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Eagle Square

2 PENANG

Penang shines with its vibrant street food culture, elegant colonial architecture, and lively arts scene. Don't miss George Town, a Unesco World Heritage Site full of character and charm.

Before you leave, be sure to indulge in Penang's street food stars - sizzling *char koay teow* and icy *cendol*.



George Town



Pinang Peranakan Mansion



3

Keriang Hill

ALOR SETAR

Alor Setar welcomes you with northern charm, blending sweeping paddy fields with rich heritage. Explore majestic mosques, royal museums, and the beauty of traditional *kampung* (village) life.



Siti Khadijah Market

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KOTA BHARU

Steeped in Malay culture, Kota Bharu offers traditional crafts, markets and delicious Kelantanese cuisine.

The city offers a peaceful setting rooted in deep cultural traditions.

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KUALA TERENGGANU

Kuala Terengganu offers coastal charm and rich heritage, from its iconic floating mosques to intricate hand-drawn *batik* art. It also serves as the gateway to the pristine islands of Redang and Perhentian.

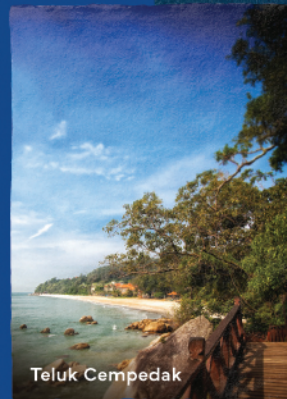


Redang Island

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At Malaysia's southern gateway, Johor Bahru offers vibrant energy, blending theme parks, local food gems, and historical landmarks. Experience a lively mix of modern attractions and rich cultural heritage.



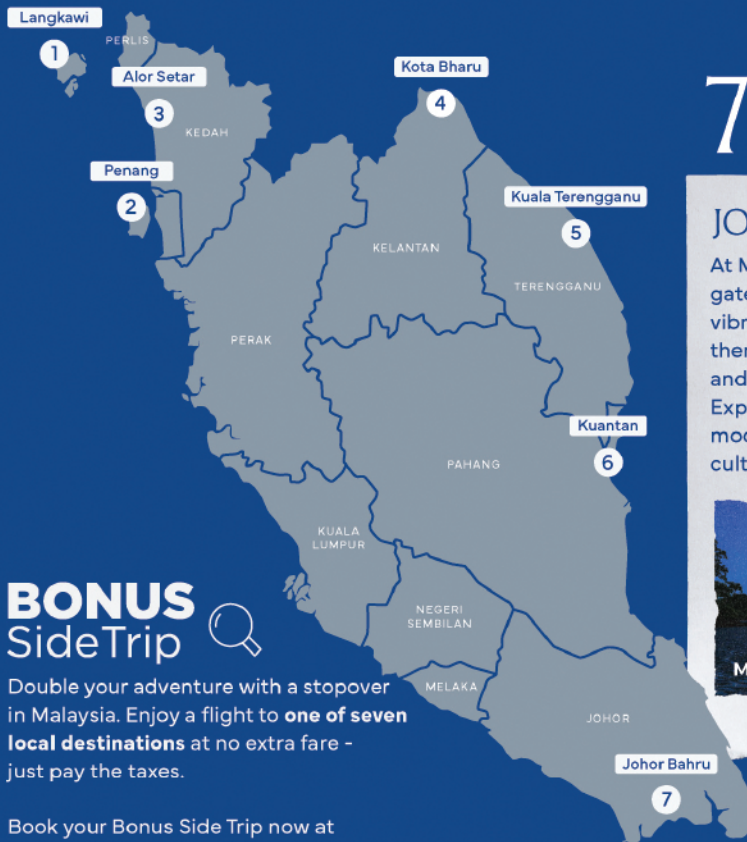
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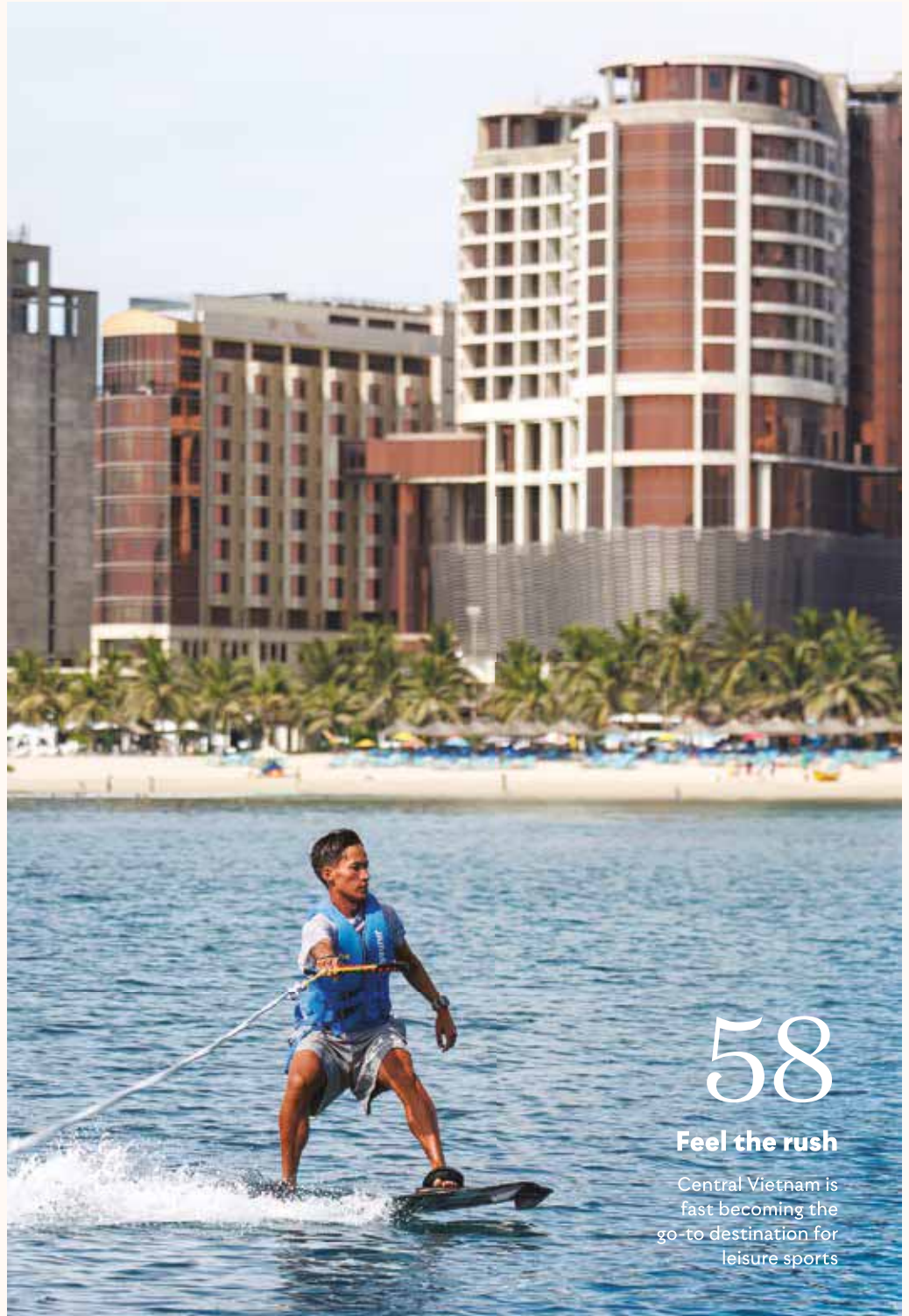
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Malaysia's Gift to the World

Royal Selangor Visitor Centre is must-visit 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



The Museum of Pewter

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.



Live demo

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

Get Crafty



The Foundry

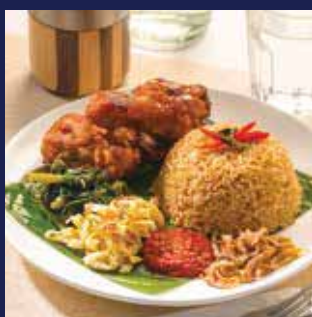
Unleash your creative genius at The Foundry workshop. Craft accessories from molten pewter using pre-set moulds, or, for the more adventurous, a try your hand at freehand designs. Suitable for older kids and adults for ages 15 and above.



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



The Café

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).



Insta-friendly moments

There are plenty of interesting photo opportunities 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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As we welcome September, we join the nation in celebrating Malaysia Day – a time to reflect on the unity, diversity and shared values that shape our country. It's a moment of pride that reminds us how far we've come and how much we can achieve together.

In line with this spirit of progress and unity, Firefly's recent transition of jet operations from Subang Airport (SZB) to KLIA Terminal 1 (KUL) marks a strategic step in our long-term network optimisation plan, enhancing operational efficiency and scalability. As a regional airline, Firefly is now better positioned to broaden its reach to key markets – complementing Malaysia Airlines' network and enabling a more integrated and seamless travel experience for our customers.

Building on this momentum, our airlines are progressively expanding their networks to meet rising travel demand and deepen our presence in key markets. Malaysia Airlines' services to Thiruvananthapuram (TRV) will increase to five times weekly from 12 September 2025, with daily flights set to commence from 1 December 2025. Operating through our main hub in Kuala Lumpur, this continued growth strengthens regional and global connectivity for travellers across our network. Looking ahead, we are excited to introduce new destinations and increase frequencies, further enhancing reach and accessibility.

This month, we're also proud to feature our Best of Asia in-flight menu to celebrate the rich culinary traditions of South

Asia. From 1 to 30 September 2025, guests flying from Kuala Lumpur to selected South Asian destinations can savour jeera rice with butter chicken masala – a hearty, aromatic dish inspired by regional favourites. The offering will also be extended to additional destinations in October, in conjunction with Deepavali, allowing even more guests to enjoy this festive culinary experience onboard.

As part of our commitment to widening our culinary offerings and variety, we're also introducing a dedicated vegetarian satay option – a hearty, plant-based alternative made from tender lion's mane mushrooms marinated in our signature satay spices. It's a flavourful addition that reflects the evolving tastes and dietary preferences of our diverse guests. The vegetarian satay will be available for Business Class passengers on selected South Asia and Australia/New Zealand routes.

From our cuisine to our service and unwavering commitment to comfort, we're honoured to be part of your journey – be it a trip home, an adventure to new places or a reunion with loved ones. Every flight with us is an opportunity to share the care, warmth and hospitality that define who we are.

As we celebrate how far we've come – as a nation and as a Group – we thank you for being part of that journey. Your continued support inspires us to keep connecting more places, serving with heart and creating experiences that reflect the very best of Malaysian Hospitality. We look forward to welcoming you on board again soon.

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September feels like a sweet spot – summer’s winding down in some parts of the world, and in others, it’s just getting good. This month, we’re focusing on experiences that spark both your appetite and your sense of adventure.

Our cover story brings us to Penang, where the beloved street food capital is now making waves on the global culinary stage. Food writer and podcaster Tien Chew returns on his annual pilgrimage to explore what’s new and meets three boundary-pushing chefs who are redefining the island’s dining scene with fresh, contemporary flair, adding exciting new layers to Penang’s already rich food culture.

Then there’s Da Nang, a city that’s been known as a golfer’s paradise, but there’s so much more happening. From scenic motorbike rides and beach volleyball to water sports and pickleball, it’s quickly becoming a haven for sporty, outdoorsy types looking to do more than just relax. If you love movement and sunshine, this coastal gem has your name on it.

And here’s some exciting news: Malaysia Airlines will resume flights to Brisbane in November, making it easier than ever to visit this laidback Aussie city. We’ve put together a weekend itinerary to help you make the most of your time there, whether you’re exploring the buzzing café scene or heading out to the surrounding hinterland.

Of course, there’s plenty more to spark your curiosity. Be sure to check out our picks from Solo, London, Kochi, Bali and Kuching (perfect if you’re looking to celebrate the long Malaysia Day weekend) – there’s bound to be something to stir your sense of wanderlust.

So here’s to trying something new and finding joy in both the big adventures and the little discoveries.

Go forth and wander!



Elizabeth Soong
Editor



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Tien Chew
Writer, “Beyond the wok”,
page 46

Tien is a Kuala Lumpur-based writer and host of the *Chew On This* podcast, where he explores the intersections of food, culture and innovation with hungry curiosity.



Punita Malhotra
Writer, “Kerala cool”, page 30

Punita’s quest for history, heritage, food and fairytales has taken her to over 40 countries and across India. She writes for select publications from her home base in Delhi.



Mervin Lee
Writer and photographer,
“Feel the rush”, page 58

Based in Ho Chi Minh City, Mervin is a photojournalist with a knack for finding obscure speciality cafés and forgotten street food gems with a story to tell.

A large photograph of the Battersea Power Station in London. The iconic four chimneys are visible against a clear blue sky with some clouds. In the foreground, a large green lawn is filled with many people sitting on yellow and blue deck chairs, enjoying the sunny weather. The brick building of the power station is the central focus.

