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IN MALAYSIA 2016  
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1 - 11 DEC @ PICC

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1 - 3 DEC @ BATU FERRINGHI, PENANG



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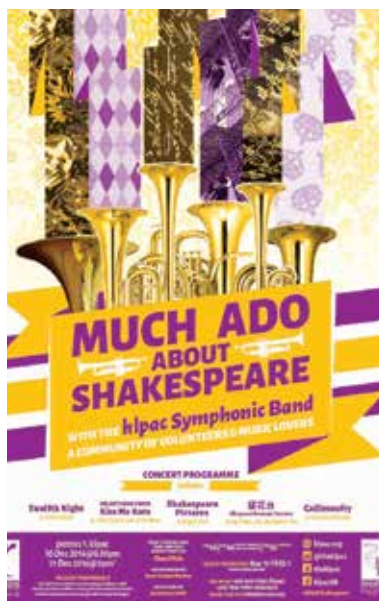
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@ ARENA OF STARS, GENTING HIGHLANDS

**INTERNATIONAL EXTREME SPORTS FESTIVAL (FISE)**  
17 - 19 DEC  
@ Dataran Lang, Langkawi





## KLAS YEAR END SALE EXHIBITION

1 DEC 2016 - 3 JAN 2017  
@ KLAS, 31 JALAN UTARA

After a record breaking auction, KL Lifestyle Art Space is back again to bring you coveted modern and contemporary artworks from outstanding artists from across the region such as Awang Damit, Latiff Mohidin, Yusof Ghani, Ismail Latiff and Khalil Ibrahim to name a few.

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## PUTRAJAYA INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC ARTS AND CULTURE FESTIVAL

1 - 11 DEC @ PUTRAJAYA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

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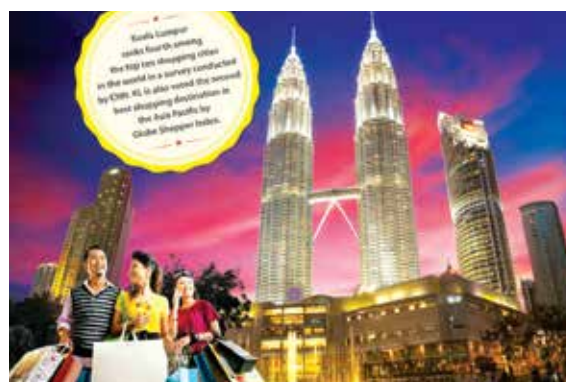


## ASEAN SONGKET WEAVING EXHIBITION

15 SEP - 31 DEC  
@ NATIONAL TEXTILE MUSEUM

This exhibition will highlight the artistry, intricacy, traditional production methods and exclusive value of songket.

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## CHERATING INTERNATIONAL SURFING COMPETITION

3 - 4 DEC  
@ CHERATING BEACH,  
KUANTAN, PAHANG

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## PENANG ISLAND JAZZ FESTIVAL

1 - 3 DEC  
@ BATU FERRINGHI,  
PENANG

Held since 2004, this independent music festival highlights the best of local and international jazz musicians from all over the world.

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## GOT7 "FLIGHT LOG: TURBULENCE" IN MALAYSIA 2016

4 DEC  
@ MEGA STAR ARENA,  
KUALA LUMPUR

Fans of GOT7 in Malaysia, you will be pleased to learn that South Korean boy band GOT7 will be heading to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia this December for GOT7 "Flight Log: Turbulence" in Malaysia 2016.

GOT7 is a South Korean boy group formed by JYP Entertainment in 2014. The group comprises of JB, Mark, Jackson, Jinyoung, Youngjae, Bambam and Yugyeom who hail from South Korea, Thailand, Hong Kong and the United States.

GOT7 released their debut EP, *Got It?*, on January 20, 2014. On October 22, 2014, they debuted in Japan with the release of their first Japanese single, "Around the World". For their work in 2014, GOT7 won Best New Artist Group at the Seoul Music Awards and received three nominations at the 29th Golden Disk Awards, winning the Newcomer Award and China Goodwill Star.

Come December 4, GOT7 will once again return to meet with their fans in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Ticket Categories: VIP RM680, VIP RM550 & PREMIUM RM350

## THE NUTCRACKER

FRI 2 DEC, 8.30PM  
SAT 3 DEC, 8.30PM  
@ MALAYSIAN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA



To usher in the holiday season, come share in the delights of Tchaikovsky's glorious and joyous Nutcracker ballet music. Journey to the land of the Sugar Plum Fairy to hear the MPO play all of your Nutcracker favourites including the fiery Trepak, the seductive Arabian Dance and the eternally popular Waltz of the Flowers – all great music that can stand alone without dancers. Russian conductor Stanislav Kochanovsky, in his return visit to the MPO, leads the orchestra.

Tickets: RM150, RM120, RM90, RM60

## KL GENTA FESTIVAL

3 - 5 DEC

@ DEWAN BANDARAYA  
KUALA LUMPUR

Enjoy a variety of cultural shows and performances featuring the gendang, a traditional percussive instrument.

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## HI-5 FAIRYTALE 2016

8 - 11 DEC

@ ISTANA BUDAYA, KUALA LUMPUR

Hi-fivers of all ages are in for a treat this December when the award-winning Australian group returns to KL city. The fun-tastic cast – Mary, Dayen, Lachie, Chris and Tanika will take audiences through the rough seas, down sparkly lanes and even prehistoric lands from 8 to 11 December at Istana Budaya.

Be prepared for some great laughs, awesome songs and pretty costumes. There'll be stories of bravery, friendship and plenty more. It is a fun-filled family adventure coupled with signature Hi-5 theatrics such as special effects and fancy projections. It'll be a time of wonderment as you singalong to your favourite Hi-5 songs such as L.O.V.E, Pretending Day and of course, Living in a Fairytale.

Tickets: RM139 & RM189

## VANESSA S.Y.T + HER SECRETS LIVE CONCERT

6 - 7 DEC @ 8PM

@ THE GARDENS THEATER, MID VALLEY CITY

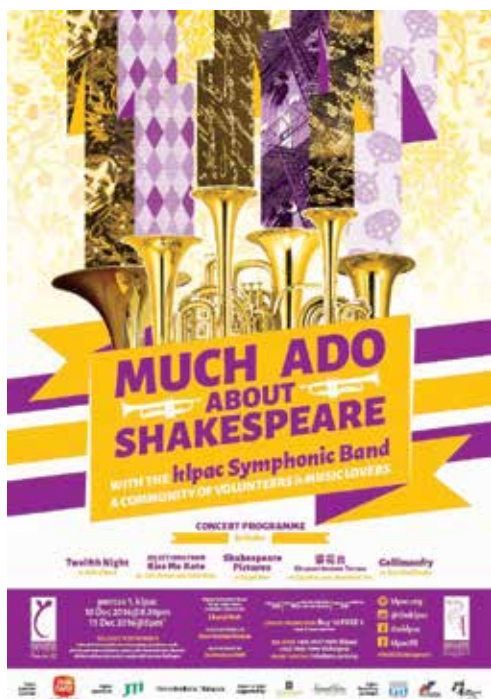
Vanessa s.y.t + Her Secrets is a group consisting of vocalist Vanessa s.y.t and musicians AJ (bass), Dennis Law (keys) and Omar (drums). All coming from different musical backgrounds of jazz, R&B, rock, hip hop, Chinese canto-pop, house and more, they will now collectively bring different sounds to their debut concert – with all songs fully written and produced by the group.

The leading lady in the band, vocalist Vanessa s.y.t. has conquered small and large stages in Europe, Asia and Malaysia in high profile private events for more than 10 years. While she chooses to remain obscure to many, her guests or audience are mainly of the well-heeled community including royalties, ministers, and celebrities such as Mel Gibson, Tony Blair, and more.

Tickets: RM63 & RM75  
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## MUCH ADO ABOUT SHAKESPEARE

10 - 11 DEC

@ PENTAS 1, KUALA LUMPUR PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE (KLPAC)

To explore all core emotional feelings in human beings -pleasure, anger, sorrow and joy, "Shakespeare" would be the basic keyword. The "Much Ado about Shakespeare", through symphonic music by the klpac Symphonic Band, presents a mixture of human affections, both comedic and tragic, all works that are inspired by masterworks of William Shakespeare.

Ticket available at RM66 with numbered seating.

10-11



## THE SWORDFISH

15 - 18 DEC

@ PENTAS 2, KUALA LUMPUR PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE (KLPAC)

Singapura is attacked by swordfish! The Sultan asks his warriors to form a line to keep out the threat, but they end up being massacred. Then a boy comes up with a simple idea to defeat the swordfish. It works! What is the boy's reward for saving Singapura?

When the Sultan dies, his son inherits the kingdom. But the new ruler turns out to be self-obsessed and neurotic. After his favourite concubine has been found guilty of committing unnatural sex, he does something that could result in the destruction of Singapura.

Culled from Sejarah Melayu, these remarkable myths find new life in The Swordfish, Then the Concubine by Kee Thuan Chye.

It is an epic play written to conjure the magic of theatre. It takes ancient myths and transforms them to address present-day concerns like human rights, gender bias, curbs on freedom and the abuse of power. It is full of spectacle, humour and heart. It is really a play about Malaysia today.

This Mandarin translation of the play, directed by Loh Kok Man, marks the first time the play is being staged in Malaysia. Be among the first to catch it and experience what theatre should be – thought-provoking, real and yet magical, basic and larger-than-life.

### SHOWTIMES

15 DEC @ 8:30pm

16 DEC @ 8:30pm

17 DEC @ 3:00pm & 8:30pm

18 DEC @ 3:00pm & 8:30pm

Tickets: RM65 (adult), RM45 (student, senior citizen and disabled)

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## PARK BO GUM ASIA TOUR IN KUALA LUMPUR

10 DEC

@ PLENARY HALL, KLCC

2016-2017 PARK BO GUM ASIA TOUR IN KUALA LUMPUR is brought to you by Blossom Entertainment, HS E&C and CN Group, and jointly presented by IME Malaysia and Social Up, the latest platform for cool and happening events that bring people together on various interests. At the event dubbed "Oh Happy Day", Park will be greeting his loyal supporters in person, while presenting Malaysians an unforgettable evening with his amazing talents.

Tickets: RM390 - RM690

## INTERNATIONAL EXTREME SPORTS FESTIVAL (FISE)

17 - 19 DEC

@ DATARAN LANG,  
LANGKAWI

Festival International Sport Extreme (FISE) is the biggest action sport festival for professionals and amateurs.



## PENANG PESTA CHINGAY PARADE

18 DEC

@ PADANG BROWN,  
ESPLANADE, PENANG

Held since 1919, the Chingay Parade celebrates the birthday of the Goddess of Mercy. Highlights include an impressive balancing act by the Chingay and Lion Dance troupe members using a 40-ft tall pole.



## PEABO BRYSON, REGINA BELLE, DENIECE WILLIAMS GREATEST HITS IN GENTING

17 DEC, 8.30PM

@ ARENA OF STARS,  
GENTING HIGHLANDS

This concert is surely a not-to-be-missed affair especially for those who love 70s and 80s music - arguably the two best decades for music. The 80s especially saw the emergence of sophisticated urban contemporary sounds - and among those leading the pack here was Peabo Bryson, an American R&B and soul singer-songwriter. Peabo Bryson who is best known for such love ballads as *Beauty and the Beast* and *A Whole New World*, and who is widely recognised as one of the premier male vocalists in contemporary music, will be appearing with his guest artistes Regina Belle and Deniece Williams at the Arena of Stars.

Tickets for the concert are priced at RM490 (VVIP), RM390 (VIP), RM290 (PS1), RM220 (PS2), RM160 (PS3) and RM100 (PS4). Genting Rewards Card (GRC) members are entitled for a 10% discount via Genting Point Redemption, cash or credit card, and Rewards Point, applicable to VVIP - PS2 tickets.





## FIM ASIA SUPERMOTO CHAMPIONSHIP 2016

16 - 18 DEC

@ DATARAN MERDEKA, KUALA LUMPUR

This is the second year of the event and a total of four rounds were confirmed in the Asia series. It started off in Newcastle, Australia in September followed by Malang, Indonesia in October, then Manila, Philippines in November and the finale will be held at Dataran Merdeka on December.

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## FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2016

22 - 23 DEC, 8.30PM

@ STAGE 1, THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE OF PENANG

Christmas carols for chorus, audience, orchestra and special appearance of Santa Claus !

Tickets:

RM103 for patrons of the arts

RM35 for adults

RM25 for students, the physically-challenged, TAS Card holders & senior citizens above 60



## RICHARD III

22 - 25 DEC

@ STAGE 2, THE KUALA LUMPUR PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE (KLPAC)

Brought by award-winning director, Dr Deric Gan and presented by The Actors Studio Seni Teater Rakyat in collaboration with MUKA Space in conjunction with the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death performance. From the director of the multi-award winning The Dawns Here Are Quiet, comes yet another groundbreaking production. Dr Deric Gan has once again assembled his dream team of creative visionaries and actors for an explosive season finale for Shakespeare 400. Richard III, body deformed but mind as sharp as ever, has one dream only which is to ascend the throne. He draws his audience in, plots with them as if they are his co-conspirators, willing to stop at nothing and at no one. It is ugly. It is vicious. Because no price is too high to pay as he relentlessly feeds his desire and greed. This gut-wrenching piece of theatre will have you at the edge of your seats from start to end.

Tickets going for RM45 each with free seating  
<http://www.klpac.org/>

# ★★★★★ DECEMBER

# MOVIE

## UNDERWORLD: BLOOD WARS 1 DEC

Kate Beckinsale is back at it with this bloody sequel. After regaining his memories, Michael searches for Selene and their daughter. Meanwhile, Vampires and Lycans have regained original forces to create a new species of half-breeds created by Alexander Corvinus.

**Genre:** Action / Horror  
**Cast:** Kate Beckinsale, Theo James, Trent Garrett, Tobias Menzies, Lara Pulver.



## COLLATERAL BEAUTY 15 DEC

A New York advertising executive is depressed after a personal tragedy. His colleagues try to save him by snapping him out of his bad mental state. They hatch a plan that, however, does not go the way they intended.

**Genre:** Drama  
**Cast:** Kate Winslet, Keira Knightley, Will Smith.



## MOANA 1 DEC

Moana Waialiki hails from a long line of navigators and is the only daughter of the current chief. The 14-year-old Polynesian girl sets sail on an epic journey with a demi-god, Maui, to try and complete her parents' quest to find a fabled island in the Pacific Ocean.

**Genre:** Animation  
**Cast:** Auli'i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson, Alan Tudyk, Tommy Lee Jones.

## OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY 8 DEC

When a company CEO tries to shut down her hard-partying brother's branch, the brother, who is the branch manager, and his Chief Technical Officer rally their co-workers to host an epic Christmas party in the office. They do so in hopes to impress a big client in order to save their jobs but the gathering soon starts to get way out of hands.

**Genre:** Comedy  
**Cast:** Jennifer Aniston, Jason Bateman, T.J. Miller, Kate McKinnon, Olivia Munn, Jamie Chung, Courtney B. Vance.



## ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY 15 DEC

The movie is set before the events in "Star Wars: Episode IV A New Hope", during the Age of the Empire. It revolves around a group of resistance fighters who unite to steal the plans to the Death Star, the Galactic Empire's deep space mobile battle station that is capable of destroying entire planets.

**Genre:** Action / Adventure / Science Fiction  
**Cast:** Felicity Jones, Diego Luna, Riz Ahmed, Ben Mendelsohn, Donnie Yen, Jiang Wen, Forest Whitaker, Mads Mikkelsen.



### PRODUCTION

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# ES



## SING 22 DEC

A koala that goes by the name of Buster Moon runs a theatre that was once great, but now has fallen due to hard times. Hoping to restore its fortune, he plots to produce the world's greatest singing competition.

**Genre:** Animation / Comedy / Musical  
**Cast:** Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Seth MacFarlane, Tori Kelly, John C. Reilly, Taron Egerton, Scarlett Johansson.



## ASSASSIN'S CREED 22 DEC

Based on the world-renowned playstation game, this movie follows the story of Callum Lynch who is able to relive the adventures of his ancestor, Aguilar, in 15th century Spain through a revolutionary technology that unlocks his genetic memories. After finding out that he is a descendant of a mysterious secret society called the Assassins, Lynch gains incredible knowledge and skills to battle the oppressive Knights Templar in the present day.

**Genre:** Action / Adventure / Fantasy  
**Cast:** Michael Fassbender, Marion Cotillard, Michael Kenneth Williams, Ariane Labed, Jeremy Irons, Brendan Gleeson.



## WHY HIM? 29 DEC

Ned Fleming and Barb, together with their 15-year-old son Scott, go to visit their eldest daughter Stephanie, but they are shocked to find that Stephanie has a wealthy and famous boyfriend named Laird Mayhew. His personality is a bit too overwhelming for them, and this causes Ned to have a really bad impression of him, even though Stephanie insists that Laird is a nice guy and she is perfectly happy with him. Laird then reveals his plan to propose to Stephanie in the next five days, his heart set to do whatever it takes to get Ned's blessing. So he starts by trying to win over Barb and Scott, but Ned goes out of his way to make sure Laird doesn't succeed.

**Genre:** Comedy  
**Cast:** James Franco, Bryan Cranston, Zoey Deutch, Keegan-Michael Key.

## PASSENGERS 29 DEC

Jim Preston is a mechanic on a 120-year journey to another galaxy. Due to a pod hibernation failure, he wakes up decades too soon. Wishing for a human companion, he decides to wake up another passenger, Aurora, a year later. He falls in love with her but soon come to realise the fatal mistake of waking her up too early. Matters are complicated when he also has to tackle a major malfunction of the spacecraft.

**Genre:** Adventure / Science Fiction  
**Cast:** Jennifer Lawrence, Chris Pratt, Michael Sheen, Laurence Fishburne.



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# JOSH KUA

## TUGGING AT OUR HEARTSTRINGS

BY ROSHINEE MOOKAIAH

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*Josh Kua is an international violinist and model who is based in Melbourne, Australia. However, this talented Law graduate has roots closer to our homes, as he was born right here in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He started his violin training at the tender age of four, and he has since performed and modelled in various countries within the Asian region. In fact, earlier this year, he had performed his first solo concert titled Relentless at KLPAC, Sentul. Despite his outstanding achievements, Josh remains as a down to earth individual and his charm is evident during the following interview.*

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### How would you describe your music?

Since I started writing my own music, it seems my style has evolved from more acoustic to contain more electronic and pop elements. It still sounds a little bit classical because of the strings, which some people may associate as orchestral. Truth be told, I find difficulty in describing what genre it is, because I try to not fit under any specific label. I enjoy the freedom that comes with it, which enables me to be more diverse with my music.

### What triggered your interest for music?

According to my parents, when I was four years old, I became interested when I came across someone playing the violin on TV. I told them that I wanted to learn the instrument, so my parents let me start tuition at a young age. Eventually, I picked up the piano too, which came quite easily after learning to play the violin.

### Would you say you have a preference for your violin over the piano?

I do not necessarily prefer the violin, because they are two very distinctive instruments. For me, the violin is more expressive because there is just so much more that you can do with it. You can play and manipulate more variables, such as the tone, timbre and style, which I find to be more similar to singing. The sound of the violin is kind of like my voice, and that is just something that I cannot emulate on the piano.

### What were your early musical influences?

As a kid, I initially learnt classical music, but I grew up with Christian pop. I come from a pretty religious family, so we were not allowed to listen much to the radio because of the 'bad influences' and 'adult themes'. I learnt mainly from church. This is where I learnt to improvise, be it to play in a band or for people to sing, whereas my classical training taught me how to play solo.

### When did you decide to pursue music professionally?

When I finished high school, I initially applied for Industrial Design. However, after a year, the stress became overwhelming and that was when I sort of lost my passion for drawing. I then changed to Commerce and Law, because I was still unsure of what I wanted to do. It was during this period that I started to perform at bars, in a band with some friends. Later on, I started modelling too, and during my third year, I was able to come to Malaysia to perform solo for a fashion event. That was when it really started for me, and for the next two years, I started to perform more overseas and I started to seriously consider this as a career. When I graduated in mid-2014, I decided that I would dedicate myself full time to pursuing music.

### Was it an easy decision to make, to take that leap from law to music?

It was almost an easy choice for me, because first of all, I knew it was something that I truly enjoyed doing. Secondly, I predicted that there would be a struggle for me, as there was and there is an oversupply of law graduates in Australia. In fact, I think it would have been harder for me if I had continued to be a lawyer!

### Tell us a little bit about your first big break.

Has it happened yet? (laughter)

I guess it was the first time I was flown overseas for a gig in 2012, which was for a mini tour in the Philippines. The marketing team did really well, and it showed in the number of girls, and people in general that attended to watch my performance. They were just fangirling for me, and I could not help but ask myself, 'Do they really know who I am?'. It was quite crazy cause I think the fan culture there tends to be very open and loving, so they were asking me to sign everything, plus the meet-and-greet just went on for ages. It was a really new and fun experience for me.









**And now you are an international violinist and model! Run us through the process of reaching this stage of your life.**

So, after the tour in the Philippines, I got invited to Indonesia. I went on live TV for the first time and I also had my first ever fashion shoot there, which was for Harper's Bazaar. And just when I thought it could not get better, I landed a Nivea campaign in Thailand. Eventually, I ended up returning to Malaysia and doing a lot of work here, and this extended to China as well. I noticed the leverage that being a model provided me with, so I used it to get myself exposed in different countries, and upon establishing myself, I would then try to push my music in as well.

Over the years, I ended up performing a lot for other people. However, back in April, I was finally able to conduct my very own solo concert, here in Malaysia. It was a new start for me because previously, I had never really pushed my agenda as a performing artist as seriously as I did here for that concert.

**Speaking of the concert, how was the experience of performing in Relentless?**

It was a big learning curve. The biggest thing I learnt with conducting a concert is the importance of coordination and attention to details. There were a lot of different elements that had to come together perfectly, and that was a big issue for us because we did not have enough time to prepare. But at the end of the day, I believe we achieved what we set out for and that was to give a really good performance. It was rewarding to see what we had initially conceptualised, finally came to life on stage and subsequently being enjoyed by the audience as well.

**We hear that you will be releasing your first EP soon.**

Tentatively, I am planning to release the EP in May next year. I have two songs which I have completed and in fact, I performed them during my concert. I also have three more which are still in the works. It has been a really positive process thus far, because prior to this, I had focused mainly on covers, so I look forward to being able to perform more original work in the future.

