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Unmissable Events Happening This Month



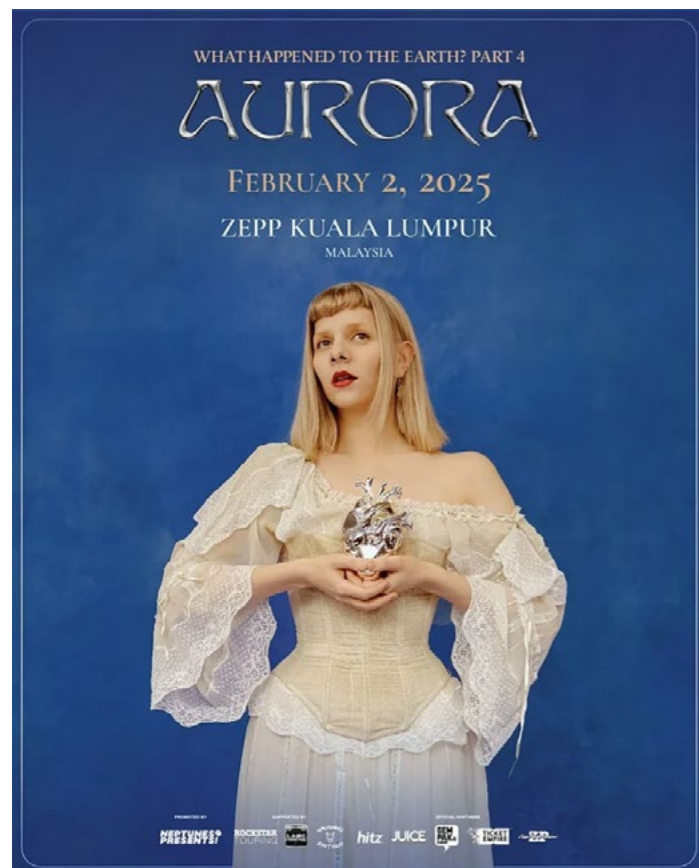
2NE1 Live in Kuala Lumpur

1 February 2025

This is for the Blackjacks—the legendary girl group, 2NE1 is having a reunion tour around Asia. They're the pioneers who helped shape K-pop as we know it today, blending hip-hop, R&B, and edgy styles into mainstream K-pop music. Get ready for iconic hits like "Fire" and "I Am The Best" that'll take you straight down memory lane. And of course, we can't wait to see CL, Bom, Minzy, and Dara back on stage together again.

Address: National Hockey Stadium, Jalan Merah Caga, Bukit Jalil, 57000 Kuala Lumpur

RM 298



What Happened To The Earth? Part 4 Aurora Live in Kuala Lumpur

2 February 2025

She's no longer "Half the World Away"—Norwegian singer-songwriter AURORA is going to take over Zepp Kuala Lumpur with her otherworldly set of pipes and ethereal showmanship. Whether you've been a fan since "Runaway", converted into one since her Frozen fame, or got swept into the online hype from "The Seed", this is not an opportunity you're going to want to pass up.

Address: Zepp Kuala Lumpur, BBCC, Jalan Hang Tuah, Bukit Bintang, 55100 Kuala Lumpur

RM 308



The Script : Satellites World Tour

9 February 2025

If the songs "The Man Who Can't Be Moved", "Six Degrees of Separation", and "For the First Time" were a part of your adolescent anthem, then there's no way you're missing The Script's return to our city since their last showing here—which was a whole decade ago. From classics to their latest release from the Satellites album, the Irish rock band is set to deliver a musical performance to be remembered. If the songs "The Man Who Can't Be Moved", "Six Degrees of Separation", and "For the First Time" were a part of your adolescent anthem, then there's no way you're missing The Script's return to our city since their last showing here—which was a whole decade ago. From classics to their latest release from the Satellites album, the Irish rock band is set to deliver a musical performance to be remembered.

Address: Mega Star Arena KL, Sg Wang Plaza, Jalan Bulan 2, Bukit Bintang, 55100 Kuala Lumpur

RM 198



Hoobastank Live In Kuala Lumpur

10 February 2025

We are blessed yet again to have another rock band performing this year. Millennials today will remember blasting Hoobastank tracks on CD players back in school or discovering their hits on YouTube and MTV back then. No matter how much time has passed, "The Reason" will hit anyone in the feels. You don't want to miss the chance to see these legends rocking their anthems live.

Address: Zepp KL, Jalan Hang Tuah Bukit Bintang, 55100 Kuala Lumpur

RM 333



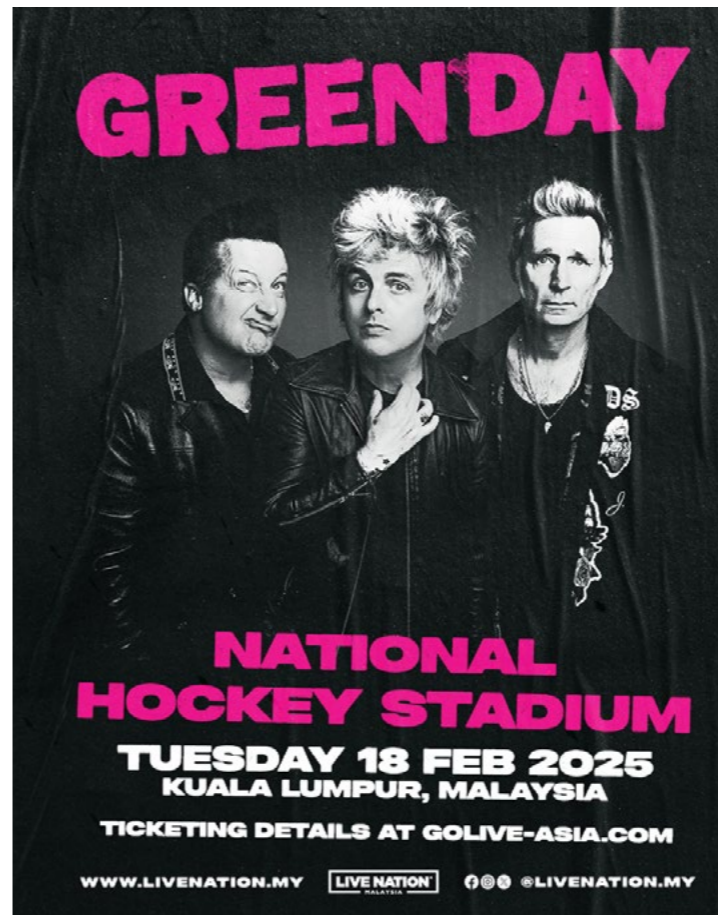
Essential Love Stories

15 February 2025

Remember that warm, fuzzy feeling of falling in love, that emotional flutter and breezy lightness as tenderness fills the air? The MPO curates a romantic song list that will take you through the full spectrum of love's emotions; from the tender whispers of love to the fiery passion of desire. The MPO and conductor Gerard Salonga have chosen a beautiful blend of classic love songs and contemporary favourites to resonate with your individual experiences of love. Listen to the music from classic movies such as *Pride And Prejudice*, *In the Mood For Love*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Emma*, *Tales of Hoffmann*, *The Gadfly* and *Cinderella*, evoke memories, and light up new feelings and inspire self-discovery with the MPO.