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13 REASONS TO LOVE MALAYSIA

Bold flavours, inspiring people and unforgettable places

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Selangor

Celebrate Malaysia Day at Sunway

Join the month-long celebration this Malaysia Day at **Sunway City Kuala Lumpur**, where the streets come alive with glowing Jalur Gemilang flags, dazzling fireworks, hibiscus-themed lights and a spectacular illuminated dome.

At Sunway Lagoon, enjoy vibrant cultural performances, nostalgic childhood games and fun meet-and-greets with fan-favourite mascots Gogo and Bebe.

The festivities continue at Sunway Resort Hotel, where local flavours take centre stage. Enjoy inventive renditions of nasi lemak, while Black Tap and Gordon Ramsay Street Pizza celebrate the occasion with Malaysia Day specials such as beef rendang burgers, Jalur Gemilang donut shakes and chicken satay-topped pizzas. It's the perfect way to toast the nation in true Malaysian flavour! [sunwayhotels.com](https://www.sunwayhotels.com)



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Pahang

Sea party

Over 1,500 divers are suiting up for the **Tioman National Scuba Divers' Festival**, happening from 19 to 21 September. Serving epic underwater adventures, reef clean-ups and island vibes all weekend long, it's a celebration of marine life, conservation and community – with the crystal clear waters of Tioman as your playground. pahangtourism.org.my

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Johor

Making waves

Ombak Festival returns to Desaru Coast from 12 to 14 September. Expect music, food, art and family-friendly fun in one unforgettable weekend. This year's line-up: Simply Red, George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic, Joss Stone and Flight Facilities alongside local stars Joe Flizzow, SonaOne and Ismail Izzani. Don't miss the art installations, creative workshops, curated eats and a dedicated kids' zone, complete with a Legoland speed-building challenge. ombakfestival.com

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Kuala Lumpur

Urban sanctuary

The Exchange TRX introduces its new Premium Lounge, a stylish retreat in the heart of the city. Contemporary interiors, plush textures, soft lighting and floral accents offer an elevated experience where members can enjoy light refreshments, personalised service, private restrooms, a children's corner, festive perks and gift wrapping. [@theexchangetrx](https://www.theexchangebytrx.com)



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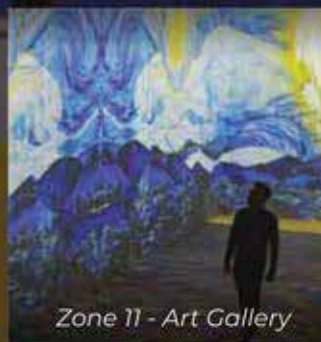
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Zone 11 - Art Gallery



Zone 9 - Prism Shine

Bask in a glimmering garden, explore a lush neon Malaysian rainforest, and watch your creativity come to life on a vast marine canvas — evoke a myriad of emotions all in one magical space. From the embrace of the great artists Vincent Van Gogh, Claude Monet, and Gustav Klimt to SEA's first **360° two-storey immersive zone**, the gallery invites locals and tourists alike to embark on a multi-sensorial journey where you are part of the art, where you are the story.

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thrilled, but honestly - I was
just as amazed"

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Kuala Lumpur

Artfully yours



Tucked inside Toffee on Jalan Raja Chulan, **UR-MU** (Urban Museum) is a private museum for contemporary art lovers. Its two-level showcase features bold, personal collections from two major Malaysian collectors.

On Level 5, discover themes ranging from minimalist calm to Gen Z edge – comics, graffiti

and social media-inspired works – plus a quirky room dedicated to furry friends.

Upstairs, “Tubuh” presents over 100 figurative works from the 1990s to 2000s, capturing Malaysia’s evolving identity.

The museum opens daily (except Mondays), 11am to 7pm, with last admission at 6.30pm. ur-mu.com

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Kuala Lumpur

Do the locco-motion

On September 13, **Keretapi Sarong**, the annual cultural flash-mob-meets-fashion-parade, is making one of its much-anticipated stops at The Exchange TRX. Organised by cultural platform Locco, this lively Malaysia Day movement transforms LRT/MRT stations and train carriages into moving runways, as thousands turn up decked in colourful sarongs – tying, wrapping and styling them in ways that are anything but old-school. [@locco.my](https://www.locco.my)



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Terengganu

Beachfront fiesta

Sunshine, sea breeze and serious East Coast charm – **Karnival Pantai Terengganu** is serving these and more from 11 to 14 September at Pulau Kekabu. A celebration of everything uniquely Terengganu, this four-day beachfront fiesta will feature beach games, traditional crafts and live performances. Whether you’re in it for the sandy vibes, local eats or a front-row seat to authentic traditions, this carnival makes for the perfect long-weekend escape. expolah.com



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Malaysia

Must-see concerts

Equatorial Love Songs

On 16 September, celebrate Malaysia Day with Equatorial Love Songs at Arena of Stars, Resorts World Genting. Headlined by Malaysian singer-songwriters Rynn Lim, A-Bin (Fang Jiong Bin) and Vchuan Tan, the concert blends music, identity and emotion in a uniquely Malaysian showcase.

rwgenting.com

B.I

Singer-songwriter-producer B.I is

set to return to Malaysia with his highly anticipated B.I Tour: The Last Parade, for a one-night-only show at Mega Star Arena, Kuala Lumpur on 21 September, in celebration of his third studio album, *Wonderland*.

ticketingtix.com

Air Supply

Legendary soft rock duo Air Supply is set to serenade fans once again. Their 50th anniversary concert on 23 September at

Mega Star Arena promises a night of pure nostalgia and classics such as "Here I Am" and "All Out of Love". airsupplymusic.com

Jung Yong-hwa

CNBLUE's charismatic frontman makes his long-awaited solo debut with *Director's Cut: Our Fine Days*, to be held at Mega Star Arena on 14 September. This milestone tour coincides with the release of his mini album *One Last Day*. ticketingtix.com

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Melaka

Thai warmth

Say "sawasdee" to **Dusit Princess Melaka**, Dusit International's first hotel in Malaysia. Located in the heart of the Unesco World Heritage City, this 296-room property blends Thai style with Melaka's rich heritage. Enjoy signature Thai service, the state's deepest pool at 2.7m, a 24-hour gym and three dining spots: Zest, Long Feng and Famosa Lounge. The hotel is also home to one of Melaka's largest conference venues, so business travellers, take note. [@dusitprincessmelaka](https://www.dusitprincessmelaka.com)



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Malaysia

Flavours without borders

Malaysia's Best is coming to Sydney! From 8 to 11 September 2025, **Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority (FAMA)** showcases a delicious variety of Malaysian food and drinks at Fine Food Australia 2025, held at the International Convention Centre Sydney. Think tropical fruit snacks, ready-to-eat products, herbal drinks, coconut treats and frozen durian – all proudly made in Malaysia. [@fama.malaysia](https://fama.malaysia)



11

Malaysia

Rule the trails

Trail races aren't just about distance anymore – they're the new frontier of lifestyle and grit. This month's runs will test your endurance

King of Lenggong Trail

This trail-running event is back on 7 September in the scenic heart of Lenggong, Perak. There's something for every level, with distances ranging from 5km sprints to the ultra-tough 50km beast mode. [@kingoflenggongtrails](https://kingoflenggongtrails)

Pahang Ultra

On 6 and 7 September, adrenaline meets the wilderness as one of Malaysia's most thrilling trail-running events takes over the lush, untamed landscapes of Pahang. [@pahangultra](https://pahangultra)

Ipoh 7 Bridges Run

On 14 September, enjoy a scenic dash through the heart of Ipoh, where every kilometre takes you past colonial-era architecture, local neighbourhoods and seven historic bridges that stitch the city together. [Facebook/Ipoh7BridgesRun](https://facebook.com/Ipoh7BridgesRun)

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Sabah

A tall glass of Uinah

This Malaysia Day, raise a glass to **Uinah**, a proudly Sabahan craft beverage brand known for its all-natural, halal ginger sodas. Co-founded by Matthias Liew, *uinah* ("handsome" in the local dialect) is more than just a drink – it's a love letter to Sabah. "We work directly with local farmers, pay fair prices and build real relationships," says Liew. While it started as a grassroots passion project, Uinah is now stocked across Malaysia and gaining international fans, thanks in part to proud Sabahans spreading the word. uinahbeverages.com



IMAGE: PEXEL (TRAIL RUNNING)

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Sarawak

Neighbourhood guide: Kuching

The capital city of Sarawak boasts lively lanes, vintage corners and modern attractions that make for a satisfying visit



Commons Café & Restaurant

③ Commons Café & Restaurant

Located in the Old Court House opposite the Kuching Waterfront, this chic eatery is perfect for a meal, coffee and a side of history. Commissioned by Charles Brooke in 1868 and completed in 1874, the Old Court House served as Sarawak's administrative heart for over a century.

Jln Tun Abang Haji Openg; @commons_byfj

④ Main Bazaar

Looking for souvenirs? Head to Main Bazaar, Kuching's oldest street and your one-stop hub for charming trinkets, Sarawak keepsakes and treats like the famous *kek lapis* (layered cake). Once the heart of Kuching's trade scene, this riverside row of wooden shophouses is a must-visit for every traveller in town.

Jln Main Bazaar

⑤ Carpenter Street

Originally called "Attap Street" due to the thatched



Kuching city at dusk

① The Marian Boutique Lodging House

Perched atop a hill in the city centre, this 1885 colonial bungalow overlooks Kuching's oldest and liveliest streets. The former girls' boarding school now offers a range of rooms – including family options and a two-bedroom apartment – within a church compound beside the heritage-listed Bishop's House. Bonus: the adjoining

Kantin at The Granary, a large dining hall in a restored warehouse, serves up delicious bites. **25 & 27 Wayang St; themarian.com.my**

② Borneo Cultures Museum

With a striking façade inspired by Sarawak's traditional crafts, Malaysia's largest museum – and the second largest in Southeast Asia – offers

a fitting prelude to the state's history and indigenous cultures. Expect interactive exhibits, dioramas and immersive installations – including a children's section where kids can learn about recycling, create a trash monster on an interactive screen or play a drum set made from reused materials. **Jln Tun Abang Haji Openg; @borneoculturesmuseum**



roofs of its buildings, Carpenter Street is famous for its 19th-century shophouses and named for the carpenters who built businesses in the area.

Visit the Hiang Tian Siang Ti Temple, then stroll past Chinese apothecaries, jewellery stores, quaint cafés and rustic bars. For tasty local Chinese fare, stop by Lau Ya Keng food court for kueh chap, kolok mee, dumplings, porridge and more. **Carpenter St**

6 Kuching Waterfront

No trip to downtown Kuching would be complete without a leisurely stroll by the Sarawak River, with scenic views of the Darul Hana Bridge, The Astana,

Fort Margherita, The Square Tower and more.

Enjoy street shows, local crafts and tasty snacks along the lively promenade. Pop into the nearby Chinese Museum for a quick cultural break or relax while the kids play outside. Check out the cat statues along the Waterfront – and for stunning riverbank views, hop on a daytime or evening cruise, which also offer dining packages. **7 Jln Tunku Abdul Rahman**

7 Fort Margherita

Built in 1879 by the second White Rajah, Sir Charles Brooke, Fort Margherita – named after his wife, Margaret – was modelled after an English

castle. It now houses the Brooke Gallery, which traces Sarawak's history under the White Rajahs through personal artifacts, documents and more. Reach it via a walk across the Darul Hana Bridge or a quick *tambang* boat ride from the Waterfront. **Petra Jaya**

8 The Junk

Launched in the early 2000s, The Junk quickly became Kuching's go-to spot for date nights and celebrations, thanks to its rustic charm, antique décor and hearty portions. It has since evolved into a multi-space venue: cosy dining rooms, a karaoke lounge, the lively Junk Bar and Backstage, where DJs

and live acts keep the party going late into the night.

**80 Wayang St;
@thejunkkch**

9 The Other Side

This speakeasy is perfect for a quiet night out. Tucked away in a "secret" location on one of Kuching's busiest streets, this cosy spot feels like a cross between a home bar and a laidback lounge. Enjoy handcrafted cocktails with unexpected twists – or stick to expertly made classics.

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Layers of delight

Unwrap the story behind kuih lapis, a festive and time-honoured treat with a legacy shaped by Malay and Peranakan hands

BY RENYI LIM

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“Kuih is a test of your patience,”

says Dinesh Rao, a professional cake and kuih maker whose trays of traditional treats regularly sell out within hours on Instagram. “*Kuih lapis* (layered cake) takes two hours to prepare and steam. It needs to rest at room temperature – no fridge, no fan, definitely no freezer. I wasn’t very good at being patient in the beginning,” he laughs.

There’s a reason this beloved bite-sized dessert demands such precision and time. Made from rice flour, coconut milk, pandan water and sugar, kuih lapis typically features eight to nine layers, each one steamed on top of the last in the same tray. Every portion of batter is weighed to ensure consistency – a slight misstep and the whole cake loses its delicate uniformity.

Over generations, the recipe was adapted by various communities, including the Malays and Peranakans, resulting in different techniques and colour palettes – but always with a shared emphasis on texture, patience and presentation.



DID YOU KNOW?

Layered rice cakes also appear across the world – from Brunei to Suriname – with unique takes found in Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines.