**As an international performer, what was your main asset in making a breakthrough in so many different countries?**

I find that being a musician is a big advantage for me. People are always asking me, 'Do you sing?' to which the answer would be, 'No, I don't sing'. I have come to a realisation that it was the fact that I did not have any words with my music that had enabled me to access so many diverse countries, due to the absence of a language barrier. Music is universal after all, so that really worked out well for me.

**The influence of an artist is ever expanding in today's age. What are your thoughts?**

I believe that being an artist is a big responsibility. There are a lot of people who look up to you, so you have to really consider the type of material that you are putting out there. There are certain issues that I feel very strongly about, such as social justice, and I do hope that I can become a bigger advocate for it when I am able to have more followers. At the current moment, I can't really speak explicitly on a lot of things as I am at the early stages of my career. I am still working on my brand image, and that involves the values I portray as well.

**You mentioned your brand image. What is the Josh Kua image that you are striving for?**

I would like to project an image of quality, authenticity and minimalism. I would like to think that despite all the 'glamour' that comes with being a performer, I still try to be 'me'. I am not the type to indulge in fanfare and gimmicks. I try my best to be relatable to my audience, especially through my social media, which I manage personally myself.

**What is your biggest goal in life?**

To be a voice for those who can't be helped. I believe someone needs to advocate for those who can't advocate for themselves, eg. the poor, the needy, the marginalised, the minorities.

**Who is your favourite musician?**

I really like John Mayer. I managed to watch him live once, and he was really good. I really like how every time he does perform, there is a different spin to it. Oh, and Frank Ocean too.

**If you could collaborate with anyone, who would it be?**

Beyonce, cause she is Beyonce. I think I could contribute a new element to her music. Based on what I have been listening to currently, I also would like to collaborate with Zara Larrison, Shawn Mendes and Parson James too if I have the chance.

**If you weren't a musician, what career path would you have taken?**

An aquarium designer.

**I did not see that coming. Out of curiosity, my next question would be, why?**

I have always been fascinated with underwater ecosystems and the architecture that comes with it. There was this one occasion where my mom had lost me in a shopping centre, and she later found me staring at the mall's fish tank for ages. I admit, it is a little weird, but if music doesn't work out, I am just going to go to Japan and do aqua-scaping instead!

**What words of wisdom could you share with aspiring artistes out there?**

Do not underestimate the power of social media. I started by setting up my own Facebook fan page, and that was how people started to know more about me. Nowadays, there are bigger platforms like Instagram that you can utilise. Of course, you must work hard at your craft, so that the quality of your work can improve. But to be honest, if you really do want to make music your career, you have to pay attention to marketing. You can work hard as much you want, but that may end up translating into nothing without the right marketing of your talent.

I would also like to add the importance of creating a distinction between your own personal identity and the identity that you are trying to portray commercially.

**And finally, what can we expect soon from Josh Kua?**

The EP, definitely. I also would like to make more videos. I have actually just filmed one but I am still waiting for it to be processed. I will also be doing more cover videos in Jakarta next week. Basically, I am just focused on creating more quality content, and more music for my followers.

# AULD LANG SYNE

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## A look back at 2016

BY ROSHINEE MOOKAIAH

To date, the year 2016 has been the most eventful one yet, sometimes for the good and sometimes for the bad. As we all prepare to greet the new year ahead with renewed optimism, we decided to take one final stroll through memory lane to revisit the most iconic moments of 2016. Basically, if the year 2016 could be condensed into a 'Best Hits of-' album, this would be it.

(Disclaimer: Information presented here are accurate at time of publishing)

### ENTERTAINMENT

There was great anticipation this year for Captain America: Civil War and it did not disappoint when it broke box-office records as the highest grossing film of 2016 to date. The record is followed closely by Finding Dory, Zootopia and Jungle Book, which reiterates Disney's dominance over the film industry, evident in their role as distributor of these top four grossing films of the year. Meanwhile, in the music sphere, Adele returned only to play with our hearts once again and subsequently landed herself with the best-selling album of 2016 via her third studio album, 25. The late legend, David Bowie also made a comeback with Blackstar, and it is unfortunate that he was not alive to see it have the best album release and eventually go up the ranks as the second best-selling album of 2016.

### POP CULTURE

'Damnnnnnnn Daniell!' If you are not acquainted with the following pop culture phenomena, you are probably a productive person who does not spend a majority of your time trapped in the depths of the worldwide web (unlike me). For example, the world rejoiced when Leonardo DiCaprio finally bagged himself his long-awaited Academy Award for Best Actor, thanks to his stellar performance in The Revenant (YASSS). We later held our collective breath when Queen Bey a.k.a Beyonce dropped the bombshell, that is her album Lemonade which explored controversial themes such as Black Lives Matter and even Jay-Z's possible infidelity. And just when we thought the drama was over after the #KimExposedTaylorParty, along came Hillary Clinton who shut down all her competitors with one of the most iconic tweets of 2016 when she replied Donald Trump's accusations with 'Delete your account'. Oh, and Pokemon Go was also a thing that happened.

### BEAUTY/FASHION

If the fashion trends of 2016 can be summed up in one word, it would be 'Nostalgia'. This year, we saw the return of the choker which had a popular stint in the 90s. Though simple in design, this particular neck accessory soon found its way back to the accessory aisles of major fashion stores. 2016 also saw more skin out in the open, with designers opting for more bare-shoulder looks in their collections. And should it get too cold, fret not, cause the bomber jacket trend has got you covered (literally). But one of the best moments in fashion to come out of the year is the progress we are slowly taking towards embracing diversity. Fashion houses are not only being more sensitive towards the body positivity movement, but 2016 also saw the breaking of gender norms in the beauty world, for example, the first male spokesperson for CoverGirl Cosmetics!

### EVENTS

Possibly one of the most popular events that happened in 2016 would be the 2016 Summer Olympics which took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Despite the controversy surrounding the logistics of the event itself, many memorable moments came out of the Olympics, for instance, Malaysia winning 5 medals (4 silver, 1 bronze), Michael Phelps' final Olympic participation and the introduction of a Refugee Olympic Team to name a few. We also witnessed the fallout between the United Kingdom and the European Union, which subsequently resulted in the resignation of David Cameron as Prime Minister who was later replaced by Theresa May. However, the biggest event to dominate the attention of the world throughout the entire year would definitely be the United States Presidential race. For months, we all witnessed an election that was nothing short of controversial, and last month, it finally concluded with Donald Trump's triumph over Hillary Clinton to be the next President of the United States of America.





### Hangover Prevention

1. Drink three glasses of water after every cocktail or alcoholic beverage
2. Try to avoid mixing and drinking carbonated drinks with your alcohol
3. Attempt to stay with one kind of beverage for the night

### Hangover Remedy

1. A bowl of Ba Ku Teh (Pro Tip: Take a drive to Klang for the best serving)
2. Coconut water
3. Rasam (South Indian Soup that can be found at almost any Indian Restaurant)





# The Malaysian way of getting over HANGOVERS

## Drink Smart

BY JACQUELINE BENITA PAUL

It was a great night – the city lights came to life. Laughter and dance filled the room as another grand celebration took place, ushering the new year and looking back on the highlights of 2016. I saw it like a kaleidoscope in my dream and when I woke up, the throbbing headache pulsed it all away. I opened my eyes and it felt as though I spun around a thousand times accompanied by the piercing ringing in my ears. Closing my eyes did not do much to help and the warm sunlight that engulfed the room was unwelcomed. My body was truly peeved at me and I was not going to be let off easy.

I am enviously aware that not everyone gets a hangover after a night of drinking but to some, like myself, it is inevitable. There are others who suffer from hangovers when they consume massive amounts of alcohol the night before and some who escape the symptoms. This just further proves that each person is different, and hangovers can affect different people differently. A person's body weight, gender, and even race are all key in determining how much or little a person can drink without getting sick. Before many of us ever reached our 21st birthday, we already developed our very own personal hangover cures. That said, my series of hangovers has helped me appreciate a good bowl of ba kut teh, rasam, coconut water and toast with kaya.

The thing is, there isn't any scientific cure for hangovers and it does actually involve body science to find a cure for the masses. However, that has not

prevented my many different attempts to find an almost natural remedy because I think my liver has had enough of my nonsense. My least favourite thing about hangovers has to be the lack of productivity that occurs and so before looking for a cure, I attempted several preventative measures based on the opinions of party goers in my circle. One of the most popular opinion was not to mix the alcohol and leave the beer for last. In fact, there was some science that states that the carbonation of beer and soda increases the rate of alcohol absorption. As much as I do enjoy a well-made glass of Cosmopolitan or Sex on the Beach, those days are behind me now (or tomorrow). Sticking to just one kind of whiskey or dark rum throughout the night surprisingly does not give me much of a hangover but it does get me tipsy quicker. A great tip is to drink a lot of water before you head out for the night. If you missed the chance, you could drink three glasses of water for every cocktail you finish. It seems that as preventative measures go, it is best to stay hydrated with water consistently and to avoid sweet cocktails.

If planning ahead isn't your cup of tea and you prefer hangover cures rather than hangover prevention, maybe you can try some of my all-time favourite remedies. First, a bowl of Ba Ku Teh or in more severe cases, a pot. Though the name's literal translation is pork bone tea, it is not tea. I always look forward to biting into the large chunks of flavourful tender meat and drink away my migraine with the herby pork ribs. Closer to my roots, I'll also indulge in a cup of Rasam which is a South Indian soup that is made with tamarind juice, tomato, chilli pepper, cumin and other spices as seasonings and steamed to perfection with lentils or other vegetables of choice. One drink would bring back the colours of the world and be rid of the ringing sound in my ears. Coconut water to balance the heat of the spices in my body and a bite of toast with kaya brought me back to life. It may or may not work for you but hey, given the circumstances, what is the harm in trying?

# THE 48-HOUR TECH DETOX

*How I survived this uphill battle.*

BY HIRANMAYI AWLI MOHANAN



Last weekend, I took a tech detox. I can feel you being appalled and in utter disbelief. I was in doubt whether I could pull this off too. I turned my phone, laptop and tablet off. I bid farewell to emails, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, texting, phone calls and Googling for 48 hours. Shocked? I was too, at first, and so was my family.

So I woke up on a Saturday morning and I instinctively reached for my phone, which was tucked, conveniently under my pillow. I was about to unlock the phone when it struck me that I was not supposed to be using it. I almost failed this challenge within the first five minutes of starting. Initially, I felt empty and incomplete without my phone, like losing a right arm or leg. The feeling was intense and consuming, leaving me feeling anxious and bored out of mind.

In order to ease the storm in my head, I decided to go for a jog around the park nearby. More often than not, I carry my phone with me everywhere, like an attached limb. Jogging without

my phone was a rather difficult feat, because having songs not only motivates me, but it accompanies me. Not having my right-hand device gave me the opportunity to take a step back (not literally) to consciously appreciate my surroundings and I then began to notice the little things that give meaning to life like the limber and effortless movements made by the elderly practising tai chi, children excitedly making full use of the playground, the endless whispers and chatters of my surroundings blended in with the sound of pigeons cooing and how striking the sun rays looked seeping through the trees creating a picturesque silhouette. Again, I felt myself reaching out for my phone like a reflex, to take a picture of mama nature to only draw realization that I couldn't and shouldn't. Instead, I decided to just soak in the moment and take in every bit of this occurrence. Turned out, I enjoyed it.

It then dawned upon me that many of us are tremendously reliant on our phones for even the most trivial matters that we no longer take the time to lift our heads up from our tablets and phones





to appreciate the beauty that encapsulates us. This circumstance reminded me of a quote by Albert Einstein that goes, 'It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity.' Evidently, Einstein saw it coming way before we did.

There was a strong urge throughout the rest of the day to check my mail, WhatsApp and Instagram just like a magnet attracting metal objects, but adamantly, I declined the temptation to do so by reading a current favourite book by Salman Rushdie entitled, *Midnight's Children*, successfully completing it after months of mulling over it. Time had suddenly become abundant, welcoming me to make full use of it and so I did.

Soon after, it was time for dinner. I convinced my family to jump on the bandwagon with me and with very heavy hearts, they agreed. For the first time in a very long time, we had a proper conversation where everyone participated, discussing everything under the sun where laughter sparked, eyes glimmered with happiness and the faces of contentment portrayed before me.

Come Sunday, I no longer had the dire urge to check my phone. Don't get me wrong, I still wanted to use it but the temptation could be beaten off with a bat. That Sunday morning, I accompanied my parents to purchase groceries, had lunch with them and finally returned home, contented with the time spent with them being an actual daughter rather than a self-centred zombie leeches onto its smart phone. I realised at the end of the day that the best part of being human and communicating involves looking into their eyes, listening and reacting to a person's expressions and his/her's message. No device, no matter how technologically advanced they are can surpass the experience of face-to-face communication.

This 48-hour tech detox was an eye-opening experience and a refreshing one at that. We are all consumed with the social media and digital world that we let many experiences and opportunities slip by. Yes, it was a ferocious battle that required every ounce of my strength to ward off the urge. However, it rewarded me in so many ways and I'm proud to say that I came out of it unscathed. So, consider scheduling a few days off from your devices. If I can do it, you can do it too!

# RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

Factors you need to consider  
before owning a pet

BY JACQUELINE BENITA PAUL

"Animals are reliable, many full of love, true in their affections, predictable in their actions, grateful and loyal. Difficult standards for people to live up to". Alfred A Montapert.

It is no secret that there are so many benefits to owning a pet. Who wouldn't want to be welcomed home with unconditional love and affection? However, not all circumstances are conducive for pet ownership. In that retrospect, we have included several factors to consider prior to owning a pet. The last thing anyone would want is for you to choose the wrong type of pet and finding out that your lifestyle simply can't accommodate it.





## Understand breed characteristics

There are a myriad of breeds for both cats and dogs. Each with their own unique characteristics that might even compliment your own personality. For instance smaller dog breeds such as Maltese, Boston Terrier, Pugs, Miniature Schnauzer all may be ideal for apartment living but each possess different behavioral characteristics and even some more prone to chewing than others. On the feline breed, the Savannah cat is quite a popular for being the largest domestic cat breed however compared to owning a Siamese Cat, the maintenance needs for these felines have polar differences.

## Consider your living environment

In relation to the first point, identifying the kind of living environment that you have is essential before bringing home a pet. You would need to check in with your neighbours who have pets and even with those who do not. Different pets require different suitable dwellings. Although cats, fish and gerbils can be happy in almost any type of residential or office dwelling, dogs do better in certain environments. Dogs can be quite happy in both houses and high-rise buildings as long as there is access to outdoor parks or trails nearby. Of course, not all buildings allow dogs so make sure that you check with your building rules regarding pets before bringing one home. There is the noise factor, as you don't want your dog to annoy your neighbors. This is the same for birds as well.

## Financial Stability

Healthcare for your pets will be expensive. That is the simple truth of the matter. We suggest talking to your neighbours and friends who have pets to just get a rough idea on the average veterinary cost. In many cases of pet abandonment, the owners would give up their pets just because they realised they were in over their heads in their pet's healthcare cost.

## Your Career Choice

It is completely fine to want to have a career and live a pretty fast paced lifestyle. However, if you have to end up boarding your animal for two weeks each month during your trips, this might indicate that you should not become a pet owner. A few days of boarding here and there are okay, but anything more is not really fair to your pet. If you have to travel a lot and still want to be a pet owner, consider having animals who might not miss you as much (fish) and those who are easy to take care of by other people while you are away.

## Training Required for a Pet

Another area you really have to be honest with yourself is your own ability and time required to train a pet. Some pets (like dogs) require a lot of training while others (like gerbils) will not involve any training since they stay mostly inside their cages. Many dogs have been abandoned because of ignorant owners who failed to properly train their dogs.

## Do Your Research and Prepare For Lifelong Commitment

Pet ownership should never be on impulse. It's not fair to the animals especially if they end up getting abandoned and/or abused. Do adequate research on what is required in order to be a successful pet owner and prepare for a lifelong commitment to the pet.





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*Jacqueline Benita Paul speaks to*

# Mitchell Gilbert

*Meet Malaysian-born Australian racer Mitchell Gilbert. Since 2002, he had made a name for himself racing in karts in Malaysia prior to moving to Europe in 2008. His success in Europe's karting led him to compete in single-seater racing at the highest level. F1 enthusiasts would recognise him through the Formula Renault, European and German Formula 3 and GP3 series. Beyond his profile as a racer, he is also a writer, fitness enthusiast and more notably he is now raising breast cancer awareness with the Pink Ribbon Wellness (L) Foundation in collaboration with Absolute Racing for Porsche Carrera Cup Asia.*

## **First things first - Tell us about yourself.**

I started racing when I was 6 and since then I've been travelling around the world chasing my dreams. It has taken me to towns and cities all over the world that I never thought I would go to, and given me a huge perspective on the world and its cultures. Racing isn't my only passion though. I'm a huge sports person, my whole family is! I'm a huge football fan (mad Arsenal fan!) as well as any racquet sport. I'm also super close with my family and friends, they're a huge part of my support system and making me who I am! A strange fact about me is that a lot of people are surprised about how passionate I am about Malaysia! To me it's my home, it's where I'm from, so I'm very passionate about the people here, especially the sporting community! Another passion of mine is making the world a better place. I believe we were put on earth to try and make the world better, so we have to embrace it.



**And a little bit about how you got into your current career.**

My dad took me to Elite Go Kart track here in KL (which is still here!) for fun. I had some talent, and it just grew from there. My dad always loved F1 and fast cars, I guess that's in my blood!

**What is the best part about being a racer?**

There's a lot of cool things about being a racing driver. Mainly, getting to drive as fast as possible! To me, pushing a car to its absolute limit is one of the purest feelings on earth. Connecting yourself with a car, then to the road is a real magical feeling.

**If you pick one moment as the highlight of your career, what would it be?**

I've had quite a few. Recently, I won both the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia races in Australia. It had been a long time since I last won, so to win there, as well as get another win less than 24 hours later was a moment I'll never forget. Also, one of my early memories was finishing 3rd in the World Championships in karting back in 2009. Finishing 3rd out of over 100 guys, and my first podium in Europe, was a crazy feeling. The guy who finished 2nd, Stoffel Vandoorne, will be racing with McLaren in Formula 1 next year. Also, I just finished 3rd in the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia Championship. It was a season full of ups and downs, but in the end we achieved what we wanted.

**Tell us a little bit about your upcoming projects be it racing or outside the circuit?**

I have a few things going on at the moment. Firstly, it's now the end of our season, and off season is when the business of any sport is done. So it's time to secure myself good drives for next year along with getting the right partners and charities on board for 2017. Separately, I'm planning to start a YouTube channel with one of my buddies. We are still in the early stages, but I can't wait to start something in a new field with one of my closest friends.

**What's your daily diet?**

To be honest I'm just about to go on a diet because I haven't been behaving! At the moment I'm eating 3 Weetabix for

breakfast, something casual at lunch like a sandwich or rice, then a typical meal at home, meat plus veg. The problem is, it's so easy to eat out in Malaysia and food is cheap, so it's easy to go astray!

**And when it comes to guilty pleasures in food, what are your favourites?**

I'm a huge chocolate fan. I could eat a whole block of chocolate alone! (Hence the diet). There's this dark chocolate I eat with sea salt, so damn good!

**Name us 3 Malaysian food that you absolutely cannot live without.**

Nasi goreng (with egg, I forget the Malay term), nasi lemak, roti canai. Simple but awesome! Nasi goreng is my late night meal, after party mamak food. Nasi lemak is either occasional breakfast, or something I always eat on a Malaysian Airlines plane! Finally, roti canai is just a go-to cheeky snack!

**Share with us a few of your favourite dining places, or even coffee haunts.**

**What are your favourite dishes there?**

To be honest, I'm a big coffee drinker, so I like to find places that make good coffee where I can just chill out or have a meeting. Two of my favourite places are RGB cafe in Ampang and RubberDuck in Plaza Damas. They both have a really friendly vibe, and make good coffee and good, healthy food, which is perfect for my obsession for coffee and trying not to get fat!

**How do you keep yourself healthy and looking/feeling good?**

I love being healthy and feeling fit. I take it upon myself to make sure I keep training all the time and eat everything in moderation. Easier said than done in KL though. I train over 10 hours a week most weeks with a combination of strength and cardio. No secret to being fit to report yet, unfortunately.

**What is your pre-workout mantra?**

Coffee! I know some people are mad about their pre-workout protein. But I can't train without a coffee. Maybe a banana if I'm feeling super athletic! Then I just put on my favourite R&B playlist on my drive to the gym to get in the zone.



Roti Canai



Coffee

**What fuels and inspires you?**

Firstly, I'm super competitive. That's in my DNA, that's who I am. So just being better than yesterday and chasing my dreams gets everything pumping inside of me. Also, as I mentioned earlier, is making the world a better place.

So we (my management and I) are constantly looking for new things we can do to help shape a better future for Malaysia and the world. We have been working with the Pink Ribbon Wellness (I) Foundation this year as ambassador and we are looking at doing something with SAY, a Selangor-based youth charity in the future. Both of them are run by like-minded people just trying to make a difference, and that really inspires me to keep doing what I'm doing.

**What do you hope to achieve in the near future?**

That's a tough question because there're so many things I want to achieve. I guess I really want to be known as a well-established international racing driver, representing Malaysia around the world, trying to make an impact on the world. Is that too much to ask?



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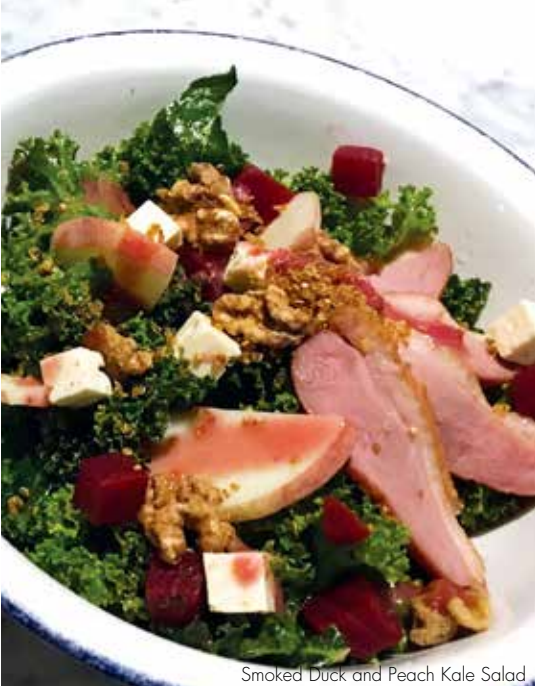
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Smoked Duck and Peach Kale Salad



The Chocolate Bomb



Oozing Ovomaltine Beignets and Vanilla Sugar

## DINING IDEAS

Should the urge for a spin in the revolving door at 10 West 33rd Street overcome you, the trick is to not get your arms caught in the door or close your eyes, at least so says Buddy the Elf (Will Ferrell) to Jovie (Zoey Deschanel) on their first date in 'Elf'. Though if you want to reenact the iconic movie moment yourself, instead of spending hours long flights, you can simply visit BLVD House, where the real magic takes form in their gastronomic offerings.