Address: Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra

RM229 / RM279 / RM329 / RM379



Green Day live in Kuala Lumpur

18 February 2025

Yes, you read that right. Green Day is having its first-ever concert in Kuala Lumpur. For those who grew up in the mid-naughts to 2010s, consider your inner child healed. Imagine hearing "American Idiot" and "Wake Me Up When September Ends" live. The Grammy-winning band is ready to bring back all of that emo spirit and raw punk energy out of us. The adrenaline, the nostalgia, it's going to be a night to remember.

Address: National Hockey Stadium, Jalan Merah Caga, Bukit Jalil, 57000 Kuala Lumpur

RM 358



Yuna Etherealis

15 - 16 February 2025

Malaysian songstress Yuna is kicking the year off the right way: by treating fans to an unforgettable show at an upcoming intimate showcase. For two nights in a row, she'll be performing up to 12 fan-favourite hits—as polled via the artist's Instagram post. What do we predict? We expect songs such as "Dan Sebenarnya", "Terukir Di Bintang", and "Masih Sunyi" to be a part of the setlist.

Address: Stage 1 Theatre, PJPAC, 1Utama Shopping Centre, Bandar Utama, 47800 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

RM 185



Kehlani - Crash World Tour

21 February 2025

Multi-platinum? Check. Grammy-nominated? You bet she is. Renowned for her soulful R&B tunes, the soloist brings to the Malaysian audience a blockbuster tour featuring her 2024 album, *CRASH*, where she is expected to perform hits such as "Sucia", "What I Want", and "Honey". If you fancy yourself a mega fan of the American singer-songwriter, then you may want to snag a meet-and-greet opportunity. It also includes a photo op, an intimate Q&A session, and an autographed tour poster.

Address: Merdeka Hall, World Trade Centre, Jalan Tun Ismail, 50480 Kuala Lumpur

RM 258

Big Screen Thrills

FEBRUARY MOVIE PREMIERES



PERAYAAN MATI RASA

FEBRUARY 6

As the first child, Ian struggles to achieve his dreams with his friends and tries hard to fulfill all the expectations he has built up that make him far from his family. However, when a big event makes Ian lose his parents suddenly, Ian tries to always be strong and bury all his feelings until he is numb.

Genre:

Drama/Music

Cast:

Iqbaal Dhiafakhri Ramadhan, Umay Shahab, Unique Priscilla, Dwi Sasono, Devano Danendra



DARK NUNS

FEBRUARY 13

A young boy Hee-Joon is possessed by an evil spirit. Nun Yunia tries to save him, assisted by Nun Mikaela. Priest Paul attempts medical treatment, while Priest Andrew performs an exorcism to rid Hee-Joon of the spirit.

Genre:

Horror/Mystery

Cast:

Song Hye-kyo, Jeon Yeo-been, Lee Jin-wook, Moon Woo-jin, Huh Joon-ho



ANAK KUNTI

FEBRUARY 20

In the midst of a religious Islamic boarding school life, Sarah, a female student, is disturbed by a series of nightmares about Kuntulanak that threatens her. Following the instructions of the head of the Islamic boarding school, Nyai Fatima, Sara goes to a haunted village, Wonoenggal, to uncover the dark secrets of her past.

Genre:

Supernatural/Horror

Cast:

Abun Sungkar, Gisellma Firmansyah, Iwa K., Nita Gunawan, Wavi Zihan, Jajang C. Noer, Ruth Marini



NOSFERATU

FEBRUARY 27

A gothic tale of obsession between a haunted young woman and the terrifying vampire infatuated with her, causing untold horror in its wake.

Genre:

Fantasy/Horror

Cast:

Lily-Rose Depp, Nicholas Hoult, Bill Skarsgård, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Willem Dafoe, Emma Corrin, Ralph Ineson



Heart Of The Nation

CELEBRATING MALAYSIA'S FEDERAL TERRITORIES

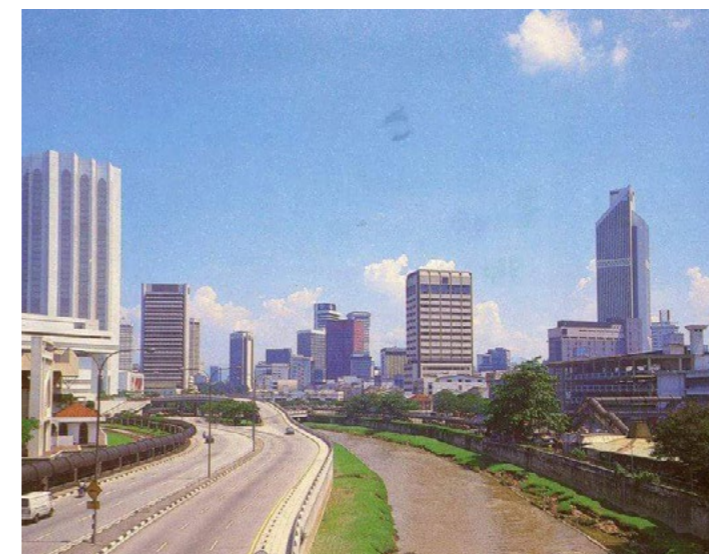


Federal Territories Day, celebrated annually on February 1st, is a significant occasion for Malaysians to commemorate the establishment of the country's Federal Territories. This day honors the administrative and political unity of key areas, including Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, and Labuan, which form the backbone of Malaysia's federal governance. Understanding the history of these territories provides a deeper appreciation for this special day and the roles these areas play in the nation's growth.



The Birth of the Federal Territories

Before the establishment of the Federal Territories, the areas now known as the Federal Territories were part of various states within Malaysia. The creation of the Federal Territories was a crucial decision in the country's journey toward greater administrative efficiency and centralization, with the aim to strengthen the federal system of governance.



Kuala Lumpur: The Heart of Malaysia

The story of the Federal Territories begins with the emergence of Kuala Lumpur as the capital of Malaysia. Kuala Lumpur's transformation into a Federal Territory began in 1974. Initially a modest mining town, it grew rapidly in the late 19th century due to its strategic location and role as a mining hub for tin.