Previous page:

Kuih lapis by My Asian Kitchen

From left:

Dinesh Rao; the best way to eat kuih lapis is to peel it layer by layer

Today, kuih lapis is seen as both a festive treat and a nostalgic comfort food, often found at markets, celebrations and family gatherings.

Rao took up kuih-making during the Covid-19 lockdown and quickly found his rhythm. His creations – painstakingly layered and visually striking – drew attention online. While the classic Peranakan-style version features bands of pink and white, topped with a red or orange cap, Rao began experimenting with colour.

“I didn’t want to change the flavour or texture,” he explains. “But I knew if it looked pretty, people would be curious.” His first variation was a subtle ombré, followed by a whimsical pastel-hued “unicorn” kuih and eventually a bold rainbow version – each one a nod to his modern take on a traditional form.

Despite his visual reinvention, Rao stays faithful to traditional ways of eating kuih lapis. “Some people use a fork,” he says, “but I still prefer peeling it layer by layer with my fingers. That’s how I learned as a kid. That’s still the fun part.” [@myasiankitchen](#)

You’ll find kuih lapis at plenty of eateries across the Klang Valley – here are a few reliable picks

Nyonya Colors
Multiple outlets in KL malls, including Nu Sentral;
[@nyonya.colors](#)

A’Han Nyonya Kuih
16 Jalan 21/22, Sea Park, Petaling Jaya, Selangor

Blue Dahlia
601 Jalan 17/12, Seksyen 17, Petaling Jaya, Selangor;
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Why kuih lapis is so hard to get right

"The most challenging parts are the temperature and the timing," Rao says. "Over-steam it and the texture changes. Under-steam it and the layers won't peel cleanly." He recalls tossing out entire trays when batches were underdone by 30 seconds – something you only discover after cutting.

1 Mix rice flour and water into a paste, then let it rest for 40–60 minutes to bloom.

2 Boil pandan leaves in sugared water, strain, then combine with rice flour paste.

3 Stir in coconut milk, strain and divide into nine portions. Colour some red or pink, leaving others white.

4 Grease and preheat a metal tin. Steam each layer one at a time, starting with three minutes for the first, increasing slightly as layers build.

5 After the ninth layer, cover with cling film and cool at room temperature for several hours.

6 Slice with a plastic or oiled knife for clean edges.



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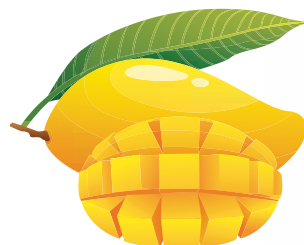
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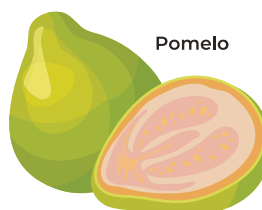
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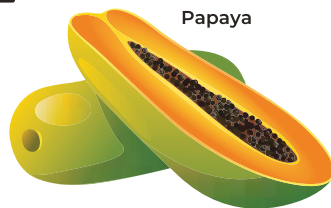
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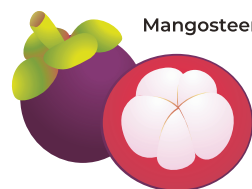
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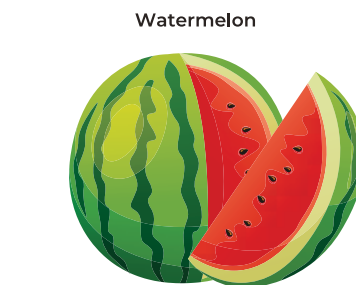


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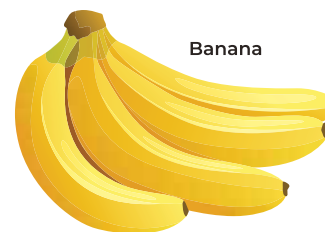


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Lights!

Jakarta's skyline is a masterpiece of contrasts. By day, modern towers gleam beside colonial landmarks; by night, districts like SCBD and Blok M pulse with neon energy, while the iconic Hotel Indonesia Roundabout becomes a whirl of light and motion. With the MRT connecting these hotspots, the city's most dazzling scenes are always within reach—no script required.

Camera!

Jakarta is stepping into the global film spotlight. Home to Jakarta Film Week and the upcoming Jakarta World Cinema Festival, the city blends blockbuster ambition with real-life cinematic charm. Walk through working studio lots like Kinematek, pose at film-themed murals, or unwind at Filosofi Kopi—a café immortalised by the hit movie. Whether you're a filmmaker or a fan, Jakarta sets the stage.

Action!

Lights, phone, perfect shot! From the vintage charm of Kota Tua to the sky-high glamour of Awan Lounge, every corner of Jakarta delivers an Instagram-worthy moment. Don't miss the bold street art in Pasar Santa or the lush hideaways of Taman Menteng—each corner begs to be captured. And when the sun sets? Open-air film screenings turn the city into your personal theater.

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Up and about

Solo adventures beyond temples and batik

BY TARA FT SERING

Most travellers make their way to the Indonesian city of Surakarta, aka Solo, for cultural experiences like temple-hopping, batik-making and sampling the rich local cuisine. But if you're looking to break a sweat, the dry month of September is an ideal time for taking on the Javanese highlands, and Solo is a perfect springboard for treks up **Mount Lawu**,

a volcano on the border of East and Central Java. Book a guided package (Jakarta-based outfitter Base Camp offers adventure tours across the country and beyond), plan for an overnight hike and you'll be rewarded with an otherworldly view from the summit: a spectacular sunrise over a fluffy sea of clouds. basecampadventureindonesia.com



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HOTELS

East of paradise

When in **Bali**, escape to the laidback shores of Sanur

BY CLAIRE KNOX

Developed in the late 1960s, the former fishing village of Sanur, about half an hour's drive from the airport in Denpasar, was the first high-end resort town in Bali, frequented by rock stars and the global jet set. Mick Jagger married Jerry Hall here, while David Bowie, Yoko Ono and Marianne Faithfull were regulars. Over time, as other enclaves rose to prominence, Sanur receded from the spotlight.

Now a medley of sleek resorts and locally run boutique hotels, cafés and excellent eateries (plus a snazzy new

shopping mall) has been quietly setting up shop, drawing people keen to escape the hubbub of the heaving lower west coast. **Andaz Bali, by Hyatt** is part of this new wave, offering a striking blend of contemporary design and traditional Balinese village charm, complete with landscaped courtyards, winding pathways flanked by lilies and towering Banyan trees, vast gardens (linked to its impressive sister resort, the Hyatt Regency) and breezy open-air pavilions inspired by local kampungs.

Designed by Tierra Design and Spin Studio, the resort's aesthetic is a masterclass in understated tropical modernism. Think locally sourced teak, plaited bamboo, lava stone, handwoven ikat fabrics and an earthy palette that lets the lush jungle landscaping do most of the talking. Rooms and suites – there are 149 of them – are spread across low-rise clusters, all generous in size and infused with cultural cues.

Among the resort's highlights is its dining precinct – a cluster of culinary pavilions arranged around a central square – a nod to Bali's community-style *banjars* (local councils). Village Square, the hotel's main dining hub, brings together Wok Wok (local Indonesian dishes), Fire Fox (a wood-fired grill), Deli & Bakery and Blue Oven (Mediterranean cuisine), each with its own open kitchen and unique design. Unwind at the mellow beachfront Fisherman's Club and devour wonderfully fresh grilled seafood, melt-in-the-mouth sashimi and moreish



cocktails served feet-in-sand and accompanied by dreamy sunset hues.

The property is a great base for families, thanks in part to the Kemu Mai Kids Club – a playful, woven-treehouse space that offers fun and fascinating cultural activities such as kite-making, Balinese dance classes and tie-dye workshops. Nature lovers will also love releasing turtle hatchlings back into the wild at the resort's impressive Turtle Conservation Centre.

Despite its tranquil setting, Andaz Bali hums with quiet energy and local spirit. There's a genuine emphasis on cultural immersion, from the complimentary sunrise yoga classes to workshops on traditional crafts such as *lontar* (palm-leaf manuscript) writing. And with Sanur emerging as a serene but stylish alternative to Bali's over-touristed hubs, Andaz is setting a new standard for a modern tropical escape. [hyatt.com](https://www.hyatt.com)



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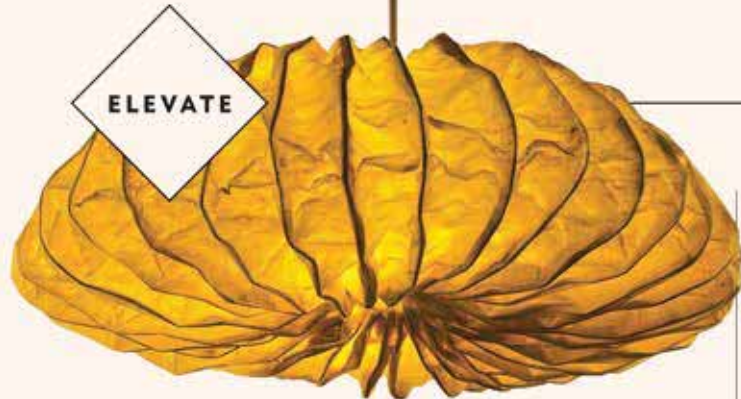
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SHOPPING

Kerala cool

Fantastic home pieces and where to find them in Kochi

BY PUNITA MALHOTRA

Centuries of trade, migration and coastal life have shaped Kochi's multicultural roots – a legacy its design scene wears well. From heritage crafts and modern designs to a clever mashup of both, the city's studios and stores are full of fresh finds to take home.

But where to begin?

Shreya Mathew, founder and principal designer at Kochi-based **Mado Studio** (@mado_studio), curates a shopping list.



"Each **handcrafted cushion** from **Kada Annahmol** feels like a piece of heritage yet it adds an eclectic pop to a contemporary home. I especially love their one-of-a-kind designs made from vintage ikat weaves and kantha embroidery." **@kadaannahmol**



"**Rouka by Sreejith Jeevan** is a modern ode to the region's culture. I adore the **tapestry** designs that weave in elements from Kerala's picturesque landscapes, especially the appliqué work and thoughtfully crafted home textiles."

@roukabysreejithjeevan



"**The Guest Room** is a must-visit for **tableware**. Its unique pieces are perfect for presenting a signature dish or adding character to an everyday shelf. My favourites are the conversational bread baskets and boat-shaped bamboo platters." **@theguestroom.kochi**

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DINING

Rice and shine

Where to get your Asian food fix in **London** BY DELLE CHAN

It's a few days into your holiday in the British capital and your palate is screaming for a taste of home. Here's where to go if you're craving...

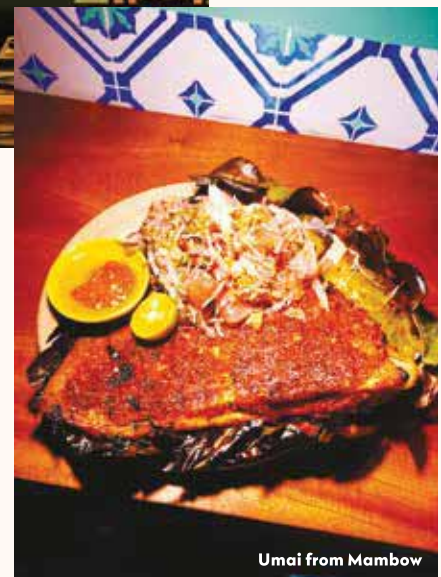
Modern Malaysian

Granted, Lower Clapton in East London is rather out of the way for the average tourist. However, it's well worth the trek for **Mambow**, which serves up some of the best modern Malaysian food in town. The restaurant describes its vibe as "Malaysian heat and refreshing drinks" – accordingly, diners can pair dishes such as *otak-otak* prawn toast (red curry and kaffir lime leaf prawns on wild betel leaf), *umai* (Sarawak-style cured fish) and grilled skate stuffed with sambal and wrapped in banana leaf with a drink of their choice. The menu changes regularly but stays rooted in chef Abby Lee's Malaysian upbringing, with a

dash of European culinary influence. **78 Lower Clapton Rd; mambow.co.uk**

Classic Filipino

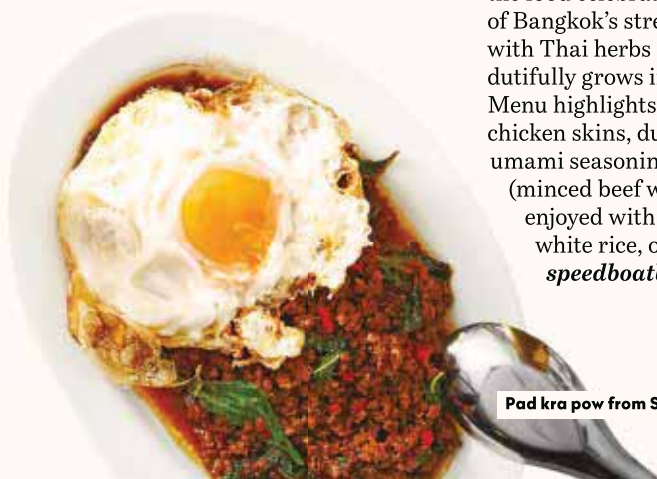
True to its name, **Kasa and Kin** is all about hearty, homey fare best enjoyed with family and friends. A café and bakery by day, it transforms into a full-fledged restaurant in the evening, with both classic and contemporary Filipino dishes on the menu. The grilled lemongrass chicken *inasal* is prepared in the traditional Visayan style, while the confit duck *adobo* – duck leg and breast served with a rich sauce of vinegar, soy, garlic and bay leaf – is a modern take on Northern Luzon's *adobong pato*. Pair your chosen main with some *bagoong* (shrimp paste) fried rice for extra oomph. **52–53 Poland St; kasaandkin.co.uk**



