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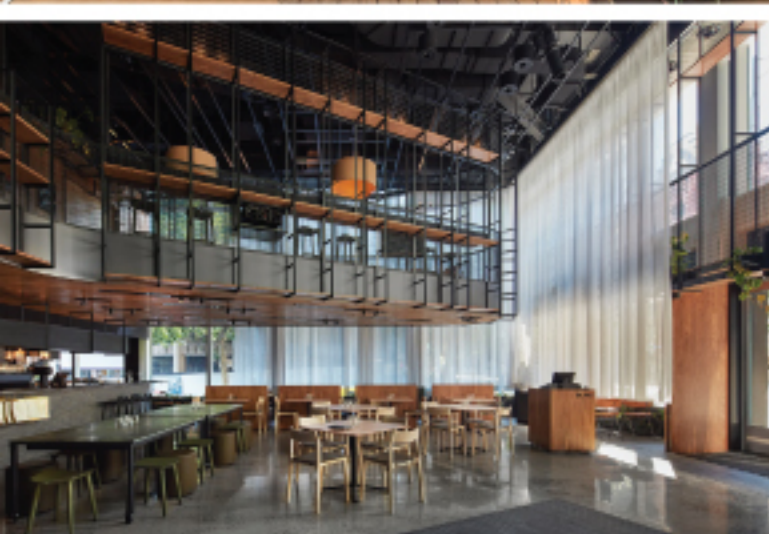
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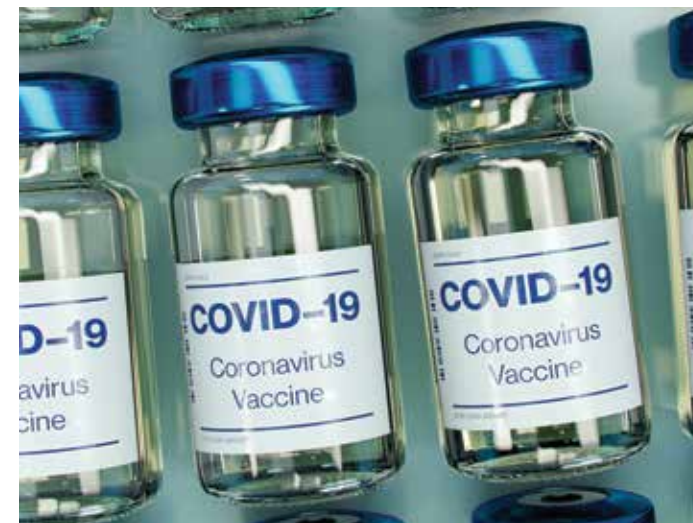
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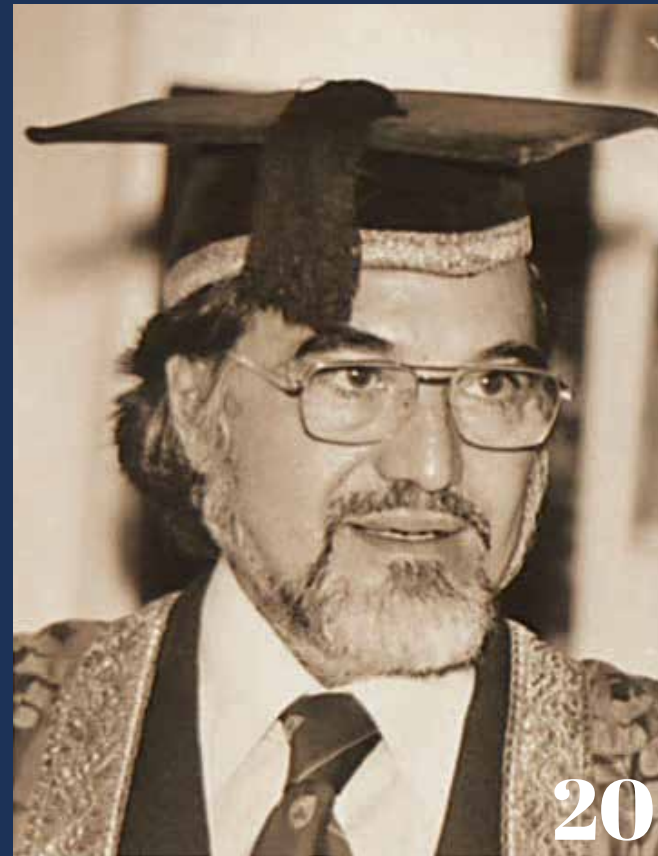


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Virtual Tours

Tantalise Your Senses

As we remain indoors during this MCO 2.0 to curb the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic, one need not completely abandon their wanderlust. Through virtual tours, we can be awestruck by the Great Pyramid of Giza, get lost in the paintings at the Louvre and evoke their inner child at Disneyland, all within the comfort of home. Here is a curated list of interesting tours you can embark on.



Le Musee du Louvre

If you always had a dream to visit Paris, especially the Louvre, now is the time to travel virtually. Feel like you're walking through its hallowed halls and view the multitude of fantastic collections online, thanks to a variety of virtual tours on the museum's website. The Egyptian Antiquities tour, for example, showcases the Pharaonic period collection while the Remains of the Louvre's Moat shows the museum's past as a fortress.

louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne

Central Park

Get some fresh air – virtually, we mean – at the Big Apple's iconic Central Park. One of the world's most beloved public spaces, this bounteous park is located in midtown Manhattan. Thousands lounge on its green grass on warm days and walk on the forest-like paths of the Ramble. Other attractions here are the Alice in Wonderland statue and an outdoor theatre dedicated to John Lennon. The virtual tour will walk you through the popular sites at Central Park as well as highlight important events that took place on its grounds.

youvisit.com/tour/centralpark



British Museum

This national museum stunned the public when it opened its doors in 1759 and it is still the most famous museum in London today, receiving around 5.8 million visitors annually. Some of the venue's more notable exhibits include controversial Parthenon sculptures, the Rosetta Stone and Sutton Hoo Ship Burial relics.

On a virtual tour of this renowned museum, prepare to be astounded by beautiful graphics. There are also cool interactive features such as a musical guide to the world.

britishmuseum.withgoogle.com



Guggenheim Museum, New York

The unique corkscrew design of New York's Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum means that visitors can journey up its spiralling ramp and view its collection of art in one continuous, unbroken journey, virtually. .

artsandculture.google.com/project/guggenheim-bilbao



National Palace Museum

This world-class museum in Taipei houses nearly 700,00 ancient Chinese imperial artefacts and artworks, easily making it one of the largest of its kind in the world. Some of the exhibits are kept by generations of Chinese emperors. Designed in the style of a Northern Chinese palace, the museum is a must-visit for travellers to Taipei. With the virtual tour, you can see a rich media presentation of some of the museum's past and current exhibitions.

tech2.npm.edu.tw/720vr/museum/en/views.html

MUST VISIT ART GALLERY



KL LIFESTYLE ART SPACE

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Virtual Tours



George Peabody Library

Formerly the Library of the Peabody Institute of the City of Baltimore, the library’s collection dates from the founding of the Peabody Institute in 1857. The library building opened in 1878 and was designed by Baltimore architect Edmund G. Lind, in collaboration with the Peabody Institute’s first provost, Dr. Nathaniel H. Morison. The stack room contains five tiers of ornamental cast-iron balconies, which rise dramatically to the skylight 61 feet above the floor.

The library contains 300,000 volumes, mainly from the 19th century, with strengths in religion, British art, architecture, topography and history; American history, biography, and literature; Romance languages and literature; history of science; and geography, exploration and travel. The five-tier George Peabody Library is considered so beautiful that sometimes weddings are held in its Neo-Greco atrium. It was also funded by American financier and philanthropist George Peabody.

artsandculture.google.com/story/hAUB7xhL5zT9rg



National Marine Sanctuaries

Immerse yourself in the ocean and national marine sanctuaries without getting wet! These virtual reality voyages use 360-degree images to highlight the amazing habitats, animals and cultural resources you can find in each national marine sanctuary.

sanctuaries.noaa.gov/vr/



Grand Canyon

Fans of national parks should put the Grand Canyon on their travel bucket list. Big and beautiful, the Unesco World Heritage Site has some of the most magnificent vistas in the world. It is also home to a big range of flora and fauna, with the most famous animal here being the rare California Condor. On this tour, you will visit archaeological sites that lay mostly hidden for centuries. Archaeologists excavated the sites, exposing them for a few days or weeks during which time these images were taken. Immediately after excavation, the sites were reburied to protect them from further damage from exposure to the elements and possible damage from visitation. This tour is now the only way to experience these places where people once lived. Check out interactive 360° photos that show archaeologists at work, along with their tools.

nps.gov/features/grca/001/archeology



The Sistine Chapel

Hosted by the Musei Vaticani, everyone is able to go on a brilliant virtual experience, from Raphael’s Rooms to the Sistine Chapel. If you have a VR headset, you can get an even closer experience, as the tour is compatible with WebVR. You will feel like you’re actually there.

museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/cappella-sistina/tour-virtuale.html

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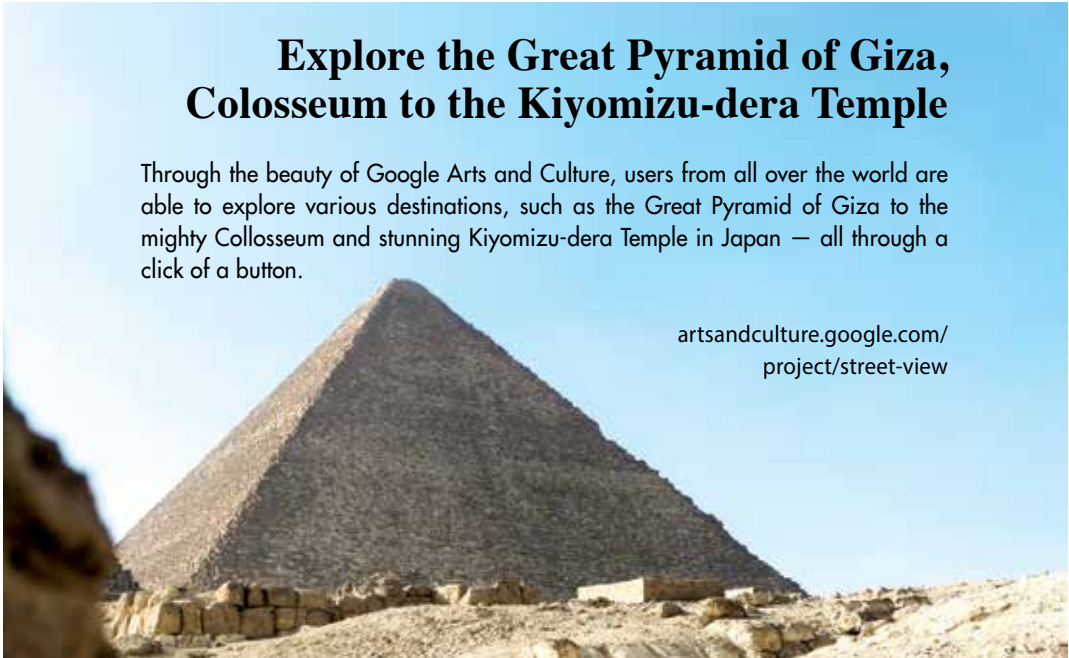
nasa.gov/content/goddard/hubble-360-degree-virtual-tour



Explore the Great Pyramid of Giza, Colosseum to the Kiyomizu-dera Temple

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visitorlando.com/en/things-to-do/virtual-tours/walt-disney-world-resort



The Staves Present: Good Woman

Feb 5
The Staves will be performing for an exclusive worldwide live stream performance filmed at Lafayette, London. They will be performing tracks from “Good Woman”, which is their first album in six years.



Silverstein - Oout Of This World Virtual Concert Series

Feb 6, 13 and 20
After a whirlwind 2020 celebrating two decades together and the release of their ninth studio album, Silverstein are announcing plans to kick off 2021 with an immersive live stream virtual concert series in February. The band will play songs from their extensive catalog across three weekends.

MPOPlaysOn @MPO TV

The MPOPlaysOn online series premiered last September with Beethoven’s Symphony No.4 on its MPO TV Youtube channel. The MPOPlaysOn campaign is an initiative to provide high-quality orchestral performances to the public digitally during the pandemic.

It is a continuation of digitalisation efforts by Dewan Filharmonik Petronas (DFP) and the MPO which started last April with MPO at Home. This was a digital campaign comprising a series of short videos featuring the MPO and the Malaysian Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (MPYO) musicians performing virtually from their homes.



MUST VISIT MUSEUM



SASANA KIJANG GALLERY

BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY
The Art Gallery provides a rotating display of the Central Bank of Malaysia’s art collection. Selected paintings, prints, drawings and sculptures which chart the nation’s milestones and highlight the Central Bank’s support for the arts include works by early masters such as Hossein Enas and Yong Mun Sen, continuing up to the present day.

THE NAUTILUS ICON
One of the most striking features in Bank Negara Malaysia Museum and Art Gallery is the Nautilus Staircase that begins from the lobby and links every floor. This structure is the inspiration for the main graphic icon. The icon is actively applied and prevalent across all of Bank Negara Malaysia Museum and Art Gallery’s communications material.

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MOVIES TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2021 PART 2



GHOSTBUSTERS: AFTERLIFE

After being evicted from their home, two children and their single mother move to a farm in Summerville, Oklahoma, inherited from their late grandfather. When the town experiences a series of unexplained earthquakes, the children discover their family’s link to the original Ghostbusters, who have become something of a myth as many have long since forgotten the events of the “Manhattan Crossrip of 1984”, and the secret legacy that their grandfather left behind.

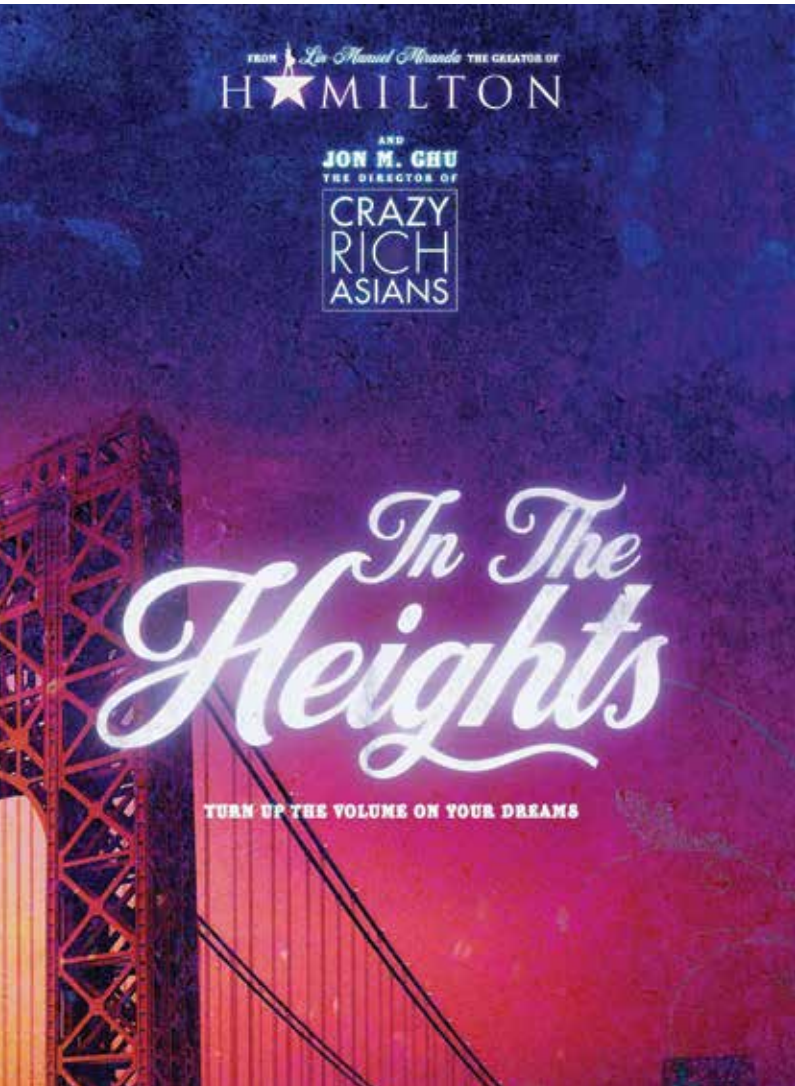
Genre: Comedy / Fantasy
Cast: Finn Wolfhard, Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, McKenna Grace, Paul Rudd, Carrie Coon.



BLACK WINDOW

In Marvel Studios’ action-packed spy thriller “Black Widow,\.” Natasha Romanoff aka Black Widow confronts the darker parts of her ledger when a dangerous conspiracy with ties to her past arises. Pursued by a force that will stop at nothing to bring her down, Natasha must deal with her history as a spy and the broken relationships left in her wake long before she became an Avenger.

Genre: Action / Superhero / Fantasy
Cast: Scarlett Johansson, Florence Pugh, Davis Harbour, O-T Fagbenle, William Hurt, Ray Winstone.



IN THE HEIGHTS

In the Heights centres on a variety of characters living in the neighborhood of Washington Heights, on the northern tip of Manhattan. At the centre of the show is Usnavi, a bodega owner who looks after the ageing Cuban lady next door, pines for the gorgeous girl working in the neighbouring beauty salon and dreams of winning the lottery and escaping to the shores of his native Dominican Republic. Meanwhile, Nina, a childhood friend of Usnavi’s, has returned to the neighbourhood from her first year at college with surprising news for her parents, who have spent their life savings on building a better life for their daughter. Ultimately, Usnavi and the residents of the close-knit neighbourhood get a dose of what it means to be home.

Genre: Musical
Cast: Anthony Ramos, Stephanie Beatriz, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Ariana Greenbatt, Corey Hawkins, Dascha Polanko.



FAST AND FURIOUS 9

Dom Toretto is leading a quiet life off the grid with Letty and his son, little Brian, but they know that danger always lurks just over their peaceful horizon. This time, that threat will force Dom to confront the sins of his past if he’s going to save those he loves most. His crew joins together to stop a world-shattering plot led by the most skilled assassin and high-performance driver they’ve ever encountered: a man who also happens to be Dom’s forsaken brother, Jakob.

Genre: Musical / Romantic Comedy
Cast: Camila Cabello, Nicholas Galitzine, Idina Menzel, Billy Porter, Minnie Driver, James Cordon.

KAVITA SIDHU AND ROBERTO GUIATI

on Love and Success

BY AGNES AUI

True blue Italian geologist turned restaurateur Roberto Guiati has a quietude about him. Always dashingy dressed, the businessman has amassed a food and beverage empire together with his actress and former beauty queen wife, Kavita Sidhu, besides juggling work in an oil and gas company. In this Valentine's issue, we invited this powerful duo to dish out all about the success of Roberto's latest restaurant, Roberto's 1020 Osteria, and their love for each other.

ROBERTO, WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU USED TO WORK IN THE OIL AND GAS SECTOR, WHAT SPARKED YOUR INTEREST TO GO INTO THE CULINARY WORLD?

R: I always liked the food and beverage business. In fact, some of my family has been in the food and beverage business since a long time and naturally, I would find myself in restaurants growing up. I was always attracted to the food and beverage business, until I decided to open my own restaurant where I could entertain my clients and friends. That single restaurant success pushed me to open more outlets till that side business became my main business and the oil and gas job became my side business.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES YOU'VE FACED EVERY TIME YOU ESTABLISH A NEW RESTAURANT?

R: The challenges I face is to make sure that my team and I's visions are one. Another challenge is training all my staff to be the best at their job and aligned with our standards on both food and service, as well as making sure that our quality of the entire dining experience is consistent.

WHAT IS THE MOST REWARDING PART OF BEING IN THE CULINARY WORLD?

R: The smile on our client's face. Seeing them happy to have chosen our restaurants to celebrate any important occasion in their life. As well as lifting people up - seeing my staff growing and fulfilling their dreams, being able to afford a house, a car, children's education, and learning a job skill that would help them anywhere in the world. It's very rewarding.

YOU'VE BOTH HELMED A NUMBER OF RESTAURANTS. HOW DOES YOUR LATEST BRAINCHILD, ROBERTO'S 1020 OSTERIA STAND OUT?

R: I've always looked for restaurants that serve authentic Tuscany food but I realised that it is underrepresented here in Kuala Lumpur. I decided to create a restaurant brand that would fuse my Tuscany roots with my love for authentic Italian food and culture. At Roberto's, we share Italian hospitality by welcoming our guests like family and making every visit truly memorable. In Italy, eating together is what connects us with family members and friends. Hence, the food at Roberto's is designed for sharing, ideal for a gathering of friends and family.

HOW DID THE MENU FOR ROBERTO'S 1020 OSTERIA COME ABOUT? ANY ORIGINAL RECIPES OR RECIPES THAT CAME FROM YOUR FAMILY?

R: Pizzas will take center stage in our menu with a classic and gourmet range. Guests can witness how pizzas are prepared and cooked in the oven the traditional way in our alfresco dining area. We also will be showcasing a variety of Tuscan and Emilian culinary staples such as handmade pastas, soups, cold cut platters, as well as, contemporary dishes such as paninis and burgers. As the restaurant opens as early as 9AM, we have also created an Italian breakfast menu that stretches till brunch.

WHAT ARE THE MUST-TRY DISHES AND BEST-SELLERS AT ROBERTO'S 1020 OSTERIA?

R: The pizza for sure. We have quoted a number of options to cater all palates. The pastas are also a must-try as they're all homemade. The Italian Veal fillet as well as the fish are also very popular options.

IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS, WHERE DO YOU SEE ROBERTO'S 1020 OSTERIA?

R: PETRA Cucina is a dynamic and forward-looking developer and operator of authentic multi-themed, multi-brand high-end experiential outlets. With Roberto's, we want to show that we can establish an authentic Italian restaurant right here in Malaysia and take it abroad, within the region. In the next 5 years we want to develop an hub for the F&B industry, so that we can export our successful businesses to other cities in the region.

DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS TO OPEN MORE RESTAURANTS THIS YEAR? IF YES, CAN YOU GIVE US AN INSIGHT TO WHAT KIND OF RESTAURANT YOU'RE PLANNING TO OPEN? IF NO, WHY NOT?

R: The Italian eateries currently in PETRA Cucina's portfolio have become popular casual and fine dining destinations in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. In Kuala Lumpur, the restaurants include Zenzero, Luce and Roberto's. We plan to open more Roberto's in Malaysia within this year and Singapore as soon as possible. We also do have plans to launch a cigar and whiskey lounge with live music and entertainment in the first quarter of 2021.



SEEING THAT THIS IS A VALENTINE'S ISSUE, WE'D LIKE TO ASK YOU THE CLICHED QUESTION — HOW DID YOU MEET?

R: in a Tourism video shoot.

K: We both met about 10 yrs ago at a wrap party for a Tourism Malaysia shoot we did for CNN. At the time, we both weren't really looking for a relationship, however I knew it was love at first sight! He won me over immediately with his gracious demeanour and he was just the sweetest guy at the time! It was a natural flow into a meaningful relationship with no outside pressure and that worked for us.

BOTH OF YOU COME FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES, HOW DO YOU KEEP THEM ALIVE TOGETHER?

R: Our cultures are actually very similar. We both have strong family value, we both work hard, and enjoy quiet times together.

K: As Roberto has mentioned, both our families are so similar in their values. They aren't demanding on us as a couple, my parents and his parents were just delighted that we found each other and their main goal is to see us happy. Both our parents have been married for over 30 years so that steady and solid foundation is deeply entrenched in our value system as well. We hope to aspire to the example they have set for us.

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?

R: I love sport and holidays. And a drink with my friends.

K: We love traveling! Before the pandemic, we would always make it a point to travel and explore the world as much as we can! Now we create our own little holidays at home. We love taking care of ourselves by working out together, swimming and being active. And Netflix has been a lifesaver. It's the best thing to come home and just be with each other in quiet solitude. That's fun for us as we constantly have to be sociable for work.

IF YOU HAD TO DESCRIBE EACH OTHER IN ONE WORD, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

R: Amazing!

K: Roberto is inspiring.

FAVOURITE CHARACTERISTICS ABOUT EACH OTHER ARE...

R: Supportive, loyal, fun, smart, creative and gorgeous of course.

K: He is humble, respectful and loving!

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU ON A DAILY BASIS?

R: Growing our business so we can lift more people up.

K: To be the best that I can be and to honour myself, my husband and my family. That motivates me everyday.

TUN RAHAH MOHAMED NOAH

Mourned by the Nation

June 11, 1933 - 18 December, 2020

WORDS BY HIRANMAYIL AWLI MOHANAN

On Dec 18, 2020, the country mourned the passing of Tun Rahah Mohamed Noah, 87, a resilient widow of second prime minister Tun Abdul Razak, a loving mother of five and an upstanding human being. Tun Rahah played an important role, supporting the two former premiers of the country — her late husband, the second prime minister of Malaysia Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, and son Datuk Seri Najib Razak, who was the country's sixth leader.

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Born on June 11, 1933 in Muar, Johor, she was the youngest of national politician Tan Sri Mohamed Noah Omar’s children and received her early education at the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus in Johor. The strict Mohamed Noah set his mind on Rahah marrying well and soonest. It was maybe because she was good looking and thus tales of her beauty reached as far as Pahang where Abdul Razak was a rising star in the colonial government.

Former Malayan Banking Bhd chairman and then member of the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) Tan Sri Taib Andak — Tun Razak’s close friend since they were law students in London introduced him to Rahah. He brought the former premier to the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus to catch a glimpse of her. Not long after, a proposal was made and she accepted. They married on Sept 4, 1952 and were blessed with five sons — Datuk Seri Najib, Datuk Mohamed Nazir, Datuk Ahmad Johari, Datuk Mohamed Nizam and Datuk Mohamed Nazim. Despite her limited education, Rahah held her own on whatever stage she was thrust upon – from visiting kampungs to attending a banquet at Buckingham Palace.

Datuk Seri Nazir Razak, the youngest of the band of brothers credited the close-knit relationship he shares with his brothers to his mother. “Maybe we all just feel we owe her so much that in the end we always want to please her, and her number one priority is that we remain close. Or maybe she has just subtly instilled a strong bond between her sons. My most enduring memories of my childhood were of many evenings when my brothers and I would all lie on her king-sized bed together while she sat on the sofa, and we would banter about everything and nothing, and laughed so much,” he said.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Even before getting married to Abdul Razak, Rahah gained first-hand experience in the intricacies of politics from her father, who was the first Speaker of the Dewan Rakyat and also served as the president of the Senate. She also played an active role during elections, campaigning from house to house and speaking at rallies organised by women, thus showcasing that women too could make an effective contribution to the development of the country.

Abdul Razak became the second Prime Minister of Malaysia in 1970 and as the prime minister’s spouse, Rahah gave much encouragement and inspiration to her husband, especially in steering the country forward following the racial riots in 1969 and patiently accompanied her husband on official duties, both locally and abroad. In 1976, Abdul Razak succumbed to leukaemia in office, leaving Rahah widowed at the relatively young age of 43.

In spite of being widowed, she showed perseverance and devotion in raising, educating her five children and shaping



Tun Rahah in her youth

them to become successful individuals. She has been described as a mother who always gave her full support, guidance and love to them. Najib, in his previous Mother’s Day message, had said that he would not have achieved success in his life if not for the undying support and love from his mother. “It is mother who enabled each one of us (sons) to fulfil our potential; fulfil the promise of our ambitions and follow our destiny,” he said.

Rahah actively participated and contributed to Umno’s Kaum Ibu movement (now known as Wanita UMNO) and was the founder of Wanita Umno Petaling Jaya, evident of her inclination to champion women and charity work benefiting women. She was also the first patron of the Muslim Women’s Action Organisation (Pertiwi) from 1969 to 1976 and was the president of the Girl Guides Association of Malaysia and the first Chancellor of Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UNITAR) — the university founded in honour of her late husband. Since Abdul Razak was the prime minister who established diplomatic relations with the People’s Republic of China, all Chinese ambassadors made a courtesy call on Rahah upon arriving in Malaysia.

In 1976, this illustrious former first lady was awarded the Seri Setia Mahkota award by the federal government which carries the title ‘Tun’, and had also received the Tun Fatimah Gold Medal from the National Council of Women’s Organisations (NCWO); the Srikandi (Heroine) Award from the Malaysian Girl Guides Association; and an Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy (Education) from Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM).

Upon her demise, her remains were taken to to Masjid Ar-Rahah, Kuala Lumpur, before being laid to rest at the National Heroes Mausoleum within the grounds of the National Mosque.



Tun Abdul Razak, his wife Tun Rahah and their 5 children. Picture derived from Suara Merdeka



Famed artist Redza Piyadasa’s rendition of Tun Razak, Tun Rahah and their five children.



Tun Rahah and her sons

MALAYSIA’S KING AND QUEEN’S MESSAGE ON TUN RAHAH PASSING

Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri’ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah and Raaj Permaisuri Agong, Tunku Iskandariah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah were among those who expressed their condolences on the passing of Tun Rahah. Their Majesties both expressed their hope that the entire family of the late Tun Rahah be patient and remain steadfast in this season of sadness. “Their Majesties pray that the soul of Allahyarhamah (the deceased) be blessed by Allah and be placed among the righteous.” As posted on the Istana Negara Facebook on Dec 18, 2020.

TUN DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD’S THOUGHTS ON TUN RAHAH

Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad told Bernama that Rahah, was among the last of the ‘Merdeka’ generation and that she had made invaluable and immense contributions to the country. “She was among the ‘Merdeka’ generation... not many people who are from the Merdeka generation (who witnessed the country gain its independence) are still alive. Perhaps, she was among the last (of the Merdeka generation). She helped Tun Razak when he was the prime minister,” said the former 4th and 7th prime minister of Malaysia.

UNGKU ABDUL AZIZ

A Tribute to One of Malaysia's Greats
January 28, 1922 - 15 December, 2020

WORDS BY HIRANMAYI AWLI MOHANAN

The late Royal Professor Ungku Aziz Ungku Abdul Hamid was the country's most renowned scholar, great intellect and economist who contributed significantly to the nation and its people. He was a rare personality with many accolades under his belt and with his passing on Dec 15, 2020, he has left behind a momentous legacy and extremely large shoes to fill.

EARLY LIFE

Ungku Aziz was born on Jan 28, 1922 in Hampstead, London, England. Having spent his formative years in Johor, Ungku Aziz completed his primary schooling in 1934 and then pursued his education at the English College, Johor Bahru and subsequently, at Raffles College, Singapore. His early education was disrupted by the Second World War and the Japanese Occupation but he managed to spend two years at Waseda University in Tokyo, to which he would later return to complete his postgraduate study.

At the end of the Japanese Occupation, Ungku Aziz heeded the call of his home country and began working as a civil servant. Burning with desire to continue his education, he enrolled in Raffles College where he obtained a Diploma in Arts in 1947 and went on to graduate with a first class Bachelor of Arts in Economics degree from the newly formed University of Malaya in 1951. Ungku Aziz returned to the Waseda University to obtain a Doctorate in Economics in 1966. When Ungku Aziz entered a career in academia, he flourished. The academician had taught as a lecturer in Economics at the University of Malaya, obtained full professorship and became the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, and thereafter, the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Administration.

In 1968, Ungku Aziz ascended to the helm of University of Malaya and succeeded Dr J.H.E. Griffiths as the university's vice-chancellor, becoming both the first Malaysian and the longest serving person to hold the post. This venerable man retired as vice chancellor two decades later, in 1988. Despite his retirement and being an Emeritus Professor, Ungku Aziz held the role of directorships in numerous companies and continued to be involved in many national and international institutions.

Throughout his career, Ungku Aziz was bestowed with numerous awards and honours, including the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (France), Grand Cordon of the Order of the Sacred Treasure (Japan), Tun Abdul Razak Foundation Award (Malaysia) as recognition for his illustrious career and contributions to society. On top of that, the scholar had also received honorary degrees from universities all over the world.

