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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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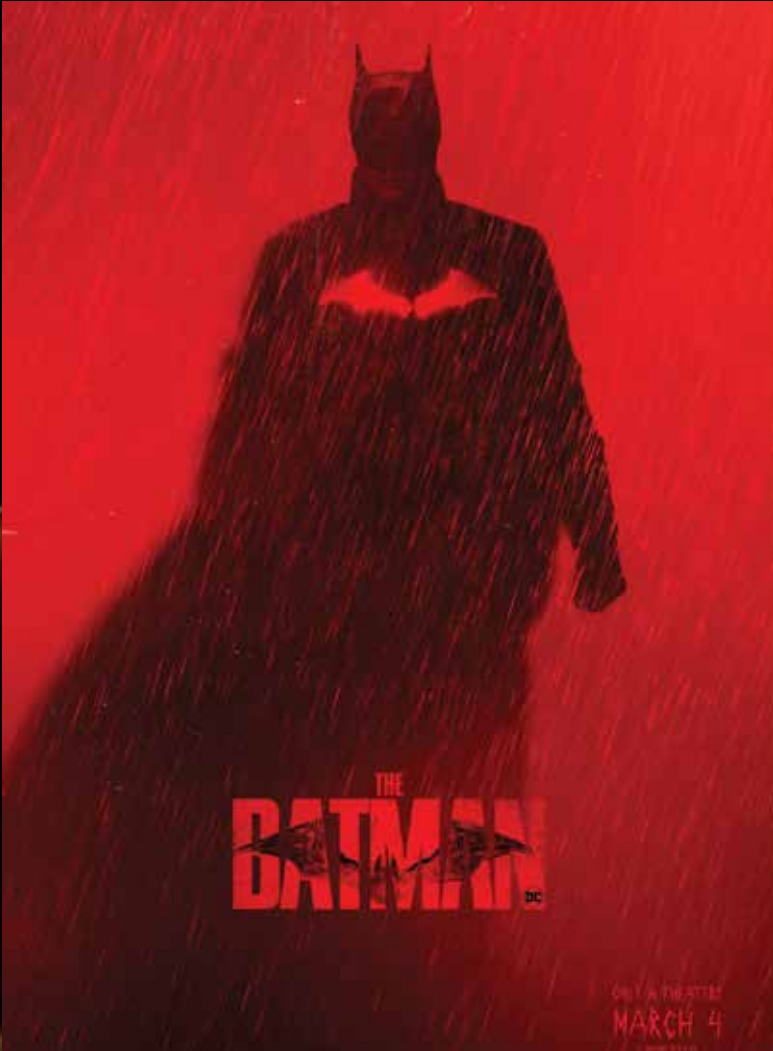
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MOVIE REEL MARCH 2022



THE BATMAN
MARCH 4

Two years of stalking the streets as Batman (Robert Pattinson), striking fear into the hearts of criminals, has led Bruce Wayne deep into the shadows of Gotham City. When a killer targets Gotham’s elite with a series of sadistic machinations, a trail of cryptic clues sends the World’s Greatest Detective on an investigation into the underworld, where he encounters such characters as Selina Kyle/Catwoman (Zoë Kravitz), Oswald Cobblepot/the Penguin (Colin Farrell), Carmine Falcone (John Turturro) and Edward Nashton/ the Riddler (Paul Dano). As the evidence begins to lead closer to home and the scale of the perpetrator’s plans becomes clear, Batman must forge new relationships, unmask the culprit, and bring justice to the abuse of power and corruption that has long plagued Gotham City.

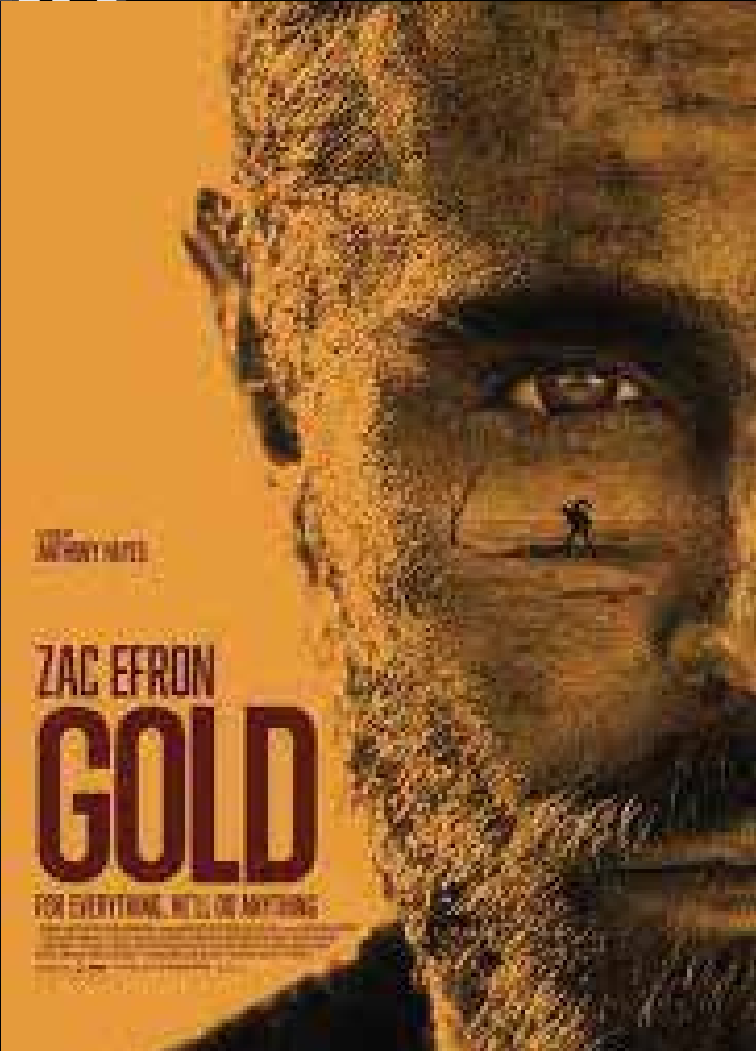
Genre: Action / Superhero
Cast: Jeffrey Wright, Zoe Kravitz, Barry Keoghan, Andy Serkis, Robert Pattinson, Colin Farrell, Peter Sarsgaard, Simon Emanuel.



OPERATION FORTUNE: RUSE DE GUERRE
MARCH 18

Super spy Orson Fortune (Jason Statham) must track down and stop the sale of a deadly new weapons technology wielded by billionaire arms broker Greg Simmonds (Hugh Grant). Reluctantly teamed with some of the world’s best operatives (Aubrey Plaza, Cary Elwes, Bugzy Malone), Fortune and his crew recruit Hollywood’s biggest movie star Danny Francesco (Josh Hartnett) to help them on their globe-trotting undercover mission to save the world.

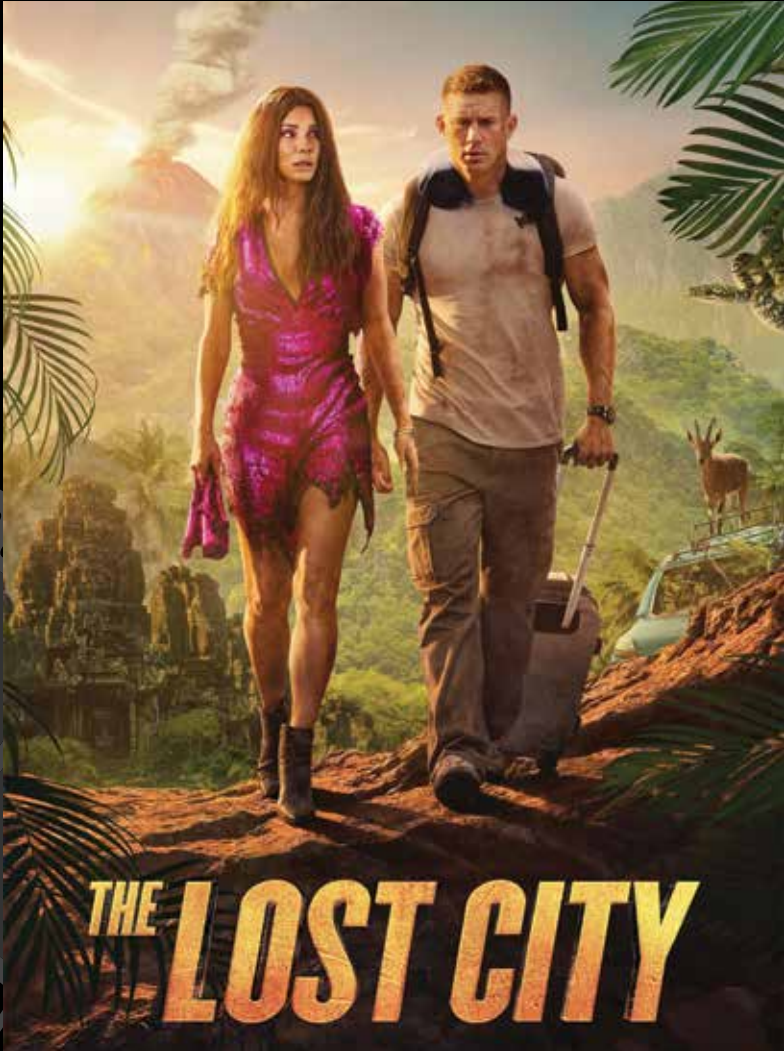
Genre: Action / Thriller
Cast: Guy Ritchie, Jason Statham, Aubrey Plaza, Josh Hartnett, Bill Block, Cary Elwes, Ivan Atkinson, Marn Davies.



GOLD
MARCH 11

With the sudden death of his father, fourth-generation prospector Kenny Wells sees the family business, Washoe Mining, rapidly decline and him out of business. But ambitious Kenny has a dream, a vivid vision that promises mountains of brilliant and pure gold in the lush jungles of remote Indonesia; an aspiration which the well-known, yet still unlucky geologist Michael Acosta shares. Before long, down-on-his-luck Kenny will convince the eager geologist to become his partner and set off on an adventure deep into uncharted territory, while in the meantime, he would hunt for investors. Unfortunately though, as the risky expedition begins without a single speck of gold or the promise of it on the horizon, disease and failure will begin to threaten the short-lived dream. However, is it indeed an intriguingly bold and reckless fantasy?

Genre: Thriller
Cast: Anthony Hayes, Zac Efron, Susie Porter.



THE LOST CITY
MARCH 25

Brilliant, but reclusive author Loretta Sage (Sandra Bullock) has spent her career writing about exotic places in her popular romance-adventure novels featuring handsome cover model Alan (Channing Tatum), who has dedicated his life to embodying the hero character, “Dash.” While on tour promoting her new book with Alan, Loretta is kidnapped by an eccentric billionaire (Daniel Radcliffe) who hopes that she can lead him to the ancient lost city’s treasure from her latest story. Wanting to prove that he can be a hero in real life and not just on the pages of her books, Alan sets off to rescue her. Thrust into an epic jungle adventure, the unlikely pair will need to work together to survive the elements and find the ancient treasure before it’s lost forever.

Genre: Action / Comedy
Cast: Brad Pitt, Daniel Radcliffe, Sandra Bullock, Channing Tatum, Bowen Yang, Liza Chasin, Oscar Nuñez, Adam Nee.

NADIA HENG

ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT, THE ARTICULATE COMMUNITY AND EMCEEING

BY HIRANMAYII MOHANAN

Former Miss World Malaysia, emcee and public speaking coach Nadia Heng, arrived at our photoshoot venue, the Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur with a beaming smile and exuberance to her. Her contagious spirit and affability drove through the day and was reflected on the photos. For the March issue, we discussed the emcee’s brainchild, The Articulate Committee, her thoughts on the relevance of beauty pageants today and her role model.





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TELL US SOMETHING PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO LEARN ABOUT YOU.

Perhaps the fact that I have a twin sister, which is pretty cool. A lot of people who meet me for the first time obviously don't know that. We're fraternal twins and are very close. So that's a little ice breaker when I talk to people.

DID YOU ALWAYS KNOW THAT YOU'D PURSUE A CAREER IN PROFESSIONAL EMCEEING?

The answer is no, mainly because I didn't know that it could be a career. To be honest, when I was younger, I wasn't the most talkative person and neither was I opinionated, nor would I stand up in front of people and talk. Although having said that, I used to watch things like GlobeTrekker on television and it did make me think that it would be quite cool to pursue something like that, to be able to travel the world and host a TV show at the same time. That definitely had some appeal to me.

HAVING BAGGED THE MISS WORLD MALAYSIA TITLE IN 2010, WHAT WAS YOUR TAKEAWAY FROM THE PAGEANT?

I would say the opportunity to form some beautiful friendships with women from across the globe. I believe we had 103 countries participating that year when I went to Sanya, China representing Malaysia. There, I got to meet people from diverse backgrounds and cultures, and it was definitely an eye opener. It gave me a lot of insight into what things were like for them and where they lived. It was definitely a unique opportunity and something that I will always value and treasure.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE RELEVANCE OF A BEAUTY PAGEANT IN TODAY'S WORLD?

I think that it's quite an interesting question. I know that there would be a lot of people who would agree with the relevance of beauty pageants and a lot who won't and I understand their perspectives. But I do think that it has the opportunity to be a huge platform to influence and educate in a positive manner if things are done well. However, in order to continue to be relevant, it's important to be

attuned to what's going on on the ground and be a little more inclusive in terms of the talents they are looking for. I think there are a lot of physical limitations to joining a beauty pageant that in many ways discriminate against many people. I think if we changed some of those rules and made them more relevant to today, people could see more representation of themselves and it would be huge. So, that's my take on that — I think they still can be relevant but some things need changing in terms of how these pageants are orchestrated.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS THE PROUDEST MOMENT OF YOUR CAREER THUS FAR?

I would say the proudest moment of my career so far happened during the pandemic. Don't get me wrong, I'm thrilled to bits with all the emcee works that I've accomplished in the past decade since starting in this industry, but my biggest accomplishment was last year, when I sat down and started to create my own public speaking course. It has been on the back burner, back of my mind for the past five years and it has occurred to me on numerous occasions that it could be something wonderful to do, to be able to guide and mentor younger emcees and people who struggle with public speaking. So this year, I finally sat down and created my course and I'm about to launch my website called The Articulate Community.

YOU'VE HOSTED A MYRIAD OF EVENTS FOR RENOWNED CLIENTS. WHAT GOES INTO YOUR PREP-WORK BEFORE AN EVENT?

I would say number one is obviously going for briefings whether it's virtual briefings or face to face, to ask questions about the client. It's really important to do research first to understand what the brand represents, what are they all about, what they are launching and come up with a list of questions that you might need to figure out during that meeting. So, it could be anything from a check on dress-code, going through the entire flow of the event step-by-step to the smallest of details. I also always like to ask what is Plan B if Plan A doesn't work, and I think that is really important because you are the facilitator and the moderator for the entire event. You would need to know not just what you would do but proposing to the client and finding out what their take is on things because sometimes it's important to make sure these minor hiccups that can happen are addressed and that the client is okay with Plan B that you proposed or that they have their own version. Those are some of the most crucial things before the event. The second part is the paperwork or the prep work in terms of writing your script. Sometimes, the clients are really particular and have their own script sent to you, but other times, you write your own script and in situations like that it's again important to do research about the company and the tonality you should be using in your language, the language you should be using in your content and understanding the flow so that when you script it, it's going to sound natural going from one part of the event to the next. The third thing, that is quite important, is figuring out what your wardrobe is going to be in advance, so it's really important to ask the client beforehand on the dress code so you come prepared and are appropriately dressed for the occasion. I would also bring a backup pair of shoes and clothes in

the car because accidents happen and you want to be prepared. The fourth thing is mental prep work, which means immersing yourself in the content of the event, understanding the uniqueness of each event, really getting your head around from start to finish because at the end of the day, everyone will look to you to cue each segment. So, you really have to sink your teeth into the program to really memorise that, go through the script as much as possible and rehearse multiple times so you are extremely confident with the content and the manner it's presented. The last step I would say, is to arrive early on the day for soundcheck and just doing your very best for the client.



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DO YOU FACE ANY CHALLENGES IN THIS ASPECT?

There are plenty of challenges as an emcee because the event industry is such that it can be very unpredictable. For example, the time might be delayed, VIPs arrive late and there might be even a last minute change in VIP names. So, it's up to you to make sure everything is changed and you are saying it accurately. There are plenty of things that can happen and have happened; take it all in stride and that means really being present in the moment, not being on your phone or talking to someone else, but anticipating what may happen, what to do and to say and how to handle the moment. I've definitely experienced my fair share of challenges with my favourite example being that I was hosting a fashion show when the music went out and the models were still walking. At that moment, it occurred to me that it was a song I knew, so I went out on stage, started singing and got everyone else to sing and clap along. At the end of it, everyone had a good time. It is moments like that when you are able to think on the spot that the clients really appreciate.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR WORK WITH NTA REFUGEE SCHOOLS.

I have been with the NTA refugee school for about six years now, unfortunately, I don't do any of the hard work on the ground but instead, I have been contributing for the past 6 years by spreading the word, sharing the cause and organising charity webinars to raise funds and trying to find collaboration with brands to raise funds but ultimately, the hard work is something that my best friend who is one of the co-founder does. Essentially, we get a lot of refugee families who land on our Malaysian shores and the ones that are up north who are on the fringe of society don't have any access to anything such as healthcare and education. So this is where NTA comes in and provides that

platform for these kids to go to school, with two meals a day, really trying to not just take care of their education but also their mental well-being to a certain degree. They do a fantastic job and I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to mention this. Anyone who is reading this and would like to learn more can head over to NTA refugee school on Facebook and get in touch with them.

MARCH 8, 2022 MARKS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY. WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

I would say my role model is definitely my sister because she is adventurous, bold and is always getting out of her comfort zone. That to me is something that I aspire to be and am constantly striving to do.

HAVE YOU FACED ANY BARRIERS IN YOUR CAREER DUE TO BEING A WOMAN? IF SO, HOW DID YOU OVERCOME THEM?

I honestly have been quite fortunate that I have not experienced any barriers in my line of work. I think in media and entertainment, there are plenty more opportunities for both men and women and so I am really lucky in that sense. Of course, there have been comments of discrimination every now and then, however, for me, I have always pushed on through and played the quality of my performance work as a main priority and really focussed on that because I firmly believe that my actions, character and actual delivery speaks volumes and is what changes peoples minds. So if someone doesn't have as much confidence as you to take on the job, you prove them wrong by being yourself, doing your thing, having faith and trusting yourself in the process. I think that in and of itself is very powerful.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF ADVICE YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN?

The most important piece of advice that I've been given is to do things with conviction. So in everything that you do, do it with conviction, with a sense of purpose and commitment, otherwise it's not worth doing.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MESSAGE YOU WANT TO SEND OUT TO YOUNG WOMEN THINKING ABOUT THEIR CAREERS?

My advice for young women out there starting their careers is to firstly, take on as many opportunities as possible, as diverse as they may be and explore them to really figure out what you love doing and what your passions are. Secondly, once you have done that, commit yourself, go all in and if you can, find a mentor to help you and give it your best in order to level up and carve out the career that you want for yourself. Thirdly, have some fun along the way, don't take yourself too seriously and make sure you find time for yourself, family and friends.

IF YOU COULD HAVE DINNER WITH THREE INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN, DEAD OR ALIVE, WHO WOULD THEY BE AND WHY?

I would definitely say Greta Thunberg, because I think she is an incredible young lady who is doing so much and is so bold and amazing to watch her go out there and challenge world leaders into taking real action to battle this climate crisis. The second and third person I would say would be my paternal great grandmother and maternal grandmother because I have never really gotten the chance to know them and it would be incredible to find out what life was like when they were growing up, at my age or Gretha's age, and what they would think of the crazy state of affairs in 2022 and if they would have predicted any of the things happening today. Also, it would be really lovely to learn about my family, origins, what life was like for them and getting in touch with my roots. I think the four of us would have some really great conversations.