BLVD House was established five months ago with an interesting concept of elevated casual with a twist. As soon as you walk in, you can't help but notice there are certain elements that seem familiar if you've visited the chicest bars in Paris, New York and London or just watched a lot of Christmas Hallmark movies (like me). The opulent venue encompasses a beautiful main bar, furniture of unembellished wood and brass, glass and louvered doors and upholstery and stone, spoiling you with plenty of room to relax throughout the week over a bite of eat with friends and ample space to feel free from your day-to-day hustle.

### Our Feast!

Our immediate first impression of the menu was that the selections would be made as sharing platters. The selections here are definitely worth the journey into Kuala Lumpur as BLVD House carries a plethora of contemporary dishes that are innovative and distinctive.

### Menu Highlights

#### Truffleicious Country Fries

I simply will never be able to wrap my head around the fact that such a complex dish was made with only truffle aioli and shaved cheese. The earthy fragrance of the truffle peaked my interest, seducing me to take the bite. As if my hands were on autopilot, I plunged my fork into the pile and dipped my fries into the smooth and velvety truffle cream sauce. It is one of those dishes I think anyone can enjoy.

#### Smoked Duck and Peach Kale Salad

As simple as it may seem to make a salad, it really takes quite a substantial amount of work to incorporate unique and different ingredients to balance out one another. Here we had a salad that could have been satisfying enough to just feature the smoked duck but instead the chef added more complex ingredients such as beetroot, peach slices and kale topped off with walnuts. Using white peach for its delicate sweetness was an ingenious way to elevate the savoury smoked duck. This is the dish you would want to have in the summer (or lunch in Malaysia).

#### Chef's Signature Bean Can Toasted Free-Range Baby Chicken

So this signature dish came with a fiery presentation. It was visually enchanting and makes for an enviable social media photo. However, in such a competitive F&B industry especially in KL, it had to stand out beyond that. True enough, it did with the excellent savouriness of the chicken and the juices that dripped into

the bean sauce. With each bite, my memory travelled back to the moment I first laid eyes on the dish engulfed in the beautiful flames that danced on the chicken for a short moment. There is nothing like a show and great food.

#### Oozing Ovomaltine Beignets and Vanilla Sugar

A testimony of opposites attract, the hot from the freshly made deep-fried choux pastry with ovomaltine filling dipped in the cold salted caramel ice cream is the epitome of sweet indulgence. The ice cream is from Jersey Jack Gelato which relies on Jersey Milk from Kuala Selangor's Bright Coq dairy farm to whip up a myriad of delicious flavours. Typically, I don't quite favour ice cream due to the cold but it was easy to brave through it with the rich creamy flavour of the salted caramel.

#### Signature Chocolate Drink, XMAS

Yes, it is truly the embodiment of Christmas in a cup. Made with Valhorna Bahibe, it is notable for its exquisite balance of sweetness from the milk and bitter cocoa notes. Furthering the yuletide cheer, ginger and cinnamon were added to level the complexity of the overall nutty hint. For adults, you have the fun option of adding Amaretto (sweet almond-flavoured Italian liqueur). Naughty or nice, this drink is a gift from you to you.

**Important Note :** Do be sure to make reservations beforehand to avoid disappointment.



Napoli Pasta with Soft Shelled Prawn with Basil Oil

# SIGNATURE BY THE HILL

Pork-free

## *Feast for the Festivities*

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I enjoy bringing friends to Signature to try out its innovative menu that reflects strong contemporary elements infused with local tastes. It also helps that my friends and I absolutely enjoy the captivating view of the Klang Valley while seated in the tropically elegant interior. Despite its stature in delivering avant garde cuisines and refinement, the environment is anything but ostentatious. Since we are stepping into the most festive time of the year, we decided to sample Signature's upcoming Christmas and New Year's buffet assortment that will be available from Dec 24 to 25 and Dec 31 to Jan 1, 2017.



Chargrilled Lamb Rack with Dijon Mustard Gravy





Cous Cous Salad, Rainbow Salad and Butter Squash Soup

### Salad Options

We sampled two dishes from the Salad counter for the festive buffet which are the Cous Cous Salad and Rainbow Salad. Personally, I prefer a lighter option like the Cous Cous Salad. That said, I enjoyed both salads because the ingredients were complimentary to one another in both taste and looks. Though, during the actual event, there will be more salad options such as Beet Root, Rainbow Salad, Mixed Pickles, Smoked Salmon, Beef Salami, and Potato Salad with Crispy Bacon.

### Butter Squash Soup with Cinnamon from the Christmas Dinner Buffet

Who says you can't enjoy a good bowl of soup in tropical weather? It is perhaps one of the most versatile, cross-cultural dishes and a year-round staple. After a spoonful of the Butter Squash Soup with Cinnamon, I found myself wishing that this would be available all year round in Signature at the Roof. It was incredibly comforting with the right balance of savoury and sweet.

### Mushroom Soup from the New Year's Dinner Buffet

Having a mouthful of this soup would do justice to celebrate the passover of 2016. It is a casual dish that comes with refined flavours that showcase the delicious intensity of the earthy mushroom.

## CHRISTMAS MENU MAIN COURSE

You can order a plate of the main course that all seem to have a distinctive similarity. We couldn't put our fingers on it until we asked the Chef himself who mentioned that the flavour profile and look of the plate were meant to reflect the colourful and vibrant nature of Christmas.

### Napoli Pasta with Soft Shell Prawn and Basil Oil

This visually stunning dish serves soft shells prawns from South Africa and the fried seaweed adds a great texture balance with the al dente pasta topped with slices of parmesan cheese and alfalfa sprouts. Unlike most prawns used in pasta dishes, you can actually eat the crispy and perfectly sauteed prawn with its skin. I truly enjoyed each bite of the soul-warming dish.

### Pan-Fried Cod Fish with Salted Egg Sauce

The pan-seared cod fish awakened my taste buds. This is definitely a unique festive dish as opposed to the usual red meat options. The succulent scallops topped with the slightly briny flavour of the sea with a unique texture of the eggs, first loose on your tongue, then a burst of flavour as each egg pops open, will be etched in our memory forever. Staying true to one of the biggest gastronomic highlights of the year is the salted egg sauce that just enhances the classic pan-fried cod fish. After tasting this rendition, anything like it seems like a poor imitation catching the craze.

## NEW YEAR'S MENU MAIN COURSE

This particular menu carries a more heavier volume in both colours and overall taste profile. The options include Pan-Fried Breast with Cep Mushroom Gravy and Seafood Aglio Olio.

### Chargrilled Lamb Rack with Dijon Mustard Gravy

A festive meal wouldn't be complete without this. I enjoyed how the strong flavours of the lamb are neatly countered by the bed of dijon mustard gravy. I enjoyed picking up the bone to bite off the tender and succulent lamb. It was not too lean nor too fatty. Also, the mash potato was by far the smoothest I've ever had.

### Mignon Steak with Cranberry Sauce

Bacon slices on steak, I feel like that should be enough said as a winning dish. Though to truly enjoy the dish, have a little bit of steak, bacon, pumpkin mash and tomato for an unprecedented culinary experience. Notably, this dish is more visually festive than the rest in terms of color and arrangement.

### Sweet Endings

Everyone who eats at the buffet can enjoy a complimentary Coconut Christmas Drink with caramelised strawberry syrup that creates a beautiful shimmer on the outer part of the glass whilst balancing the strong coconut flavour and aroma. It might seem like a dessert at first, but it definitely qualifies as a cocktail because of the balanced taste of malibu rum and coconut cream.

After such a repast, it's difficult to imagine wanting dessert, but who can resist strawberry tartlets, or a chocolate brownie, those hearty goodness of which was designed to shake off the monsoon blues? It certainly worked for me, as I hit the road feeling warm all over.



Pan-Fried Cod Fish with Salted Egg Sauce





# TANZINI

Pork-free

Joyous gastronomy with a view

BY HIRANMAYI AWLI MOHANAN



Lamb Crown Pot





Christmas Pudding



Rolled Turkey

The moment we stepped into Tanzini at G Tower, we were greeted by such an elegant and cosy ambience suited for couples and friends looking to let their hair down after a hard day's work. Walking further into the restaurant, we found ourselves completely enthralled by the view before us. There lay a view of the concrete jungle of Kuala Lumpur at dusk, a shade of pink and orange painted across the skies and the lights emanating from the surrounding buildings. It was an absolutely perfect moment.

With the joyous season close, we had a hankering for the gastronomic pleasures that Christmas has to offer, thus the choice of restaurant. In conjunction with the joyous celebration of the year, Tanzini introduced a modern five-course meal with a twist on the traditional favourites. Tanzini's motto, 'from farm to table' promises its patrons the freshest and highest quality of ingredients on your table.

The scrumptious fare began with a Fresh Trout Carpaccio, a starter made out their fillet trout sashimi flown from Scotland. This starter was garnished with orange and lemon wedges to oxidise the salmon and for that burst of zest, accompanied by trout and dill. Being a fish person, this starter left me revelling in the wonderful matrimony between the salmon sashimi and the citrusy wedges.



Goose Liver and Saffron Parfait

Still revelling in this starter, I was presented with a Crab Meat Timbale, a chilled and rich tomato-based soup served with avocados and crabmeat. I loved its opulence in tomato base. The cubes of avocado added depth to the creamy flavour, not to the extent of overpowering the dish. We had to take a minute to acknowledge the power that lay within this chilled soup du jour.

The following starter arrived in several petit red and green ice cream cones

containing the Goose liver & Gin, Saffron Parfait. This imaginative dish was entirely homemade down to the cones. The green cones were made of seaweed and the red cones from beetroot housing the creamiest foie gras mixed with a sundry of wild berries and a dash of saffron, teasing a hint of fragrance and a burst of flavour.

We were then presented with Tanzini Raspberry Sorbet to cleanse the palate from the abounding piquancy. Next was time for the main dish. Guests were given a choice between Rolled Turkey with black salt or the Lamb Crown Pot. We opted for the Lamb Crown Pot. Its presentation was divine, resembling a tree, with the roast lamb being the bark of the tree and the courgette, almond, feta and mint sauce garnishing the dish. There were vegetables embedded underneath the lamb crown, topped with a glaze of mutton oil. This dish encapsulates the very essence of Christmas with its kaleidoscope of colour in its presentation, to the taste and aroma.

To seal the gastronomic fare on a sweet note, we were served a brandy fruit x-mas pudding, an ode to the fruit cake which is a typical Christmas dessert. It was served hot from the oven, with a thick yet soft consistency that just melted into our mouths like going down a waterslide.





# MORGANFIELD'S Non-halal

## Christmas Galore

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**M**organfield's® certainly does not need any introduction. Being the home of sticky bones, it is commonly visited for its mouth-watering ribs and steaks. As the joyous season approaches, it is time for good-natured banter, reminiscence and reunions amongst family and friends. So why not celebrate the Yuletide cheer by indulging in Christmas-themed dishes, at Morganfield's®?

We had the opportunity to indulge in their Christmas dishes that were infused with classic holiday flavours, combined with imported, seasonal ingredients resulting in a delectable yet traditional fare.

If you are a cosmopolitan who is pressed for time to prepare a Christmas meal for your family, fuss not because Morganfield's® have you in their thoughts. If you are looking to go off book, you might want to try out

the Jolly Christmas Platter, fit for a hearty Christmas celebration. Hold your breath because this decadent meal comes with a 1/2 slab spare ribs (choice of Hickory BBQ, Garlicky BBQ, Smoked Peppercorn or Spicy Lemongrass), Jack Daniel's Glazed Baby Back, Roasted Whole Turkey Drumstick marinated with herb yoghurt basted with BBQ sauce, grilled Footlong Farmer's Bratwurst sausage, grilled Herby Hog sausage, grilled Spicy





Christmas Turkey Garden Veggies



DINING IDEAS

Pavilion Outlet



Jolly Christmas Platter

Devil sausage, Christmas stuffing, seasonal veggies, garden salad, grilled corn on the cob, flat chips, cranberry jam and gizzard gravy. Yes, it was a delightful mouthful that left us in hibernation for the rest of the day.

This platter serves a group of three to four patrons. However, you would be pleased to know that they also serve a larger, 'American-sized' platter fit for a family as big as the one in 'Cheaper by the Dozen' movie. A 'mini' version of the platter is also available for a smaller group, allowing patrons with smaller parties to enjoy the great value and variety offered in a single platter.

No Christmas dinner in our opinion is perfect without a whole roasted turkey. Keeping to the Christmas tradition, Morganfield's® served us with a roasted whole turkey which weighed 5.2 kg (gaspd in amazement), which was shared amongst the eight of us. Now this was truly a feast. Our eyes glimmered

at the sight of the succulent caramelised turkey making its way to our table. This traditionally marinated and slow roasted turkey came with pork and nut stuffing and served with seasonal veggies, sautéed paprika potatoes, cranberry jam and giblet sauce. In our humble opinion, no condiment goes better with turkey than cranberry jam. One bite of this dish reminded me of pleasant memories celebrating Christmas with my friend and her family.

If you come in an intimate group with half the appetite, fret not because there's something for you too. You can opt for the roasted whole turkey drumsticks comprising two succulent drumsticks with pork and nut stuffing. There's something for everyone at Morganfield's. Couples or those flying solo are spoilt for choice with an array of Christmas dishes with Morganfield's roasted rack of lamb, sticky bones and baby back ribs. You cannot go wrong with any of these specialties.

For future reference, these dishes are to be ordered 3 days in advance.

Christmas dinner is never complete without the accompaniment of drinks. To complement our fare, we were presented with two very witty named libations. The Grinch, an icy cold lime mocktail with vanilla ice cream topped with whipped cream and a maraschino cherry, exuded a citrusy taste that complemented the vanilla ice cream excellently. Jack Frost Martini, on the other hand, was a delightful cocktail concocted by the combination of light rum, coconut liqueur, blue curaçao and pineapple juice that gave us the feeling of being on a tropical island on a sunny day.

You can enjoy the sumptuous delicacies with a plethora of beverages to choose from, available from Nov 15 2016 to Jan 1, 2017 in all Morganfield's® outlets in Malaysia. So grab your friends and family and head on to Morganfield's® for a Christmas galore.

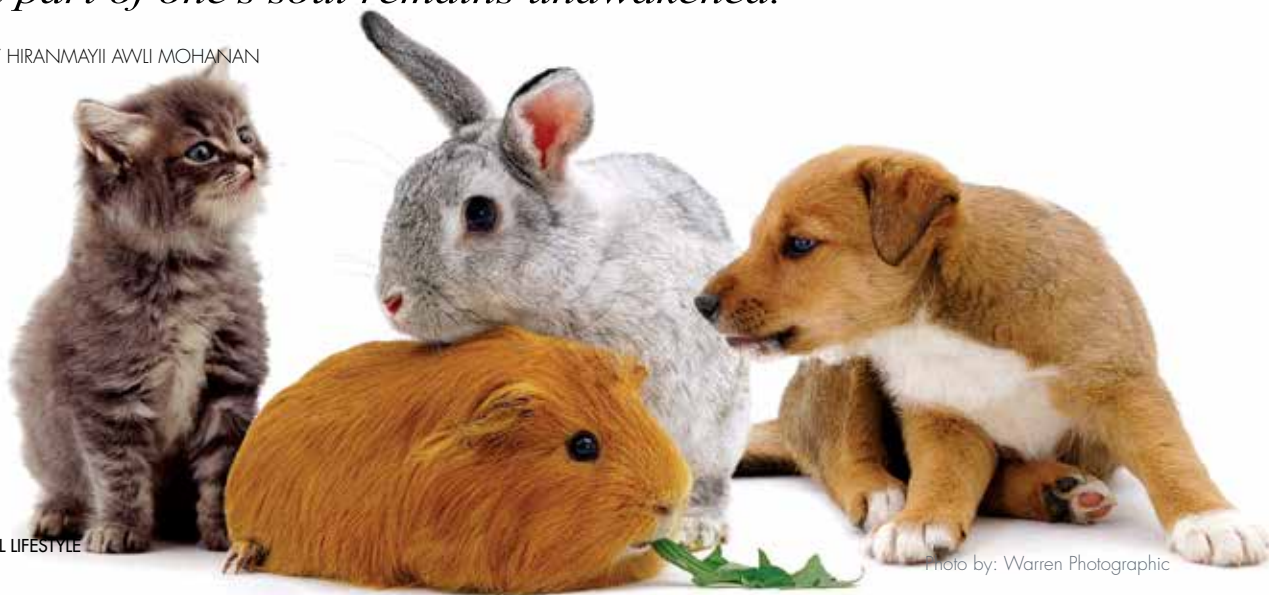




## PET FRIENDLY CAFÉS

*Anatole France once said that until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened.*

BY HIRANMAYI AWLI MOHANIAN







## BOW WOW CAFÉ

A new addition to the sprouting cafés in Puchong is Bow Wow Café. As you can probably tell from this establishment's name, it is not just an ordinary cafe that serves coffee, cakes or pastries, but it is specially catered for pets. Upon entering the café, we found several pets around and it felt so comforting to be in the same vicinity as our pets. This café exudes a warm and cozy ambience with its dark grey walls and warm lightings. It's one of those places to put your feet up with your pets and your friends. Bow Wow Café's upper hand is having a clean, hygienic and odour-free environment. Rest assured, you will not be put off by unpleasant odour at this petfriendly café. You would be happy to know that the employees at this eatery are very efficient in cleaning the deposits left by pets.

1F-06, Kompleks Kenari, Jalan Kenari 19,  
Bandar Puchong Jaya, 47100 Puchong, Selangor.  
03-8074 8162

## CUBS AND CUPS

If you are in the vicinity of Sri Hartamas, do drop by Cubs and Cups. Treat your canine companion to some fun and fare at this café. You can expect resident Huskies, Mocha and Cola and Pomeranian, Nacho to bark a friendly welcome to patrons at this eatery, whose motto is 'Pets Welcome, People Tolerated'. You can grab a cup of coffee or tea or even opt for a little nip. The food menu is also extensive, offering French toasts, Caesar salad, pepperoni pizza, pesto pasta, fish & chips, avocado and grilled cheese sandwiches, and waffles with ice cream. This establishment is perfect for a play day with your pooch.

Lot 22 Wisma Rapid Wilayah Persekutuan,  
Jalan 30/70a, Desa Sri Hartamas, 50480 Kuala Lumpur.  
016-689 1258

## S GARDEN

Nestled in Pandan Indah, this café welcomes you with adorable dwellers like a Pug, Shih Tzu and Husky to greet you upon entry. You would feel loved just stepping into this eatery. Treat your best friends to a healthy choice of furkids meal like a doggie spaghetti, served with salmon and vegetables or opt for a salmon vege salad consisting of vegetable salad and salmon. This is sure to keep your furkid barking with joy. The menu for you is not too shabby either. Have a go at their fish chop rice served with egg, beans, rice and salad. You will be sure to sing songs of contentment.

17 G, Jalan Pandan Indah 4/33,  
Pandan Indah, 55100 Kuala Lumpur.  
016-518 7510

## THE HOUND @ TAMAN OUG

There are plenty of attractions at The Hound Café in OUG, such as the resident beagle aptly named Cookie, its minimalistic yet warm interior, and the assortment of pastries and coffee offered. The pet-friendly café welcomes patrons to bring their own pets to interact with Cookie. We opted to try the mango cheesecake that I found tasty, despite not being a fan. I loved the creamy texture blended with the mango and its biscuit base. Fret not if you don't have a pet because Cookie the friendly beagle would readily play with you.

44-A (upstairs), 44A, Jalan Hujan Emas 4,  
Taman OUG, 58200 Kuala Lumpur.  
03-7971 2144

## CLAWSET CAFÉ

If there ever was a café to wet your nose and heart, you have found the place. Founded in November 2014, this establishment had its mind set on creating a place where pets can roam freely. There is an entourage of dogs residing at the café should you not have any pets. Adorable little in-house Pomeranians are the main attractions, sporting cute outfits ready to greet you. What's great about this place is that you and your pooch can dine together as they have a wide array of selections for the both of you. Try out their variety of Pomeranian drinks that's fit for a sweltering afternoon.

No. 38 - 1, Jalan SS 22/25, Damansara Jaya,  
47400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.  
03-7733 6138

# OLD KLANG ROAD

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Old Klang Road is known to be one of the oldest roads in Kuala Lumpur connecting the city centre to various parts of the Klang Valley. It is also known to be the haven of street food to compel your taste buds to experience a wild sensation of delight. We have uncovered the hidden gems of Old Klang Road for your gastronomic pleasure.

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

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## **CHOON SUN'S ASSAM FISH** *(non-halal)*

This hidden gem, tucked away in Lorong Anggur has been in the business for more than three decades now. Its staple dish, the Tilapia Assam Fish is prepared in the most unique way. First, the Tilapia fish is deep-fried until it's crispy. Subsequently, it is wrapped in lotus leaves filled with assam sauce and spring onions. Finally, it is deep-fried again to amalgamate the brilliant flavours from the assam sauce and lotus leaf, resulting in the crispiest, delectable and lip-smacking fare.

Lorong Anggur off Jalan Kelang Lama,  
Batu 3, 58100 Seputeh, Kuala Lumpur

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## **BIG TREE FRIED PAN MEE** *(non-halal)*

Have you heard of a stir-fried pan mee? We have not too! The owner of this eatery has been experimenting with stir-fried pan mee for a couple of decades now so as to keep her dishes interesting. This dish pleasantly surprised the owner when it gained much popularity and success, and has now become one of the signature dishes of her stall. This mouth-watering delicacy resembles the Hokkien Mee in looks but differs completely in taste.