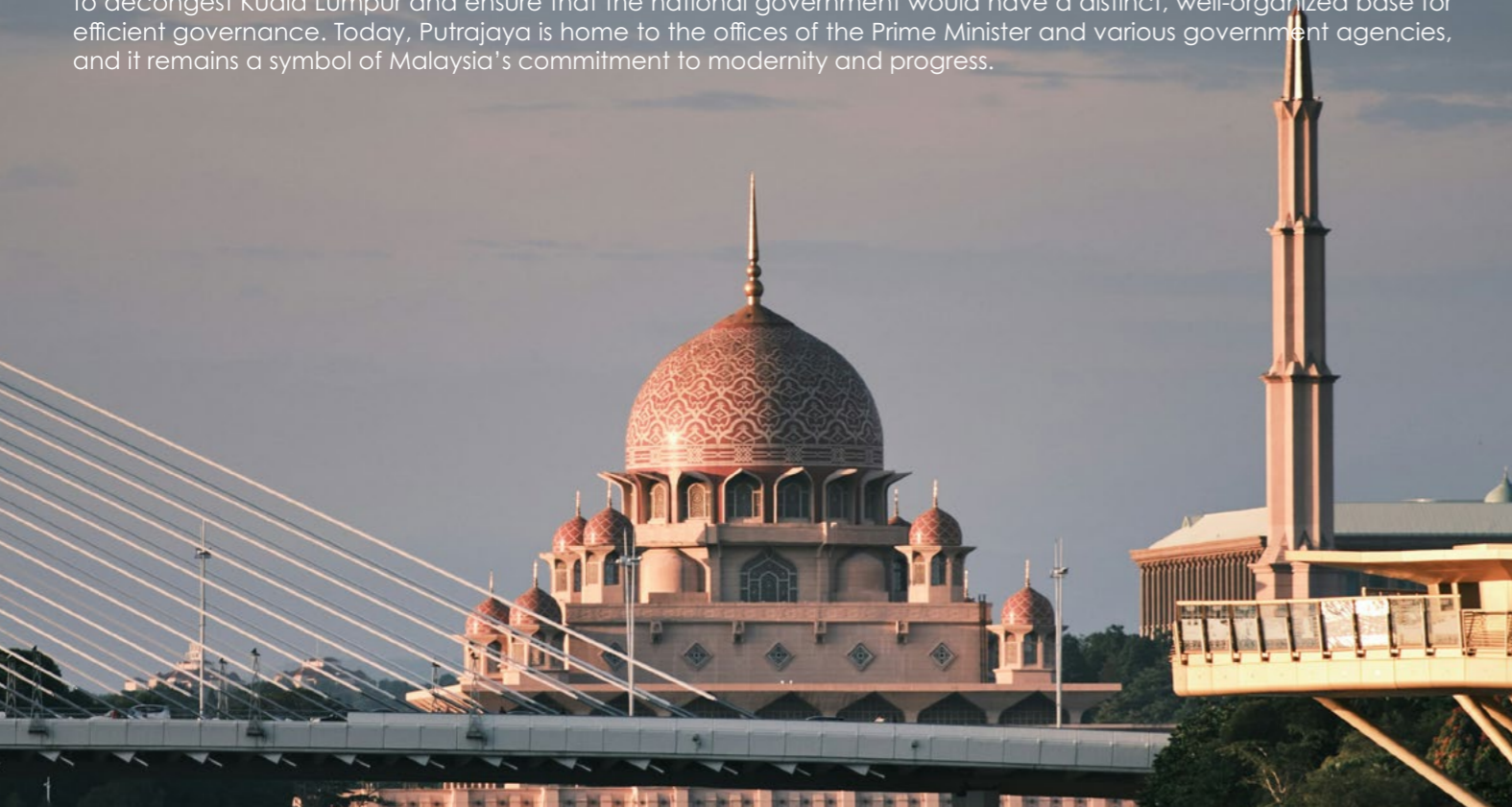
By 1896, Kuala Lumpur became the capital of the Federated Malay States. The town flourished, and its development was so significant that, by 1974, it was officially declared a Federal Territory, independent from the state of Selangor.

This decision allowed the federal government to take direct control over the administration of the city, enabling the more effective development of the national capital and the creation of a centralized administrative system.

Putrajaya: A Modern Administrative Hub

Putrajaya, another key Federal Territory, came into being much later, in 2003, under the leadership of then-Prime Minister Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. This planned city was designed to serve as the new administrative capital of Malaysia, replacing Kuala Lumpur, which was becoming increasingly congested. Putrajaya was strategically placed to the south of Kuala Lumpur, with modern infrastructure, green spaces, and government buildings at its core.

The establishment of Putrajaya as a Federal Territory was not just about easing administrative burden; it was a move to decongest Kuala Lumpur and ensure that the national government would have a distinct, well-organized base for efficient governance. Today, Putrajaya is home to the offices of the Prime Minister and various government agencies, and it remains a symbol of Malaysia's commitment to modernity and progress.



Labuan: A Strategic Island Territory

Labuan, an island off the coast of Sabah, was the third territory to be declared a Federal Territory, in 1984. While its strategic location made it important for trade, particularly as a free trade zone, Labuan's role in Malaysia's political landscape grew over time. The decision to designate Labuan as a Federal Territory was partly in response to its potential as a financial and commercial hub. It has since become a key player in Malaysia's economic expansion, particularly in the sectors of oil, gas, and finance.



A historic moment. The signing of the Kuala Lumpur agreement to handover the city as a Federal Territory, witnessed by Their Royal Highnesses, the Sultans of the States of Malaysia on February 1 1974. — Pic taken from 'The 25-year Reign of His Royal Highness on the Throne of Selangor Darul Ehsan (1960-1985)', May 1, 2022

Federal Territories Day

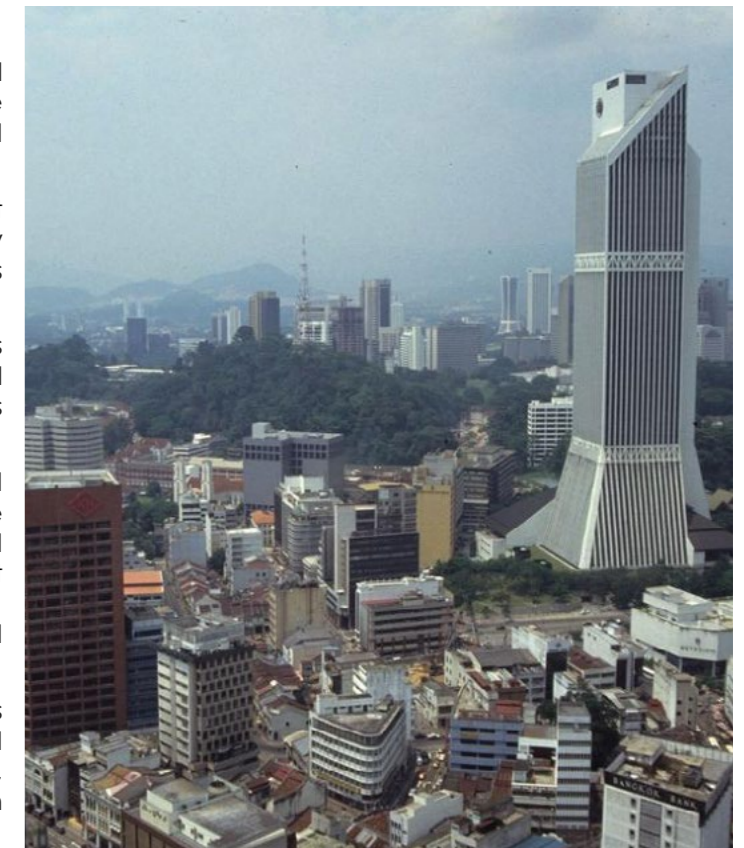
The creation of the Federal Territories was a pivotal milestone in the evolution of Malaysia's administrative structure, laying the foundation for a more centralized governance model.