Umai from Mambow

Street Thai

Helmed by British chef Luke Farrell, who spent nearly 18 years in Thailand, **Speedboat Bar** is a fun, flamboyant restaurant that pays homage to the late-night stalls of Bangkok's Chinatown. The vibe is certainly reminiscent of a Yaowarat Road diner, from the strip lights and stainless-steel tables right down to the laminated menus. Likewise, the food celebrates the big, bold flavours of Bangkok's street food scene, complete with Thai herbs and spices that Farrell dutifully grows in a nursery in Dorset. Menu highlights include the deep-fried chicken skins, dusted with a delightful umami seasoning, and the *pad kra pow* (minced beef with holy basil) – best enjoyed with a bowl of steaming white rice, of course. **30 Rupert St; speedboatbar.co.uk**



Pad kra pow from Speedboat Bar

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INSIDER TIPS

A Malaysian in... Ho Chi Minh City

Melvin Fernando shares his favourite finds in a place full of surprises, from capybara cafés to speakeasies

BY ANANDHI GOPINATH



I grew up in the heart of

Kuala Lumpur, so I'm used to the traffic and bustle, and having your favourite mamak never more than five minutes away. I went to secondary school at St John's Institution, a place that gave me solid grounding, lifelong friends and more than a few tales to tell. After studying in Sydney for a master's degree in marketing, I thought I'd return home after graduation. Instead, life had other plans. I was offered a teaching role at RMIT University in Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City and 17 years later, I'm still here – now with my wife, Linh, and our two kids, Melody and Oliver.

What made me stay was the momentum of things. One opportunity led to another, and I found purpose in helping students bridge the gap between the classroom and the

working world. Ho Chi Minh City (or Saigon, as many still affectionately call it) felt like it welcomed me in, and it still does. It's chaotic, vibrant and endlessly surprising, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

One of the best ways to experience the city? Hop on the back of a bike for a tour through alleyways, past homes, street stalls, and even tiny barbershops tucked into corners.

Foodie paradise

Ho Chi Minh City has a kind of energy that's hard to explain unless you're in it. Scooters fly past you in perfect choreography while food stalls tucked in narrow alleys serve some of the best meals you'll ever have. Vietnamese cuisine is packed with flavour and heart. Dining at **Cuc Gach Quan** (10 Dang Tat, Tan Dinh, District 1; cucgachquan.com), for example, feels like having a meal at someone's house. Must-try dishes include *bun thit nuong* (grilled meat on rice noodles and vegetables), *ca kho to* (claypot fish) and a good old bowl of *pho ga* (chicken soup).

For the best banh mi, nothing beats **Banh Mi Huynh Hoa** (26 Le Thi Rieng, District 1; banhmihuynhhoa.vn). If you're



Street scene of Ho Chi Minh City



Anan Saigon

in the mood for something upscale, try **Anan Saigon** (89 Ton That Dam, District 1; anansaigon.com), located in the historic Cho Cu market. Their Saigon Tasting Menu takes you on a culinary journey from North to South Vietnam with local ingredients and French techniques.

For visiting Malaysians who are feeling homesick, **Banana Leaf Saigon** (46/6 Pham Hong Thai, District 1; bananalefsaigon.vn) is my fix. The nasi lemak reminds me of my Sundays in KL, and their roti canai hits the spot. I've even converted

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L'Usine (multiple locations; lusinespace.com) blends fashion and coffee culture and **Metiseko** (101 Dong Khoi, District 1; metiseko.com) offers beautifully made, sustainable fashion with a Vietnamese soul. For something cooler, **The New Playground** (26 Ly Tu Trong; District 1; @thenewplayground) is a treasure box of local streetwear and independent designers.

When guests want souvenirs, I take them to **Saigon Kitsch** (43 Ton That Thiep, District 1; @saigonkitsch_shop) or **Mai Home** (Thu Duc City, District 2; maihomedecor.com) for artisanal lacquerware and textiles.

Family time, anytime

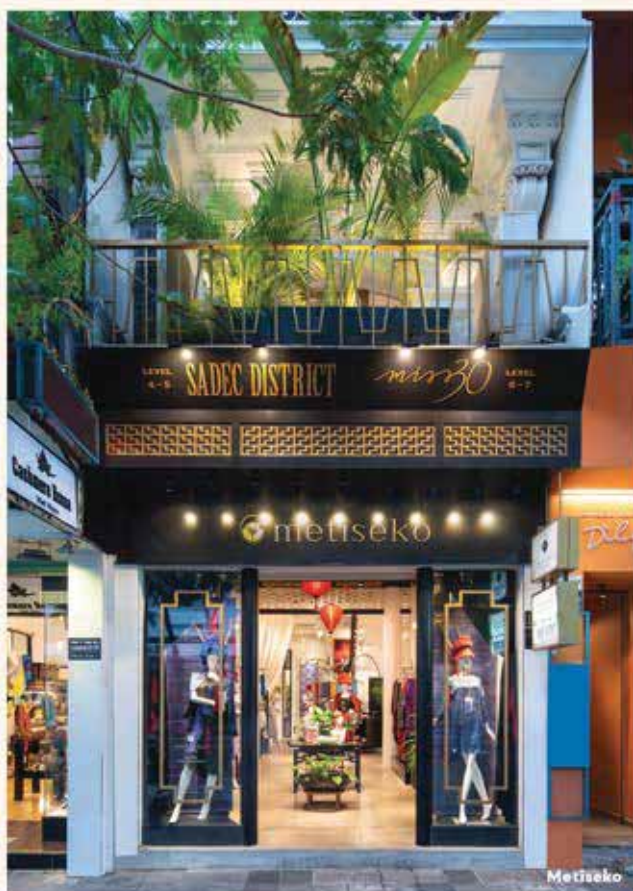
With kids, we've discovered plenty of family-friendly spots in the city. **Snow Town** (125 Dong Van Cong, Thanh My Loi, District 2; snowtownsaigon.com) is a fun, faux winter wonderland and indoor playground. **tiniWorld** (multiple locations; tinicorp.com) is another favourite. **Kapi Café** (36 Thao Dien; @kapicafe.vn) has got capybaras, so enough said. For green space and fresh air, we head to **Crescent Lake Park** (Phu My Hung, District 7) – it's perfect for picnics or just letting the kids run wild.

some Vietnamese friends, who are now rendang fans.

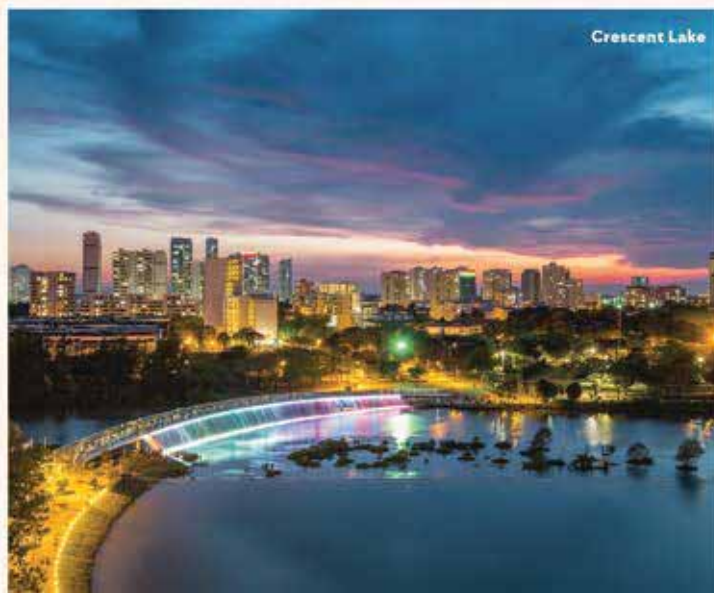
Coffee is a ritual here. For meetings, I usually go to **The Workshop** (27 Ngo Duc Ke, District 1; @theworkshopcoffee). But for a proper Vietnamese experience, nothing beats *ca phe sua da* (iced milk coffee) which you can find anywhere. On a hot day, it's like drinking melted coffee ice cream. If you're feeling adventurous, try **Little Hanoi Egg Coffee** (multiple locations; littlehanoieggcoffee.vn).

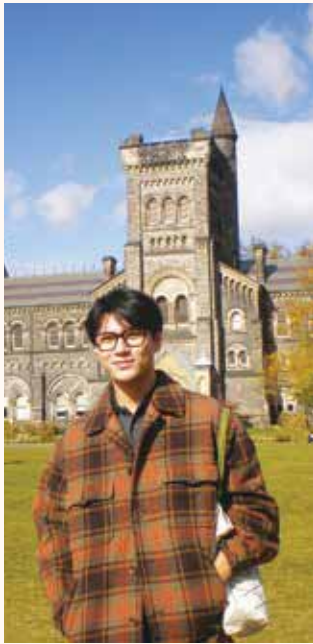
Shop, stroll, repeat

Unlike the mall-heavy landscape back home, boutique and concept stores are big here.



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Faiz Fuad
University of Toronto, Canada

The economics undergraduate once struggled with public speaking until YGL helped him find the courage to use his voice. "What stood out was the programme's emphasis on the often-overlooked soft skills – confidence, communication and personal presence – which are increasingly important in a globalised world."



Faces of the future

Six student changemakers share how they shaped their voice, identity and sense of purpose abroad

From leading student associations to overcoming personal challenges, six young Malaysians are taking on leadership roles and making their mark at universities worldwide.

Through TalentCorp MyHeart's Young Global Leader (YGL) programme – and as hosts of the podcast *Cherita Kita* – they share their experiences and reflections, all while juggling studies, the podcast and other commitments.

Aliah Hana
Sejong University, South Korea

Wherever she is, Hana keeps her family and country close, saying, "No matter how tall a tree grows, if its roots are weak, it'll be blown away by the wind. It's about staying grounded while reaching for the stars." Proud of her Malaysian heritage, she often wears her baju kurung in public. "We don't have to lose our identity just to fit in," she adds.

Lee Jo Yi
Queen Mary University, UK

Sponsorship negotiations, deadline pressures and last-minute policy hurdles – Lee faced it all while planning her university's flagship Malaysian Night, during exam season no less. "This experience taught me patience and the value of voicing challenges honestly," she says. "I'm grateful for the support that helped us earn the title of Best Cultural Society of the year!"



Chiau Leou Jiun
University College Dublin, Ireland

As president of the Malaysian Student Association, Chiau champions inclusivity across diverse cultures and campuses. "Leadership isn't just about giving direction – it's about empowering others, bridging differences and turning challenges into opportunities," she says.



Zaid Zunaidi
Korea University, South Korea

For this MARA scholar, leadership begins with integrity. "A good leader lifts others up, not commands them," he says. Reflecting on his *Cherita Kita* episode, he shares how studying abroad broadened his perspective and revealed new ways of doing things he wouldn't have discovered within his comfort zone.



Akhil Kyshen
University of Warwick, UK

Being part of *Cherita Kita* was transformative for this economics student, offering a fresh perspective on his experiences. "Sharing my struggles with the realities of 'adulting' – learning to budget and cook, feeling homesick during Raya – made me realise how far I've come. Hearing others echo those experiences made my journey feel less isolating."



A shared purpose

MyHeart's Young Global Leader programme empowers Malaysian students abroad to lead with confidence and stay connected to home



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What does it mean to be Malaysian while living and studying overseas? For many students, it's a question of identity, opportunity and purpose – a balancing act between building a future in new places and staying connected to their roots.

MyHeart – short for Malaysia at Heart and an initiative by TalentCorp – bridges this gap. At its core is the Young Global Leader (YGL) programme, a platform designed for Malaysian students abroad who want more than just academic success. They want to lead, connect and contribute.

Leadership for the future

Launching in late 2025, YGL is a leadership incubator that goes beyond

soft skills and networking. Through curated modules, mentorship and industry ties, students grow as leaders while tackling real-world challenges.

From sparking student-led initiatives to honing real-world skills, YGL invites a new generation of changemakers to think bigger – and act bolder – in shaping Malaysia's future.

Building community across continents

YGL bridges distance with connection. Through digital platforms, meetups and a global network, Malaysian students find belonging and join a diaspora driven by shared values and purpose.

The *Cherita Kita* podcast by MyHeart deepens this bond, sharing stories of Malaysians abroad that

celebrate identity, resilience and the grounding power of home.

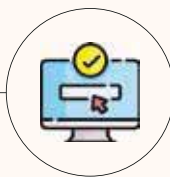
Root down to rise

YGL is built on a simple idea: international journeys and national identity are not mutually exclusive. In fact, one can strengthen the other. Whether in London, Cairo or Singapore, you can lead wherever you are, while still playing a role in Malaysia's story.

