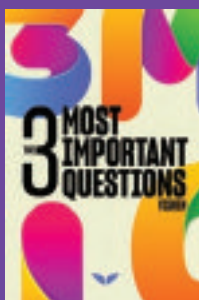
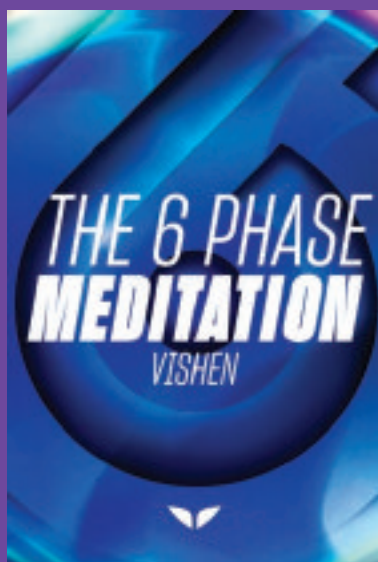
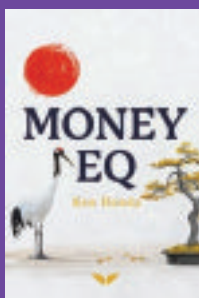
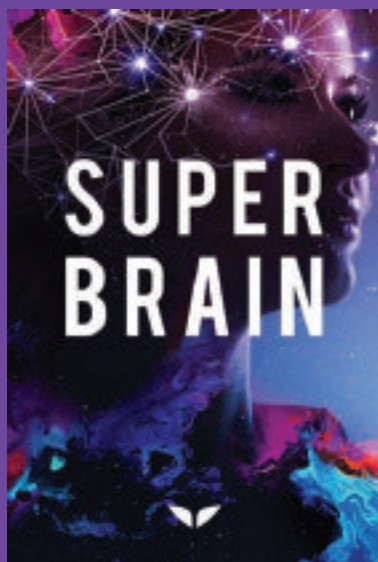


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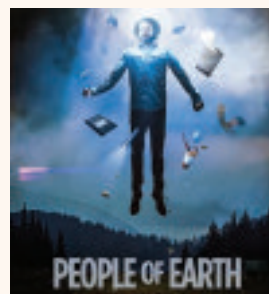
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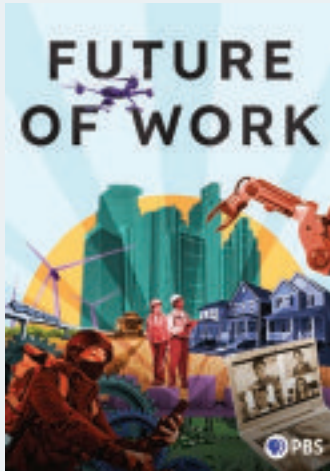


The Melbourne International Comedy Festival

The Melbourne International Comedy Festival presents *Comedy Connections: Melbourne & Malaysia*, which showcases comedians of Malaysian ancestry who have performed at the Festival in recent years – including Douglas Lim, Phil Wang, Lizzy Hoo, Prakash Daniel, Suren Jayemanne, Joanne Kam Poh Poh, Brian Tan and Hannan Azlan. One of the biggest comedy festivals in the world, MICF features stand-up comedy, cabaret, theatre, street performance, film, television, radio and visual arts. It will take place again from 27 March to 21 April 2024. Also, don't miss *Comedy Connections: Melbourne & Malaysia*, a 40-minute digital episode streaming on our IFE this month.



Science & Tech



Future of Work: The New Industrial Revolution sheds light on various disruptions that are happening in the world of work, such as the impact of AI, robotics, globalisation and labour practices. Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic has also acted as a catalyst for change, resulting in significant shifts in the employment landscape. For instance, during the peak of the pandemic, unemployment rates went from their lowest point in 50 years to the highest level in a century.

Kids



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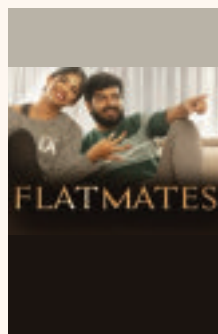
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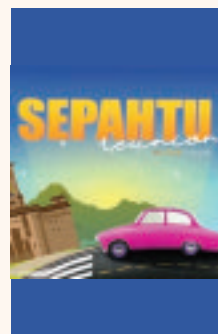
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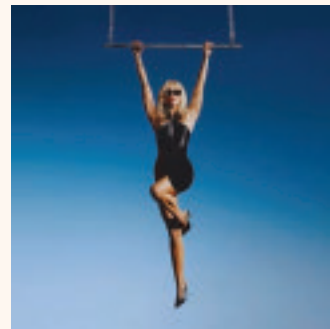
Business





Trustfall is the ninth studio album by American singer Pink. The album was released in 2023, through RCA Records. This is her first studio album since *Hurts 2B Human*. Pink worked on the production and lyrics with Fred Again, David Hodges, Max Martin, Johnny McDaid and Shellback.

The Hits



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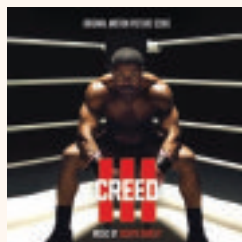
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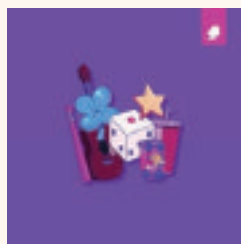
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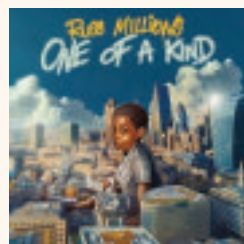
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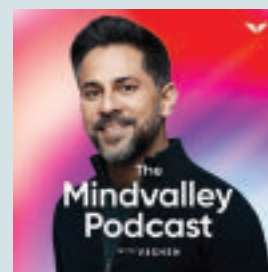
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Malaysia Heritage Studios in the state of Malacca is the newest spot to see awe-inspiring interactive art seemingly made to be photographed for social media-worthy posts. An electrical rice paddy with stalks lit in yellow gold, matte glass mini lampshades in rainbow hues, as well as a silhouette of the Malaysian flag behind layers of crystal strings are just some of the exciting installations that can be found in the 13 houses – each representing a state in Malaysia – that comprise the attraction formerly known as Mini Malaysia Park. Visitors can also expect to see larger-than-life statues of fantastic beasts, as well as mythical maidens and warriors walking about. This Ayer Keroh theme park is expected to open fully this month. malaysiaheritagestudios.com

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