To commemorate this historic achievement, February 1st is celebrated annually as Federal Territories Day—a day dedicated to acknowledging the vital role these areas play in the country's development.

Kuala Lumpur, the bustling capital; Putrajaya, the nation's administrative heart; and Labuan, the vibrant financial and offshore hub, each contribute uniquely to Malaysia's progress.

Federal Territories Day is marked by a series of events and festivities across these regions, bringing together diverse communities to celebrate their shared heritage and achievements. The day serves as an opportunity to reflect on the remarkable progress made since the territories' establishment, while also looking forward to their continued contributions to national growth.

As Malaysia prepares to celebrate Federal Territories Day on February 1st, 2025, the occasion will transcend mere commemoration, symbolizing the enduring unity, governance, and vision that these territories represent in the broader narrative of Malaysia's journey.





Kuala Lumpur : The Vibrant Soul of Malaysia's Federal Territories

Kuala Lumpur, affectionately known as KL, stands as the pulsating heart of Malaysia. It is a city that weaves together history, culture, and modernity, creating a tapestry as diverse as the people who call it home. As we approach Federal Territories Day on February 1st, it is the perfect moment to reflect on the journey of this iconic city and its evolution into the vibrant metropolis it is today.

From Tin Mines to a Thriving Metropolis

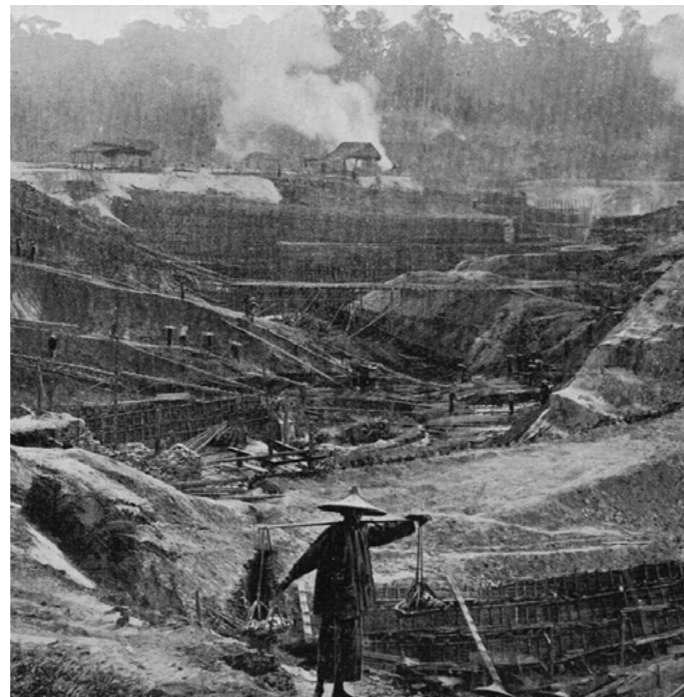
Kuala Lumpur's story begins in the 1850s, when a group of Chinese prospectors arrived at the confluence of the Gombak and Klang Rivers in search of tin.

The name "Kuala Lumpur," which translates to "muddy confluence," serves as a nod to its humble beginnings. From a tin-mining settlement, the city rapidly grew in prominence, becoming the capital of the Federated Malay States in 1896 and eventually the capital of independent Malaysia in 1957.

The turning point came in 1974, when Kuala Lumpur was officially declared a Federal Territory, marking its separation from the state of Selangor.

This decision allowed the federal government to take direct control of the city, enabling its transformation into Malaysia's administrative and cultural nucleus.

Today, Kuala Lumpur is a dynamic city that embodies the aspirations of a modern Malaysia while staying deeply rooted in its rich heritage.



Iconic Landmarks and Modern Marvels

Kuala Lumpur's skyline is a testament to its ambition and progress. The Petronas Twin Towers, once the tallest buildings in the world, remain a symbol of Malaysia's modernity and innovation. Visitors flock to its Skybridge and observation deck to take in breathtaking views of the city.

Other landmarks, such as the Kuala Lumpur Tower, Merdeka Square, and the historic Sultan Abdul Samad Building, highlight the city's rich architectural heritage. The contrast between colonial-era structures and futuristic skyscrapers paints a picture of a city that seamlessly blends the old with the new.

A Cultural Melting Pot

One of Kuala Lumpur's most captivating features is its multiculturalism. As a city shaped by the Malay, Chinese, Indian, and indigenous communities, KL offers a unique blend of traditions, festivals, and cuisines. Strolling through its neighborhoods reveals this diversity in full bloom.

In Chinatown's Petaling Street, the scent of sizzling noodles and roasted chestnuts fills the air, while traditional Chinese medicine shops and trinket stalls beckon passersby.

Brickfields, known as Little India, dazzles with its vibrant saree shops, aromatic curry houses, and colorful Hindu temples like the iconic Sri Kandaswamy Temple.

Meanwhile, Kampung Baru—a preserved Malay enclave amidst the skyscrapers—offers a glimpse into traditional village life, with its wooden houses and bustling night market.



The Heartbeat of the City: Food, Arts, and Community

Kuala Lumpur is a paradise for food lovers. Its streets are alive with flavors, from hawker fare like nasi lemak and char kuey teow to fine dining experiences at world-class restaurants. Jalan Alor, KL's famous food street, buzzes with activity every night as locals and tourists indulge in a gastronomic adventure.

The city is also a hub for arts and culture. Venues such as the National Museum, the Islamic Arts Museum, and the Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre showcase the country's artistic and historical richness. Independent galleries and street art installations further add to KL's creative spirit, making it a city that continually inspires.



A Vision for the Future

As Kuala Lumpur grows, it remains committed to sustainability and inclusivity. Initiatives like the River of Life project, which revitalizes the city's waterways, and the development of public transportation systems such as the MRT and LRT reflect KL's forward-thinking approach.

Plans for the future include making the city more livable and eco-friendly, with urban green spaces like KLCC Park and the upcoming Bukit Kiara Federal Park playing a central role. These efforts ensure that while KL evolves, it remains a city for its people.