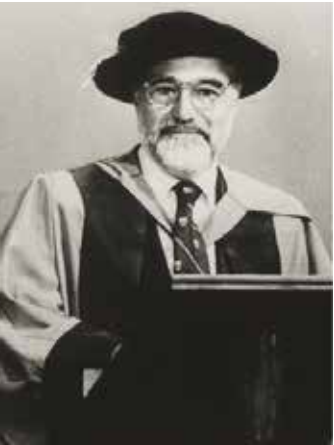
Despite Ungku Aziz's devotion to his academic career, he still enjoyed other pursuits — reading voraciously to the point of having to limit his purchases to no more than six books at a time, he was an aficionado of Malay poetry and compiled a database of traditional Malay pantun (poetic couplets) and he enjoyed the art of photography from an early age, with his interest extending beyond merely taking pictures to darkroom photography development. Ungku Aziz believed in balance and maintaining a healthy lifestyle which was evident in his long life, until his passing on Jan 15, 2020.

ADDRESSING DOMESTIC POVERTY

This scholar and economist played a significant role in research attempting to address domestic poverty. The subject was dear to his heart and this drove him to look for the root causes of rural poverty in Malaysia, as well as identifying methods to alleviate poverty.

Ungku Aziz constructed the sarong index, a deprivation index as a measure of rural poverty, and identified the Theory of Neglect as the reason behind rural poverty. He postulated that three main factors were the contributing agents to Malaysian rural poverty — low productivity, discrimination and institutionalised obstacles.

His research and findings were instrumental in spurring the government's rural development programmes targeted at helping the impoverished peasants and fisherfolk. The initiatives that the late Ungku Aziz proposed included the creation of arrangements



Royal Professor Ungku Aziz as the Vice Chancellor of University Malaya, sourced from UM Memory

to bypass the middlemen who previously acted as the distribution channel of the produce to the retail market. This brilliant man constantly sought to improve the level of opportunities doled out to the rural community, and many of his other achievements stemmed from his work on poverty eradication.

TABUNG HAJI

The establishment of Lembaga Urusan dan Tabung Haji (the Pilgrims' Fund and Management Board, generally referred to as Tabung Haji) was pioneered by Ungku Aziz and became one his most significant accomplishments. Tabung Haji was established to provide an avenue for Muslims to save money in order to go on their pilgrimage, Haj and serve as an investment vehicle governed by Islamic principles. Ungku Aziz's recommendations to the government were very well received, paving the way for the Perbadanan Wang Simpanan Bakal-Bakal Haji, a precursor to Tabung Haji, to establish in 1962, with Ungku Aziz being its first depositor. In 1969, this entity merged with the Pejabat Urusan Haji (Pilgrims Management Office) in Penang to form Tabung Haji, with an expanded role.

The whole gamut of Tabung Haji includes preparing pilgrims for the Haj and managing the logistical issues of the pilgrimage, such as plane tickets and accommodation; while in its fund management role, in accordance with its Islamic focus, Ungku Aziz introduced a profit-sharing scheme in line with the Shariah principle as a means to generate income stemmed from deposits in Tabung Haji. Today, Tabung Haji is a multi-billion Ringgit enterprise with a widespread of investments administered according to the Islamic tenets, thanks to Ungku Aziz. Its success has earned admiration from many other Islamic nations. In spite of this, it has remained true to Ungku's vision of a fund accessible and available to Muslims wishing to fulfil their religious obligation.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATIONAL COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT

In his effort to alleviate poverty and encourage rural cooperation and development, Ungku Aziz strongly backed the Malaysian co-operative movement, serving as president of ANGKASA — the National Co-operative Organisation of Malaysia, an organisation that acts as the apex body for Malaysian cooperatives while aiming to educate the Malaysians on the benefits of co-operatives. Besides that, Ungku Aziz served as the chairman of the University of Malaya Co-operative Book Shop from 1968 to 2002 and remained as one of its directors until his passing. As an homage to his contribution to this field, he was appointed as a member of the National Council of Co-operative Consultation and the Co-operative Development Fund Committee.



Royal Professor Ungku Aziz with Joseph Tan at the Samat Gallery in 1968



Professor Ungku Aziz with artist Ibrahim Hussein

ROLE AS ACADEMICIAN AND ECONOMIST

During his time as vice-chancellor of the University of Malaya, Ungku Aziz did plenty to streamline the administration of this university. He was a vigorous proponent of the use of the national language in education as a unifying factor, as well as a language of academia and research while stressing that mastery in English was essential for academic excellence. He was beloved and known by many for his concern for student welfare and always remained approachable to students.

Ungku Aziz’s contributions as an economist included working on rural poverty and development, and increasing the productivity of labour. In the course of his research, Ungku Aziz hypothesised that Malaysia’s agriculture productivity per capita straggled behind that of more developed nations due to the lack of technology and infrastructure, the vicious cycle of debt, and an exploitative marketing mechanism. He had worked tirelessly with the government and with others in trying to address these issues. Ungku Aziz was also one of the founding members of the Malaysian Economic Association, a think tank committed to discussing Malaysian economic issues.

PASSION FOR MALAYSIAN FINE ART

Ungku Aziz had a deep appreciation for Malaysian fine arts, evident in his spearheading the establishment of the University of Malaya Art Gallery (UMAG) and contributing to the Board of Trustees of the National Art Gallery. The academician’s amiable persona led him to forge friendships with the founder of Samat Art Gallery and venerable Malaysian artists including the likes of Ibrahim Hussein and Chuah Thean Teng and the founder of Samat Art Gallery.

One of the most important exhibitions conducted in UMAG was Datuk Syed Ahmad Jamal’s solo exhibition in 1975. Another important exhibition in which Ungku Aziz formally opened was Chuah Thean Teng’s batik exhibition at the National Art Gallery on Feb 19, 1960, to which he was the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. In the opening, Ungku Aziz mentioned that local artists should be given every attention and encouragement to develop their talents.

As vice chancellor, the academician had written an introductory note for the ‘Artists of Malaysia’ exhibition conducted at UMAG that read, “To know his art is to know a friend. Although my personal acquaintance with Chuah Thean Teng spans hardly a decade, because I have been able to study so many of his works, I feel I know Teng better than many of my other friends. I am delighted and I consider myself privileged to be able to put down a few words in this brief introduction to Teng’s book about his batik art. Some people may assert that pictures need no words and good art needs no introduction. However, even the greatest artists known to man, have been the subjects of written and spoken appreciation. Therefore, within our modest scale some introduction should not be considered out of place.

In 1971, during the congregation of the National Cultural Congress, Ungku Aziz had proposed that the ‘Art for Art’s Sake’ attitude in Malaysia should be changed to ‘Art for Society’, further stating that artists have been given full freedom to create, and that the country should now pay attention to art as an element in the economic and political development of the nation.” Thus was his contribution to art.

UNGKU AZIZ AND ARTIST IBRAHIM HUSSEIN

“As an artist, I can understand why Ungku Aziz has expressed open admiration for Picasso and Hemingway. While he may not realise it, he himself is a bit of both. As a much respected patron of the arts, he has Picasso’s fire and passion. As a human being, he has Hemingway’s inner strength that made people gravitate towards him, because by being with him, they become better individuals. Like Picasso and Hemingway, Ungku Aziz is a man of immeasurable worth.” — A tribute by Datuk Ibrahim Hussein on the occasion of Ungku Aziz’s 80th birthday, 18 years ago.

In Ibrahim Hussein’s autobiography entitled ‘Ib: A Life’, the artist explained that upon his first return to Malaysia from Venice, Ungku Aziz created an Artist in Residence position with Ib in mind — something unheard of in Malaysia during that time. While in University of Malaya, he stimulated artistic interest among budding art students as well as lecturers. Ib was given a studio on campus to unleash his creativity and the freedom to travel and exhibit whenever he wanted. but also painted part of the building in the university too.

UNGKU AZIZ AND DATO’ CHUAH THEAN TENG

Ungku Aziz has always admired the batik masterpieces produced by the ‘Father of Batik’ paintings in Malaysia, Dato’ Chuah Thean Teng and launched a solo exhibition for the artist in the 1970’s. Teng’s life is for a biographer to write. Or, better still, some day it is for Teng to write his autobiography. He is a creative personality. His experience is deep. He has a craftsman’s knowledge and skill of his tools and his media. He has a fine appreciation of the whole reality that makes up the Malaysian environment. He has a special eye for the rural scene which as an economist whose main interest is poverty and rural development, I find most appealing. Teng also has a well-developed capacity to tune into the international wave-lengths in the currents of modern art. Combining these three talents (and the list is by no means exhaustive) we find a Malaysian who can be a modern artist and whose works of art are permeated by a truly native atmosphere. Such is the artist — Teng.

TAN SRI RAFIDAH AZIZ’S EULOGY ON THE PASSING OF ROYAL PROFESSOR UNGKU AZIZ

“It’s with great sadness that I received the news of AllahYarham Prof Ungku Aziz’s passing, an icon whom I’ve had the greatest respect for even before I had set foot into University of Malaya. He ignited my interest in the nation’s societal and economic issues since the early 1960’s.

“I was an economics student in the Faculty of Arts and together with his small team, we established the Faculty of Economics and

Administration (FEA). He was very concerned about finding measures and policies that could improve the socio-economic status of the rural community which was restricted by the systems and structures that bound them to the agents that served as middlemen in the market.

“He had also stressed the need for a savings channel managed by the Central Management Body to prevent the continuous decrease of savings, as well as the sale and lease of property and assets as a means to perform the Haj. Therefore, Tabung Haji was proposed to the government by AllahYarham, and it was well received. His services to the Cooperative movement was formed and launched by ANGKASA with Pak Ungku as its first president, and myself as the vice president.

He was known by Cooperative leaders all over the world.

However, Pak Ungku was most known for his contribution to national education development. He contributed a lot of thoughtful ideas in advancing the country’s education for the youths. He had looked to the East to find new developments. Because of him, I was given an opportunity to teach Economics, through radio to guide thousands of students nationwide.

Pak Ungku’s service and contributions to the community and the country will NOT be forgotten.
~Al-Fatihah.

Tan Sri Rafidah Aziz
Former Minister of Trade and International Affairs, Malaysia

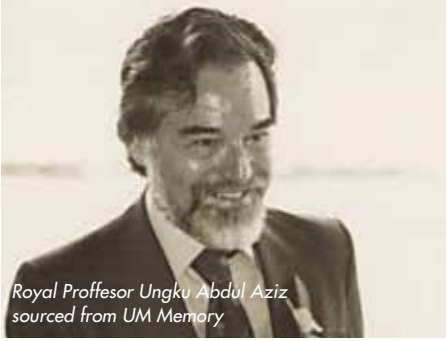
PRIME MINISTER TAN SRI MUHYDDIN YASSIN’S EULOGY ON THE PASSING OF ROYAL PROFESSOR UNGKU AZIZ

The services and sacrifices of the late Royal Prof Ungku Abdul Aziz Ungku Abdul Hamid were unparalleled and will always remain in the hearts and minds of every Malaysian, said Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin. In a posting on his Facebook page, he described the late Ungku Abdul Aziz as a prime and highly-respected academic and economic figure. “The establishment of Lembaga Urusan Tabung Haji and National Cooperative Organisation of Malaysia (Angkasa), two institutions that are close to the hearts of Malays, are among his legacies. His passing is a big loss to the country. On behalf of the government, I would like to express my deepest appreciation for the significant contribution of the late Ungku Abdul Aziz in fighting for and empowering the field of education, economy and institutions related to the Malays and Islam,” he said.

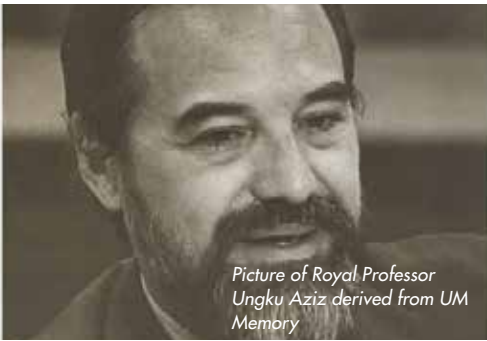
Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin,
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Royal Professor Ungku Aziz with Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Tun Dr Siti Hasmah sourced from UM Memory



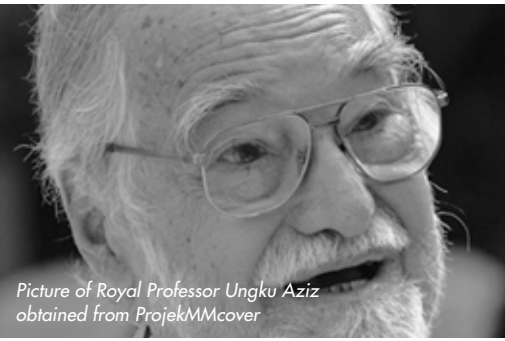
Royal Proffesor Ungku Abdul Aziz sourced from UM Memory



Picture of Royal Professor Ungku Aziz derived from UM Memory



Picture of Royal Professor Ungku Aziz taken from UM Memory



Picture of Royal Professor Ungku Aziz obtained from ProjekMMcover



WHAT IS YOUR FORTUNE?

The Year of the Metal Ox

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

The origin of the Chinese zodiac began with a race. The myth goes that there was a great race hosted by the Jade Emperor to decide which animals would make it into the zodiac and their order. So it began — the little rat with its wit secured the first position while the pig came in last.

The first day of Chinese New Year, on Feb 12 marks the reign of the metal Ox for 2021. Often used in an agricultural society, the oxen is attributed to diligence, persistence, and honesty. Akin to the nature of the ox, those born in the year of the Ox are said to be industrious, cautious, faithful and always eager to offer help.

OX

The year 2021 promises to be a highly fruitful year for the Chinese Ox with a lot of cheer and power. Professionals will be rewarded financially for their diligence and skills and their families will play a significant role in their life. Those who have been single will marry, while the married can welcome a new member to the family. In the aspect of business, this year calls for new partnerships or ventures.



RAT

The Rat should be prepared to face a lot of challenges this year, especially in terms of career. That said, due to the inherent nature of the Rat, he has no hesitation in accepting the new challenges, which would eventually result in a promotion or increment. Those born in the year of rat would have saved some funds in 2020, which would come in handy this year. Also, he need not overexert himself to meet expenses.



TIGER

Tigers should be prepared and brave to face one of the most challenging years in their lifetime as per Chinese zodiac. New ventures should be postponed, and there is no place for speculations. All your plans might go awry due to obstructions from others in power. Your stubbornness will result in unnecessary confusions and confrontations but you can minimise the damage by facing adverse situations with patience and calmness, otherwise, your problems will multiply. This is a temporary phenomenon.



RABBIT

The rabbit will face delays in the execution of his projects in 2021, but it will eventually be completed. You should not expect too much from others, so be prepared for disappointments in spite of your diligence. Do not make any radical alterations to your plans. In terms of love, couples might face problems maintaining their relationships while health will pose a few issues due to stressful situations. The Rabbits will have to wade through these difficulties with great skill and discretion year.



DRAGON

The new year poses various challenges and obstacles which the Dragon will overcome and record a stable and reasonable growth in the year 2021. You are powerful enough to take on your detractors and triumph over their manipulations. It is important to be meticulous and diligent in executing the various projects you undertake to maximise profits.



SNAKE

The Snake should think twice before venturing into new prospects throughout year. It will prove challenging to succeed in various projects given the lazy nature of snakes. Your prospects require a significant amount of effort which you are not willing to put in. You might be stubborn and irrational hence, there will be opposition to your ways of execution. To achieve success, you have to be sensible and seek the cooperation of others.



HORSE

Entrepreneurs born in the year of the horse will have a great year and accomplish their targets from due diligence. It's not the right time for love and relationships. On the office and home front, you might get into conflict with employees or children. Overall, 2021 will prove less demanding and more comfortable compared to the previous year. It is essential to maintain a good relationship with others to succeed this year.



SHEEP

The Year 2021 will be a highly complicated year for the sheep, according to the Chinese horoscope. There might be confusions, fights, and financial problems. You will find it hard to look for new prospects. The atmosphere at home will be stressful for the goat. It is important to keep your friends close during this time to help you face these challenges. The last quarter of 2021 will bring some relief to your hardships.



PIG

Entrepreneurs born in the year of the pig will enjoy profit. Many avenues to increase profit will present itself and speculative ventures will succeed. On the social arena, you will enlarge your circle by making new dependable contacts. In spite of their hard work, professionals will face some problems from their seniors, so, boars should avoid conflicts with their colleagues. The relationship front will face some turmoil. Control your anger if you want to be successful.



DOG

People with the dog zodiac sign will have to be realistic and tolerant towards his detractors during the new year. Devotion, diligence, and persistence will enable you to achieve results in spite of opposition by others. You should make decisions after much deliberation and stay away from conflicts. There will be small bumps in the road which may result in some financial losses and the Chinese horoscope for 2021 foretells plenty of confusion and worry. The dog should not indulge in dangerous manipulations because they will turn out to be ruinous for his future.



ROOSTER

The new year promises to be a fabulous year for the rooster. You will achieve success with the help of your social contacts. Diligence and devotion are your forte, and you will use it productively. You are ready to take up more challenges and it will prove fruitful. There will be recognition and rewards, which will bring a lot of cheer in your life. Life will be pleasant at the home front, and pleasure trips with family are advised.



MONKEY

The Monkey will be able to sail through year of the metal ox. The year may not be highly rewarding or financially profitable but the relationship with your spouse and family members will be enjoyable. You will have to be modest in your expectations from life. If you want to succeed, you have to be stable, persistent, and dependable. In terms of health, there might be some nagging problems.



TRADITIONAL THINGS

Significance of Chinese New Year traditions

BY AGNES AUI

Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year is the festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year according to the traditional lunar calendar. In Chinese culture and East Asian countries, the festival is commonly referred to as the Spring Festival as it marks the end of winter and the beginning of spring. This festival is one that's widely celebrated in Malaysia with catchy festive tunes playing in shopping malls alongside large red hampers, bright red decorations and Chinese traditional cookies all decked out. Another thing Chinese New Year is known for is the interesting traditions that people follow throughout the festivity. Here, we list down some Chinese New Year traditions and its significance that may just intrigue you:

REUNION DINNER

The reunion dinner marks a family gathering on Chinese New Year's Eve and it is considered to be the most important part of the celebration. Children are supposed to return to their families, in which married couples will go to the male's relatives home, and to the woman's home on the second day of Chinese New Year. Many dishes are typically served during reunion dinner to symbolise abundance, and chicken has to be one of the mandatory dishes as it symbolises prosperity, togetherness of the family and joy. The chicken would also usually be served whole with the head to symbolise completeness within the family.

RITUALS TO USHER IN THE NEW YEAR

After the reunion dinner, all family members will gather to stay awake all night as it is believed to delay the ageing process of the more elderly family members and hence, increase longevity. Some Chinese also perform prayers and rituals on Chinese New Year's Eve. During the ritual, a red table filled with food offerings are set out on the porch of the house while paper houses and paper money are burned as offerings past midnight (typically at 12am to 2am). During this time, all of the lights in the house will need to be turned on, to scare away evil spirits. To end the ritual, firecrackers are released before the gates of the house are closed and the family heads to bed for the night.

CLEANING

Cleaning the house is a long-observed Chinese New Year tradition. Before the arrival of the new year, Chinese families would clean the house and sometimes refurnish it with new items. Items such as bedsheets, pillows, curtains and more are replaced with new ones. Some families even replace furniture for the new year. New clothes are also typically bought for the festival and old ones are thrown away or donated. This year-end cleaning symbolises throwing bad luck from the house and making way for good luck to arrive during the new year. However, as soon as Chinese New Year arrives, cleaning the house isn't allowed as it is believed that cleaning the house on the first day of Chinese New Year means driving good luck away. The Chinese also do not wash their hair on the first day, to maintain good luck throughout the year.

GIVING RED PACKETS (ANG PAO)

One of the most anticipated traditions during Chinese New Year (for the singles) is probably receiving red packets, otherwise known as ang pao, from the elderly. Though many think of money, there's actually a heartwarming meaning behind this tradition. Red packets are also known as lucky money to the Chinese, and are given to children (or those who aren't married) during Chinese New Year. According to Chinese folk culture, when given this lucky money, children will remain safe and sound from monsters or bad spirits throughout the year. Thus, this tradition remains widely practiced by those who celebrate the festival throughout the world, especially in Asian countries.

LION DANCE

It's not uncommon to witness lion dances happening in Chinese houses during the Chinese New Year festival. In Chinese culture, the lion symbolises power, wisdom and superiority. People typically perform lion dances at Chinese festivals or big occasions in order to bring good fortune and chase away evil spirits. The lion dance is one of the most important traditions during Chinese New Year as it is performed to bring prosperity and good luck for the upcoming year. It's also a great way to entertain guests and bring happiness to those watching the performance.

FIRECRACKERS

Another common tradition during Chinese New Year is setting off firecrackers at the stroke of midnight as well as on the morning of the first day. The significance of this tradition can be traced to the legend of the Nian Monster 2,000 years ago. According to ancient Chinese legend, there was a ferocious monster named "Nian" with sharp teeth and horns (people typically associate its appearance with the lions used in lion dances). The monster secludes itself in the dark sea for a long time, and would go onshore by the end of the lunar year to hunt people and livestock. In order to drive the monster away, villagers would set firecrackers which would scare the monster off. Ever since then, the tradition of setting firecrackers remains till today, to scare away bad spirits.



Wok Fried Lobster Meat

In the spirit of celebrating togetherness and ushering in the year of the Ox, Yue Chinese Restaurant, nestled in Sheraton Petaling Jaya Hotel has prepared three indulgent and sumptuous set menus — Prosperity, Longevity and Hallmark of Achievement, crafted for the festivities.

These special sets are available for both lunch and dinner at the hotel’s Chinese restaurant, as well as private rooms on level 3C that have been decorated



Arrowhead Asparagus

Yue

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

to serve as an extension of Yue to accommodate large family get-togethers and company appreciation meals.

Relish in the likes of the Double Boiled Fish Maw Soup with Dried Scallop and Homemade patty — a comforting bowl of goodness that warms the stomach and palate. Another dish we presume will be a hit is the Deep Fried Golden Snapper with Thai Plum Sauce for its ingenuity, layers of texture and matrimony of sweet

Yen

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Yen, residing in W Kuala Lumpur is where innovation and recreation of traditional Chinese dishes takes place. Offering a juxtaposition of contemporary and imperial ambience, the dining experience here is harmonious and lavish.

This Chinese New Year, expect a symphony of flavours and thoughtful presentation through every dish in their set menus. You will be in awe of the selection of the four set menus that the esteemed chefs have whipped up for the merriment. A standout dish we appreciated from the Rich Fortune Set Menu is the Braised ‘Monk Jump Over The Wall’, Superior Chicken Soup



Braised Hokkaido Crab Claw, ‘Nepalese’ Rock Rice, Organic Quinoa and Crispy Rice

comprising whole abalone, fish maw, sea cucumber, whole-dried scallop and mushroom — the perfect remedy for rainy



Truffles served in a Lettuce Cup

and sour. No meal is complete without vegetables and on that note, you’d find the delectable mix of Stir Fried Lotus Root with Sweet Bean, Fried Chinese Yam and Enoki Mushrooms. This dish renders a delicious crunch and sweetness you’d find utterly addictive.

Yue *Chinese cuisine *Casual dining (pork free)
Sheraton Petaling Jaya Hotel, Jalan Utara C, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.
Tel: 03-76228888

days and to build appetite.

The Wok Fried Lobster Meat, Arrowhead Asparagus and Truffles served in a Lettuce Cup was both umami, flavoursome and conveyed a subtle sweetness which was truly enjoyable. Another dish that hit all the right spots was the Oil Poached Deboned Whole Tiger Grouper Fish bathed eith Szechuan pepper and premium soya sauce for an added depth. These Lunar New Year specialties are available for delivery, along with specialty dim sum and gift sets.

Yen *Chinese cuisine *Fine dining (pork free)
No. 121, Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur.
Tel: 03-27868888

Yun House

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Pairing gourmet dining with dazzling décor and curated goodie bags, Yun House at Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur is ready to light up the season of joy and prosperity. Discover an exciting menu of Cantonese delicacies, both in forms of a la carte and set menu at the hotel’s resident Chinese restaurant. For 2021’s Chinese New Year signature menu, Executive Chef Jimmy Wong spent months scouring for the very best ingredients across land and sea – from wagyu beef and duck to sea urchin and abalone.

From the a la carte segment, one is spoilt for choice from steamed and fried dim sum to soulful soups. The festivities, however, calls for something more indulgent, like the four well-crafted sets — Majestic, Unification, Auspicious and Yun House Fortuity. All four of the menu includes varieties of yee sang in the



Almond Cheese Prawn Dumpling with Five Spiced Taro Cake and Supreme Scallop Sauce

Offering an avenue to congregate and celebrate a prosperous 2021 after a whirlwind that was 2020, The St Regis Kuala Lumpur presents a melange of signature Chinese New Year set menus curated especially for the auspicious season.

Armed with years of culinary prowess and the hotel owner’s treasured family recipes, Chef De Cuisine, Cheong Boon Fei’s has concocted outstanding dishes including the Cantonese-style Seafood Soup with Chinese Spinach & Egg White — simple, comforting and reminiscent of a mother or grandmother’s cooking.



Yun House’s CNY offerings

package, followed by warm soup such as the Double-Boiled Abalone Soup with Japanese Sea Cucumber, Fish Maw, Black Chicken and Bird’s Nest from the Yun House Fortuity.

The same set also features Cantonese delights including the tender, ‘Fu Yong Style’ Steamed Coral Grouper Fillet with Scrambled Egg Whites, Crispy Bitter Gourd and Caviar — a beautiful interplay of textures. The indulgence

continues with Wok Fried Lobster in Sea Urchin Sauce with Crispy Oatmeal and Curry Leaf and ends with Yun House’s twist to a Chinese New Year staples — Golden Nian Gao Tart with Coconut, Gold Vark and Bird’s Nest, and Deep Fried Rice Cake.

Yun House *Chinese cuisine *Fine dining (pork-free)
145, Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur, 50450 Kuala Lumpur.
Tel: 03-23828640



Braised Abalone, Dried Oyster, Fatt Choy with Seasonal Vegetables



Chilled Creamy Mango Soup with Snow Bird’s Nest

Braised Chilean Abalone with Dried Oyster sitting on a bed of Fatt Choy and seasonal vegetables surrounded by a moat of delicious sauce.

A heftier course reveals the Duck Meat Fried Rice with Crispy Silver Anchovies & Fish Roe — an interplay of flavours and textures. Available for lunch and dinner, families or a group of friends can reserve their private dining rooms — The Astor Rooms or the Grand Ballroom for groups as small as 4 pax onwards.

The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur *Chinese cuisine *Fine dining (pork-free)
No 6, Jalan Stesen Sentral 2, Kuala Lumpur Sentral, 50470 Kuala Lumpur.

Wan Chun Ting

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

As we continue to grapple with the surge of the COVID-19 pandemic, celebrations and festivities in the new norm, including Chinese New Year will look and feel different this year. With that in mind, Wan Chun Ting at Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara features its festive offerings in a delivery format for patrons to usher in the auspicious year of the bull, within the comfort of home.

Options are aplenty here, from three well-curated set menus — Prosperity, Fortune and Wealth to a la carte options for your own choosing. The Wealth Set Menu sees an array of Chinese New Year staples, starting with a decadent Yee Sang with Baby Abalone, Fresh Scallops and Snow Pear, Double Boiled Chicken Soup with Maca Root and Fish Maw to warm you up, Wok Fried Prawns in Spicy Sauce

Seeking abode under the roof of Bangsar Shopping Centre is Roberto’s 1020 Osteria which opened its stylish doors right before Christmas and offers the flavours of Italy. Keeping a stylish theme throughout the restaurant, one walks in to be greeted by a bar and indoor dining area which flows out onto a covered patio, extending over a garden-lined lounge.

Do like the Romans by whetting the palate with a classic Italian aperitif —



Perfectly plated beef



Wan Chun Tings CNY delivery offerings

with Mantau conveys the perfect umami and the Braised 10 Heads Abalone with Money Bag, Sun Dried Oysters, Fish Maw and Garden Green is a vision of prosperity.

The Cantonese Style Flat Noodle with Fresh Water Prawns Ginger and Scallion is reminiscent of a grandmother’s cooking, featuring gigantic fresh water prawns to complete the dish. For something light yet still fulfilling, the chef’s recommended dim sum such as Steamed Scallop Dumpling

with XO Sauce and Steamed Shrimp Dumpling with Black Sea Moss will quickly become favourites for its depth of distinct flavours. A Chinese New Year spread wouldn’t be complete without the inclusion of staples such as Wan Chun Ting’s Signature Deep Fried Nian Gao with Yam or the Pan Fried Chinese New Year Cake with Egg.

Wan Chun Ting *Chinese Cuisine *Fine dining (pork free)
Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara, 6, Jalan Damanlela, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur.
Tel: 03-27206688

Roberto’s 1020 Osteria

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Aperol Spritz melded with Prosecco and topped with a slice of orange. Start your gastronomic voyage with the Taglieri e Formaggi – Cold Cuts & Cheese Wood Board imported from Italy. The platter sees an assemblage of bresaola, smoked turkey ham, smoked duck and beef Cecina alongside Grana Padano, brie, Asiago and scamorza cheeses. This is served alongside sun-dried tomatoes, caper berries, green olives and fried bread.

Roberto’s 1020 Osteria’s pride and joy is its Alfa Forni wood-fire and gas oven, brought in from Italy and is the first of its kind in Malaysia. The oven creates wafts of

beautiful aroma and doles out delectable gourmet pizzas that allure customers to dine in. The Star Pizza, presented in a star shape is a combination of a calzone and a flat pizza featuring toppings of your choice. It doesn’t get any better than this.

Roberto’s 1020 Osteria *Italian cuisine *Casual dining (pork-free)
Bangsar Shopping Centre, 285, Jalan Maarof, Bangsar 59000 Kuala Lumpur.
Tel: 017 3948 050



Colours and flavours of Italy

Cata

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

The aesthetics of Cata’s storefront is an indication of what lies inside. Crossing its threshold, a collection of antiques, mosaic tiles, unique yesteryear lamps, reconditioned wood and steel make up the interior of Cata. Here, one discovers a good range of hot and cold artisanal tapas, alongside heartier dishes, all bursting with Mediterranean élan. Cata is a neighbourhood restaurant that caters to most dietary practices and encourages communal eating involving family and friends.

From the a la carte menu, one can indulge in a medley of hot and cold tapas as well as house-made pizzas. The CATA Potato Gnocchi is the crowd favourite — comfort food of the highest order, emitting ever so slight creaminess and umami flavours from the medley of brown butter, sage, baby artichokes, capers and anchovies at home or in the safety of your office. Another crowd-pleaser is the Crab Meat Croquettes, boasting a crisp exterior and ever so tender centre of actual crab meat. Packed separately, the aioli provides harmony to the dish. We envision salmon lovers appreciating the Cured Salmon, served with a homemade mustard-dill sauce, capers and onions on a bed of sliced baguettes. The skilful pairing of these ingredients emits a distinct umami and interplay of textures.

Cata *Mediterranean cuisine *Casual dining (non-halal)
Plaza Damansara, 50-G, Jalan Medan Setia 2, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur.
Tel: 03-2011 8587



Cured Salmon

Eatery by Nutmeg

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Inspired by Southern and Cajun Creole cuisine, Eatery by Nutmeg was born. Here is where one can relish in Cajun classics like the Seafood Gumbo, eat Fried Catfish like a true blue Southerner and enjoy Grandma’s Mixed Berry Cobbler. Simply put, from New Orleans to Nashville, Eatery by Nutmeg will bring you on a culinary tour of the southern United States.

Feel like a Southerner with the Eatery Big Breakfast, which is the restaurant’s rendition of a traditional southern breakfast with fried chicken tenders, beef bacon, waffle fries, toast and eggs of your choice. For something heartier, the Catfish Po’Boy Sandwich is a take on Louisiana-style sandwich, served

with cornmeal-crusted catfish bites, slathered with homemade tartar sauce, layered with lettuce and tomatoes on a bed of homemade baguette.

In a Cajun and Southern-inspired restaurant like Eatery by Nutmeg, the Ragin’ Cajun Seafood Gumbo is mandatory. Ever soulful and comforting, the Louisiana-style stew is mixed with assorted seafood, okra and served with rice. For dessert, the southern soul is represented by the Mixed Berry Cobbler with Vanilla Ice Cream or Key Lime Pie in a Jar that seals the entire delectable experience.