Jalan Sepadu Taman United,  
58000 Seputeh, Kuala Lumpur







### CAO CAO GRILLED LAMB *(pork-free)*

Ever wondered what a grilled lamb without any gamy smell would taste like? Try it at a famous stall in Jalan Sawi. This quaint stall packs a punch albeit its limited amount of dishes offered. It offers BBQ Chicken Wings, Grilled Lamb, Tofu Bakar and Ipoh Rojak. Many patrons visit this stall for its signature grilled lamb, which is marinated with a special sauce to take away the gamy odour. We now understand why the grilled lamb is the stall's signature dish, due to the tender consistency and succulent flavour, served in bite-sized pieces. Just so you know, we gobbled it all up in less than 2 minutes.

Jalan Sawi Hawker Centre,  
58200 Kuchai Lama, Kuala Lumpur

### PU YUAN'S CHAO SHU FEN *(non-halal)*

Interested in a one-of-a-kind fried sweet potato flour noodle (Chao Shu Fen)? Well, we are pleased to inform you that this hole in the wall eatery, hidden in a back alley off Old Klang Road, offers this very rare dish. The shop doesn't have a signboard, but the big words of "Chao Shu Fen" are displayed on the wall, so you wouldn't miss it if you reach the right place. What's special about this outlet is its simplistic interior and quality food. The Chao Shu Fen is stir-fried together with pork slices, dried shrimp, and vegetables. We were pleasantly surprised with the unique blend of dry shrimp and noodle that we had to take a breath to appreciate the spectacle going on in our mouths.

112 Jalan Klang Lama, Batu 4 ½,  
58000 Seputeh, Kuala Lumpur



### KUNG FU SMOOTH PAN MEE *(non-halal)*

If you find yourself in the vicinity of Taman Sri Sentosa, drop by Kung Fu Smooth Pan Mee for the longest pan mee you will ever try. This two-feet long dish requires great skills and years of experience to hand-pull the noodles till they are two-feet long. This unique dish exhibits a soft and slippery texture that is rich in flavour, leaving you shamelessly ordering the next bowl.

28 Jalan Seri Sentosa 9A, off Jalan Klang Lama,  
Taman Sri Sentosa, 58000 Seputeh, Kuala Lumpur



# THE COCKTAIL COUNTDOWN

*Explore Signature Concoctions  
from the Hottest Bars in Town*

*(non-halal)*

Let's hit two birds with one stone - the venue for your upcoming holiday party and the signature cocktail to have in your hand. Staggeringly, this year we observed the rise of mixologists who innovate artisanal cocktails that take a more culinary approach. Just so you know, the difference between a bartender and mixologist is that a mixologist is an individual with a passion for combining elixirs and creating extraordinary cocktails, whereas a bartender is an individual with a passion for making great drinks and creating well-balanced experiences. To be successful, you really need both types of pros behind the bar. With that in mind, we recommend a list of signature cocktails to liven up your festivities.

BY JACQUELINE BENITA PAUL



## ESPRESSO MARTINI

We've been told that money can't buy happiness. That's probably because they haven't had an Espresso Martini from Drift Dining and Bar. Made from vodka, kahlua, double espresso and maple syrup, this is one perfectly built drink meant to be sipped and enjoyed from evening to nightfall. Do yourself a favour and do not miss out on sampling their mouthwatering dishes especially the Fried Polenta with Gorgonzola Cream, Crispy Skin Barramundi and Slow-Braised Australian Lamb Shank.

*Drift Dining and Bar*  
38, Jalan Bedara, Bukit Bintang,  
50200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
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## KOPI PING MARTINI

Paying homage to our local coffee flavour, Manja created a cocktail that features a localised version of an Espresso Martini that is made with kahlua, vodka and kopi ping ice cream. Manja has always been a prime venue for gastronomic ventures showcasing local flavours and each dish is carefully made with fresh, handpicked ingredients. Their cocktails are no exception to this. Other than that, you can get their Spirit of Borneo cocktail that features Bornean rice wine and tuak. I found that the Spirit of Borneo cocktail's flavour to be more modest than the typical sweet cocktails and it had a refreshing tanginess from the lime. What's more, the ambience of Manja makes for a perfect holiday gathering venue.

*Manja Old Malaya*  
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Tel: +60 12-373 7063







## MARSHMALLOW MILKSHAKE

Come now, what is Christmas without Marshmallow Milkshake? Yes, this very much qualifies as a cocktail since it has infused vodka that adds to the indulgent creamy flavour. So how does a medieval Christmas fayre sound? The setting of Virgin and Throne itself with special armoury décor and props makes for an ideal venue to celebrate the yuletide season.

*Virgin and Throne*  
26-A, 1st Floor, Jalan Datuk Sulaiman,  
Taman Tun Dr Ismail, 60000 Kuala Lumpur.  
(Above Food Foundry)

## THE DYNASTY

What seemed like a wrong order was actually very right in many ways. It's not everyday you get to enjoy a cocktail that you could pour out from a Chinese tea pot. We truly enjoyed this gin-based concoction made from a mellow medley of Tanqueray No.10 gin, grapefruit juice, jasmine tea and demerara sugar. The balanced sweetness of the jasmine tea and demerara sugar worked well with the acidity of the grapefruit juice. Most of all, I enjoyed the spicy finish from the Tanqueray No.10 gin. Other than that, we recommend tasting the Pulau Panjang (a localised Long Island), Agua Fresca and Kim Jong Muel.

*Mantra Bar*  
Rooftop Level, Bangsar Village II, Kuala Lumpur.  
Tel: +60017-3448299



## WILD BERRIES MARGARITA

Enjoy a sunset cocktail at the al fresco setting of the infinity grass helipad known as Stratosphere. It was a blissful experience to enjoy a smooth and incredibly delicious cocktail while overlooking a 360-degree panoramic view of the city. This margarita has a great icy and thick consistency so you can enjoy the sweet flavour from the berries. You might not be able to taste the alcohol on the first sip but you will feel the lingering heat that tells you it is definitely in there.

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# THE VAULT

A well-kept secret (until now)

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Everyone loves to be in on a secret, which probably explains why we ended up visiting The Vault, one of the most-talked-about speakeasy bar in town and we're happy to let you in on the details. Taking rumour as our guide we found The Vault nestled in between an eatery and another staircase that lead to a cavern-like interior that transported us into an actual vault (yes, just like in the movie, *Now You See Me*). Yet again, we were in a state of bewilderment. It took us a good 5 minutes to figure out the entry point. We then found a lever that required turning and lo and behold, the inner sanctum. Its passé interior exuded a certain mystery and coziness. The brick-laden walls, retro switches, lights and an antiquated swing set complemented the setting perfectly.

The bar looked something out of a *Game of Thrones* set, displaying neatly arranged libations. Completing the interior was its period-style sofas, big stained mirrors to adorn the wall, an antique speakeasy furniture customised into a DJ console and jazz swing numbers that embody the very essence of a speakeasy and the Prohibition era.

For those of you looking to dust the cobwebs after a hard day's work, this is the place to be. Their cocktails pack a punch, promising a night of fun. Amongst their wide array of quenchers offered, we opted to experience their signature cocktails, named The Erik and Passion Fruit Martini. The Erik, consisted of vodka-infused lemongrass, kaffir lime leaves and cili padi.

Yes, we agree, it does sound rather peculiar. However, after a sip, we had to concede victory. The concoction hinted of lemongrass, blending harmoniously with the citrusy kaffir lime leaf and concluded with a tad of spice. My personal favourite is the the Passion Fruit Martini, suited for both men and women. It embodies a citrus yet sweet element, topped off with a layer of passion fruit purée that will leave you exhaling with sheer contentment.

After a couple of drinks, naturally a symphony started playing in our stomachs, beseeching for food. Thankfully, we were presented with a house signature, the (aptly named) OG grilled cheese sandwich that deserves the limelight for its piquant flavour. This divine dish consists of what I believe to be the perfect matrimony between cheese and bread (other than pizza). The OG grilled cheese sandwich is to be dipped generously into a rich tomato and basil purée. In my humble opinion, the OG sandwich is truly an OG for it left us revelling in its glory.

Next, we tried out The Dynamite, a jalapeno pepper fried to a crisp, loaded with three types of cheeses. Upon biting the fiery jalapeno, the amalgamation of tanginess from the pepper and the creamy cheese exploded in our mouths. The fare didn't end there. We were then offered chicken wings. Needless to say, the chicken wing was a winner in our books for its dulcified depth. It was the perfect accompaniment for our cocktails other than the OG. Need I say more?

Besides serving great cocktails and starters, this trendsetting bar is constantly keeping patrons on their toes by updating its myriad of cocktails and coming up with the most inventive things such as a crystal ball of ice that takes 4 days to make, served with selected cocktails. If you are feeling a little blue, fret not because happy hour is available for those of you who want to have a nip or two after work. To keep the ball rolling, The Vault is constantly keeping its regulars interested by holding ladies' nights (every Tuesday) and even acoustic nights (every Thursday) for a mellow end to the day. Don't be surprised to find rocking DJ's such as the Twinkies who play during the Saturday slots to keep you on your feet.

Hidden behind a secret door on the third floor, lies an exclusive karaoke room for patrons to momentarily live out their musical dreams. Who doesn't love to burst into song after a good buzz, right? Equipped with brown leather sofas and a big TV screen, a glimpse of this room will remind you of *The Great Gatsby* movie, decadence and all, fit for a night of entertainment.

Patrons should keep an eye open for a VIP members club on the 2nd floor which is expected to open before the New Year. The Vault will be developed into a three-floor exclusive establishment. How do you get into the ranks of the VIP floor? Well, that's a secret we won't share but perhaps a visit to The Vault may enlighten you.





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# Whimsical Fun

*Unleash the quirky in you*



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# Festive Makeup Set MUST-HAVES

*Christmas gives us the excuse to drop some cash on makeup and not cry about it in bed after. There's no better time to splurge on a shimmering palette, trust us. Clearly, this is just one of the hundreds of reasons why we are Christmas obsessed, and so we have scoured high and low to find some of the prettiest makeup sets around.*

BY JACQUELINE BENITA PAUL



## FESTIVE MINI BEAUTY BOX BURBERRY BEAUTY RM180

Burberry Beauty's 'Festive Mini Beauty Box' contains everything you need to create polished party makeup this season - all conveniently sized to fit in your handbag. Inside you'll find the Cat Lashes Mascara - Jet Black No.01 which has a cleverly shaped hourglass brush specifically designed to dramatically define and enhance each lash. Get your hands on a universally flattering hue with a soft matte finish with the Lip Velvet, Military Red No.429. Impart a subtle wash of colour with the Wet & Dry Silk Eye Shadow - Pale Barley 102. Use the Fresh Glow Fluid - Nude Radiance 01 under your foundation for a natural glow, or to highlight cheekbones, the bridge of your nose and Cupid's bow.



## HOLIDAY LIP COFFRET CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN BEAUTY RM1,188

Christian Louboutin Beauty's 'Holiday Lip Coffret' set includes the label's coveted classic red lipstick in three different finishes - Silky Satin, Velvet Matte and Sheer Voile. The creamy formulas are enriched with natural oils and seed butters to hydrate and nourish your pout. This trio is housed in a black presentation box and the sleek vials double as necklaces.



## NUTCRACKER SWEET PLUM EYE BAG MAC RM200

Invite the unexpected with cool plum hues of Extra Dimension Eye Shadow, Technakohl Liner, Pro Longwear Paint Pot and False Lashes mascara in black. This coordinated kit comes in a stylish little clutch featuring a fuchsia and burgundy design with embroidered gold accents.

## THE PERFECT HOLIDAY SET LANEIGE RM200

Give your skin a boost of revitalization its needs with the Perfect Holiday Set, a set that effectively help rejuvenates and smoothen skin for a youthful glow. The set comes with the Perfect Renew Skin Refiner EX, the start of the Perfect Renew range. A gel-type skin refiner that contains extracts of lycopene that helps increase skin elasticity and smoothness. The set also contains the Perfect Renew Regenerating Mask, a bio-cellulose mask enriched with the Skin Rebirth™'s main ingredient, resulting in a younger looking skin.



# TIME TO PAR-TEA!

What better way to celebrate the end of the year than with a well-deserved moment of indulgence, right? We believe that you and your loved ones deserve only the best, therefore we have compiled these luxurious treats so that you can end the year in class while staying true to the spirit of the festivities. If the essence of Christmas could be condensed into fine consumable goods, then these products would be proof of that miracle. If you think they look good, be warned that they taste even better.

BY ROSHINEE MOOKAIAH



## TWG RED CHRISTMAS TEABAG GIFT BOX

If you are looking forward to a cozy night in, well why not complete it with the TWG Red Christmas Teabag Gift Box? The Red Christmas Tea, which is a holiday favourite is a theine-free red tea blend of citrus fruits and spices that are sure to delight your taste buds. It consists of 15 teabags packaged in a limited edition matte red gift box that has been burnished with the golden imagery of snowy sleigh rides.

TWG Red Christmas Teabag  
Gift Box - RM79

## TWG CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD TEA SET

For those of you who are feeling down because you are unable to travel this holiday season, fret not, because the TWG Christmas Around the World Tea Set promises a yuletide adventure, right in your mouth. Enjoy your festive voyage with the five featured flavours in this tea set- Noel in Singapore Tea, Noel in London Tea, Noel in Paris Tea, Noel in New York Tea, and Noel in Vienna Tea. Each tin weighs 50g and is packed in an embossed red and gold box and sleeve.

TWG Christmas Around the World  
Tea Set - RM380



TWG Tea stores are available in Pavilion KL, KL International Airport, Gurney Paragon Mall, The Gardens Mall and Bangsar Shopping Centre.





## GODIVA CHRISTMAS GIFT BOXES

This holiday season, why not sink your teeth into some classic chocolatey goodness? This GODIVA collection features three delectable flavours- the bittersweet Christmas Dark Chocolate, the creamy Christmas Milk Chocolate and the orange and hazelnut-filled Christmas White Chocolate. The Christmas Truffle Chocolate Gift Box consists of special Christmas Edition truffles while the Christmas Carré Chocolate Gift Box consists of Christmas Carré Chocolates, which is topped up with an exclusive gift!

Christmas Truffle Chocolate  
Gift Box 15 pc - RM275

Christmas Carré Chocolate  
Gift Box 15 pc - RM107

## GODIVA HOLIDAY NOVELTY CHOCOLATE GIFT BOXES

Those of you who prefer a quirkier Christmas can opt for one of GODIVA's Holiday Novelty Chocolate Gift Boxes that have been designed to evoke happy childhood memories. For example, snuggle up with the Christmas Chocolate Bear Gift Box that contains an assortment of chocolate that is sure to warm your heart during those chilly nights. And for a truly Christmas experience, why not top it off with a star? Truffle aficionados will be delighted to know that the Christmas Chocolate Truffle Star Box is here to satisfy your cravings in the best way possible.

Christmas Chocolate Bear  
Gift Box 7 pc - RM139

Christmas Chocolate Truffle  
Star Box 10 pc - RM99



GODIVA stores are available in NU Sentral, Pavilion KL, Suria KLCC, Bangsar Shopping Centre and Gurney Paragon Mall.



style by osh

Fashioning Success

BY ROSHINEE MOOKAIAH





Ong Soo Hua, founder of style by osh



Turban head wrap gives much sophisticated feel to the entire ensemble



The oversized shirt to give the outfit a little bit of coolness

**H**as this happened to you before? Inspired by your fashion idols or your favourite instacelebrity, you decided to splurge on a new attire in order to emulate their style. Yet, upon wearing it yourself, you realise that what looked good on them does not necessarily translate exactly unto you. Perhaps it is the wrong cut for your body shape or perhaps it just does not complement your unique personality. According to style by osh, this illustrates the biggest misconception about fashion, and that is people tend to overlook their own body proportions and personal style when making new purchases.

Its founder, Ong Soo Hua emphasises that 'Trending is not a style, style is you!' and provides services as a certified image consultant, a professional makeup artist and a passionate stylist. Having left her corporate job to pursue her dreams in fashion, she currently specialises in personal image and styling consultation, as well as conducting training and workshop for corporate clients.

Ong shares that we should pay more attention to our appearances, as the right look can complement your day effectively and even enhance your career opportunities. However, a successful look is based on a strong understanding of the individual's body proportions, personality and fashion theories, which is a skill set that most of us do not learn in school. This is where style by osh steps in.

Having completed a Professional Makeup Artist Course at one of the most sought-after makeup schools in Malaysia, Ong then took up a Fashion Image and Styling Course at Istituto Marangoni in London. In addition to that, she had herself certified as a professional image consultant at ByFERIAL International which is an Association of Image Consultants International (AICI)-certified training academy. She eventually set up style by osh to share and extend her knowledge to the general public.

Clients can enrol for any four of the personal styling services, namely the Personal Fashion Image and Styling Course, Personal Style Guide, Image Makeover, and Personal Shopping. Of the four, Ong highly recommends the first two services which we shall now explain in greater detail.

Personal Fashion Image and Styling Course is a two-day course (8 hours each day) that focuses on the development of your personal image, both professionally and socially. Ong suggests this course to those who would like to learn more about the technical components of styling for the body that they have (rather than the one they wish they had), through lessons such as mixing prints, colour psychology, and style personality to name a few.

As for Personal Style Guide, Ong explains that the four-hour session will guide clients through a Personality Style Test and Colour Analysis in order to determine the colours that best suit them.

After all, a flawless personal image begins with appropriate customisation according to your own personality, body proportions and colours that match your specific undertone.

style by osh also provides corporate programmes such as talks and workshops for employers seeking to invest in what Ong describes as the biggest assets of the company- the employees! Her previous corporate clients include AT&T Malaysia, IBM Malaysia and Cabana Avenue, so rest assured, this is a lady who knows well what she is doing.

The workshop, which is customised according to the company's needs, provides lessons and tips on creating and enhancing the employee's professional appearances. Ong shares that it is important for companies to provide resources in this area because employees are the company's point of contact with clients, associates and stakeholders, therefore they have a significant impact on a company's image.

style by osh aims to educate and guide individuals in their journey to find their own personal style. Ong hopes that her highly customisable personal styling course can help people build their basic foundations of fashion, which she believes are the key to fashion and success too!

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# FLYCYCLE

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## Party your way to fewer pounds

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

**A**re you looking to spice up your workout routine and have a great time? Flycycle, Mont Kiara is your place to be. Inspired by the revolutionary Soul Cycle trend in the US that has taken the world by storm, Flycycle is set to create its own mark on the country. Being the first indoor cycling establishment in Malaysia, it aims to create happiness and empowerment through an experience that is fuelled by fun and laughter that leaves every rider wanting more.

There are times where it gets rather monotonous jogging on the treadmill or lifting weights at the gym, resulting in a loss of motivation and desire to workout. Spinning at Flycycle is the exact change in pace you require. They provide you with an adrenaline-charged, high-intensity sessions that are specially designed to strengthen your body, tone your core and burn calories. You would be flabbergasted to know that you can lose up to 700 calories during a session, depending on the individual and their resistance. Have I gained your attention yet? What I find noteworthy about this indoor spinning enterprise is the fact that it provides a full-body dynamic workout during the 45-minute session, and all on a cycle. Now that's a way to spruce up your routine.

If you are worried about the sessions being high in intensity, don't. Although it

may be fast-paced, they encourage you to listen to your body and to follow the instructor to the best of your ability but don't give up, because you will eventually hit that milestone with frequent sessions. After all, practice does make perfect. So newcomers, you need not fret. Initially, it will be a challenge, like every venture you explore but soon after you catch the drift and beat, you will find yourself bobbing your head in delight. Like any other workout, the session starts with a warm-up and progressively increases in intensity.

This cardio party is carefully crafted and choreographed to enable you to ride to the rhythm while making use of weights and body movements to get those upper body muscles toned and popping. During the workout, the lights are dimmed and neon lights decorate the arena with their vibrant colours as the session picks up pace, resembling a neon nightclub. Upbeat trendy songs accompany the neon lights, guaranteeing an energised, party-filled workout. In hindsight, this journey may be a bumpy one, but you would find that it's quite an entertaining ride. Sometimes, the most difficult journey is the most rewarding one.

Furthermore, the interior of the spinning space is topped with a large mirror decorating the wall in front of the bikes for you to keep check on your performance and it also acts as a form of motivation to push yourself further.

Apart from that, the Schwinn bikes are of great quality and adjustable to individual preferences, so that you are comfortable throughout your session. Cycling shoes with a unique clip-on feature that simulates the real life cycling feel of an outdoor bike in a controlled, hard-peddalling indoor environment are provided at the reception.

I find that the most common practice in most gyms is to work out and leave or to use mobile phones throughout the workout without communicating with fellow gym junkies. However, the founders of Flycycle are determined to break the habit by banning mobile phones during sessions and by making every edge of the reception area a watering hole for interaction. Whatever happened to the good old days when people talked to each other? Also, what's rather adorable and inspiring is that everyday, motivational messages are written on the doors of the in-built personalised lockers, hoping to inspire the patrons to go the extra mile. They clearly have your best interest at heart.

You would also be happy to know that unlike many places, the washrooms in Flycycle are not only clean, but they provide you with the basic amenities that you require. All shower rooms are fitted with rain showers so you can enjoy water cascading down onto you like a rainfall, washing all the cobwebs of the day away.





Flycycle Instructors



Sweat session in progress



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*As Managing Director of Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad, Datuk Badlisham Ghazali is fast gaining recognition in the global aviation world. A speaker at the World Routes Strategy Summit in Chicago in 2014 and the 22nd Global Airport Development Conference in 2015, he is also a Director of Airports Council International Asia-Pacific. He sits on the Boards of the international airports at Hyderabad and Istanbul (Sabiba Gokcen).*

*This month, Datuk Badlisham speaks about a decision that was announced at the company's recent 24th Anniversary.*



## AIRPORT MD SPEAKS

"What would you think of a 24-year old person celebrating his or her birthday with the pledge to serve people better? At that age, it would seem natural for a young adult to think of self-centred things such as career-success and of making the most money possible. Well, companies can often act in similar ways, too.

"I'm really happy to say that in celebrating its 24th Anniversary recently, Malaysia Airports pledged to transform itself from an ordinary airport-operator into a service- leader! This unusual step is because we believe that airlines and airport-users are at the heart of all we do; and we want to make sure you have a really happy experience at our airports.

"Well, the first thing you may ask is how we plan to turn a great idea into practical reality. We aim to do this through our Total Airport Experience (TAE) initiative. The implementation of TAE has been structured into three key areas – meeting basic needs, providing unique experiences, and creating memorable moments.