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WOMEN OF POWER

The History Behind International Women's Day

International Women's Day, also known as IWD for short, grew out of the labour movement to become a recognised annual event by the United Nations (UN) since 1975. This International Women's Day, we are celebrating and rejoicing the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women all over the world.

BY HIRANMAYI AWLI MOHANAN

THE HISTORY

The origins of IWD goes back much further than 1975, its seeds planted in 1908, when 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter working hours, better pay and the right to vote. The historian Temma Kaplan revisited the first official National Woman's Day, held in New York City on Feb 28, 1909. (The organisers, members of the Socialist Party of America, wanted it to be on a Sunday so that working women could participate). Thousands of people showed up at various events uniting the suffragist and socialist causes, whose goals had often been at odds.



1908

Great unrest and critical debate was occurring amongst women. Women's oppression and inequality was spurring women to become more vocal and active in campaigning for change. Then in 1908, 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter hours, better pay and voting rights.

1910

In 1910, a second International Conference of Working Women was held in Copenhagen. A woman named Clara Zetkin (leader of the 'Women's Office' for the Social Democratic Party in Germany) tabled the idea of an International Women's Day. She proposed that every year in every country, there should be a celebration on the same day — a Women's Day — to press for their demands. The conference of over 100 women from 17 countries, representing unions, socialist parties, working women's clubs and including the first three women elected to the Finnish parliament, greeted Zetkin's suggestion with unanimous approval and thus International Women's Day was the result.

1913-1914

On the eve of World War I campaigning for peace, Russian women observed their first International Women's Day on Feb 23, the last Sunday in February. Following discussions, International Women's Day was agreed to be marked annually on March 8 that translated in the widely adopted Gregorian calendar from Feb 23 — and this day has remained the global date for International Women's Day ever since. In 1914, women across Europe held rallies to campaign against the war and to express women's solidarity. For example, in London there was a march from Bow to Trafalgar Square in support of women's suffrage on March 8, 1914. Sylvia Pankhurst was arrested in front of Charing Cross station on her way to speak at Trafalgar Square.

1975

International Women's Day was celebrated for the first time by the United Nations in 1975. Then in December 1977, the General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace to be observed on any day of the year by Member States, in accordance with their historical and national traditions.

1909

In accordance with a declaration by the Socialist Party of America, the first National Woman's Day (NWD) was observed across the United States on February 28. Women continued to celebrate NWD on the last Sunday of February until 1913.

1911

Following the decision agreed at Copenhagen in Denmark in 1911, International Women's Day was honoured the first time in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland on March 19. More than one million women and men attended IWD rallies campaigning for women's rights to work, vote, be trained, to hold public office and end discrimination. However, less than a week later on March 25, the tragic 'Triangle Fire' in New York City took the lives of more than 140 working women, most of them Italian and Jewish immigrants. This disastrous event drew significant attention to the working conditions and labour legislation in the United States that became a focus of subsequent International Women's Day events. 1911 also saw women's Bread and Roses campaign.

1917

On the last Sunday of February, Russian women began a strike for "bread and peace" in response to the death of over 2 million Russian soldiers in World War I. Opposed by political leaders, the women continued to strike until four days later the Czar was forced to abdicate and the provisional government granted women the right to vote. The date the women's strike commenced was Sunday, Feb 23 on the Julian calendar then in use in Russia. This day on the Gregorian calendar in use elsewhere was March 8.

1996

The UN announced their first annual theme, "Celebrating the Past, Planning for the Future", which was followed in 1997 with "Women at the Peace table", in 1998 with "Women and Human Rights", in 1999 with "World Free of Violence Against Women", and so on each year until the current.

THE DIGITAL DOMAIN

All You Need to Know About NFTs

The non-fungible token has garnered significant attention as one of the most exciting, transformative innovations blockchain has to offer developers and businesses. But what exactly is an NFT? What makes it special, what gives it value, and how can it be used? Let's explore.

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WHAT IS AN NFT?

FUNGIBILITY

In simple words, fungibility refers to something replaceable or exchangeable. An asset or a good (eg: gold or silver) is a fungible asset if you can replace or exchange one part of it with another indistinguishable part. Gold, silver, wheat, currencies, oil are all fungible goods. You can also consider fungible goods as common items that are not very rare, unique or collectible.

NON-FUNGIBILITY

It is exactly the opposite of fungibility i.e. something unique and irreplaceable. An autographed book or a rare old coin is non-fungible as they both can't be easily replaced.

NFTs

An NFT – non-fungible token, is a digital asset that represents a real-world object. NFTs are bought and sold online, frequently with cryptocurrency and are generally encoded with the same underlying software as many cryptocurrencies. Although they've been around since 2014, NFTs are gaining notoriety now because they are becoming an increasingly popular way to buy and sell digital artwork. NFTs are basically blockchain tokens representing a unique digital item. NFT can represent almost anything like art, graphics, music, videos, images, etc. Think of Pokémon cards, rare coins or a limited-edition pair of Jordans: NFTs create scarcity among otherwise infinitely available assets and there's even a certificate of authenticity to prove it.



NFT TECHNOLOGY AND ITS WORKINGS

Like cryptocurrency, non fungible token is created on the blockchain, which is an analogue of a database for recording all transactions (it can be compared to a receipt received in a store for paying for goods). The blockchain guarantees the originality and uniqueness of the created or purchased NFTs. Thanks to this system, any user can verify the identity and history of any NFT. The very first work to be digitalised was a stencil by artist Banksy called Morons (White). One company bought it, then burned it and created a non fungible token that links the virtual object to the burnt art from life.

WHY ARE NFTS UNIQUE?

When we buy NFTs, we buy not just pixels, but the uniqueness of ownership that no one else can have except you. Non-fungible token does not have to be a picture, it can be any digitised object (music track, photograph, etc.). Ownership is the lines of code that prove that you are the owner of the NFT and not someone else. NFT is compared to a painting that hangs in a gallery, museum or in a private collection, but the audience can see it in a catalog or at an exhibition or even buy it out at an affordable price.

HOW TO BUY NFTS

Essentially, any digital image can be purchased as an NFT. But there are a few things to consider when buying one, especially if you're a newbie. You'll need to decide what marketplace to buy from, what type of digital wallet is required to store it and what kind of cryptocurrency you'll need to complete the sale. Some of the most common NFT marketplaces include OpenSea, Mintable, Nifty Gateway and Rarible. There are also niche marketplaces for more specific types of NFTs too, such as NBA Top Shot for basketball video highlights or Valuables for auctioning tweets such as Dorsey's currently up for bid.

SELLING NFTS

NFTs are also sold on marketplaces and the process can vary from platform to platform. You'll essentially upload your content to a marketplace then follow the instructions to turn it into an NFT. You'll be able to include specifics such as a description of the work and suggested pricing. Most NFTs are purchased using ethereum but can also be bought with other ERC-20 tokens such as WAX and Flow.

MAKING YOUR OWN NFT

Anyone can create an NFT. All that's needed is a digital wallet, a small purchase of ethereum and a connection to an NFT marketplace where you'll be able to upload and turn the content into an NFT or crypto art.

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Multiverse NFTs

NFT is booming, with more people showing interest in NFTs. While higher demand leads to the massive sales growth of NFT marketplaces, it can also result in liquidity issues that increase the price of NFTs. Amid such expansion, people started to realise the limitation of the NFT horizon. They seem to raise a valid concern that they cannot just buy and sell digital collectibles across the platform forever. This idea is neither completely sustainable nor does it fully utilise the potential of a decentralised platform. To put it simply, it's about using NFTs in a multi-universe or multiverse and expanding the purpose of NFTs beyond a single NFT marketplace.

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MULTIVERSE NFT

Today's NFT space allows purchasing and trading of NFTs, but eventually, we are heading to a future where NFT users and the world will demand utility for NFTs. NFTs representing a JPEG image or mp3 files cannot entice users for a long time. Instead, people want NFTs to outshine through unique features like seamlessly connecting NFTs across multiple applications and unlocking other benefits. Such an optimised version of NFTs can be called multiverse NFTs and sometimes cross-usable NFTs.

WHY IS MULTIVERSE NFT IMPORTANT?

While NFTs are ideal for providing buyers with true digital ownership, multiverse NFTs are much more powerful and rich in decentralised nature. NFTs often lack utility as they are offered by a particular entity that developed them. Moreover, dApps grant access to content when the user verifies the identity and ownership of the related NFT through a blockchain wallet. Whereas centralised entities have sovereignty over the conventional apps as they manage user accounts and content both. To help users overcome these limitations of centralised systems, multiverse NFT unfolds its interoperable facility. NFTs when managed across decentralised, peer-to-peer and publicly managed network, it unlocks various excellent opportunities, including additional permissionless utilities. NFT utilities are not confined to certain parameters, making it easy for users to integrate digital products and services into the allocated networks. Leveraging such benefits, various communities can collaborate with different dApps and blockchain projects to build up an ecosystem offering unique utilities and extended use-cases of NFTs.

MULTIVERSE PLATFORM

A multiverse NFT platform lets NFT creators connect with utility providers and share their content across various decentralised applications. It is a content cooperation platform that aims to connect brands, dApps and creators through cross-usable non-fungible tokens.

A multiverse NFT platform can include different types of assets which can be managed and interconnected, including interoperable NFTs, utilities and resources.

NFTS:

Non-fungible tokens (NFTs) represent ownership of a buyer for any digital asset.

UTILITIES:

Utilities are digital content accessed using NFT. They represent a unique digital item or popular characters of any online game. Moreover, a utility can be a discount scheme, coupon, vouchers or anything else the creator is willing to provide access to via NFTs.

RESOURCES:

Resources represent data used for recreating digital content across diverse apps.

FEATURES OF NFT MULTIVERSE PLATFORM

At its core, a multiverse NFT platform enables NFT creators to collaborate with different digital utility providers and resources so that NFTs can become cross-usable and contribute to improving the overall functionality of a project, like facilitating the secured sharing of content by implementing NFT-based content access.

A Foodie’s Guide to Desa Park City

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Curated by a foodie, for a foodie. Read on to learn about the eateries in Desa Park City. Enjoy!



SALA VEGAN

Sala, a word that translates to ‘slavar a los animales (save the animals)’ in Spanish is a vegan-slanted and environmentally-sustainable restaurant which champions clean and green twists to famous food staples like Nasi Lemak. On Fridays, Sala doles out the hearty and warming Bakso — an Indonesian meatball soup dish which is traditionally made from beef. At Sala, the broth is made from pure vegetables while the ‘meatballs’ are made from mushroom and served with meehoon, tofu and tempeh, along with two spicy sauces for a piquant kick. From the Specials menu, we love the Chimichanga which comes with a choice of air-fried or deep-fried chimichanga with mushroom asada, black beans, cilantro lime brown rice, nacho cheese sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla topped with vegan chilli, nacho cheese sauce, vegan sour cream and a lime wedge.

Sala Vegan, Lot GF-23, Waterfront, Desa Parkcity, No 5, Persiaran Residen, Desa Part City, 52200 Kuala Lumpur.



JIBBY BY THE PARK

With a menu that offers a meld of Asia and the Antipodes’ best, there is something to suit every palate at Jibby by the Park. Sunday brunch calls for the Jibby Big Breakfast — a plate featuring indulgent artisan chicken sausages, beef bacon, mushroom, sautéed kale and onion, falafel hash brown, roasted tomato and a slice of sourdough bread alongside your choice of egg. On the healthy side, there’s the Crispy Shredded Duck and Watermelon Salad, a refreshing dish that sees a medley of rocket leaves, mint, Kyuri cucumber, avocado, cheese, crispy pita, feta cheese and a drizzle of yuzu vinaigrette for harmony. Utterly delicious and satiating. From the mains, the 300gm Murray Pure Ribeye accompanied by Greek fries and barbecue chilli jam might strike your fancy. On the other hand, for a taste of familiarity, the Ayam Bakar Madu or Tiger Prawn Wok-Fried Spaghetti is reminiscent of a good hawker stall. Save room for desserts because the Jibby by the Park Berry Pavlova Ice Cream and Beignet are worth every calorie.

Jibby by the Park, FF-17, The Waterfront, 5, Persiaran Residen, Desa Parkcity, 52200 Kuala Lumpur.



KENNY HILLS BAKERS

What started out in 2014 as a small bakery-cum-cafe operating in a tiny half-lot in Taman Tunku with the sole purpose of serving great coffee, amazing pastries, cakes and organic breads has flourished to three successful outlets throughout KL and have served thousands of people, many of whom have become Kenny Hills Bakers loyalists. The Kenny Hills Bakers at Bukit Tunku has the most serene backdrop of trees and nature — a community watering hole for those who enjoy lingering over coffee and pastries. Treat your palate to fluffy-flaky croissants with a side of butter or marmalade as well as cappuccino or flat white. Alternatively, for something heartier, opt for their signature pies, namely, the Fish Pie featuring fresh snapper, butterfish and smoked salmon in a cream sauce, topped with an all-butter puff pastry. Yum. For the sweet tooth, indulge in Kenny Hills Bakers’ famed Peach Strudel. You won’t be sorry.

Kenny Hills Bakers , GF-06 Waterfront, 5, Persiaran Residen, Desa Parkcity, 52200 Kuala Lumpur.

CAFÉ DELI BY EL MESÓN

El Mesón brings you the best of Spain comprising authentic and traditional fare. The ingredients are sourced locally and abroad and goes through careful curation before each dish reaches the taster. Gastronomical offerings are made tastier with its rotating menu, which gets spruced up every quarter. The brand’s latest sister restaurant, Café Deli, is relaxed, offering al fresco and indoor seating. While the core at Café Deli by El Meson remains authentically Spanish, it is supplemented by an enticing bakery counter offering various pastries and danishes and local and western favourites. Pork is still a highlight at this restaurant, with plenty of plant-based options too.

Café Deli by El Mesón, Lot GF5, The Waterfront @ Parkcity, Persiaran Residen, Desa ParkCity, 52200 Kuala Lumpur.

YAYOI JAPANESE TEISHOKU RESTAURANT

Traditionally, meals in Japan consist of one soup dish and three other dishes (one main dish and two side dishes). This style of cuisine integrates various combinations of cooking methods and seasonal ingredients, including from both land and sea. Each meal provides a good balance of nutrients, which is why people in Japan continue to believe that this way of eating is the foundation of a healthy diet. Indulge in the restaurant’s Yayoi Gozen, served in a traditional box packed with signature dishes including the Chicken Nanban, Salmon Salad, Saba Shioyaki and Beef Sukiyaki.

Yayoi, Lot no. GF-08B, The Waterfront @ Parkcity, Persiaran Residen, Desa Parkcity, 52200 Kuala Lumpur.

ALLO by The Owls Café

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A new addition to the food scene of Mont Kiara, ALLO by The Owls Café is bringing the delicious treats that has made its name of The Owls Café closer to the foodies of that area. Taking on a different approach aesthetically from its usual appeal, ALLO dons an air of sophistication within its contemporary décor. From the high ceilings to the art décor pieces placed here and there and even the minimal colour scheme, the beautiful minds behind ALLO have given an air of sophistication through minimalism. The food at ALLO certainly hits all the right spots and fits the theme of sophistication of the place. We enjoyed the ALLO Breakfast, a big platter of sunny side-up egg, sautéed mushrooms, baked beans, chicken frankfurter, mixed greens on the side and served with a buttery and flaky croissant. Not forgetting the local flavours, their Blue Butterfly Pea Nasi Lemak is a dish not to be missed. Laying the foundation of the dish with blue pea flower coconut rice, Chicken Rendang, Sambal, Ikan Bilis and all the other hallmarks of a good Nasi Lemak are served on the side. The familiar play of spices, savoury and sweetness and even the symphony of textures of the dish tantalises the palate with every



Allo Breakfast

bite. The Salmon Curry Pasta caught our eye and did not disappoint. Also an ode to the local flavours, al dente penne is tossed in a creamy curry and served with pan-seared salmon, topped with cherry tomatoes and spinach. The dish is beautifully served to show off the sophisticated flavours of the East and West. A café with a strong hold on the local flavours but headstrong charging into Western cuisine, ALLO by The Owls Café is an aesthetic and culinary treat.

**ALLO by The Owls Café, *Fusion *Casual dining (pork-free), Lot G3A, Ground Floor, Arte, Jalan Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah, Mont Kiara, 50480 Kuala Lumpur
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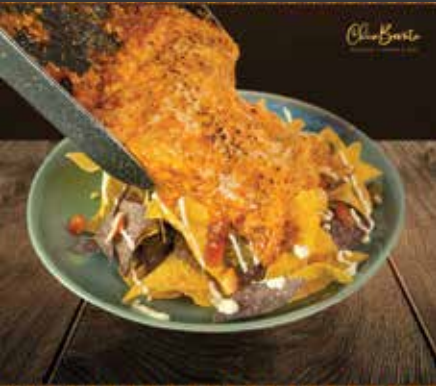
Allo Coffee



Allo by The Owls Cafe

Chica Bonita Mexican Kitchen and Bar

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Chica Bonita Nachos

Chica Bonita Mexican Kitchen and Bar, a recent addition to Klang Valley's thriving food scene, embodies all the hallmarks of a contemporary Mexican spot — vibrant interior, sugar skull murals and upbeat Latin numbers playing in the background. The playful colours and ambience are contagious, rendering us energised and enthused.

The fare here slants towards Tex-Mex, so expect the likes of nachos, burritos and enchiladas to name a few. When in doubt, start small with the Elote — a street snack



Chica Bonita's Offerings

which is essentially corn on the cob sprinkled with chilli tajin, crushed cheese and served with fresh lime. Together, they create a crunchy bite of tart and spiciness.

The tacos are crowd favourites, especially the Pescado Tacos which see crispy battered fish seasoned with pico de Gallo, sriracha menu and complete with a pickled red cabbage. It's noteworthy that Chica Bonita caters to vegetarians, offering options such as mushroom, pumpkin or bean tacos, the Garbanzo y Maiz Burrito Chingon — a



Elote

chunky roll robust with chickpeas, corn, lettuce, pico de Gallo and guacamole. For dessert, the Tres Leches is a must. It's crafted from sponge cake soaked in condensed, evaporated and cream milk, topped with charred pineapple and whipped cream.

**Chica Bonita Mexican Kitchen & Bar, *Mexican cuisine *Casual dining (pork-free), Lot 34, Level G2, Block C5 Publika Shopping Gallery, Solaris Dutamas, 50480 Kuala Lumpur.
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Elephant Republic

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Behind the unassuming doors of a whitewashed building lies a modern Japanese-styled interior with plenty of wooden accents that scream Instagram-worthy. This is Elephant Republic. The al-fresco or courtyard seating here is reminiscent of a tropical holiday. As indicated by the signs out front, coconut coffee is the star at this café, offering the likes of Signature Iced Coconut Latte, Coconut Milk Iced Blended to thirst-quenchers such as the Double Lime Soda, Strawberry Cheese Iced Blended, Tom Yum Soda, Elephant Blended, Bounce Coconut Milk Tea and Mango Iced Blended Ice Cream.

There's something relaxing about Elephant Republic, serving as an ideal spot to work from or simply as a respite from the hustle and bustle. While its coffee and drinks are the crowning glory of this place, the humble and concise menu doesn't fall far behind. From sandwiches to signatures and snacks, there's something to pair with the delectable drinks. Breakfast or brunch calls for the Elephant Breakfast, one of the cafe's signatures that sees sautéed mushrooms, grilled tomato, chicken sausage, beef bacon, scrambled eggs, side salad and toasted sourdough.

For something heartier, the Green Elephant Pasta is what you need. Expect a bowlful of spaghetti tossed in special homemade spicy and sour sauce, topped with cherry tomatoes, mushrooms and chicken — the perfect lunchtime meal.