Eatery by Nutmeg *Southern American and Cajun Creole cuisine *Casual dining (pork-free)
Unit #01, 163 Mont Kiara, Kuala Lumpur.



Eatery by Nutmeg

Maria’s Signature

BY AGNES AUI

Born out of the love for food which began from their homely little family kitchen 20 years ago in Ipoh, Maria’s SteakCafe has now opened its new outlet, branded as Maria’s Signature, in Suria KLCC. At the new Maria’s Signature, diners can expect to see a more sleek and elegantly stylish decor, befitting the nature of contemporary city life.

The upscale interior featuring dark oak, lux silver grey marble, intimate plush leather booths complete with dim, atmospheric lighting is set to become the latest fabulous setting that will enliven city slickers. Another highlight complementing guests’ dining experience is the outdoor patio seating which overlooks the spectacular dancing fountains at the KLCC Park. Famously known for serving a wide range of steaks



Wagyu Tomahawk

from wagyu to dry-aged beef, the steak cafe has been known as the best steakhouse in town and the best wagyu steak experience in Malaysia. Thus, guests can expect only the finest when dining at Maria’s Signature.

Naturally being a steakhouse, Maria’s Signature emphasises on top-quality steaks, serving some of the most succulent beef steaks in town. If beef as a main is not your

preference, opt for chicken, lamb, fish or even lobster if you’re feeling a little fancy. Elevating the dining experience is Maria’s Signature’s brand-new cocktail menu specially curated by Amanda Wan, a reputable award-winning mixologist.

**Maria’s Signature *Western cuisine *pork-free
Lot 157, First Floor, Suria KLCC Shopping Center,
Jalan Ampang, 50088 Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 010-902 0386**

Fiction Food

BY AGNES AUI



Jo’s Bizarre Black Aglio Olio Spaghetti

Certain movies, dramas, comics, cartoons and books feature their own unique food and beverages that enhances the story. And for those who have been craving to know what the food in movies taste like, Fiction Food is a cafe you’d want to visit.

Alongside beautifully painted murals, guests can find delightful breakfast dishes like the Steven bagel sandwich featuring a bagel sandwich with scrambled eggs, cheese, chicken ham, tomato slice and lettuce. You can also choose to add on sausage, smoked salmon and mesclun salad, making it into a breakfast set.

For pastas, try Jo’s bizarre black aglio olio spaghetti featuring a unique squid ink spaghetti cooked in an aglio olio

style alongside wine tomatoes and prawns with strands of fried spaghetti as garnish. Savour the crunch of the fried spaghetti, juiciness of the prawns and tomatoes with the slightest hint of iron from the squid ink, making the dish a distinct one to order.

Asian dishes are also available here, with a vast variety of options such as golden moon mapo tofu noodles, curry infused pineapple fried rice, naan curry pot pie and ram don - all of which can be found in the lunch menu. The nibbles and bites alongside desserts section are also an extensive array of choices like deep fried mac and cheese, luncheon meat fries, Tom and Jerry cheesecake, and more.

**Fiction Food *Western and Asian cuisine *non-halal
17-G, Jalan Telawi 2, Bangsar, 59100 Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 03-2201 6707**



Japanese Katsu Chicken Curry Rice

Kaffe 16

BY AGNES AUI

Chinatown has become Kuala Lumpur’s latest tourist hotspot, with various art installations to see alongside photo worthy cafes and eateries. One of the latest Instagrammable

cafes is Kaffe 16, located right in between Luckin’ Kopi and Beryl’s Lot 18. With a sleek and elegant interior that transforms you into a high-end American eatery, it’s a stop

you’d most likely want to make when visiting Chinatown.

Due to the fact that Kaffe 16 corporates with Beryl’s Lot 18, all of the delicious chocolate and coffee drinks come from Beryl’s. With options like Dirty Latte, Elderflower Tonic Espresso, and Bittersweet 62 Per Cent Chocolate, it’s the ultimate spot to quench your thirst after a long walk around Kwai Chai Hong.

Although the savoury bites here are limited, the dishes are beautifully plated with a generous portion that’s perfect for refueling after hours under the Malaysian sun. Take your pick from options like Chicken Katsu Don and Japanese Curry Rice for those who prefer an Asian twist.

Pasta lovers on the other hand can indulge in the Spaghetti Aglio Olio, Spicy Tomato Prawn Spaghetti, Cream Leek with Roasted Chicken Fettuccine and Tomato-based Mediterranean Spaghetti. For dishes with the best of both worlds, order the Karaage Chicken Burger and Kaffe 16 Salad, both of which delightfully fuses Western and Asian cuisines in one perfect plate.

**Kaffe 16 *Western and Asian Cuisine *pork-free
Lot 16 (in between Luckin’ Kopi & Beryl’s Lot 18),
Jalan Panggong, 50000 Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 03-2022 2552**

Sakana Japanese Dining

BY AGNES AUI

Indulge in the high life and dine in style at Sakana Japanese Dining, an elegant Japanese restaurant located in Suria KLCC. Decked in minimalist wooden furniture, beige washed walls and blooming white orchids, Sakana Japanese Dining is the ideal spot for the ultimate Valentine’s date or even a lovely dinner with your family.

If you’re patroning for lunch, try the homemade Hamburg steak featuring 150gm of homemade hamburg steak, onsen egg, salad, “goan” bowl (a short-grain rice bowl with vegetables, mushrooms, seafood or meat) and miso soup. Alternatively, you can also opt for the sushi roll dish which comes with three different sushi rolls, chawan-mushi, karaage and miso soup.

For something more unique, try the All Day Breakfast, a typical Japanese breakfast featuring daily grilled fish from Toyosu fish market, onsen egg, pickles and miso soup. However, do note that a 30-minute preparation time is needed for this dish.

On the other hand, the dinner menu is a definite must-try, with a vast variety of assorted sashimi, assorted yakitori and assorted tempura to choose from. High-end dishes are also available such as the Truffle TKG (Tamago Kake Gohan) - a famous TKG served with pasteurised raw egg, caviar and truffle. For dessert, try the Coffee Jelly, a well-known Japanese dessert or the distinct Matcha Brownie.

**Sakana Japanese Dining *Japanese Cuisine
Petronas Twin Tower, G11, Ground Floor, Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur City Centre,
50088 Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 03-2181 0211**



Sashimi



Steak Cafe De Paris

Umameat

BY AGNES AUI

Located in Pavilion Kuala Lumpur is Umameat, an affordable steakhouse offering some of the most succulent and perfectly cooked steak alongside an opulent interior and luxurious ambience. It's no surprise that the premium wagyu cuts are the highlight of Umameat, but casual diners can also choose other dishes like chicken wings, burgers and more.

When visiting Umameat, the must-try signature dish is the Steak Cafe De Paris. This dish features grilled Striploin beef soaked in a juicy sauce of butter, fresh herbs and anchovies. The latter ingredient gives the entire dish the flavours it needs, meaning that no additional seasoning is required. Not only do you get tender pieces of meat that oozes flavour, but a unique dining experience as well since this dish is only available at a few places in Klang Valley.

For burger enthusiasts, the Classic Beef Burger will satisfy all of your cravings. Each patty is made to order with freshly minced and ground beef, served with fries seasoned with a generous sprinkling of paprika. Those who prefer some finger licking wings can opt for the Honey Sriracha or Spicy Kicap Wings that are both made with unique homemade sauce. If you loved your dining experience and would like to recreate it at home, head over to the butcher section to buy some of their fresh and premium cuts, including wagyu.

Umameat *Steakhouse *halal
Lot 6.01.06, Pavilion Kuala Lumpur, 168, Bukit Bintang St, Bukit Bintang,
55100 Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 03-2113 0048



Coconut Coffee smoothie and Bac Xiu coconut white coffee



French Baguette Pizza

Kosa Coffee

BY AGNES AUI

We're pretty sure that Kosa Coffee would ring a bell in any Vietnamese-style coffee enthusiast, because this popular Vietnamese coffee chain that first opened in Kuching has now established itself in Klang Valley. With unique coffee pairings, fresh pastries and delectable Western dishes, it's the ideal spot to spend a rainy day in.

Without a doubt, coffees take the spotlight here, and a must-try is the Vietnamese Black Coffee or the Bac Xiu White Coffee, known as Vietnamese White Coffee. You can also opt for their newest creation, the Bac Xiu Coconut White Coffee, a drink that overflows with a familiar coconut aroma. Alternatively, you can also try the Coconut Coffee Smoothie which is the cafe's best-seller, featuring strong Vietnamese coffee alongside fragrant coconut essence - the perfect drink to quench your thirst in this hot Malaysian weather.

Bites also come in a wide array of options but a must-order at Kosa Coffee is the French Baguette Pizza, where customers are allowed to customise the pizza by choosing the toppings and sauce of their choice. Personalise your own Hawaiian pizza without pineapples if you'd like, or go all vegetarian if you're looking for something healthier. Other options to order include Cornetti Ham and Cheese, Banana Puff Gula Melaka, Berry Pavlova, Mille Crepe Lemon and more.

Kosa Coffee *Western Cuisine *Muslim-friendly
Unit G-G-11 Plaza Arkadia, No 3 Jalan Intisari Perdana, Desa Parkcity
Parkcity, 52200 Kuala Lumpur

The Red Beanbag

BY AGNES AUI



Eggs Benedict

If you're looking for the perfect place to find solace after a long day of shopping in Publika Mall, then pay a visit to The Red Beanbag - a modern and contemporary cafe that serves delightful breakfast all day, alongside other delicious Western dishes. The cosy and quiet eatery is definitely a place fit for all as its extensive menu offers one of every kind, ideal for food enthusiasts.

The highlight of the cafe's breakfast menu is the Eggs Benedict, featuring in-house cured salmon, sauteed mushrooms, Australian baby spinach, hollandaise sauce and a pair of beautiful poached eggs topped with salmon roe. All it takes are gentle bites to experience that savoury burst of flavour with a hint of tartness.

Spice up your dining experience by ordering The Kraken, featuring squid ink spaghetti, grilled whole squid and spicy cream sauce. The star of the dish is indeed the squid as it was soft, tender and had a slight smoky taste from the grilling.

End your meal with the unconventional homemade avocado ice cream, served with indulgent brownie chunks, honeycomb and Nutella fudge sauce. The ice cream on its own is creamy, thick and dense, almost like eating cake. But when combined with the brownie chunks and honeycomb, the dish becomes cohesive and immaculately flawless.

The Red Beanbag *Western Cuisine *halal
Block A4, Publika A4-1, 08, Jalan Dutamas 1, Solaris Dutamas,
50480 Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 03-2856 8814

Plan B @ TRX City

BY AGNES AUI



New Yawk Eggs Royale

Nestled in Tun Razak Exchange's Northwest Plaza is the newly opened Plan B cafe, featuring industrial interior alongside stunning glass window panes. Talk about having a meal with a view, Plan B @ TRX City is the place to be for the best view of the Exchange 106 Tower.

Of course, the dishes served here are equally as amazing, with a wide range of options to choose from so you'll definitely be spoiled for choice. The new and improved Plan B 3.0 menu features over 70 items from breakfast and sandwiches to pastas and a whole page dedicated to sweet plates, perfect for those with a sweet tooth.

A must-try at the new Plan B is obviously the New Yawk Eggs Royale featuring smoked salmon, omega onsen egg, hollandaise sauce, sauteed kale and Turkish ciabatta toast. Though it may seem like a small dish, each ingredient comes in generous portions and the flavours will blow you away. But if you're looking for a heavier meal, opt for Good Morning, Sunshine, a big breakfast featuring smoked chicken sausage, grilled tomatoes, Angus beef bacon, avocado, brown butter mushrooms and cauliflower tater tots.

For something Asian, try the Samurai Salmon that includes pan-seared salmon fillet with yuzu ponzu sauce and pickled vegetables. If you prefer pasta, then order the Peri-Peri Power featuring peri-peri grilled chicken or the Ang Mo Indomie that's a Western twist on the classic comfort indomie dish.

Plan B @ TRX City *Western Cuisine *pork-free
Kafe TRX City, Jln. Barat, Tun Razak Exchange, 55188 Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 012-798 3522

61 Monarchy

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANANI

Shrouded with the enigma that comes with a speakeasy, 61 Monarchy, the sister bar to Hyde at 53M, lies hidden by an unassuming staircase of Damansara Uptown. Beyond its sliding doors, a vintage colonial bar awaits, decked with dim lights, distinct furnishings, wood accents and its pièce de résistance — the impressive collection of whiskeys obtained from across the globe. Evident by the proud display of whiskey bottles, 61 Monarchy specialises in everything whiskey.

A casual seating arrangement and sultry jazz numbers set the mood for the evening. This bar is where one sets on a journey of discovering whiskey, starting with Sullivan’s Cove — a brand that catapulted Australian whiskey onto the world map. This specific one, the French Oak, is matured in a 300-litre tawny cask, which brings out flavours of Christmas cake and toffee. Alternatively, a new addition to the 61 Monarchy Bar, the Berry Bros & Rudd Speyside Blended Malt is suitable to kick off the evening with its soft and subtle notes, with caramel and white flower taking the centre stage.

61 Monarchy
Jalan SS21/1A, Damansara Utama 47400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.
Tel: 018-213 92910

Sullivan’s Cove



Banker Bar

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

faux leather seats and checkered stools add personality to the joint together with bits and bobs such as a vintage suitcase and ship’s wheel attached to the ceiling as decorative pieces.

Banker Bar is designed for evening lounges while appreciating its classic and Asian-inspired cocktails or a catch-up with friends over tipples. Start the evening with the Infinity Love, a cocktail crafted with the Caribbean Twin Fin Spiced Golden Rum, mixed with dragon fruit that conveys a vibrant, pink hue, fresh passion fruit and lemon juice for a dash of zest.

Indicated by its moniker, the Banker Cocktail is the house signature. It’s



Borneo Mist

Tucked away in the thriving food and beverage hub that is The Linc KL, the Banker Bar resembles a vintage gentlemen’s club of the Prohibition era. Distinct and beautiful, wooden accents are seen throughout the bar, Peranakan-esque tiles embellish the bar counter and



Asian Delights Cocktail

whipped up using Cointreau as its base, paired with galiano vanilla for sweetness and fresh passion fruit, which results in a sweet and sour cocktail.

Banker Bar
Lot 1-10, No 36, The Linc KL, Jalan Tun Razak 50400 Kuala Lumpur.



Partagas Serie E, No. 2 and Bunnahabhain 12 Years Old



The Trinidad Media Luna and The Hakushu Distiller’s Reserve

Cigar Bar KL

BY AGNES AUI

Located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur is Cigar Bar, a Habanos certified lounge and bar that’s less than 10 minutes away from the iconic Petronas Twin Towers. This chic and modern space where fresh continental European style fuses into a Japanese-like aesthetic is the ultimate spot for Malaysians to experience fine spirit and cigar pairings to relax after a long tiring week.

What makes this bar unique from others is the signature Curated Pairing Experience and Cigar Bar Selects series featuring a selection of fine Cuban and new world cigars, whisky, rum and other premium spirits by the dram, bottle or even tasting flights. With classic and sui generis cocktail creations, one thing’s for sure, they’re all made and prepared in-house to enhance your nightlife experience.

When visiting Cigar Bar KL, try the Curated Pairing Experience featuring a cigar, whisky or rum, dark chocolate and French sea salt. Not only is this set budget friendly, but tastes divine and will have you coming back for more. Another to try is the Cigar Bar Selects series which is different every month and thus, makes it even more desirable and a definite must-try. Alternatively, guests can opt for the whisky and rum flights or other distinct concoctions or wine.

Cigar Bar KL
Platinum Park, Unit 101, Ground Floor, NAZA Tower, No. 10, Persiaran KLCC, 50088 Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 03-2386 6148

Kenshin

BY AGNES AUI

Hidden bars are always a delight to find, and in the labyrinth of The Intermark comes a treasure behind concealed doors known as Kenshin. This minimalist Japanese-themed bar is decked in everything oriental from the entrance’s mural to dragon outlines peeking through its ceilings, the interior is both intriguing yet relaxing at the same time as warm lighting fills the space.

The bar offers a vast variety of interesting and tantalising concoctions, from classic ones like gin and tonic to more complex variants featuring ingredients like kaffir lime, egg white foam and spiced sesame oil. Happy hours are also a treat, happening on every weekday from 5pm-8pm, and all night long on Mondays.

Indulge in Malaysian flavours with The Jungle Man, a mix featuring rum with cempedak, fresh pineapple juice, lime juice and mint. Not only does the cocktail exude a beautiful pastel orange hue, but is elaborately garnished with bamboo leaf and ixora flower.

The Djamu is inspired by an Indonesian medicinal drink, featuring two liquors of Bols Genever and whiskey alongside honey, cinnamon, star anise, clove and cardamom as well. A dollop of egg white foam, cinnamon bark and a sprinkle of matcha powder adds the final touches to the cocktail. Last but not least, Thonglor Street is a blend inspired by Thailand and features a mix of rum, rice wine, lemon juice, coconut syrup and a special ingredient of spiced sesame oil.

Kenshin
G-03A Ground Floor, The Intermark,
348 Jalan Tun Razak, 50400 Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 03-2181 2861



Tossing to Prosperity

Chinese New Year Yee Sang

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



SOFITEL KUALA LUMPUR DAMANSARA

Usher in another year of prosperity and happiness with Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara’s prosperous takeaway specials, exclusively curated for this Lunar New Year. Rejoice in the arrival of spring and bond with loved ones in the comfort of your own home. Start the festivities right, by ordering from the unique selection of Yee Sang offered by the hotel — a refreshing alternative for those seeking greater indulgence. This year, the Yee Sang features an array of authentic ingredients accompanied by fruits and vegetables — a selection that is healthy and pleasing to the eye and palate. The Scallop with Snow Pear Yee Sang, which requires advance reservation is not delectable and pairs seamlessly with the other ingredients. For an interplay of texture, we find the Deep Fried Soft Shell Crab fulfilling.

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THE ST. REGIS KUALA LUMPUR

The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur’s Prosperity Yee Sang recipe is one that has been handed down from generation to generation of its owner’s family, Puan Sri Sharon Chua’s ancestral kitchen. With the intention of enticing her children to eat their greens, the secret to the hotel’s special Prosperity Yee Sang lies in an undisclosed final ingredient. Made with a base of finely chopped and sliced fresh fruits and vegetables accompanied with assorted nuts, seeds and sauce, guests will be able to add on slices of Abalone & Soft Shell Crab or Salmon & Jellyfish or Hokkigai & Jelly Fish or opt for a Vegetarian version. Puan Sri Sharon Chua hopes her family’s recipe brings much longevity, prosperity and abundance to all.

Tel: 012 280 1303 or email: dining.kualalumpur@stregis.com



W KUALA LUMPUR

As Chinese New Year approaches, Chef Weng who helms the kitchen of Yen in W Kuala Lumpur and his team has promised to take guests on an eclectic culinary journey of Chinese classics, starting with a good selection of Yee Sang varieties and CNY Hampers for gifting. A classic ingredient such as Norwegian Salmon Fish Yee Sang is complemented with Air Dried Szechuan Fish Chips and Crispy Salted Egg Fish Skin to convey layers of texture and flavours. The height of prosperity and indulgence calls for the Abalone Yee Sang with Caviar, Gold Flakes and Truffle Oil for the finishing touch. This is perfect for gatherings at home, especially given the difficult year we’ve been through.

Available on GrabFood, Beepit or order directly at 012-347 9088

SHERATON PETALING JAYA

Promoting the concept of togetherness this Chinese New Year, Sheraton Petaling Jaya has cooked up an amazing array of classic dishes including the Yee Sang. Bring the celebration home by choosing one or all three of the fortune and prosperity Yee Sang. Bearing in mind that many have embarked upon a healthier lifestyle, the Fresh Fruits Yee Sang is guilt-free indulgence. Besides that, classic Norwegian Salmon Yee Sang with Fish Roe is a cult favourite and can do no wrong. Those looking for something unique will take a liking towards the Australia 2 Head Abalone with Pear Yee Sang — tantalising the taste buds.

Call 017-228 6183 to order.



FOUR SEASONS HOTEL KUALA LUMPUR

Since we are confined to our homes and can’t visit the city’s iconic destination for the finest Cantonese cuisine, Yun House at Four Seasons Kuala Lumpur brings their Chinese cuisine you this Lunar New Year. Create joyful new memories with family and friends at home. For this year’s signature menu, Executive Chef Jimmy Wong spent months tracking down the very best ingredients across land and sea – from wagyu beef and duck to sea urchin and abalone. Toss to prosperity with the hotel’s superb selection of Yee Sang platters, with a choice of rare premium ingredients such as the Alaskan King Crab Yee Sang, Grilled Eel Yee Sang and Beef Shank Yee Sang to name a few. “The Platinum Seafood Yee Sang with champagne gelee and Caviar is my personal favourite,” notes Chef Jimmy.

Chat on the Four Seasons App for reservations and enquiries.



Truffle Hearts

Chocolate desserts for Valentine’s Day

BY AGNES AUI

It’s the loveliest month of the year, which means it’s limelight on chocolate desserts! From chocolate mousse and chocolate ice-cream to chocolate bon bons and chocolate cakes, this famous dessert comes in many shapes and forms. So if you’re looking to show some endearment to your loved ones this season, we’ve listed down the best places to visit for chocolate desserts:



Bon Bons

CHOCOLATE CONCIERGE

Made locally and freshly crafted within days, Chocolate Concierge is the ultimate spot go to spot for high-quality handmade chocolate. This small batch tree-to-bar chocolate maker is committed to sharing the unique flavours of the Malaysian single origin. The chocolates are made with cacao beans that are traceable, environmentally sensitive, and sustainable. Truly, there’s no better chocolates to get this Valentine’s than this. Try the seasonal bon bons featuring local flavours and classic flavours, alongside sugar-free bon bons for a guilt-free indulgence. You can also opt for the chocolate bars or brittles and barks, all of which feature decadent dark chocolate.



Orange Chocolate Mousse with Ginger Black Molasses Cake

FOO FOO FINE DESSERTS

Featuring unconventional ingredients that blend like a beautiful symphony, Foo Foo is where desserts become the main dish. With a stunning appearance and a delightful mix of flavours, the high-end chocolate dessert options here are endless. For an elevated experience, pair your chocolate dessert with a glass of white wine or imported ginger beer. We recommend trying the decadent orange chocolate mousse with ginger black molasses cake, beautifully topped with freeze-dried strawberry pieces. Another delightful chocolate dessert is the black forest trifle with chocolate feuilletine or the blackberry panna cotta with chocolate ganache, chocolate crumble, chocolate cremeux and cocoa nibs.



Black Forest S’mores

KAKI YUKI

For shaved ice enthusiasts, Kaki Yuki is the place to be for authentic Japanese shaved ice featuring tantalising chocolate variants. Each bowl of kakigori (Japanese shaved ice) is handcrafted with real fruits and premium ingredients including unique handmade yuzu jelly and citrus gummy jellies. Every dessert mimics newly fallen snow, with delicious options such as the matcha brulee, hoji mountain and blue dream (featuring yuzu, butterfly pea and elderflower). What makes this dessert unique is the surprise ingredients found in the middle of the shaved ice. The chocolate variants such as classic tiramisu and black forest s’mores make the perfect dessert for this lovely month.



Chocolate Whisky Ice Cream

THE ICE CREAM BAR

If you ask us, there’s nothing a good tub of ice cream can’t fix, moreover if it’s the boozy kind — the best of both worlds this lovey season. Among The Ice Cream Bar’s delectable and extensive offerings, we recommend the Brownie Chocolate Guinness and Whisky Nuts for creaminess, lusciousness and lip smacking hints of alcohol alongside indulgent chocolate. If ice cream isn’t enough, get the boozy cakes to celebrate this special occasion instead. The seven-inch crunchy coffee whisky signature ice cream cake comes in boozy ice cream with alternating layers of sponge cake, coated in whipped cream and glazed with chocolate.

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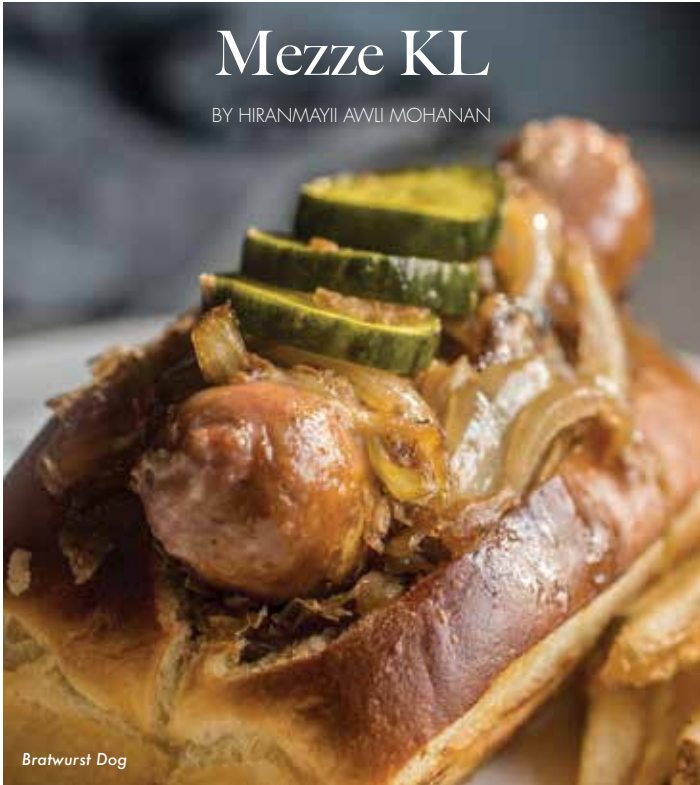
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Taking refuge in a charming, refurbished two-storey building in Jalan Kasah is Mezze KL which boasts raw and rustic charm. Armed with a fervour for authentic flavours, quality ingredients and creating a convivial ambience, this restaurant offers its guests an unparalleled dining experience.

The weekends call for Mezze’s Breakfast Pork Burger - the ultimate brunch dish. A thick, succulent smoked pork patty becomes the heart of the burger, layered with pork bacon and a fried sunny-side-up egg is the final touch to the tower of goodness, oozing its wonderful yolk. Lastly, a drizzle of smoky BBQ sauce creates a harmony and unifies the dish.



Bratwurst Dog

Mezze KL

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Another option for you to sink your teeth into is the Bratwurst Dog which boasts layers of textures, aroma and flavours for a wholesome mouthfeel. Each bite comes with a satisfying crunch from the Bratwurst, topped with homemade beer sauerkraut, honey-beer mustard, caramelised onions as well as crispy fried onions.

For something more indulgent, the BBQ Rack of Lamb is a good pick, straight of the Josper grill. Experience seductive flavours from the homemade marination of barbecue spices, honey and Spanish smoked sweet paprika. The result — a tender assemblage of lamb racks and an explosion of piquancy.

Mezze KL *European cuisine *Casual dining (non-halal)
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Pla Tort Sahn Rot



Phu Gup Goong Pad Pong Garee



Thai Milk Tea Ice Cream

Krung Thap

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Krung Thap is a nod to Bangkok, Thailand’s heart and central basin where the country’s food, people, culture and traditions congregate. The menu here is a story of Thai flavours spanning across its four regions (North, Central, Isan (Northeast) and South). With a chef from the Land of Smiles steering the kitchen as well as the freshest ingredients used, one can expect authentic encapsulation of Thai cuisine. Our lunch affair commenced with a complimentary starter – the Herb Garden. As its eponym indicates, a bowlful of herbs with long coriander leaves, Thai apple aubergine, cucumber and watercress served with aubergine, sriracha and tamarind sauces, resembles the Malaysian

ulam. Then, the Miang Kam, a typical Thai appetiser was served. Appetites whetted and in anticipation of the next dish, the Pla Tort Sahn Rot – whole black pomfret with three-flavour sauce arrives boasting its crunchy consistency. The sauces, derived from palm sugar, tamarind and dried chilli supplemented the fish with beautiful, balanced flavours. Don’t allow the unassuming appearance of the Geng Pua Bai Chapluu fool you. Like a mystery, this southern Thai yellow crab curry took its time

to unravel the spicy and potent piquancy. We recommend eating this with rice. A favourite we encountered was the Gung Orb Woon Sen – claypot baked sea prawns tossed with glass noodles, ginger and accompanied by green chilli sauce. Palatable and comforting are the words for this simple dish. Whether an after-work tinkle like the Princess Pandan or libations such as Lemongrass Cooler to complement the fare, you would find that even the drinks personify the spirit of Thailand seamlessly.

Krung Thap *Thai Cuisine *Casual Dining *Pork-free
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Nutmeg

BY AGNES AUI



Big Breakfast

Gaia Rooftop

BY AGNES AUI



Creamy Carbonara Spaghetti

Situated in Bangsar Village II is Nutmeg, a contemporary cafe that’s the perfect weekend brunch haven for food adventurers who are always looking for new places to visit. Featuring a laid-back atmosphere alongside great food, a trip to Nutmeg will leave you wanting more.

It’s recommended that you try the big breakfast here, which allows you to customise it to your liking. The dish consists of two eggs cooked in your choice of style, roasted garlic tomatoes, confit mushrooms, lamb or chicken house-made sausage, house-cured salmon or salt beef or beef bacon, hash potatoes or fried mac and cheese, and toasted brioche or sourdough.

If you prefer something light and healthy, order the kefir smoothie bowl featuring house-made kefir, passionfruit, orange, pink guava, banana, oats, raisins and chia seeds topped with strawberry rosella, granola and almonds. For a sweet start to your day, try the Belgian waffles with four tasty topping sets to choose from.

However, heavy eaters can find solace in the entree section, with a wide variety of options like the nutmeg salmon platter, pan seared slow cooked chicken, salt beef and cauli broccoli and lamb burger. Some England favourites such as fish and chips, and a unique seafood banger and mash can also be found here. If that isn’t satisfying enough, get the lamb moussaka that’s a hearty lamb stew with roasted eggplant and sauteed vegetables.

Nutmeg *Western Cuisine *halal
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If you’ve been searching for a homey yet lively eatery to visit on your next trip to Kuala Lumpur, how about paying a visit to Gaia Rooftop? Situated in Chinatown, this rooftop eatery is part of a travellers’ guesthouse and serves some of the best comfort food of burgers, pizzas, pastas and more.

For lunch, try the carbonara pasta with your choice of english, hainan or devil (a spicy masala sauce) meatballs with your option of beef or chicken. The pasta also features turkey ham, egg and parmesan cheese caramelised with your choice of sauce alongside a bowl of mushroom soup. If carbonaras aren’t your thing, opt for the aglio olio pasta instead that also comes with a bowl of mushroom soup and green tea.

Pizzas are for sharing at Gaia Rooftop, and a lovely four cheese pizza featuring your choice of english, hainan or a special spicy masala sauce with green and red bell peppers alongside ground beef or chicken is one to order when visiting the eatery with a friend. The best thing is that each pizza comes with a bowl of chicken mushroom soup and truffle fries.

But if you’re thinking of just dropping by for a cup of beer and some snacks, then try the six-piece chicken boxing caramelised with your choice of sauce, truffle fries with parmesan cheese and truffle oil, or the six-piece deep fry chicken balls with mayonnaise.

Gaia Rooftop *Western Cuisine *pork-free
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Airport GCEO Speaks

A corporate leader with diverse experience, he is harnessing the latest technological advances to spur Malaysia Airports to greater heights as a smart aviation regional hub.

This month, Dato' Mohd Shukrie Mohd Salleh shares how the airport operator is ever prepared to deal with all eventualities, including the annual Northeast monsoon alongside its efforts to upgrade the facilities at and around the KL International Airport (KLIA) amidst the ongoing coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.



As a responsible airport operator and caring host, we have been doing extensive preparation in terms of flood mitigation measures at our seven airports in Kuala Terengganu, Kota Bharu, Kuantan, Ipoh, Alor Setar, Penang and Kota Kinabalu, which are likely to be affected by the monsoon season that falls between November and March.

We recently completed the installation of a portable submersible water pump and generator at the Sultan Mahmud Airport in Terengganu to complement its two existing pump houses and to steer excess water into the sea. Although this airport has not been affected by floods before, we believe in taking extra precautions to ensure that its essential services for our valued guests are not compromised.