"I won't go into great detail about the many things we are doing at different levels, but let me just tell you that these include activating a dedicated hotline number for you to provide feedback through WhatsApp, providing a conducive alternative to the aerotrain services by deploying six buses to ferry passengers to aircraft, improving signage, and even opening our first-ever KLIA Premier Access Lounge to provide a fresh option for deluxe service.

"We are working with various government departments and private ground-handlers at KLIA to smoothen your way through the airport. There are lots more! However, let me conclude this message by saying that Malaysia Airports has also assigned dedicated Mobile Customer-Service Officers or CARE Ambassadors to serve you in every way they can. Look for them when you're next at KLIA - they will do their best to ensure that you have a great Total Airport Experience. I join them in wishing you 'Happy Travels!'"





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# THE TRIFECTA EFFECT

Malaysia Airports promotes cooperation between airlines, airports and tourism organisations



In the last issue of Airlink, Malaysia Airports Managing Director Datuk Badlisham Ghazali said that tourism is the major source of mass-travel by air, and that there is a powerful trifecta synergy when airports, airlines and tourism organisations work together for the good of the ordinary air-traveller.

He explained that because of this, Malaysia Airports is increasingly working with local state and regional tourism organisations to collectively help airlines that are flying into or planning to fly into Malaysia. Since 2011, for example, Malaysia Airports worked with the Sarawak Tourism Board to secure the rights to host Routes Asia 2014 in Kuching; and to subsequently assist international airlines to commence flights into Malaysia's largest state. We have also worked on joint marketing with the Northern Corridor Economic Region (Koridor Utara), which encompasses 21 districts in northern Peninsular Malaysia in the states of Kedah, Perak, Perlis and Penang.

Malaysia Airports General Manager Airline Marketing Mohamed Sallauddin Haji Mat Sah was actively involved in all those previous programmes, and takes this opportunity to elaborate on some of the fresh

initiatives mentioned by Datuk Badlisham that Malaysia Airports is currently undertaking to promote tourism into Sabah and Langkawi such as the Sabah International Tourism Promotional Fund (SITPF), the Langkawi Charter Flight Incentive Programme (LCFIP), and the Langkawi Incentive Programme (LIP).

"The **Sabah International Tourism Promotional Fund** was specially developed for Malaysia's most eastern state. It is a dedicated fund to support marketing activities and promotional campaigns to encourage travel into Sabah, and is applicable to all commercial passenger-airlines operating international scheduled flights or charter flights to Sabah. We also extend this fund to assist tour-operators who execute marketing campaigns that involve scheduled or charter flights into Sabah.

"Activities may take the form of advertising, promotions, exhibitions, familiarization-trips, brochures and trade-seminars, among others; but everything must be scrutinised by both Sabah Tourism Board and Malaysia Airports before being reimbursed. It is a joint-effort that is an excellent example of effective partnership that benefits everyone.

"We at Malaysia Airports have specially developed programmes for the legendary







island of Langkawi. For example, the **Langkawi Incentive Programme** assists airlines commencing operations into Langkawi International Airport. A Passenger-Growth Rebate applies to both existing and new airlines operating scheduled services into Langkawi, while a Landing Fee Waiver provides both new airlines and existing airlines operating new international routes into this scenic island destination with a year's free landing.

"The **Langkawi Charter Flight Incentive Programme** comprises two schemes which are productivity-driven and supportive in nature. The Passenger Reward Scheme rewards the lead-charterer who successfully brings passengers into Langkawi, while the Marketing Support Scheme provides a fund to assist the lead-charterer in promoting Langkawi as a tour destination. With this incentive, Malaysia Airports is helping to fulfill objectives and aspirations of organisations like the Langkawi Development Authority, the Kedah State Government and Tourism Malaysia.

As former international Chairman of the PATA Aviation Committee and current Vice-President of the PATA Malaysia Chapter, Mohamed Sallauddin is a strong supporter of the effective triffecta synergy when airports, airlines and tourism organisations work together, because he believes it is ultimately the ordinary airtraveller who benefits. "PATA set up the PATA Aviation Committee precisely

because of the symbiosis between the aviation and tourism industries", he explains.

"I am thoroughly convinced of the key role that airports play in the tourism-mix", he says. "People fly for various reasons. Business, studies, family visits, training-courses, special events...the list grows as air-travel becomes more commonplace. However, it is tourism that brings the vital volume in traffic – both for the airports and for the countries involved. In some ways, tourism is the life-blood of modern commercial aviation. Malaysia Airports is committed to creating happy and positive Total Airport Experiences because these are vital for effective tourism.

"One of the reasons we are happy to work very closely with Tourism Malaysia is because of the enlightened vision and dynamism of its leadership with regards to



the link between airlines, airports and tourism organisations. When Malaysia Airports became the first Asian country to host the World Route Development Forum in 2008, Tourism Malaysia was beside us every step of the way. When every new airline arrives at our airports today, Tourism Malaysia is there alongside us, welcoming new visitors with costumed dancers, goodie bags and warm Malaysian hospitality.

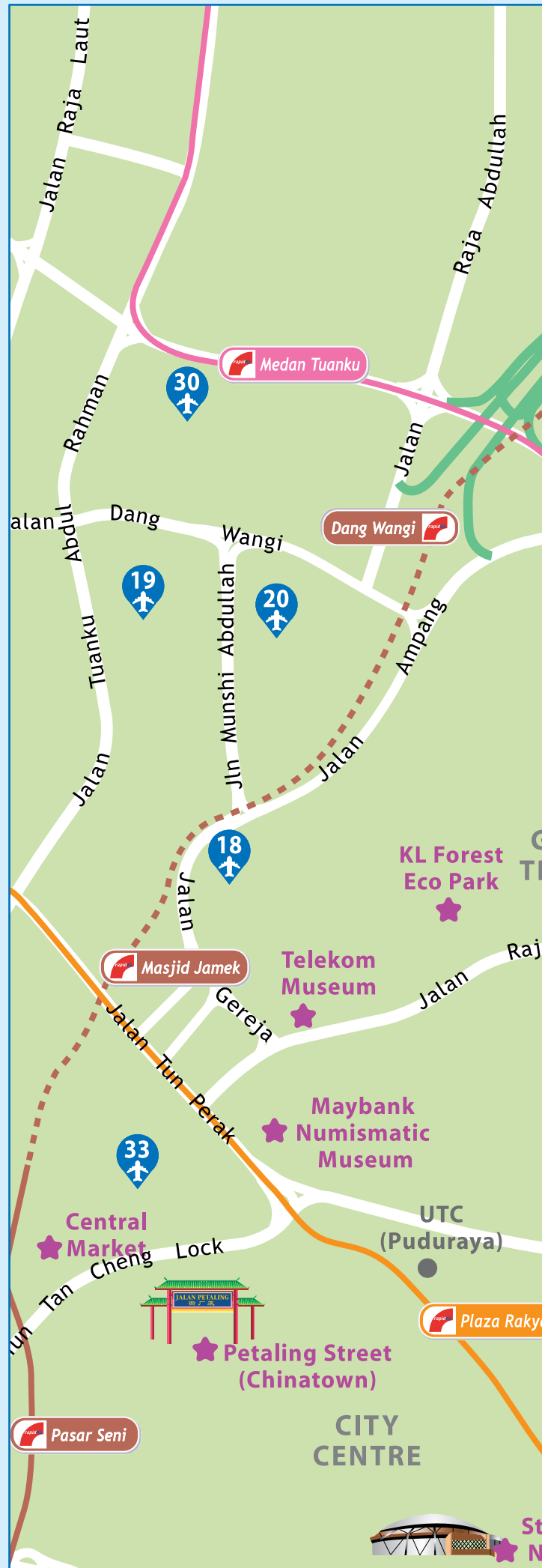
"It is extremely encouraging to see the synergy work so effectively, as Malaysia's National Tourism Organisation partners us to welcome airlines and their passengers to Malaysia. To quote the current Director-General of Tourism Datuk Seri Mirza Mohammed Taiyab, airports are the first impression that airline-arrivals get of a country, and the last memories these tourists have of the destination!"



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The skiing destination of the world, Switzerland, is synonymous with all winter sports, including snowboarding and ice-skating, for a start. Try out the Alpine accommodation experience by staying in one of the igloo villages along the ski slopes, or make a trip to the Cailler Chocolate Factory where visitors can design and customise their own chocolates. Now that's a treat!

Toronto is a city that boasts over 50 outdoor artificial ice rinks. Another spot to hit is the

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If there is one place in the world where people long to spend their winters, it has to be New York! From the lights along Fifth Avenue, the avenue of high-end brands, the mesmerising and animated window displays of Macy's, to the world-famous New Year countdown, New York offers visitors an unforgettable winter vacation.

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## Year-End Celebrations in THAILAND



Fly to Thailand for year-end celebrations that are fun-filled and unforgettable! Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) Director for Malaysia and Brunei Ahman Mad-Adam says that Thailand is an outstanding year-end destination for tourists from Malaysia, with its great shopping and exciting events.

"There are numerous and frequent air-connections between our two countries and the flight-times are relatively short because we are just next door! There are actually an amazing number of ways to connect to Thailand from Malaysia by air, with carriers that include **Malaysia Airlines, Thai International, Bangkok Airways, Firefly, Malindo, and Air Asia. Ethiopian Airlines and Royal Jordanian** also connect Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur", he says.

Beginning on 23 December is the dazzling Sakon Nakhon Christmas Star Parade, a tradition unique to the province, and held annually since 1982 to commemorate the Christmas nativity. Watch more than 200 gaily-decorated cars and scores of Santa Claus look-alikes, angels and people in a kaleidoscope of colourful costumes carrying brilliant star-shaped lanterns. There are also performances and static displays of the birth

of Christ Jesus, performing choirs, star-crafting demonstrations and other exciting activities in and around the ancient Tha Rae village with its French-colonial architecture.

Across Thailand, the festivities include Christmas Tree-decorating, spectacular fireworks displays, concerts featuring famous Thai artists and celebrities, and fun-fairs with festive decorations, games-stalls, souvenirs, local handicraft and delicious food from all regions of Thailand.

The New Year Countdown in places like Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Pattaya, Phuket and Hat Yai is amazing! Help ring in the New Year and have a great time with traditional Thai activities by making New Year wishes in Bangkok or elsewhere throughout the kingdom with a roster full of entertainment, community activities, cultural performances, laser shows, and fireworks. It's a great time to visit Thailand!

TAT has a well-stocked Information Centre at its office on the 22nd floor of Menara Citibank. It is opened Mondays to Fridays from 9am to 5pm, and admission is free. For information on flights between Malaysia and Thailand, log-on to [flyklia.com](http://flyklia.com)





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KLM passengers from KLIA have been thrilled to find WOW surprises waiting for them when they boarded the airline's exciting 787 Dreamliner at KLIA. The innovative aircraft which debuted in Malaysia last month, serves the route between Malaysia and the Netherlands three times a week, says KLM Commercial Manager Estee Ng, adding that KLM has 10 flights a week from KLIA.

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The next WOW surprise will be for all flights on Christmas Day, with a special gift by KLM at the Airport. There's festive excitement in the air as air-travellers wonder, what will it be? Travel professionals also advise air-travellers to expect a very festive Christmas welcome at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport at this time of the year. For information and reservations on the world's most established airline, please call KLM Reservations at **03-7712 4555**.



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## Finland Winter with QATAR AIRWAYS



This holiday season, enjoy a Winter Wonderland in Finland, invites Qatar Airways Country Manager Malaysia and Brunei, Dato' Muzammil Mohamad, explaining that the national carrier has experienced very encouraging response to its recently-inaugurated daily flights to the Finnish capital of Helsinki. Qatar Airways serves this route using Airbus A320 aircraft with 12 seats in Business Class and 120 seats in Economy Class.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, His Excellency Akbar Al Baker said: "Launching our new route to Helsinki was a proud moment for the airline, completing our strategy of serving the needs of Europe's Nordic capitals and facilitating connections

for businesses, cultures and families between Finns and people throughout the world. With this new service, the people of Helsinki have convenient and world-class air service to more destinations, and we look forward to welcoming our new customers on board."

Dato' Muzammil says that the new route to Helsinki completes Qatar Airways' network strategy of serving Nordic capitals, which currently includes Stockholm, Copenhagen and Oslo, and reinforces its commitment to connecting Asia with Northern Europe. The airline operates 21 flights a week between Kuala Lumpur and Doha with onward connections to Europe, the Americas, Africa and the Middle East via its Doha hub. For more information, visit [www.qatarairways.com](http://www.qatarairways.com) or call **03-2118 6100**.



## Christmas spirit at LUFTHANSA



Andrew Kim, Country Manager for Lufthansa in Malaysia, says that passengers can look forward to Christmas treats in December, because at Lufthansa, the air is heady with the scents of Advent. Passengers both young and old will be lavished with an attractive range of small gifts in keeping with the festive spirit.

On 6 December, St Nicholas' Day, passengers on European routes will be presented with a chocolate Nicholas. All children flying after 12 December will be given either Tom or Sam: soft, cuddly teddy-bears as a Christmas surprise. For the Tea and Coffee service, onboard guests will receive additional Christmas Chocolate, stollen and almond biscuits.

Guest flying in Business Class after 9 December will enjoy the traditional Christmas goose during their long-haul flight. For short-haul flights the customers will receive exquisite Christmas Pralines. This month, Lufthansa flight attendants will distribute a total of 300,000 bags of biscuits, 10,000 chocolate Santa Clauses and more than 600,000 Christmas chocolates!

For reservations on Lufthansa flights, please call **03-2053 1898**.





## AUSTRIAN Christmas in Vienna



Apart from the wonderful experiences of the festive season across Austria, Christmas in Vienna is a special Classical Concert at the Vienna Konzerthaus that has thrilled audiences for over 20 years, explains Wilson Tay, Executive Director of Aviareps Malaysia, the Malaysian GSA for Austrian Airlines, adding that it is one of the most famous classical concerts in Europe and is broadcast all over the

world. The 2016 programme features global superstars and a full repertoire of famous Christmas music.

The concert takes the audience for a few moments in a world of its own, and brings a sense of peace among men. The list of performers at previous concerts includes Plácido Domingo, Diana Ross, José Carreras, Dionne Warwick, Michael Bolton, Sarah Brightman, Patricia Kaas, Charles Aznavour and Tony Bennett. A special highlight in 1999 was the concert with The Three Tenors. For both singers and audiences, Christmas in Vienna gives fresh meaning to José Cura's words "Once in your life you have to sing Christmas in Vienna."

For more information on flying Austrian Airlines to Vienna, please call **03-2148 8033**.



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Year-end Shopping has been a delight for passengers on selected routes of Malindo Air, if they have been holders of the Eraman Privilege Card!

Malindo Air passengers travelling on Indian Routes in October and Asean Routes in November and December have enjoyed a whopping 20% discount with a minimum

purchase of RM300 in a single receipt at any Eraman outlet of Malaysia Airports. The promotion gave Malindo passengers great value on a wide range of products, with all the convenience and excitement of airport-shopping.

Malindo Air CEO Chandran Rama Muthy says that this is just one of the many innovative

privileges that Malindo Air passengers can expect in the coming New Year. "Malindo Air is constantly seeking to upgrade the travel-experience for our valued passengers, and this exciting year-end shopping promotion is just a taste of great things to come!" he said.





## Christmas Carnival at MITSUI OUTLET PARK KLIA



Mitsui Outlet Park KLIA Sepang has in-store a kaleidoscope of exciting events and activities that are sure to capture the hearts of patrons; adults and children alike. During the Kids Carnival, which takes place from 3 – 11 December 2016, every weekend will be a fun-filled and enjoyable learning experience of pizza making and crafting an assortment of Christmas keepsakes. With a minimum spend of RM100 and above, shoppers can partake in the Christmas Craft Making Workshop held on 3 – 4 December as well as 10 – 11 December 2016 between 2 – 4pm or 5 – 7pm at Sunshine Square. Children will also be thrilled with the walkabout magicians and clowns who will entertain them with magic shows and balloon sculpting.

In celebrating the Christmas Carnival, the Mitsui Outlet Park KLIA Sepang has put

together delightful yuletide activities during the weekends between 6 – 26 December 2016, which includes Santa making his rounds at the outlet mall with his cheery Santarinas as well as Christmas Musical Performances, Musical Bands, Accapella Carollers, and festive Saxophone Performances. Redemption gifts of Limited Edition Sticky Candies are also up for grabs as a special reward for shoppers who spent a minimum of RM300 exclusively during this Christmas season.

"This year, we have intertwined the annual year-end excitement with enriching experiences to create a memorable shopping experience for our patrons. Shoppers frequenting the outlet mall will not only be spoilt for choice at the incredible year-end discounts of up to 90% across the spectrum of brands and offerings but they will also be

charmed by the special treats that we have in-store for them ranging from gastronomic experiences to crafting as well as festive amusements to thrill the children and the young at heart. The outlet mall is certainly a must stop lifestyle destination for Christmas and year-end shopping," enthused Yuta Inoue, General Manager of MFMA Development; the company that manages the complex.

Whatever your age or cultural background, don't miss the festive fun, feasts and treats at the Christmas Carnival in the Mitsui Outlet Park KLIA Sepang!





## PLAZA PREMIUM provides Christmas Goodies

Air-travellers using KLIA and klia2 this festive season can make a stop at any of the Airport Dining outlets by Plaza Premium and enjoy Christmas goodies galore! Choose from a yummy range of delicious Christmas treats which would be perfect as gifts or even for your own exquisite indulgence!

The scrumptious selections at the various outlets include traditional treats such as German Christmas Stollen, Scandinavian Yule Logs, Italian Festive Biscotti, French Macaroons, English Christmas Fruitcakes and American Chocolate Chip Cookies – all lovingly made fresh in the PPL kitchens. According to Executive Chef Danny Lau, "Our Chefs have been busy perfecting these recipes and we hope that our guests will find them welcome Christmas gift ideas when at the airport."

With prices starting from just RM10, these irresistible Christmas goodies are only available for the month of December at the

following Plaza Premium outlets:- Flight Club (Mezzanine Level, Satellite Building, KLIA), Flight Club Grab n'Go (Centre Hub, Mezzanine Level, Satellite Building, KLIA), The BAR (Level 3, International Departure Area, klia2) and The Green Market (Public Concourse, Departure Level, klia2).

Chef Danny Lau adds that they also accept orders; so airport-users can easily make an order and collect the goodies when travelling through either KLIA's Main Terminal or klia2. Orders are accepted between 9.00 am and 5.00pm daily. Please call The Green Market (Departure Concourse, klia2) at **03-8778 7103** or Flight Club Grab n'Go (Centre Hub, Satellite Building, KLIA) at **03-8776 1212**.



## Holiday Health with WELLNESS SPA



This festive season, stay healthy during the holidays with special promotions at Wellness Spa! Enjoy a 20% discount off all healthful 90-minute massage services between 7.00am and 5.00pm daily at Wellness Spa in KLIA and klia2. This cosy and welcoming facility allows guests to enjoy soothing and rejuvenating massage services using natural organic

ingredients and products. This attractive offer is only available until 31 January 2017, so reservations are recommended.

If a 90-minute massage is not for you, then take your pick from the Wellness Spa service menu, where there is a treatment for every traveller. Whether you have hours to spare in transit or are just in need of a 15-minute

shoulder and neck massage, relax and pamper yourself before you leave the airport. You'll feel better, and have a happy, healthy holiday season!

For reservations and enquiries, please call **03-8776 1225** (Satellite Building, KLIA) or **03-8787 1026** (International Departures, klia2).



## “THE PINNACLE OF THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY”

An experienced hotelier is upbeat about airports.



Interview with  
**Noorazzudin Omar**  
General Manager  
Sama-Sama Hotels

“He has a sunny smile for everyone, so it is easy to feel sunny and cheerful about your own work, too!” exclaims a perky waitress. A dignified hotel manager has a deeper perception. “Encik Azzudin is a very experienced hotelier, and it is really encouraging when he is available to every single member of our team regardless of rank or status. This gives strongly positive motivation to the whole workforce, and I must say the difference is quite apparent.” A hotel secretary sums things up succinctly: “Every General Manager has his own way of doing things. After two decades with this hotel, I can easily say that we now have the most pleasant and most focused GM ever. I am very happy!”

The man they are describing, Noorazzudin Omar, is the General Manager of the Sama-Sama Hotels; a post he has held since June this year. When asked about the comments from different staff members, he beamed with pleasure. “Is that what they say about me? If so, then I must be doing something right!” He proceeds to explain that he has been trying to instill a corporate vision of “One team, One direction” for all levels of staff – from the most senior managers to the lower ranks of maintenance staff. “I

have always believed in ‘Leadership By Example’ and that is why I am available to any member of the Sama-Sama team regardless of job description.”

He proceeds to elaborate on his unique ‘CFO’ (Communication, Follow-through and Ownership) philosophy for hotel staff. “I am passionate that every single member of the Sama-Sama Team has it in his or her job. I believe that these are the three vital qualities to be an effective hospitality-professional – whatever your job may be. If you love what you do, then you will find it very natural to happily practice the fundamental hospitality CFO, which also means Caring For Others! When you care for your team-members, you help build the corporate vision of One Team, One Direction. When you care for your guests, you naturally fulfill the Sama-Sama Hotels and Malaysia Airports commitment to meaningful connections and joyful experiences!”

Prior to this appointment, Azzudin was the General Manager of Cyberview Resort & Spa and Cyberview Garden Villas & Offices. Although he modestly deflects claims from industry analysts that he was responsible for the dramatic turnaround in this hotel’s fortunes, he does say that he was responsible for the overall management and operations of the resort with primary focus on improving standards, sales strategy, staff motivation, guest satisfaction and property maintenance for serviced residences & offices. Azzudin has also held senior positions for many years at several reputable and high-rated hotels in Dubai, Thailand and across Malaysia.

“I am one of those rare hotel-managers who has been fortunate enough to have worked in every conceivable type of hospitality-establishment in my decades in this industry. City hotel, beach hotel, serviced residence, island hotel, business hotel, luxury resort, convention centre, MICE destination, golf hotel – you name it, and I have been blessed with the opportunity to work there. Every genre of hotel has different requirements, but I must

say that airport hotels are in a fascinating class by themselves.