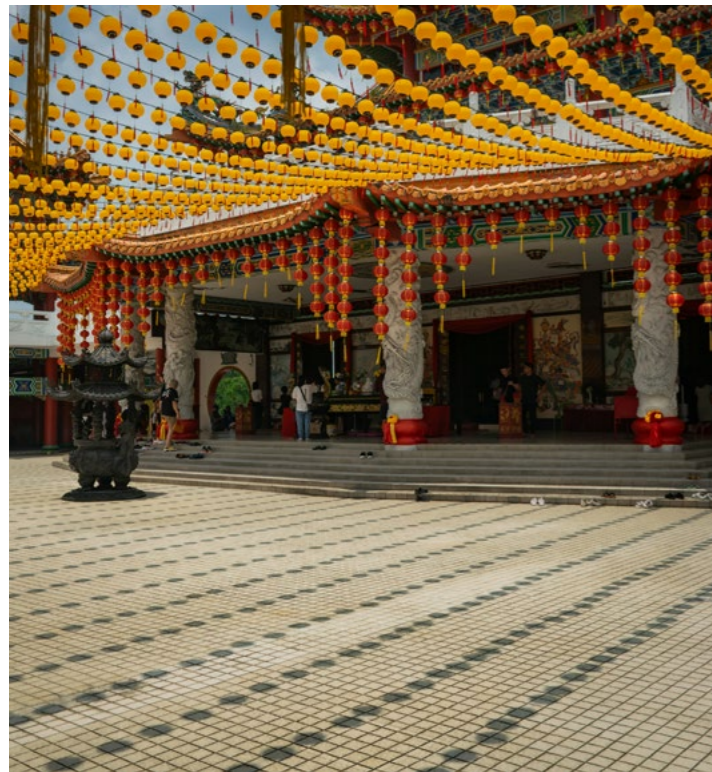
Discovering the Hidden Charms of the Federal Territories

The Federal Territories of Kuala Lumpur, Labuan, and Putrajaya are often celebrated for their iconic landmarks and urban developments, but their hidden gems reveal another layer of beauty and intrigue. These lesser-known spots invite visitors to step off the beaten path and explore the quiet, soulful corners of each territory.

As we celebrate Federal Territories Day 2025, let us take the time to appreciate not only the grandeur of these regions but also their hidden treasures that make them truly special. Whether you're drawn to Kuala Lumpur's cultural enclaves, Labuan's serene beaches, or Putrajaya's natural sanctuaries, there's something for everyone to discover and cherish in the Federal Territories.

Kuala Lumpur : Beyond the Skyscrapers

Kuala Lumpur is synonymous with towering skyscrapers like the Petronas Twin Towers and vibrant streets such as Bukit Bintang. Yet, the city holds a wealth of hidden spots that reveal its quieter, more soulful side.



Thean Hou Temple's Secret Garden

The Thean Hou Temple, one of Kuala Lumpur's iconic religious landmarks, is renowned for its grand architecture and vibrant cultural significance. However, beyond its majestic facade and bustling main areas lies a hidden gem: its serene secret garden.

Tucked away within the temple grounds, this tranquil retreat offers a stark contrast to the city's energetic pace, providing visitors with a space for calm and introspection.

The garden is a harmonious blend of nature and artistry, featuring meticulously pruned bonsai trees that symbolize balance and longevity.

Gentle koi ponds, teeming with vibrant fish, add a soothing element, while intricately designed archways invite exploration and reflection.



Kwai Chai Hong

Nestled in a peaceful corner of Chinatown, Kwai Chai Hong is a hidden treasure that masterfully weaves together Kuala Lumpur's rich history and contemporary art scene.

This restored alleyway pays homage to the city's vibrant past, particularly the bustling life of the 1960s, through its striking murals and thoughtfully preserved architecture.

Surrounding the alley are an array of charming cafes and boutique shops, each contributing to the area's unique blend of old-world charm and modern creativity.

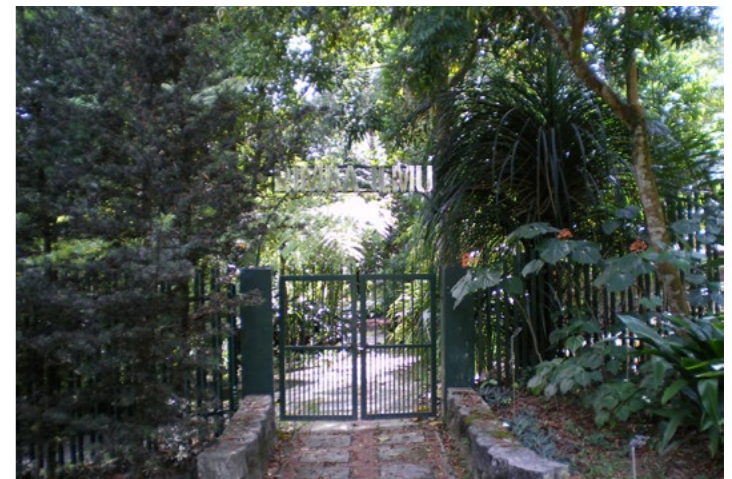
Whether you're savoring a cup of artisan coffee or exploring the curated selection of local crafts and artisanal goods, the atmosphere of Kwai Chai Hong invites you to linger and take it all in.



Rimba Ilmu Botanical Gardens

Tucked away within the University of Malaya campus, Rimba Ilmu, or the "Forest of Knowledge," is a tranquil retreat and a testament to Malaysia's lush tropical biodiversity. Spanning 80 hectares, this hidden oasis is a sanctuary for an incredible variety of flora and fauna, providing visitors with a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Rimba Ilmu is more than just a botanical garden; it is an educational haven dedicated to promoting the appreciation and conservation of nature. The garden showcases an extensive collection of tropical plants, including rare and endangered species, making it a treasure trove for botany enthusiasts.



Labuan: The Island's Best-Kept Secrets

Labuan is often recognized as an offshore financial center and a duty-free haven, but this island territory offers much more beneath the surface. Its hidden gems include historical sites, pristine beaches, and underwater wonders.



Labuan's World War II Memorial

Though not entirely hidden, the World War II Memorial in Kuala Lumpur remains a lesser-visited yet profoundly significant site. This solemn landmark honors the memory of those who sacrificed their lives during the Second World War, serving as a poignant reminder of the hardships endured and the resilience of the human spirit in times of conflict.

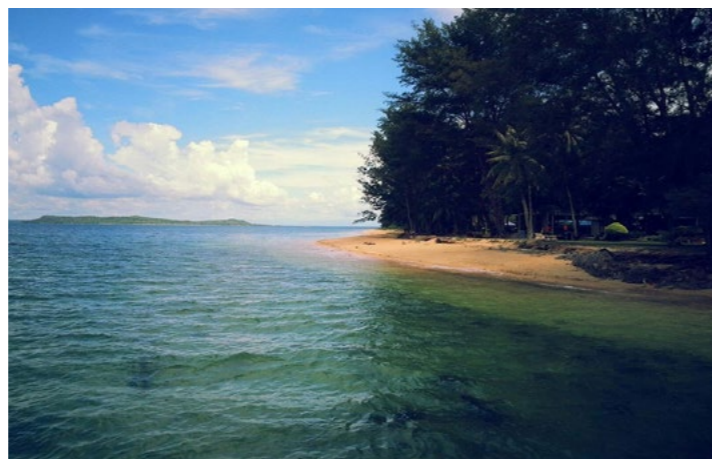
Set within a beautifully landscaped garden, the memorial offers a tranquil space for quiet contemplation. The garden's thoughtful design, with its manicured lawns, shaded pathways, and peaceful ambiance, creates a serene environment that complements the gravity of the site's purpose.