These efforts are part of our airport customised Flood Emergency Response Plan, where we have also ensured that our airports' drainage system is clear of debris and blockage for excess water to easily flow out from its premise.

Meanwhile, we have also made sure that the drive to KL International Airport (KLIA) is brighter and safer as part of our ongoing enhancement of street lights within its vicinity and to ensure our guests have a seamless journey to and from the airport. This exercise, which started since last October, is almost near completion.

So far, 2,000 street light poles and railing light fittings along the main roads around our flagship airport have been rectified. Working closely with the Public Works Department, we will also be rectifying the wire and guard rails, resurfacing the roads and repainting line markings along these roads.

KLIA is also undergoing a major upgrading of its baggage handling system (BHS) using ultra-violet (UV) technology as it readies itself to serve a larger capacity more efficiently and when travel resumes to normalcy. Exploring new technologies and the latest global practices is part of our commitment to ensure a safe and smooth passenger journey.

The UV bulbs, installed in an enclosed tunnel within the BHS, disinfect the baggage

automatically as it passes through the conveyor system to the reclaim area. Using UV short wavelength, this technology has been proven to effectively eliminate surface contaminants such as mould, bacteria and other microbial biofilms. We are installing four UV tunnels to help mitigate the risk from infectious airborne microbial contaminants for both our passengers and staff responsible for baggage handling.

The latest statistics on our passenger movement last December for our Malaysia operations is a cause for celebration with seven new local flight routes boosting domestic traffic by three-fold compared to the month before, where we saw over a million passengers travelling domestically.

The spike in Covid-19 cases in the country and the recently announced imposition of tighter travel restrictions are expected to impact our passenger movements in the coming months. Nevertheless, I would like to reassure that we, at Malaysia Airports, are always ready and committed to maintain the highest levels of safety at our airports.



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On-track Preparation for Malaysia's Covid-19 Vaccination Rollout

The worst of the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic in Malaysia is far from over with the Movement Control Order (MCO) 2.0 now extended nationwide except for the state of Sarawak, which comes under Conditional MCO.

States like Kedah, Perak, Negeri Sembilan, Terengganu and Pahang have their MCO running from 22 January until 4 February while the rest had theirs from 13-26 January except for Kelantan, which was placed under MCO from 23-29 January.

Since last October, Malaysia has been in the third wave of the pandemic with the country breaching the 4,000 mark with 4,029 daily Covid-19 cases on 16 January. This was reached earlier than the mid-February timeline projected by the Health Ministry based on its epidemiological modelling.

Epidemiologist Datuk Dr Awang Bulgiba Awang Mahmud reportedly warns, "We need to institute steps that will prepare us for the next wave. If we do not do something about these issues, then the time we are buying with MCO 2.0 will be squandered again."

A week after the government's declaration of a state of emergency on 11 January, Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Mohd Yassin unveiled 22 initiatives under the RM15 billion PERMAI Assistance Package aimed at combating Covid-19, supporting business continuity and looking into the welfare of Malaysians.

Among the initiatives, the government has agreed to provide a special discount of 10% on electricity bills from January to March to hotel operators, theme parks, convention centres, shopping malls, local airline offices as well as travel and tour agencies to help cushion Covid-19's impact on these business sectors.



Status of vaccination programme

On the country's vaccination programme, Muhyiddin assures that is on-track. So far, the government has signed three agreements with vaccine manufacturers. Among them is the United States pharmaceutical group Pfizer, which will deliver 12.8 million doses of Covid-19 vaccines for 20% or 6.4 million of the population.

Under the preliminary purchasing agreement signed last November with Pfizer, Malaysia will receive a million doses in the first quarter of 2021 followed by 1.7 million doses the following quarter.

Another 5.8 million doses will be delivered in the third quarter and 4.3 million doses in the fourth quarter. Delivery of Malaysia's vaccine orders with other manufacturers are also staggered.

Hopefully, Malaysia will be able to receive its first batch of vaccines from Pfizer by end-February as mentioned in Muhyiddin's PERMAI speech on 18 January as AFP had reported a few days earlier Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine deliveries to Norway and Europe have been reduced while the company ramps up its production capacity.



According to the Prime Minister, Malaysia's vaccination programme, to be implemented in phases, will take over 12 months. "Malaysia is expected to meet its target of vaccinating more than 80% of its population or close to 27 million people by the first quarter of 2022."

A total of RM3 billion has been allocated for the National Immunisation Programme, with the first batch, comprising frontline workers from the healthcare and security sectors, expected to be vaccinated by early March.

To ensure effective implementation of Malaysia's vaccination programme, Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Khairy Jamaluddin, who co-chairs the Special Committee on Ensuring Access to Covid-19 Vaccine Supply, believes that Malaysia can learn from Singapore and Indonesia since they had already rolled out theirs.

Under this special committee are several smaller committees for the selection of the vaccine, communication, approvals, trade facilitation, finance and storage, logistics as well as transportation and the distribution of the supplies.

MABkargo's role

Malaysia Airlines Bhd's (MAB) main cargo arm, MAB Kargo Sdn Bhd (MABkargo), has been appointed the official cargo handler for the Covid-19 vaccine in Malaysia.

Given MABkargo's track record, aircraft capability, ground infrastructure, qualified personnel and network via commercial, charter or full freighter flights, MAB group chief executive officer Captain Izham Ismail

is confident also of MABkargo's ability to support other governments worldwide in the safe handling, transportation and distribution of the vaccine.

Apart from its three dedicated freighter aircraft, MABkargo also uses MAB's passenger aircraft belly, which can provide a temperature-controlled environment in its cargo holds that is suitable for vaccines that typically require beyond freezing point temperature packaging and handling.

Izham adds, "Our capabilities include aircraft unit load device containers which are specially designed for preservation of frozen products at their required temperatures.

"We also have ground operations which meet the requirements for the safe and secure handling of time and temperature-sensitive products and most importantly, trained personnel for the professional handling of the goods."

He says MABkargo has previously transported time and temperature-sensitive goods besides vaccines and medical products such as human organs and biological samples which require similar handling.

"We have worked closely with governments and non-governmental organisations to transport over 33,000 tonnes of medical equipment and disaster-relief provisions to impacted regions via 1,067 flights using passenger-to-cargo aircraft and cargo in cabin."

Understandably, other industry players such as the Pos Aviation Sdn Bhd will be supporting MABkargo in the vaccine distribution. According to an industry source, a lot would depend on how the logistics for the vaccine distribution will be handled, where the Health Ministry has decided its vaccine hub will be and the hub's readiness.

With regular scheduled commercial flights still down by 50% to 60% in most parts of the world, Aviation Week Network flight analyst and fleet forecaster Daniel Williams foresees the use of smaller feeder aircraft assisting in the vaccine distribution, particularly to the more remote destinations.

This could apply to Malaysia which has a large concentration of rural areas in Sabah and Sarawak. Williams anticipates distribution and logistical challenges for the cold chain delivery of the Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine which requires ultra-cold storage of minus 70 degrees Celsius.

He views the use of package or courier carriers and chartered flights for vaccine shipment as a boon for the aviation industry as they not only provide employment but will also help airlines earn some revenue stream.

He is also happy to note that package carriers have not been greatly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic due to the shift in demand towards online shopping. This is evident from the success of the recent Black Friday, Cyber Monday, Double 11 and 1212 online campaigns.



STARLUX Airlines Launches Inaugural Flight to KUL

Taiwan's newly founded airline STARLUX Airlines, with its very first flight to Penang, Malaysia on 23 January last year, officially launched its inaugural flight flying between Kuala Lumpur and Taipei on 5 January 2021.

STARLUX has been adjusting its schedule and choosing to open new routes to important business destinations in response to market demand during the pandemic. It strives to cater to the gradually recovering travel market, providing business and student travelers, as well as cargo customers safe and reliable service.

Outbound and inbound flights are scheduled twice weekly on Tuesdays and Fridays.

With regard to the newly added routes, STARLUX will continue safety precautions and measures to prevent Covid-19. These measures include full cabin and amenities cleaning and disinfection on every flight, cabin crew wearing disposable waterproof gowns, surgical masks, waterproof gloves and eye protection equipment.

Malaysia Airports, the operator of KL International Airport (KUL) welcomes STARLUX as the third airline flying the Taipei-Kuala Lumpur route. The new airline further enhances KUL's extensive connectivity of over 60 airlines serving more than 120 direct destinations. KUL continues to be diligent in the implementation of various safety measures to boost passenger confidence as air travel slowly returns to normalcy.

STARLUX airlines is positioned as a premium boutique airline. Its A321neo aircraft has 188 seats, including 8 in business class and 180 in economy class. Each seat in business class is equipped with a 15.6-inch 1080p inflight entertainment system screen and can transform into an 82-inch fully flat bed. Passengers sitting in economy class can stretch out with a generous 31-inches of legroom and enjoy a personal entertainment system featuring a 10.1-inch 720p screen, which is the first on narrow-body aircraft in Taiwan.



The business class meals are specially prepared by the one-star Michelin Taiwanese restaurant - Longtail, while economy class features Taiwan-based meat brand "Hutong Roasted Meat" to create luxurious roasted meat with rice. There is also the one and only signature "Home in the air" cabin fragrance.

With its hub at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, STARLUX Airlines now flies to Macau, Penang, Bangkok, Osaka, Tokyo and Kuala Lumpur. The airline initially operates routes in Southeast Asia and Northeast Asia and will gradually develop its trans-oceanic routes to North America starting in 2022, growing steadily toward becoming one of the world's leading airlines.

For more information, please visit www.starlux-airlines.com

Malaysia Airlines Launches New Online Platform

Malaysia Airlines' frequent flyer programme Enrich is pleased to announce the launch of Enrich's new online shopping platform called Enrich Shoppe on 12 January 2021. Powered by RebateMango, Enrich Shoppe provides a fun, easy and quick way for Enrich members in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Philippines to earn Enrich Miles for purchases from over 500 famous e-commerce brands such as Tumi, Sephora, Michael Kors, Watsons, JD Sports, Uniqlo, Cotton On, and many more.

This partnership adds significant value and provides convenience for Enrich members to instantly earn up to 10X Enrich Miles earned for every USD1 spent on Enrich Shoppe. These acquired Enrich Miles can be utilised to redeem for flights, hotel stays via Enrich Hotels and Temptations' inflight duty-free products, as well as a variety of lifestyle vouchers, exclusive dining vouchers or add more comfort to their next travel by redeeming them for seat upgrades and Golden Lounge Access.

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Online shopping has become the better alternative these days, especially now in light of the current restrictions and the second phase of the movement control order in Malaysia, hence we embarked on this collaboration with RebateMango to meet customers' preferences. This partnership is a great opportunity for customers to enjoy a safe and seamless shopping experience with their favourite brands from the comfort of home and to be rewarded with Enrich Miles for the four million Enrich members when they shop with Enrich Shoppe. As we continue to provide more options and flexibility to earn Enrich Miles, we believe this latest addition will be rewarding for our members. If you are not a member yet, sign up as an Enrich member now which is absolutely free of charge to start enjoying many exclusive benefits by Enrich!

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LAU YIN MAY
Group Chief Marketing and
Customer Experience Officer
Malaysia Airlines

Paul Koh, the co-founder of RebateMango said, "Once again, we are able to integrate a valuable partner in the rewards space and enhance their offering to members in a cost-effective and non-tech-heavy way. We are delighted to launch with Malaysia Airlines and look forward to their members being able to earn more Enrich Miles whenever they shop online!"

RebateMango has already seen success in its standalone B2C platform, which currently is live in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Philippines, with plans to expand further. Members of the RebateMango platform can choose from a choice of rewards such as cashback, air miles and points from some of the most popular brands. This reward choice is unique and is a significant differentiator to other platforms in this region.

The integration that RebateMango offers to partners does not only provide them with scale in-retailer offerings but also significant cost-savings in human resources to manage an online shopping platform. A key value proposition of RebateMango's Retailer API is the B2C platform that RebateMango already runs. This sets them apart from other loyalty providers who may not provide primary customer service support, retailer offers management or transactional rewards calculations. The integration is simple, and the solution also allows the partner to focus on what really matters, which is ancillary revenue.

To celebrate the launch, Enrich members may look forward to earning Double Enrich Miles from 8 January to 28 February 2021. Members can start shopping from their preferred online stores at Enrich Shoppe and then log in to their Enrich account to get automatically rewarded.

For more information, please visit www.malaysiaairlines.com/enrichshoppe





China Airlines Sets 777F in New Era of Cargo Operations

China Airlines celebrated its 61st anniversary recently on 16 December 2020 with its first Boeing 777F ready to enter service. The new 777F twin-engine freighters being introduced by China Airlines will bring greater performance and fuel efficiency to the carrier's freighter fleet, paving the way for the launch of next-generation air cargo services in the post-pandemic era.

China Airlines Chairman Su-chien Hsieh said that the freighter fleet played a crucial role as the Covid-19 pandemic brought the global airline industry almost to a standstill. The carrier not only put all 18 of its 747-400 freighters into service but also increased weekly freighter flights by 20%. It also put the belly hold of its passenger aircraft to good use and pioneered the use of passenger cabins for carrying cargo.

Cargo revenues between January and November in 2020 were increased by 83% over the same period in 2019 as a result, becoming a lifeline for China Airlines during these trying times.

Hsieh also noted that the six 777F on order are slated to be delivered between 2020 and 2023. The first 777F arrived in Taiwan on December 1 and a further two will be delivered before the end of January 2021. The three 777F will give China Airlines Cargo Services an edge over the competition.

The fleet of 21 freighters will pave the way for a new generation of air cargo services for the airline in the post-pandemic era. The demand for freighter aircraft from vaccine transport and the general freight market should help boost cash flow for China Airlines Cargo Services.

The first China Airlines 777F has the aircraft number B-18771, an aircraft number of a 747F retired in 2004 which symbolizes the passing of the baton between generations. The new freighter will carry on China Airlines' legacy of being the sixth largest air cargo carrier in the world and will take the airline to even greater heights. To give the new fleet its own distinctive look, an all-new livery was developed that retains "CARGO" in corporate colors and carries on the China Airlines spirit through the plum blossom. The freighter will soon be assigned to operate freight routes in Asia and North America as soon as it has completed its preparation and validation.

The 777F features twin engines that translate into 20% lower fuel consumption and a range longer than the 747F. It can therefore be flown on trans-Pacific routes with fewer payload restrictions and better hold utilisation. The aircraft is equipped with fully temperature-controlled cargo holds and the main cargo hold can be fitted with cargo pallet restraint systems used for carrying semiconductor machinery and engines. China Airlines is the first carrier in Taiwan to be certified by the IATA Center of Excellence for Independent Validators in Pharmaceutical Logistics (CEIV Pharma) for temperature-controlled cold chain logistics.

For more information, please visit www.china-airlines.com

Emirates Launches its New A380 with Premium Economy to London

Emirates has announced on 3 January 2021 that it will deploy its latest flagship A380 aircraft featuring new premium economy seats and luxurious enhancements across all cabins to London Heathrow.

Starting from 4 January, passengers flying between Dubai and London Heathrow can experience Emirates' latest A380. Operating as EK003/004, the aircraft is scheduled to depart Dubai daily at 14:30hrs, arriving at 18:20hrs in London Heathrow. The return flight departs London at 20:20hrs and arrives in Dubai the next day at 07:20hrs.

Emirates unveiled its latest A380 with brand new premium economy seats that offer a generous seat pitch of up to 40 inches, in addition to new economy class seats similar to those installed on its latest Boeing 777-300ER game changer aircraft. Enhancements to its popular A380 First and Business Class including its signature Shower Spa and

Onboard Lounge, and refreshed colours and fittings across all cabins.

Until more Premium Economy seats enter its inventory, the airline intends to offer these as spot upgrades for its valued customers on a discretionary basis. All other signature Emirates A380 First, Business and Economy cabins are available for reservation on emirates.com or via travel agents.

The airline has safely and gradually restored its network over the past months, bringing back signature experiences onboard and on the ground with comprehensive measures in place for the health and safety of its customers and employees.

Emirates currently serves London Heathrow with 5 daily flights of which 4 are operated with an A380. The airline also operates 10 flights a week to Manchester, and daily flights to both Birmingham and Glasgow.



Emirates serves 99 cities across the world, offering travellers convenient access to Dubai and onwards to popular destinations in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.

For more information, please visit www.emirates.com





Amadeus and Star Alliance Unite to Make Touchless Travel More Accessible

At a time when it is crucial to reduce new travel frictions caused by responses to Covid-19, and to increase traveler confidence, Amadeus and Star Alliance announced on 14 December 2020, a milestone partnership that will allow travelers enrolled in Star Alliance Biometrics or in Amadeus Traveler ID the benefit of accessing a growing number of airports where identity verification can be utilised during their journey. By joining forces, Amadeus and Star Alliance are creating a more global, frictionless, and touchless journey for the millions of frequent flyers enrolled in the respective programs of its member airlines.

Star Alliance Biometrics allows passengers to pass through curb-to-gate touchpoints within airports, such as check-in kiosks, bag-drop, and boarding gates, which traditionally require both passport and boarding pass, by using a secure identity management solution featuring facial recognition technology, allowing for a touchless experience at airports, an important safety feature in times of Covid-19.

At the same time, Amadeus' secure and agnostic identity data exchange and verification solution, Traveler ID, enables a simplified experience across the entire travel chain by connecting a passenger's digital ID to any online and biometric portal at opportune moments of the traveler journey. In the future, these passengers will be able to use their Traveler ID to also access existing or new airports that have implemented the Star Alliance Biometrics solution.

In both programs, travelers consent to share their biometric data with the stakeholders of their choice in full accordance with data privacy regulations.

"The best part of this trustful partnership is how we are building upon our individual strengths and working together to deliver a more seamless and safe travel experience," said Christian Draeger, Vice President Customer Experience, Star Alliance. "It increases our operational ability by speeding up airport processes and immediately benefits those who have already enrolled in our program. Through collaboration between the Star Alliance Biometrics and Amadeus Traveler ID solutions, we have a winning proposition that will encompass all aspects of the customer journey."

"The Traveler ID solution is agnostic, meaning that all types of travel companies can work with us for a variety of digital identity needs, from enrolling travelers, to organising the collaboration of multiple providers to orchestrate the end-to-end identity verification process. Ultimately, our objective with Traveler ID is to help the industry deploy frictionless travel throughout the whole passenger journey. We can only achieve this through collaboration with travel industry partners, which is why we are so pleased to work with Star Alliance to bring this vision to life," added Monika Wiederhold, EVP Airlines Central & Eastern Europe, Amadeus.

Qantas and Japan Airlines to Form Joint Business to Drive Tourism Recovery



Qantas and Japan Airlines (JAL) announced on 23 December 2020 plans to form a new joint business, designed to better serve customers travelling between Australia, New Zealand and Japan and support the tourism industry's recovery when international flying resumes.

The airlines have submitted an application for authorisation to regulators in Australia and New Zealand, with a decision expected within six months. Subject to this regulatory approval, it is anticipated that the joint business would commence operations around July 2021, when Qantas has said it expects its international network to gradually restart.

Under the proposed five-year agreement, the airlines would deliver substantial benefits for customers and help accelerate the recovery of the tourism, trade and corporate travel links between Australia and Japan, including an expanded codeshare relationship and optimised schedules on flights between Australia and New Zealand and Japan, opening up more connections to more destinations beyond the major city gateways. Qantas customers would have access to 14

new codeshare destinations in Japan and JAL customers would have access to 15 new codeshare destinations in Australia and New Zealand.

In addition to the enhanced frequent flyer benefits, Qantas and JAL customers will enjoy higher Qantas points and JAL miles on routes under the joint business as well as the choice to upgrade using points or miles on each airlines' other services. The joint business also includes more premium travel opportunities, with Qantas able to offer customers a greater number of Business and Premium Economy seats on flights operated by JAL.

Qantas Group CEO Alan Joyce said the joint business would play a vital role in reviving trade links with the world's third largest economy and deliver significant benefits for customers travelling between Australia and Japan.

"Around half a million people visited Australia from Japan in 2019. We want to see that tourism resume and grow even further by making it easier for Japanese travellers to visit," said Joyce.

The joint business means we'll be able to build on our existing relationship with JAL through **oneworld** to offer more routes, better flight connections and more benefits to frequent flyers. It also helps us diversify our portfolio of joint businesses amongst Australia's key trading partners. It will be a win for our customers, a win for trade and a win for the one million people who work in tourism across Australia.

ALAN JOYCE

Group Chief Executive Officer, Qantas

Japan Airlines President Yuji Akasaka added: "For over 50 years, JAL and Qantas have operated flights between Japan and Australia, demonstrating our mutual commitment to support and strengthen the diplomatic relationship built by the two countries.

"We believe that a joint business with Qantas will make for a quicker recovery between both countries with the ability to expand connectivity within each carrier's respective domestic network, providing more customer choice and travel growth opportunities."



Air New Zealand to Begin Quarantine-Free Flights to Brisbane

Air New Zealand announced recently that it will operate its first quarantine-free flight from Auckland to Brisbane. Passengers travelling on this flight will not be required to quarantine on arrival in Brisbane. Before customers travel to Australia, they are required to complete the Australia Travel Declaration form stating they have been in New Zealand the preceding 14 days.

Air New Zealand Chief Customer and Sales Officer Leanne Geraghty says flight NZ147 will depart Auckland at 7:40am with passengers on board not required to quarantine on arrival in Brisbane.

"Flights from Auckland to Brisbane will operate similarly to the flights we have been operating to Sydney and Melbourne – with quarantine-free flights for people whose travel originates in New Zealand, and quarantine flights for people who do not meet the Safe Travel Zone criteria and are required to quarantine on arrival in Australia.

"Our teams have been working closely with authorities in Australia to ensure all agencies are satisfied that processes are in place to confidently accept quarantine-free flights, and we thank customers for their patience while we've worked with various agencies in Australia to ensure we can keep everyone safe.

"We currently operate five return flights per week between Auckland and Brisbane. Three of these services will be quarantine-free flights, while the remaining two will be quarantine flights. Quarantine flights are not able to be booked by people beginning their journey in New Zealand."

Air New Zealand will directly contact customers if their booking is affected by these changes. Customers who booked via a travel agent (including online travel agents) will be contacted by their booking agent.

Passengers planning to travel interstate beyond Queensland will need to ensure they have checked state and territory travel restrictions and have the appropriate exemptions/approvals to travel as these continue to change.

This is a one-way arrangement and those returning to New Zealand will still need to quarantine for 14 days on return, provide payment for quarantine and register their managed isolation accommodation requirements via the New Zealand Government's Managed Isolation and Quarantine website.

For more information about Air New Zealand, please call 03 – 2715 5020 or email airnz@discover-kul.com



SAUDIA Receives Diamond Status for Health Safety

Saudi Arabian Airlines (SAUDIA), the national flag carrier of Saudi Arabia has been awarded the Diamond status by APEX Health Safety (powered by SimpliFlying) for the airline's efforts in ensuring the highest standards of cleanliness and sanitation across its operations on 13 Jan 2021.

The APEX Diamond Status from the Airline Passenger Experience Association (APEX) is an accolade which recognises industry leadership and stewardship in ensuring that the airline is deploying stringent measures in safety and protection from Covid-19.

Speaking about the latest award presented to SAUDIA, Chief Executive Officer Captain Ibrahim S. Koshy said: "SAUDIA places the safety of its guests and team members with highest importance and is committed to exemplary, rigorous sanitisation protocols for every step of the journey."

Captain Koshy continued: "Safety is paramount. Our team is dedicated to

excellence and is ready to provide SAUDIA's signature hospitable service onboard while following the coronavirus safety measures which the airline has instituted."

"SAUDIA's rise to become a 2021 APEX Five Star airline has now been further advanced by reaching the pinnacle Diamond-level of hospital-grade health safety for the wellbeing of every customer," APEX CEO Dr. Joe Leader stated.

"With APEX's 42-years serving as a global non-profit dedicated entirely to advancing airline passenger experience, SAUDIA's commitment to customer care has never shined as brightly as proven now by SimpliFlying exhaustive, scientifically-based review. SAUDIA has raised the bar for health safety standards in the industry by initiatives such as the brand partnership with Dettol and sanitisation of lavatories after each use. Taking such hospital-grade in ensuring health safety goes a long way in bolstering trust among travellers," said Shashank Nigam, CEO of SimpliFlying.

SAUDIA's health and safety protocols include the following:

Digital boarding passes: All guests flying with SAUDIA are required to display a digital boarding pass at check in and boarding counters.

Full sterilisation after every flight: SAUDIA utilises UVC ultraviolet rays to sterilise its aircraft seats, to provide all means of safety and prevention for its guests and employees. New technology works by launching ultraviolet rays to sterilise cabin surfaces within ten minutes, in a fully medium-sized cabin. UVC sanitising protocols are in full effect after every flight.

Employee testing and kits: SAUDIA screens all frontline staff and cabin crew members prior to each flight. The airline's cabin crew wear full PPE kits onboard, which includes disposable gloves; face masks; eye shield/goggle; and medical gown.

Social Distancing onboard: Cabin Crew and check-in team members are mindful to maintain social distancing at all the time with other Crew Members, Ground Staff and guests.

Personal Kits: All guests flying with SAUDIA receive a Dettol hygiene kit for comfort throughout their journey.

Onboard cuisine: All food and beverages distributed onboard are sealed. Cutlery and plate ware is all disposable and is presented to passengers within a safety packet.

In recent years the airline has invested significantly in its fleet of 144 narrow and widebody aircraft and operates one of the youngest fleets in the skies, with an average aircraft age of 5 years. The airline route network includes more than 95 destinations across four continents to all 28 domestic airports in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

For more information, please visit www.saudia.com or call 03 – 2166 4488

“Aviation Interview with Mohamad Asif Abd Talib

Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Pos Aviation Sdn Bhd

Mohamad Asif's love for airplanes has drawn him into the aviation industry. He holds a degree in aerospace engineering and has over 20 years of experience with various industry portfolios under his belt. He joined Pos Aviation in December 2020 as Chief Operating Officer and was appointed as Acting CEO on 1 January 2021 following the retirement of former Pos Aviation CEO Woo Kam Weng.

What are some of the milestones in your career path leading to your current position?

My career started in leading the Malaysia Airline System's (MAS) ground support equipment before moving up to ground handling management, where I was tasked in purchasing and selling ground equipment to various airlines. Following which, an overseas assignment in Beijing as a business analyst developed my decision-making abilities, where skills in decision making based on data analysis were acquired. This skill has been very useful during my career especially at the management level.

As I progressed as the national carrier's vice president of Restructuring Management Office, I was involved in the restructuring and transition of MAS to Malaysia Airlines Bhd (MAB). I was then appointed as the Head of Aircraft Services for MAB's subsidiary, which specialised in ground handling services. My subsequent exposure to the airline's operations has changed my logical and structural thinking as an engineer, thus equipping me with the ability to strategise beyond engineering at any given situation.



Under your leadership, how do you plan to steer Pos Aviation as it navigates through this unprecedented novel coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic?

The pandemic has driven us to review our operations and explore alternative measures to conduct the business in this new environment and to cater to evolving customer needs and marketplace. The way forward is total efficiency and productivity while focusing on excellent customer service as the catalyst for further business growth.

Since the onset of the pandemic, we have been constantly monitoring and evolving the business to adapt to the current changes such as the shift in consumer behaviour, enabling us to tap into the growing demand of ecommerce through offering ecommerce solutions within the country and the Asia Pacific region. The services include providing our expertise in warehouse management to e-commerce players and offering our warehouses as their regional distribution hub. We are also increasing efficiency and proficiency through upskilling of our employees, including those from the ground handling services.

Digital transformation is said to be Pos Aviation's new norm. Please elaborate.

Pos Aviation will leverage on automation to swiftly resolve or eliminate issues to facilitate a smooth flying experience for airlines, couriers and travellers alike. Examples include web check-in and baggage drops. Automation has improved our operational processes by reducing risks, minimising errors and expediting transactions via proximity sensors that minimises physical touch.

Furthermore, the use of tracking devices optimises resource allocation and robotics technology helps us to enhance loading capabilities. Thanks to resilient teamwork shown by our employees, customer service remains our winning point. Although technology has enhanced our above the wing processes and made them efficient, there is always room for improvement. For instance, we are also looking at investing in technology

for below the wing services, especially ground support services.

As an independent ground handling company, how many commercial airlines does it currently serves?

We serve 56 airlines, including chartered flights. Our services include ground handling, cargo handling, aircraft maintenance and engineering, inflight catering, ecommerce and more.

What was the total cargo handled in 2020 and its contribution to the company's total business revenue?

The pandemic has been a push factor for cargo movements, resulting in much higher tonnage handling systemwide last year compared to 2019. Our cargo division contributed 44% to our total revenue in 2020.

How do you view the rather resilient cargo handling business amidst the pandemic?

With the increasing focus on aviation cargo, we intend to build a strong team that could quickly adapt to the changing business landscape. As airlines convert their passenger aircraft to carry more cargo, the processes inside cargo warehouses will require a quick turnaround time. Hence, we are currently exploring ways in training our staff to support this efficiently.

How has Pos Aviation's inflight meals production been disrupted by Covid-19 with so many flight services grounded over the past year?

Our inflight meal delivery to KL International Airport last year dropped more than 70% compared to 2019 due to the closure of international borders. However, we managed to source for new contracts to provide crew meals to freighters and repatriation flights. We are also looking at penetrating sectors previously dominated by our competitors via strategic partnerships and promoting new products like eat-before-you fly and pre-sealed snack bags for passengers. Besides re-evaluating our processes, we will also explore alternative markets beyond the aviation industry.

Pos Aviation entered into a strategic alliance last year with SIA Engineering Co Ltd (SIAEC) to strengthen its maintenance, repair and overhaul services. Kindly update its progress.

The progress is going well. We have recently reinitiated our discussion with SIAEC, which has a proven track record and a large customer base, which would enable access to new markets and growth beyond Malaysia. Our engineers and technicians will also benefit from the exchange of knowledge and technology.

Logistics represents an important component of Pos Aviation, which is part of the Pos Malaysia Group. What are the synergistic benefits?

The synergy offers integrated logistics support for both Malaysia and the region, making us a strong force in air cargo logistics, enabling us to grow e-commerce through our collaboration with Alibaba's subsidiary Lazada, Shopee Singapore and Thai-owned Pomelo Malaysia.

As a cargo terminal operator, we facilitate ground handling and customs clearance by leveraging on our group's Pos ACE, Pos Logistics and Pos Malaysia for the last mile delivery. With the tremendous growth potential, our 486,000 sq ft KACT1 warehouse, would provide us the advantage to develop another warehouse at our present 150,000 sq ft car park.

What is Pos Aviation's current staff force?

We have 2,352 employees across nine airports nationwide: Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Langkawi, Kota Kinabalu, Kuching, Ipoh, Kota Bahru, Kuantan and Miri. They are ready and equipped with multiple skills to meet the needs of our customers, especially when flight movements are gradually restored.

Work apart, how do you unwind?

I like to spend an hour on certain mornings for a quick round of tennis or a few laps in the swimming pool. I also indulged in a massage chair recently to help me relax. Apart from that, I also believe in taking short breaks or power naps for a quick recharge.



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DESTINATION: DISCOVERING MELAKA

Malaysia’s Historical City

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



Melaka — the oldest state along the Straits of Melaka earned its famed spot in Asia and the world for being a successful entrepôt during the reign of the Melaka sultanate. This city is shrouded in rich history, culture and a melange of places of interest as well as food. Merely a one and half hour drive away from Kuala Lumpur, this UNESCO Heritage Site has so much to offer and awaits your discovery.

SAUNTER AROUND STADTHUYS
Easily identifiable through its terracotta-red hue and clocktower, the Stadthuys is a well-maintained historical building built by the Dutch in 1650 during their reign. It’s perceived to be the oldest surviving Dutch building in the East and evidence of Melaka’s rich history. It’s architecturally mesmerising, displaying typical features of Dutch colonial architecture with massive walls, louvred windows and chunky doors with wrought-iron hinges. The Stadthuys was converted into a museum in 1982, showcasing the Melakan customs and traditions and rich history, spanning the Malay Sultanate, to the Portuguese, Dutch and British occupancy.