“They are the only type of hotels, for instance, that are always on standby to manage airport-related crisis like Aircraft On Ground or Code Bravo situations where we may have to receive a significant number of guests at short notice. Airport hotels are also distinctive because they have a 24-hour housekeeping schedule, unlike most other hotels which are based on a once or twice daily housekeeping system linked to check-out and check-in times. Most of all, airport hotels see a constant stream of guests from every corner of the world moving in and out, around the clock so there is never a pause or lull. I find this difference an exhilarating challenge, really!

“What is more, I am handling several different levels of airport-based hospitality – from a premier access lounge and two airside transit hotels to an award-winning world-class 5-star establishment that combines elements of almost every other type of hotel that I have worked in. I am excited and motivated, because operationally, the variety of services and products within the Sama-Sama Hotels Group places it clearly at the pinnacle of the hospitality industry!”





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# RAFIEE GHANI

Painting the  
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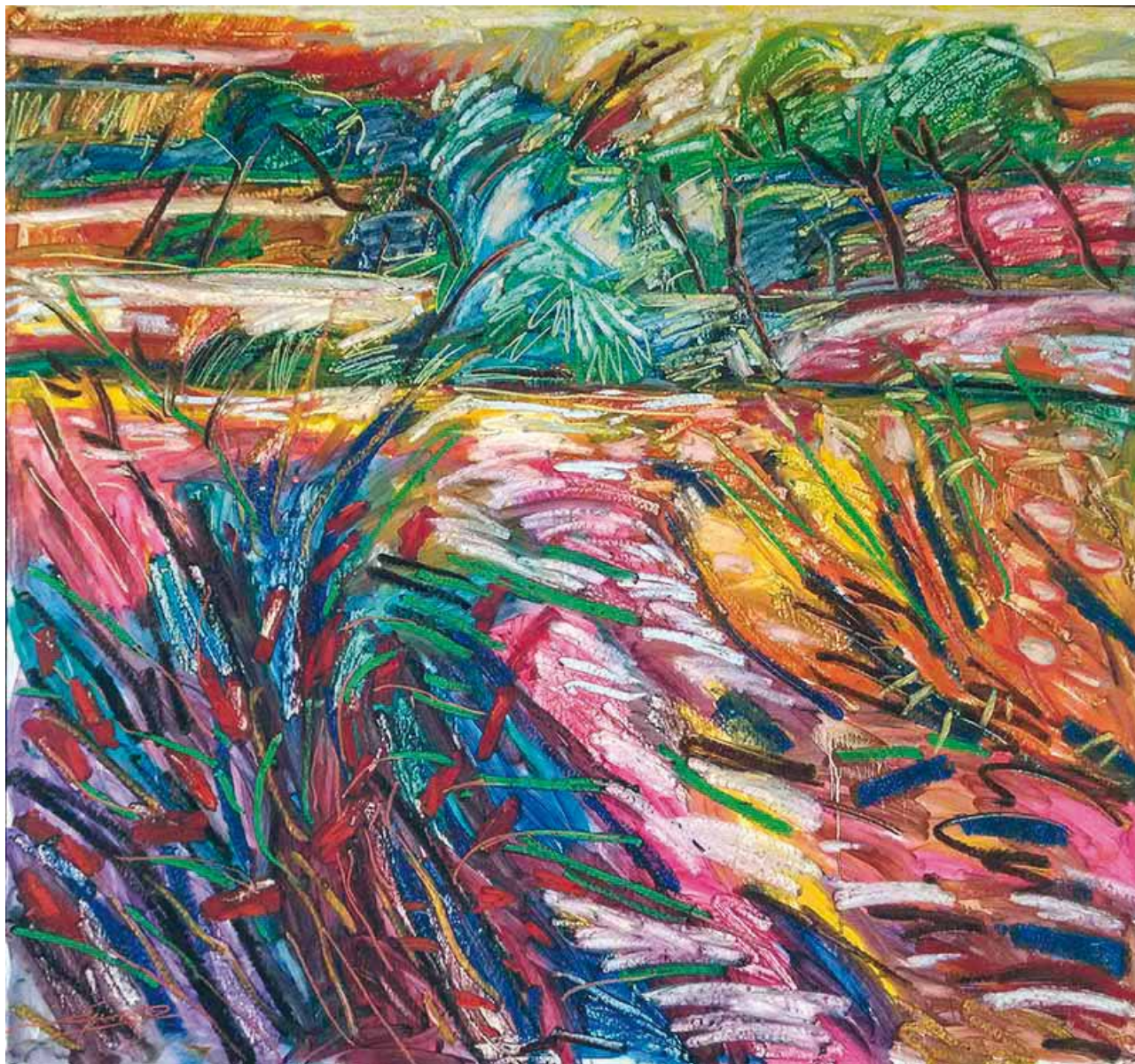
**R**afiee Ghani is known in the local fine arts industry for his lyrical abstract and contemporary paintings, notably his oil paintings. One can easily identify the Kedah native's artworks as his bold use of colours and strokes have made his style particularly distinctive and emotive. With such a unique approach to painting, it is no surprise that his artworks are sought after to be exhibited in prestigious galleries, with the most recent one being his Homeland exhibition, which explored the theme of human displacement. We sat down with Rafiee Ghani to learn more about the man responsible for such poignant paintings.

## What prompted your interest in the arts?

In 1978, someone showed me a copy of the Dewan Budaya magazine which featured the works of Latiff Mohidin and Datuk Hoessein Enas, but the one I remember most clearly are the works of Datuk Sharifah Fatimah Syed Zubir. She had been travelling then, and she had several pictures posted in the magazine along with her artwork. At that time, I was still studying in the science stream, but the photos depicting her travels in Iran and her colourful paintings truly moved something within me. From that moment, I bought more Dewan Budaya magazines but did not think much of it.

Also, my father, who was a geologist, was travelling a lot back then, and he visited many museums, such as those in New York, Tokyo and Amsterdam. So, he used to send me a lot of postcards with pictures of museums and paintings, such as those by Van Gogh, Matisse and Seurat. After my MCE (Malaysian Certificate of Education) exam, I went backpacking around Europe, jumping from town to town. When I was in Holland, I went to a museum because my father had recommended me to visit one. The moment I saw the paintings by Van Gogh and other Impressionists, it rekindled my old interest which I had back in school. Immediately, I felt that I wanted to do something about it, I wanted to paint, I wanted to draw.





Wetlands I, 1995  
Oil on canvas 129.5 x 138 cm  
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**Clearly, Van Gogh and Matisse had a big influence on you back then and they still do until today, as evident in your artworks. Tell us a bit more about your artistic inspirations.**

I believe that the first impression creates the most lasting impression. When I saw their artworks, all the bright orange, red and blues, all of it just hit me. To add to that, I remember seeing an exhibition by Srihadi, an Indonesian painter who had painted quite fluidly on the subject of seascapes. I felt as if his paintings were talking to me. They felt like poetry, and it was as if

you could sing a song with them. And I remember trying to copy these kinds of paintings. When I saw all the colours used by these artists, it just struck me, and now it has stuck to me too. Personally, I always speak with colours. I find them very important because they are a form of emotional expression.

**You started your formal art training at De Vrije Academie, Netherlands, where you enrolled in a printmaking workshop and you pursued it further during your postgraduate at Manchester Metropolitan**

**University. What intrigued you about printmaking?**

When I was walking along the corridors of The Hague while on my way to the workshop, I noticed a series of prints, which although were small-sized, I found them to be very intimate. I remember a print of a girl, with braided hair looking at the ocean. Because I grew up in Kelantan, I always went to the beach and I could relate to this moment of being by the sea and just watching it. I thought the artist had captured that moment perfectly. I realised I wanted to create something like that too: something small and intimate but very deep.





Blue Chair and Blue Table, 1995  
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Edition XXIV

**Yet you are known best for your mastery of oil paintings. Do you have a preference for this medium?**

Yes, I do. What I like about working with oil is the way you can manipulate its texture. You can make it very thick, you can dilute it, you can smear it, or you can let it drip. Each painting has a personal touch to it and subsequently, there is an emotional attachment to each one.

Initially, when we learnt the traditional ways to paint, there were a lot of techniques and elements to consider even prior to painting the canvas. But over the years, I learnt the tricks to bypass certain elements and make it my own. Moreover, paint technology has gotten better, so now we have brighter, durable and flexible colours, which makes experimenting with oil more interesting.

**When you started, your early works dealt a lot with still life, but your later exhibitions showcased more figurative works. For example, the 'A Dialogue' exhibition featured your own son. Tell us a bit more about this transition from non-figurative to figurative.**

During our past recession, I lost a bit of the market for my work. So I travelled to Berlin, Germany for three weeks because I felt like I had hit a brick wall, whereby I was repeating the same thing. This had left me unhappy. I stopped painting and just focused on visiting museums, speaking to artists, and basically just unlearned what I had known. I was impressed by an exhibition I saw there, so upon my return to Malaysia, I attempted figures for my following exhibition. With 'A Dialogue', there was nothing substantial about using my son, he just happened to be the only willing partner and participant! It allowed me to test my figurative skills, to create something new for the market and to explore if this was what I really wanted to do. However, after two years, I came to a conclusion that I wanted to do something else. So I started travelling again and eventually decided to paint about my travels instead.



Garden Series, 1996  
Oil on canvas 165 x 122 cm  
Private Collection, Selangor

**Indeed, your travels played a large role in inspiring your paintings in recent years. Explain to us the role of travel as your muse.**

I realise that many young artists live in a comfort zone. Undoubtedly, looking at the local arts scene here, I can see that a lot of these young artists are gifted and skillful. They can sell their work and be very successful, but doing art is not just about selling. It is about reinventing and recreating yourself. Unless you travel and get yourself exposed to the world outside, you will not be able to create something different. It will reach a stage whereby people will get bored, and they will start to question if you have anything new. It happened to me, and it has happened to many other artists too. But by travelling, you can get inspired and get a new spark for life. That is why I enjoy and treasure travelling so much. It is because it will always give me that rush when I get back home to do something new.

**What effect do you want your paintings to have on the person looking at them?**

When you look at the painting, you should try to sense if it speaks to you, and if it does, question which aspect of the painting you like most. For my abstract pieces, people tend to tell me, "Oh, I do not understand modern art, I do not understand what you are trying to say." First and foremost, it is not about understanding it, it is about feeling it. For example, when you listen to any music, be it classical music or even rock, you may not necessarily understand the words or what is happening, but it still has an effect on you. The same applies to paintings. It simply has to trigger your emotions, your memory, and/or your imagination.



**What is your proudest moment as an artist?**

I met this Italian man once. He was on a flight to Malaysia when he came across a feature on my paintings in the in-flight magazine. He decided that he wanted to find me, so upon landing, he rang up all the galleries to enquire if they sold any of my paintings. When I finally met him, he told me, "I collect art from all over the place, but I have not collected any from Malaysia. But, when I saw your painting featured in that magazine, I decided there and then that I wanted to collect it." So he bought a few and exhibited them in a library in Venice. It was a small collection, but it is still nice to know that my paintings were exhibited in a place like Venice.

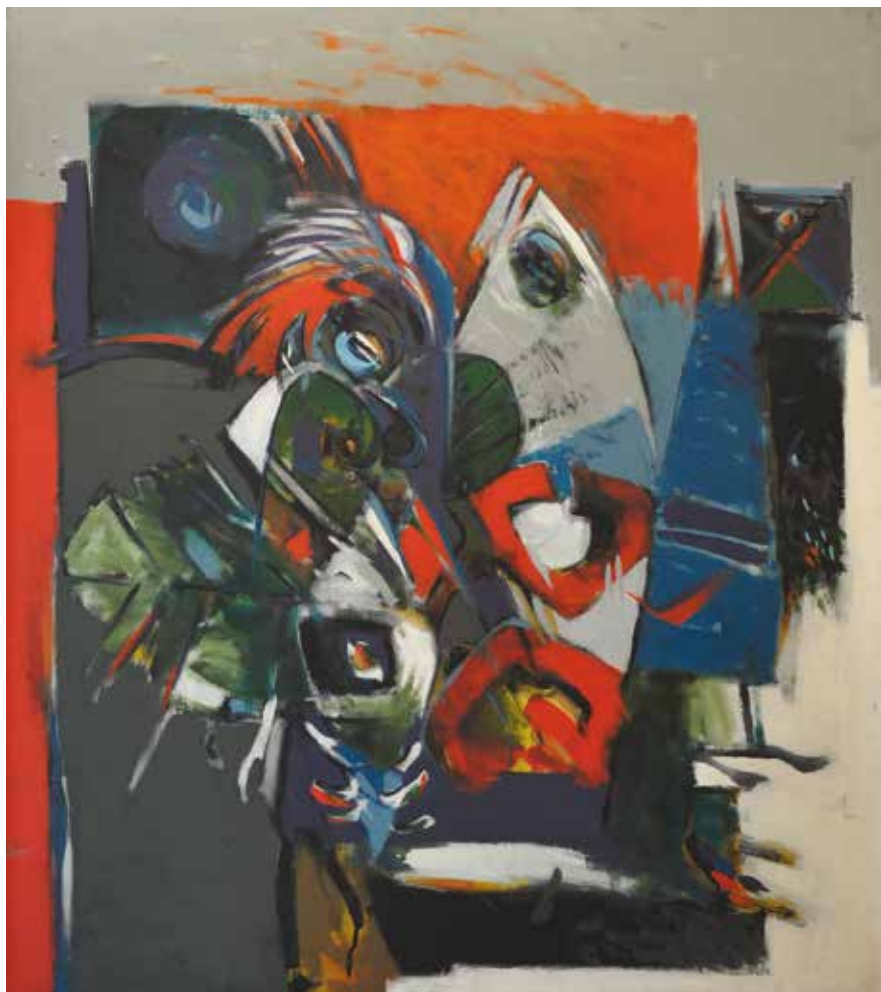
**What can we expect from Rafiee Ghani in the future?**

I want to keep experimenting, and in fact, I am going to Korea tomorrow, just to visit some new printmaking studios. I still have this idea that I want to resume printmaking.

Also, for the recent Homeland exhibition, I had diverged into figurative work. But now I am trying to sway away from that and instead attempt to incorporate more landscape elements. I realise that Malaysian artists need to try breaking through the international market, and that can only be achieved if we are constantly trying to do something which is newer, stronger and more universal. I want to keep pursuing that.

# RECORD-BREAKING AUCTION AT KLAS

BY ROSHINEE MOOKAIAH



**AWANG DAMIT AHMAD**  
E.O.C "6/88", 1988  
Acrylic on canvas 98 x 87 cm  
**SOLD RM 92,430.40**

**K**L Lifestyle Art Space (KLAS) witnessed yet another exceptional auction during the KLAS Art Auction Edition XXIV which was conducted at its gallery in Jalan Utara, Petaling Jaya on November 13, 2016.

This event marked its sixth and final auction of the 2016 calendar year. KLAS, which has been conducting auctions since September 2012, aims to encourage and stimulate a

market for modern and contemporary local art through its work as one of the leading auction houses in Malaysia.

A total of 56 out of 59 lots were sold during the 24th instalment of the auction, and the runaway winner would definitely be Awang Damit. An artwork from his most sought-after body of works entitled 'Essence of Culture "6/88"' (1988), an acrylic on canvas saw competitive bidding with an initial opening price of RM25,000 which ended up being

sold at a whopping RM92,430.40 (inclusive of buyers premium).

Another notable victor was Yusof Ghani, who had a total of six paintings from his most important and popular series, 'Siri Tari' being sold at prices beyond the estimated upper limit set by KLAS. In fact, a piece of 'Siri Tari - DRAWING/90' (1990) set a new Malaysian record for his paperwork series, when it was sold for RM33,816.

The momentum was followed by Redza Piyadasa's limited edition print of 'Malay Ladies' (1988) that fetched an unprecedented price of RM28,743.60, almost 14 times its opening price of RM2,000. Khalil Ibrahim retained his prowess amongst his collectors, having had his batik artwork, 'Abstract Pink Print' (2002) sell for RM27,052.80.

However, some pieces did fall short of expectations. The mixed media artwork by Drew Harris entitled 'Evoke Series #5' (2013) was sold at its opening price of RM2,000.

The visible tapering interest for artworks by Datuk Tajuddin Ismail was noted by CEO of KLAS, Datuk Gary Thanasan, who acted as auctioneer. He commented, "Datuk Tajuddin Ismail also saw his prices fall a little again in the last four consecutive auctions."

This was in response to 'Rentak Alam' (2007) by Tajuddin being hammered for RM28,000, which saw the consignor losing over RM10,000 as he had acquired the artwork a year before for RM38,000.

The auction finally drew to a close after garnering sales of over RM600,000 within the span of three hours. KLAS is now in the midst of organising the next auction scheduled for late January 2017.

To register as a bidder for the next auction or for any enquiries, contact Lydia Teoh at 019 260 9668 or Shamila at 019 333 7668. You can also send your requests to [info@mediate.com.my](mailto:info@mediate.com.my)

Art collectors and interested buyers are also welcomed to visit KLAS @ 31 Jalan Utara, and its website at [www.kl-lifestyle.com.my](http://www.kl-lifestyle.com.my) for the latest news.





**YUSOF GHANI**  
Siri Tari - Drawing/90, 1990  
Mixed media on paper 53 x 72.5 cm  
**SOLD RM 33,816.00**



**REDZA PIYADASA**  
Malay Ladies, 1988  
Print Edition 49/200 65 x 49.5 cm  
**SOLD RM 28,743.60**



**ISMAIL ABDUL LATIFF**  
Festival of Inner Jungle... Mutiara Merah, 2012  
Acrylic on canvas 90 x 71 cm  
**SOLD RM 18,035.20**



**KHALIL IBRAHIM**  
Abstract Pink Print, 2002  
Batik 93 x 83 cm  
**SOLD RM 27,052.80**



**YUSOF GHANI**  
Siri Tari - Drawing/90, 1990  
Mixed media on paper 53 x 72.5 cm  
**SOLD RM 27,052.80**



**NORMA ABBAS, PUAN SRI**  
Indian Woman V, 1989  
Mixed media collage 74.3 x 50.2 cm  
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Praying I, 1990s  
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**RAPHAEL SCOTT AHBENG**  
Home of the Pigeons, 2013  
Acrylic on canvas 120 x 90 cm  
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*Hiranmayii Awli Mohanan speaks to*

# SINA MICHALPORT

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*This bubbly and inspiring lady has us all bewitched with her incredible zest for health and life.*



**Where are you from? Tell us about your hometown.**

I am from Germany. I was born in Nuremberg but my hometown, Winkelhaid, is a village that is a train ride away from the city centre.

Nuremberg can be characterised as the combination of wealth in antiquity and modern culture. The energy there is very hospitable, especially during summer when the oldest historical building opens its doors for artists to host concerts or festivals. You can see how welcoming the town is to share their traditions with an international crowd, especially when it comes to art and food. At any time of the year, you will be able to find themed markets catering food, art or athletic events to showcase the multi-cultural influences in town.

Surrounded by smaller villages, Nuremberg is the centre of activities and without having to travel far, you can escape into the serenity of small farmer villages like my hometown where people actually know their neighbours' names, and all within a 1 km radius!

**Tell us a little bit about your professional background.**

Through my International Business Studies and my passion for movement, I started off this journey early by teaching sports like tennis and through my business background, I ventured into managing athletic events in Europe. Interacting with individuals from distinct cultural backgrounds allowed me to work on branding and business development for global corporations in Germany and then Spain, where I moved to during my studies.

My decision to come to Malaysia was actually due to the entrepreneurial energy and the startup culture here. I was able to work in the talent management sector with a fascinating team and amazing talents.

Branding, business development and talent management are all fields that can easily be applied to distinct industries and as movement is not restricted by location, I am looking forward to create projects internationally that support individual talents.



### Did your parents support you through your journey?

Yes, my parents had always supported my decisions as long as I was confident about them. I learnt at a very young age to state my points, to defend my choices and to clearly communicate my values. In the end, they only want me to be safe and happy. Their emotional support will always be the driver of my actions.

### What inspired the inception of Athletify?

Movement has always been a part of my life since I was young. I love to travel, but every time I travelled, it was hard for me to keep myself moving.

I don't like to continuously go to a gym. I prefer working out outside, with a group of people or with a workout buddy.

So in each city, I started to ask people to join my training and a lot responded, even those who had not been doing sports for some time. I figured it's all about the people you are with. Movement is within us and it's not dependent on location. Athletify is a movement in itself, consisting of people who connect and who want to learn from each other. So I could choose if I wanted to meet up with other travellers to work out with or get to know locals who would show me their favourite hiking trails or secret workout groups or even find trainers who offer drop-by workshops.

Athletify is a way to stay healthy and to keep moving wherever you are, just by connecting with the right people!

### Is it the German culture to keep fit?

As Germany is a very performance-driven country, movement is a way in which people keep balance from their stressful work routine. The German culture is very sports-driven. It's common to be a part of a sports team from a young age. I was lucky to grow up in such a surrounding, where you can learn so much through movement. Self-confidence, leadership and teamwork – these are all traits that are the basics in sports and are crucial for your career.

### How did you think Malaysia would accept Athletify when the culture of food here is so strong?

A common myth is that being athletic means giving up on indulging in guilty pleasures. In fact, it's all about balance. Our body needs distinct elements, also called macros, which are vitamins, proteins, fats, etc. Be sure to get a balanced amount of these nutrients in your food intake. I can promise, there is always a healthier way to enjoy the Malaysian cuisine. Maybe look beyond the rice and watch out for some greens here and there.



Photo by: Logi Photography

### What is your message to people who want to be part of the Athletify community?

Just jump on our platform and get to know people in the community. It's all about sharing the passion for movement. You can sign up for free. Being a part of Athletify means that you can gain access to all the inside offers from locals and meet passionate people to connect to.

### What was your first impression of Malaysia when you first came here?

To be honest, I was shocked. I have to mention that the first time I arrived in Malaysia was in 2014 to study. I remember my hostel was situated in Chinatown. You can imagine the overload of chaos when I stepped into Petaling Street. But luckily, the locals welcomed me the next day and it has been beautiful since then. The tropical weather, the multicultural environment and especially the

love for food makes me feel at home. I truly believe the term "foodlover" was invented in Malaysia.

### What's your favourite local food?

I would never be able to choose my favourites, to be honest. The longer I spend my time here, the harder it gets to recommend only a few options! I will just mention one favourite from each cuisine: Nasi Lemak, Banana Leaf Rice and Hainanese Chicken Rice. Preferably everything with cili padi!