Elephant Republic, *Coffee *Asian *Casual dining (pork-free) No.7, Jalan Rembia, Bukit Bintang, 50200, Kuala Lumpur.



Elephant Republic Interior



Elephant Republic's Al-Fresco Seating



Coconut Milk Ice Blended

Crane KL

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Adding to the flurry of cafés and restaurants in Chinatown is Crane KL, nestled in a historical four-storey Selangor Grocer's Guild building which exhibits a neoclassical facade complete with a curved baroque pediment. This guild was established by seven Chinese grocers to create an association representing the interests of grocers, retail traders and sundry shop owners back in the 1920's. As you enter the premise, shades of green greet, with ubiquitously-placed plants, huge white paper lanterns adorned with Crane KL's logo and behind the counter or bar area, are recycled tins painted in a turquoise shade and filled with various goodies.

Crane KL boasts a Western-Asian fusion menu that serves up deliciousness and creativity on a platter. Upon ordering, a ramekin cupful of biscuits takes customers down memory lane of their childhood — a beautiful start to the gastronomic experience. For starters, be sure to try the Nasi Lemak wonton, an intriguing dish that encapsulates the 'lemak' rice and egg in a crispy wonton and served with homemade sambal on the side. Another fusion rendition comes in the form of Japanese Udon in Curry Laksa Gravy, an ingenious dish featuring udon noodles with prawns, calamari, cucumber and poached egg in a laksa gravy.



Nasi Lemak Wonton

From Crane KL's signature pizzas come our favourite, the Tandoori Chicken pizza. With a thin crust, this popular dish is topped with tandoori chicken cubes, slathered with cucumber raita and garnished with mint leaves and fresh coriander. It embodies spiciness and a herbaceous quality to it. The mains call for the Grilled King Salmon, a generous slab accompanied by homemade green pea mashed potatoes, grilled asparagus and a spicy cream sauce to unify the various elements. Sweet endings is a must, and it calls for Crane KL's Cendol Panna Cotta — a local twist to a Western dessert served with caramelised brown sugar and coconut flakes.



Tandoori Chicken Pizza



Grilled King Salmon

Crane KL, *Western-Asian fusion *Casual dining (pork-free) 78, Jalan Sultan, City Centre, 50000 Kuala Lumpur.
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Popsicola KL

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The scene set by Popsicola KL instantly draws up vision of a beach vacation. Tucked away on the second floor of MAHSA Avenue, a colourful oasis is built around a swimming pool, enlivened with vibrant colours, sun loungers and cute floaties that are Insta-worthy. Inspired by Bali, this is the place to be if your travel plans are still up in the air and you're looking for some respite with your girlfriends or family.

With plenty of good food to choose from, the Popsicola menu is playfully pescatarian, perfect for a meal by the water. Dive into fish tacos with wasabi and guacamole, prawn sliders, and calamari baskets, washed down with Popsicola's cool-as-popsicles dragonfruit-watermelon juice, lychee rambutan sodas and avocado milkshakes. In addition, Popsicola's Sunshine Bowl is a healthful dream of goodness with a stand-out appearance, taste and aroma. Brimming with aesthetic colours and deliciously creamy, thick smoothies made from mango and pineapple, it's also topped with an assortment of fruits, seeds and nuts. This smoothie bowl takes breakfast to a whole new level.

What's the best juice at Popsicola? Especially for hot, sultry weather like the ones we often experience in Malaysia, so start with the Hearty Heart juice. It's a flavourful medley of watermelon and dragonfruit in a cup that is sure to have you singing. Pair this with a cute mini slider such as the Slipper Lobster Roll that features homemade brioche sausage bun sandwiching lobster chunks mixed in mentaiko sauce and topped with seaweed and ikura. It is accompanied by addictive truffle shoestring fries.



Hearty Heart Juice



Passionfruit Soda



Popsicola Slider



Popsicola Sunshine Bowl

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Easy, Breezy Cocktails

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What’s a meal without the perfect drink? Try your home mixologist skills with the following cocktails.



BROOKLYN COCKTAIL

Love a Manhattan? Then you absolutely must try this unique spin: the Brooklyn cocktail. The Brooklyn is similarly spirit forward, with a few special twists to add nuance. Maraschino liqueur and dry vermouth add intrigue and round out the flavour in this sophisticated drink.

Ingredients:

- 2 ounces of rye whiskey
- 1 ounce of dry vermouth
- 1/2 tablespoon of Maraschino liqueur
- 1/2 tablespoon of herbal citrusy amaro
- For garnish: lemon twist, Luxardo cherry or cocktail cherry

Method:

Add the rye whiskey, dry vermouth, maraschino liqueur and amaro to a cocktail shaker and fill it with ice. Shake vigorously until cold. Strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with a lemon slice or crystallised ginger, if desired.



GINGER MARTINI COCKTAIL

If you love the spicy flavor of the fresh root, try this Ginger Cocktail. It’s a refreshing spin on the vodka martini featuring ginger, lemon juice and dry vermouth. Each sip has just the right balance of sweet and tangy, with a spicy finish.

Ingredients:

- 2 ounces of vodka
- 1 ounce of ginger simple syrup
- 1 ounce of lemon juice
- 1/2 dry vermouth
- Ice
- For garnish: lemon slice or crystallised ginger

Method:

Add the vodka, ginger simple syrup, lemon juice and dry vermouth to a cocktail shaker and fill it with ice. Shake vigorously until cold. Strain into cocktail glass. Garnish with a lemon slice or crystallised ginger, if desired.



SMOKED OLD FASHIONED

This drink is for the adventurous home bartender who’s after over-the-top flavours. It requires some special equipment (a smoking gun) and a little time. But it’s absolutely worth it. The Smoked Old Fashioned is a cocktail that’s cold-smoked, infusing a smoky depth into the classic whiskey drink.

Ingredients:

- 1 sugar cube
- 4 dashes of Angostura bitters
- 1/2 teaspoon water
- 2 ounces of bourbon whiskey
- Orange peel for garnish
- Cocktail cherry for garnish
- Large ice cube
- Smoking gun

Method:

Place the sugar cube in a lowball glass and add the bitters. Place the cocktail cherry and orange peel in the glass. Fill the glass with smoke from the smoking gun and cover the glass with larger glass or pitcher. Wait 2 minutes, then release the smoke. Then fill the glass with smoke again for another 2 minutes, then release. Remove the orange peel and cherry. Add the water to the sugar cube and mash and swirl it with a muddler or wooden spoon until the sugar is mostly dissolved. Add the bourbon whiskey and swirl to combine. Add a large ice cube. Squeeze the orange peel into the drink to release the oils. Gently run the peel around the edge of the glass, then place it in the glass. Garnish with a cocktail cherry. Fill the glass again with smoke and cover with the larger glass. Wait 2 minutes, then release the smoke and serve.



SPARKLING CAMPARI ORANGE COCKTAIL

Sparkling Campari Orange is a festive and refreshing cocktail that is extremely easy to mix. It tastes delicious and looks gorgeous. Perfect for any party!

Ingredients:

- Ice
- 1 ounce of Campari
- 2 ounces of orange juice (no pulp)
- 1 ounce of sparkling water

Method:

Fill a cocktail glass with a handful of ice. Then, pour in the Campari, orange juice and sparkling water. Mix and enjoy. It’s as simple as that.

Toast With The Most

Best Japanese Sandos in the Klang Valley

BY HIRANMAYI AVLI MOHANAN

Japanese sandos have been all over the Instagram feed for a while now and for those who have tried it, it comes as no surprise why. These sandwiches have nestled itself as part of Japan's comfort food repertoire and the hearts of people world over for its heft, flavour and simplicity. Renditions of the Japanese sandos may differ between eateries but the rule of thumb is that it boasts an impressive array of filling – like meat, cream, and egg. Some have elevated it from mere sandwich to gourmet standards by offering premium ingredients. From tamago to unagi and Wagyu beef, we have drawn up a guide to the best Japanese sandwiches Klang Valley has to offer.



YAKUZA BY DARK

Peaking interest with its curious moniker, Yakuza by Dark is an interesting home-based vendor who purveys interesting Japanese fare from Japanese Don Bowls and Katsu Sando made with premium ingredients such as uni (sea urchin roe) and Wagyu beef Caviar. Besides the bowls, the most popular dish on their decently-ranged menu is undoubtedly the Yakuza M8 Wagyu Katsu Sando with Foie Gras — a decadent pairing. Almost too pretty to eat, these layers of luxury sees an Australian M8 Wagyu tenderloin topped with foie gras, drizzled with homemade katsu sauce and sandwiched between charcoal bread. The final touch is a dollop of caviar. These deliciousness are only available through means of pick up or delivery. Despite being a home-based, Yakuza by Dark prides itself in using high-quality and the freshest ingredients.



SUNBATHER COFFEE

Swathed with influences from The Land of the Rising Sun, Sunbather Coffee looks at the sunny side of things. Its physical store cosily tucked at The Sphere in Bangsar South, this cafe has recently opened its arms to delivering to its surrounding 10km radius. Sunbather Coffee prides itself in being a distinctive destination for yoshoku — Japanese interpretations of Western and European fare. We could not dine there and missed out on the Sando, especially the best-selling Maple Peanut Chicken Sando. Chicken breast cooked sous vide layered among fresh apple slices, turkey ham, crispy lettuce, tomato, cheddar cheese, and house-made spiced maple peanut sauce, deliciously nestled between two slices of house-baked dark rye bread. Heavy on the Japanese influence, Sunbather Coffee has curated a menu befitting its roots and has perfected the balance of Japanese and Western influences in their food, both the sweet and savoury.



VCR STACKS

VCR Stacks is the latest addition to the VCR umbrella, purveying a streamlined menu of sourdough sandwiches and coffee. While one might find waffles and granola bowls, the heart of the menu remains sandwiches. Egg lovers will appreciate the mammoth, that is the Egg Sando — an alluring, soft-boiled egg mixed in with sliced egg mayo, chives, celery and dill is sandwiched by brioche bread. Every mouthful was a burst of flavours and subtle chewiness that we kept digging into. With consideration to the vegetarian community, the Zen Stacks was born. Aesthetically-pleasing in its own right, this sandwich comprises halloumi, pesto hummus which is homemade, portobello mushrooms, tomato for that subtle peek of red and arugula — all on rye sourdough bread. Not only is this packed with nutrients, it's loaded with harmonious flavours too.



KIKUBARI

Kikubari is a progressive Japanese casual dining establishment, with the care and attention to detail of fine dining standards. Our food is highly ingredient-driven, with emphasis on Japanese produce and sustainably sourced ingredients, and applying a progressive method/ concept towards the creation of a dish. Available for delivery, this upscale restaurant at DC Mall offers five options from its Sando Series. These include the Tamago Omu Sando, a vegetarian option, Ebi Katsu Sando, Unagi Katsu Sando, Australian Wagyu Katsu Sando (cut varies) and Japanese A5 Wagyu Katsu Sando (cut varies). The Wagyu Katsu Sando is juicy, cooked to perfection and almost melts in your mouth. We like the Unagi rendition too.

A Delicious Cure For A Bad Day

Best Chocolates in the Biz

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



ROYCE

Founded in Sapporo, Hokkaido, a utopia of mountains, sparkling water and fresh air, ROYCE' has crafted confectionaries brimming with flavour and bursting with originality since 1983. ROYCE' creates chocolate rich in aromas, flavours and textures which appeal to all the five senses, pairing the world's finest cocoa beans, nuts and liqueurs together with Hokkaido's bounteous wheat, sugar and dairy products. They feature everything you want and need from melt-in-the-mouth Nama chocolates, chocolate wafers to Prafeuille and Amand chocolates. In honour of White Day this March 14, Royce has launched a White Delight range with a wide selection of white chocolates, including the best-selling Nama chocolate, 'Mild White'.

www.royce.com.my



GODIVA

There's no one that does chocolate with such finesse like Godiva does. Nearly 100 years after being founded in Brussels, Godiva continues to honour its Belgian roots by ensuring that every piece of GODIVA chocolates bursts with quality, Belgian craftsmanship and the world's finest ingredients. Created in 1926 in Brussels by Pierre Draps and further established by Pierre's son Joseph Draps, GODIVA Chocolatier became one of the most prestigious chocolate brands in the world. The recipes of the founder and unique chocolate-making process remain the secrets of GODIVA quality, leading to GODIVA's appointment as official supplier to the Royal Court of Belgium. This luxury chocolate brand doles out a plethora of delicious chocolate treats, from chocolate truffles, chocolate domes to chocolate Carré and their velvety, decadent chocolate soft serve.

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Made locally and freshly crafted within days, Chocolate Concierge is the ultimate spot go to for high-quality handmade chocolates. 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 cocoa beans that are traceable, environmentally sensitive and sustainable. Truly, there's no better chocolates to get yourself and your loved ones. Try the seasonal bon bons featuring local 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.

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Airport MD Speaks

Dato' Iskandar Mizal Mahmood returns to Malaysia Airports after almost 20 years with his wealth of experience gleaned from many multinationals and government linked companies to elevate and transform Malaysia Airports in the fast-changing aviation landscape with new travel norms and innovative technological advances.

This month, he celebrates both KL International Airport (KLIA) and Langkawi International Airport's recognition this year in The Voice of Customer initiative by Airports International Council (ACI) World for airports that have shown significant efforts to gather passenger feedback during the Covid-19 pandemic. On top of that, KLIA has emerged top in ACI's Airport Service Quality (ASQ) survey for the fourth quarter of 2021 (4Q21). Optimistic of air travel picking up further this year, the airport operator welcomes news of more vaccinated travel lanes (VTLs) taking shape.

Dato' Iskandar Mizal Mahmood
Managing Director
Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad

It is a happy moment for us when two of our Group's network of Malaysian airports earned their recognition among over 200 airports in ACI World's latest The Voice of Customer, which is now in its second year running for having prioritised listening to our customers and passengers' evolving expectations during the pandemic.

To qualify for The Voice of Customer's recognition, our airports must have collected three or more quarters of data through ACI World's ASQ survey which benchmarks passengers' satisfaction for terminal safety, facilities, services and cleanliness. For the 4Q21, we achieved the full 5.0 score alongside nine other international airports in the 40 million passengers per annum category.

We believe KLIA's latest achievements will provide passengers with the added assurance of our continuous commitment to improve the airport experience despite the rigorous travel standard operating procedures implemented to curb the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are hopeful of the air travel industry's recovery in light of ongoing talks for the recommended reopening of our borders for quarantine-free travel. Coupled with our neighbours' efforts such as Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines to attract vaccinated tourists, this augurs well for intra-travel within the ASEAN region.

The recent fully-booked flights by our local carriers such as AirAsia and Malaysia Airlines for the Malaysia-Singapore VTL flights before the Chinese New Year holidays until mid-March speak volumes of the pent-up demand for travel to reunite with our loved ones or reconnect with our business associates. We welcome the restoration of ticket sales for both land and air VTL to full capacity effective February 16 based on the latest Covid-19 assessment and given the green light by the Health Ministry.

With the two countries in advanced talks to expand the VTL by air to Penang and Kota Kinabalu, we are also collaborating with the relevant parties, including the Transport

Ministry, to prepare the necessary Covid-19 screening facilities and other related facilities to not only ensure the success of these new initiatives but also the safety of our passengers.

We are also happy that Malaysia and Brunei have agreed in principle to implement an air and land VTL to encourage cross-border movements between them. Earlier talks of expanding the VTL to include Thailand and Indonesia, once they come into fruition, will mean more flight connectivity and frequencies at our airports.

We look forward to the introduction of more VTLs with other countries, which will benefit not only our airports but also the recovery of our nascent economy, which has been projected by the International Monetary Fund to grow at 5.75% this year. We will be working closely with the relevant authorities and parties to make it safe and seamless for our passengers.



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Clearer Skies in The Offing

Expectations are high for airlines to further improve their profits this year given with a number of them showing improved performance in passenger and cargo volumes for the fourth quarter of 2021 (4Q21).

According to International Air Transport Association's (IATA) Airline Business Confidence Index where it recently surveyed airlines' chief financial officers and heads of cargo, the results show that the pressure on airlines' profitability has diminished in 4Q21.

Conducted from December 2021 to January 2022, IATA's survey has a significant majority of the participants reporting improved airline profitability driven by the gradual recovery in passenger traffic as cross-border travel restrictions eased. Strong cargo demand and elevated cargo yields are the other contributing factors.

Despite the emergence of the Omicron variant late last year, IATA says 91% of the respondents expect the recovery in passenger numbers to improve in the coming months with further relaxation of travel restrictions and more efficient Covid-19 containment as the key drivers behind the air travel rebound.

Attesting to it, Malaysia Airports Managing Director Dato' Iskandar Mizal Mahmood remarks, "The last few months have seen passenger movements significantly picking up," adding that the lull situation created by the lockdown resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic had enabled it to implement many initiatives and prepare its network of airports to be ready to welcome travellers once international travel restrictions are lifted.

The airport operator's data for last December shows it having the highest passenger traffic of 5.35 million recorded for 2021 from its airports. Although its volume has dipped 11% to 4.7 million passenger movements in January this year, the airport operator maintains a positive outlook on the aviation industry.

The year 2021 saw the debut of SKS Airways' maiden flights to Pangkor and Redang on January 25 and 31 respectively in addition to four new routes launched by AirAsia the same month which enhanced connectivity between East Malaysia and West Malaysia.

Scout Tigerair's (Scout) launch of its twice weekly direct flights from Singapore to Miri, Sarawak on February 23, which was initially scheduled on January 19, followed next.

As international air travel recovers, Scoot's parent company, Singapore Airlines (SIA), also resumed its daily flight connecting Singapore and Denpasar, Bali on February 16 on its 337-seater Boeing 787-10 aircraft.

Singapore's Economic Development Board vice-president Lim Tse Yong is expecting international air travel in the republic to recover to 55% of pre-Covid-19 level this year and a full recovery by 2026.

IATA, which has newly released another set of data from its survey on the world's top 50 air travel markets that includes Malaysia, shows that as more governments relaxed border restrictions and lift restrictions, a growing momentum in air travel recovery through improved airline ticket sales could be seen.

IATA Director General Willie Walsh says, "Momentum toward normalising traffic is growing. Vaccinated travellers have the potential to travel much more extensively with fewer hassles than even a few weeks ago. This is giving growing numbers of them the confidence to buy tickets and that is good news!"

Walsh calls for further acceleration of the removal of travel restrictions, including quarantine and testing for those fully vaccinated with an approved vaccine by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Recognising the severe impact travel restrictions have on the lives of people and the economy, he feels that since they have not stopped the spread of the virus, "it is time for their removal as we learn to live and travel in a world that will have risks of Covid-19 for the foreseeable future".

Walsh adds, "This means putting a stop to the singling out of the traveling population for special measures. In nearly all cases, travellers do not bring any more risk to a market than is already there. Many governments have recognised this already and removed restrictions. Many more need to follow."

He laments that 13 of the top 50 travel markets surveyed by IATA still do not provide easy access to vaccinated travellers, including major economies such as China, Japan, Russia, Indonesia and Italy.

Besides calling for the removal of travel bans, IATA, which represents some 290 airlines comprising 83% of global air traffic, says it will continue to enable quarantine-free travel for non-vaccinated travellers with a negative pre-departure antigen test result among other things.



Cargo Momentum Continues

Where cargo is concerned, IATA remains optimistic about its demand in 2022 with nearly two-thirds (64%) of its survey respondents predicting further improvement in air cargo traffic while 29% expected no change from the already strong cargo positions, which have been fuelled by online shopping and other factors.

The survey says 58% of the respondents expect yields to remain elevated or to rise further with 71% of them reported growing volumes during the peak season last year (4Q21) due to the congested supply chains in the shipping industry and the recovery of belly-hold capacity with the resumption of passenger operations by airlines.