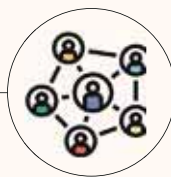
If you're a student in Malaysian student associations overseas and ready to lead with purpose, the YGL programme is your chance to grow, connect and make an impact.

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How to join the YGL programme in four steps



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Left:
Prime Minister
Dato' Seri Anwar
Ibrahim received
Cambodia's
General Tea Seiha
and Thailand's
General Nattaphon
Narkphanit during
a courtesy call at
Perdana Putra.

ASEAN leadership in action

As Chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in 2025, Malaysia proves that diplomacy and dialogue can be used to strengthen regional unity and defuse tensions

When tensions escalated along the Thai–Cambodian border recently, Malaysia, in its capacity as ASEAN Chair, convened emergency talks and brokered an immediate ceasefire – reaffirming how Southeast Asia's future must be shaped from within.

This was not an isolated moment. It reflected a deeper, deliberate strategy.

Turning principles into action

ASEAN's foundational documents – the Charter and the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation – speak clearly: regional peace, stability and non-interference are not slogans but structural commitments. Malaysia's leadership in 2025 has underscored this.

Prime Minister Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim's direct involvement in calming cross-border tensions shows how diplomacy can work swiftly when guided by trust and regional ownership.

At the same time, Foreign Minister Dato' Seri Utama Haji Mohamad bin Haji Hasan has remained steadfast in pushing for progress to end the conflict in Myanmar through ASEAN's Five-Point Consensus, reinforcing the organisation's focus on dialogue and reconciliation.

A model of regional ownership

At a time when global powers often project influence onto Southeast Asia, ASEAN's approach offers a different path – one defined by consensus, not coercion. This model does not claim to be quick or easy,

but it is sustainable. It relies on the strength of shared purpose rather than external pressure.

Malaysia's chairmanship has reinvigorated this idea. Rather than relying on outside arbitration, ASEAN is demonstrating that solutions can be regionally led, supported and collectively enforced.

A more credible ASEAN centrality

As ASEAN navigates an increasingly complex geopolitical landscape, its relevance will hinge on its ability to act – not just speak – on behalf of its members. Malaysia's 2025 term as Chair is demonstrating that ASEAN centrality is more than a diplomatic phrase. It is a working strategy for stability, built on trust, credibility and regional leadership.

Peace in Southeast Asia has always been a shared goal. Through Malaysia's stewardship, it is once again becoming a shared achievement.

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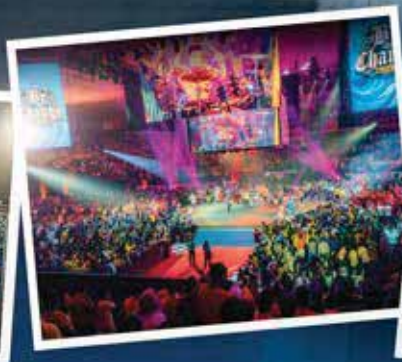
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A PERFECT WEEKEND IN Brisbane

Words **Maya Calica Collins**

Lively riverside precincts, a thriving food scene and thrilling adventures before escaping to the stylish beach town of Noosa Heads – all in three days



Just like the river that runs through it, Brisbane is in constant motion and full of surprises.

Whether you're exploring its vibrant riverside promenades, cycling along nature trails or hopping on a CityCat ferry for a night out at Howard Smith Wharves, going with the flow in Queensland's sunny capital will reward you with unforgettable thrills. But if your travel wish list includes communing with nature – and cuddling a koala or two – we've got you covered too. Here's how to pack it all in over a weekend in Brisssy and beyond.

Friday

Morning. Make an early start for **South Bank Parklands** where a “mini rainforest” simulates the biodiversity of an actual rainforest. The park opens at 5am, but visit between 6am and 7am to avoid the crowds and heat.

Grab a coffee to go from **Lost Bean** (*Russell St; @lostbeanaust*) – they start brewing at 6am and serve coffee made with sustainably sourced and

Melbourne-roasted St Ali beans. From there, follow the signs to Rainforest Green and enjoy a tranquil wander along the Rainforest Walk. It's an easy trail on a boardwalk built between lush native plants and trees.

For the rest of the morning, check out these two riverside galleries: **Queensland Art Gallery (QAG)** and **Gallery of Modern Art** (both at Stanley Place; qagoma.qld.gov.au). They offer excellent free exhibits, such as “Wonderstruck”, featuring over 100 artworks by international and Australian artists that celebrate the wonder in the ordinary. Don't forget to snap a selfie at the iconic Brisbane sign.

Ready for some grub? Walk over to **The Jetty Southbank** (*River Quay, Shop/4 Sidon St; thejettysouthbank.com.au*) for a brunch of smashed avocado, crushed feta and dukkah served on freshly baked sourdough bread. The menu changes constantly, highlighting the best of Australian produce. Order your second cuppa of the day or treat yourself to a cocktail at lunch.





Afternoon. Push yourself out of your comfort zone. If you prefer descending, sign up for abseiling lessons at **Kangaroo Point Cliffs** (29 River Terrace). Admire the Brisbane River and city skyline before rappelling down the cliffs. If climbing is your jam, opt for the **Story Bridge Adventure Climb** (5 Boundary St; storybridgeadventureclimb.com.au). Ascend the iconic Story Bridge – the same one you see on souvenir postcards and mugs – via stairs and catwalks until you reach a sturdy platform 80m above the river. Pat yourself on the back for your daring, then savour the panoramic city views from the top.

Evening. Brisbane was a penal colony from 1824 to 1839, so why not cap your thrilling day with dinner at **Felons Brewing Co** (5 Boundary St; felonsbrewingco.com.au). Nestled under the Story Bridge, this modern-day brewery in Howard Smith Wharves was inspired by the true story of four Sydney-bound felons shipwrecked on Moreton Island in 1823. Dig into their delicious wood-fired pizzas and fish and chips, matched with their flagship crisp lager, while enjoying sitting outdoors.

Saturday

Morning. Rent a car and drive north to **Noosa Heads**, an hour and a half from downtown Brisbane. This Unesco Biosphere Reserve is considered one of Australia's most beautiful beach towns, favoured by the rich and famous.



Previous page:

A view of downtown Brisbane, Story Bridge and Howard Smith Wharves along Brisbane River

Clockwise from top left:

A scenic, sunset climb at Story Bridge; Queensland Art Gallery; outdoor seating at Felons Brewing Co; abseiling at Kangaroo Point Cliffs; South Bank Parklands; fresh, tangy shellfish dishes at Felons Brewing Co





Alternatively, you can take the Sunshine Coast train from Brisbane for a longer but more leisurely journey.

Make your way to Noosa Main Beach for a swim, then to **Noosa Heads Surf Life Saving Club** (69 Hastings St; noosasurfclub.com.au) to get a feel of the land. Grab a table with balcony views and order lunch. Take your pick from calamari, oysters, fish and chips or an Asian salad – the portions are generous and the service is quick.

Afternoon. With its gentle waves and protected surf, Noosa Main Beach is the perfect spot for surf lessons. **Merrick's Noosa Learn to Surf** (@noosalearntosurf) guarantees you'll be standing on your board during your first session. Their two-hour group class includes rental of a surfboard, rash guard and wetsuit.

After riding the waves, slip into comfortable shoes for a hike along **Noosa National Park's** coastal trails. You just might spot koalas and kookaburras perched in trees, even marine life if you venture further. During migration season (June to November), dolphins and humpback whales have been spotted from Dolphin Point and Hell's Gates.

Evening. Food options abound on Hastings Street, Noosa's stylish strip by the beach. Love Asian fusion? **Bang Bang Noosa's** (U 9 Lot 6/32 Hastings St; bangbangnoosa.com) dishes are meant for sharing, and with good reason: you won't need a lot to appreciate the flavours. Order the Hiramasa kingfish with green apple, coconut, mango and



kaffir lime, and don't miss the wok-tossed sen yai noodles with braised beef shin, sweet soy sauce and crispy shallots served with chilli vinegar.

Sunday

Morning. Pop into **Moonstruck Noosa** (5 Hastings St; moonstrucknoosa.com) for a flat white and freshly baked ham and cheese croissant. This funky café serves 100% locally sourced food and coffee and transforms into a boutique cocktail



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Left to right: Beachside lessons with Merrick's Noosa Learn to Surf; mini pancakes at Moonstruck; Noosa Main Beach; animal education at Australia Zoo; award-winning fine fare at Agnes

bar at night. The interiors evoke the old-school cafés of Europe, with warm lighting and mosaic-tiled floors. It's the perfect setting to enjoy an unhurried breakfast before your one-hour drive to **Australia Zoo** (australiazoo.com.au) in Beerwah, which opens at 9am. The hours go by quickly in this award-winning zoo and animal sanctuary, the brainchild of the late Steve Irwin (aka the Crocodile Hunter). His legacy continues thanks to his wife, Terri, and children, Bindi and Robert.

Purchase roo food (AUD\$3) from the gift shop, then hand-feed kangaroos and wallabies in **Roo Heaven** or **Red Kangaroos** anytime from 9am. To get up close and personal with a koala, book a Cuddly Koala Encounter (various time slots available). For lunch, head to **Grasslands Café** for a table with an amazing view of an African savannah replica, with real zebras, rhinos, giraffes, cheetahs and meerkats roaming around.

Afternoon. Arrive 15 minutes early at the **Crocoseum** to get good seats for the Wildlife Warriors Show, featuring giant snakes and majestic birds in flight, such as the wedge-tailed eagle (Australia's largest bird of prey), kookaburras and barking owls. The show's highlight is the crocodile feeding, starring the world's largest reptile: the saltwater crocodile.



Terri, Robert and Bindi often join in for some jaw-snapping entertainment. Leave Beerwah for your one-hour drive back to Brisbane.

Evening. Enjoy a final dinner in Fortitude Valley. For a novel experience, **Agnes** (22 Agnes St; @agnesrestaurant) ticks all the boxes. The award-winning restaurant is housed in a dimly lit heritage warehouse, where meals are cooked in an open wood-fire kitchen. Try the Skull Island tiger prawns with fermented chilli butter – one of chef Ben Williamson's creations, and a favourite of Nigella Lawson.

Where to stay

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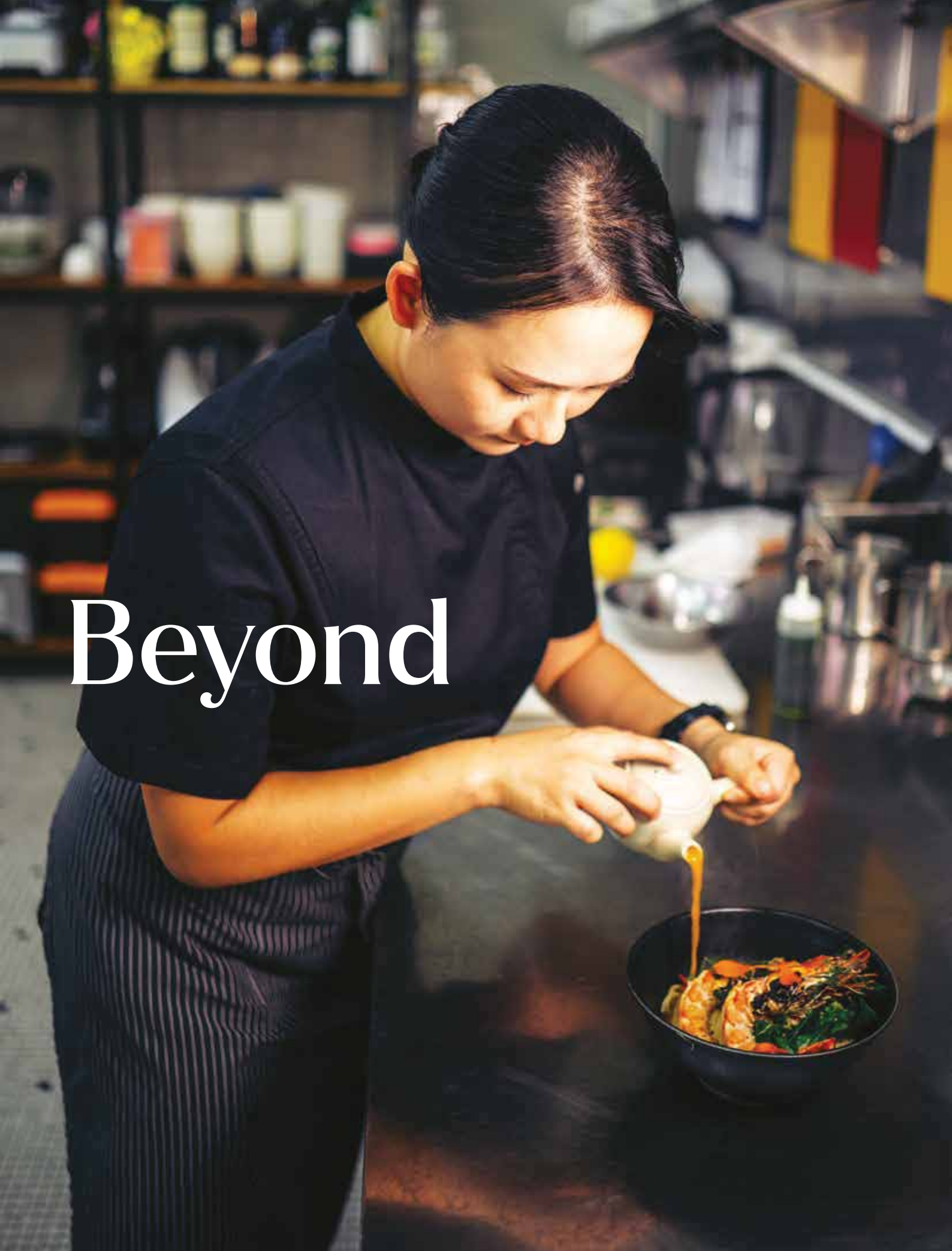
This sustainable five-star hotel, located under the iconic Story Bridge, offers luxe accommodations and rooftop pool views, and is close to Howard Smith Wharves' dining scene. crystalbrookcollection.com