VISIT THE HARMONY STREET
Harmony Street is so dubbed because it’s a reflection of harmony, having a number of places of worship belonging to the major religions in Malaysia, along the same street. They are the Kampung Kling Mosque, Sri Poyyatha Vinayagar Moorthi Temple and Cheng Hoon Teng Temple.

WALK ALONG THE MELAKA RIVER
Now cleaned, well lit and its surrounding buildings embellished in vibrant murals, evenings call for a walk by the river, taking in its beauty and the ripples made by the passing boats, the birds clamouring and the distant flurry of activity at Jonker Street. You can also sit by one of the cafes set up along the river for dinner or simply to bask in the ambience.

INDULGE IN TRADITIONAL PERANAKAN DISHES
The impact of Melaka being an entrepôt back in its heydays resulted in the birth of many cultures, one of them being Peranakan or Baba Nyonya. This is essentially characterised by the hybridisation of ancient Chinese culture with the local cultures of the Nusantara region, the result of a centuries-long history of transculturation and interracial marriage. One might say that their cuisine is as distinct as its culture, blending Chinese ingredients with various distinct spices and cooking techniques used by the Malay/Indonesian community. Manis J and Peranakan Place

are great places to allow your palate on a gastronomic voyage with dishes such as the Pie Tee, Ayam Buah Keluak, Nyonya Laksa and Cendol to name a few.

TAKE PICTURES AT THE DERELICTS OF A FAMOSA FORT AND ST. PAUL’S CHURCH
Walk off the delicious Peranakan food by taking a stroll up St. Paul’s Hill where a former Portuguese church turned lighthouse stands — the St. Paul’s Church. Built in 1521 by a Portuguese nobleman, Duarte Coelho as an act of gratitude following his escape from a storm in the South China Sea, the St. Paul’s Church is considered to be the oldest church building in Southeast Asia and a great remnant of the colonial era. Whip out your phones for pictures and proceed downwards to the what’s left of the A Famosa fort. Built in 1511, the settlement used to sprawl across a whole hillside, housing an entire Portuguese administration including hospital, churches, stockades and towers. However, due to neglect, now only a lone gate (Porta de Santiago) remains. It’s worth more than a picture because it’s one of the oldest surviving European architectural remaining in Asia.



DISCOVER THE HISTORY OF MELAKA AT THE MELAKA SULTANATE PALACE MUSEUM
The Melaka Sultanate Palace Museum is a vision of Malay architecture, a modern reimagination of Sultan Mansur Shah’s Istana (royal palace), a structure built in 1465 and destroyed in 1511 by attacking Portuguese forces. The vast complex houses approximately 1,350 artefacts, prints, photographs and drawings detailing the

history of the Malaccan Malay Sultanate and cultural heritage. An educational visit that every Malaysia should take, this three-storey museum is divided into eight chambers where you can witness a variety of weaponry, decorative arts, traditional costumes, brassware, jewellery and more. In addition, there are three galleries depicting famous legends through dioramas, including the famous clash between legendary Malaccan warriors Hang Tuah and Hang Jebat.



FASHION & BEAUTY NEWS

All the must-knows and must-haves of the month

BY AGNES AUI



GO BIG

Drunk Elephant is starting out the year big, with a limited edition jumbo-sized Protini Polypeptide Cream. This cult favourite has long been in every beauty enthusiast's skincare routine and this year, beauty fans are able to get double the amount of nutritious protein and moisture for their skin. Formulated at an ideal pH of 4.0, this breakthrough protein moisturiser combines an unprecedented concentration of signal peptides, growth factors, supportive amino acids, and pygmy waterlily that helps with immediate improvement in the appearance of skin's tone, texture, and firmness. The formula restores younger and revived-looking skin, while reducing lines, wrinkles and signs of sun damage. The Protini Polypeptide Cream is also 100% free of essential oils, silicones, and fragrances, as well as being vegan and cruelty-free, making it the ideal product for conscious users.

www.drunkelephant.com

QIPAO STYLE

Ushering in this year's Chinese Lunar New Year, designer Khoon Hooi is presenting the Qipao 2021 collection. The upbeat bespoke collection features Ching, an elegant Mandarin collar A-line coat dress in sumptuous peony brocade with round yoke and cuffs in contrasting jacquard brocade, underlined with fuchsia satin piping. The Han is a cap-sleeve Qipao in painterly-rich brocade with double sided round of the number eight in Mandarin, elegantly finished with side slits fastened with gold frog buttons, while the Huan is a short puff-sleeve dress featuring a raised collar and fitted bodice in mandarin taffeta attached to signature box-pleat floral brocade skirt with wide Chinese mystic knot buckle velvet belt. The Wen is a two-piece ensemble of a cap sleeve cropped top in lilac blister brocade paired with a sunray-pleated long skirt in a printed brocade. Meanwhile, the Yan is a modern Qipao dress in fuchsia blister brocade with short pleated bell sleeves and round front fastened with ornamental buttons.

www.khoonhooi.com



AUSPICIOUS RED

This Chinese New Year, Gucci is presenting the limited edition Rouge a Levres Satin collection featuring a trio of red lipsticks in an exclusive packaging, alongside a brand new shade to usher in the auspicious occasion. Inspired by vintage makeup tubes, the limited edition red packaging is etched with a decorative pattern drawn by creative director Alessandro Michele. The Emmy Red (513) is the brand new warm red that represents luck, joy and happiness and is a limited-edition hue designed specifically for Chinese New Year. The emblematic red shade, Goldie Red (25*), is inspired by legendary Hollywood character Goldie and the starred 25 is a reference to the Creative Director's lucky number. Janet Rust (505) is a rusty red shade that expresses sensuality and charm, ideal for evening wear. Each lipstick is creamy with intense and vibrant colour, offering a long-lasting and perfect satin finish.

www.gucci.com



YEAR OF THE OX

This year, Piaget is celebrating Chinese New Year and the Year of the Ox with a special edition of its ultra-thin Altiplano timepiece with a grand-feu cloisonne dial featuring an ox. To honour this strong and dependable zodiac animal, Piaget has immortalised the ox on the dial of one of its most iconic timepieces, the Altiplano, using grand-feu cloisonne enamel. This 4000-year-old decorative art starts with a transfer of the design onto the surface of the dial using gold ribbons to create miniature partitions, or cloisons, in which the different enamel pigments are placed. This ultra-thin 38mm timepiece comes in an 18-karat white gold case adorned with 78 brilliant-cut diamonds and is powered by the brand's exceptional 430P hand-wound movement that measures a mere 2.1mm in thickness. It is paired with an elegant black leather strap that is fitted with an 18-karat white gold pin buckle.

www.piaget.com



SMOOTH SKIN

Start fresh this 2021 with L'Occitane's ultimate best sellers in stunning and luxurious limited edition packaging, highlighting products that help smooth skin for a smoother year ahead for all. The Immortelle Reset Oil-In Serum comes packaged in a limited edition fiery red bottle that fades off to a bright yellow. The product is infused with marjoram, acmella oleracea and immortelle essential oil extract, this powerful antioxidant reactivates skin to boost skin's radiance. The Shea Butter Trio Hand Cream also comes in a limited edition Year of the Ox packaging and is enriched with shea butter, blend of almond, honey and coconut oil that are sure to keep your skin nourished and smooth with no oily traces. The limited edition Almond Shower Oil gently cleanses and hydrates your skin in a luxurious, fragrant and spa-like shower sensation leaving your skin nourished, softer and smoother. It also comes encased in a stunning yellow bottle with red streaks and a rugged Ox icon.

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LEGENDARY

Zenith is bringing back one of the earliest and most emblematic El Primero-equipped chronographs from the earliest days of the revolutionary calibre in the form of a Chronomaster Revival model. Far more than just a vintage-inspired creation, the Chronomaster Revival A385 is an actual reproduction of the original model from 1969. Using the original blueprints and production plans, each part of the A385's 37mm tonneau-shaped stainless steel case, including the pump-style pushers, is faithful to the original 1969 model. Keeping with the retro theme, the Chronomaster Revival A385 is available in two options. The first is the steel "ladder" bracelet, a modern remake of the Gay Frères bracelets that became emblematic of the early El Primero watches. The second option is a light brown calf leather strap that will develop a unique patina with wear and time.

www.zenith-watches.com

CLEAN IT UP

Cleansers for different types of skin

BY AGNES AUI



1. FRESH SEABERRY SKIN NUTRITION CLEANSING OIL

This cleansing oil This cleansing oil features seabuckthorn oil, a powerful antioxidant that's rich in omegas that help to revitalise and protect the skin. Ideal for those with combination skin type, this cleanser will help maintain natural moisture levels for an overall radiant complexion.

RM197

2. LA MER THE CLEANSING MICELLAR WATER

This rinseless and waterproof makeup remover is light, fresh and ideal for those with combination skin. Formulated without parabens, phthalates and sulfates, this cleanser sweeps away dirt in one easy step.

RM385

3. TATCHA PURE ONE STEP CAMELLIA CLEANSING OIL

Designed to tackle dryness and reduce the appearance of fine lines, this two-in-one makeup remover and cleanser is perfect for people with dry or sensitive skin as it battles impurities with gentle camellia oil.

RM205

4. ESTÉE LAUDER ADVANCED NIGHT MICRO CLEANSING BALM

This lightweight cleansing balm is suitable for those with dry or normal skin types. As you massage it over your skin, it melts into a silky cleansing oil before transforming into a milky emulsion when mixed with water, allowing for easy rinse.

RM205

5. DERMALOGICA CLEAR START BREAKOUT CLEARING FOAMING WASH

Those suffering from oily skin and acne will find this foaming cleanser helpful. This gentle yet effective face wash is highly proficient at clearing away dead skin cells, dirt and excess oil. It is also known for unclogging pores while helping to soothe the skin at the same time.

RM105

6. SK-II FACIAL TREATMENT GENTLE CLEANSER

Perfect for those with dry skin, this cleanser is infused with pitera and white willow extract, and cleanses impurities around and inside your pores. Featuring a natural rose scent, this cleanser makes your skin appear dewy and smooth.

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THE LUXE REPORT

BY AGNES AUI



LG Introduces the Transparent TV

LG Display has announced the brand-new Transparent OLED applications to be showcased at the upcoming all-digital CES 2021. The company has applied its cutting-edge transparent OLED displays to objects and situations that people encounter on a daily basis, thereby presenting an upgraded lifestyle of the future. Among the concepts is the 'Smart Bed' featuring a frame that houses a 55-inch OLED display that can be moved to the foot of a bed. The other concept is the 'Restaurant Zone', where a sushi bar can utilise the Transparent display to deliver information. LG Display will additionally demonstrate how the company's 55-inch Transparent OLED display can be applied to a subway train in a Metro Zone. While on board a virtual train carriage, passengers may look outside through the transparent display that has replaced a traditional window.



Aman Nai Lert Bangkok Debuts

Aman has signed a long-term partnership with Nai Lert Park Development to manage Aman Nai Lert Bangkok, comprising branded residences and a luxury hotel debuting in 2023. With uninterrupted views of Nai Lert Park and the Bangkok skyline, the residences will be limited in numbers with no more than 50 units split across 18 floors. Residents and their guests will have access to several exclusive residents-only facilities. These will include a private dining room and lounge serviced by its own dedicated chefs, a garden lounge with a library and business centre opening directly onto Nai Lert Park, and a private infinity swimming pool on the 30th floor. A private Aman Fitness Centre and Yoga/Pilates Studio will be for the exclusive use of residents and their guests, who will also enjoy preferential access to the hotel's comprehensive Holistic Wellness Centre and all its facilities.

Grand Hyatt Jeju Debuts as Largest Hyatt Hotel in Asia Pacific

Hyatt Hotels Corporation has announced the opening of the 1,600-room Grand Hyatt Jeju in South Korea, the largest Hyatt hotel in Asia Pacific. Grand Hyatt Jeju is a 10-minute drive from Jeju International Airport, 15-minute drive from the port and cruise terminals, and within walking distance from shopping and culinary hotspots. Starting at 700 square feet, the spacious 1,600 rooms and suites feature floor-to-ceiling windows with breathtaking views of Halla Mountain – the highest mountain in South Korea. Each luxuriously appointed guest room features modern Korean art, equipped with a 75-inch flat-screen television, three-seater sofa, marble bathroom with a double vanity and island bathtub. Furnished with hand-picked European designer furniture, the lavish 2,798 square-foot Presidential Suite features two bedrooms, separate living and dining areas, a massage room, and sauna steam room, as well as dedicated butler service.

Meet Aptera EV, the greenest vehicle

American manufacturer Aptera Motors has launched the new all-electric three-wheeled vehicle boasting a record range of up to 1,600km on a single charge. It also features a sleek and bold design featuring solar panels that cover the vehicle's roof. Instead of relying on electricity to charge, the vehicle can get substantial power via solar panels. And thanks to an extremely aerodynamic shape built out of strong, lightweight materials, it needs less energy to drive, so the solar panels can generate meaningful miles on the road, whereas they barely move the needle on most electric cars. The price of the Aptera ranges from US\$25,900 (RM104,753) to US\$46,900 (RM189,687). The Aptera EV is available for pre-order and the first models are expected to ship by 2022.



BEAUTIFUL HOTEL DESTINATIONS

Somewhere along the way, hotels have become rightful destinations on their own. Here are some luxury hotels scattered across the globe that should be on top of your bucket list, post-pandemic.

BY HIRANMAYI AWLI MOHANANI

Arctic Bath

📍 Norrbotten County, Sweden

There's something mystical and unbelievable about the Northern Lights — one of the few things that actually have to be seen to be believed. The Arctic Bath, situated under the northern lights in the winter of the Swedish Lapland offers an unparalleled experience, leaving minimal environmental footprint behind. The setting of this hotel is one that is almost concocted out of a dream, a blanket of snow as far as the eyes can see which prompts sledding drawn by huskies, a floating sauna of unique architecture and nature at its best. Although the great outdoors await, you can also stay in and revel in the hyper-hygge cabin — each featuring pale timbers soft pastel colours and modern Scandinavian furniture. Choose from the stilted land cabins or the free-floating water cabins. The former is spread over two floors with a loft-like layout, boasting a spiral staircase that leads to a mezzanine bedroom and dramatic double-height windows, while the latter, connected to land by a walkway locked in place by the ice in winter and buoyed by the river in summer. Take a cold bath under the nacreous sky, which is part of the nether region's culture. Often paired with a warm sauna, the cold baths can help ease sore and aching muscles and some say it helps your central nervous system.

arcticbath.se



The Siam Pool Villa Courtyard

📍 Bangkok, Thailand

There's no need for hyperbole to describe The Siam as its Pool Villa suites have been known to make guests gasp as they step into their own lush private courtyard, intimate pool and a beautifully decorated room with accents of cream and black, glossily-tiled bathrooms and art deco antiques (vintage posters, travel trunks, gramophones) filling the fabulous interior. Channelling a Jazz Age ambience and interior, you're transported into a different realm, despite being strategically located in the heart of bustling Bangkok and minutes away from the places of interest. The needful is available at this hotel, from a spa, screening room, speedboat, cookery school and to a boxing ring for budding Thai boxers.

thesiamhotel.com/pool-villa-courtyard

Borgo Santo Pietro Casa dell'Unicorno

📍 Tuscany, Italy

Situated in the heart of the Tuscan countryside, Borgo Santo Pietro is a 5-star boutique hotel and estate, encompassing Michelin-starred restaurants, a holistic spa, organic skincare range Seed to Skin, commercial property design and construction PN Homes, bespoke yacht Satori, and the extensive working farm it calls home. Just like the mythical being it takes its name from, Casa dell'Unicorno is a fairytale of sparkling silvers, cool greys and blue velvet armchairs. Expansiveness is the theme of the hotel's suites, extending beyond the spacious living area through two French doors, to the beautifully walled-in manicured private garden with a fireside patio. Open the other set of French doors to reveal a direct access to the hotel's exclusive Mediterranean courtyard, dotted with sun lounges and citrus trees. The relaxed elegance continues into the bathroom which gazes out into the secret garden of hedges and trees.

borgosantopietro.com



Huka Lodge

📍 Lake Taupo, New Zealand

Huka Lodge, crowned as one of the top retreats in new Zealand is a haven for gourmet, adventure and outdoor lovers. Set in Taupo, home to New Zealand's largest lake in the heart of the volcanic North Island, this 1920's heritage hotel was a mere fishing lodge. Encapsulated by lush, green grounds beside the Waikato River and cascading Huka Falls, it prides itself in being an adventurous gourmet getaway, offering al fresco dining under the stars and makes a great base for skiing in winter, with the North Island's premier slopes, undulating amid volcanic cones, a short hop from Taupo. The private cottages here are designed to provide the ultimate Huka Lodge hospitality. The four-suite Owner's Cottage and its companion, the Alan Pye Cottage, named after Huka's founder are both perfect venues for exclusive house parties for family and friends. These cottages feature an Arts and Crafts section, as well as your own infinity and spa pools, a stone pavilion with outdoor dining table and fireplace, and a private chef and butler on call.

hukalodge.co.nz

Cayo Espanto

📍 San Pedro, Belize

The private island that is Cayo Espanto channels a luxurious Robinson Crusoe vibe, featuring two-floored, two-bedroomed Casa Estrella that captures the feeling of staying in a glamour-drenched tree house. Here, open-plan living areas, cream cushioned wicker furniture and a panoramic ocean view contribute to the amazing ambience. Floor-length turquoise shutters line three of the house's four walls, allowing you to configure the balance of inside or outside space as you see fit. For a more lavish setting, Casa Aurora has the largest pool while smaller, more private villas such as Casa Ventana open out to the sea on their own wooden pontoon.

aprivateisland.com



VALENTINES GIFT GUIDE

It's time to show your partner a little more love than usual, so go the extra mile with these luxury gifts that will send endearment all year long!

BY AGNES AUI



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2. **PIAGET** Limelight gala watch RM189,000
3. **IRENE NEUWIRTH** Super Bloom 18-karat yellow and white gold diamond necklace RM42,498
4. **CHOPARD** Happy Dreams 18-karat white gold, diamond and mother-of-pearl necklace RM118,389
5. **JESSICA MCCORMACK** Hex 18-karat yellow and blackened white gold diamond ring RM104,767
6. **BINA GOENKA** 18-karat white gold and platinum diamond earrings RM658,403
7. **BUCCELLATI** Macri Giglio 18-karat white and yellow gold diamond cuff RM147,582
8. **CAROLINA BUCCI** K.I.S.S. Small 18-karat rose gold bracelet RM32,531
9. **BUCCELLATI** Ramage 18-karat white and yellow gold diamond bangle RM131,293
10. **JAEGER-LECOULTRE** 101 Reine 6.8mm 18-karat rose gold and diamond watch RM552,065



FOR HIM

1. **BOTTEGA VENETA** Intrecciato Leather Wash Bag RM5,266
2. **BERLUTI + Native Union** Venezia Leather Dock Wireless Charger RM4,508
3. **LA MER** The Essence, 3 x 15ml RM9,826
4. **L'OBJET** Haas Monster Porcelain Incense Holder RM7,527
5. **ALEXANDER MCQUEEN** Logo-Print Leather Phone Case with Belt RM4,485
6. **MB&F** HM9 Flow Air Limited Edition Hand-Wound 57mm Titanium and Leather Watch RM796,550
7. **TOM FORD** Full-Grain Leather Wallet and Cardholder with Wrist Strap RM3,981
8. **BAMFORD GROOMING DEPARTMENT** Stainless Steel and Carbon Fibre Manicure Set RM7,559
9. **ROGER DUBUIS** Excalibur Blacklight Limited Edition Automatic Skeleton 42mm DLC-Coated Titanium, Alligator and Diamond Watch RM365,566
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PAMPER YOURSELF

How to DIY a self-pamper session this Valentine's

BY AGNES AUI



VALENTINE'S DAY IS A DAY OF LOVE, AND THOUGH MOST PEOPLE ASSOCIATE IT WITH NEEDING A PARTNER TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION, IT DOESN'T EXCLUDE EXPRESSING LOVE FOR YOURSELF AS WELL. IN FACT, V-DAY COULD JUST BE THE REMINDER YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF-LOVE. BY EATING WELL, TAKING CARE OF YOUR EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND TAKING CARE OF YOUR APPEARANCE CAN AFFECT THE WAY YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE DAY-BY-DAY. WHICH IS WHY THIS MONTH, WE'RE TEACHING YOU HOW YOU CAN DIY (DO-IT-YOURSELF) A SELF-PAMPER SESSION RIGHT IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME. TRULY, THERE'S NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN TO PUT YOURSELF FIRST.

1 SET THE MOOD

What makes beauty parlours and spas so relaxing is the calming ambience that soothes your soul as soon as you walk into the place. From aromatherapy to salt soaks, every element used is aimed at easing your mood. Lucky for us, it's easy to recreate this at home with some essential oils, candles and epsom salt (which is used to ease muscle soreness and stress). Set up your room with some candles, it can be scented or unscented, that's completely up to you. The gentle, mesmerising quality of the light from candles makes them the perfect aid for any relaxation routine. For essential oils, add two to three drops into an air humidifier and let it fill the room. Not only do you breathe in fresh air, but also the fragrance of essential oils which help with respiratory disinfection, decongestant, and bring psychological benefits. Lastly, soak your feet in some epsom salt for 10 - 15 minutes to destress any muscle soreness on your feet and your whole body.



#2 START WITH YOUR FACE

A self-pamper session at home is not complete without a personal facial. Though it may not be as relaxing as going to the spa, doing it on your own is beneficial as you're able to control the strength you use when it comes to extractions. The whole process is also soothing and may just instill more self-love into your mind. First, start with double cleansing. Make sure to use a foamless cleanser to ensure that you're not drying out your skin. Next, exfoliate your face with a scrub. For those with dry skin types, use a gentle exfoliator instead of those with large granules. Scrub from the top of your face (forehead) to the bottom (chin) in a light circular motion before washing or wiping it off from your face. If you don't seem to have any scrub on hand, simply mix brown sugar and coconut oil with a tiny dollop of honey and use that as a scrub instead. After exfoliating, put on a desincrustation enzyme (a product that helps soften pores and makes it easier for extraction) and steam your face for 10 minutes. Alternatively, you can just steam your face for 15 minutes to open your pores. Then, start the extraction process. Once you're done with extracting, gently wash your face with cold water and put on a cooling pore tightening mask for 10 - 15 minutes. And finally, wash or gently wipe the mask away before applying a layer of moisturiser.

#3 REMEMBER YOUR BODY

As much as we need to show some TLC to our face, our body is just as important. If you're in the mood, you can opt for a full body soak in your bathtub with some scented bubbles and epsom salt to release tension and stress. However, for those who don't own a bathtub, a simple foot

soak will suffice. Start with cleaning up your body, take a nice shower (for those who skipped the body soak step) and shave your legs (optional). Once your body is dried, apply some massage oil along with a few drops of your favourite essential oils. Now, when massaging your body, you can opt to use your own hands to press down on some of the trigger points, or you could get a portable massager which could help you reach your back and other hard to reach places. Once you've felt like your body is relaxed, lather on some moisturising lotion to keep your skin supple and smooth.

#4 DON'T FORGET YOUR HAIR

If you haven't tried hair masks during your self-pamper session (or at all) at home then you really should. Hair masks are like the treatments you get when you're at the salon, except hair masks are done in the comfort of your own home. All you need to do is generously massage the hair mask into your scalp and wrap your hair with a shower cap, letting it sit for at least 20 minutes before washing it off. The benefits of hair masks is that it provides shinier and softer hair, nourishes dry hair, reduces frizz and strengthens your scalp. However, do take note that different hair types (chemically treated or fragile, dull or dry and frizzy or damaged) require different types of hair masks. For chemically treated or fragile hair, use a hair-repair bonding hair mask with no parabens or sulfates. For those with dull or dry hair, you can opt for a moisturising hair mask or just use olive oil or coconut oil which helps moisturise naturally. Frizzy or damaged hair requires more care and thus, is recommended to use a super-moisturizing cream hair mask. You should also comb through your hair gently with a wide-tooth comb and ensure that your hair is damp when applying the hair mask.



AGEING WITH GRACE

Jada Pinkett Smith’s Secret To Great Skin

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

You don’t have to make frequent visits to the facialist, spend money on expensive products or change everything about your beauty routine in order to have a glowing, healthy complexion. In fact, Jada Pinkett Smith who epitomises flawless skin at 49 years old recently spilled the tea in a video, revealing to her extensive skincare routine and introduced the importance of frequent steaming.

Jada started by explaining her skin type, which is normal to dry, but sometimes her T-zone can get oily. “I don’t have a regular aesthetician that I go to. I may go get a professional facial maybe once or twice a year. So I’ve really learned how to take care of my skin,” she said. “It’s really all experimentation until you find out what works for you.”

Despite using a variety of products on her skin, the actress also swears by drinking lots of water daily for a healthy-looking skin. Good skin is not just taking care of it on the outside, but what you feed your body too is very important. Following are the deets.

#1 FIRST, STEAM

Steaming is Jada’s top skincare tip — she does it at least three to four times a week. All you have to do to reap the benefits of facial steaming is just boil water and pour it into any bowl you have at home. Then, place your face over the bowl and cover your head with a towel for a few minutes. She goes on to explain that the steam opens your pores, moisturises your skin, and also loosens up the extra skin or dead skin cells you have on your face.

Quick tip: steam your neck and chest too! 'It's all connected.'

#2 USE A GENTLE CLEANSER

Post steaming, Jada uses the Tatcha Deep Cleanse to cleanse her face. “Now this is a deep cleanse, but it's actually very gentle. And I like to use my hands and get in there.” She goes on to use warm water to wash it off, to keep the pores open.

Then, she goes under the towel for another round of steaming before going in with Dermalogica’s Precleanse, which is a light oil that aids the next step in her routine — the microdermabrasion machine goes over the skin easily. She then gives herself a facial with the Kendra Professional HB-SF01, being extra careful

around her eyes. “This removes dead skin off of your face,” Jada said. She also gives an affordable option of using an exfoliating towel to gently buff away dead skin cells and cleansing yet again with Burt’s Bees Baby Soap around her eyes and brows. After which, she steams again.

#3 FACE MASK

Just when you think Jada is done with cleansing, she cleanses again, this time using Neutrogena Clear Pore Acne Clay Mask, which she raves about. The next step is applying a homemade mask using simple kitchen ingredients like one avocado, two teaspoons of olive oil and one tablespoon of honey which she leaves on for about 20 minutes. On days when she's not using the Neutrogena or DIY mask, Jada goes for Tatcha’s Luminous Dewy Skin Sheet Mask for extra hydrating action.

#4 TONER

While the actress can afford top of the line skincare products, she opts for Clean & Clear Essentials Deep Cleaning Astringent. “It is brilliant ... It pulls all the stuff out, and closes the pores as well. It’s awesome.” That’s because it contains salicylic acid, an acne-fighting ingredient that gently exfoliates the skin and unclogs pores.

#5 SERUMS AND MOISTURISER

Jada swears by serums and moisturisers, including the likes of ProDerma Light’s Retinol Face Serum. She also uses the ZO Skin Health + Wrinkle Texture Repair a couple times a week, which contains skin-smoothing retinol and sunflower oil. To lock all that goodness in, she slathers on a moisturiser or oil.

#6 SUNSCREEN IS A MUST

Jada always goes the extra mile to shield herself from the sun, including applying sunscreen to her face and using hats.

#7 DRINK LOTS OF WATER

Water is key to maintaining a hydrated complexion. “I drink so much water,” Jada said in an her video — approximately eight or nine bottles a day. “Water is so essential.” She has also cut down on alcohol and sugary drinks. “I don’t drink soda. I don’t drink a ton of juice or a lot of alcohol — I may have a glass of wine maybe three times a year,” she said.

FEED LOVE TO YOUR BODY

Unconventional healthy ingredients to eat

BY AGNES AUI

It's more important now than ever, to cook at home and incorporate healthy ingredients when cooking. Due to the novel coronavirus, many of us are left with uncertainties when it comes to eating out as we're afraid of the level of cleanliness. And when we do eat out, some of us come home to unsettling stomach aches that could be from food that have been left out for long or leftovers that have been recooked from the day before. Therefore, it's advisable to cook at home during this time and to use high-quality ingredients with good nutrients for all of our meals. Nevertheless, cooking with the same old grains and greens can prove to be boring, and before you know it, we're back to eating out and ordering fast food from food delivery apps. Which is why we're here to list down some unconventional healthy ingredients that you should incorporate into your upcoming lockdown cooking.



CELERIAC ROOT

Celeriac root may not be the prettiest of vegetables in the market, but it's loaded with health-boosting properties that could benefit your body when added to your next meal. This vegetable is very low in calories and is a great source of Vitamin K, which helps to strengthen your bones. It's also an excellent source of essential minerals like phosphorus iron, calcium, copper, and manganese. If you're unsure of how to incorporate this into your cooking, just cook them like how you would with mashed potatoes. Peel the outer skin, cut into quarters, place it into boiling water and then drain and mash it with butter, salt and pepper to taste. You can eat it with meat or opt to eat it raw alongside your salads.



SOY TEMPEH

Despite having an odd sponge-like appearance and a taste that's somewhat acquired (that most people don't enjoy), soy tempeh are exceptional for boosting your overall health. It is made of fermented soy and includes bountiful nutrients and beneficial compounds that clearly places it on the top as one of the most nutritionally esteemed of all bean-derived foods. A small amount of soy tempeh actually provides a large amount of protein, fibre, vitamins, minerals and good bacteria, also known as probiotics. Soy tempeh also helps with heart and gastrointestinal health, fends off cancer, and helps to manage your appetite better. The best part about this ingredient is that it can be cooked in various ways. You can bake, pan-fry, deep-fry or even grill it. It is also a great meat alternative for those looking to adopt the vegetarian or vegan diet.



ARTICHOKE HEARTS

This ingredient's appearance may look extremely bizarre as it features a furry centre that has to be carefully scraped away with a spoon. Nevertheless, artichoke hearts may be the most underappreciated and underutilised ingredient of all. For only 60 calories per serving, artichoke hearts provide you with an abundance of vitamin C, folate, and fibre along with a full range of minerals and antioxidants. In fact, artichoke hearts may just contain more antioxidants than all of your favourite fruits and vegetables (except for currants). Incorporating them into dishes is also simple, that even beginners can succeed. Cook them with any pasta or elevate your dish with an easy potato gnocchi dish. You can also opt to serve them raw by tossing them in your salads with a light drizzle of olive oil.



SPIRULINA

Spirulina is a blue-green algae known to be one of the most nutrient-packed foods on Earth. It is rich in vitamins B1, B2 and B3, as well as iron, copper, and protein. Many vegans use spirulina in their foods, especially in healthy smoothie bowls as they are great energy boosters thanks to the ingredient's vitamin and mineral profile that includes essential fatty acids. Spirulina can be added into your morning smoothie or into your salad dressing as well. However, make sure to start small so that the algae flavour doesn't overpower your food.



BLACK RICE

This exotic rice is known to pack a wholesome and nutritional punch from abundant fibres, minerals and vitamins. Black rice also has powerful antioxidants that actually measure more than blueberries. No wonder it's no surprise that the ingredient is known as 'forbidden rice' as it was specially reserved for the royalty in ancient Asia. A unique thing about black rice is the fact that it contains the very same deep purple anthocyanin pigments as berries, but because the pigments are so concentrated, the grains appear black. So, not only will you shift things up at dinner with black rice, but have all the healthy components that come with it too.



CORDYCEPS

Mushroom lovers rejoice, cordyceps is a genus of parasitic fungi that grows on the larvae of insects. As uncomfortable as that sounds, cordyceps have been used in Chinese medicine for many years to treat fatigue and other conditions. It has also been proven to optimise exercise performance, encourage heart health, lower inflammation, and potentially help manage type-2 diabetes. You can opt to buy cordyceps on its own and boil them as a healthy drink. Alternatively, you can find it in full-spectrum powder form and add a few teaspoons of it to your lattes or smoothies.

THE JOURNEY INTO SELF-ACCEPTANCE

BY CINDY LIM FROM THE MIND CONSULTANT



Cindy Lim

“The worst loneliness is to not be comfortable with yourself.” is one of the famous quotes by Mark Twain. It is undoubtedly true that when you choose to accept yourself and your vulnerabilities, you will set yourself free and live life to the fullest.