Papan Island (Pulau Papan)

Just a short boat ride from the bustling main island, Papan Island emerges as a serene retreat, perfect for those seeking a secluded getaway. Known for its crystal-clear waters and pristine beaches, this hidden gem offers a tranquil escape from the crowds, where visitors can unwind amidst the natural beauty of its idyllic surroundings.

The island's calm shores are ideal for leisurely strolls, sunbathing, or enjoying a quiet picnic by the water's edge. For those with a sense of adventure, the turquoise sea invites snorkeling and swimming, revealing a vibrant underwater world teeming with marine life.



Labuan Bird Park

Nestled near the iconic Chimney Museum, the Labuan Bird Park is a serene retreat for bird enthusiasts and nature lovers alike. Often regarded as a hidden gem, this tranquil haven is home to an impressive array of exotic bird species, housed in a spacious aviary that mimics their natural habitats. Surrounded by lush greenery, the park provides an immersive experience that allows visitors to connect with nature and observe these feathered wonders up close.

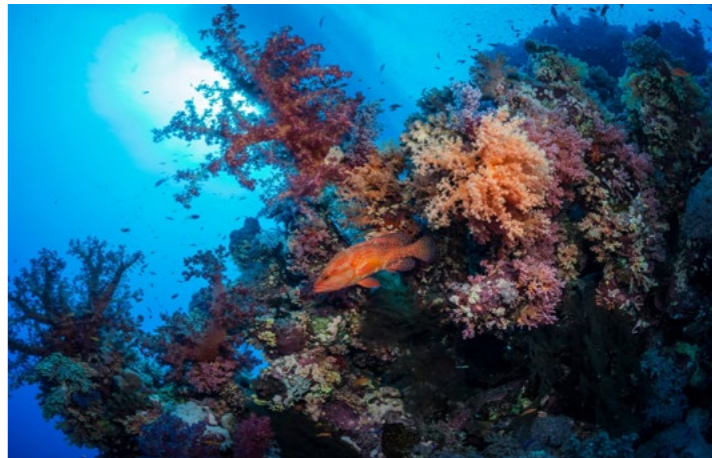
The aviary features a mix of local and exotic bird species, each adding a burst of color and life to the verdant surroundings. From vibrant parrots and majestic hornbills to delicate finches, the diversity of birds is sure to captivate visitors of all ages.



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Putrajaya: Uncovering Its Quiet Charm

Putrajaya is often associated with its role as Malaysia's administrative capital, with grand government buildings and well-planned infrastructure. However, the city holds a wealth of hidden gems that reveal its softer, more personal side.



Putrajaya Wetlands Park

Putrajaya Wetlands Park stands as one of the largest constructed wetlands in the tropics, offering a harmonious blend of environmental conservation and recreational opportunities. Spanning over 335 hectares, this ecological wonder serves as a sanctuary for birdwatchers, nature enthusiasts, and anyone seeking tranquility amidst lush surroundings.

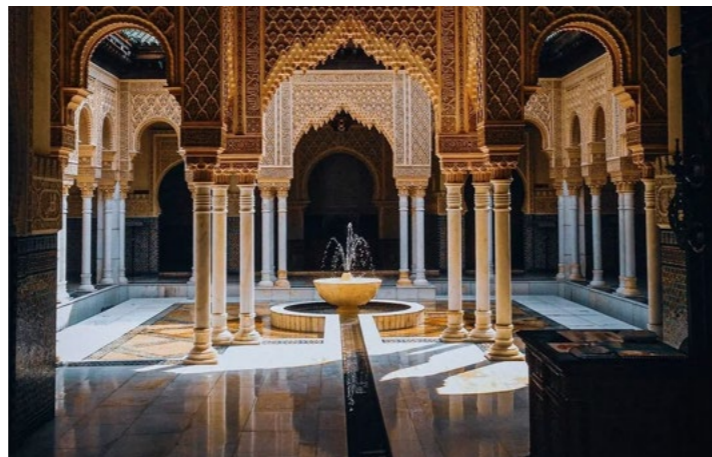
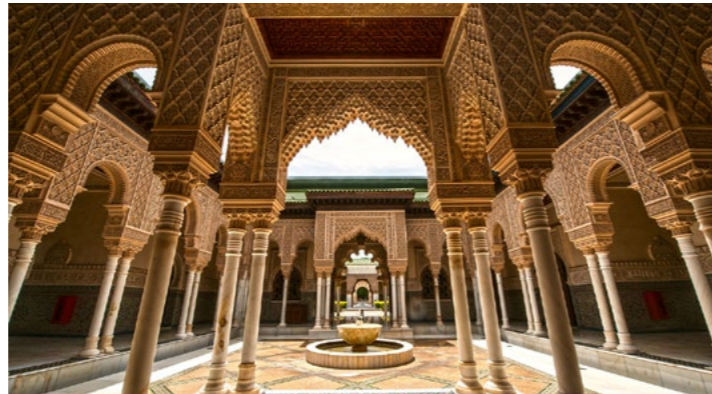
The park's extensive network of walking and cycling trails meanders through verdant landscapes, offering visitors the chance to explore its diverse ecosystems at their own pace. Lookout towers are strategically placed, providing panoramic views of the wetlands and opportunities to observe a variety of bird species in their natural habitats.



Moroccan Pavilion (Astaka Morocco)

Nestled within the lush, sprawling grounds of Putrajaya Botanical Garden, the Moroccan Pavilion is a hidden gem that effortlessly transports visitors into the heart of Morocco's rich architectural and cultural heritage. This stunning pavilion stands as a testament to the beauty of Moroccan craftsmanship, blending traditional designs with intricate, vibrant mosaics that evoke the charm and grandeur of North Africa.

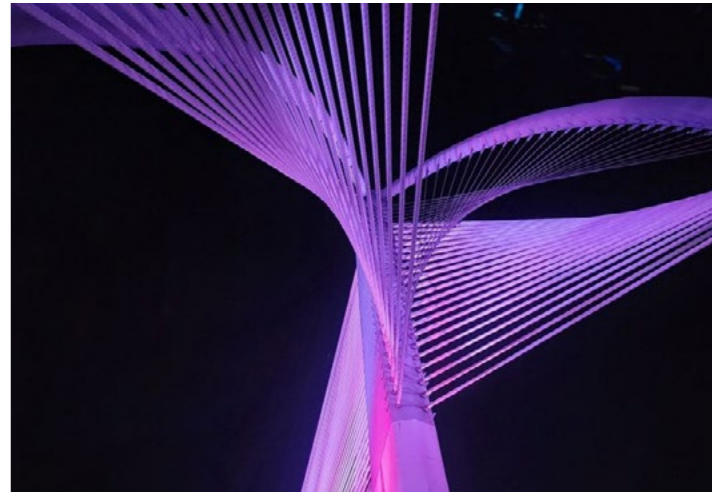
The pavilion's architectural features are meticulously crafted, with ornate arches, detailed tilework, and elaborately carved wooden doors that reflect Morocco's distinctive fusion of Arab, Berber, and European influences.