The Constance

Located in the heart of Fortitude Valley, The Constance's edgy and artsy aesthetic reflects Brisbane's street art scene. If you're a night owl, you'll love your proximity to bars and live music joints. lancemore.com.au

Two on Hastings

Spacious apartments just steps away from Noosa Main Beach, perfect for couples or families. The best part? It's on Hastings Street, Noosa's prime address for the best cafés, bars and restaurants. twohastings.com.au



Beyond



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Evolving beyond its
beloved hawker roots,
Penang's fine dining
scene is gaining global
appeal thanks to
world-class chefs and
Michelin stars

Words **Tien Chew** Photography **Thinnesh Kumar**

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Whenever
I'm here,
I feel like I've
just stepped
into a living
tapestry –



from centuries-old temples, colonial-era mansions to buzzing street food stalls and the weathered walkways of the clan jetties. All of it forms part of the George Town Unesco World Heritage Site, where vivid expressions of culture, history and daily life are woven into every corner. But this time, I've come with a more curious palate, searching for something unexpected. Amid the kopitiams, curry houses and hawker stalls that define Penang's celebrated food scene, a new wave of overseas-trained chefs is quietly reshaping the island's gastronomic identity.

As I set out to explore the island's ever-evolving food scene, what excites me the most is the chance to discover something new – a boundary-pushing dish, a reimagined classic or a chef's personal interpretation of heritage and haute cuisine.

My first stop is Restaurant Au Jardin, one of Malaysia's most celebrated fine dining establishments. Tucked within George Town's artistic hub, Hin Bus Depot – a creative space known for indie art galleries and weekend markets – Au Jardin lives up to its name ("in the garden") by offering a quiet, refined escape in a repurposed warehouse. Inside, I'm greeted by raw concrete walls and floor-to-ceiling windows, accentuated by lush

greenery and natural light. Elegant yet understated, the space mirrors Penang itself – a harmonious blend of old and new, heritage and reinvention.

"Penang's culinary canvas is incredibly colourful," says Su Kim Hock, Au Jardin's chef-proprietor. "You can enjoy everything here, from street food and cafés to fine dining, if you want to spoil yourself. It's the complete experience you won't find anywhere else."

Au Jardin's thoughtful fusion of French technique, Peranakan sensibility and Malaysian produce has earned Su and his team numerous accolades, including a coveted Michelin star. It's also deeply personal, rooted in Su's French culinary training, Asian heritage and time spent honing his craft in the UK, Taiwan and beyond.

"Penang has one of the widest flavour spectrums in the world," adds Su. "Beyond the three main ethnic groups – Malay, Chinese, Indian – our food is shaped by Hokkien, Cantonese, Teochew, Peranakan, Thai and expat influences."

A prime example of that spectrum is Au Jardin's signature cognac- and hay-aged duck. Perfected through continuous refinement and cooking techniques honed over the years, it's a sensorial treat every time I experience this masterfully crafted dish. It begins





Previous spread:
Khor Sue Ching of
Third Culture Dining;
Au Jardin's succulent
duck dish

This spread: Au Jardin's
offerings, restaurant
façade, kitchen and
interior; chef-proprietor
Su Kim Hock (left)

with the arrival of a smoke box, its soft plume teasing the eyes and nose. Inside, the duck – stuffed with oranges, herbs and hay, then lacquered in cognac and poached in a maltose-vinegar brine – emerges with impossibly crisp skin and deeply flavourful meat. In its current iteration, the duck is served with fermented guava and guava purée, Szechuan pepper and blanc jus. It's a dish that lingers on the palate long after the last bite.

PENANG'S FOOD CULTURE HAS ATTRACTED talent from across Malaysia, including Ker Yang Hao, co-founder of Firewood, a grill-focused restaurant dedicated to showcasing quality meats and ingredients.

A Taiping native, Ker studied culinary arts in Penang before moving to Singapore to cut his teeth at St Regis and Gordon Ramsay's Bread Street Kitchen. When the Covid-19 pandemic struck, the entrepreneurial chef returned home and opened Firewood in the heart of George Town. Today, it's a Michelin Selected restaurant and proudly ranked 68th in the World's 101 Best Steak Restaurants.

Firewood is located on Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling, one of Penang's oldest and most storied streets and famously dubbed the "Street of Harmony" for its historic religious landmarks that reflect the island's diverse communities. Shedding the





This spread: Ker Yang Hao preparing for service; Firewood's bar and interior; meat chargrilled to perfection



timeworn charm of its heritage shophouse origins, the restaurant now features a sleek, modern interior – black steel, timber floors, high ceilings – drawing your eyes towards the action at the open grill.

For the full experience, I sit at the counter. The rich aromas of smouldering charcoal and the sizzle of meat on the grill create a captivating sensory display. Starters like charred white sweet corn and hay-smoked seasonal mushrooms highlight how heat and technique can coax deep, layered flavours from humble ingredients.

But the undisputed star is the premium dry-aged beef – sourced from Australia, Japan and Korea – grilled to perfection and served with roasted garlic and Ker's house-

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Though street food remains Penang's biggest draw, the evolving restaurant scene is now receiving just as much attention”

blended Malaysian umami spice. Is there anything else that satisfies the palate quite like a perfectly cooked steak? I doubt it.

“We've seen so many talented people in F&B return to Penang from abroad, especially Penangites,” says Ker. “There's a growing demand for elevated dining experiences from both locals and tourists across the region.”

Though street food remains the island's biggest draw, Penang's evolving restaurant scene is now receiving just as much attention. “Our F&B sector needs to step up its marketing game to let more people know that there's so much more to discover beyond our amazing street food,” he adds.

MY LAST STOP IS THIRD CULTURE DINING, housed in a restored mid-century bungalow in Pulau Tikus, once home to a local architect. The setting feels stylishly homey and inviting, featuring vintage botanical prints, polished marble and Art Deco furnishings, all curated to reflect minimalist elegance. The all-women front-of-house team greets me with gracious warmth, creating the kind of dining atmosphere that feels like a reunion with old friends.

After graduating from Lyon's prestigious Institut Paul Bocuse (now Institut Lyfe) and

Walk this way

The best way to explore Penang is on foot, taking your time down George Town's storied streets lined with iconic Peranakan shophouses and their colourful, cake-like façade. For a deeper appreciation of the island's fascinating history, sign up for a two-hour walking tour

with **Penang Hidden Gems**, led by history and heritage enthusiasts. The group organises monthly community walks that spotlight the island's lesser-known spots, the sacred traditions and fading trades. Two hours of the day very well spent. [@penanghiddengems](#)



spending years honing her skills in some of the world's most esteemed kitchens – La Maison Troisgros, L'Astrance and Septime – followed by refining her farm-to-table approach in Napa Valley and Hawaii, chef-owner Khor Sue Ching brings a fresh, contemporary voice to Penang's culinary landscape. Though not a native Penangite, she honours its food heritage through the lens of modern gastronomy and local produce.

One dish that perfectly captures Khor's culinary identity is her take on *lam mee*, a beloved Penang classic featuring thick yellow noodles served in a rich, thick broth. Originally conceived as a French-style bouillabaisse showcasing local seafood, it evolved into an Asian-fusion reinterpretation featuring angel hair pasta, grilled king prawns, steamed flower crab and a house-made lacto-fermented sambal and dill.

"To me, this dish truly reflects the spirit of Third Culture, honouring where I come from while embracing where I am. It's a conversation between East and West in one bowl," says Khor.

She also notes how Penang diners are changing. "A restaurant's aesthetics and ambience didn't used to matter as much. But now, thanks to social media, they've become key factors in how people choose where to eat."

As my time in George Town draws to a close, I leave deeply satisfied and genuinely inspired, knowing that Penang's vibrant F&B scene continues to flourish. Guided by passionate chefs and rooted in a rich cultural heritage, its offerings – ranging from humble hawker fare to boundary-pushing cuisine – always make for a memorable time.



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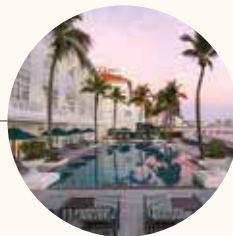
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Where to stay



Shangri-La Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa

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Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion – The Blue Mansion

This iconic 19th-century landmark features antique-filled rooms, daily heritage tours, lush courtyards and fine dining at the acclaimed Indigo Restaurant. cheongfatttzemansion.com

Clockwise from left:
Khor Sue Ching; home
of Third Culture Dining;
Khor's reinterpretation
of lam mee features
angel hair pasta and
grilled king prawns



When the sun sets

Acclaimed cocktail bar **Backdoor Bodega** continues to be at the forefront of Penang's burgeoning drinks scene. Founded by self-taught mixologist Koh Yung Shen, it has earned global acclaim; ranked 64th on Asia's 50 Best Bars extended list and winner of this year's Siete Misterios Best Cocktail Menu Award.

"Five years ago, if you were an ambitious bartender in Penang, you wouldn't stay here because there wasn't a clear career path," reflects Koh. "Today, we have people moving to Penang to work in bars, thanks to international recognition. That shows they have confidence in our growing bar scene."

Penang's rich food scene can overwhelm first-timers, but the Backdoor Bodega team acts as cultural guides, curating authentic local experiences. Their award-winning cocktail menu, titled The Backdoor Bodega Guide to Penang, is an encyclopaedia of the island's culture, history and flavours, cleverly woven into each cocktail.

"Our drinks showcase Penang's unique flavours – our RBS (Ramly Burger Special) is a good example," Koh explains. "People often order it without knowing what a Ramly burger is. That gives us the perfect opportunity to share its story as an iconic Malaysian street food. Sometimes, we even order one for them so they can do a side-by-side comparison." **@backdoorbodega**



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From now until the end of October, Maybank Cardmembers visiting the UK and France can enjoy even greater value with a suite of exclusive privileges at Bicester Village, a 50-minute train ride from London Marylebone,

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Whether you're investing in timeless fashion staples or finding a unique piece to bring home, these rewards make every find more satisfying.

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Enjoy the ease of complimentary Hands-free Shopping, where your purchases are collected and stored while you continue exploring. Maybank Cardmembers also receive exclusive access to The Apartment, a private lounge space where you can pause

and recharge in comfort.

At La Vallée Village, the experience ends on a sweet note with a complimentary Amorino gelato – a small pleasure to round off a day well spent.

More rewards to come

These benefits are just the beginning, as Maybank will be unveiling more exclusive year-end offers at both Villages. Wherever your travels take you, enjoy even greater value along the way.

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Feel the rush

Once known mainly as a golf haven, the coastal city of Da Nang in Central Vietnam is fast emerging as a hub for other leisure sports. If you love adrenaline-pumping holidays, you've come to the right place

Words and photographs **Mervin Lee**





**It's 5.35am
and My Khe,
Da Nang's central
beach, is already
buzzing. There's
a sea of scooters
and motorbikes**



parked along Vo Nguyen Giap Street, a four-lane beachfront boulevard named after the late general who was instrumental to Vietnam's reunification in 1975. It's a morning made for moving, breaking a sweat and getting the heart rate up, and I survey Da Nang residents of all ages on the broad sand practising tai chi, jogging, tossing a Frisbee.

Less than two decades ago, this approximately 9km beach was a sparsely populated coastal stretch in Da Nang. Today, it's a hive of constant activity and some of the biggest international hospitality groups have a stake on the strip, operating hotels and resorts across a range of price points.

Before developments such as Ba Na Hills – a hill station mountain resort with a leisure park and a Luke Donald-designed 18-hole golf course – and the Golden Hand Bridge took social media by storm, Da Nang had already made a name for itself as a golfer's favourite, thanks largely to Central Vietnam's long dry season that stretches from January to August. Now, more and more travellers are catching on to Da Nang's rare and enviable setup – a wide,



Previous page:
Parasailing on My Khe beach

This page (clockwise):
All the beachside action, from volleyball on My Khe and stand-up paddle at Vietgangz Beach Club to wakeboarding at Danabeach



activity-friendly beach within an urban sprawl and ample tourism infrastructure. All these are helping polish the city's profile as a fun and active holiday spot ideal for all kinds of leisure sports.