A case in point is the newly restructured AirAsia X's (AAX) latest landmark deal in securing full belly space utilisation for one-third of its wide-body Airbus A330-300 fleet initially for a year, which will be taken up by Teleport, the logistic arm of Capital A Berhad, formerly AirAsia Group Berhad, to meet customer requirements, both intra and across Asia Pacific.

Commenting on long haul carrier's air cargo expansion two months after its restructuring, AAX chief executive officer Benyamin Ismail says, "For the foreseeable future, cargo revenue will underpin our route strategy and passenger revenue for the first time will be ancillary."

AAX, which narrowed its net loss for the second quarter ended December 31, 2021, to RM11.94 million, earned RM119.4 million in revenue from cargo and charter operations, up 68% over the previous quarter.

It was operating with three aircraft. With more aircraft progressively brought back, AAX is looking at growing its cargo and charter revenue to enable the airline to have sufficient liquidity to meet its financial obligations.

Earlier on January 26, AAX had announced its partnership with French transport, logistics and supply chain GEODIS to increase cargo capacity in Asia Pacific and that it is in talks with major global clients with air cargo requirements.



Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG) on January 24, 2022 reinforces its commitment to safety and hygiene with the launch of its MHFlySafe campaign and logo, following a successful detailed audit by the Bureau Veritas Certification Malaysia on the airlines under the Group including Malaysia Airlines, Firefly, MASwings and AeroDarat Services, the ground handling expertise within the Group.

The certification validates the Group's health and safety standards with globally recognised best practices and recommendations, and marks a timely occasion, especially as the Group works with stakeholders and partners across the value chain to facilitate a seamless and safe experience for leisure and business travellers with the gradual reopening of borders.

MAG have recently signed an agreement with Bureau Veritas, the world leader in testing, inspection and certification to deploy the "SAFEGUARD" Hygiene Excellence and Safety Label, designed to support the operational restart of tourism and business activities of their airlines and ground handling services.



We are delighted to have received certification for the "SAFEGUARD" Hygiene Excellence and Safety Label by Bureau Veritas, signifying that our efforts for safer and seamless travel meet international standards that are thoroughly assessed by an independent and globally recognised body. This is a testament of our commitment to putting safety and security at the core of what we do throughout our varying aviation business portfolios.



CAPTAIN IZHAM ISMAIL

Group Chief Executive Officer of Malaysia Aviation Group



"Our priority remains in ensuring the highest standards of safety and hygiene protocols to our passengers and employees to ensure that they are protected and enjoy a safe and comfortable environment at every step of the way. As the world is facing up against the fast-spreading Omicron variant we will continuously monitor and adjust our processes and policies according to the latest developments pertaining to health and safety SOPs from various authorities of respective countries that underpins our commitment under the MHFlySafe campaign.", the CEO added.

MHFLYSAFE is an overarching campaign of MAG's FlyConfidently campaign which was first introduced in July 2020 to raise public awareness of the health and safety measures taken by the Group. The effort was recognised by AirlineRatings, a worldwide airline safety and product rating review website, as Malaysia Airlines received a 7-star rating for its Covid-19 health and safety measures. Up to date, all operating Malaysia Airlines' pilots and cabin crew are fully vaccinated.

For more information, please visit www.malaysiaairlines.com

Collins Aerospace Expands MRO Capacity in China and Malaysia

Collins Aerospace announced on February 14, 2022 that it is investing more than USD27 million to nearly double the size of its MRO operations in Xiamen, China and quadruple the size of its MRO footprint in Selangor, Malaysia. This additional capacity will help bring faster turnaround times and more efficient service to Collins' customers in the region.

"The Asia Pacific region is a key market for Collins and these expansions represent our commitment to provide the best possible service to our regional customers," said Daven Tey, regional director, IATA III Aftermarket Operations for Collins Aerospace. "Our customers are eager for in-region support for their growth platforms, and we'll now be able to bring even more critical MRO services to their door. This growth will also pave the way for new product introductions and digital transformation to improve our future operations, while boosting on-time delivery."

In Selangor, Collins will invest more than USD16 million to relocate its MRO operations from their current 40,000 square-foot facility



to a new 160,000 square-foot facility at Subang Aerotech Park. The company's Malaysian operations were previously dedicated to supporting MRO for Collins environmental control systems, but as part of the expansion the facility will add new MRO capabilities for Collins air cycle machines, heat exchangers, engine starters, valves, propellers and actuation systems. The site will support a variety of aircraft, including the B787, B777X, A320, A380, ATR 42 and ATR 72.

Both sites will also work closely with Collins Innovation Hub in Singapore to explore new ways to utilise advanced technologies to enhance repair flows and quality.

Dassault Spotlights Expanding Falcon Model Line

Dassault Aviation exhibited its Falcon 8X long-range trijet and ultra-versatile Falcon 2000LXS at the Singapore Air Show, which opened on February 15, 2022.

The 6,450nm (11,945 km) Falcon 8X has been a leading seller in the Asia-Pacific since the first aircraft was delivered in the region five years ago. The 4,000nm (7,410 km) Falcon 2000LXS has also proven popular with corporate customers in the Asia Pacific region, with more than 40 of the versatile twins currently in service in the region. The 2000LXS offers a short-field capability comparable to smaller midsize business jet models but with a range and comfort level far better than those aircraft.



Meanwhile, Dassault Aviation has been reinforcing the level of maintenance, repair and overhaul service available for the 100-plus Falcons now operating in the Asia Pacific region.

The company's wholly-owned ExecuJet MRO Services unit, acquired in 2019, is building a 144,000 sq. ft. facility in Kuala Lumpur that will more than double the capacity at that location. Equipped to handle line and heavy maintenance for the new Falcon 6X and Falcon 10X as well as current in-production and legacy Falcon models, this facility will open in the second half of 2023.

The Kuala Lumpur base recently performed its first C-check on a Falcon 2000LXS, joining ExecuJet MRO facilities in Perth, Sydney and Dubai that are already authorised to perform heavy maintenance on Falcon 2000 and Falcon 900 aircraft. In the second quarter of this year, ExecuJet MRO will open a 163,000 sq. ft. heavy maintenance base at Dubai World Central, adjacent to a recently opened line maintenance base.

Boeing Launches 777-8 Freighter to Serve Growing Demand for Cargo



Boeing launched the new 777-8 Freighter and expanded its market-leading 777X and freighter families of jetliners with an order for up to 50 aircraft from one of the world's largest cargo carriers, Qatar Airways.

Qatar Airways will be the 777-8 Freighter launch customer with a firm order for 34 jets and options for 16 more, a total purchase that would be worth more than \$20 billion at current list prices and the largest freighter commitment in Boeing history by value. The order also supports hundreds of U.S. suppliers from across 38 states, will sustain more than 35,000 U.S. jobs, and provide the American economy with an annual estimated economic impact of \$2.6 billion during the contract's delivery period.

Featuring advanced technology from the new 777X family and the proven performance of the market-leading 777 Freighter, the 777-8 Freighter will be the largest, longest-range and most capable twin-engine freighter in the industry. With payload capacity nearly identical to the 747-400 Freighter and a 25% improvement in fuel efficiency, emissions and operating costs, the 777-8 Freighter will enable a more sustainable and profitable business for operators.

At the White House, Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, Sheikh Mishaal bin Hamad Al Thani, Director of the White House National Economic Council Brian Deese, and Boeing President and CEO Dave Calhoun joined the formal signing by Boeing Commercial Airplanes President and CEO Stan Deal and Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, Akbar Al Baker, who reaffirmed the airline's commitment to the 777X family with the record-breaking 777-8 Freighter deal. First delivery of the new freighter is anticipated in 2027.

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Boeing has a long history of building market-leading freighter aircraft and Qatar Airways is honored to have the opportunity to be the launch customer for the 777-8 Freighter, an aircraft which will not only allow us to further enhance our product offering for our customers, but also help us meet our objectives to deliver a sustainable future for our business.

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AKBAR AL BAKER

Group Chief Executive Officer of Qatar Airways

“Today marks a great day in the ever-building and strong relationship between Qatar Airways and Boeing. We certainly push Boeing hard to deliver upon our expectations, and the team at Boeing consistently strives to meet and exceed our expectations, giving the opportunity for us to be here to launch the most significant new freighter aircraft for a generation.”

Boeing Commercial Airplanes President and CEO Stan Deal added, “We are delighted to launch Boeing's next great cargo airplane – the 777-8 Freighter – with Qatar Airways, one of the world's largest cargo carriers and our partner since the airline began operations nearly 30 years ago. Our team is ready to create an airplane that will serve them well for many decades. Qatar Airways' selection of the efficient 777-8 Freighter is a testament to our commitment to provide freighters with market-leading capacity, reliability and efficiency.”

“We are proud that 90% of the global dedicated freighter fleet is made up of Boeing airplanes. With global supply chains under pressure and high demand for e-commerce, the performance and capabilities of the fleet is more important than ever.”

For more information, please visit www.qatarairways.com

Singapore Airlines Extends PPS Club and KrisFlyer Elite Statuses

Singapore Airlines (SIA) is extending PPS Club and KrisFlyer Elite statuses, rolling over Elite miles, pausing the expiration of miles in 2022, and introducing new programme benefits that further rewards its loyal members in January 2022.

All PPS Club and KrisFlyer Elite statuses that are due to expire between March 2022 and February 2023 will be automatically extended for another year. This supports SIA's members, who have been unable to fly as before due to the Covid-19 pandemic and follows a similar extension in 2020 and 2021.

Elite miles earned by KrisFlyer Elite members, in the 12 months prior to the latest extension, will be credited back into their accounts after the extension. Elite miles earned during the previous membership qualification cycle will also count towards their requalification in the March 2023 to February 2024 cycle.

KrisFlyer miles that expire in 2022 will be automatically extended by six months at a time, at the end of each month.

Rewards earned from the PPS Rewards and KrisFlyer Milestone Rewards 3 that are due to expire in 2022 will be extended to 31 December 2022. This offers members greater flexibility in utilising the rewards earned from flying with SIA.

From February 2022, KrisFlyer members also enjoy additional benefits when they fly on Scoot.



PPS Club and KrisFlyer Elite tier members can enjoy priority boarding, complimentary standard seat selection, an additional 5kg check-in baggage allowance with any baggage purchase, as well as 25% more KrisFlyer miles for every mile earned when travelling on Scoot flights.

SIA has also launched two new KrisFlyer Milestone Rewards, which can be enjoyed by members who have earned 1,000 and 2,500 Elite miles.

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We are very grateful to our PPS Club and KrisFlyer members for their continued loyalty. Extending the membership statuses, as well as continual enhancement of the KrisFlyer programme, provides our members with more recognition and programme benefits. It also offers further opportunities to earn and redeem their miles with both Singapore Airlines and Scoot. KrisFlyer will continue to find ways to bolster its position as a leading lifestyle-centric rewards programme, offering a myriad of ground and in-flight benefits for all members.

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JOANN TAN

Senior Vice President Marketing Planning of Singapore Airlines

For more information, please visit www.singaporeairlines.com

Emirates Restore Flights to Five African Countries



Emirates resume passenger operations between Dubai and five African countries starting from January 29, offering customers more choice, superior value and enhanced connectivity to and through Dubai.

The significant restoration of services include Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Dar El Salaam, Tanzania; Nairobi, Kenya; Harare, Zimbabwe; Emirates' three South African gateways Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban.

Customers flying in and out of Emirates' African gateways can safely connect to Dubai and to an array of onward connections to Europe, Middle East, the Americas, West Asia and Australasia.

All passengers travelling from Emirates' African network with Dubai as their final destination require a 48-hour PCR test. Passengers must present a valid negative

Covid-19 PCR test certificate with a QR code for a test conducted at an approved facility, and validity must be calculated from the time the sample was collected. Upon arrival in Dubai, passengers will undergo an additional Covid-19 PCR test and remain in self quarantine until the results of the test are received.

Since it safely resumed tourism activity in July 2020, Dubai remains one of the world's most popular holiday destinations, especially during the winter season. The city is open for international business and leisure visitors. From sun-soaked beaches and heritage activities to world class hospitality and leisure facilities, Dubai offers a variety of world-class experiences. It was one of the world's first cities to obtain a Safe Travels stamp from the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) – which endorses Dubai's comprehensive and

effective measures to ensure guest health and safety.

Dubai is currently hosting the world for Expo 2020, until March 2022. Through the theme of *Connecting Minds, Creating the Future*, Expo 2020 Dubai aims to inspire people by showcasing the best examples of collaboration, innovation and cooperation from around the world. Its programme is packed with experiences to suit all ages and interests, including a rich line-up of themed weeks, entertainment, and edutainment. Art and culture fans as well as food and technology enthusiasts can explore exhibits, workshops, performances, live shows and more.

For more information, please visit www.emirates.com

Air France Extends Ready to Fly Service

Air France launched the "Ready To Fly" service in July 2021, a free and optional service providing customers confirmation that they have the required health documents for their trip before arriving at the airport. This service provides customers greater peace of mind and a more seamless travel experience, by avoiding multiple checks on the day of departure.

Ready To Fly, which has proved popular with customers, is being progressively deployed throughout the Air France network. It is currently available on more than 140 routes on departure from 80 airports, representing more than 600 daily flights including, all domestic flights in France and to/from Corsica and French Overseas Department; flights to/from the United States, Argentina, Chile and Brazil; flights from France to Germany, Spain, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Gabon and Senegal; flights to France on departure from Europe and Canada.

Since its launch, Ready To Fly has been used by over 600,000 customers.

Since January 24, 2022, the vaccine pass has been mandatory on domestic flights in France for passengers aged 16 and over (excluding flights to/from Corsica and the French overseas departments). To reduce the time required to process the submitted documents, Air France is replacing the manual verification of the vaccine pass with an automated check, ensuring customers travelling in France receive instant confirmation.

This feature is available a few days before departure, in the same way as with any other Ready To Fly document verification process – customers receive an email from Air France inviting them to upload their vaccine pass on a secure online platform.

Customers who have not used the pre-validation service can alternatively scan the QR code of their vaccine pass during check-in at a self-service kiosk at the airport on the day of departure. This service is currently available at Paris-Charles de Gaulle, Paris-Orly, Bordeaux, Lyon, Marseille, Montpellier, Mulhouse, Nantes, Nice, Strasbourg and Toulouse. This feature will be integrated in the online check-in process in the coming months.

The pre-travel validation of the vaccine pass will limit the number of manual checks required at the boarding gate and improve flight punctuality.

For more information, please visit www.airfrance.com





Turkish Airlines to Use Sustainable Aviation Fuel

Focusing on protecting the richness of nature for the future generations in Turkey and 128 countries in its flight network, Turkish Airlines has started to use sustainable aviation fuel on its flights.

Aviation fuel obtained from sustainable sources was used for the first time on TK1823 flight that departed from Istanbul Airport for Paris Charles De Gaulle Airport on February 2, 2022. While sustainable fuel will be used for one day a week on the chosen route, there are plans in place to use it on different routes on a wider scale.

Aware of the effect the aviation sector has on climate change and developing projects to decrease that effect, flag carrier airport took a significant step towards reducing the carbon footprint of its guests with the sustainable aviation fuel. Sustainable aviation fuel that will be used for Turkish Airlines has 87 percent less greenhouse gas compared to fossil fuels.

“We are the airline that flies to more countries than any other in the world. This also means we are the airline that introduces its guests to the richest biodiversity as well. We conduct our work towards achieving sustainability with that mentality and responsibility. Our first flight that uses sustainable resources is a part of that vision. We believe that future generations will continue to be able to discover the world and its preserved beauty with Turkish Airlines. Our efforts focused on protecting our world will continue.”

Prof. Dr. Ahmet Bolat
Chairman of the Board and Executive Committee of Turkish Airlines

The fueling process is also facilitated by Turkish Airlines subsidiary Turkish Fuel Services (TFS). Sourced from Neste company, the environmentally friendly product is stored in TFS fuel farm, and gets loaded to aircraft after it gets blended with jet fuel. Next goal of the airline goes further than using sustainable fuel for its flights. The global brand is conducting “Microalgae Based

Sustainable BioJet Fuel Project (MICRO-JET)” with Bogaziçi University with the support of The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK). When the project is complete, the first carbon negative integrated bio refinery of Turkey and Europe will start its service.

This sustainable fuel with high energy helps to decrease harmful particles of SOx and NOx emissions due to clean burn. Produced from sustainable raw materials and without any harmful heavy metals, this fuel will be used once a week as a start in Istanbul - Stockholm flights.

Turkish Airlines’ growing passion over the years has earned them the title of the airline that flies to most countries in the world. Today, the airline conduct flights to 120 countries from its new home, Istanbul Airport, with a young fleet of 371 aircraft by proudly carrying the Turkish flag across the globe.

For more information, please visit www.turkishairlines.com

Aeroflot Takes Delivery of Two Boeing 777s with Retrofitted Cabin

Aeroflot took delivery of two long-range Boeing 777 aircraft with retrofitted cabin and due to improved configuration, the aircraft can accommodate 427 passengers while providing superior flight experience for passengers travelling in all classes of service. The retrofitted Boeing 777 airliners are configured with 28 Super Diamond NG seats in Business class, 24 seats in Comfort class and 375 seats in Economy class.

Business class passengers can enjoy individual suites providing a high level of privacy. The class service includes sliding doors and an extra armrest that turn the seat to a private suite, fitted with an 18.5-inch HD monitor and 2-metre full-flat bed.

Passengers travelling in all classes of service can enjoy the latest generation Panasonic Ex3 multimedia in-flight entertainment system. In January 2022, Aeroflot enhanced their in-flight entertainment concept with at least 60 Russian and international film premieres and 40 new movie releases with an IMDb rating of 6 and above are uploaded to the IFE monthly. Passengers can choose from over 5000 items of video, audio, entertainment and game content. High-speed Internet access (up to 30 Mb/sec) is also available on board.



The Boeing 777s with retrofitted cabin currently operate on routes to Vladivostok and Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. In future, the aircraft will be utilised for flights to the most popular international and domestic destinations.

Aeroflot’s fleet is one of the youngest of any airline worldwide. As of late January 2022, Aeroflot operated 186 aircraft, including 22 Boeing 777-300ER long-haul aircraft.

For more information, please visit www.aeroflot.ru

Finnair Unveils New Premium Economy Class

Finnair has unveiled its brand-new Premium Economy product which will offer an appealing new travel option for its long-haul customers. The new travel class – alongside a unique new Business Class and a refreshed Economy Class – makes its debut this spring.

Finnair’s stylish and spacious Premium Economy cabin will offer a comfortable seating choice that provides approximately 50% more space than Economy Class. The new cabin class is situated in its own intimate and dedicated cabin with a maximum of just 26 passengers per aircraft.

Ole Orvär, Finnair Chief Commercial Officer, said: “The trend for premium travel has significantly accelerated during the pandemic, so we are confident our new Premium Economy travel class will prove very popular with customers looking for an upgraded experience from Economy.”

Finnair has also invested in a refresh of its long-haul Economy Class, to provide customers with a more restful ambiance for their long-haul flight. New lighter seats for Finnair’s A330 aircraft and three new A350 aircraft will offer enhanced ergonomics, personal stowage options, USB A & C connectivity and a larger inflight entertainment (IFE) screen with an updated user interface.

The makeover of Finnair’s A350 aircraft in service currently will see their Economy cabins receive new seat covers and an updated IFE user experience to bring them in line with the designs of the new Business and Premium Economy cabins.

In summer 2022, Finnair plans to serve nearly 100 destinations in Europe, Asia and the US including new long-haul routes to Busan, in South Korea, Tokyo Haneda in Japan as well as Dallas and Seattle in the US.

For more information, please visit www.finnair.com



Aviation Interview with Dato' Rohman Ahmad Director of SKS Airways

Armed with a background in Civil Engineering from the University of Technology Malaysia, Dato' Rohman Ahmad, 39, had started his career in construction management with the Johor-based SKS Group, a multi-disciplinary organisation before he was tasked to lead its new venture into aviation, which resulted in the inception of SKS Airways Sdn Bhd on November 13, 2017. With his previous experience largely in construction and property, he quickly learnt and picked up the ropes of the airline business. Surrounded by a team of professionals and external consultants, his responsibilities are to ensure that the airline's first year of operation is set up to meet its targeted goals and to prepare its roadmap for the next three years.