### How is your interaction with the locals?

It's easy because we are all food lovers and they all share my dedication for 'pedas' food. Honestly, I was very happy to experience how welcoming the people have been since I first arrived here. The reason why I feel at home here is ultimately the people, who make me feel a part of their culture.

# V E HOTEL

“The great advantage of a hotel is that it is a refuge from home life.”

~George Bernard Shaw

BY HIRANMAYI AWLI MOHANAN

**R**ecently, my friend and I had the privilege to stay at V E Hotel in Bangsar. This seven-month old establishment exudes class and sophistication from the get-go. Located at a prime area, this venue is perfect for a relaxing getaway weekend, minus the getaway. Appease your inner gods/goddesses with an exclusive stay at a one-stop lifestyle destination with concept dining, fitness and entertainment. This could be the perfect spot to celebrate the yuletide offerings and to usher in the New Year. As you step into the lobby of V E Hotel, you will find marble tiles furnishing the floors and thick

earthy-polished pillars complemented with warm colours encapsulated by the natural light to give that extra panache. Its interior is minimalistic yet edgy, projecting an ever welcoming arm to its patrons. More often than not, what defines an establishment, as great as it may be, are the people who run it. The staff at V E Hotel are friendly, accommodating and attentive, making you feel like the most important person in the world, which in our books, is the make of excellent hospitality.

This establishment offers a selection of in-house restaurants such as the Straits Estate,

which offers room service, the Veranda bar and lounge for you to enjoy a nip or two or to celebrate the joyous season, Kiosk the Deli for the grab-and-go crowd, and the Poolside Café for a bite after a workout. If that's not adequate, conveniently located opposite V E Hotel is Nexus Bangsar, where patrons are spoilt for choice with the variety of restaurants available such as Edo Ichi, Nexo restaurant and bar, Beyond Veggie by Secret Recipe and SOULed Out.

We were fortunate to be able to enjoy a tranquil sojourn in a deluxe suite room that was very hard to leave. Upon entering the



Swimming pool



suite, we were exhilarated by the space of the room and its traits. The interior of the room looked like something out of a magazine with its grey wooden-like walls, a massive king bed big enough for you to roll around, complemented with dark grey curtains. Its greyish tones were refreshing, giving the feel of being at (a very lavish) home. The room mimicked a chameleon in terms of cleverly camouflaging certain spaces with sliding doors, a feature we thought was impressive and practical. A few steps after the entrance was a sliding door that opened up to an indoor balcony-like area with floor to ceiling windows for you to sit and read or to just soak in the view. Another perfectly concealed area was the bathroom where the door of the wardrobe forms a partition that covers it like a secret room.



Deluxe king room

Being a metropolitan who is constantly on the go, we tend to habitually carry our USB cable wherever we go. Hence, we were contented at the level of thought put into having an USB port. It's all in the detail, really. Speaking of the details, as any other hotel, this home away from home provided some pretty distinctive toiletry. Amongst other ingredients, their body wash and hand soap consisted of rum tonic which we found rather exclusive and rare.

The towels provided at this hotel should be given some recognition for their soft, comfortable fabric. It felt like we were completely enfolded by a thick and soothing cloud. After a good night's sleep, we woke up the next day feeling energised and fresh to take on the day. We strutted down to the Straits Estate for breakfast and before us lay a buffet of food galore. There was a variety of fare to choose, from yoghurt and cereals to local delights, like nasi lemak. It was heaven. Needless to say, we had a sumptuous and scrumptious breakfast.

To work off the carb-loading, we headed to level M3, also called the lifestyle floor, to work up a sweat in V E Hotel's 24-hour state-of-the-art gym and then proceeded to soak up some vitamin D at their sun deck. It was just what the doctor ordered, basking in the sun with a lemonade in hand whilst enjoying the al fresco view of the city.



Bedroom executive living room



Hotel lobby

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# SHANGRI-LA'S RASA SAYANG RESORT AND SPA

For A Taste Of True Serenity And Hospitality

BY JACQUELINE BENITA PAUL

It isn't a secret that one of my favourite books is the Alchemist, a story that invites you to dream and hope without discounting the value of hardwork and perseverance. Much like the story, I was heading to a place I thought could only exist in my dreams. I was going to Shangri La's Rasa Sayang Resort and Spa. We drove up to the renowned Batu Ferringhi Beach to a beach haven that covers 30 acres of lush gardens nestled between the sea and Penang's emerald green hills. The unique name comes from a popular local folk song, Rasa Sayang which means "feeling of love" in Malay. I found myself humming the tune while checking in after having a warm reception at the Rasa Wing lobby.

We were escorted through the halls to our room and couldn't help but notice the tasteful blend of contemporary chic and traditional art that represent the opulence and elegance of the resort. As we entered the Rasa Premier Room, a mark of unmistakable poise hanged in the air, our tired bodies taking well to the spacious room with high ceiling and soothing colour palette, and strategically placed plush sofa chairs to rest our feet. Once we got passed the Ohh's and Ahh's from the first look, our curiosity made us push the door with an enchanting dragon door handle that led to the chic marble bathroom with two sinks. The attention to detail in the bathroom was quite incredible from L'occitane bath products to the rain shower that comes with a therapeutic massage shower with adjustable angles. I had to will myself out of there because it was by far the best shower ever. The large balcony fitted an enormous bubble bath tub and day bed. Apparently, you can get the concierge to prepare a bubble bath for a small fee with different scents that you can choose from topped with rose petals. Before you put on your bikini or birthday suit, do make sure to lower the blinds that can be easily controlled electronically. Personally, I would recommend enjoying the bubble bath while nibbling on the complimentary tid bits and beverages that are offered for the first-night stay, during sunset. Room service was impeccable. Not only was the fruit basket and bath amenities replenished but even our personal effects in the bathroom were meticulously arranged on a crisp white linen cloth.

There is no finer way to wake up than to the sound of the calm waves blanketing the sand and cheeps from birds outside the balcony as though it was an elaborate greeting by nature. It was the perfect setting to pick up a book and lie on the day bed just before breakfast. One of the many privileges of staying in the Rasa Wing is the choice between having breakfast at the award-winning Feringgi Grill at the Rasa Wing or the exotic Spice Garden Cafe at the Garden Wing. To enter the Feringgi Grill is to enter into a room of gastronomic elegance from service, ambience to the food. We ordered from an ala carte menu that carried a well thought out variety accompanied by a buffet which consisted of pastries, fruits, cheese, cereals and more. We enjoyed each bite while admiring the panoramic view of the grounds and gardens of the resort. On the other hand, at the Spice Garden, we enjoyed a massive spread of authentic cuisines. Be it Chinese, Indian, Nyonya-Baba (Straits born Chinese), Japanese, Thai or Western, taste it all under one roof. Here, we could choose between eating in the air-conditioned dining hall where you can view a magical presentation of asian and western cuisines or eat outside under the canopy of giant rain trees with the sea breeze caressing your skin.

After a glorious meal, we took a brisk walk through the resort's garden landscape that truly embodies the oasis concept. Hammocks are placed strategically under the trees with nearby counters that carry several books you can borrow to read closer to the sea. You even have the option of getting a foot or shoulder massage by certified masseuses. Our stay in Shangri La's Rasa Sayang was nothing less than a head-to-toe, inside-out rejuvenating experience. I can only conclude that such an excellent stay can only be achieved through the collaboration of guests and the resort. So do provide your feedback about your stay because you will be heard.

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Landscape view of swimming pool and canopy



Rasa premier bedroom

# ANCHORS AWEIGH

A look into the recent revamp of the Royal Langkawi Yacht Club

**K**L Lifestyle recently got the scoop on the revamp of the Royal Langkawi Yacht Club which has since been launched to greater heights, or dare we say it, to better shores. This transformation aimed to tap into the already booming tourism market in Langkawi and has been successful, evident by the positive recognition beyond the traditional demographic of sailors and yacht owners. General Manager of Royal Langkawi Yacht Club (RLYC), Tayfun Koksal, shared about the process behind such a renovation.

**Since the beautiful renovation has been successfully completed at RLYC, how do you differentiate the disciplines of running three distinctive departments ie: Yacht Club and marina, hospitality and hotel, and last but not least the new retail outlets?**

The disciplines are not really that much apart from each other as they all aim to give our patrons the maximum satisfaction and make them happy. Yacht Club and Marina are well established and with the addition of the Langkawi Yacht Club Hotel and

Fishermans Wharf Langkawi, we have elevated our operations to a new level. Often the different disciplines are overlapping as a Yacht owner may stay in our hotel for a few days and also enjoy the new facilities on Fisherman's Wharf.

**Is managing the Yacht Club easier because it has been operating for several years or more challenging because of the massive expansion?**

The old Yacht Club was a much smaller operation, there are much larger



Scenery





an effective team effort for various tasks. Indeed, getting good qualified staff in Langkawi is an issue as the local population is less than 100,000 and with more than 4 million tourist arrivals, almost everybody on the island is somehow involved in the hospitality industry. Our employee's motto is "We are gentle people serving gentle people", therefore the people who work for RLYC are our most valued resource. If we serve our people with trust, honesty, respect, integrity and commitment we will nurture the right value in each of our staff which in return will also make them care equally about the guest of RLYC.

### **Do you feel it's important for the Royal Langkawi Yacht Club to expand beyond a marina with boats?**

It is very important, that is exactly why we have had our massive re-development and have now, besides our award winning marina which now offers 250 berths for yachts of which six are for super yachts up to 80m, also a Yacht Club Hotel as well as Fisherman's Wharf. Fisherman's Wharf will be a new tourist destination on the island featuring a variety of shops and new dining options and will also have offices of many of the Charter companies in Langkawi. This way RLYC will not only appeal to a relative small number of sailors and yacht owners but to all tourist visiting the island.

### **Is the expansion in step with what's happening in Langkawi now?**

Yes, indeed it is in line with the plan to further promote Langkawi for nautical tourism and in particular the area where RLYC is located. Right next to us there are several luxury hotels with more in the planning to promote and turn this area into a new small "Monaco" of the East to bring more high spending tourist onto the island.

### **Are you making Langkawi your home?**

I consider Langkawi my home away from home as it is certainly a beautiful place to live.

challenges now but if you love your job no challenge is big enough and I have a good team with me which is never a disadvantage to lift the Yacht Club to the next higher level.

### **Does the annual Royal Langkawi International Regatta prove a big role in your process?**

The Royal Langkawi International Regatta (RLIR), although only taking place for 5 days each January for the past 14 years, requires a lot of planning and work for approximately 8 months each year. It has

grown into being the premier Regatta in the region and certainly plays a big role in promoting sailing and also promotes Langkawi and RLYC as a premier nautical holiday destination. It has a wide media coverage worldwide and as such is an important event for RLYC.

### **What are the qualities of a good staff? Is staffing a challenge in Langkawi?**

Good staff for me must be honest, self-motivated and take responsibility for his/her work and be a good team player as an operation like we have now requires









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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 • M Tuanku   
Ismail Tel : 03-27728500  
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.

#### Bukit Bintang Plaza

111 Jalan Bukit Bintang • B Bintang  
Tel : 03-2148 7411  
Extending into Sungei Wang Plaza, BB Plaza offers an interesting variety of stores selling jewellery, fashion wear, books, AV equipment, etc. Metrojaya department store is the anchor tenant. • 10am - 10pm daily. • F8

#### Pertama Complex

Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman  
• M Tuanku  
• Bandaraya • Bank Negara  
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 : 03-2117 0288  
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

#### 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.

#### IPC Shopping Centre (Formerly Ikano)

2, Jalan PJU 7/2, Damansara Mutiara, PJ  
Tel : 03-2141 0500  
Located near 1 Utama and linked to IKEA, this centre only has XXL size stores. The 11 anchor tenants includes Harvey





## Hartamas Shopping Centre

Plaza Damas, 60 Jalan Sri Hartamas 1  
Tel: 03-6211 0611  
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

Seri Kembangan • KMYN 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 • KMYN 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 specialty stores and 70 F&B outlets under one roof. Adjacent to the mall are Clifitel Mid Valley Hotel and Boulevard Hotel • 10am - 10pm daily.

## The Gardens

Mid Valley City • KMYN Mid Valley  
Tel: 03-2297 0288  
10am - 10pm daily

## Sunway Putra Mall

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

# DINE



**TANZINI**  
Gtower, 199, Jalan Tun Razak,  
50400 Kuala Lumpur



**MORGANFIELD'S**  
C4.03.00, Level 4,  
Pavilion Kuala Lumpur

## Chinese

### Celestial Court

03-2717 9988 • M Tuanku •  
Sheraton Imperial Hotel  
• Halal • Casual Dining • C6

### Chynna

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

### Dynasty

03-2162 2233 • B Nanas • East Wing,  
Renaissance Hotel  
• Non-Halal • Casual Dining • D7

### Dynasty Dragon

03-2145 1628 • B Bintang • Time Square  
• Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F8

### Hakka

03-21431907 • Raja Chulan 6 Jalan Kia  
Peng • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • E9

### Imbi Palace

03-2145 4822 • Imbi • Jalan Barat, off  
Jalan Imbi • Non-Halal • Casual Dining  
• F8

### Kim Ma

03-8946 2333 • Palace of the Golden  
Horses • The Mines Resort City • Halal  
Fine Dining • Cantonese cuisine

### Lai Po Heen

03-2179 8885 • KLCC • Mandarin  
Oriental Hotel • Halal • Casual Dining •  
Cantonese • D8

### Lee Wong Kee

• Bandaraya • 239 Jln Tuanku Abdul  
Rahman • Non-Halal • Casual Dining •  
Cantonese • D5 • 03-2692 2685

### Li Yen

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

### Maju Palace

03-2691 8822 • M Tuanku S Ismail • Level  
5, Maju Junction Mall • Halal • Casual  
Dining • C5

### Mandarin Palace

03-2148 9166 • B Bintang • 2/F, Federal  
Hotel • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F8

### Marco Polo

03-2141 2233 • Raja Chulan • 1/F, Wisma  
Lim Foo Yong, Jalan Raja Chulan • Non-  
Halal • Casual Dining • E8

### Meisan

03-2693 9233 • Bandaraya • Quality  
Hotel City Centre • Jalan Raja Laut  
• Halal • Casual Dining • Szechuan  
cuisine

### 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

## French

### Café Café

03-2141 8141 • Maharajalela • 175  
Jalan Maharajalela • Halal • Fine  
Dining • Fr & Italian • H7

## Fusion

### Cilantro

03-2179 8082 • MiCasa All Suite Hotel,  
368B Jalan Tun Razak • Pork-Free • Halal  
• Fine Dining • D10

### Etoile Bistro

03-2161 7777 • R Chulan • Hotel  
Equatorial • Halal • Casual Dining • E8

### Frangipani

03-2144 3001 • B Bintang • 25,  
Changkat Bkt Bintang • Halal • Fine  
Dining

### Isthmus

03-2282 8112 • Mid Valley • G/F,  
Northpoint, Mid Valley City • Thai &  
Nyonya • Pork-Free • Casual Dining • F8

### Shooki

03-2719 8535 • B Bintang • Lower G/F,  
Starhill Gallery • Halal • Fine Dining • E9

## Indian

### Estana Curry House

03-2141 1958 • Raja Chulan • 23D, Jln  
Sultan Ismail • Halal • Casual Dining  
• C6

### Khaana Peena

03-6201 3355 • E-01-04, Plaza Mont Kiara  
• North Indian • Halal • Casual Dining

### Passage Thru' India

03-2145 0366 • 4, Jln Delima,kl  
Halal • Casual Dining • E10

### Spice Garden Imperial

03-2142 2220 • B. Bintang • 205 Jln Bkt  
Bintang.

## Indonesia

### House of Sundanese

Sari Ratu  
03-2166 2272 • 4th Floor KLCC

## International

### Essence

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

### The Resort Cafe

03 - 7495 2009 • Lobby Level,  
Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa  
\*Pork-Free Restaurant

### Eight Gourmets Gala (EGG)

017 948 8684 • Suite G-01,  
Ground Floor, Pinnacle Annexe,  
Persiaran Lagoon, Bandar Sunway,  
47500, Selangor

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## HOTELS & RESORTS

### Maya Brasserie

03-2711 8866 • B Nanas • KLCC  
• Hotel Maya KL • Halal • Casual  
Dining • Nyonya & International • D8

### Melting Pot

03-2144 2200 • B Nanas Concorde  
Hotel, 2 Jln Sultan Ismail • Halal • 24-  
hour • Casual Dining • D7

### Still Water Restaurant

03-27118866 • B Nanas • KLCC •  
Hotel Maya KL • Halal • Casual  
Dining • Japanese & Western • D8

### The Vogue

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

### PNB Darby Cafe

03-7490 3838 • Ampang Park • G/F,  
PNB Darby Park, Executive Suites, 10  
Jalan Binjai • Halal • Casual Dining  
• D9

## Italian

### Cellini's

03-2715 1000 • B Bintang • Dorsett  
Regency Hotel • 172 Jalan Imbi • Halal •  
Casual Dining • F9

### il Tempio

03-4256 9300 • Tamarind Springs  
Restaurant • Halal • Fine Dining

### La Risata

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

### Prego

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

### Villa Danieli

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

## Japanese

### Benkay

03-2782 6118 • Ampang Park • Hotel  
Nikko • Halal • Casual Dining • C9

## Gen

03-4042 9888 • PWTC • Sunway Putra  
Hotel • Halal • Casual Dining • B5

### Genki Sushi

03-2166 6220 • KLCC • 428 Level 4, Suria  
KLCC • Halal • 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 • PWTC • Pan Pacific Kuala  
Lumpur • Halal • Fine Dining

### Komura

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

### Ozeki Tokyo Cuisine

03-2166 4263 • B Nanas • Menara TA One  
• Halal • Fine Dining • D8

## 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

### Ko Hiang

03-4251 0492 • 314 Jalan Ampang  
• Non-Halal • Casual Dining

### 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

## HOTEL & RESORT

### ★★★★★

### Ascott KL

03-2718 6868  
9, Jalan Pinang • R Chulan • From  
RM380-RM790

### Berjaya Times Square Hotel & Convention Centre

03-2117 8000 • 1 Jalan Imbi • Imbi • Big  
Apple Restaurant (Fusion) Broadway  
Lounge, The Cafe, The Bar, • From  
RM245-RM700 • F8 • www.timesquarekl.  
com

### Seri Pacific Hotel Kuala Lumpur

03-4042 5555 • Jalan Putra • PWTC  
Zende (Int'l), Kokufu (Jap), lounge to Chereza  
From RM198++ to RM3,000 • B5  
www.seripacifichotel.com

### Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur

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

### The Westin KL

03-2731 8333 199 • Jalan Bukit Bintang  
• B Bintang • Prego (Ita), Living Room  
(Int'l), Qba (Bar & Grill), Treats (gourmet  
bakery), Eest (Pan Asian) • From RM480-  
RM7,000 • E9 • www.westin.com

### Grand Millennium KL

03-2117 4888 • 160, Jalan Bukit Bintang •  
• Bukit Bintang • Zing (Chi), The Mill (Int'l)  
• From RM300-RM5,600 •  
www.millenniumhotel.com

### Hilton KL

03-2264 2264 • 3, Jln Stesen • Sentral,  
KL Sentral • KL Sentral • Chynna(Chi), Senses (Fusion), Noodle  
Room, Sudu, Zeta Bar, Vintage Bank •  
From RM385-RM605 • G3  
• www.hilton.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

### Holiday Inn Kuala Lumpur Glenmarie

03-7802 5200 • 1 Jalan Usahawan U1/8,  
Shah Alam • Fu-Rin (Jap), Kites (Int'l), The  
Mix Restaurant & Bar • From RM290 •  
www.holidayinn.com/glenmarie



### 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 of-  
ficial residence of Malaysia's king since  
Nov 11, 2011. Influenced by both Is-  
lamic 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 • Opens 8am-  
1:30pm & 2:30pm-6pm.



**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

**Hotel Istana**

03-2141 9988 • 73, Jalan Raja Chulan • 📍 R Chulan • Peach Garden (Chi), Urban Bistro (Aus), Taman Sari (Int'l) • From RM299-RM5000 • E8 • www.hotelistan.com.my

**Hotel Maya KL**

03-2711 8866 • Jalan Ampang • 📍 Bukit Nanas • KLCC • Still Waters, Maya Brasserie, Ramah Tamah • From RM325-RM1,800 • D8 • www.hotelmaya.com.my

**InterContinental KL**

03-2161 1111 • 165, Jalan Ampang • 📍 Ampang Park • Serena Brasserie, Tao (Chi), Tatsui (Jap), Bentley's Pub, Lobby Lounge & The Deli • From RM330-RM12,500 • C9 • www.intercontinental.com

**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 (Chi), 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

**Palace Beach and Spa**

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'l), Traveller's Bar & Grill, Palmz Lounge (Wn) • From RM570++ • www.samasamahotels.com

**Parkroyal Kuala Lumpur**

03-2147 0088 Jln Sultan Ismail • 📍 B Bintang • Chatz Brasserie (Wn), Bossa Nova (Wn), Hot Gossip, Si Chuan Dou Hua (Chi), Klix Lounge • From RM270 • www.parkroyalhotels.com

**PNB Darby Park Executive Suites**

03-7490 3333 • 10, Jln Binjai • 📍 Ampang Park • The 39 Restaurant, Minmax (Chi), Koong Jung (Jap/Korean) • From RM350-RM686 • D9 • www.pnbdarbyparksuites-kl.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.princehotelskl.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), TEMPTationS (Int'l) • From RM215-RM6,000 • D7

**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

**Sheraton Imperial Hotel**

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

**Seri Bukit Ceylon**

03-2724 0408 • No 8, Lorong Ceylon off Jalan Raja Chulan • NeroTeca (Ita) • From RM250-RM480 • E7

**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), Di-Atas Brasserie (Int'l), Gen (Jap), Monkey Bar • From RM188-RM388 • B5 • www.legendhotelkl.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

**The Ritz-Carlton Residences**

03-2142 9000 • 📍 B Bintang • From RM950-RM1,330 • F9

**The Royal Chulan**

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

**Aloft Kuala Lumpur Sentral**

03-2723 1000 • Jalan Stesen Sentral • 📍 KL Sentral • 📍 📍 KL Sentral • Nook (International), MAI Bar (Bar Menu), wxyz(SM) Bar (Cocktails & Snacks) • From RM270 - RM388 • www.starwoodhotels.com/aloft-hotels

**Ancasa Hotel KL**

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

**Boulevard Hotel**

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

**Concorde Hotel**

03-2144 2200 • 2 Jalan Sultan Ismail • 📍 B Nanas • Spices (Western), Melting Pot (Int'l), Xin (Chi) • From RM178++-RM320++ • D7

**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), Dondang 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



**The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur**  
5 Jalan Sultan Hishammuddin, 50000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.  
03-2785 8000  
www.majestichotel.com

onwards • F9  
• www.dorsettregency-kl.com

**Federal Hotel**

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

**Grand Seasons**

03-2697 8888 • 72, Jalan Pahang • 📍 Chow Kit • 📍 KLCC • Season (Café), O'Las (Indian), Lobby Lounge (Wn), Kas Bah Bar (Wn) • From RM150-RM348 • B6

**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 • 📍 R Chulan • 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.quality.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) • From 470+

**The Royale Bintang KL**

03-2143 8988 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

**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

**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 Bella/Jln Raja Laut • 📍 PWTC • M Tuanku • Grand Star (Chi), Lai Marble Coffeehouse • From RM135-RM800 • C5 • www.gh-hotels.com.my

**First World Hotel**

03-6101 1118 • Genting Highlands • Istorante Torcello's (Italian), Lakeview Seafood Restaurant (Seafood), The Patio (Wn) • From RM85 - RM460

**Hotel Malaysia**

03-2072 7722 • 162, Jalan Hang Lekir • 📍 Pasar Seni • Malaysia Café • From RM120-RM250 • F5 • www.hotelmalaysia.com.my

**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

**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  
 Living 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 RM38 (adult), RM26  
 (children) • D8

**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-  
 6.00pm • 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

**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**

03-2693 6661 • 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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**Sultan Abdul Samad Building**

📍 Masjid Jamek • Jln Sultan  
 Hishammuddin • 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

**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

**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

**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 Science Centre**

03-2092 1150 • Persiaran Bukit Kiara •  
 Houses 9 galleries with different scientific  
 themes. Offers interesting interactive  
 displays for learning and entertainment.  
 • Opens 10am-5pm. Closed on Friday.