VIETNAM'S SHORELINE IS A STUNNING 3,260KM LONG, AND Da Nang's remarkably well-kept beaches – perfect for all manner of water sports – draw travellers from far and wide. At Danabeach, on the south end of My Khe, adrenaline-fuelled water sports such as parasailing and wakeboarding are available on demand, with wait lists forming well before 8am. (It's reassuring to know that since 2012, Vietnamese authorities have tightened safety measures for water-related activities. Life vests are a prerequisite and all lifeguards must possess a valid licence.)

For an average package rate of VND950,000 (USD\$36), you and a travel buddy can be hoisted 120m into the air, thanks to a parachute and a speedboat. No prior training required, just the courage to be airborne for three to five minutes – an eternity if your legs are dangling in the air. For an additional fee, a drone



will record this moment of daring against a stunning backdrop of the bay and the picturesque Son Tra Mountain.

In a more private setting in the west end of the mountains, you can enjoy similar activities at Vietgangz Beach Club Da Nang, a group of beach-and-camping clubs across the country. If flying high over the water isn't on your list, perhaps a slow relaxing stand-up paddle on lightweight inflatable boards around a scenic bay is just what you need.

If you're up for something more grounded, then Son Tra, also known as Monkey Mountain, is home to a 4,400ha nature reserve of the same name. Animal lovers will find several species of adorable primates, most notably the endangered red-shanked douc langur nicknamed the "Queen of Primates". The luxurious, Bill Bensley-designed InterContinental Danang Sun Peninsula Resort is located within the reserve, and part of its offerings are guided three-hour hikes through the jungle to behold an 800-year-old Banyan tree or along the mountain ridge to the breathtaking Son Tra Mountain summit.

BACK IN MY KHE, NET SPORTS TAKE OVER THE AFTERNOON. FROM 3.30pm every day, the Danang Summer Spikers, a Telegram-based volleyball players group, set up a private pitch for highly competitive and electric tournaments. Most of the players are expats, but the community oozes an easygoing vibe and anyone is welcome to join. Several open game pitches with no player limit can be found on the same stretch, and finding groups to play with is as easy as searching for groups on Facebook with the keywords "Danang", "Expats" and "Volleyball". Perfect opportunity to flex volleyball and social skills.

When evening descends, the city comes alive with a new countrywide obsession: pickleball, a cousin to both tennis and ping pong, but a sibling to neither. Invented in the US in the 1960s, the sport is experiencing a boom across the globe. Reports credit this surge in

Opposite page, anti-clockwise from right: Sunset at My Khe; Vietgangz Beach Club on the quieter side of Da Nang; beachside pickleball in progress

This page: The city's iconic Dragon Bridge; 6 Point Pickleball owner Le Hai Anh returns a serve; motorheads head out to Hoi An



popularity to the nature of the sport itself – compared to tennis, the play area is smaller, the paddle is lighter, the rules are simpler and the games tend to be shorter.

Just a short walk from My Khe beach, at 6 Point Pickleball, the action begins at 5am and continues throughout the day and well into the night. Owner Le Hai Anh, a Hanoi native, set up the business as an excuse to move to the comparably laidback Da Nang. She tells me, “My son spent three years learning tennis. Now he has no one to play with. Everyone is into pickleball.”

The beachside facility – which features a café and lounge area, six professional courts and retractable canopies so you can play rain or shine – is one of a growing number of pickleball clubs mushrooming around the city. There’s a social element to it as fans encourage others to pick up the sport; if you’re up for a bit of serve and volley, lace up your trainers, rent a paddle and show up in court.

FOR ADVENTURE BUFFS LOOKING FOR A MORE SUSTAINED HIGH, there’s a fun option: motorbike rides. More than 70 percent of the elongated, S-shaped country rely on two-wheelers for their daily commute, and decades of riding motos has established a motorbike-and-scooter culture like no other. Experience it yourself with a ride to the Unesco-inscribed Hoi An Ancient Town, a 15th-century trading port known for its mustard-coloured buildings, that became



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InterContinental Danang
Sun Peninsula
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Vietgangz
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6 Point Pickleball
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Onyabike Adventures
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Clockwise from left:

An Onyabike tour rolls past
Hoi An's paddy fields; colourful
local lanterns; the city's famous
mustard-hued heritage buildings;
all saddled up for an epic ride





officially part of metropolitan Da Nang in July this year. Here, the local culture, cuisine and architecture have been heavily influenced by early Chinese, Japanese and Champa merchants, a delightful blend that draws thousands of tourists.

But motorheads make the journey for an additional reason – Central Vietnam's lush rice paddy fields. It's one of the highlights on tours by Onyabike Adventures, a tour outfitter founded in 2017 by Hawkmoon Boxer, originally from England, and Australian Jeff Burke. Today, it is one of the few fully legal motorbike tour providers based in Da Nang and an official tours partner of Royal Enfield, stocked with a fleet of 25 Himalayan 410cc motorbikes.

"Demand [for motorbike touring] has increased significantly over the last few years," says Boxer. Da Nang is particularly popular. "People love the region's coastal routes." Onyabike's tours vary in size, from two to 10 riders in a pack. The seven-day Highlights of Central Vietnam tour is a truly epic adventure.

In the 1,300km loop that begins and ends in Hoi An, participants will visit the ancient Vietnamese capital of Hue, and the Khe Sanh District in Quang Tri Province, known for speciality coffee and various Austroasiatic-speaking hill tribes.

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Continuing onwards through the Ho Chi Minh Trail, riders will reach Phong Nha-Ke Bang, a national park and Unesco World Heritage Site in Quang Binh Province, home to the otherworldly Son Doong, believed to be the largest cave on earth.

If time is short, the Hai Van Pass and Monkey Mountain tour will take you beyond the Son Tra Mountain and over the stunning Hai Van Pass, a 21km coastal route offering panoramic views of the Lang Co peninsula.

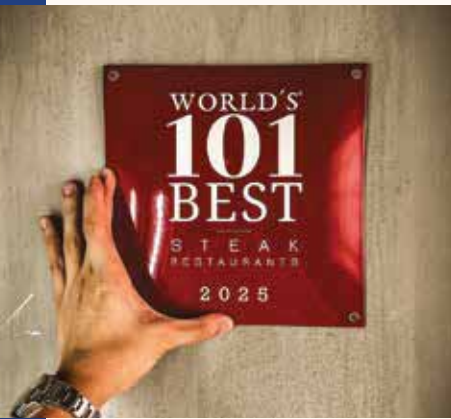
It's an exhilarating ride, one that, like the rest of action-packed Da Nang, will inspire you to keep coming back.



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Firewood ignites the world stage

Penang's Firewood earns a place on the World's 101 Best Steak Restaurants list – a first for the country

In a milestone moment for Malaysia's dining scene, Firewood in George Town, Penang, has been named one of the World's 101 Best Steak Restaurants – ranking 68th on the 2025 list and making history as the first Malaysian entry to earn the accolade.

At Firewood, flame is more than a technique – it's an identity. Over 70 percent of the menu is cooked directly over embers, using sustainably sourced bakau wood from Taiping, Perak. This intense, controlled heat delivers a signature depth of flavour that defines dishes like the house favourite Stone Axe Australian Full Blood Wagyu Sirloin.

Behind the grill is chef Ker Yang Hao, whose training under Gordon Ramsay in Singapore sharpened his approach to fire-led cooking: precision, restraint and respect for ingredients. The result is a style that feels both primal and modern, with every plate telling a story of smoke, skill and local pride.

The setting amplifies the experience.



Located in a restored heritage building, Firewood pairs colonial-era architecture with industrial sensibility. An open kitchen showcases the theatrics of live-fire cooking, while high ceilings and textured interiors add a sense of occasion to every meal.

Recognised by the Malaysia Book of Records as the nation's first restaurant to be included in the World's 101 Best Steak Restaurants, Firewood represents more than personal triumph. It marks a new chapter for Malaysia on the global culinary map – one that fuses heritage, innovation and homegrown confidence.

For travellers chasing exceptional dining experiences and locals craving unforgettable live-fire cooking on home soil, Firewood is exactly the place to be.



Firewood Penang is at 15 Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling, George Town. Call +60 17 989 9246 or visit firegroup.my for reservations.



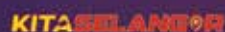
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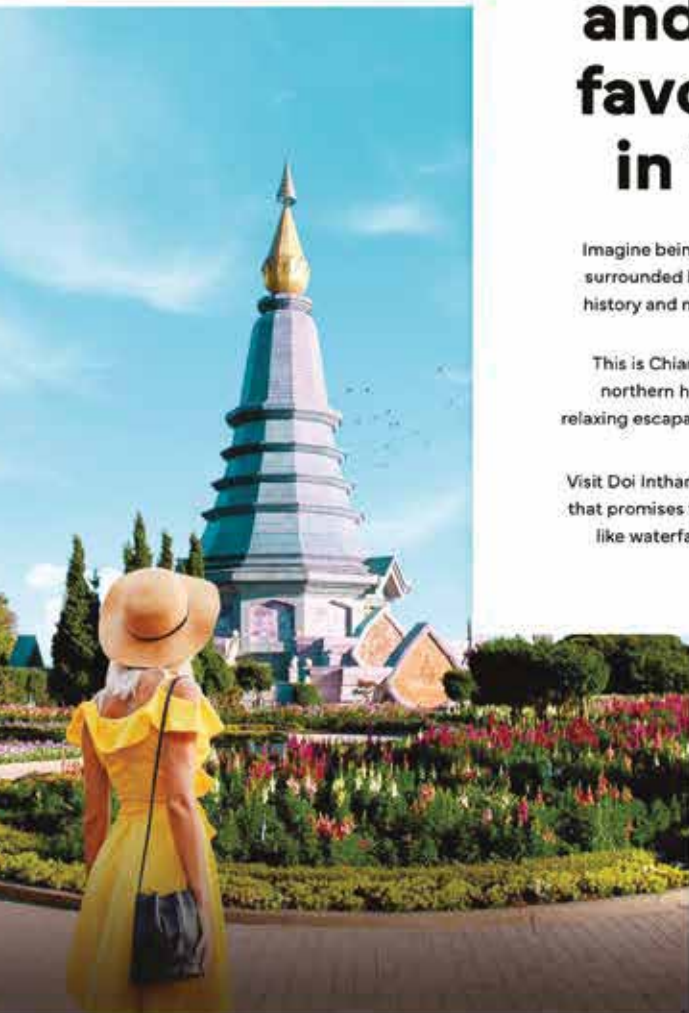
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Malaysia Airlines expands A330neo fleet to elevate future travel

Malaysia Airlines is taking its in-flight experience to new heights. Parent company Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG) has confirmed an order for 20 additional A330neo aircraft, doubling its commitment to 40. The move cements the airline's long-term strategy to modernise its fleet, expand its global network and set new standards in premium air travel.

The next-generation A330neo – already delighting passengers on routes to Auckland, Melbourne and Bali – will soon be seen on flights to Tokyo-Narita, Sydney and Adelaide. Passengers

can look forward to all-suite Business Class cabins with sliding privacy doors, refreshed interiors and cutting-edge entertainment systems.

With deliveries of the new aircraft set between 2029 and 2031, the expanded fleet will support growth across key markets in ASEAN, China, India and Australasia, reinforcing Malaysia Airlines' position as one of the largest A330neo operators in Asia-Pacific.

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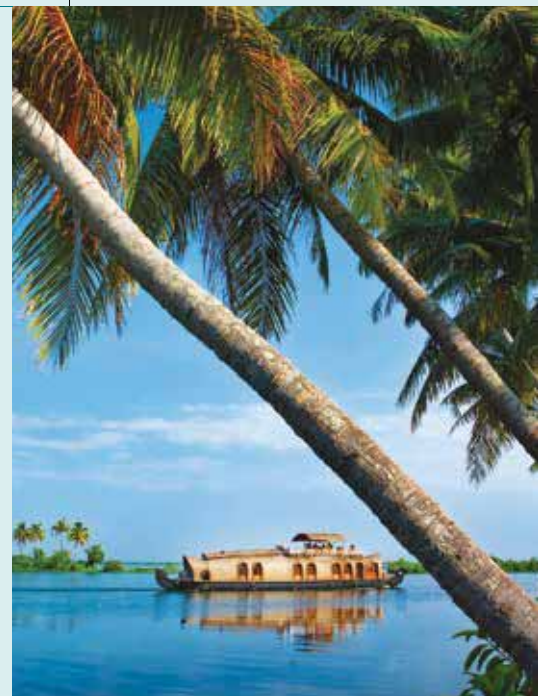


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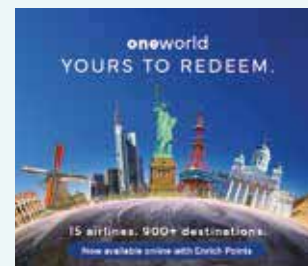
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On Business Class, enjoy mee kolo elevated with tender BBQ chicken slices, savoury minced chicken and blanched bok choy – a satisfying harmony of textures and flavours. In Economy Class, a lighter yet equally delicious version features minced chicken and crisp greens, thoughtfully crafted for a mid-flight pick-me-up.