Amidst the rising Covid-19 cases, Omicron threat and soaring jet fuel prices, how have they impacted SKS Airways' recent commencement of its flight operations to the islands of Pangkor and Redang?

Fully aware of Omicron's impact on the aviation and tourism industries, safety has always been our top priority. We are committed to strictly follow all guidelines laid out by the Ministry of Health (MOH) to ensure minimal risks to our passengers and crew. Although the Covid-19 cases are trending high currently, we believe that with Malaysia's high vaccination rate of its 32 million plus population, we will be able to minimise the impact with the help of the booster dose in reducing the virus' transmission.

SKS Airways is capitalising on the pent-up demand for domestic travel while assisting in the local rebound of the travel industry. The pilot tourism bubble project in Langkawi is proof of that pent-up demand by travellers.

Undeniably, it has been tough for the past two years and will continue to remain challenging for the aviation and tourism players. Nevertheless, we foresee the situation will slowly improve and share Transport Minister Datuk Seri Ir Dr Wee Ka Siong's optimism during the launch of our Subang-Pangkor maiden flight on January 25 that passenger volume at our local airports will grow this year beyond the 11 million passenger movements recorded last year.



Please tell us how your airline's three-tier fare system - SKS PROMO, SKS LITE and SKS PLUS - work?

Our SKS PROMO fares offer the most affordable rates but there are only limited seats available on each flight for such fares. Hence, passengers are advised to pre-plan their journey in advance if they are keen to secure such promotional fares. However, they will not be allowed to change their flight schedule using such fares. Nor will there be a refund if they cancel their flight.

On the other hand, the SKS Plus fares are not only more flexible but they also offer access to the Subang SkyLounge prior to the passengers' departure. Generally, our fares increase as more seats are sold. Since the seats are sold on a first-come, first-served basis, always plan your journey early to avoid disappointment. Our fares can be viewed on our online booking system at www.sksairways.com.

What is the weight limit imposed on the hand luggage and checked luggage respectively for passengers on your 19-seater turboprop DHC6-300 Twin Otter aircraft. Any charges for exceeding the weight limits?

We allow free-of-charge up to three kg for cabin baggage and up to a maximum of seven kg for checked baggage. Owing to limitations in the size of the aircraft cabin and the luggage compartment on our Twin Otter aircraft, we are unable to accept checked baggage exceeding seven kg. We thus advise passengers to carefully pre-plan packing of their personal effects and travelling gears.

While we do not accept or charge for excess baggage during check-in, we would like to remind them that holiday related items such as golf sets, snorkelling and/or diving equipment are available for rent at their respective destinations.

Regarding the returning passengers' purchases such as chocolates from the duty-free island

of Pangkor, what are your airline policies like?

As for chocolates and other forms of packaged food, it should be fine as long as it is within the baggage limit. We do not allow any fresh produce onboard though.

With SKS Airways working towards its Subang-Tioman and Johor Bahru-Tioman new routes by the second quarter of 2022, are these two services expected to start simultaneously in May? What kind of ticket pricing can passengers expect and who are your target markets?

Based on our current planning, they will commence at the same time. SKS Airways' target markets are the information technology savvy Gen-Y and Gen-Z, young families and island lovers looking for unique experiences at our country's popular island destinations. We will announce the ticket pricing in due time, which should be around the same range as the ticket fares to Pulau Pangkor and Pulau Redang, which start from RM160 one way.

Will you be working out any packages for these two routes to synergise with the hotels owned by the SKS Group in various parts of Johor?

We have plans to offer packages with flight tickets and accommodation but are not limiting ourselves by just partnering with SKS Group-owned hotels. For now, our focus is the flight ticket for leisure travel via our Twin-Otter aircraft to the three popular island destinations that we have identified.

How do you see the prospects for 2022? Any difficulties in sourcing for pilots, crew and/or staff?

We are optimistic the business environment will improve this year and have started by leveraging on the domestic travel demand to give us a head start when international travel resumes. By starting small, this will give us the added edge, agility and flexibility to make swift

decisions according to market conditions. With the Covid-19 pandemic having more than levelled the playing field, there are now more affordable aircraft and ample pilots in the marketplace, plus less congested landing slots for us to work with.

What are SKS Airways' plans beyond 2022?

For our scheduled commercial passenger services, we plan to cover other new and unserved destinations. Based on the travel demand feedback received thus far, we may increase the daily frequency of our current routes to Pangkor and Redang from Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang, Selangor.

Regarding our plans to diversify into cargo and charter, we recognise cargo as one of the key pillars in our aviation business. According to the International Air Transport Association (IATA), airlines generated a historic high of US\$128 billion in cargo revenue in 2020. IATA also forecast 2021's air cargo revenues to hit a record \$175 billion. We expect to be profitable once SKS Airways' three pillars are up and running within the next five years.

Work apart, how do you unwind?

I believe in spending time with my family and would go on short family trips with them to interesting places, trying out different local cuisines besides exploring our country's abundant natural attractions and culture. Travelling takes us out of our comfort zone. A change of scenery inspires us to see, taste and to try new things.

I hope the containment of the Covid-19 situation globally will improve in 2022. I am sure I am not the only one who misses travelling freely without the current constraints that are being imposed.



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DESTINATION: SPA AND WELLNESS RESORTS

Rejuvenating the body and mind is just as important and healthy as exercising and diets. So, if you’re looking to refresh your spirit, depart from the hustle and bustle of the city and just discover yourself again, keep the following idyllic spa and wellness resorts on your vacation list.

BY HIRANMAYII AVULI MOHANAN



SPA, THE RITZ-CARLTON LANGKAWI

Offering six overwater spa pavilions, The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Langkawi offers an ethereal experience in physical form. Even the treatment rooms at this resort spa appear to float on a wave of relaxation. Discover a comprehensive menu of spa services, based on the healing and beauty rituals of Malaysia’s shamans and midwives. The Mandi Bunga Inspired Ritual, for example, takes its cue from the bathing rituals of Malay royal houses. But instead of dispelling bad energy, this treatment eradicates stress and tension with a combination of massage and fragrant oils, herbs and flowers. Additional services at this resort spa include therapeutic rituals for the face and body, as well as a selection of treatments developed especially for gentlemen. Of its six treatment rooms, three can accommodate couples. The spa also offers a spacious deck and the island’s only hammam.



THE GEO SPA, FOUR SEASONS RESORT, LANGKAWI

Your royal retreat at the Four Seasons Resort Langkawi wouldn’t be complete without The Geo Spa’s award-winning couple’s ritual, Raja and Ratu (King and Queen). Strengthen your emotional and romantic connection as you focus on your sacral, heart and crown chakras during this unifying ritual, followed by a traditional blessing ceremony. Alternatively, choose body treatments that restore natural balance, drawn on 5,000 years of Ayurvedic knowledge and the ancient energies of the UNESCO Geopark.

THE BANJARAN HOTSPRINGS RETREAT, IPOH

The spa and wellness treatments are the heart and soul of The Banjaran experience. Enjoy the true Asian philosophy of wellness with treatments from the ancient ethnic traditions of indigenous Malay, Chinese and Indian cultures. Its comprehensive menu includes traditional Chinese medicine, Ayurvedic therapy and Malay healing rituals. It also includes contemporary spa treatments, using both pure and natural ingredients.



LA SANTÉ SPA, THE CHATEAU SPA AND ORGANIC WELLNESS RESORT, BUKIT TINGGI

The multi-award winning La Santé Spa is the first European spa concept in Asia. Combining the best of European spa expertise with renowned Malaysian hospitality, embark on a holistic experience with a wide range of spa and wellness treatments and customised fitness to rejuvenate the body, mind and soul. This spa also houses a relaxing lounge and over 10 spa treatment rooms including unique thermal wellness facilities fully imported from Europe: Salt Grotto, Aquaveda heated bed, herbal bath and aroma hydro pool. With carefully-selected machines and products to provide the ultimate pampering experience, La Santé Spa exclusively uses VOYA, the world’s first organic and halal certified seaweed-based spa products which are rich in vitamins, minerals and antioxidants to nourish the skin. Unique to the spa, the organic LPG machine is a non-invasive treatment that uses a natural lipomassage technique to slim and improve body firmness.

SPA VILLAGE, GAYA ISLAND RESORT, SABAH

Promising an experience that honours the healing traditions of the region, each Spa Village delivers an individual and authentic encounter combining the therapeutic properties of natural local ingredients and the healing practices of the area. Coupling these age-old practices together with modern approaches to health and well-being results in a tailored one-of-a-kind experience, delivering award-winning results to guests. Set amidst lush mangroves, Spa Village Gaya Island is a tranquil hideaway surrounded by distinctive island flora and fauna. From the warm clear waters of Gaya and its rich lowland forests to the high altitude blossoms of Mount Kinabalu, the treatments utilise only the finest fresh local ingredients. A rich tapestry of spa programmes reflects the cultural healing traditions of Sabah’s many indigenous people. From the specialised rice scrubs and masques of the Kadazandusun to the age-old practices of the Bajau sea nomads, Spa Village Gaya Island is uniquely rooted in ancient tradition while seeking to restore balance to the body and soul.

CHI, THE SPA, THE SHANGRI-LA RASA SAYANG, PENANG

Set within a secluded corner of the resort, Chi, The Spa, offers 11 spa villas and a yoga pavilion. The spa menu includes Chinese and Malay treatments. Villas are equipped with a private changing room, a treatment room and a private garden, all surrounded by 30 acres of lush gardens.

FASHION & BEAUTY NEWS

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

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

EMPOWERING WOMEN EVERYWHERE

As part of the brand’s commitment to use its platforms and resources for the betterment of women around the world, Kate Spade New York is teaming up with Taraji P. Henson, Cynthia Germanotta, Jazz Thornton, Latham Thomas & more. To further enhance its mission of empowering women and girls by putting mental health at the heart of its social impact work, Kate Spade New York is entering the new year by forming a Social Impact Council, a group of women’s empowerment and mental health leaders from around the globe. The women will serve on a leadership council, working with Kate Spade New York to further address mental health stigma, provide access to resources and bring more attention to the vital role that mental health plays in the empowerment of women and girls globally. The council will partner with the brand to meet its goal of reaching 100,000 women with direct access to mental health and empowerment tools by 2025.



PIAGET’S WONDROUS NOVELTIES

With Watches and Wonders around the corner, Piaget continues to explore new creations and is pleased to introduce 2 new novelties, the PIAGET POLO SKELETON and the LIMELIGHT GALA AVENTURINE. With wafer-thin mechanics and a paving of diamonds, the new Piaget Polo Skeleton showcases the Maison’s Mastery of High Watchmaking and Jewellery Arts. Diamonds will do everything in their power to attract the eye, but even 1746 brilliant-cut gemstones cannot quite distract from the 1200S1 self-winding ultra-thin skeleton manufacture calibre at the centre of the Piaget Polo Skeleton.

CARTIER AND THE PANTHER: DESTINIES INTERTWINED

Wild, magnetic, feline, the panther has been a creative signature for Cartier since her first sighting in 1914. The iconic feline exercises its power and magnetism on the Panthère de Cartier collection. Through the design of the panther, whatever its artistic expression, Cartier always demonstrates its desire to embrace the essence of things. Design, gem mounting and paving all contribute to the panther’s realistic charm, down to the very last detail – the panther’s silky coat, which Cartier creates using its own “fur” setting technique. The idea is not to imitate but to pay homage to nature, to breathe life into the animal and to provide it with a personality.

The Panthère De Cartier Bag is a thing of beauty, with its trapezoid shape, its finely grained leather and its jewel clasp which evokes the original and creative heritage of Jeanne Toussaint. She was the first to adopt the panther as her signature while she was creative director at Cartier in the 1940s. She created a sculptural panther, proud and magnetic that would become the emblem of Cartier jewellery. Everything is structured: shape, handles, gussets. This minimalist approach serves as a showcase for the clasp, a bangle featuring a streamlined and graphic panther head, created in close collaboration between Cartier’s design studio and its High Jewellery sculptors.



DUBAI TAKEOVER: A NEW ERA, A NEW BOSS

Following the launch of a record-breaking all-star campaign and new branding, BOSS maintained its extraordinary momentum by hosting a spectacular event in the desert, under the stars in Dubai on Feb 10. Hosted in an exclusive camp on the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve, the event saw the unveiling of a film launching a new see now, buy now collection captured in a dramatic setting offering unparalleled sunrise and sunset views in the desert. The Spring/Summer 2022 collection, the first to be released since the BOSS brand refresh early this year, revealed at the event, rewrites the brand’s codes to set a bold and dynamic new design direction. Offering 24/7 style for individuals who chase their dreams wherever they lead, the statement-making collection features the brand’s new signature colours of black, white, and camel across relaxed, sporty looks. Proving once again that BOSS leads the way with courage and confidence, the collection will be available to buy immediately online and in BOSS Stores globally.



KATE SPADE SUMMER 2022

Kate Spade New York unveiled the summer 2022 collection inspired by cocktails on the roof. Kate Spade New York created a cabana-inspired oasis in the heart of New York City, bringing joy to the middle of winter with a rooftop cocktail hour to reveal the summer 2022 collection. In 2022, Kate Spade New York is welcoming a year of celebration, and this collection is a celebration of all the things that make summer special. Striped green and cream awnings. A spritz with a slice of cucumber. Floral murals. Fairy lights. Fruits and veggies exploding in shiny black pots. Seersucker. Summer plaids. Multicoloured wicker chairs. Sun. Sundresses. Sun hats. Sun-kissed. Music floating up from the streets below.



DEFY EXTREME E ‘DESERT X PRIX’ EDITION

Zenith is unveiling the first in a series of special editions of the DEFY Extreme Carbon, incorporating recycled elements from the electric rally championship. The highly exclusive series will feature a limited edition for each of this season’s races, beginning with the Desert X Prix in the emerging futuristic city of NEOM. To commemorate each of the 5 Extreme E races this year – beginning with the Desert X Prix in Neom, Saudi Arabia – Zenith is creating 5 special and highly exclusive editions of the boldly rugged DEFY Extreme 1/100th of a second chronograph inspired by each of the vastly different X Prix off-road circuits. Completing the Extreme E experience, the DEFY Extreme E “Desert X Prix” – the first edition dedicated to a specific race – is delivered in a suitably sturdy waterproof and crushproof watch case inspired by the extreme conditions of the rally, incorporating various upcycled elements from the side-lines of the first season’s races. The case’s lid coating is made from E-grip recycled tires, while the plate covering is made from parts of an Extreme E racing tarpaulin.



POST-BREAKOUT FIX

Breakouts happen, but they don’t have to linger. Dermalogica’s Clear Start’s new spot treatment helps accelerate post-breakout recovery. Popping irritates the skin, requires much longer healing times, and leaves behind hyperpigmentation (discolouration) which can be just as infuriating as the breakout itself. So if you’ve popped a pimple, the best thing to do is immediately apply Clear Start’s Post-Breakout Fix, which helps restore compromised skin after a breakout and helps fade the spots left behind. Can be used on any of your stubborn marks, both new and old.

SCENTS FOR THE SEASON
Intoxicating, Alluring Fragrances That Boosts Confidence

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



GUCCI GUILTY EAU DE PARFUM INTENSE
POUR FEMME
RM585
90ML

Launched in January, these scents reinterpret the classic Gucci Guilty fragrances in a move that elevates both the juices and their packaging to higher levels of intensity. Gucci Guilty Eau de Parfum Intense Pour Femme is an Ambery Floral Woody fragrance that rewrites the Gucci Guilty Pour Femme signature’s essential core. The bold vibrancy of Mandora and the generosity of Lychee come together to modernise the cosmetic touch provided by notes of Violet. At its heart, an audacious floral bouquet of Ylang Ylang and Tuberose is enhanced by the mysterious sensuality of a dark Plum accord. Finally, the empowered woody effect of Patchouli and Vetiver meet the indulgence of Vanilla for a bold, long-lasting feminine signature.



MARC JACOBS PERFECT INTENSE
RM506
100ML

Marc Jacob’s Perfect Intense is a comforting floral scent but with an unexpected and indulgent twist. Bright daffodil is magnified by the elegance of night blooming jasmine. Golden roasted almonds blend with an abundance of sandalwood, creating a warm cocooning finish. Rich and full of texture, perfect intense is a precious yet playful new fragrance.



BURBERRY HER EAU DE TOILETTE
RM521
100ML

Burberry Her Eau De Toilette is a scent for the modern women. The latest chapter in the Burberry Her story, a blooming peony scent is blended with joyful green pear notes, enhanced with honeysuckle and rose, and softened by a woody base. Tradition meets modernity in the understated glass design of the Her Eau de Toilette perfume bottle. Refreshed in pistachio green, the design captures the spontaneous and spirited nature of the Burberry scent.



ZEGNA TRIPLE STITCH, XXX
RM670
100ML

Ermenegildo Zegna introduced the Triple Stitch XXX, a new Eau de Parfum collection that establishes a contemporary class of fragrance and expression, featuring three multidimensional scents—Verdigris, Cyprum and Charcoal—XXX. XXX fragrances mirror the sartorial strategy with a bold juxtaposition of the organic and metallic. Natural ingredients dance with disruptive accords like icy winter, fiery lava and sleek carbon in a beautiful clash of classic perfumery and olfactive avant garde experimentation. On a mission to unrival the fragrance experience, the XXX collection is presented in unique melting glass bottles. Deconstructing a standard, geometric shape, the weighted bottles feature luxurious metal-coloured finishes and matching caps.



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THE OPULENT WORLD OF FABERGÉ

BY HIRANMAYII AVULI MOHANAN

Fabergé has been synonymous with some of history’s greatest love stories since 1842. Today, it continues to celebrate love with its truly special creations. Originally founded in Saint Petersburg, Russia, in 1842, Fabergé today makes exquisite fine jewellery that’s crafted from precious metals and features colourful gems like rubies, sapphires and emeralds. The feature includes necklaces and bracelets with pendants modelled after the brand’s legendary ‘Imperial Easter Eggs’, created for the Romanov Court more than a century ago.



HERITAGE 18-KARAT ROSE GOLD, ENAMEL AND DIAMOND NECKLACE
RM59,194

Fabergé’s necklace pays tribute to the brand’s iconic Imperial Eggs - the collection began in 1885 when Emperor Alexander III commissioned an Easter present for his wife. It sees opalescent pink guilloché enamel and round white diamonds, set in 18-karat rose gold. The locket opens to reveal an 18-karat rose gold hen inspired by the Imperial Hen Egg of 1885.



ESSENCE 18-KARAT GOLD DIAMOND NECKLACE
RM64,367

The house’s Essence collection celebrates Fabergé’s love for surprise and wit. Crafted from 18k gold, each piece is inspired by the iconic Imperial Eggs, but incorporates a modern take on the use of diamonds and coloured gemstones. Made in Italy from 18-karat gold, this necklace is strung with a spiralled oval pendant that’s illuminated by 1.69-carats of round-cut diamonds.



IMPERIAL 18-KARAT GOLD, RUBY AND DIAMOND NECKLACE
RM236,650

This stunning Fabergé Imperial necklace features 284 invisibly-set princess-cut Mozambican rubies set in 18-karat rose gold. The dainty and elegant chain is adorned with an intersperse of more Mozambican rubies and white diamonds. The Fabergé Imperial Collection is inspired by the jewelled splendour of the Imperial Romanov court, and evokes the rhythms of the Russian seasons, whether literal or metaphorical.