Self-acceptance is the ability to accept yourself as you are instead of how you wish you were, or how you wish others perceived you. Letting go of an overly high concern with what other people think about you regardless of your past behaviors and choices is important for good mental health.

People tend to focus more on negative qualities and remember negative events more vividly. Those who judge themselves harshly often experience negative emotions more than positives ones which means they spend more time thinking about bad experiences and less time on the good ones. It can easily turn into a habit that becomes difficult to break.

Living a life to the fullest requires us to understand the balance of positive and negative emotions and work towards accepting ourselves and still become the best versions of ourselves.

7 ways to practice self-acceptance by cultivating self-compassion

#1 YOU'RE ENOUGH

Living in a culture of scarcity, where everyone is constantly being reminded that we need more to be happy can have an impact on our mental health. Making an intentional decision to push the pause button and accept that who you are in this moment, is in fact, enough. The more we are willing to embrace all parts of ourselves including imperfections., the less we go looking for happiness in the wrong places.

#2 SHARE YOUR WHOLE STORY AND WHOLE HEART

An act of courage is to tell your story wholeheartedly and honestly. Sharing your story, with all of its struggles and pains, can be very scary and challenging. But by being vulnerable to share about who you are, you are allowing yourself to be seen which leads to healing. If you're unsure about where to begin, talking to a mental health professional might be a good place to start.

#3 PUTTING DOWN YOUR ARMOR

We armored up ourselves at some point of time due to painful experiences. It served as a protection in the past. However, if we choose to continue to carry the armor throughout our lives, it would become a heavy burden which prevents us from becoming the people we want to be. Are you aware of what armor you're carrying with you?

#4 TALK TO YOURSELF THE WAY YOU TALK TO LOVED ONES

It's time to accept the fact that no one judges you more than you judge yourself and that can leave you feeling unworthy. If you're willing to be kind and loving to your loved ones when they are feeling vulnerable, why not try treating yourself the same way simply by replacing negative self-talk with more positive self-talk?

#5 BE GRATEFUL

Start to live in the present and appreciate the joy you already have in your life. Keeping a daily gratitude

journal as a reminder and practicing meditation on a consistent basis are some of the ways which can help to improve your ability to stay present, calm and grateful.

#6 PRACTICE AUTHENTICITY

Authenticity is like a muscle, the more you exercise it, the more it shows up. What small decisions can you make every day to be more authentic? Whether it's speaking up in the workplace, asking questions in class or sharing opinions on social media, it's about making that choice. The more you practice the better you get.

#7 FORGIVE

Start to forgive yourself for mistakes you think you've made and all the times you have allowed your ego to block your happiness. Allow yourself to take time in this process and understand the only reason you choose to forgive is to restore yourself to the authentically happy person you are here to be.

It's been a stressful time all around the world as we deal with COVID-19 and the uncertainty it brings. As we go through the tough times, let us remind ourselves to accept what is, let go of what was and have faith in what will be.

Stay safe and healthy!



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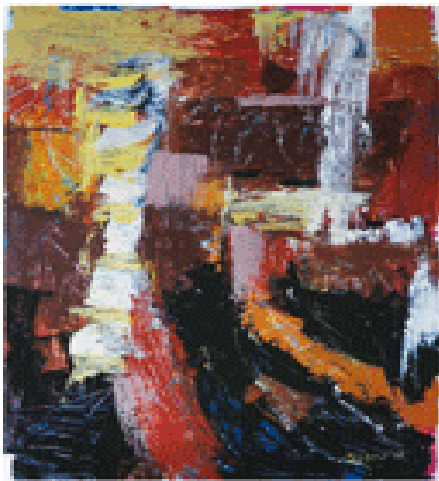
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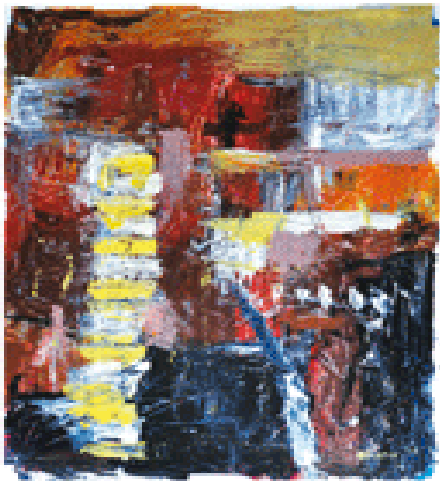
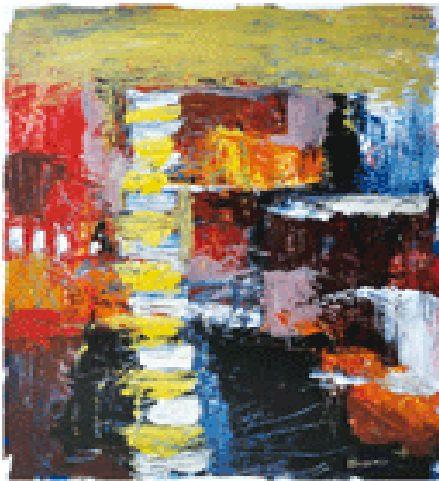
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Kuala Lumpur born artist, Bhanu Achan is quietly content with life. He was meant to be an artist. His love for art has guided him through the twist and turns of his life to be where he is today. Leaving high school with an impeccable academic record and with a brilliant future ahead, Achan enrolled in medical school in India. Experiences in that deeply spiritual land introduced to him the divine and mystical side of reality that he eventually manifested in art. His growing ardour for his paint and brushes gave him no choice but to forsake medicine. Achan returned to Malaysia, an artist and has never looked back since. Over the course of his 40-year career of creating art, Achan has produced spectacular masterpieces with consistent frequency. His gift for artistry is derived from his love for nature. They are laden with underlying metaphors of Achan's struggle to find meaning beyond form and content.

"Although I have endured hardships in life as an artist, including financially, I would never choose anything else," Achan stated.

Achan sees the toil he goes through as a labour of love, painting imbues in him a profound sense of satisfaction. His struggle is glimpsed in his compelling creations of art that are thought-provoking, bewitching and sometimes even controversial.

ARTWORKS

Achan's artworks strive to escape the boundaries of form. Constantly inspired by nature, there is a raw and rustic mood to many of his paintings which are evident in works like the 'Journey to Mount Kinabalu' and 'Forest Impression'.

Achan's favourite piece though, is 'Lost in the Midst'. The ease and effortlessness of how it came together in his hands was

amazing even to him. "I was just pouring paint and it came out as an interesting composition of greenery, mountains and morning mist," Achan said. Breathing life to his preferred media, canvas and paper, Achan's orchestra of paint and colour never fails to harmonise fluidly, seeking to evoke an emotional response in all who lay eyes on it.

His work speaks for itself. "My messages are obvious. It is what it is," Achan said. He added that his paintings always came as a surprise to him. Achan is one of the few that creates subconsciously and moves as the art tells him to. A genius, ahead of his time, Achan has beautifully combined his love for nature and his deep spirituality to produce pieces that invoke a sense of calm, wonder and deep appreciation and insight into the complex and obscure world we live in.

EXHIBITIONS

Achan's works have been exhibited extensively across the country, and this national treasure has three of his pieces included as part of the National Art Gallery's permanent collection. Besides that honorary achievement, Achan has had a long and illustrious career in the art industry. With more than 50 exhibitions over the past 40 years under his belt, he has earned his place and position as one of Malaysia's most preeminent artists. In 1972, Achan exhibited and sold his works at Samat Gallery, at the National Art Gallery in 1980 and at Le Beaux Art Gallery in 1982. When the country launched its Visit Malaysia campaign in 1990, Achan was there to champion the art movement alongside the booming tourism industry through the Pemandangan Malaysia Travelling Art Exhibition organised by the National Art Gallery. In conjunction with the 1998's Commonwealth Games, Achan showcased his art at Armada Hotel. In 1996, he was part of the 'Up In The Clouds' Exhibition organised by DNA Studios at the National Planetarium, as well as the Star Hill Art Exhibition organised by Galeri Anugerah in 2000. In 2004, Achan's art graced the walls of Galeri Seni Maya and again in 2008 at "Interlude" Art Exhibition at RA Fine Arts. In 2011, his paintings stole the show at the art exhibition, 'Suara dan Rupa' at Yayasan Seni Berdaftar as well as in KLPAC during his solo exhibition there.

To add to the already extensive list, Achan has also exhibited 30 of his paintings during the art exhibition at MAA@KL Sentral Artspace in 2013, one of which was his vibrant Vincent van Gogh-inspired art piece, 'Himalaya 11'. The Empire Art Space was another home to his paintings as well as Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur at their festive art exhibition during Ramadan in 2015. Achan's paintings, 'Forest Impression' and 'Teluk Cempedak II' were sold in KL Lifestyle Art Space. His invaluable works, appreciated by many, have also found their way into countless private collections. The quiet beauty his art expresses has stolen many hearts and



Abstract Landscape, 2011 Abstract Landscape 2, 2009
Oil on paper 55 x 60.5 cm
SOLD RM 4,400.00
KLAS Art Auction 19 January, 2014



Rhapsody in Blue Series, 2016
Mixed media on canvas 121.5 x 91 cm
SOLD RM 3,719.76
KLAS Art Auction 23 October 2016

will continue to do so for as long as Bhanu Achan can continue to use his paint brushes to translate his vision onto canvas.



Forest Impression, 2016
Oil on canvas 152.5 x 88 cm
SOLD RM 5,072.40
KLAS Art Auction 12 March, 2017



CHUA MIA TEE

SINGAPORE’S VENERABLE REALIST PAINTER

BY HIRANMAYII AWUJ MOHANAN

Chua Mia Tee, one of Singapore’s venerable realist painters, was born on Nov 25, 1931 in Shantou, Guangdong, China. This highly sought-after portrait artist had produced works of prominent businessmen and politicians in Singapore. He is also widely recognised for his works in oil that illustrate Singapore’s vanishing traditional urban landscape. The “National Language Class” (1959) and “Workers in the Canteen” (1974) are two of his oft-discussed works.

EARLY LIFE

Chua was only six years old when he and his family fled from the Sino-Japanese war that took place in China and landed in Singapore in 1937. He enrolled in Shuqun Primary School and later, Tuan Mong School. In 1947, the artist enrolled in Chung Cheng High School but left the school mid-term to pursue formal education in art at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA).

EDUCATION IN ART

As a young boy, Chua displayed a budding interest in art, dabbling in painting and sketching. His interest was well-received and supported by his father, who was also an artist. At NAFA, Chua’s artistic talent was nurtured and developed as he received training in drawing, sketching with watercolour and painting in various mediums including oil on canvas, Chinese ink and colours

on paper. He studied under the tutelage of the academy’s director, Lim Hak Tai himself as well as celebrated artists ,Cheong Soo Pieng, Koh Tong Leong and See Hiang To. This was also where Chua experimented with modelling using plasticine and plaster of Paris in his own time. He graduated from NAFA in 1952.

CAREER

Chua’s inherent talent for art was recognised early on. While studying in NAFA, he was asked to teach part-time at the school, where he continued to teach as a full-time staff after graduation. In 1954, Chua went back to Chung Cheng High School to complete his secondary education. And thereafter, returned to his alma mater, NAFA to teach from 1956 to 1957.

Between 1957 and 1974, Chua practised his skills in the field of commercial art starting with his first job at the Shanghai Book Company where he worked as a book illustrator (1957–60). Following that stint, he worked with Grant Advertising International as a designer and illustrator, creating figure drawings for advertisements and comic strips from 1960 to 1965. He returned to book illustration in 1965 when Times Organisation’s Federal Publication hired him as an illustrator and designer of books. He stayed with Times until 1974.

The year 1974 was a turning point for Chua’s artistic career. At the age of 43, he staged his maiden exhibition at the Rising Gallery on Telok Ayer Street, which saw tremendous success and this gave him the confidence to become a full-time artist.

HIS OEUVRE

Chua’s muse and subjects for his paintings came from his surroundings. Having spent his childhood in Chinatown and along Singapore River, it was natural that many of Chua’s early works feature the traditional landscapes and life in Singapore that were disappearing as a result of urban redevelopment. He had a way of capturing the heart of these

places, but also the unbeatable spirit of the people living and working there. Chua once said that, as an artist, he saw the urgency to document these scenes before they vanished from Singapore’s cityscape.

A handful of Chua’s early paintings also depict the nationalistic concerns of the people in Singapore during the 1950’s and ‘60s. Paintings like “Epic Poem of Malaya” (1955) and “National Language Class” (1959) conveyed the heightened sense of political and social awareness prevalent during those times. The artist brilliantly chronicled Singapore’s significant and historic moments, including the former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew’s return from London after the Merdeka talks; the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong; and Singapore’s ministers and members of parliament during the parliamentary sessions. His portrait of the late President Yusof Ishak also appeared on Singapore portrait-series currency notes. Noted for his portraits, Chua had also been called upon to paint illustrious personalities such as former Chief Justice Wee Chong Jin, former deputy Chairman of Singapore Airlines Lim Chin Beng and Singaporean billionaire Wee Cho Yaw.

Chua’s oeuvre is one that captures realism because he believes it reflects life. His works showcase his keen eye for details and an understanding of light and shadows. To Chua, realistic art is not merely about transferring what the artist sees onto canvas, but also the artist’s ability to sublimate the essence of a subject and present its beauty — what he refers to as “an organic combination of its universal characters, and a blending of reality with art”. He has cited Xu Beihong, Leonardo da Vinci and Rembrandt as artists who inspired him.

The artist’s preferred medium is oil, which he described as the most competent and perfect medium for capturing details on canvas. Although he paints en plein air, most of his pieces are actually refined and completed in the studio. He also paints from his memories of local places and people. Occasionally, Chua uses photographic aids to recall details or as substitutes for clients who are unable to turn

ARTWORK REFERENCES:

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Chua Mia Tee
Temple Street (Singapore Chinatown)
Estimate: 120,000 - 180,000 HKD
Sold: 162,500 HKD

2. Sotheby’s Modern and Contemporary Southeast Asian Art, 4 April 2016, Hong Kong

Chua Mia Tee
Wall Carving
Estimate: 40,000 - 60,000 HKD
Sold: 31,250 HKD

up for portrait sittings. Besides oil, Chua also employs various mediums including acrylic, mixed media, watercolour, bronze and relief. One of his best-known sculptures is a portrait bust of Zubir Said, who gained recognition as the composer of the Singapore national anthem.

Since the late 1970’s, Chua travelled the world over including Hong Kong, Bali, Java, Spain and Italy to paint and draw. These trips helped him gain fresh insight to improve his practice. Chua exhibited in Singapore and internationally, in countries such as Belgium, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia and Thailand. Besides that, Chua has taken on roles such as professional consultant to the NAFA Alumni Association and chairman of the Editorial Board of Nanyang Arts magazine. He is a life member of the Singapore Arts Society and the NAFA Alumni Association.

In 2015, Chua was conferred the Cultural Medallion, a national honour that recognises his artistic contributions to Singapore. The National Gallery’s inaugural exhibition, “Siapa Nama Kamu?”, derived its title from Chua Mia Tee’s iconic painting, “National Language Class”. In 2018, a book entitled, ‘The Art Of Chua Mia Tee: A Portrait Of A Life’s Work’ was launched by the National Gallery Singapore, where more than 300 of his works were featured in the comprehensive book, highlighting the artist’s oeuvre.

CHEN WEN HSI'S HERONS

AVANT-GARDE ARTIST

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



Hérons
Ink on paper 65 x 68 cm
SOLD RM 61,600
KLAS Art Auction 1 March, 2020

Known for his avant-garde Chinese-style paintings, Chen Wen Hsi was born in 1906 in Guangdong, China. He was a highly regarded first-generation artist, who was at the forefront of the Chinese revolutionary movement in Singapore during the 1950's. Chen was among a group of five prominent artists that founded the Nanyang style, a landmark in the art history of Southeast Asia. The artist was also a highly esteemed art educator who played a significant role in developing the art community in Singapore.

Heavily influenced by traditional Chinese paintings and early Cubist works of Pablo Picasso and Paul Klee, Chen created his own repertoire and identity, which later became his trademark. In the span of 1923 to 1992, Chen had partaken in 38 one-man exhibitions within Singapore and internationally, including countries such as China, Taiwan, Malaysia, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong.

In 1926, the artist moved to Shanghai to enrol in the Shanghai College of Fine Arts. Due to growing dissatisfaction with the quality of education at the college, Chen along with a few others transferred

to Xinhua College of Art where he studied under the tutelage of renowned artists such as Pan Tianshou. It was also at Xinhua that he met his fellow peers, Chen Hen Hao, Chen Chong Swee and Liu Kang who all later became Singapore's Nanyang pioneer artists and art educationists.

In 1929, Chen graduated from Xinhua College of Art and returned to his hometown, Baigong. For approximately a decade, Chen taught art to students in primary and secondary schools in both Shantou and Jieyang, China. It was also

in 1929, when Chen went to Swatow at the age of 21 and displayed his works for exhibitions in Shanghai (1931 and 1933) and Guangzhou (1932 and 1936). It was not until 1937 that he was acknowledged for his talent and received praises from Chinese painter, Xu Beihong, at the second Chinese National Art Exhibition in Nanjing. He was even elected as one of China's contemporary 10 greatest artists by an English art magazine in that same year.

Seeking a new adventure and fortune, the artist planned a three-month trip to Nanyang. Then, in 1948, together with his paintings, Chen journeyed from China to Cholon, Vietnam via an oil tanker, to start what became a tour of exhibitions across Asia — Hong Kong (1949), Bangkok-Kuala Lumpur (1949), and Bangkok-Singapore (1950). Chen arrived in Singapore in 1950 without any intention of staying. However, the expiry of his visa and with the coaxing of fellow artist Liu Kang, and then Commissioner-General Malcolm MacDonald, the artist stayed. At the invitation of its then principal Cheng Anlun, Chen started teaching at the Chinese High School in Singapore, where he remained as a teacher until 1968. Learning of Chen's growing name and talent, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA)'s then principal Lim Hak Tai, invited the artist to teach at its hallowed grounds. He taught NAFA until 1959.

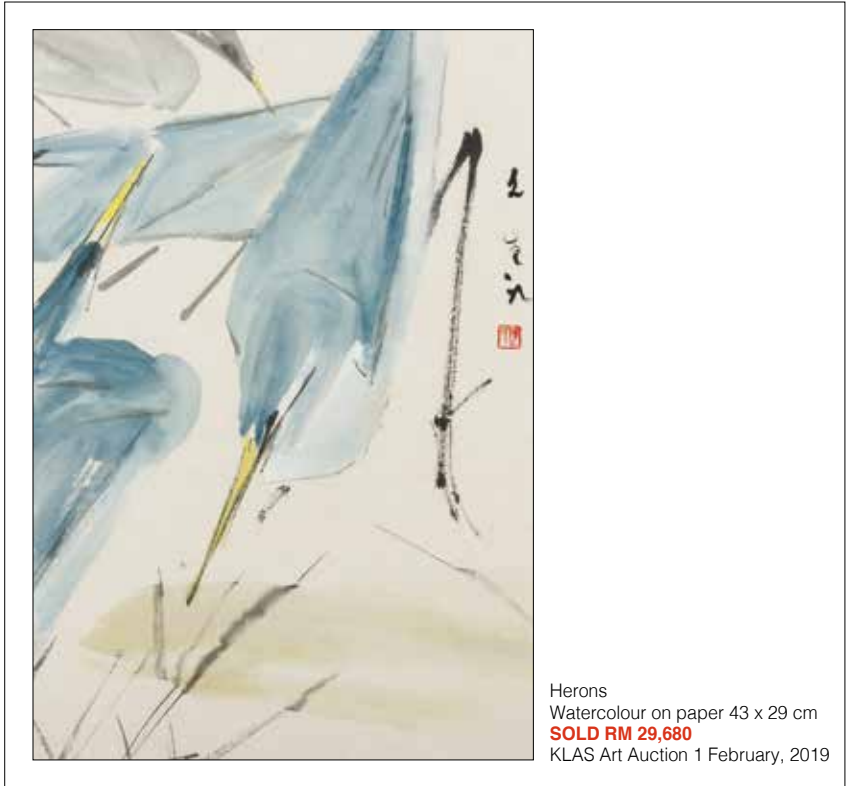
Clearly influenced by Cubism and Fauvism, Chen produced various masterful renditions of the heron — paintings that encapsulate the artist's fascination with the form and figuration of this particular bird. This favourite subject of his was deeply inspired by the tropical scenery of Singapore, which was perhaps the main reason for him moving there in 1948. With the large array of birds in Southeast Asia, Chen found a profound interest in the heron and had featured this bird in many of his paintings. The heron holds a special meaning in Chinese culture as it resembles the word 'path' in spoken Mandarin. The underlying meaning of the heron paintings could be interpreted as an ever flowing and opportune path.

Using sharp and angular brushstrokes, Chen created bold, elongated bird-like figures, which were then simplified into abstract shapes and patterns. In some of the artist's works, the beaks and bodies overlap one another, suggesting dynamism and movements in the depicted scene. Chen then paired them with carefully selected shades of colours to create an illusion of depth, as the darker colours naturally assume the background, while the limelight is shed on the white-hued herons. Chen loved leaving a thin white space between each heron to intentionally highlight the interplay of light and shadows, a key aspect that evokes a certain mood and time to his paintings.

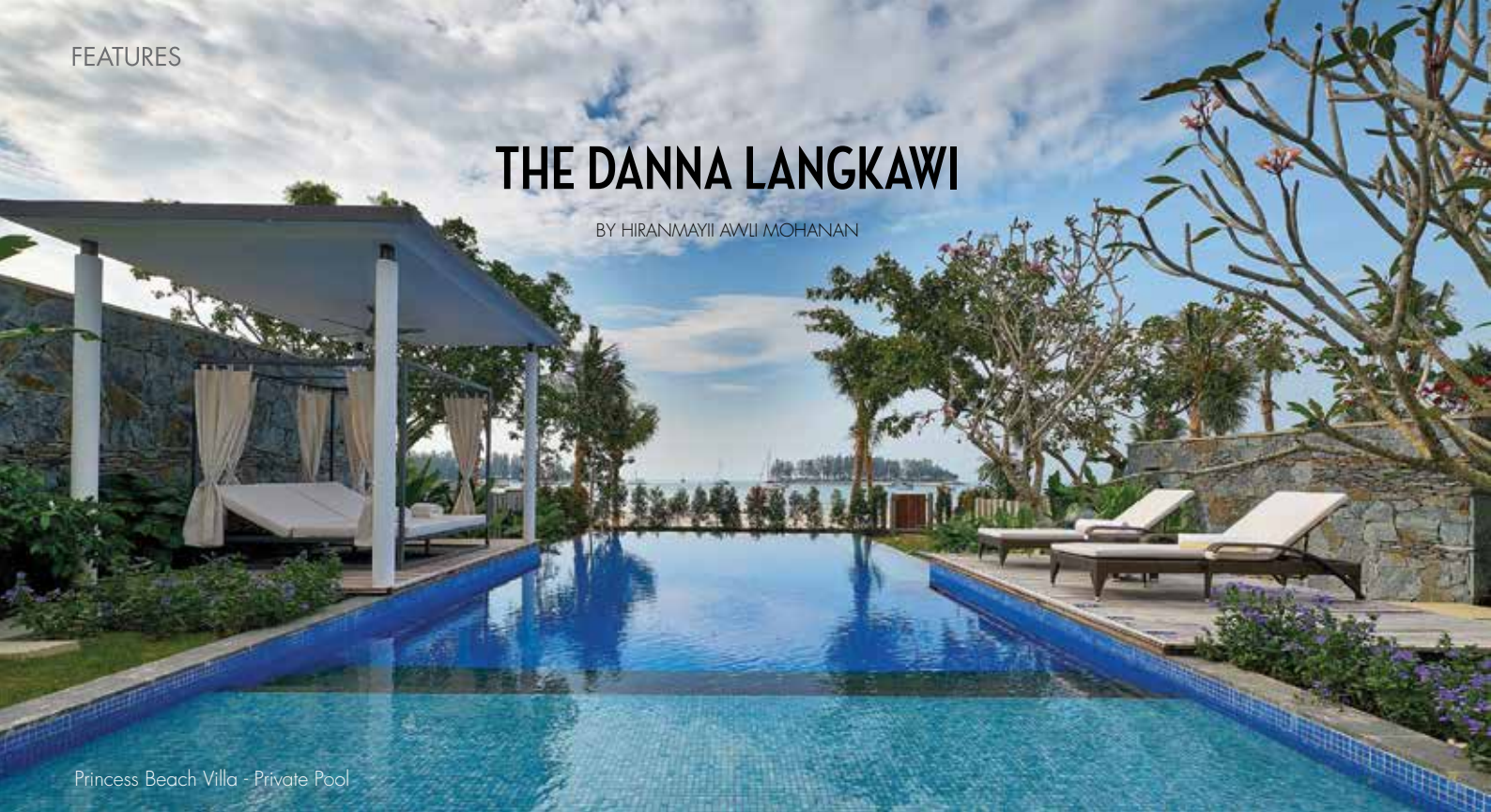
Chen's works were truly variegated, melding the different elements of Western styles of art and traditional Chinese painting techniques with a Southeast Asian subject matter. The exploration of space is a definite quality that Chen imposed upon his viewers through his oeuvre which produced very unique pieces. His ability to create three-dimensional forms on a two-dimensional plane illustrates his proficiency in this style of painting.

ARTWORK REFERENCES:

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Chen Wen Hsi
Hérons
Estimate: 80,000 - 180,000 HKD
Sold: 214,200 HKD
- 2. Sotheby's Modern and Contemporary Southeast Asian Art, 1 April 2019, Hong Kong**
Chen Wen Hsi
Hérons
Estimate: 160,000 - 250,000 HKD
Sold: 250,000 HKD
- 3. Christie's 20th Century & Contemporary Art, 26 May 2019, Hong Kong**
Chen Wen Hsi
Hérons in the Reed
Estimate: 150,000 - 250,000 HKD
Sold: 275,000 HKD



Hérons
Watercolour on paper 43 x 29 cm
SOLD RM 29,680
KLAS Art Auction 1 February, 2019



Princess Beach Villa - Private Pool

Evoking the Mediterranean with its whitewashed facade, The Danna Langkawi beams with a marriage of Colonial-Mediterranean inspired architecture and local charm. Synonymous with paradise, the resort, nestled resplendently at Telaga Harbour Park, against idyllic surroundings of undulating hills, the tranquil marina and sun-lounge-dotted sandy beach overlooking the Andaman Sea. Arrive to sky-high ceilings and a peek of the blue waters from the swimming pool and sea and further welcomed with refreshing cold towels, juice and a relaxing neck and shoulder massage that set the tone for what’s to come.

STAY IN STYLE

Offering 135 rooms and suites, all rooms are characterised by floor-to-ceiling windows, a balcony, warm hues of orange and red that render a perfect contrast to the palate of blue and green outside. Across the room categories, the Viceroy is the likely pick for a serene sea and pool view, promoting lazy days of basking in the tranquil atmosphere. Meanwhile, opulent beachfront villas such as the Princess Beach Villa provide guests with a home away from home, boasting ubiquitous greenery, picturesque sea views and a private infinity pool so close to the shore.

DINE LIKE ROYALTY

The gentle waves at a distance and the chirping of birds provide a gentle morning alarm at The Danna Langkawi. After morning laps in the main three-tiered or private infinity pool, an ambrosial bubbly breakfast awaits at Planter’s, where an orchestra of tantalising aroma and free flow of JP Chenet Brut allures. After the excitement of discovering

the Langkawi SkyCab and walking along the SkyBridge, settle down at the Straits and Co, an open space where an abundance of natural light streams in, ubiquitous rattan furniture, classy marble top and colourful floral motif tiles set a European mood for an English afternoon tea.

Open for lunch and dinner, the contemporary-designed Terrace is home to a plethora of Italian offerings, from fresh seafood dishes to comforting pastas and pizzas. We recommend sitting al-fresco in the evenings, where the wind brushes ever so softly against your face, the leaves ruffle, and your eyes settle on the pool or the horizon. Alternatively, whet the palate with an aperitif at the pool bar before heading to the restaurant.

WIND DOWN AT THE DANNA SPA

There’s nothing quite like pampering yourself with a spa session amid an oasis. Offering extensive array of treatments to choose from, couples can choose from three of the Couples Indulgence treatments, all of which commence with a signature pre-treatment journey and accompanied with sparkling wine or juice and fruits skewer. Crowd favourite treatments like the Traidtional Malay Urut or Balinese Massage works out all the kinks and knots developed from staying in a metropolitan city. The Balinese massage marries signature blended oils with finger and palm pressure techniques to stimulate blood flow, oxygen and qi (energy) around the body. You’ll walk out of the spa feeling light as air and rejuvenated.

The Danna Langkawi, Telaga Harbour Park, Pantai Kok, 07000 Langkawi, Kedah. Tel: 04 9593288



Planters



Couple room at The Danna Spa overlooking the marina



Viceroy Room

ELEMENT KUALA LUMPUR

An Opulent Artistic Haven

BY AGNES AUI



Pool



2 Bedroom Executive Suite

Located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur, the Element Kuala Lumpur is an eco-conscious hotel with a Green Building Index (GBI) certification, making it the ideal staycation spot for those who are looking to be more conscious when travelling. With the hotel’s focus being on smart living and inspired by opulent art, guests can experience being alive and well when staying at the Element Kuala Lumpur.

ROOM

The bedrooms are spacious and bright as the floor-to-ceiling windows provide a generous amount of sunlight throughout the room, keeping it fresh every morning. The living area is fitted with a kitchenette that comes equipped with an energy-efficient induction stove, fridge and dishwasher – perfect for those looking to extend their stay. To unwind, have a nice and warm soak in the tub that’s found in the room’s

glossy marbled bathroom. Or fall asleep in the hotel’s soft and fluffy signature bed as you rest the night away.

DINING

Tuck into the most important meal of the day at the Trace Restaurant and Bar, with wholesome granolas and fruits alongside freshly squeezed juices and smoothies as you admire the view of the Petronas Twin Towers. Satisfy your sweet tooth cravings with baked assorted pastries paired with a cup of warm black coffee, or indulge in all things Malaysian with nasi lemak, rendang, dim sum and clear noodle soup. At night, treat yourself to a feast at their buffet with BBQ and grill stations that will blow you away. If that isn’t enough, take a walk to the round trays of Western and Eastern selections, or allow their meat trolleys to come to you for some tender beef briskets. Vegetarian options like vegetable lasagne and truffled mushroom soup are also available, making it a dining experience for all. During the weekends, treat yourself to a lovely hi-tea session featuring bite-sized savoury and sweet treats alongside your choice of fragrant tea.

FACILITIES

If you’re looking for a relaxing stay, take a dip in the hotel’s breathtaking pool while you enjoy the view of the city’s skyline. Alternatively, you can sip on fresh juices while sunbathing or reading a good book to pass time. If you want to get into shape then take a trip to the 24-hour gym that’s fully equipped and maintained with the latest exercising equipment you can find. For safe and interesting entertainment in the hotel, guests can admire art installations that can be found throughout the hotel. Appreciate the enchanting light installation by Venezuelan artist Claudia Bueno at the lobby’s ceiling, where florals and corals are floating and dancing as its colours change. Each floor also features paintings from Ilham art gallery, an ideal hotel for art enthusiasts.