Seri Wawasan Bridge Night Lights

The Seri Wawasan Bridge, an iconic landmark in Putrajaya, is undoubtedly a marvel of modern engineering and design. While its architectural grandeur is impressive during the day, the bridge truly comes to life at night. As dusk falls, the Seri Wawasan Bridge is beautifully illuminated with a kaleidoscope of vibrant lights, casting its striking silhouette against the night sky. The lights reflect off the serene waters of the surrounding lake, creating a magical ambiance that is both peaceful and captivating.

The bridge's unique design, with its sweeping curves and cable-stayed structure, becomes even more pronounced in the soft glow of the lights, turning it into a dynamic visual masterpiece.



Cruise Tasik Putrajaya's Hidden Views

A cruise on Putrajaya Lake offers a serene and unique way to experience the city, allowing visitors to view its stunning architecture and lush landscapes from a refreshing vantage point. As the boat gently glides across the expansive lake, passengers are treated to sweeping views of the city's well-known landmarks, such as the Putra Mosque with its distinctive pink domes and graceful minarets, as well as the grand Putrajaya International Convention Centre and the Seri Wawasan Bridge.

The cruise offers a new perspective of these iconic structures, with their impressive reflections mirrored in the calm waters of the lake, creating a picturesque and peaceful scene.





Mesa on 51

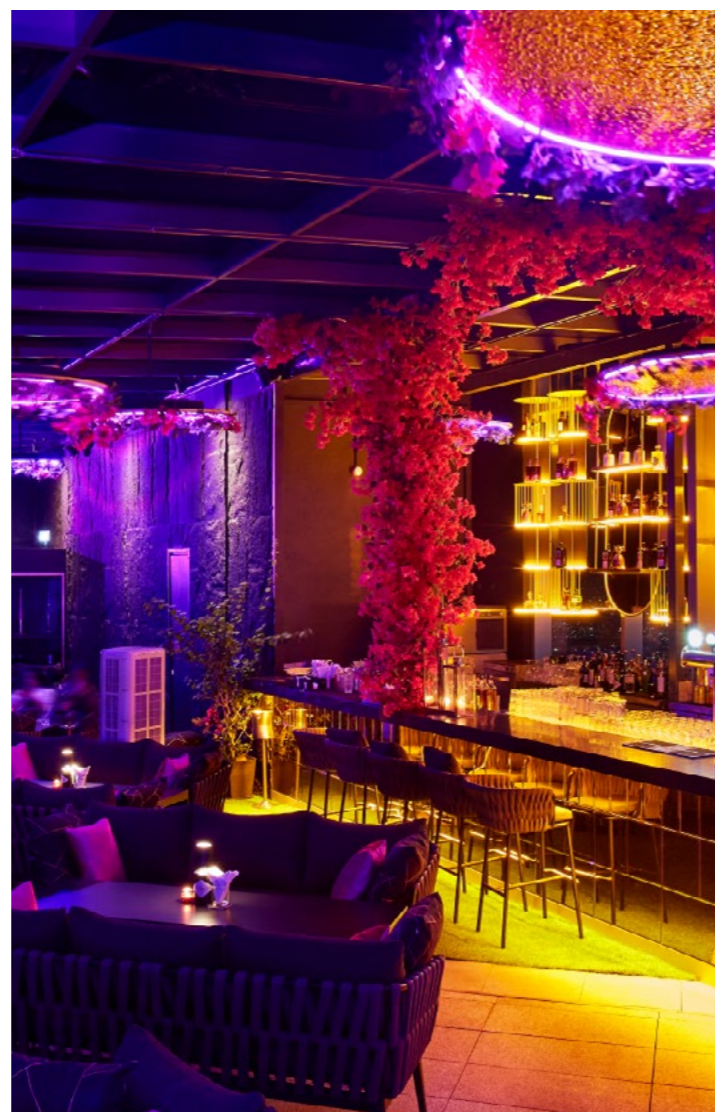
Mesa on 51 is a premier rooftop dining and entertainment venue located on the 51st floor of the Permata Sapura Tower in Kuala Lumpur. This establishment offers patrons a unique blend of Spanish cuisine, innovative cocktails, and panoramic views of the city's iconic landmarks, including the Petronas Twin Towers and KLCC Park.

The restaurant at Mesa on 51 specializes in authentic Spanish dishes, providing guests with a rich and flavorful dining experience. The menu features a variety of traditional tapas, paellas, and other Spanish delicacies, all crafted with high-quality ingredients to ensure an exceptional gastronomic journey.



Adjacent to the main dining area, the Nikkei Lounge offers a sophisticated setting where guests can enjoy a fusion of Japanese and Peruvian flavors. This lounge is equipped with state-of-the-art audio-visual light technology, creating an immersive atmosphere perfect for evening relaxation or social gatherings.

The Terrace Bar provides both covered and al fresco seating options, allowing guests to unwind while taking in the breathtaking cityscape. The bar serves a wide selection of bespoke cocktails, fine wines, and premium spirits, making it an ideal spot for both casual and special occasions.



Mesa on 51 boasts a contemporary design that seamlessly integrates with its upscale surroundings. The interior is thoughtfully curated to offer comfort and elegance, enhancing the overall dining and entertainment experience.

Mesa on 51 operates year-round, welcoming guests to indulge in its diverse offerings. Whether you're looking to enjoy a sumptuous meal, sip on expertly crafted cocktails, or simply take in the stunning views of Kuala Lumpur, Mesa on 51 provides a memorable setting for all occasions.

Mesa on 51, Level 51, Permata Sapura Tower, Lot 91, Jalan Pinang, Kuala Lumpur City Centre, 50088 KL, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur





Stylish Digs at Barra KL

Barra is a Spanish tapas restaurant located at the bustling heart of Kuala Lumpur's Chinatown, Petaling Street. Opened in April 2024, it offers an authentic Spanish dining experience under the culinary direction of Barcelona-born Chef Ignasi Prats



Culinary Offerings

Barra's menu highlights traditional Spanish tapas with a modern twist. Notable dishes include:



Surtido Barra, a platter of mixed cheeses and cold cuts, manchego, Camembert and blue cheeses, alongside salchichón, chorizo and Serrano ham, dried apricots and membrillo (quince jelly) are perfect for contrasting the savoury bites with a touch of sweetness, and crunchy regañás mix up the textures.



Leggy Pulpo, is sprawled across a black plate, nicely charred on the Mi Brasa grill. The grilled Atlantic octopus is springy to the touch but tender to the bite. It also comes with mashed potato. Tangy chimichurri and luscious saffron aioli are fun components to adjust the seasoning as you please.



Vieiras con Manchego y Jamon Iberico, placed on a bed of mashed potato and sandwiched by slices of Iberian ham. Fried leeks make a tasty garnish, but the Manchego sauce made with the iconic Spanish sheep's milk cheese and white wine is the true flavour booster.