COLOURS OF LOVE 18-KARAT ROSE GOLD MULTI-STONE EARRINGS
RM15,039

The earrings are set in 18-karat rose gold and are 12x9mm in size. In keeping with Fabergé’s fondness for delight and surprise, a hidden Mozambican ruby can also be found at the back of each earring. The Colours of Love Collection exemplifies ‘A Life in Colour’, seamlessly fusing extraordinary coloured gemstones, artistic ingenuity and exceptional craftsmanship. The collection features Mozambican rubies and Zambian emeralds from Gemfields’ mines. Gemfields work with local communities, governments and conservation NGOs to ensure every gemstone sold supports health, education and livelihood initiatives, minimises the effects on the environment and protects Africa’s biodiversity. The Colours of Love collection also uses metals comprising Peruvian mined gold ore which contain no mercury, therefore making these environmentally sustainable and guaranteeing complete traceability across the supply chain.



HERITAGE 18-KARAT GOLD, ENAMEL AND DIAMOND RING
RM15,039

Fabergé’s Heritage collection draws inspiration from Fabergé’s historical masterpieces. Traditional materials and complex traditional techniques, such as the delicate art of guilloché enamelling and hand-engraving, make up the signature elements of this colourful and opulent collection. Cast from 18-karat gold and modelled after the Imperial Easter Eggs originally created for the Romanov court in the 19th century, this ring is adorned with a single turquoise enamel egg, containing nine round brilliant cut white diamonds.



EMOTION 18-KARAT GOLD MULTI-STONE BRACELET
RM42,711

The Emotion Collection, infused with intense colour, explores the intellectual and artistic richness of Fabergé’s world. These bold and daring jewels, pushing the boundaries of design and craftsmanship in true Fabergé spirit, explore Bohemian, Impressionist and Fauvist views of vivid colour as an emotional force and an expression of feeling. This bracelet is crafted from 18-karat gold, while the house’s iconic egg-shaped charm is enlivened with multi-coloured sapphires, rubies, emeralds, tsavorites and white diamonds.

THE LUXE REPORT

BY HIRANMAYI AWLI MOHANAN

Volkswagen Golf R-Line

Volkswagen Passenger Cars Malaysia (VPCM) has opened pre-bookings for the all-new Golf R-Line. The Golf was an automotive revolution that changed the motoring world since it debuted back in 1974, and it shaped and set the benchmark with its remarkable engineering and performance. As the all-new Golf pays homage to its heritage, it emerges as the most progressive generation yet with improved performance, enhanced digitalisation and more intuitive controls. The changes are most noticeable in its clean and contemporary look. A leaner front grille, narrow LED headlights and an imposing bumper lend an assured stance to the striking model. Inspired by the performance R range, the R-Line has a sporty styling package fitted to create an edgier look while maintaining great value. Design and features in the all-new Golf are meant to excite, while the performance more than delivers. Under the hood of the R-line lies a 1.4TSI turbocharged engine that is paired with 8-speed automatic shift by wire transmission, producing 150PS and 250Nm of torque.



Mariott International Asia Pacific Expansion

Mariott International, Inc. announced its plans to further expand its portfolio across Asia Pacific, targeting to open its 1,000th property in the region in late 2022. The company expects to open nearly 100 properties in the region this year. According to research, Greater China's affluent population contributes to half of Asia Pacific's total spending on air fare and lodging. Affluent travellers in Greater China continue to look for luxury travel in new and emerging destinations. Greater China remains an engine for the company's growth, as it accounts for more than half of the company's anticipated luxury openings in Asia Pacific in 2022. Ritz-Carlton Reserve anticipates expanding its highly curated portfolio in Greater China, debuting its first rare estate in the historic Jiuzhaigou valley later this year. Additional expected luxury openings in 2022 include JW Marriott Hotel Changsha and W Macau - Studio City. In South Korea, the company expects to bring its JW Marriott brand to Jeju with the opening of JW Marriott Jeju Resort & Spa in May 2022. The expected opening of W Sydney in late 2022 will mark the third W hotel in Australia. With wellness and well-being remaining a continued priority for many travellers, the company's leading wellness brand, Westin Hotels & Resorts, is expected to celebrate two new debuts in Yokohama and Cam Ranh in 2022.



HUBLOT Joins The Polar Pod Expedition

As part of its HUBLOT Xplorations programme, the Swiss watch manufacturer has signed a new partnership with the Polar Pod expedition. The brainchild of the French explorer and environmentalist Jean-Louis Etienne - the first man to have reached the North Pole alone - this zero-emission ship will be tasked with exploring the waters of the 'Furious Fifties'. This name was given to this area of the Southern Ocean in reference to the high winds and rough seas that are usual here. This project fits perfectly into Hublot's Xplorations programme, which now has three pillars: Space, with the design of components for the Space X Exomars Martian robot; Earth, through supporting Sorai, the charity to protect rhinoceroses and other endangered animal species; and the Sea, with Anticythère and now Jean Louis Etienne and the Polar Pod expedition, a project in which Hublot intends to get fully involved. Today, Hublot is proud to support research through a human, scientific and societal project.

Pinnacle of Automotive Luxury

Following the successful introduction of the new Mercedes-Benz S-Class last December, Mercedes-Benz Malaysia is proud to confirm the price of the all new Mercedes-Benz S 580 e Plug In Hybrid. Locally assembled proudly at our facility in Pekan, Pahang, the price for the flagship Mercedes-Benz is now confirmed at RM 698,744.00 inclusive of the 0% Sales Tax until the 30th of June 2022. The new S-Class can be experienced with all the senses seeing, feeling, hearing and smelling while offering numerous innovations in the areas of driver assistance, protection and interaction. The new S 580 e Plug In Hybrid additionally offers a range of 100 km (approx), while the electric motor is capable of generating an additional 110 kW of power and 440 Nm of torque, on top of the 270 kW (367 hp) and 500 Nm already available from the internal combustion engine. The second generation of the MBUX NTG 7 system in the new S-Class makes the vehicle interior even more digital and intelligent, as both the hardware and software have made great strides: brilliant displays on up to five large screens, in part with OLED technology, making the control of vehicle and comfort functions even easier. This includes a 12.3" cockpit display and a 12.8" OLED portrait-oriented media display.



DESIGN MEETS INNOVATION

All the New Cars You Need to Know About in 2022

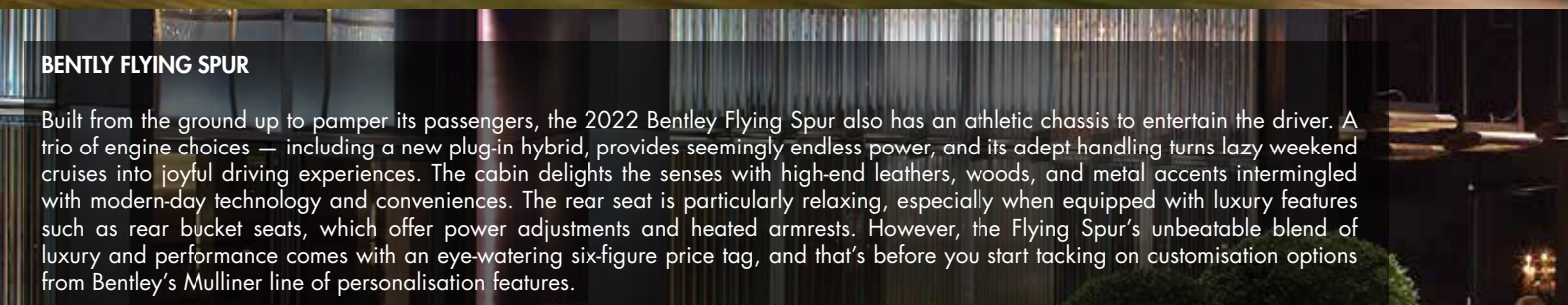
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The significant changes, the weird, the boring, the minutiae that make life complete.



BMW i4

The BMW i4 is an all-new electric sedan that is expected to compete against the Tesla Model 3 and other mid-size EV sedans when it finally hits showrooms in early to mid-2022. The i4 is a low-slung four-door in the vein of the similarly sized 4-series Gran Coupe. It competes with the Polestar 2 and Tesla Model 3, among others. Cabin styling closely resembles that of the 4-series coupe and convertible, with a driver-focused dashboard that angles the climate controls and infotainment display slightly towards the left. Two turbocharged powertrains are on the menu here, starting with a 2.0-litre four-cylinder in the 430i model that makes 255 horsepower. This base powertrain is available only with rear-wheel drive and an eight-speed automatic transmission. All models come with a large 10.3-inch infotainment display as well as a 12.3-inch digital gauge display. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto are both standard and work wirelessly; in-dash navigation, SiriusXM satellite radio and a Wi-Fi hotspot are also included. The standard stereo is a 10-speaker system but a 16-speaker Harman/Kardon stereo is optional.



BENTLY FLYING SPUR

Built from the ground up to pamper its passengers, the 2022 Bentley Flying Spur also has an athletic chassis to entertain the driver. A trio of engine choices — including a new plug-in hybrid, provides seemingly endless power, and its adept handling turns lazy weekend cruises into joyful driving experiences. The cabin delights the senses with high-end leathers, woods, and metal accents intermingled with modern-day technology and conveniences. The rear seat is particularly relaxing, especially when equipped with luxury features such as rear bucket seats, which offer power adjustments and heated armrests. However, the Flying Spur's unbeatable blend of luxury and performance comes with an eye-watering six-figure price tag, and that's before you start tacking on customisation options from Bentley's Mulliner line of personalisation features.



CADILLAC CT5-V BLACKWING

The Cadillac CT5-V Blackwing is the unicorn enthusiasts waited for rather impatiently. Now it exists, but it likely won't for long as Cadillac switches to an all-electric lineup. A supercharged V-8 sends big power to the rear wheels through an available manual transmission, and it's all topped by fantastic suspension tuning, big brakes, track-ready cooling and sticky tires. It's real, it's glorious, and it's a Cadillac. Inside, the CT5-V Blackwing feels and looks more special than more pedestrian CT5s, with a 12 o'clock stripe on the steering wheel, carbon-fibre trim and supportive leather sport seats with adjustable bolsters. Things get even nicer with available high-performance front bucket seats, diamond-stitched semi-aniline leather, and synthetic suede for the headliner, doors, steering wheel and shift knob.



ASTON MARTIN VALKYRIE

An entirely new vehicle, the Valkyrie joins the Aston Martin lineup for the 2022 model year. It takes its name from ancient Norse mythology, the valkyries being the spirits who decided the fates of men in battle. This hypercar is born from a partnership between Aston Martin and Red Bull Racing. The standard Valkyrie is street legal, but there's also an AMR Pro variant built solely for track use. Only 150 models of the standard Valkyrie will be offered. As for the Valkyrie AMR Pro, production is limited to 25 cars. To improve aerodynamics, the Valkyrie ditches exterior mirrors in favour of rear-facing cameras mounted to the car's flanks. These cameras feed images to two cabin displays located on the car's A-pillars, allowing the driver to monitor the blind spots. The Aston Martin Valkyrie provides seating for two. The cockpit is shaped like a teardrop, with passengers placed in a reclined feet-up position. It's similar to the seating position in modern Formula 1 race cars.



AUDI Q4 E-TRON

The Q4 e-tron crossover, Audi's take on the VW ID.4, is the brand's most affordable EV. It comes in a traditional-SUV shape as well as raked-roof Sportback form. Starting around \$45,000, the rear-drive Q4 40 packs an estimated 201 horsepower from a permanent-magnet synchronous AC motor and boasts a targeted range of 250 miles from a 77.0-kWh battery. To make the Q4 50 e-tron Quattro variant, Audi added an induction motor on the front axle, bringing total estimated power to 295 horses. The ute's optional matrix LED headlamps enable the driver to choose from four daytime-running-light signatures, which Audi claims is a world first.



BUGATTI CHIRON

Bugatti's lineup consists of various editions of the 16-cylinder Chiron hypercar, none of which have changed for 2022. But the big news is Bugatti's partnership with the Croatian startup Rimac, which produces electric supercars and tech. This venture sees Rimac and Porsche sharing ownership of the French brand and likely portends some high-horsepower Bugatti EVs in the near future.

BEAUTIFUL HOTEL DESTINATIONS

BY HIRANMAYIL AWLI MOHANAN

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.

Mia Resort

📍 Nha Trang, Vietnam

Mia Resort takes its name from the Vietnamese word that means sugar cane, a fitting choice given the resort's emphasis on embodying the 'green' concept. Set on the slope of a coastal mountain range, the resort is nestled on the shores of a quiet sandy bay surrounded by lush tropical gardens and the sparkling waters of the East Sea. The rooms and villas are thoughtfully designed using natural materials, exuding a connection to the environment that surrounds you. All villa rooftops are covered with lush, manicured grass, a much preferable form of insulation which also makes Mia Resort more carbon neutral.

www.mianhatrang.com



Blackbird Byron

📍 Byron Bay Hinterland, Australia

Up in the Byron Hinterland, there's a special place where time slows down. Where the noise and demands of life drop away and you can tune in again to what's important. On a private road, with just a few pavilions, its adults-only site is quiet and secluded enough for you to fully relax and recharge. Each of the hotel's detached pavilions is positioned to take full advantage of the sunrise views over the Pacific Ocean. The feast for the senses continues with king-sized beds with Egyptian cotton linen, burnished concrete floors, reclaimed timber joinery and Moroccan tiled bathrooms with rainwater shower heads. In your pavilion, you'll also find a 'Star Gazing' manual to decode the night sky, binoculars to get a better glimpse of the native black cockatoos and a 'Byron Trails' guide to help you discover the rolling hinterlands, nearby national parks and mountains right on Blackbird Byron's doorstep.

www.blackbirdbyron.com.au



Aman-i-Khas

📍 Ranthambore National Park, India

The domain of the majestic Bengal tiger, Ranthambore National Park is starkly beautiful, its green and gold hues the perfect backdrop to Aman-i-Khas. Situated on the threshold of the reserve, this intimate tented camp offers incomparable privacy and daily safaris seeking out the reserve's wildlife. Back at camp, spa therapies, swimming and dining take centre stage. On the outskirts of Ranthambore National Park, the camp's ten expansive tents overlook a ruggedly beautiful landscape that is home to abundant wildlife. Positioned to ensure utmost privacy, the Tents offer soaring living spaces decorated with classic furnishings. The light-filled bathing area features a free-standing bathtub and shower, while the living room has twin writing desks.

www.aman.com/resorts/aman-i-khas

The Patrick & Joan Leigh Fermor House

📍 East Peloponnese, Greece



In 1996, Sir Patrick and Joan Leigh Fermor bequeathed their home to the Benaki Museum with the expressed wish that the house would host intellectuals and scholars who wanted to work or study in an inspiring setting. The Patrick & Joan Leigh Fermor House is considered one of the most beautiful properties in Greece. Within a Mediterranean garden of cypress and olive trees, fragrant shrubs, white oleanders and wild flowers rolling down to the sea, stand three stone buildings: the Main House with three suites, the writer's studio right next to it, which is formed into the Traditional House, as well as the Guest House, adjacent to the Main House.

www.ariahotels.gr/en/the-patrick-joan-leigh-fermor-house

One & Only Palmilla

📍 Turks and Caicos



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GOING BACK IN TIME

Intrepid Vacations for History Buffs

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

As transport and communication innovations have made the 21st century world feel like a more interconnected place, so have writers and filmmakers. They have brought forth periods of history through technicolour and celluloid. Some journeys into the past will require visas, long-haul flights and stout footwear; others, a healthy bank balance. Many historical passions can be indulged when on holiday and here are a few to inspire you, whether you dream of living like an aristocrat, being explorers or digging up for dinosaur.



Live like Queen Mary Antoinette for the Day

The Palace of Versailles is an opulent complex and former royal residence outside of Paris. It has held sway in the public imagination for years because of its architectural grandeur and political history. A visit to the Palace of Versailles is a window into one of history's most excessive lifestyles. Experience the extravagance yourself, at Airelles Château de Versailles, Le Grand Contrôle. The first hotel to open within the Versailles grounds houses 14 opulent suites enlivened in an impeccable 1788 style. Guests receive exclusive access to Versailles, so you can tour The Trianon, boat on the Grand Canal and wander through the Hall of Mirrors without members of the public spoiling your regal illusions. For complete immersion, the hotel offers a day in the life of Marie Antoinette, with a costume fitting, spa treatments inspired by the last Queen of France's own beauty regimen and a private dinner accompanied by a string quartet in the royal apartments.



Walk Through the Chernobyl Disaster Zone

The critically acclaimed Chernobyl miniseries in 2019 shed light on the horrible nuclear disaster of 1986 and the cleanup efforts that followed. With radiation waning, it's now safe to visit, and you'll be struck by both the magnitude of the catastrophe and nature's unflagging powers of recovery. Go on an intrepid tour of exploring within the exclusion zone, visiting the town of Pripyat, the Red Forest and the "New Safe Confinement" structure shell around Reactor 4. You'll also meet a "self-settler" at home — one of the few who have chosen to return after the explosion and who has lived there ever since.



Dig for Fossils at the Gobi Desert

Feel like a modern-day Indiana Jones at the Gobi Desert, Mongolia, where some of the world's best-preserved fossils have been found among the red rocks and arid dunes. During the Cretaceous period, the now desert was covered with dense conifer forest. Travel there on a tour and you'll not only visit the areas where famous finds — including a fossilised velociraptor mid-fight with a protoceratops were unearthed, but also get to dig for your own. How cool is that? You'll accompany experts from the Mongolian Institute of Palaeontology and help with their field work, perhaps discovering your own piece of dinosaur history, 80 million years in the making.



Experience Papua New Guinea's Tribal Traditions

As the modern world progresses, the indigenous communities and ancient traditions of the world are often left behind and falter in the face of globalisation. Such example is evident in Papua New Guinea, which remains resolutely in touch with its past. On this Pacific island, tribal identity is everything and with its population of nine million speaking at least 800 different languages, it's the epicentre of diversity. You can experience their traditions by visiting during the annual Goroka Show and you'll see tribal traditions stretching back millennia. The ritual music and dancing, and striking, elaborate costumes — think towering wigs decorated with feathers and moss or glaring mud masks — are not a show put on for tourists but as a means to keep their cultural identities alive.



Forge a Samurai Sword

Japan's ancient warrior class, the samurai has always been fascinating and has inspired many fight scenes that we've enjoyed in movies. The wielding of katana, the curving, polished handmade swords made from layers of special steel — banned after WWII, the ancient sword-smithing skills that date back to the 10th century have become increasingly rare. Travel specialists Inside Japan can take you behind the scenes at the workshop of one of the few sword-masters left in Japan, Fusahiro Shimojima sensei. You'll hear about the history and philosophy of sword making, watch the expert at work and even have a try at forging the Tamahagane steel yourself.

HAUTE HOMEWARE

The Best Danish Designs

BY HIRANMAYI AWLI MOHANAN



BENT HANSEN PRIMUM SOFA WITH ARMS

Bent Hansen makes furniture that embraces time for the quality it brings: the wear, the patina, the stories. Highest quality materials combined with timeless designs is their preferred recipe. Instead of being worn-out, their furniture is only enriched by time. Primum Sofa by Bert Hansen offers comfortable seating without taking up too much space. The 2-seater sofa is perfect for small living rooms or as a cosy addition to lounge or waiting areas. Like all the chairs in the Primum furniture series, this charming 2-seater sofa offers a unique combination of aesthetics and comfort due to its elegant design and flexible back support.



DANISH RETRO U6 LOUNGE CHAIR

Danish Retro is a Jutland-based firm that takes unknown designs from the 1940's and '50s and brings them back to life. Before the Danish aesthetic became world-famous, there were countless designers whose pieces never saw the light of day. Their furniture was no less innovative or inspiring; fate was simply not on their side. Danish Retro wants to change that. Every piece is painstakingly crafted exactly to the original's specifications, giving the designers—whoever they were—their rightful place in history. With its fine lines and attention to detail, the U6 exudes everything you think of when you think "retro". A unique design chair with genuine classic potential.