Element Kuala Lumpur, Ilham Tower, 8, Jalan Binjai, Kuala Lumpur, 50450 Kuala Lumpur Tel: 03-2771 3388



Suria KLCC
Petronas Twin Towers • 📍 KLCC
Tel : 03-2382 2828 / 2430 / 2431
Located at the base of the Petronas Twin Towers, Suria KLCC is the premier shopping centre in KL. It offers unique shopping, dining & entertainment experience. It houses exclusive designer brands and provides an abundant choices of goods and services for everyone. • 10am - 10pm daily. • D8

Avenue K Shopping Mall
156 Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03 2168 7800
Avenue K is Kuala Lumpur’s coolest urban hub where life and creativity are celebrated. The new Avenue K aims to indulge your retail desires, cater to your entertainment needs and satisfy your appetite for top-notch dining in comfort. Far from a regular mall, it offers exciting experiences and a trend setting venue where shoppers can relax and treat yourself to a good time. With over 60 exciting dining options including Fresca Mexican Kitchen, Dolly Dim Sum, Samba Brazilian Steakhouse, Sushi Zanmai, Nene Chicken, Boat Noodle, Sushi King and Bankara Ramen. there is no doubt that Avenue K is a foodie’s heaven. • 10am to 10pm

IOI City Mall
Management Office, Unit T2-3A-3 & Unit T2-3A-3A, Level 3A, IOI City Tower Two, Lebuhr IRC, IOI Resort City, 62502 Putrajaya, Sepang, Selangor. Tel: 03-8328 8900
The multi award-winning IOI City Mall, located within IOI Resort City, is the largest mall in Southern Klang Valley. It is easily accessible via major highways and public transport. Its 1.5 million sq. ft. of lettable space is occupied by trendy fashion brands, supermarket, cineplexes and F&B outlets offering exquisite local and international dining experiences. • 10am to 10pm

MyTOWN Shopping Centre
No.6, Jalan Cochrane Cheras, Seksyen 90, 55100 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-2710 0057
MyTOWN is located in Kuala Lumpur, anchored by IKEA Cheras. Visit us easily by bypass or take a ride on the MRT to the Cochrane underground MRT station. The blend of fashion forward retail, amazing amenities, stylish alfresco events make MyTOWN the premier shopping destination in the heart of Kuala Lumpur. It’s more than just shopping... It’s an experience for everyone in the family!
• 10am to 10pm

Berjaya Times Square
Tel: 03-2117 3111
1 Jalan Imbi • 📍 Imbi
The biggest in Southeast Asia, this mall which measures 7.5 million sq ft, is an integrated shopping-cum-entertainment centre with a hotel, the region's biggest indoor theme park and bowling centre. • 10am - 10pm daily. • F8

1 Utama
1 Lebuhr Bandar Utama, Bandar Utama, PJ Tel : 03-7710 8118
A new generation shopping centre which satisfies all shopping needs under one roof. The old wing has Jusco as the main anchor tenant while the new extension houses many designer brands and has U Parkson, MPH & Jusco as anchor tenants • 10am - 10pm daily.

Sunway Velocity Mall
Lingkaran SV, Sunway Velocity, 55100 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-2786 3970
Sunway Velocity Mall is earmarked to be the leading destination in KL South with its cutting-edge architecture, neo futuristic façade and contemporary interior. Built with connectivity in mind, the mall is easily accessible through major roads and highways and is well-serviced by public transportation including 1 LRT and 2 MRTs.
• 10am to 10pm

The LINC KL
360, Jalan Tun Razak, 50400 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-92130388
The LINC KL is an escape, a hideaway, a preferred destination for when you want to take a break from your busy life and reconnect with nature. It is a place full of such possibilities. Room for nature. Room for coming together. Room for celebration. Space to grow. Space to simply be yourself.
• 10am to 10pm

Shoppes at Four Seasons Place
145 Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-2391 9655
Shoppes at Four Seasons Place is an elegant showcase spanning over six levels of retail, restaurants, a boutique grocer, and more. Immerse yourself in seamless accessibility with your every convenience within comfort’s reach. Take your time to explore the collection of carefully curated brands uniquely housed amidst wide spaces, marble halls, and comfortable lounge areas. Strategically located in the Golden Triangle of Kuala Lumpur, the mall welcomes you to indulge in an idyllic experience.
• 10am to 10pm

Publika Shopping Gallery
No 1, Jalan Dutamas 1, Solaris Dutamas, 50480 Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 03-6211 7877
www.publika.com.my
www.facebook.com/publikashoppinggallery

Bangsar Village
Jalan Ara, Bangsar • 📍 Bangsar
Tel : 03-2282 1808
Located in happening Bangsar, this neighbourhood mall is vastly popular due to its individual specialist shops offering fashion wear, toys, jewellery, hardware, beauty salons and F&B. Anchor tenants include The Village Grocer. The newer and bigger Bangsar Village II that’s connected to this mall offers more local and international brands.

Sunway Pyramid
Bandar Sunway
Tel : 03-74943100
Impressive giant sphinx statue greets you at the entrance of this Egyptian-themed shopping centre situated next to Sunway Hotel and the Sunway Lagoon theme park.. The mall has a variety of shops and restaurants, an indoor ice-skating rink and a cineplex. • 10am-10pm daily.

Pavilion KL
168, Jalan Bukit Bintang • 📍 B Bintang
Tel: 03-2118 8833
The shopping centre blends the best of the international retail world with 450 stores – ranging from fashion to home deco and leisure to culinary delights - over its 7 levels and 6 themed precincts. 20% of its tenants represent debut brands in Malaysia. Anchor departmental stores are Parkson Pavilion and Tangs. • 10am to 10pm daily

Bangsar Shopping Centre
Jalan Maarof, Bangsar
Tel : 03-2094 7700
Located in the affluent Bangsar suburb, this mall buzzes with a trendy crowd and houses an array of individual specialist shops for every need. Jasons Food Hall is a favourite with shoppers, as it offers an extensive range of fresh and international food brands. 10am - 10pm daily.

Maju Junction Mall
1001 Jalan Sultan Ismail • 📍
Tel: 03-2697 9312
Located at the junction of Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman and Jalan Sultan Ismail, the five-storey mall has 101 outlets with Giant, Wh by British India, FOS, Nichii Fashion City being the anchor tenants. The mall provides concierge service and has an indoor archery centre, Big-Shot Archery. • 10am - 10pm daily.

KLIA
KL International Airport, Sepang 🛬 KLIA Ekspres-KLIA Tel : 03-8777 8888
One of airports with value-for-money shopping, it offers an excellent selection of goods like souvenirs, tobacco, liquors, perfume, chocolates and designer brands.



Pertama Complex
Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman
Tel: 03-2691 6599
One of the earliest shopping complexes in KL, this mall consists of many small shops selling an astonishing variety of goods and services appealing to the masses, including sports goods, leatherware, clothes, shoes and stationery. • 9am - 9pm daily. • D5

Sogo KL
Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman
• 📍 M Tuanku
• 🚆 Bandaraya • 🚆 Bank Negara
Tel : 03-2698 2111
This 10-storey shopping mall is well patronised for its quality goods (local and international) ranging from apparel, home furnishing to daily need items. It also has an international restaurant floor on the 6th floor • 11am-9pm daily • D5

Starhill Gallery
181 Jln Bkt Bintang • 📍 B Bintang
Tel: 03-2782 3800
Connected to JW Marriott Hotel and Ritz Carlton Hotel, Starhill houses the largest retail watch floor and a host of top fashion designer boutiques. An exclusive mall with excellent eateries and high-end shops.
• 10am -10pm daily • E9

Sungei Wang Plaza
Jalan Sultan Ismail • 📍 B Bintang
Tel: 03-2142 6636
Sungei Wang remains one of the busiest shopping centres for the last 2 decades. Linked directly to the Monorail, it has over 500 retail outlets and eateries. A great place to hunt for electrical and electronic products, mobile phones, fashionable street wear, shoes & accessories. The hip T-Hop zone at the 6th floor caters to trendy teenagers
• 10am - 10pm daily • F8

The Starling Mall
6, Jalan SS 21/37, Damansara Utama, 47400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor. Tel: 03-7730 7000
Built in an organic form with a fluid façade and natural setting, The Starling is a space where nature is immersed into urban retail environment to create a unique space for togetherness in harmony with nature.

Subang Parade
Subang Jaya • 🚆 Subang
Tel: 03-5633 2530
This suburban mall offers an interesting mix of stores with goods ranging from apparels to antiques, and music to jewellery. Anchor tenants include Toy 'R' Us and Parkson. Carrefour hypermarket is located next door.
• 10am - 10pm daily.

Great Eastern Mall
303 Jalan Ampang
Tel : 03-4259 8090
Located along busy Jalan Ampang, this 6-storey mall has a host of shops including a pet shop, Aussino, British India and eateries like Starbucks and Alexis. It has Cold Storage as its anchor supermarket. • 11am - 9pm daily.

Hartamas Shopping Centre
Plaza Damas, 60 Jalan Sri Hartamas 1
Tel: 03-6201 6553
Integrated with Plaza Damas & situated among retail shops, offices, serviced apartments and alfresco boulevards. Features Citi Super, SenQ and many other speciality retailers.

Lot 10
50 Jalan Sultan Ismail • 📍 B Bintang
Tel : 03-2143 6092
Linked to the Bukit Bintang Monorail station and Sungei Wang Plaza by an overhead bridge, Lot 10 offers an upmarket and wide selection of fashion wear. It has Isetan as anchor tenant • 10am - 9.30pm daily • F8

Low Yat Plaza
Off Jalan Bukit Bintang • 📍 B Bintang
Tel : 03-2148 3651
Located next to the Federal Hotel, it has 250 tenants offering goods as varied as cameras, mobile phones, apparel, fashion accessories and antiques. This largest IT centre provides for all your computing needs. BB Park, located across the plaza and consisting of trendy restaurants and alfresco cafes, sees a hive of activities at night. • 10am - 10pm daily • F8

MINES Shopping Fair Centre
Seri Kembangan • 🚆 Serdang
Tel: 03-8949 6288
Cruise into the heart of a busy shopping mall with a vibrant mix of more than 300 retailers, fashion boutiques, F&B outlets, canal quay alfresco dining, IT & mobile gadgets and also leisure and entertainment facilities like a cinema, bowling alley and snooker centre.
• 10am - 10pm daily.

Mid Valley Megamall
Lingkaran Syed Putra • 🚆 Mid Valley
Tel : 03-2938 3333
The shops go on and on in this mall strategically located between KL and P.J. It has Metrojaya, Jusco, Carrefour, Golden Screen Cinemas and MPH as anchor tenants, over 300 speciality stores and 70 F&B outlets under one roof. Adjacent to the mall are Cititel Mid Valley Hotel and Boulevard Hotel • 10am - 10pm daily.

The Gardens
Mid Valley City • 🚆 Mid Valley
Tel : 03-2297 0288
10am - 10pm dayly

Sunway Putra Mall (Formerly The Mall)
100 Jalan Putra, KL • 🚆 PWTC
Tel: 03-2786 9333
Located across the Seri Pacific Hotel and Putra World Trade Centre, the Mall has anchor tenant Parkson Grand together with a host of retailers, offering a full range of products, services, food & amusement to shoppers • 10am - 10pm daily • B5

KL’s Best Bar



DINE



KRUNG THEP
G05, Ground Floor, Republik, 1, Jalan Medan Setia 1, Bukit Daman-sara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur.



SUVEE MALAYSIA
No.6 Jalan Cochrane, Seksyen 90, 55100 Cheras, Kuala Lumpur.

Chinese

Celestial Court
03-2717 9988
• Jalan Sultan Ismail • Sheraton Imperial Kuala Lumpur Hotel
• Oriental Cuisine • Casual Dining

Chynna
03-2264 2264 📍 KL Sentral• Hilton KL
• Halal • Casual Dining • H3

Shang Palace
03-2074 3904 • 11 Jalan Sultan Ismail 50250 Kuala Lumpur • Pork-free
• Shangri-La Hotel KL • Cantonese Cuisine

Yun House
03-2382 8888 • Four Seasons Place, 145 Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur. • Pork-free • Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur • Dim sum

Opium KL
03-2142 5670 • 50, Changkat Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur. • Casual Dining • Oriental

Wan Chun Ting
03 2720 6688 • No. 6 – Jalan Damanlela, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur. • Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara Hotel • Dim Sum
• Casual Dining

Din Tai Fung Pavilion
03-2148 8292 • 168, Bukit Bintang Street, Bukit Bintang, 55100 Kuala Lumpur. • Dim Sim • Casual Dining

Luk Yu Tea House
03 2782 3850 • Starhill Gallery 181, Jalan Bukit Bintang, 55100 Kuala Lumpur • Dim Sum • Tea House
• Casual Dining

Tao Chinese Cuisine
03-2782 6000 • 65, Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur • Intercontinental Hotel Kuala Lumpur • Oriental Cuisine
• Casual Dining

Lai Po Heen
03-2179 8885 📍 KLCC • Mandarin Oriental Hotel • Halal • Casual Dining • Cantonese • D8

Li Yen
03-2782 9033 📍 B Bintang • The Ritz Carlton Hotel • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F9

Mandarin Palace
03-2148 8744 📍 B Bintang • 2/F, Federal Hotel • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F8

Ming Palace
03-2161 8888 📍 Ampang Park • Corus Hotel, Jln Ampang • Casual Dining

Ming Room
03-2284 8822 📍 Imbi• 19 Jalan Delima, Off Jalan Imbi • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F10

Oriental Noble House
03-2145 8822 📍 Imbi• 19 Jalan Delima, Off Jalan Imbi • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F10

Overseas
03-2144 9911 B Bintang • 84-88 Jalan Imbi • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F8

Purple Cane
03-2272 3090 📍 Maharajalela • Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall, 1 Jln Maharajalela • Halal • Casual Dining • G6

Xin Cuisine
03-2144 2200 📍 B Nanas • Concorde Hotel • Non-Halal • Private Dining
• D7

Indian

Passage Thru’ India
03-2145 0366 • 4, Jln Delima,kl
Halal • Casual Dining • E10

FLOUR Restaurant
012-960 0053 • Unit No. 69 & 71G, Jalan Medan Setia 1, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur. • Fine Dining
• Pork-free

Bar Trigona
145, Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur, 50450 Kuala Lumpur
+603-2382 8670

Mantra bar
Rooftop Bangsar Village II.
+60 17-344 8299

The Roof
1 First Avenue Bandar Utama, Petaling Jaya
+60 3-8605 3388

Nadodi KL
03 2181 4334 • Lot 183, 1st Floor, Jalan Mayang, Off Jalan Yap Kwan Seng, 50450 Kuala Lumpur. • Fine Dining
• Pork-free

Qureshi Malaysia
03-2011 1007 • Ground Floor, East Wing, TPC Kuala Lumpur No 10, Jalan 1/70D, Off Jalan Bukit Kiara, 60000 Kuala Lumpur. • Casual Dining
• Halal

Fusion

Shookl
03-2782 3875 📍 B Bintang• Lower G/F, Starhill Gallery • Halal • Fine Dining • E9

Cé La Vi
03-2770 3360 • Ilham Tower, No 8, Jln Binjai, 50450 Kuala Lumpur • Pan-Asian
• Pork-free • Casual Dining

Open House
03-2162 0888 • G48 Suria KLCC, Lakeside, 50888 Kuala Lumpur
• Malaysian • Pork-free
• Fine Dining

Barat Lifestyle Vegetarian Restaurant
010-288 2654 • 19, Lorong Kurau, Taman Bukit Pantai, 59100 Kuala Lumpur. • Fusion Vegetarian Restaurant
• Casual Dining • Halal

French

Chez Gaston KL by Rendez-Vous
011-3993 0036 • 12G, Jalan Bangsar Utama 9, Bangsar, 59000 Kuala Lumpur. • Non-halal • Casual Dining

Entier French Dining
03-2268 3819 • Level 41 at Alila Bangsar No 58, Jalan Ang Seng, Brickfields, 50470 Kuala Lumpur. • Pork-free • Fine Dining

Bistro à Table
03-7931 2831 • 6, Jalan 17/54, Seksyen 17, 46400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor. • Fine Dining • Pork-free

International

Contango
03-2785 8000 • 5, Jalan Sultan Hishamuddin, Tasik Perdana, 50000 Kuala Lumpur • The Majestic Hotel KL
• Pork-free • Casual Dining

Babe by Jeff Ramsay
013 209 1330 • 11th Floor, Work@ Clearwater, Changkat Semantan, Damansara Heights, 50490 Kuala Lumpur • Fine Dining
• Pork-free

Huckleberry Food and Fare
03-2098 7933 • Plaza Damansara, Jalan Medan Setia 2, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur • Casual Dining
• Pork-free

Essence
03-2717 9900 📍 M Tuanku • Sheraton Imperial • Halal • Casual Dining • C6

Mr Chew’s Chino Latino
The Penthouse, WOLO, Bukit Bintang Street, 55100 Kuala Lumpur
+60 3-4065 0168

Marinis on 57
Level 57, Menara 3 Petronas, Persiaran KLCC.
+60 3-2386 6030

Italian
Cellini's
03-2715 1000 🇲🇲 B Bintang • Dorsett Regency Hotel • 172 Jalan Imbi • Halal • Casual Dining • F9

Tamarind Springs
03-4256 9300 • Jalan 1 Taman Tun Abdul Razak, Ampang
Halal • Fine Dining

La Risata
03-4252 6269 • 26, Persiaran Ampang
• Halal • Casual Dining

Prego
03-2773 8338 🇲🇲 B Bintang • The Westin Hotel • Halal • Fine Dining • E9

Villa Danieli
03-2717 9922 🇲🇲 M Tuanku • Sheraton Imperial Hotel • Halal • Italian • Fine Dining • C6

Japanese
Nobu Kuala Lumpur
03-2164 5084 • Menara 3 Petronas Persiaran KLCC • Fine Dining

Fukuya Restaurant
03-2144 1022 • 9, Jalan Delima, Imbi, Kuala Lumpur • Casual Dining

Haru Japanese Restaurant
03-2011 8783 • 124A, Jalan Kasah, Medan Damansara • Casual Dining

Nippori Cafe
03-7733 8592 • 102 (First Floor), Empire Damansara, Jalan PJU 8/8, Damansara Perdana, 47820 Petaling Jaya, Selangor • Casual Dining

Iketeru
03-2264 2264 🇲🇲 Stesen Sentral KL
• Hilton Kuala Lumpur, 3 Jln Stesen Sentral

Kampachi
03-2148 9608 🇲🇲 Raja Chulan • Pavilion KL

Kokufu
03-4049 4412 • Sri Pan Pacific KL
Halal • Fine Dining

Komura
03-2161 8888 🇲🇲 Ampang Park Corus Hotel
• Casual Dining • C9

Ozeki Tokyo Cuizine
03-2166 4263 🇲🇲 B Nanas • Menara TA One
• Halal • Fine Dining • D8

Yuzu
03-2284 7663 • The Gardens, Mid Valley City • Casual Dining

Sagano
03-2162 2233 🇲🇲 B Nanas • Renaissance Hotel • Halal • Casual Dining

Korean
Da On
03-2141 2100 🇲🇲 B Bintang
• Pavilion KL • Halal • Fine Dining • Korean • E8

Koong Jung
03-2166 7181 🇲🇲 Ampang Park • PNB Darby Park • Halal • D9

Koryo Won
03-2143 2189 🇲🇲 Bukit Bintang• Starhill Gallery • Halal • Casual Dining • E8

Thai
Rama V Fine Thai Cuisine
03-2143 2428 / 03-2143 2663 5, Jalan U-Thant, 55000 Kuala Lumpur • Halal • Fine Dining

★★★★★
Sheraton Imperial KL
03-2717 9900 • Jln Sultan Ismail • 🇲🇲 M Tuanku • Essence (Int'l), Villa Danieli (Ita), Celestial Court (Chi) • From RM300- RM5,825 • D6

The Ruma Hotel and Residences
+60 3 2778 0888 • 7 Jalan Kia Peng, 50450 Kuala Lumpur • www.theruma.com • ATAS Modern Malaysian Eatery (Modern Malaysian) • Santai Pool and Lounge • Seven Lobby Bar and Lounge

Sheraton Petaling Jaya
+60 3 7622 8888 • Jalan Utara C, Petaling Jaya, 46200 Selangor • www.marriott.com/sheraton-petaling-jaya • Yue (Chinese) • Feast (International) • Miyabi (Japanese) • Sala (Bar) • Chime (cigar and whisky bar)

EQ
+603 - 2789 7777 • Equatorial Plaza Jalan Sultan Ismail 50250 Kuala Lumpur • Nipah • Kampachi • www.eqkualalumpur.com

Sunway Pyramid Hotel
+603 7492 8000 • Persiaran Lagoon, Bandar Sunway, 47500 Selangor • The Resort Cafe, The Lobby Lounge, Cherootz

InterContinental KL
03-2782 6000 • 165, Jalan Ampang • www.ihg.com 🇲🇲 Ampang Park • Serena Brasserie, Tao (chi) , Tatsu (Jap), Bentley's Pub, •OneSixFive(Japanese)

JW Marriott Hotel KL
03-2715 9000 • 183 Jalan Bukit Bintang • 🇲🇲 B Bintang • 3rd Floor (Int'l), Marriott Café, Shanghai (Chi), JW Marriott Gourmet (Int'l), Havana Club • From RM400- RM8,000 • E9 • www.marriott.com

Le Meridien KL
03-2263 7888 • 2, Jln Stesen Sentral 5, KL Sentral • 🇲🇲 🇲🇲 KL Sentral •One On One (Asian Fusion), Al Nafourah (Middle Eastern), The Conservatory (Lounge & Bar) • From RM 328- RM5,500 • H3 • www.lemeridienkualalumpur.com

Mandarin Oriental Hotel
03-2380 8888 • KL City Centre • 🇲🇲 KLCC •Lai Po Heen (Ch), Mandarin Grill and Mo Bar (Bar & Grill), Mosaic (Buffet), The Mandarin Cake Shop, Cascades (Int'l), Wasabi Bistro (Jap) • From RM409(internet)/RM499(phone) • D8 • www.mandarinoriental.com

Philea Mines Beach Resort
03-8943 6688 • Jalan Dulang, Mines Resort City, Seri Kembangan, Selangor • 🇲🇲 Serdang • Abdul and Charlie's (local), Cheng Ho Court (Chi), Beach Hut and Sunset Lounge (drinks and snacks) • From RM200-RM2000

Sama-Sama Hotel KLIA
03-8787 3333 • Kuala Lumpur International Airport • 🇲🇲 KLIA Degrees (Int), Traveller's Bar & Grill, Palmz Lounge (Wn) • From RM570++ www.samasamahotels.com

Pullman Kuala Lumpur
03-2170 8888 • 4, Jalan Conlay • 🇲🇲 Raja Chulan •Tai Zi Heen (Chi), Eccucino (Café), Enju (Jap) • From RM270-RM670 • E9• www.princehotelkl.com

Renaissance KL
03-2162 2233 • Corner of Jln S. Ismail/ Jln Ampang • 🇲🇲 B Nanas •Sagano(Jap), MED@Marche(Med), Vogue (Int'l) • East Wing: Dynasty (Chi), TEMPTation\$ (Int'l) • From RM215-RM6,000 • D7

The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur
03-2727 1111 • Jalan Stesen Sentral 2, Kuala Lumpur Sentral • From RM850

Shangri-La Hotel KL
03-2032 2388 • 11 Jalan Sultan Ismail • 🇲🇲 B Nanas • Shang Palace (Chi), Zipangu (Jap), Lafite (Fr), Lemon Garden Café (Int'l), The Pub • From RM364-RM12,000 • D7 • www.shangri-la.com

Hilton PJ
03-7955 9122 • 2 Jalan Barat, PJ • 🇲🇲 Asia Jaya • Toh Yuen (Chi), Paya Serai Coffee House, Genji (Jap), Caffè Cino, Uncle Chilli's • From RM220-RM1685

The Gardens Hotel & Residences
03-2268 1188 • Mid Valley City • 🇲🇲 Mid Valley • The Soread (Int'l), Sage Restaurant & Wine Bar (Fr & Jap) • From RM600-RM2,600• www.gardenshtres.com

Sunway Putra Hotel (Formerly The Legend Hotel)
03-4042 9888 • Putra Place, 100 Jalan Putra • PWTC • Museum (Chi), Coffee House, Atrium Lounge • From RM188-RM388 • B5 • www.lagendhotelkl.com

The Ritz-Carlton KL
03-2142 8000 • 168, Jalan Imbi • 🇲🇲 B Bintang • Li Yen (Chi), Rossini's (Ita) • From RM418 • F9 • www.ritz-carlton.com

Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara
03-2720 6688 • 6, Jalan Damanlela, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur • From RM330-RM820 • www.sofitel-kualalumpur-damansara.com

The Ritz-Carlton Residences
03-2142 9000 • 🇲🇲 B Bintang • From RM950-RM1,330 • F9

The Royal Chulan
03-2688 9688 • Jalan Conlay • 🇲🇲 R Chulan • Deli Cafe (Ita), Bunga Emas (Mas), L'Heritage (Fr) • F6 • www.theroyalchulan.com.my

★★★★
Aloft Kuala Lumpur Sentral
03-2723 1000
Jalan Stesen Sentral
KL Sentral • 🇲🇲 🇲🇲 KL Sentral • Nook (International), MAI Bar (Bar Menu), w xyz(SM) Bar (Cocktails & Snacks) • From RM270 - RM388 • www.starwoodhotels.com/alofthotels

Ancasa Hotel KL
03-2026 6060 • Jln Tun Tan Cheng Lock • 🇲🇲 Plaza Rakyat • Saffron Brasserie and BabaReebal • Ancasa Spa • From RM165-RM416 • www.ancasa-hotel.com

Boulevard Hotel
03-2295 8111/2295 8000 🇲🇲 Mid Valley City, Lingkaran Syed Putra • Mid Valley •Wild Rice (Int'l) • Rates from RM290Nett – RM420Nett • www.blvhotel.com

Coronade Hotel KL
03-2148 6888 • Jalan Walter Grenier, Bkt Bintang • 🇲🇲 B Bintang • Makan-Makan (Local & Int'l), The Kasturi (Malay), Lobby Lounge• From RM208- RM500 • F8 • www.coronade.com

Corus Hotel KL
03-2161 8888 • Jalan Ampang • 🇲🇲 Ampang Park • Ming Palace(Chi), Dongdang Sayang (Int'l), Komura (Jap) • From RM185-RM390 • C9 • www.corushotelkl.com

Dorsett Regency
03-2716 1000 • 172, Jalan Imbi • 🇲🇲 B Bintang • Checker's (Café), Cellini's(Ita), Windows Lounge (Wn) • From RM200 onwards • F9 • www.dorsettregency-kl.com



Seri Bukit Ceylon
03-20201708 • No 8, Lorong Ceylon off Jalan Raja Chulan
• From RM250-RM480 • E7

Federal Hotel
03-2148 9166 • 35, Jalan Bukit Bintang • 🇲🇲 B Bintang • Mandarin Palace (Chi), The Verandah (Int'l) Revolving Bintang (European) • From RM170-RM600 • F8 • www.fh-hotels.com

Element by Westin Kuala Lumpur
03-2771 3388 • Ilham Tower, 8, Jln Binjai, Kuala Lumpur, 50450 Kuala Lumpur • Trace Restaurant & Bar • From RM343 • www.marriott.com

Impiana KLCC Hotel & Spa
03-2147 1111 • 13 Jln Pinang • 🇲🇲 R Chulan • Tonka Bean Cafe (Int'l) • From RM219- RM368 • D8 • www.impiana.com

Novotel City Centre KL
03-2147 0888 • 2 Jln Kia Peng • Qing Zhen (Chi Muslim), The Square (Int'l), Fun Pub, Al Fresco • From RM260- RM660 • E8 • www.novotel.com

Pacific Regency Hotel Suites
03-2332 7777 • Menara PanGlobal, Jalan Punchak • 🇲🇲 B Nanas • Soi 23, Luna, Olive & Geo Café • From RM290- RM500 • D7 • www.pacific-regency.com

Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa
03- 7492 8000 • Persiaran Lagoon Bandar Sunway Petaling Jaya

Quality Hotel City Centre
03-2614 8000 • Jalan Raja Laut • DBKL • Benteng Coffee House (Int'l), Meisan Szechuan (Chi), Club 300 • From RM150- RM550 • C5 • www.qualiti.com.my

Swiss Garden Hotel
03-2141 3333 • 117, Jln Pudu • 🇲🇲 Hang Tuah • Blue Chip Lounge (Int'l), Flavours Restaurant (Int'l), Green Treats Delicatessen (Int'l), T@ste 6 Restaurant (Int'l) • From470+

The Royale Bintang KL
03-2143 9898 17-21 Jalan Bukit Bintang • 🇲🇲 B Bintang • Sunflowers Brasserie, Cafe Royale & Bar, Rimba Spa • From RM208 • F8 • www.royale-bintang-hotel.com.my

The Royale Bintang Damansara
03-7843 1111 • 6, Jalan PJU 7/3, Mutiara Damansara • The Restaurant (Int'l), Mystery Pub & Café • From RM195 • www.royalebintang.com.my

The ZON All Suites Residences on the Park
03-2164 8000 • 161D Jalan Ampang • 🇲🇲 Ampang Park • Terracotta Restaurant & Lounge • From RM253-RM396 • D8 • www.zonhotel.com.my

Concorde Hotel
03-2144 2200 • 2 Jalan Sultan Ismail • 🇲🇲 B Nanas • Spices (Western), Melting Pot (Int'l), Xin (Chi) • From RM178+- RM320+- • D7
Traders Hotel
03-2332 9888 • Kuala Lumpur City Centre • 🇲🇲 KLCC • Gobo Chit Chat, Gobo Upstairs, Sky Bar, Lounge & Grill • From RM270 • This hotel is located in the vicinity of KL Convention Centre • D8

Vistana KL
03-4042 8000 • 9 Jalan Lumut, off Jalan Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur • 🇲🇲 Tiffwangs • Vistana (Asian) • From RM172-RM230 • A5 • www.vistanahotels.com

Hotel Capitol Kuala Lumpur
03-21437000 • Jalan Bulan Off Jalan Bukit Bintang
• www.capitol.com.my

★★★
Alpha Genesis
03-2141 2000 • 45 Tingkat Tong Shin • 🇲🇲 B Bintang • Tee Box Café • From RM150-RM380 • F7 • www.alphagenesishotel.com

Cititel Mid Valley
03-2296 1188 • Mid Valley, Lingkaran Syed Putra • 🇲🇲 Mid Valley • Citi Café • Rates from RM205Nett – RM320Nett

Corona Inn
03-2144 3888 • 22, Jalan Tong Shin • 🇲🇲 B Bintang • Corona Café • From RM130- RM180 • F8 • www.coronainn-kuala-lumpur.com

Grand Continental
03-2693 9333 • Jln Belia/Jln Raja Laut • 🇲🇲 PWTC M Tuanku • Grand Star (Chi) , Lai Marble Coffeehouse • From RM135- RM800 • C5 • www.gh-hotels.com.my

First World Hotel
03-6101 1118 • Genting Highlands • istorante Torcello's (Italian), Lakeview Seafood Restaurant (Seafood), The Patio (Wn) • From RM85 – RM460

Midah KL
03-2273 9999 • 8, Jalan Kampung Attap • 🇲🇲 Maharajalela • Attapia Coffee House (Int'l), Rolling Good Times Café • From RM145-RM250 • G5

Prescott Inn
03-2713 7887 • 23 Lrg Medan Tuanku 1,off Jln Sultan Ismail • 🇲🇲 M Tuanku • Makana Restaurant • From RM110-RM170 • C5

HOTEL & RESORT

Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur
+603-2382 8888 • Four Seasons Place, 145, Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur
www.fourseasons.com •Yun House (Chinese Restaurant) •Curate (All Day Dining) •Bar Trigona (Bar)•The Lounge At Four Seasons(International) •Pool Bar & Grill

W Kuala Lumpur
+603-2786 8888 •No. 121, Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur
www.marriott.com •Yen (Chinese Restaurant) •Flock (All Day Dining) •Woorbar (Bar)

Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur
03-2182 1234 • Jalan Pinang
• KLCC • JP Teres (Malaysian), THIRTY8 (International), Poolside
From RM550 - RM5610
www.kualalumpur.grand.hyatt.com

Hilton KL
+603 2264 2264 • 3 Jalan Stesen Sentral, 50470 Kuala Lumpur
• ww3.hilton.com • Chynna (Chinese Restaurant) • Vasco's (All Day Dining) Graze (European) • Zeta Bar (Bar) • Iketeru (Japanese)

Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa
+603 7492 8000 • Persiaran Lagoon, Bandar Sunway, 47500 Selangor
• www.sunwayhotels.com
• The Resort Cafe (All Day Dining)

Villa Samadhi Kuala Lumpur
+603 2143 2300 • No. 8, Persiaran Madge Off Jalan Madge, 55000 Kuala Lumpur • www.villasamadhi.com.my
• The Dining Room (All Day Dining)



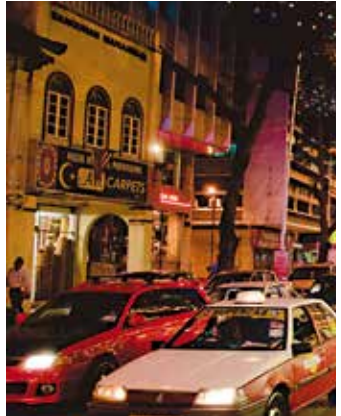
KL Tower
03-2020 5499
Bukit Nanas • Jalan Punchak, off Jalan P Ramlee. • The KL Tower stands at 421 metres. The tower houses a revolving restaurant and an observation deck which takes 58 seconds to reach. Catch the sunset or experience sky jumping from the tower roof. • Opens 9am 10pm daily • E7



Istana Negara, Jalan Duta
Located along Jalan Duta, it is the official residence of Malaysia's king since Nov 11, 2011. Influenced by both Islamic and traditional Malay architecture, this unique structure is the latest addition to the country's architectural wonders.