**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  
 unified 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

**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

**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

**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**

03-2331 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

**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 Malaysia

03-7967 3805 • 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

03-2144 9273 • 2 Jln Stonor • Showcases Malaysia's architectural heritage, the centre also conducts 2 guided tours a day (11am & 3pm) of the Rumah Penghulu or Village Head's abode which has been furnished to reflect a house in the early thirties • E10

### Islamic Arts Museum

03-2274 2020 • 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

03-6189 2122 • 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

### 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

03-2718 1118 • Genting Highlands Hotel

### D'Paradise

063, Jalan Solok Uban, Kampung Brisu, Lubok China, 78100 Melaka. 06-552 8010/0611 (Resort),

03-4251 8199 (KL Sales Office)  
www.d-paradise.com.my

### Flying

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 Hilir

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

### Theme Parks

09-288 8890 • Colmar Tropicale, Bkt Tinggi

03-71188338 • Desa Water Park, Trm Desa

03-8942 5021 • The Mines Wonderland



### Bank Negara Malaysia Museum and Art Gallery Sasana Kijang

No. 2, Jalan Dato Onn, 50480 Kuala Lumpur  
Opening Hours: 10am to 6pm daily  
For Enquiries Call: 03-9179 2784



### University of Malaya Art Gallery (UMAG)

Tingkat 5, Bangunan Canseleri, Universiti Malaya, Petaling Jaya  
Tel: 03-79671061  
Opening Hours: 9.00am to 4.00pm  
Closed on: Saturday and Sunday



### Galeri Tenaga

Wisma TNB, Jalan Timur, Petaling Jaya  
Tel : +603-2296 5566  
Fax : +603-2282 3274  
Opening Hours: Monday – Friday : 10 am – 3 pm.

## ARTS & CULTURE

### 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

### 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

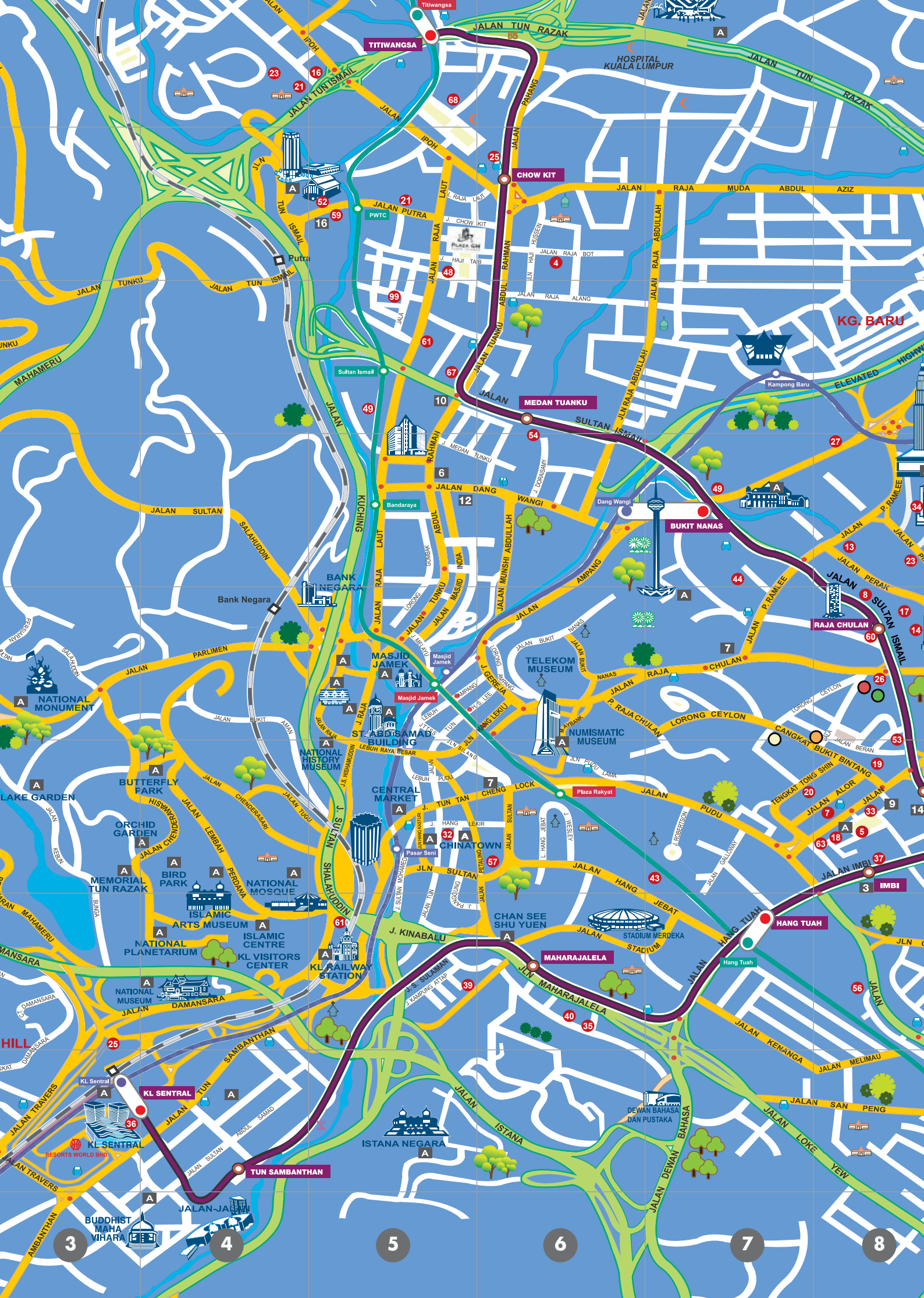


### KL Lifestyle Art Space

31 Jalan Utara, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia

Tel: +603 2093 2668, +603 2094 2668  
Email: info@mediate.com.my

Open Monday - Friday, 10am - 7pm  
(Closed on Weekends and Public Holidays)





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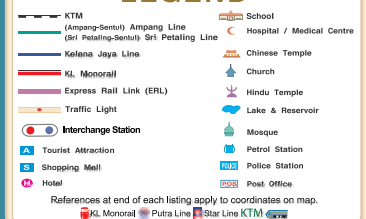


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| 1 <b>Agora Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2142 8133 <b>F8</b>  | 25 <b>Hilton KL</b><br>Tel: 2264 2264 <b>G3</b>                                  | 48 <b>Quality Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2693 9233 <b>C5</b>                             |
| 2 <b>Alpha Genesis Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2142 6868 <b>F7</b>                                | 26 <b>Hotel Istana</b><br>Tel: 2141 9988 <b>E8</b>                               | 49 <b>Renaissance Kuala Lumpur Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2162 2233 <b>D7</b>            |
| 3 <b>Berjaya Times Square Hotel &amp; Convention Centre</b><br>Tel: 2117 8000 <b>F8</b> | 27 <b>Hotel Maya Kuala Lumpur</b><br>Tel: 2711 8866 <b>D8</b>                    | 50 <b>Residence Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2693 3333 <b>C5</b>                           |
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| 5 <b>Capitol Hotel</b><br>Tel: 22143 7000 <b>F8</b>                                     | 29 <b>JW Marriott Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2715 9000 <b>E9</b>                          | 52 <b>Seri Pacific Kuala Lumpur</b><br>Tel: 4042 5555 <b>B5</b>                 |
| 6 <b>Carcosa Seri Negara</b><br>Tel: 2282 1888 <b>F8</b>                                | 30 <b>Kuala Lumpur International Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2697 8833 <b>B6</b>           | 53 <b>Shangri-La Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2032 2388 <b>D7</b>                          |
| 7 <b>Cardogan Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2144 4883 <b>F8</b>                                     | 31 <b>Le Meridien KL</b><br>Tel: 2263 7888 <b>G3</b>                             | 54 <b>Sheraton Imperial</b><br>Tel: 2717 9900 <b>D6</b>                         |
| 8 <b>Concorde Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2144 2200 <b>D7</b>                                     | 32 <b>Malaya Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2072 772 <b>F5</b>                                | 55 <b>Stanford Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2691 9833 <b>B6</b>                            |
| 9 <b>Corona Inn</b><br>Tel: 2144 3888 <b>F7</b>   | 33 <b>Malaysia Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2142 8033 <b>F8</b>                             | 56 <b>Swiss Garden Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2141 3333 <b>F7</b>                        |
| 10 <b>Coronade Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2148 6888 <b>F8</b>                                    | 34 <b>Mandarin Oriental Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2380 8888 <b>G6</b>                    | 57 <b>Swiss Inn Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2072 3333 <b>G6</b>                           |
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| 12 <b>Doubletree Hilton Kuala Lumpur</b><br>Tel: 2172 7272 <b>C10</b>                   | 36 <b>Maradian Oriental Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2380 8888 <b>D8</b>                    | 59 <b>The Legend Hotel</b><br>Tel: 4042 9888 <b>B5</b>                          |
| 13 <b>Crown Regency Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2162 3888 <b>D8</b>                               | 37 <b>Melia Kuala Lumpur</b><br>Tel: 2785 2828 <b>F8</b>                         | 60 <b>The Lodge</b><br>Tel: 2142 0122 <b>E8</b>                                 |
| 14 <b>Crowne Plaza Kuala Lumpur</b><br>Tel: 2148 2322 <b>E8</b>                         | 38 <b>Micasa All Suite Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2179 8000 <b>D10</b>                    | 61 <b>The Plaza Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2698 2255 <b>C5</b>                           |
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| 17 <b>Equatorial Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2161 7777 <b>E8</b>                                  | 41 <b>InterContinental KL</b><br>Tel: 2161 1111 <b>C9</b>                        | 64 <b>The Westin KL</b><br>Tel: 2731 8333 <b>E9</b>                             |
| 18 <b>Federal Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2148 9166 <b>F8</b>                                     | 42 <b>Novotel Kuala Lumpur City Centre</b><br>Tel: 2147 0888 <b>E8</b>           | 65 <b>The Zon All Suites Residences on the Park</b><br>Tel: 2164 8000 <b>C9</b> |
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| 21 <b>Grand Continental Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2693 9333 <b>C5</b>                           | 45 <b>Parkroyal Kuala Lumpur</b><br>Tel: 2147 0088 <b>F8</b>                     | 68 <b>Vistana Hotel</b><br>Tel: 4042 80000 <b>A5</b>                            |
| 22 <b>Grand Millenium KL</b><br>Tel: 2141 8000 <b>E8</b>                                | 46 <b>PNB Darby Park Executive Suites</b><br>Tel: 7490 3333 <b>D10</b>           |   |
| 23 <b>Grand Pacific Hotel</b><br>Tel: 4042 2177 <b>A5</b>                               | 47 <b>Prince Hotel &amp; Residence Kuala Lumpur</b><br>Tel: 2170 8888 <b>D10</b> |   |
| 24 <b>Grand Seasons Hotel</b><br>Tel: 2697 8888 <b>B6</b>                               |  |   |

## Shopping Malls:

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| 1. <b>Ampang Park</b><br>Tel: 03-2161 7006 <b>C10</b>          | 8. <b>Low Yat Plaza</b><br>Tel: 03-2162 1176 <b>F8</b>      | 15. <b>The Weld</b><br>Tel: 03-2162 3580 <b>E9</b>         |
| 2. <b>Avenue K</b><br>Tel: 03-2166 7888 <b>C9</b>              | 9. <b>Maju Junction</b><br>Tel: 03-2772 8550 <b>C5</b>      | 16. <b>Yow Chuan Plaza</b><br>Tel: 03-2142 9701 <b>C10</b> |
| 3. <b>Berjaya Times Square</b><br>Tel: 1-300-888-988 <b>E9</b> | 10. <b>Pertama Complex</b><br>Tel: 03-2691 6599 <b>D5</b>   |  |
| 4. <b>City Square</b><br>Tel: 03-2162 1566 <b>C10</b>          | 11. <b>Starhill Gallery</b><br>Tel: 03-2148 1000 <b>F8</b>  |  |
| 5. <b>KL Sogo</b><br>Tel: 03- 2698 2111 <b>D5</b>              | 12. <b>Sungei Wang Plaza</b><br>Tel: 03-2148 6109 <b>F8</b> |  |
| 6. <b>Kompleks Kotaraya</b><br>Tel: 03-2072 2562 <b>F6</b>     | 13. <b>Suria KLCC</b><br>Tel: 03-2382 2828 <b>D8</b>        |  |
| 7. <b>Lot 10</b><br>Tel: 03-2141 0500 <b>F8</b>                | 14. <b>The Mall</b><br>Tel: 03-4042 7122 <b>B5</b>          |  |

## LEGEND



Getting around in Kuala Lumpur is easy. The transit systems are efficient, taxis are plenty and buses are cheap. The public transportation usage peak hours are from 7am to 9am and 4.30pm to 6.30pm during the working days.



#### By Transit systems

The KL monorail and LRT coaches are air-conditioned and comfortable and run from 6am to midnight. The systems are connected to each other at several points and the network covers most parts of the city. Fares range from RM0.70 to RM2.80 per single journey.



#### By Taxis

Taxis are easily available at hotels or at taxi stands. Fares start at RM3 for the first kilometre and RM0.10 for every 115 metres thereon. There is a 50% surcharge on the metered fare from midnight to 6am and a baggage charge of RM1 per piece stored in the boot. There is also an additional RM1 for 3rd passenger (maximum 4 in a car). For an extra charge of RM2, you can book a taxi by phone.



#### By Ecovans

Ecovans can accommodate up to 5 passengers. They serve mainly guests at major hotels and follow the fare structure of taxis but charge RM4 instead of RM2 for the first kilometre.



#### By Buses

Buses serve all parts of Kuala Lumpur with fares beginning from RM1. Some hotels also offer free bus shuttle services to major shopping malls in the city.



#### KL Hop-on/Hop-off Bus Service

Links you to 40 attractions around the city with 22 designated stops. 8.30am to 8.30pm. Ticket: RM38 with discounts for locals, senior citizens, students and children. 03-2691 1382

#### Getting to the Airport



**KLIA Ekspres:** The journey takes about 30 minutes from KL Sentral and the fare is RM35 per person per way. There is also check-in facility at KL Sentral for some airlines.



**Taxi:** The fare from the city centre to the airport is RM60 – RM90 per taxi.



**Eco Transit:** Eco Transit can accommodate up to 5 adults and has a fixed fare of RM130/ trip.



**Limousine:** Can be arranged with the hotel concierge and fare range from RM100 – RM200.

#### Coaches To KLIA and/or LCCT

The 1-hour journey costs between RM9 and RM25 per person.

- Airport Coach - 03-8787 3894
- Sky Bus - 03-6201 2742
- Aerobus - 017-363 3255
- The Star Shuttle - 03-4043 8811

## RAIL TRANSIT NETWORK OF KUALA LUMPUR



#### Transportation



##### Air Travel

- **KL International Airport Sepang** 03-8776 2000
- **LCC Terminal - KLIA** 03-8777 8888
- **Domestic Airport - Subang** 03-7846 7777
- **KL CAT (City Air Terminal)** 03-2267 8000



##### Domestic Airlines

- **MAS** 03-7843 3000
- **MAS Reservation Number** 1 300 88 3000
- **AirAsia** 03-8775 4000
- **Berjaya Air** 03-7846 8228
- **FireFly** 03-7845 4543
- **Fly Asian Xpress (fax)** 03-8660 4343



##### Rail

- **KL Sentral** 03-2274 7435
- **KLIA Ekspres** 03-2267 8000
- **KTM** 03-2267 1200
- **Rapid KL** 03-7625 6999
- **KL Monorail** 03-2273 1888



##### Car Rental

- **Apex** 03-2142 1926
- **Avis** 03-2142 0166
- **Orix** 03-2142 3009
- **Hertz** 03-2148 6433
- **Mayflower** 03-2279 1188
- **Sintat** 03-2145 7988



##### Taxis

- **Radio Cab** 03-9221 7600
- **Airport Limo Meet & Greet** 03-8787 3678
- **Saujana Cab** 03-2162 8888
- **Comfort Taxi** 03-8024 2727
- **Eco Transit** 03-5512 2266
- **Supercab** 03-7805 5333
- **Outstation Taxi** 03-2078 0213

#### Emergency Services

- **KL Tourist Police (24 hours)** 03-2166 8322
- **Police & Ambulance** 999 or 112 (mobile phones)
- **Fire & Rescue** 994
- **KL City Council** 03-2691 6011

#### Tourism Offices

- **Malaysia** 1-300-88-5050
- **Tourism Centre (24-hour)** 03-2164 3929
- **Kuala Lumpur** 03-2693 6661
- **Penang** 04-261 9067
- **Johor** 07-222 3591
- **Terengganu** 09-622 1433
- **Sabah** 088-248 698
- **Sarawak** 082-246 575
- **Kedah** 04-731 2311
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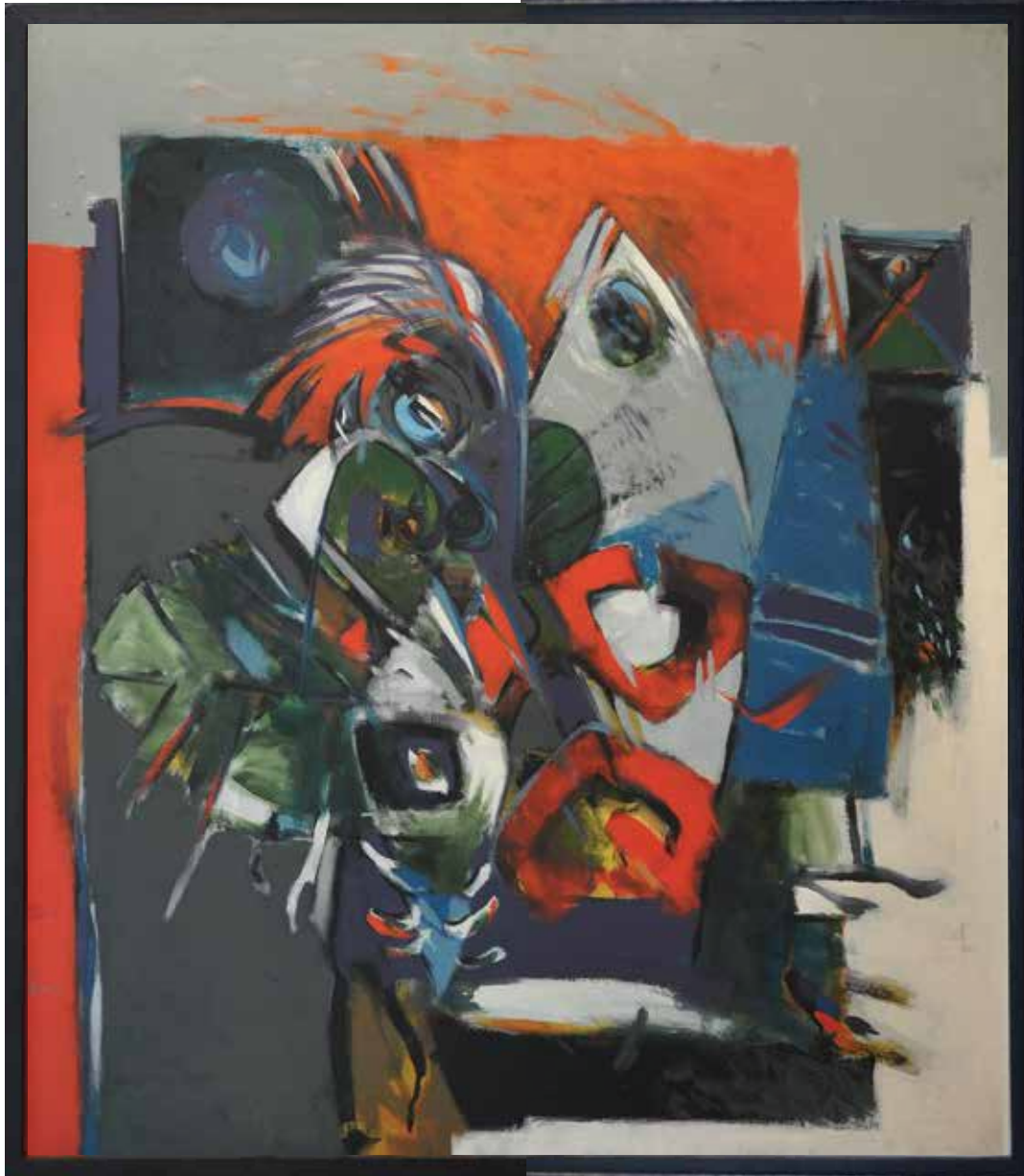
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