FORM & REFINE A LINE STORAGE BENCH

This A Lie Storage Bench by Form & Refine is an updated version of the classic stowaway bench where functionality meets clean form. A solid and versatile bench with lighter, slightly reduced dimensions and minimalistic attitude. It's practical with a large area for storage – consisting of two separated compartments. The lid is lifted via a small leather handle and the construction holds the lid in place while used. The lower cut of the two legs and angles give it a feeling of being uplifted, while the overall design is solid and robust. A versatile bench either as a stand-alone item in a hallway, bedroom or any seating area. Comes in oak and black-stained oak.



NIKARI ARKITEKTURE KVK4 HIGH OPEN CABINET

Nikari, founded in 1967, is a manufacturer of sustainable wood design products of exquisite quality. It produces wooden furniture and custom-made furnishings of the local certified wood to public premises as well as private homes. The founder of the company — master cabinet maker, designer Kari Virtanen has worked with the greatest Finnish architects and designers such as Alvar Aalto and Kaj Franck. The Arkitecture cabinet fits into various different spaces; kitchens, living rooms, bedrooms, as well as meeting rooms, corridors and entrances.



CARL HANSEN & SON E020 EMBRACE TABLE

Designed by Austrian trio EOOS for Carl Hansen & Son, the Embrace Table E020 is a stylish reinterpretation of a furniture staple, created as part of the intelligent Embrace Series. Crafted from three components, the design has a wooden base, a steel wire structure and a round tabletop. The result is a distinctive, sculptural expression inspired by a kite blowing in the wind. With table legs that have been pulled to the centre to maximise legroom, the piece provides optimal functionality.



BRDR KRUGER FERDINAND LOUNGE CHAIR

Time has evolved since the establishment of the Brdr. Krüger in 1886, yet the company's dedication to craftsmanship and its passion for wood hasn't changed a bit. Founded in 1886 by the two Krüger brothers Theodor and Ferdinand, the company was originally a woodturning workshop and is today a self-producing design company, where the commitment to quality and craftsmanship has been nurtured for five generations, ensuring the same high quality in every piece that leaves the family-owned workshop. The vision with Ferdinand was to create a signature design that reflects contemporary sensibilities while honouring the legacy of design from the 20th century. Woodturning is a key element of the structural design, a technique that combines classic craftsmanship with high-tech manufacturing.

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WASH AWAY THE DAY

Making Your Showers a Soothing Escape

BY HIRANMAYI AWLI MOHANAN

Imagine a long, gruelling and stressful day at work. After all that tension build-up on the body, there's nothing like turning the faucet on for a nice, warm shower to wash away the day. Taking showers is an act of serene self-care, particularly when you take your time and add a few extra steps that transform it into a fully realised ritual. From creating a warm, grounding environment to therapeutic skincare treatments, we list ways to make your showers feel like an act of respite and relaxation.

USE OR CREATE A WARM LIGHTING

Warm lighting, particularly in the evening, instantly sets a calmer ambience, promotes relaxation and helps to calm the mind. Whether you're bathing before bed or just in need of a dose of grounding glimmer during the day, flick on a small accent light that emits a soft, mellow glow. Try a stylish midcentury-inspired orb, small paper lantern light or a compact pinky-peach Himalayan salt wall plug, which will help cleanse the air in your space.

HANG A BEAUTIFUL SHOWER CURTAIN

Setting the tone for a soothing shower includes finding an attractive, shower curtain. It does not have to be expensive, as long as its beautiful, thoughtfully-crafted and merges practicality with design. Harness your inner designer spirit and choose the likes of a breezy, two-toned linen number or something a bit punchier, like bold jungle flowers. At the end of the day, it's about what you're drawn to and what will make you feel at ease.

LIGHT A CANDLE

A beautiful scented-candle is a true luxury. In a bathroom setting, it not only offers a scent that makes you feel good, but it emanates that ever-soothing candle-lit ambience at night. In the spirit of easing your mind and relaxation, consider notes that whittle away at stress such as lavender, sweet earthy vetiver or grounding cedar.

DRY BRUSH BEFORE YOUR SHOWER

Before entering the shower, take a dry brush and gently massage from head to toe in long, circular strokes that move upwards, to your heart. Not only is it a lymphatic drainage method, dry brushing also increases circulation and according to Ayurvedic philosophy, is a mediative act of cleansing and detoxifying the body. Plus, it helps buff away dead skin cells as the first step for a full-body glow.

IDEAL SHOWER TEMPERATURE

While the inclination to turn the dial all the way up is only natural during cold, rainy days here in Malaysia, it's best to avoid searing hot temperatures which can compromise the skin's moisture barrier and in turn, overall health. The ideal temperature to avoid dry, irritated skin is luke warm, and will still supply soothing warmth for a cosy bathing experience.

AROMATHERAPY

Once you've turned the faucet and found that ideal warm temperature, add on to the experience with aromatherapy. Hang a bouquet of fresh eucalyptus from your shower head for a refreshing natural scent or try an in-shower mist.

EXFOLIATE YOUR BODY AND FACE

Your body will already be buzzing from the dry brushing session, so up the ante on smooth,

soft skin and muscle tension relief with a polishing body scrub. Consider using products with a touch of magnesium for its calming and detoxing properties. While exfoliating your body is important, don't forget your scalp. Use a purifying scrub, such as French hairstylist Christophe Robin's cult favourite that will help cleanse, remove build-up and leave the scalp feeling truly revitalised.

CLEANSE WITH LUXURY

It's just as important how you feel in the shower as how you feel walking out of it. For those who enjoy fragrance, a fresh, long-lasting scent is a key part of the equation. Look to a gentle body cleanser infused with a magic, sweet-smelling ingredient like bergamot, herbal cedar leaf or frehs, zingy citrus aroma to supplement your wind down experience.

HYDRATE AFTER

After the whole process, towel dry and reseal moisture on the skin with a lightweight, sinks-right-in lotion like any cult favourite brands or ones that are CBD-infused to give your muscles some extra TLC. To double down on hydration, a rich shea butter product could do the trick. Alternatively, you can reach for an oil with hydrating ingredients such as moringa and healing avocado oils. You can employ it for an Ayurvedic ritual of a full-body abhyanga, or self-massage.



RICE WATER FOR HAIR

Its Benefits and How To Use It

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Rice has a lot of benefits, whether it's integrated into your diet or your beauty routine. It's filled with amino acids, vitamins B and E, minerals and antioxidants. The use of rice water on hair dates back to ancient times, when Chinese women introduced the water in which they soaked the rice as part of their beauty routine. More specifically, the Yao women from Huangluo village in the province of Guangxi use fermented rice water to wash their strikingly long black shiny hair.

Japanese court ladies also used rice water on their manes. As the story goes, their haircare routine involved rinsing their suberakashi (floor-length hair) with water made from washing rice, which might have contributed to their stunning lengths. So, if you're looking to strengthen and grow your tresses, read on.

BENEFITS OF RICE WATER FOR HAIR

Rice is one of the most popular grains eaten around the world. It's fortified with folate, a B-vitamin best known for treating some forms of anaemia and is essential for helping the neural tube form during pregnancy. How it works is that rice water creates a protective coat that reduces friction and increases hair elasticity. Fermentation lowers the pH of the water which is better for the hair as it smoothes down the cuticles just like apple cider vinegar does.

1. MAKES HAIR STRONGER

Just as protein is an essential part of maintaining a balanced diet, it also plays an important role in keeping hair healthy. The protein in rice water is believed to help improve the overall condition of hair (harder, better, faster, stronger).

2. INCREASES SHINE

Based on anecdotal evidence from advocates of rice water, the starchy solution is believed to lend lustre to dull locks.

3. CAN HELP HAIR GROW

Rice water may promote hair growth because it contains amino acids that support hair regeneration. It also contains vitamins C, B and E, which promote hair growth as well. Vitamins C, B and E help strengthen the hair shaft and the stronger the shaft, the longer the hair can grow.

4. REVERSES HYGRAL FATIGUE

Although hair needs moisture to stay healthy, excess moisture can actually do more harm than good. To rebalance overly moisturised locks (aka hygral fatigue), try a protein treatment like a rice water rinse. Hygral fatigue is damage to your hair follicles caused by repeated swelling and unswelling. It occurs when excessive moisture penetrates the outer layer of your hair and reaches the inner cortex.

5. DETANGLES HAIR

Proponents of using rice water for hair claim that it can soften strands, which also makes them easier to detangle.

6. SMOOTHES HAIR

Damaged and/or high-porosity hair has difficulty retaining moisture, which can result in frizz and split ends. However, the nourishing proteins found in rice water may counteract this, reducing breakage and therefore, improving hair's texture.

HOW TO USE RICE WATER FOR HAIR

Since rice water only requires two ingredients to make, whipping it up at home is honestly fool-proof. Rice water acts like a protein treatment so you'll want to apply it as often as you typically use masks and treatments formulated with protein to avoid brittle, dry hair. You can also replace a regular conditioner with rice water about once a week. The DIY recipe below involves either boiling or soaking. However, the latter method is thought to wield the most benefits.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup of rice
- 2 cups of water
- Strainer
- 2 bowls
- 1 container with a lid
- A spray bottle

DIRECTIONS FOR SOAKING:

- Pour 1/2 cup of uncooked rice in a strainer
- Rinse well
- Place rice in a bowl with 2 cups of water
- Soak for up to 24 hours at room temperature
- Strain the rice water into a clean bowl
- Funnel the rice water into a spray bottle and refrigerate until you're ready to use

DIRECTIONS FOR BOILING:

- Pour 1/2 cup of uncooked rice in a strainer
- Rinse well
- Boil 2 cups of water
- Pour rice into boiling water and boil until the water is cloudy
- Let the water cool
- Strain
- Funnel into a spray bottle
- Refrigerate until use (up to a week, max)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Wash hair with shampoo and rinse
- Towel dry hair
- Pour the rice water onto the hair
- Massage into hair and scalp
- Cover with a plastic cap or bag (a shower cap works, too)
- Leave on for up to 20 minutes
- Rinse thoroughly with warm water and style as desired



A BEGINNER’S GUIDE TO MEDITATION

Harness Your Inner Energy

BY HIRANMAYII AVULI MOHANAN

For thousands of years people have used meditation to move beyond the mind’s stress-inducing thoughts and emotional upsets into the peace and clarity. Given the day and age we live in, stress is ever prevalent, hence the need to mentally rejuvenate and find peace. While there are countless meditation techniques and practices, the steps below offer a simple way to begin. Remember, while meditating, there is always room for improvement and a chance to learn something new. Try to enjoy the journey as you hone your meditation skills.



CHOOSE TO START

Meditation starts with you. It is your decision to begin and when you need motivation, try tracing back to the reason you wanted to try meditation in the first place. Meditation is known to provide relief to stress and anxiety, promote physical and mental wellbeing, and it can be a spiritual experience.

PICK YOUR LOCATION WISELY

Your ambience plays a vital role in cultivating the right experience. It is crucial to settle in a peaceful, quiet space that helps you feel relaxed. When the optimal location is not available, remember, your car or even work desk can serve as your very own meditation retreat. When you are giving a go at meditation, just remember to look for a space that allows you the freedom to meditate without interruptions.

SET A TIMER

Meditation may seem daunting to many because of the notion that it might take hours. In actual fact, meditation does not have to be a long process unless you choose for it to be. If you are just starting out, kick it off with small increments of time.

Setting a timer is very helpful, especially for beginners because it aids you to focus on breathing and not on the clock. Initially, set the timer for two minutes, and do your best to stay focused and in the moment. As your confidence builds, try extending the timer by 30 seconds every session until you are meditating for five minutes or longer.

FOCUS ON YOUR BREATHING

One of the best ways that helps me in my meditation is to focus on my breathing. Choose a pose (preferably cross-legged with hands on your legs) and follow your breath as it flows from your nose into your lungs and out again as you exhale. While some may find it helpful to count breaths, it isn’t necessary. What concentrating on your breathing does is, it helps your mind focus as it adjusts to the silence. Seasoned meditators also pay close attention to their breathing as a way to be more mindful.

RETURN WHEN YOU WANDER

Most meditation practices aim to clear the brain of all thoughts and be more mindful. However, it is natural and even inevitable that your mind will wander or fixate on

rotating feelings and physical sensations. Getting lost in these distractions is entirely normal, but not the goal of meditation. When this happens to you, recognise that your mind has wandered and try to refocus on your breathing.

END YOUR SESSION ON A POSITIVE NOTE

Carry your mindfulness through to the end of your session. Slowly get up and take note of how you feel. Breathe in deeply and gently adjust your body and mind. Creating a personal ritual to end each session may be helpful. Ending rituals could include reciting a personal mantra or finishing with a light exercise or walk.

REPEAT OFTEN

Meditation is like a supplement, it supports a healthy body and mind. It promotes healthy blood pressure, a happier mood, and strengthens coping skills. However, in order to experience these benefits, you have to make it a point to meditate regularly and eventually, make it a habit. Try picking a time and place every day where you can dedicate two to five minutes to meditate.

PUSH PAST THE PLATEAU

TIPS TO OVERCOMING A WEIGHT LOSS PLATEAU

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

You have been working out, making changes to your diet and starting to lose weight. After a while, you notice the number on the scale doesn't seem to budge, which is an indication of the dreaded weight loss plateau. If you've experienced this frustration, you're not alone. Though you may be working hard at losing weight, your body is going to work even harder to keep energy intake and output in balance. The simple truth is that your body doesn't like to lose weight. In fact, your efforts to burn more calories can eventually slow down the process. Everyone's weight fluctuates. Daily weight fluctuations are very common (some people can fluctuate around 5 pounds per day). However, if these fluctuations go on for a month or your weight loss comes to a complete halt—here's how you can figure out the cause and get back on track.

WHAT IS A WEIGHT LOSS PLATEAU?

A weight loss plateau is simply a standstill in weight loss despite trying your best to do so. When the calories you burn equal the calories you eat, you reach a plateau. To lose more weight, you need to either increase your physical activity or decrease your calorie intake. Using the same approach that worked initially may maintain your weight loss, but it won't lead to more weight loss. In order to break a weight loss plateau, you have to either eat less (or burn more calories) if you want to continue losing weight. Depending on other factors like your sleep schedule or stress levels, this can be easier said than done. But it is possible to lose fat after a plateau.



TIPS TO GET PAST THE PLATEAU

ADJUST YOUR CALORIE INTAKE

As you lose weight, your metabolism can drop because your body requires less calories or “energy” to fuel a smaller version of you. The calorie intake during the beginning your weight-loss journey has to be altered to match your body's current need for weight loss.

FOCUS ON QUALITY

Pushing past a weight-loss plateau is more than calories in and calories out. Processed foods won't do it anymore. Get your hands on quality whole foods like vegetables, beans, high-fibre fruits and lean proteins for your engine to burn body fat. The local grocery stores will have fresh veggies and everything you need to cook up some nutritious food.

ROTATE YOUR ROUTINE

Slugging away on the treadmill or just walking outside for the past two-plus months? It's time to change your workout routine. Our muscles tend to adapt and familiarise themselves with the same old workout, making your regular routine less effective. To see a change in body fat, you have to get outside of your fitness comfort zone. High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) has been shown to burn body fat effectively. Try doing speed work at the track, or HIIT workouts by @Growingannanas on YouTube, or alternate walking and running intervals. Take your time to progress and be deliberate when incorporating high-intensity exercise into your routine. Doing too much



too fast can leave you too sore, tired or even injured.

GET QUALITY SLEEP

Getting a good night's sleep is pivotal to losing body fat because it resets your hormones and repairs the body as you sleep. Even a little sleep deprivation can lead to increased cortisol, a stress hormone. Elevated cortisol levels can lead to body fat accumulation, especially around the midsection (belly area). Given the situation lately, lots of people are more stressed out, so if you can't change the stress you are exposed to, then change how you react to that stress.

FLUSH WITH FLUIDS

Be sure to hydrate your body often because it will often crave food when you are even mildly dehydrated. Symptoms of dehydration are similar to symptoms of hunger, so it's easy to confuse the two. Aim to drink about 2 litres of water per day to make up for the

sweat and fluids lost during a workout. You can keep track of your hydration levels with the plethora of apps on your phone's app store.

INCREASE MUSCLE MASS

Want to burn more calories at rest? Lift heavier weights and follow a strength-training programme to build muscle just like many programmes on YouTube. The simple principle is that the more muscle you have, the more calories you burn and the more body fat you'll shed.

LOAD UP ON PROTEIN

Protein has the highest thermic effect on food, which essentially means that consuming protein burns more calories during digestion. Protein also contains an amino acid called leucine that numerous research studies have identified as a potent catalyst for burning body fat. So eat appropriate amounts of egg, chicken and your protein of choice.



KLAS ART AUCTION RESULTS

FEB 20, 2022

KLAS, 31 JALAN UTARA, 46200 PETALING JAYA, SELANGOR

BY HIRANMAYI AWLI MOHANAN

KLAS started 2022 with a bang with its inaugural auction of the year at KL Lifestyle Art Space in Jalan Utara, Petaling Jaya on Feb 20. There were a total of 80 lots on sale. With 61 lots being sold, it was yet another record-breaking affair for the auction house.

The champion of the auction was undoubtedly the 'Fishing Village' (1960) by Cheong Soo Pieng, that saw a competitive bidding session and it got snatched up by a lucky bidder at a whopping RM257,600. Another artist that emerged victorious was Yeoh Jin Leng who had his work entitled 'Human Rot' (1969) open at RM120,000 and was sold at RM134,400. It came as no surprise that the late artist Khalil Ibrahim and his painting 'Pantai Irama' (1970) would fare very well, being sold for RM123,200, way past its opening bid of RM90,000. Filipino artist Mauro Malang Santos's work saw a flurry of excitement as the vigorous bidding war commenced at RM45,000 and soared past its upper limit price to being snagged at an impressive RM128,800.

The momentum continued with crowd favourite artist Awang Damit Ahmad, whose works 'Saging dan Pucuk Paku (EOC Series) (1992) and 'Marista-Ragus' (2001) fared well, and fetched the prices of RM95,200 and RM58,240 respectively.

From the international contingent, Sri Lankan artist Senaka Senanayake yielded a respectable price of RM58,240 for his 'Red Horses' (1962) oil on canvas piece. Lastly, newcomer to KLAS Art Auction, the late prolific Indian artist B.Prabha, who had two lot entries in the auction forged great prices, with 'Untitled' being sold for RM61,600. After nearly three hours of bidding for incredible artworks, the auction finally drew to a close.

Art collectors and interested buyers are welcomed to visit KLAS @ 31, Jalan Utara and its website at www.kl-lifestyle.com.my for the latest news. For any enquiries, contact Nik at +6019 333 7668. You can also send your requests to info@mediate.com.my

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Cheong Soo Pieng
B. China, 1917 - 1983
Fishing Village, 1960
Oil on masonite board 50 x 70 cm
SOLD RM 257,600
KLAS Art Auction 20 February 2022





2 **Yeoh Jin Leng** B. Perak, 1929
Human Rot, 1969
Oil on canvas 100 x 100 cm
SOLD RM134,400
KLAS Art Auction 20 February 2022



4 **Khalil Ibrahim**
B. Kelantan, 1934 - 2018
Pantai Irama, 1970
Acrylic on canvas 92 x 120 cm
SOLD RM 123,200
KLAS Art Auction 20 February 2022



3 **Mauro Malang Santos**
B. Philippines, 1928
Abstract, 29th January 1979
Mixed media on paper board 122 x 54 cm
SOLD RM 128,800
KLAS Art Auction 20 February 2022



5 **Awang Damit Ahmad** B. Sabah, 1956
Saging dan Pucuk Paku (EOC Series), 1992
Mixed media on canvas 91.5 x 106 cm
SOLD RM 95,200
KLAS Art Auction 20 February 2022



7 **Awang Damit Ahmad**
B. Sabah, 1956
Marista - Ragus, 2001
Mixed media on canvas 118 x 110 cm
SOLD RM58,240
KLAS Art Auction 20 February 2022



6 **B. Prabha**
B. India, 1933 - 2001
Untitled
Oil on canvas 50 x 50 cm
SOLD RM 61,600
KLAS Art Auction 20 February 2022



8 **Senaka Senanayake**
B. Sri Lanka, 1951
Red Horses, 1962
Oil on canvas 106 x 137 cm
SOLD RM58,240
KLAS Art Auction 20 February 2022

KHALIL IBRAHIM

MALAYSIA’S MOST VERSATILE ARTIST

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

The late Khalil Ibrahim, artist extraordinaire, was meant to pursue the arts from a very young age. He was versatile, multifaceted and a maestro of his craft. He forayed into many art mediums and excelled in each, proving his legendary status. Aptly named as a multifaceted maestro, Khalil was born in 1934 In Kubang Krian, Kelantan. He was one of the earliest Malaysians to receive a full scholarship to study art at the prestigious Central St Martins School of Art and Design in London. Throughout his long career, Khalil had held a number of solo and group exhibitions in Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and Switzerland.