National Monument
Jalan Tugu, off Jalan Parlimen
• Designed by American artist, Felix Weldon and cast in Italy, the immense bronze structure was built to commemorate the servicemen who lost their lives during the struggle against the communist insurgency in the 1950's. The 7 soldiers symbolise unity, strength, leadership, sacrifice, courage, suffering and vigilance • E3



Little India
🇲🇲 Masjid Jamek • Jalan Masjid India is a colourful street with numerous wholesale and retail Indian traders who sell everything from Indian brass, jewellery, sarees, Indian handicrafts to perfumes & spices. • E5



National Museum
03-2267 1111 • 29 Jalan Raja • Displays a unique permanent collection of artifacts and materials showcasing the history and heritage of Malaysia • Opens 9am to 6pm daily • Admission RM1. Free for <12 yrs & students



Jamek Mosque
Jalan Tun Perak • Situated at the confluence of the Klang and Gombak rivers, this grand old mosque was designed by British architect AB Hubbock in 1909. It incorporates many features of Moghul architecture a • Opens 8am- 1:30pm & 2:30pm-6pm.

Swiss-Inn KL
03-2072 3333 • 62, Jln Sultan • 🇲🇾
Maharajalela
• Café Petaling • From RM130-RM175
• G6

The Plaza Hotel
03-2698 2255 • Jalan Raja Laut • 🇲🇾Sultan
Ismail • Pago-Pago Café (Continental),
Plaza Court (Chi) • From RM110-RM178
• C5

SIGHTSEEING

Aquaria KLCC
03-2333 1888 • 🇲🇾 Raja Chulan 🇲🇾 KLCC •
All 60,000 sq ft of Aquaria encompasses
Evolution, Jewels of the Jungle, Deep
Forest, The Coasts and Touch Pool, The
Livingb Oceans and The Living Reef, with
over 5000 aquatic and land-bound animals
representing over 150 different species.
Don't miss the 90-metre underwater tunnel.
Opens daily from 11am-8pm. (Including
weekends, school and public holidays) Last
admission at 7pm. Entry Mykad Holder
- RM49(Adult), RM39 (Child), General
Admission - RM69 (Adult), RM59 (Child)



Craft Complex
03- 2164 8344
🇲🇾 Raja Chulan • 63, Jalan Conlay. •
Showcases ethnic handicrafts, batik
printing and pottery from the 13 states
of Malaysia. • Opens 9am- 6pm daily.
• E9 FREE

Lake Gardens
Jalan Parlimen • Located near the city
centre, this 9.2ha landscaped garden is
built around a lake. Several attractions
are found within the park including
an Orchid Garden, Hibiscus Garden,
Butterfly Park, Bird Park, Deer Park,
National Monument and the Asean
Sculpture Garden • F3

Malaysian Tourism Centre
03-9235 4848 • 🇲🇾 B Nanas • 109
Jalan Ampang • This is a one-stop
tourist service centre comprising the
information counter (7am-10pm)
Transnasional Executive Coach counter,
domestic tour booking counter, money
changer, restaurant and craft demo
centre. Built in 1935, the building was the
home of wealthy tin-miner and planter,
Eu Tong Seng. Cultural shows are on Tues,
Thur, Sat & Sun 2-2.30pm. • D7

National Science Centre
03-2089 3400 • Persiaran Bukit Kiara •
Houses 9 galleries with different scientific
themes. Offers interesting interactive
displays for learning and entertainment.
• Opens 10am-5pm. Closed on Friday.

Batu Caves
03-6189 6284 • This popular Hindu
temple draws hundreds of thousand
of visitors during Thaipusam. It
consists of three grand caves: the
Dark Cave,the Museum Cave and
the Temple Cave with brilliant rock
formations. The Museum Cave at
the foothills has interesting display
of Indian mythology. To reach the
main Temple Cave, one has to climb
272 steps.

Bird Park
03-2272 1010 • Located at the Lake
Gardens, this 8.4ha bird park is the
world's largest free-flight walk-in
aviary. It is home to more than
3,000 birds from approximately 200
species. Opens daily from
9am-6pm • F4

Butterfly Park
03-2693 4799 • Over 120 species
of butterflies can be found in this
park located at the Lake Gardens'
vicinity. Admission is RM9 for adults
and RM2 for children. Camera: RM3.
Opens 9am to 6pm daily. • F4



Telekom Museum
03-2031 9966
🇲🇾 Raja Chulan • Jalan Raja Chulan
• Displays interesting exhibits of
telephones and evolution of their
designs over the years.
• Opens 9am-5pm. Closed on Mondays
• E6 FREE

National Mosque
03-2693 7784 • 🇲🇾 KL • Jalan Perdana
• This mosque embodies contemporary
designs, together with traditional Islamic
art, calligraphy and ornamentation.
The main dome with its 18-point star,
represents the 13 states of Malaysia
united by the Five Pillars of Islam. Visitors
must dress conservatively and remove
their shoes before entering the mosque
• Opens 9am to 12noon; 3pm to 4pm;
5:30pm to 6:30pm daily. • F4

Merdeka Square
🇲🇾 Masjid Jamek • Jalan Raja •
Opposite the Sultan Abdul Samad
Building, this is the site where the
independence of Malaya was declared
on 31 August, 1957. The 100m high
flagpole is the tallest in the world. Live
entertainment and cultural shows are
staged here on festive occasions. The
Royal Selangor Club and St. Mary's
Cathedral are located nearby. • E5

National Zoo
03-4108 3427 / 4108 3422 • Located in
Hulu Kelang, 12km from the city centre,
the zoo is home to 400 species of local
birds, mammals, reptiles and fishes. •
Opens 9am - 5pm daily. Night Zoo is on
Saturdays 7.30am - 10.30pm. Admission
RM 32 for adults and RM11 for children
3 to 12 years old

**Bukit Nanas Forest Recreational
Park**
03-2306 3421 / 2064 4741 • Bukit Nanas
• Nestled in the heart of KL, the virgin
forest-clad hill is a 10.5 ha park offering a
10-minute & a 20-minute walk trails from
the Forest Information Centre at Jalan
Raja Chulan to KL Tower. • E7

Central Market
03-2274 6542 • 🇲🇾 Pasar Seni Once the
city's biggest wet market, it is now a
centre for food and cultural activities.
Cultural performances are staged during
weekends at the riverside amphitheatre.
Handicraft, souvenirs, art & portrait
paintings are sold at bargain prices. The
Annexe Gallery at CM is a progressive
art centre. • Opens 10am to 10pm daily.
• F5

Deer Park
03-9200 0039 • Enclosed within a 2-ha
ground at the Lake Gardens, the deer,
fawns and does roam freely in a cool
and peaceful habitat with lush trees and
shrubs and ponds. • F3



Sultan Abdul Samad Building
🇲🇾 Masjid Jamek • Jln Sultan
Hishamuddin • Also known as the Big
Ben of KL, this historical landmark and
heritage building is well known for its
Moghl architecture dating back to
1897. Originally the offices of the Colonial
Secretariat, it then housed the Supreme
Court. • E5

National Planetarium
03-2273 4303 • Lot 54 Jalan Perdana •
Located close to the National Mosque,
the attractions include space science
and astronomy exhibits, a theatre
screening 3-Dimensional movies, a
viewing gallery and an observatory •
Admission is RM1 for adults and children
over 12 years [extra charges for all
shows]. Opens 9:30am to 4:15pm daily.
Closed on Monday except public &
school holidays • G4

Old KL Railway Station
Jalan Hishammudin • Built in 1910,
the Moghl-inspired building was a
hub for Malaysian rail transport until it
was replaced by the new KL Sentral
Station. It remains a landmark and the
refurbished Heritage Hotel is still open for
business. Across the road, the Malaysian
Railway administrative building is also a
breathtaking architectural showpiece
• G5

Petrosains, The Discovery Centre
03-4108 8181 • 🇲🇾 KLCC • Petronas Twin
Towers, Level 4 Suria KLCC • Focusing on
Malaysia's oil and gas industry, it offers
an interactive approach to learning.
It takes you through a unique voyage
of discovery of science. • Opens daily
9.30am to 6pm. Last admission 4.30pm.
Closed on Monday • D8

Istana Negara
Official residence of Malaysia's King,
visitors can witness the changing
of the royal guards daily. The Rulers
Conference, various royal and national
ceremonies, investitures and official
banquets are held at this palace. • H5
03-6200 1000

Little India
🇲🇾 Masjid Jamek • Jalan Masjid India
is a colourful street with numerous
wholesale and retail Indian traders
who sell everything from Indian brass,
jewellery, sarees, Indian handicrafts to
perfumes & spices. • E5

Jamek Mosque
🇲🇾 Masjid Jamek • Jalan Tun Perak
• Situated at the confluence of the
Klang and Gombak rivers, this grand old
mosque was designed by British architect
AB Hubbock in 1909. It incorporates
many features of Moghl architecture
a • Opens 8am-1:30pm & 2:30pm-6pm.
• E5



PETRONAS Twin Towers
03- 2615 8188
🇲🇾 KLCC • KL City Centre • The
88-storey Petronas Twin Towers stand at
451.9 metres. Seated in the heart of KL
and amidst a 50-hectare landscaped
park, a skybridge on the 41st floor is
open to visitors between 9am-7pm
daily, closed on Monday • D8

Royal Selangor Visitor's Centre
03-4145 6000 • 4, Jalan Usahawan Enam,
Setapak Jaya • Located 15 minutes from
the city centre, the Royal Selangor which
is internationally known for its fine designs
and craftsmanship, offers a complete
visitor experience, enabling them to see,
hear, touch and learn how pewter is
made. • Opens daily from 9am-5pm.

Royal Selangor Club
03-2692 7166 • 🇲🇾 Masjid Jamek • Jalan
Raja • Once nicknamed 'The Spotted
Dog' during the colonial days, this club
which features Mock Tudor architecture,
is one of the oldest membership clubs
in KL. • E5

Thean Hou Temple
03-2274 7088 • 65 Persiaran Endah, off
Jalan Syed Putra • A beautiful blend of
Chinese and contemporary architecture,
this is one of the largest and most ornate
Buddhist temples in the region and a
venue for major religious festivals. Also
check out the herbs garden, wishing
wel l and souvenir stall • Opens 9am to
9pm daily.

MUSEUMS

**Asian Arts Museum Universiti
Malaya**
03-7967 3936 • Uni. of Malaya • A unique
collection of Asian art & sculptures,
ceramics, including Islamic & Malay art
and textiles • Opens Mon - Sat. Closed
on Sunday & public hols.

Forest Research Institute Malaysia
03-62797 000 • Kepong • Located
within the 1,500 hectares of natural
land reserve, the institute showcases
Malaysia's rich forest heritage. • Opens
8am-4pm. Fri 9am- 12pm.

Heritage Centre
03-7957 4341• 2 Jln Stonor • Showcases
Malaysia's architectural heritage, the
centre also conducts 2 guided tours
a day (11am & 3pm) of the Rumah
Penghulu or Village Head's abode which
has been furnished to reflect a house in
the early thirties • E10

Islamic Arts Museum
03-2092 7070 • Jalan Lembah Perdana
• Opened in 1998, the museum focuses
on the rich diversity of Islamic arts and
culture. Miniature replicas of Taj Mahal
and other Islamic architectural wonders
are on display • Tickets at RM12 (adults),
RM6 (under 18, students & senior citizens)
• Opens 10am to 6pm daily. • G4

Museum Orang Asli
03-6187 8786• Km 24 Gombak • Displays
a collection of over 3,000 artifacts
showcasing the history, culture &
lifestyle of indigenous tribes of Peninsular
Malaysia. • Opens 9am-5pm. Closed
Fri. FREE

National Museum
03-2267 1111• 29 Jalan Raja • Displays a
unique permanent collection of artifacts
and materials showcasing the history
and heritage of Malaysia • Opens 9am
to 6pm daily • Admission RM1. Free for
<12 yrs & students

ARTS & CULTURE

National Theatre (Istana Budaya)
03-4026 5555 • Jalan Tun Razak •
Designed by Malaysian architect
Muhammad Kamar Ya'akub, this
modern theatre is one of the world's most
sophisticated theatres with state-of-the-art
stage equipment. It holds drama, dance
and musical performances regularly. • A7

Petronas Philharmonic Hall
03-2331 7007• 🇲🇾 KLCC • Located within
the Petronas Twin Towers, it is home to
the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra
and the National Choir. It features
performances of highest quality by visiting
orchestras and world-renowned soloists,
besides performances by the MPO which
now ranks among the top orchestras in
the region • D8

OTHER FUN-TASTIC
THRILLS & SPILLS

Casino De Genting
03-6101 1118 • Genting Highlands Hotel

Flight Training
03-2141 1934 • Royal Selangor Flying Club

Horse Racing
03-9058 3888 • Selangor Turf Club, Jln
Sungai Besi

Horse Riding
03-4256 4531 • Royal Selangor Polo Club,
Jln Ampang Hillir

03-2094 1222• Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club,
Jln Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur

Theme Parks

Berjaya Times Square Theme Park
1 Jalan Imbi, Level 5 & 7, Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 03-2117 3118

Sunway Lagoon Theme Park
3 Jalan Pjs 11/11, Bandar Sunway,
Petaling Jaya . Tel: 03-5639 0000

Skytropolis Indoor Theme Park
First World Plaza, Resorts World Genting,
Level 1, Genting Highlands, 69000
Tel: 03-2718 1118

District 21
Level 1, IOI City Mall, Putrajaya
Tel: 03-8328 8888

National Library
03-2687 1700 • 232 Jalan Tun Razak. • This
7-storey building which blends traditional
design with modern architectural
elements houses more than 1.5 million
books, some of them extremely rare.
• Opens daily except Monday • A8 FREE

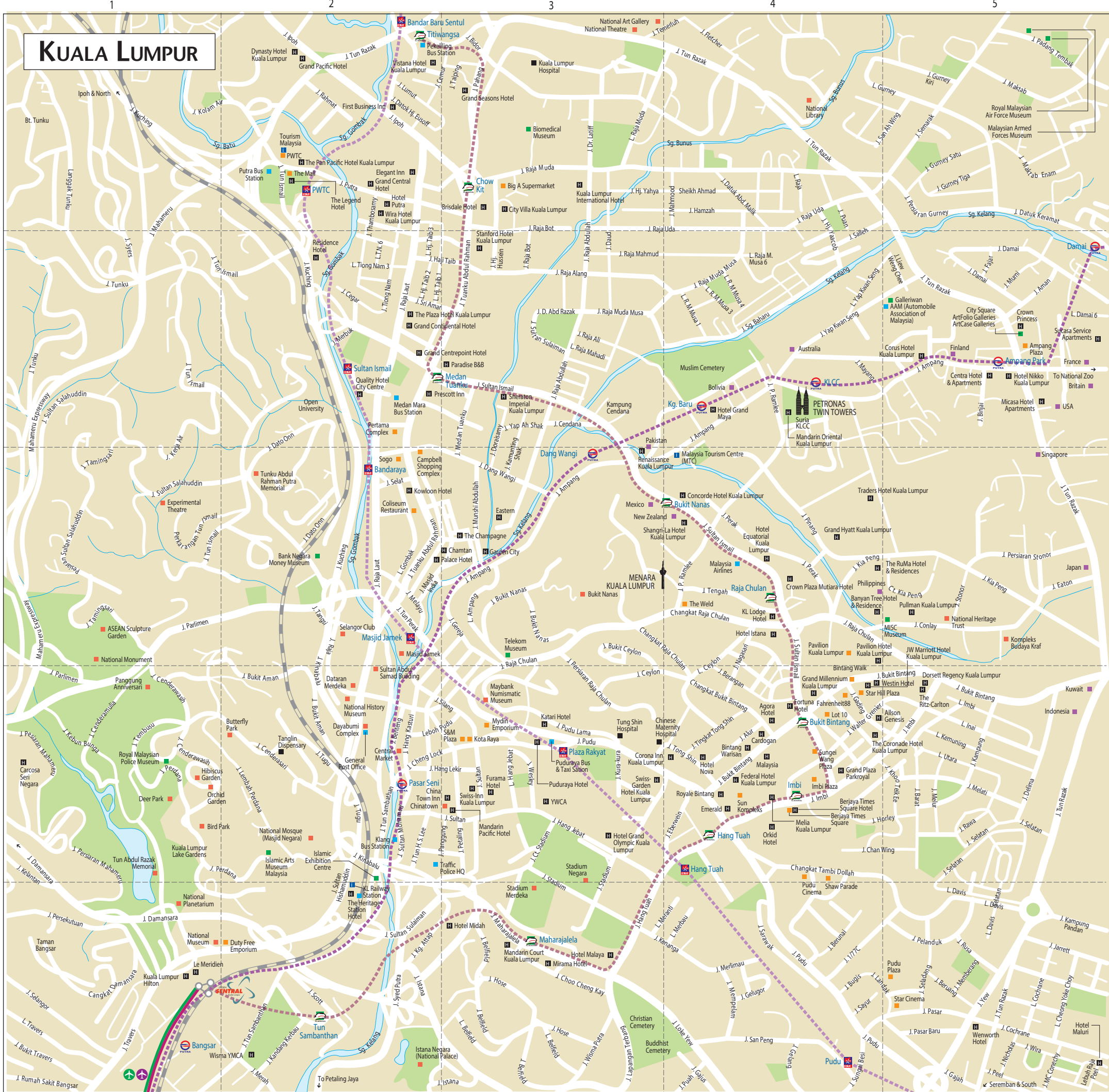
Galeri Petronas
03-2051 7770 • 🇲🇾 KLCC • Level 3 Suria
KLCC. • Exhibits artworks by local and
international artists.
• Opens 10am to 8pm. Closed on
Monday. • D8 FREE

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- PLACES OF INTEREST**

 - 1C ASEAN Sculpture Garden
 - 4D Bintang Walk
 - 1D Bird Park
 - 3C Bukit Nanas
 - 2D Butterfly Park
 - 2D Central Market
 - 3D Chinatown
 - 2D Dataran Merdeka
 - 2D Dayabumi Complex
 - 1D Deer Park
 - 1C Experimental Theatre

MUSEUMS

 - 5B ArtCase Galleries
 - 5B ArtFolio Galleries
 - 2C Bank Negara Money Museum
 - 3A Biomedical Museum

EMBASSIES

 - 4B Australia
 - 4B Bolivia
 - 5B Britain
 - 5B Finland

ENTERTAINMENT/SHOPPING

 - 5B Ampang Plaza
 - 4D Berjaya Times Square
 - 3A Big A Supermarket
 - 4D Fahrenheit88
 - 2C Campbell Shopping Complex
 - 5B City Square
 - 2C Coliseum Restaurant
 - 2E Duty Free Emporium

BUS, TAXI, RAILWAY STATIONS, POST OFFICE

 - 5B AAM (Automobile Association of Malaysia)
 - 2D General Post Office
 - 2E KL Sentral (main transport terminal)

HOTELS

 - 4D Agora Hotel ★★
 - 4D Allison Genesis Hotel
 - 4D Berjaya Times Square Hotel
 - 4D Bintang Warisan Hotel ★★
 - 4C Banyan Tree Hotel & Residence ★★★★★
 - 1D Carcosa Seri Negara ★★★★★
 - 5B Centra Hotel & Apartments
 - 3C Chamtan
 - 3D China Town Inn
 - 3A City Villa Kuala Lumpur ★★
 - 4C Concorde Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★
 - 4D Corona Inn Kuala Lumpur
 - 5B Corus Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 4C Crown Plaza Mutiara Hotel ★★★★★
 - 5D Dorsett Regency Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 2A Dynasty Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 4D Emerald
 - 3C Eastern
 - 2A Elegant Inn
 - 4D Federal Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 2A First Business Inn ★★
 - 4D Fortuna Hotel ★★
 - 3D Furama Hotel ★★
 - 4C Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 4D Grand Millennium Hotel ★★★★★
 - 2B Grand Centrepoint Hotel ★★
 - 2B Grand Continental Hotel ★★

HOSPITALS

 - 3D Chinese Maternity Hospital

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

 - 2A Putra World Trade Centre, Level 2, 45, Jalan Tun Ismail, 50480 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-4041 1295
 - 4C Malaysia Tourism Centre (MTC), 109 Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-2164 3929
 - 2E Stesen Sentral Kuala Lumpur, Lot 21, Level 2, Arrival Hall, Kuala Lumpur City Terminal, Stesen KL Sentral, 50050 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-2274 3135
- 1D Hibiscus Garden
 - 2E Istana Negara (National Palace)
 - 5C Kompleks Budaya Kraf
 - 1D Masjid Jamek
 - 3D Maybank Numismatic Museum
 - 3C Menara Kuala Lumpur
 - 2D National Art Gallery
 - 5C National Heritage Trust
 - 2D National History Museum
 - 4A National Library
 - 1C National Monument
 - 2D National Mosque
 - 5B Galleriwan
 - 2D Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia
 - 2D Islamic Exhibition Centre
 - 5A Malaysian Armed Forces Museum
 - 5C MISC Museum
 - 5B France
 - 5D Indonesia
 - 4B Bolivia
 - 5D Kuwait
 - 3C Mexico
 - 4D Imbi Plaza
 - 3D S & M Plaza
 - 4D Shaw Parade
 - 3D Kota Raya
 - 4D Lot 10
 - 3D Mydin Emporium
 - 2B Pertama Complex
 - 4D Pudu Cinema
 - 4C Pavilion Kuala Lumpur
 - 2D Klang Bus Station
 - 2E Kuala Lumpur Railway Station
 - 4C Malaysia Airlines
 - 2B Medan Mara Bus Station
 - 2A Pekeliling Bus Station
 - 3D Puduraya Bus & Taxi Station
 - 2A Grand Pacific Hotel ★★
 - 4D Grand Plaza Parkroyal ★★★★★
 - 3A Grand Seasons Hotel ★★★★★
 - 3C Hotel Champagne
 - 4C Hotel Equatorial Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 4B Hotel Grand Maya ★★★★★
 - 3D Hotel Grand Olympic Kuala Lumpur
 - 4C Hotel Istana ★★★★★
 - 3E Hotel Malaya ★★★★★
 - 5E Hotel Maluri ★★★★★
 - 3E Hotel Midah ★★★★★
 - 5B Hotel Nikko Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 4D Hotel Nova ★★★★★
 - 2A Hotel Putra
 - 4D JW Marriott Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 3D Katari Hotel ★
 - 4C KL Lodge Hotel ★
 - 2C Kowloon Hotel ★
 - 1E Kuala Lumpur Hilton ★★★★★
 - 3A Kuala Lumpur International Hotel ★★★★★
 - 1E Le Meridien ★★★★★
 - 3E Mandarin Court Kuala Lumpur
 - 4B Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 3D Mandarin Pacific Hotel ★★★★★
 - 4D Melia Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 5B Micasa Hotel
 - 3E Mirama Hotel ★
 - 4D Orkid Hotel ★
 - 3A Kuala Lumpur Hospital
 - 3A National Heart Institute
 - 2D Tanglin Dispensary
 - 3D Tung Shin Hospital
- 1E National Museum
 - 1E National Planetarium
 - 3A National Theatre
 - 1D Orchid Garden
 - 1D Panggung Anniversari
 - 2C Selangor Club
 - 3A Stadium Merdeka
 - 3D Stadium Negara
 - 2D Sultan Abdul Samad Building
 - 1D Tun Abdul Razak Memorial
 - 2C Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Memorial
 - 5A Royal Malaysian Air Force Museum
 - 1D Royal Malaysian Police Museum
 - 3C Telekom Museum
 - 1D Tun Abdul Razak Memorial
 - 4C New Zealand
 - 3B Pakistan
 - 5C Philippines
 - 5C Singapore
 - 5B United States of America
 - 5E Pudu Plaza
 - 2A Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC)
 - 2C Sogo
 - 5C Sinema
 - 4D Star Hill
 - 4D Sun Complex
 - 4D Sungei Wang Plaza
 - 4B Suria KLCC
 - 2A The Mall
 - 4C The Weld
 - 2A Putra Bus Stand
 - 2D Traffic Polis HQ
 - STAR LRT Station
 - PUTRA LRT Station
 - 4C Pavilion Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 2C Palace Hotel ★★
 - 5C Pullman Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 2B Prescott Inn ★★
 - 3D Puduraya Hotel ★★
 - 2D Quality Hotel City Centre ★★
 - 3C Renaissance Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 2B Residence Hotel
 - 4D Royale Bintang ★★★★★
 - 4C Shangri-La Hotel ★★★★★
 - 3B Sheraton Imperial ★★★★★
 - 3B Stamford Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★
 - 5B Sucasa Service Apartments
 - 3D Swiss-Garden Hotel ★★★★★
 - 3D Swiss-Inn Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 4C Traders Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 4D The Coronade Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 2E The Heritage Station Hotel ★★
 - 2A The Legend Hotel ★★★★★
 - 4C The RuMa Hotel & Residences ★★★★★
 - 2A The Pan Pacific Hotel ★★★★★
 - 2B The Plaza Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★
 - 5D The Ritz-Carlton ★★★★★
 - 2A Vistana Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 5E Wenworth Hotel ★★
 - 4D Westin Hotel ★★★★★
 - 2A Wira Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★
 - 2E Wisma YMCA
 - 3D YWCA
- Road / Jalan J.
Lane / Lorong L.
River / Sungai Sg.
Village / Kampung ... Kg.

PETA TRANSIT BERINTEGRASI LEMBAH KLANG

KLANG VALLEY INTEGRATED TRANSIT MAP

PETUNJUK LEGEND

1	KTM LALUAN SEREMBAN KTM SEREMBAN LINE
2	KTM LALUAN PELABUHAN KLANG KTM PORT KLANG LINE
3	LRT LALUAN AMPANG LRT AMPANG LINE
4	LRT LALUAN SRI PETALING LRT SRI PETALING LINE
5	LRT LALUAN KELANA JAYA LRT KELANA JAYA LINE
6	ERL LALUAN KLIA EKSPRES ERL KLIA EKSPRES LINE
7	ERL LALUAN KLIA TRANSIT ERL KLIA TRANSIT LINE
8	LALUAN MONOREL KL KL MONORAIL LINE
9	MRT LALUAN SUNGAI BULOH - KAJANG MRT SUNGAI BULOH-KAJANG LINE
10	KTM LALUAN TERMINAL SKYPARK KTM TERMINAL SKYPARK LINE

B1	BRT LALUAN SUNWAY BRT SUNWAY LINE
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	Stesen Sambungan Penumpang perlu keluar daripada bangunan stesen untuk bertukar ke laluan yang lain. Connecting Station Passengers are required to exit station building to switch lines.
	Stesen Pertukaran Penumpang TIDAK PERLU keluar daripada bangunan stesen untuk bertukar ke laluan yang lain. Interchange Station Passengers are NOT REQUIRED to exit station building to switch lines.
	Terminal Rel Rail Terminal
	Stesen Bas Antara Bandar Interchange Bus Station
	Terminal Lapangan Terbang Airport Terminal
	Medan Kereta Park and Ride

* Penumpang digalakan untuk menggunakan kad MyRapid Touch 'n Go (atau laluan rel Rapid KL atau kad Touch 'n Go semasa menggunakan perkhidmatan tren bagi perkhidmatan yang lebih rendah dan pertukaran yang lebih lancar di stesen pertukaran. Penumpang yang menggunakan tiket/tokan sahaja yang ingin membuat pertukaran ke laluan lain di stesen pertukaran adalah terdapat pada arahan penunggan yang ditetapkan seperti yang berikut:

- membuat pertukaran di stesen pertukaran selepas keluar dari pintu automatik
- mendapatkan tiket/tokan sahaja baharu di mesin jual tiket (TVM) yang telah disediakan sebelum membuat pertukaran.

* Passengers are advised to use MyRapid Touch 'n Go for Rapid KL rail lines or Touch 'n Go cards during their journey on the train to enjoy lower fares and convenience of switching lines at interchange stations.

Passengers with one-way tickets/tokens that need to switch to other lines at the interchange station is subject to use instructions as below:

- change lines at interchange station after exiting the automatic gate
- purchase new one-way tickets/tokens at Ticket Vending Machines (TVM) before switching lines.



NOTA :
Sila ikut langkah berikut apabila menggunakan stesen sambungan Rapid KL :

- **Dang Wangi dan Bukit Nanas**
Beli token untuk perjalanan hingga stesen Dang Wangi (jika dari LRT Laluan Kelana Jaya) dan stesen Bukit Nanas (jika dari Laluan Monorel KL). Keluar dari stesen destinasi tersebut dan beli token perjalanan baharu untuk memasuki stesen sambungan.
- **Sultan Ismail dan Medan Tuanku**
Beli token untuk perjalanan hingga stesen Sultan Ismail (jika dari Laluan LRT Ampang / Sri Petaling) dan stesen Medan Tuanku (jika dari Laluan Monorel KL). Keluar dari stesen destinasi tersebut dan beli token perjalanan baharu untuk memasuki stesen sambungan.
- **KL Sentral (LRT Laluan Kelana Jaya), KL Sentral (Laluan Monorel KL) dan Muzium Negara (MRT Laluan Sg Buloh-Kajang)**
Beli token untuk perjalanan hingga stesen KL Sentral atau Muzium Negara (di laluan di mana anda berada). Keluar dari stesen destinasi tersebut dan beli token perjalanan baharu untuk memasuki stesen sambungan.
- **Air Asia - Bukit Bintang (Laluan Monorel KL) dan Bukit Bintang (MRT Laluan Sg Buloh-Kajang)**
Beli token untuk perjalanan hingga stesen Air Asia - Bukit Bintang (jika dari Laluan Monorel KL) dan stesen Bukit Bintang (jika dari MRT Laluan Sg Buloh - Kajang). Keluar dari stesen destinasi tersebut dan beli token perjalanan baharu untuk memasuki stesen sambungan.

Bagi pengguna kad MyRapid Touch 'n Go, tambang akan ditolak berdasarkan perjalanan anda.

NOTE :
Please observe the following steps for journey between Rapid KL connecting stations :-

- **Dang Wangi and Bukit Nanas**
Purchase tokens up to Dang Wangi (if from LRT Kelana Jaya Line) and Bukit Nanas (if from KL Monorail Line). Exit station upon arrival and purchase another new token to enter connecting station.
- **Sultan Ismail and Medan Tuanku**
Purchase tokens up to Sultan Ismail (if from LRT Ampang / Sri Petaling Lines) and Medan Tuanku (if from KL Monorail Line). Exit station upon arrival and purchase another new token to enter connecting station.
- **KL Sentral (LRT Kelana Jaya Line), KL Sentral (KL Monorail Line) and Muzium Negara (MRT Sg Buloh-Kajang Line)**
Purchase tokens up to KL Sentral or Muzium Negara (on the current line you are on). Exit station upon arrival and purchase another new token to enter connecting station.
- **Air Asia - Bukit Bintang (KL Monorail Line) and Bukit Bintang (MRT Sg Buloh-Kajang Line)**
Purchase tokens up to Air Asia - Bukit Bintang (if from KL Monorail Line) and Bukit Bintang (if from MRT Sg Buloh-Kajang Line). Exit station upon arrival and purchase another new token to enter connecting station.

For MyRapid Touch 'n Go card users, fare will be deducted accordingly as you travel.





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