This limited-time menu will be available on flights from Kuala Lumpur to Sabah and Sarawak as well as on select regional routes including Chiang Mai, Da Nang, Bangkok, Jakarta, Bali, Hanoi, Manila, Phnom Penh, Yangon and Ho Chi Minh City.

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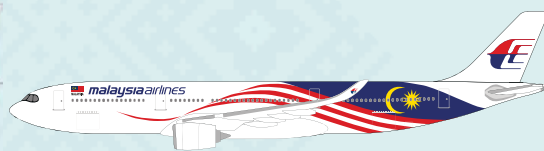
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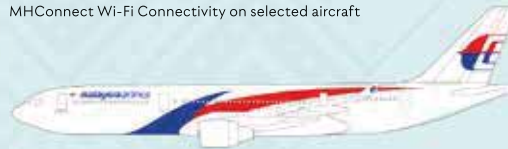
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It might begin with the quiet thrill of standing before a **Louvre** masterpiece, or the way morning light spills over the cobblestones in **Montmartre**. Perhaps it's the flake of a perfect croissant, still warm from a corner bakery, enjoyed as the city slowly stirs awake.

From there, the day carries you gently - through the stillness of **Jardin du Luxembourg**, where even time seems to pause, to the hum of the **Marché Bastille** market, where ripe peaches and fresh herbs mingle with laughter and chatter in the air. There's a rhythm here, unhurried and unmistakably Parisian.

Wander further and you'll find yourself under the stained-glass dome of **Galleries Lafayette Hausmann**, where elegance lives not just in fashion, but in every detail.

A short walk away, the **Champs-Élysées** calls - bold and brilliant. Slip into a boutique and try on something unexpected. In this city, fashion isn't just worn, it's lived - with confidence, grace and a dash of je ne sais quoi.



As the afternoon wanes, follow your senses to a hidden bistro. Picture a buttery quiche and oysters at golden hour. In Paris, food is more than a meal - it's a celebration of living well. And every café offers a front-row seat to the art of everyday life.

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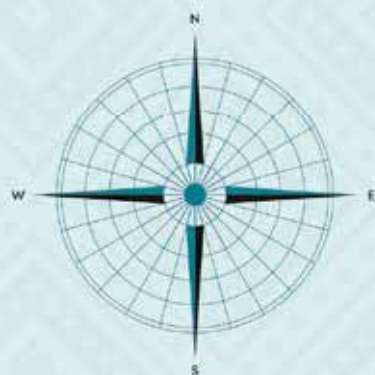
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Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning

Tom Cruise returns one last time as Ethan Hunt in the epic finale to the adrenaline-charged spy series. This time, Hunt and his IMF team traverse the globe in a race against a rogue AI threatening humanity's future. Packed with gravity-defying stunts, emotional twists and breathtaking action, this final chapter delivers a high-octane send-off worthy of its iconic hero.



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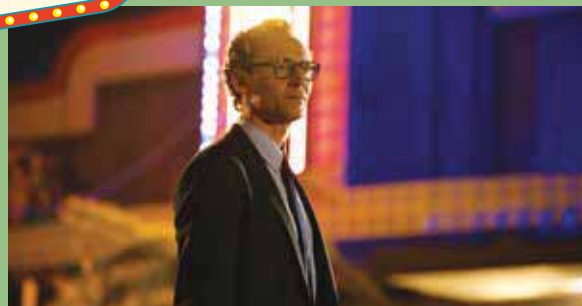


Neighbourhood Watch



The Uninvited

In this sharp dark comedy by Nadia Conners, a lavish Hollywood dinner party takes an unexpected turn. With Elizabeth Reaser and Pedro Pascal leading a stellar cast, the film explores fame, ambition and identity with tense storytelling, biting wit and striking visual flair.



The Life of Chuck

Tom Hiddleston stars in this time-bending Stephen King adaptation, directed by Mike Flanagan. Told in reverse, it traces the quiet yet mysterious life of Charles Krantz through surreal visuals and grounded emotion – a moving reflection of memory, time and legacy.



Mr Burton

Set in 1930s Wales, Harry Lawtey shines as a young Richard Burton in this intimate yet cinematic biopic, tracing his rise from a troubled Welsh upbringing to artistic awakening. A soulful portrait of raw talent, personal struggle and the transformative power of mentorship and stagecraft.



The Salt Path

Based on a memoir by Raynor Winn, Gillian Anderson and Jason Isaacs star as a couple who lose everything and embark on a 600-mile trek along the British coast. Set against stunning landscapes, their journey becomes a moving tale of starting over when everything falls apart.



Another Simple Favour

Blake Lively and Anna Kendrick reunite in this sharp, stylish sequel packed with haute couture, scandal and murder. A glamorous Italian wedding unravels into mystery as secrets surface and loyalties shift – all with razor-sharp humour and endlessly chic visuals.



Hallow Road

In this tense psychological thriller from Babak Anvari, Rosamund Pike and Matthew Rhys star as parents grappling with a terrifying late-night revelation from their daughter. As secrets begin to surface, their perfect life spirals into paranoia, fear and a desperate search for the truth.

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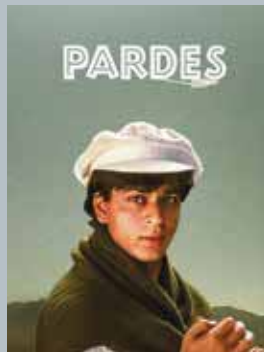
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Hindi



No one captures love on screen quite like Shah Rukh Khan. In *Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi*, *Kal Ho Naa Ho* and *Parde*, he brings depth, charm and emotion to three unforgettable roles. From Surinder's quiet devotion to Aman's selfless spirit and Arjun's cultural loyalty, SRK is more than just a romantic hero – he's the soul of Bollywood's most timeless love stories.

Tamil



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Dhanush's coming-of-age rom-com follows a young chef facing heartbreak and new beginnings – capturing the spirit of modern Tamil youth and the bittersweet nature of love.

Malayalam



Ponman

Basil Joseph stars as a gold dealer caught in a village wedding gone wrong in this darkly comic thriller. Director Jothish Shankar delivers a sharp, gritty take on survival and greed in Kerala.

Thai



Pattaya Heat

Set amidst Pattaya's neon-lit underworld, Tot is caught in a deadly game with the mafia in this action-packed thriller filled with chases, betrayals and a sharp Thai edge.

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Malay



This hit buddy cop franchise redefined Malaysian action films, featuring high-octane stunts, comedic chemistry and local flavour. Polar opposites Khai and Sani team up against criminal empires but their partnership, courage and wit are tested by escalating threats. The franchise set a new benchmark for regional action cinema.

Mandarin



Let The Bullets Fly



Curse of the Golden Flower

A Hong Kong icon known for his cool charisma, Chow Yun Fat has left an indelible mark on global cinema. From the sharp-tongued antihero in *Let The Bullets Fly* to the stoic emperor in *Curse of the Golden Flower*, his range has shaped decades of action and drama. With a blend of intensity and nuance, he remains a timeless symbol of Asian cinematic excellence.

Japanese



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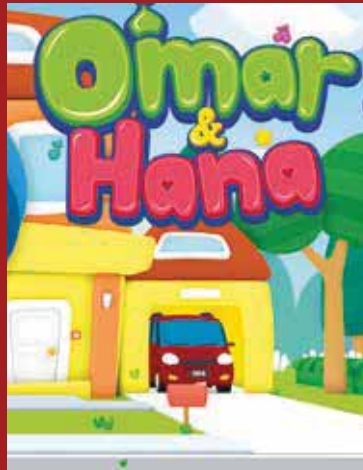


The Queen Who Crowns

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Malay



Omar & Hana is a beloved Malaysian Islamic animated series for preschoolers, following two siblings on fun, educational adventures. Through colourful storytelling and catchy songs, it teaches Islamic values, good morals and the importance of family.

Chinese



This heartfelt 2023 Chinese romantic drama follows Liang You An, a devoted executive assistant, and Song San Chuan, a talented but troubled badminton player, as they find healing, growth and a second chance at love. **Nothing But You** stands out for its emotional depth.

Hindi



India's favourite comedy talk show returns with Kapil Sharma at the helm, delivering fresh laughs, playful sketches and candid celebrity interviews. With Bollywood stars, sports icons and feel-good humour, Season 2 remains a beloved weekend staple.

Tamil



Fun Panrom is a lively Tamil TV comedy featuring playful banter, interactive games and hilarious sketches with celebrity guests and viral stars. With its mix of relatable humour and engaging challenges, it's a family-friendly favourite for all ages.



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Georgie & Mandy's First Marriage

Set in 1990s Texas, this *Young Sheldon* spin-off follows Georgie and Mandy as they navigate marriage, parenthood and family dynamics. Montana Jordan and Emily Osment shine as the young parents.

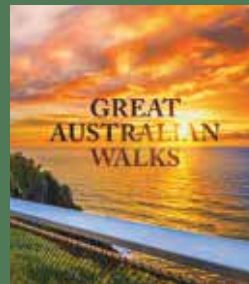
Drama



ER

ER is a groundbreaking medical drama set in Chicago's County General Hospital. Spanning 15 seasons, it launched George Clooney's career and set the standard for hospital dramas.

Travel



Great Australian Walks is a scenic docuseries with Julia Zemiro exploring iconic and hidden trails, revealing the stories and landscapes that shape Australia.

Music & Soundstage



Video Killed the Radio Star explores Coldplay's creative process and music video legacy, showcasing how their music and visuals helped shape modern pop culture.



The Hits

James Arthur's sixth studio album, **Pisces**, marks a new chapter for the English singer-songwriter, blending introspection and experimentation inspired by his zodiac sign's dreamy, sensitive energy.



Malay

Music Mosaic X is a Malaysian indie hip hop artist known for raw storytelling and Sarawakian roots. His 2025 album **Harimau Berantai** blends honest lyricism with themes of identity, ambition and resilience.

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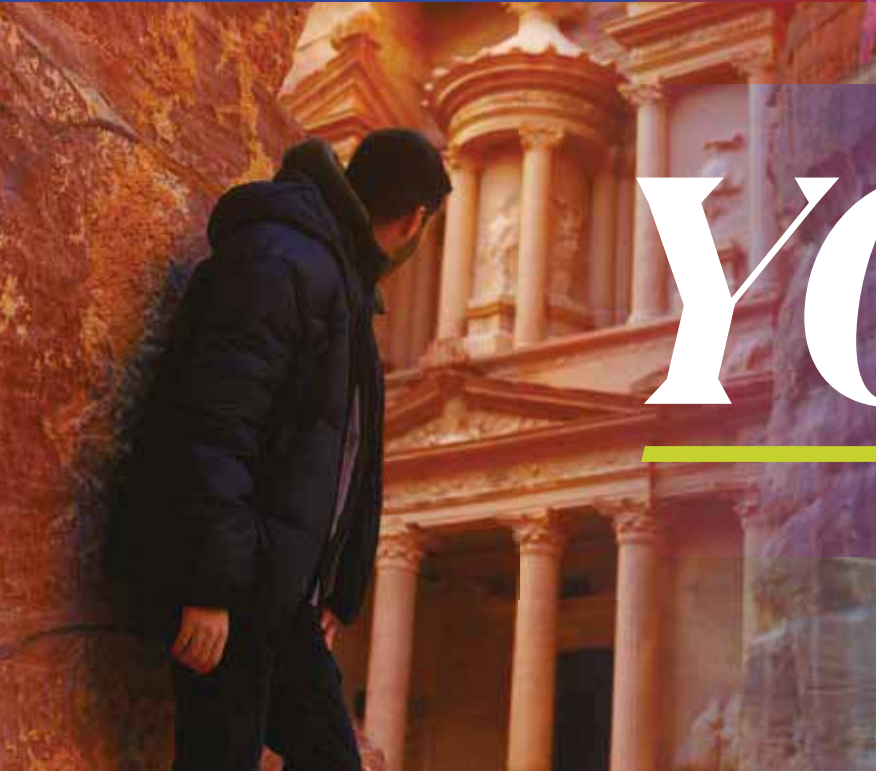
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Mind-bending adventure

After turning heads (and racking up millions of views) in China, Thailand and the Philippines, Space & Time Cube – the immersive phenomenon that’s been dominating social feeds – has finally made its Malaysian debut. Opened in May at Level 3 of Isetan The Japan Store @ Lot 10, Bukit Bintang, it’s a mind-bending adventure through dimensions, light and time. Billed as Malaysia’s first immersive naked-eye 3D experience, Space & Time Cube is changing the game with visual storytelling that doesn’t require 3D glasses or VR headsets. That’s

right – no wearables, just jaw-dropping, real-time illusions that pull you straight into another world. Expect a full-on sensory overload: think cutting-edge naked-eye 3D projections, 720° CAVE holographic environments, augmented reality (AR) touchpoints, otherworldly soundscapes and dynamic themed zones designed for time travel and multidimensional exploration. Each room is crafted to be its own universe – wildly surreal, deeply immersive and totally Instagrammable. spaceandtimecube.com





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