His masterful skills in drawing, watercolour and acrylic are styles that move from the almost real to the almost abstract. Owning a piece of his artwork is truly a gift of beauty through the artist’s eyes. Khalil’s preference for the human figure and his deep affection for the East Coast had led him to create iconic images of men and women in the East Coast Malay fishing villages against stark backgrounds of blues and greens and watercolour landscape of villages.



Khalil Ibrahim Abstract, 1998
Ink on paper 40 x 57 cm



Khalil Ibrahim East Coast Series - Abstract , 2008
Acrylic on canvas 20.5 x 22.5 cm



Khalil Ibrahim East Coast Fishermen, 2004
Oil on board 24 x 28.5 cm

Background

Khalil’s rich Malay cultural background in the East Coast and the discipline of Islamic values that he learnt at the Pondok school shaped his primordial artistic journey. These values stuck by him which then merged with the freedom of expression that he encountered later on through his formal education at St. Martins in London. Though he did not receive any formal education during the early years in Kelantan, Khalil’s awareness of modern art was cultivated through a period of colonialism and the experiences of pioneering artists from the Nanyang Academy.

With an innate passion for making wayang kulit, his artistic talent flourished. He would make the wayang kulit by drawing on a big leaf with the addition of a cardboard, which would then be used to play with his friends. Khalil took this newfound interest and competed in events and shows held almost every month. Unfortunately, his mother disapproved of his interest while his father urged him to become a teacher. Despite his parents’ disapproval, Khalil remained steadfast to his passion.

Early Style

Khalil’s ‘English’ or post-St Martin artworks reveal a comparatively different style from his earlier landscapes and portraits. Influenced by his peers, lecturers and his foreign surroundings, the early 1960’s saw him experimenting with abstraction in works like Destruction and Destruction II and Abstract I. The artist would experiment with abstract forms drawn into his sketch book and demonstrating his attempt at bringing portraiture and concepts of abstraction together. Khalil’s art works were still in flux as he sought styles and methods which spoke of his own unique journey. Like many aspiring artists, Khalil participated in numerous group exhibitions organised by St. Martins’s as well with the Malayan Art Circle and at Malaysia Hall. With Khalil Ibrahim’s legendary status and sheer talent, his works across all mediums are highly valued till today. More importantly, his landscape works of the 1950’s are beauty captured on canvas and a rarity. Only a limited number of artworks were produced by the artist and remain highly coveted by art collectors and institutions alike.

Landscape

Khalil’s formal education in art began when he attended art classes every Sunday in Kota Bharu under the tutelage of art inspector, Nik Mahmud Idris who had a formal art education in Singapore between 1945 and 1947. Together with artists Yusoff Sulaiman and the late Nik Zainal Abidin, Khalil learnt the fundamentals of painting — drawing and painting first in watercolours and later in oils. The revolving theme in this class was the pastoral setting of kampungs and it was through this experience that Khalil enhanced his ability of capturing nature in all its glory. Now equipped with the techniques he learnt in art classes, the artist allowed his creativity to blossom, which resulted in scenic landscapes of the Malaysian East Coast in his works, such as the undulating hills and the padi fields. Evident in most of the artist’s East Coast landscapes, he possessed the ability to transform a humble rural scene to a sweeping vision of beauty using a display of colours and showcased his established precision.

Khalil’s landscapes and their meticulous detailing is a celebration of nature. Besides European masters, it could also be presumed that Khalil was influenced by English landscape painter, John Constable, known for revolutionising landscape painting and whose works are sold for millions of pounds. In the 1950’s, the self-taught painted regularly while working as a primary school teacher in Kelantan and Pahang, before he was awarded a Pahang state scholarship to study art in England. Seeing this, army officers and civil servants became interested and went on to purchase many of Khalil’s early works. The artist’s early genre of paintings such as ‘Sunrise, 1950’s’ and ‘Sunset, 1950’s’ emphasised much of his Kelantanese heritage and depicted the influence of traditional mid-twentieth style of realist painting at the time. These works also became a representation of Khalil’s response to traditional art concepts while highlighting Kelantan’s cultural environment.

Watercolour

Khalil was also skilled in painting the human figure, and his compositions show a unique configuration of postures, gestures and stances. One of his most well-loved themes were the people of the East Coast in the fishing villages. His watercolours are just as delightful and detailed as his full-blown paintings, exhibiting a fascination for the human figure. The connection to the people and traditions of Kelantan remain a subject close to his heart.

Batik

While the late Chuah Thean Teng pioneered this art form in the 1930s, it was only while the late Chuah Thean Teng pioneered this art form in the 1930s, it was only accepted as a medium of artistic expression by the 1960’s. Somewhat later, Khalil Ibrahim also depicted Malay life, primarily that of the fisherman fraternity, through the batik technique — in a more real sense. While colour and texture became the primary fascination with Khalil, he remained true to — firstly, the human figure albeit fragmented and secondly, his people of the East Coast. Despite his formal western art education, Khalil never wavered from his rich Kelantanese cultural heritage and it was natural that he would pursue batik painting upon his return from England in 1966.

For Khalil, the material and tools of batik making were no different from the pens and paints used in artwork. It was undeniable that Khalil’s understanding of batik was deeply rooted. Renowned for his pictorial style and his fascination with the daily activities of the rural communities of the East Coast, he employed various techniques that included works executed in traditional methods such as dip dye, crackling and the use of the tjanting to imbue delicate lines and details to his paintings. In his abstract batik paintings, he developed techniques by using brush strokes and thus created abstract works that broke through tradition and defied the stereotypes of batik painting.



Khalil Ibrahim East Coast Landscape, 1997
Oil on canvas 60 x 73 cm



Khalil Ibrahim East Coast Series 1996
Watercolour on paper 22 x 32 cm



Khalil Ibrahim
Two Sisters, 1976
Batik 51 x 42 cm

SOFITEL KUALA LUMPUR DAMANSARA HOTEL

Live The French Way

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Set in the affluent neighbourhood of Damansara Heights, the luxurious Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara is where the French art de vivre is blended with local heritage, creating an unparalleled experience. Inside, walk into a lavish and elegant lobby area festooned in Malay hibiscus flowers, beautiful objets d'art and a delicious fragrance that sets the tone for one's stay.

Lavish Rooms

The French architectural trope translates to the rooms, comprising the Luxury Club Floor Room, Junior Suite, Prestige Suite and Opera Suite, each paying homage to the hotel brand's French heritage, fused with contemporary sensibilities. It doesn't take long to make yourself feel at home in one of the hotel's 328 sizeable rooms. Filled with natural light and thoughtfully-curated furniture, they boast all the comfort and amenities you'd hope for, though the exquisitely snug bed with plump pillows is the piece de resistance. After a difficult two years, those looking to indulge should stay in Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara's Prestige Suite — a palatial abode perfect for a romantic escapade or weekend staycation. The modern grandeur continues in the ensuite bathrooms, with nude marble work and rain shower. Its generous bathtub is a highlight, too. Make your stay the epitome of relaxation by calling for an in-room bath therapy named the Pure Retreat Bath on the day of your arrival.

Gastronomic Experience

This French hotel is home to five restaurants and bars, with the signature all-day dining restaurant Kwee Zeen serving Pan-Asian cuisine, Chinese restaurant Wan Chun Ting, which translates to Ten Thousand Springs Pavilion offering authentic Cantonese and Imperial cuisine. Enjoy a selection of French wines and afternoon tea at Le Bar or relish in French-Italian cuisine in the casual Côte d'Azur-inspired restaurant, Nizza. With a penchant for providing an exquisite experience, Nizza currently offers a fun, Sunday Party Kitchen Brunch, priced at RM148 per person and RM198 for a free flow of bubbles, wine and beer for three hours. Bring along your swimming attire and sway to the rhythms of Lizzy and Rimka (live DJs) and sink your teeth into the meticulously-crafted cuisine of the French Riviera, interspersed with a dip in the hotel's swimming pool, sauna and steam rooms every now and again.

Relaxation at Sofitel Spa

Sofitel Spa takes relaxation to new heights and quite literally too. Regarded as one of the best, the hotel's spa is the first of its kind to offer an authentic Hammam experience. Get the French glow with any of the packages and services on its menu. For the best of both worlds, we would recommend the Le Bien Etre — a wellness package that combines a body massage and facial. This 120 minute treatment is designed for the busy metropolitans, to release the knots and tension that binds the body using long, firm strokes. The facial, on the other hand, incorporates renowned French beauty brand called Thalgo to convey nourishment and a natural glow to the skin. Rest assured that you'll leave Sofitel Spa light as a feather with renewed spirit and a zing to your steps.

Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara, No 6, Jalan Damanlela, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur.

Tel: 03-2720 6688

THE WESTIN DESARU COAST RESORT

Sun-Dappled Serenity

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Framed by a buttery white sand beach facing the South China Sea and with tropical foliage as its backdrop, The Westin Desaru Coast is the latest addition to the booming seascape that is Desaru Coast, attracting barefoot beach lovers and sun chasers. This luxe slice of paradise makes a staggeringly good first impression. A total of 275 family-friendly rooms across nine categories offer clean lines and calming shades in natural materials that are sympathetic to the picturesque surroundings. Elsewhere, lush gardens and tended grounds give reason to pause.

ROOMS

Mornings at The Westin Desaru Coast are peaceful and undisturbed, only to be awakened by the gentle laps of the waves crashing ashore, the melodic cooing of birds and the sun tickling the eyelids. The capacious rooms are adorned with warm tones, a colossal-sized bed and beguiling artwork that spans across the headboard. The room opens up to a private balcony equipped with lounge chairs to get some sun or bask in the beachscape.

HEAVENLY SPA BY WESTIN

Westin's Six Pillars of Wellbeing forms a wholesome wellness experience for guests, from indulging in a spa to a full-blown stay incorporating F&B, textiles, bathroom amenities and fitness programmes. Speaking of spas, the Heavenly Spa by Westin renders a decent variety of treatments including a Swedish massage and heated compress that focuses on meridian points to release tension and break up muscle knots. Take relaxation up a notch at the hydrothermal pools — featuring a combination of 38°C temperature and water jets to provide unique benefits including cleansing and detoxification of skin, relieving tired and aching muscles and increasing circulation, thus renewing the mind and body. Work off the sinfully delicious meals at the Westin Workout Fitness Studio, furnished with an impressive range of machines to work up a sweat. Alternatively, soak in nature's offerings through the Run Westin programme that takes guests on a curated route along Desaru Coast. Fill your social media feed with stunning pictures of the infinity pool and indulge in cocktails or a bite in between laps.

DINING

The food and drinks offering at this resort is strong with its signature Italian restaurant, Prego. Heavenly aromas of freshly baked breads and pizza in a stone-fired oven will be an irresistible invitation to sample a wonderful array of authentic Italian dishes that will sweep you off your feet to Italy. Then, the Valhalla of international cuisine, Seasonal Taste offers a brilliant spread of buffet dining as well as à la carte options. A live, interactive kitchen creates a bespoke dining experience that will have you returning. Leave the stress of the city behind at the Beach Bar where the sweeping view of the sea is complemented by tantalising tipples, and a flavourful menu which features seafood barbecue and light, healthy cuisine. While waiting between meals or simply yearning for a fresh cuppa, the MIX Lounge makes for a relaxing spot with soothing music at its background to enjoy your beverage.

WESTIN KIDS CLUB

Cementing itself as a family resort, parents can leave their children at the Westin Kids Club — a bright and cheerful space for kids to make new friends, learn, discover and explore through fun and educational activities organised by dedicated associates.

The Westin Desaru Coast Resort, Jalan Pantai 3, Desaru Coast, Bandar Penawar, 81930 Johor.
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King Premier Sea View Room



Outdoor Infinity Pool



Prego





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
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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 📍 Bangsar• Bangsar Shopping Centre • Non-Halal • Casual Dining

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
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Mantra bar
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+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 Japanese

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

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

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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

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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 4060 • 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.fhhotels.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 • 🇲🇲 TiTiwangsa • 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

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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.ghihotels.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
+603 7492 8000 • Sunway Resort, 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)



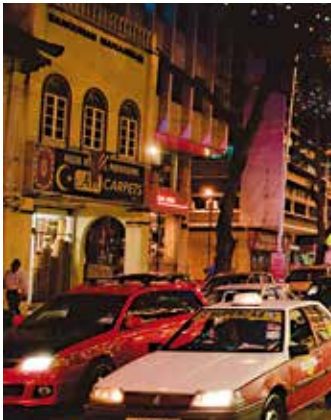
KL Tower
03-2020 5499 Bukit Nanas • Jalan Punchak, off Jalan P Ramlee. • The KL Tower stands at 421 metres. The tower houses a revolving restaurant and an observation deck which takes 58 seconds to reach. Catch the sunset or experience sky jumping from the tower roof. • Opens 9am 10pm daily • E7



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
Moghul 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 Moghul-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 Moghul 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
well 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
Pengkulu 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

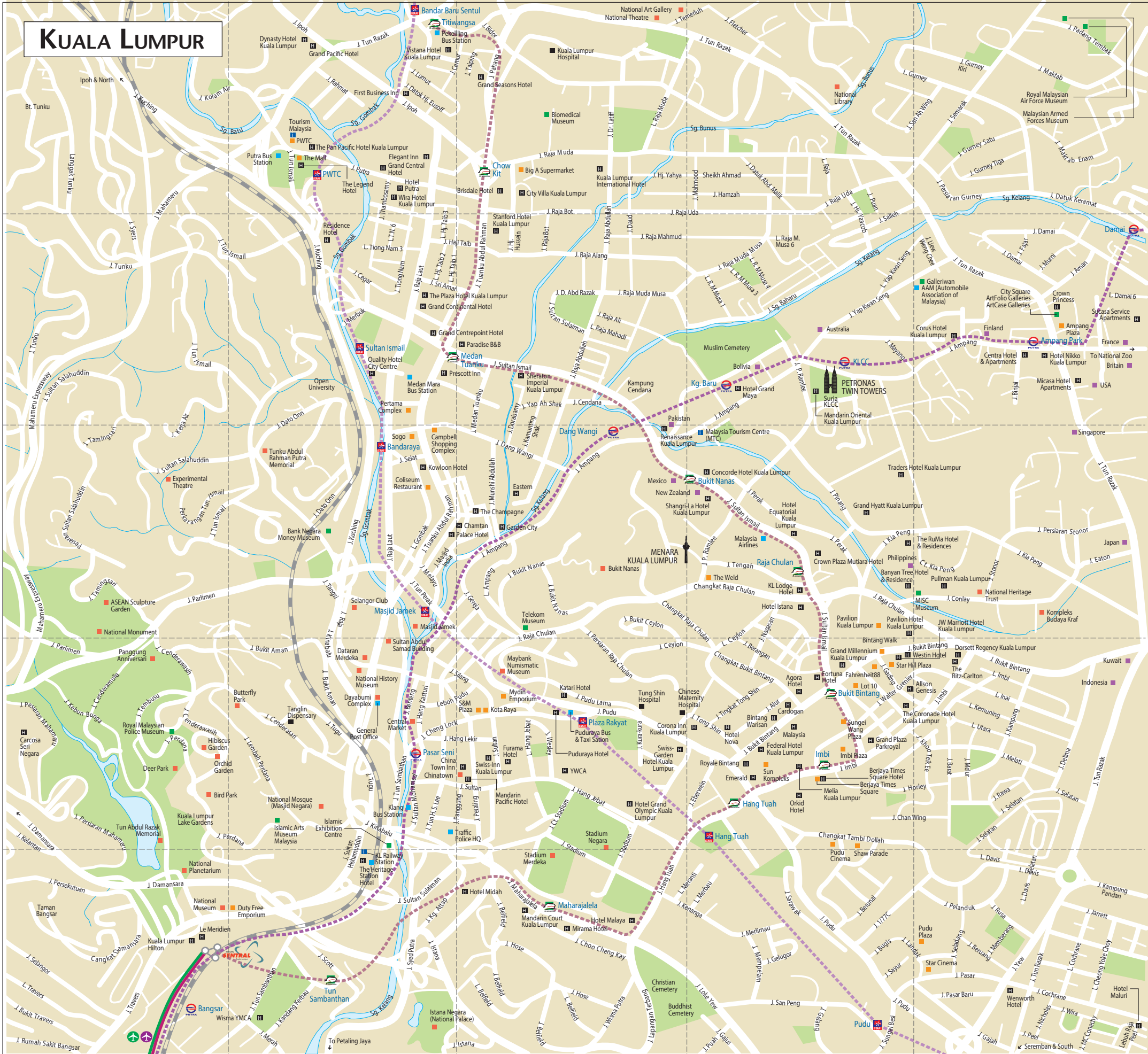
Galeri Petronas
03-2051 7770 • 🇲🇾 KLCC • Level 3 Suria
KLCC. • Exhibits artworks by local and
international artists.
• Opens 10am to 8pm. Closed on
Monday. • D8 FREE

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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 ★★★★★
 - 5B Crown Princess Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
 - 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
- 2C Masjid Jamek
- 3D Maybank Numismatic Museum
- 3C Menara Kuala Lumpur
- 3A 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
- 5C Japan
- 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 ★★★★★
- 3E Hotel Maluri ★★★★★
- 5B 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 Grand Millennium Hotel ★★★★★
- 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
- 3E 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
- 5E Star Cinema
- 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 ★★★★★
- 5B Prescott Inn ★★
- 3D Puduraya Hotel ★★
- 2B Quality Hotel City Centre ★★★★★
- 3C Renaissance Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 2B Residence Hotel
- 4D Royale Bintang ★★★★★
- 4C Shangri-La Hotel ★★★★★
- 3B Sheraton Imperial ★★★★★
- 3B Stanford 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 ★★★★★
- 5D 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

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Lane / Lorong L.
River / Sungai Sg.
Village / Kampung ... Kg.

PETA TRANSIT BERINTEGRASI LEMBAH KLANG

KLANG VALLEY INTEGRATED TRANSIT MAP

PETUNJUK LEGEND

LALUAN REL RAIL LINES

- 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

BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT)

- B1** BRT LALUAN SUNWAY
BRT SUNWAY LINE

- 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**
Inter-city Bus Station
- Terminal Lapangan Terbang**
Airport Terminal
- Medan Kereta**
Park and Ride



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 Monorail 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 Monorail KL). Keluar dari stesen destinasi tersebut dan beli token perjalanan baharu untuk memasuki stesen sambungan.
 - KL Sentral (LRT Laluan Kelana Jaya), KL Sentral (Laluan Monorail 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 Monorail KL) dan Bukit Bintang (MRT Laluan Sg Buloh-Kajang)**
Beli token hingga stesen Air Asia - Bukit Bintang (jika dari Laluan Monorail 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.
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