Ambiance and Dining Experience

The restaurant creates a warm and inviting ambiance, seamlessly merging rustic charm with modern sophistication.

Its interior design pays homage to Spanish heritage, featuring intricately patterned traditional Spanish tiles that add vibrancy and character to the space.

Wooden furnishings enhance the rustic feel, providing a sense of comfort and authenticity, while ambient lighting casts a cozy glow, setting the perfect mood for a relaxed dining experience.

Living up to its name—"Barra," which translates to 'counter' in Spanish—the restaurant boasts a prominent counter-top dining setup.

This unique feature allows guests to immerse themselves in the culinary journey, offering an up-close view of the open kitchen where chefs skillfully prepare dishes.

The interactive element fosters a connection between diners and the culinary team, elevating the dining experience into a blend of great food, artistry, and hospitality.



Pincho De Beef Tartar, Black Angus tenderloin tartare is piled high on a thick rectangle of toasted brioche. Quail yolk cured in soya, piparra peppers, and olive oil caviar add to the decadence. Dijon and whole grain mustards, reduced balsamic, and sea salt are excellent companions for slicing through the dish's richness.



Meloso de Tenera, chunks of Australian Black Angus beef cheek are served over caramelised onion mashed potatoes. The beef has been braised, pulled a little, pressed into a block, and then cut like Legos for easy enjoyment. Shredded fried purple potato makes a textured crown.



The Black Truffle & Mushroom Croquetas, are a favourite with Malaysian guests. The crisp spheres hold a thick, pasty middle with black truffle aioli and aged cheese. They're cheesy and earthy and sit on a finely grated bed of Parmesan.



Torito

WHERE PERU MEETS JAPAN IN THE KUALA LUMPUR SKY

Perched on the 53rd floor of the prestigious Banyan Tree Kuala Lumpur, Torito Peruvian-Japanese Kitchen offers a unique culinary experience that marries two seemingly distant gastronomic traditions. The restaurant showcases the fascinating fusion of Peruvian and Japanese cuisines, known as Nikkei cuisine, while treating diners to breathtaking views of the Kuala Lumpur skyline.

The restaurant's elevated location provides an impressive backdrop for an equally impressive dining experience. Floor-to-ceiling windows frame panoramic views of the city, including the iconic Petronas Twin Towers, creating an atmosphere of understated luxury that complements the sophisticated menu.

Nikkei cuisine, born from the Japanese diaspora in Peru, represents over a century of cultural and culinary integration. At Torito, this heritage is celebrated through a menu that skillfully blends Peruvian ingredients and cooking techniques with Japanese precision and presentation. The restaurant's commitment to authenticity is evident in its carefully curated selection of dishes that honor both culinary traditions.

The restaurant is helmed by Lima-born Chef Ivan Casosol Rossi, who brings over 22 years of professional experience in Latin American cooking.



Signature dishes include:



Ceviche Clasico, Fresh local white fish marinated in 'leche de tigre' (tiger's milk), a citrus-based marinade with a hint of chili, reflecting traditional Peruvian flavors.



Acevichado Roll, A sushi roll featuring tender prawn topped with a creamy, spicy aji amarillo (yellow chili) acevichado sauce and crispy onion tempura, exemplifying the blend of Japanese techniques with Peruvian ingredients.



Arroz Con Pato, Duck leg and breast slow-cooked sous vide for 16 hours, served with coriander rice cooked in rendered duck fat, offering a rich and flavorful experience.



The Pan De Yuca, showcased the chef's baking expertise, honed from years of running a bakery with his wife in Mexico. This freshly baked bread, made with gluten-free cassava flour and stuffed with cheese, was served with a Peruvian chilli sauce.



Shucked



Invitingly bright and charmingly nautical, Shucked at The Gardens Mall draws us in with its beautiful display of fresh oysters and extensive menu of refined seafood. Lushly outfitted with spacious booths, warm wooden accents, rosy light and paintings depicting scenes at sea, Shucked evokes a leisurely afternoon at the marina. We couldn't wait to dive in.

Shucked at The Gardens Mall is an offshoot of Southern Rock Seafood, a longstanding player in the seafood industry in KL. Southern Rock Seafood began importing seafood in 2008 through direct sales to restaurants and upscale hotels. Shucked first opened in Publika in 2012, with a kiosk at The Gardens Mall opening in 2014.

The latest addition to their empire, the Shucked restaurant at The Gardens Mall, opened just before Christmas. With twelve outlets currently in existence and one flagship Southern Rock Seafood restaurant in Bangsar, it's no surprise that the group sells upwards of 12,000 air-flown oysters of the freshest quality weekly!



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THE TOP 5 INSTAGRAM BAKERS TAKING KLANG VALLEY BY STORM

In recent years, social media has transformed the way we discover and enjoy artisanal baked goods. The Klang Valley has seen an explosion of talented home bakers who have turned their Instagram accounts into thriving businesses. Here are five standout bakers who are currently making waves in the local culinary scene.

The Butter Project (@thebutterproject)



Founded by former corporate professional Ahmad Zaki, The Butter Project has redefined artisanal croissants in the Klang Valley. Operating from a cloud kitchen in Petaling Jaya, this baker has gained fame for combining traditional French techniques with Malaysian flavors.

Must-Try Items: Pandan gula melaka croissants, Kaya butter cruffins (Weekend-only sourdough donuts). Their creative take on familiar flavors has earned them a dedicated following of 75,000 subscribers and regular sell-out status within minutes of posting.

Grumpy Bagels



Grumpy Bagels, led by LSA100 awardee Claire Tan, has quickly become one of 2024's standout cafe openings. Nestled in a restored bungalow in Imbi, this cafe marries New York bagel traditions with Claire's personal travel inspirations.

Their signature bagels boast the perfect balance of crispness and chewiness, with the Matcha Mochi Red Bean Bagel standing out for its unique fusion of flavours. The Lox Bagel—stuffed with smoked salmon, onions, tomatoes, and scallion cream cheese—offers a classic option, served alongside crispy skin-on fries.

Noto Cafe & Bakery



Bringing Japanese charm to Subang Jaya, Noto Cafe & Bakery has quickly become a favourite for brunch lovers. With its Shokupan Toast, Hojicha Burnt Cheesecake, and Matcha Lattes, the cafe is a haven for those seeking authentic Japanese-inspired flavours.

The bakery's freshly baked goods, like the tomato danish and warm sourdough loaves, are must-tries for anyone craving a taste of comfort.

Unsalted Butter



Unsalted Butter brings the taste of Korea to Ara Damansara, specialising in Korean-style fruit cakes, fluffy scones, and artisanal gelato. Their Mille Crepe is a showstopper, featuring delicate layers that melt in your mouth. Pair it with a handcrafted drink for a perfect sweet treat to end your cafe journey.

Brella Bakehouse



Bryan and Ella are the owners of Brella Bakehouse, and if you have not already guessed, the name Brella is a combination of the couple's names. The husband-and-wife duo started experimenting with making their own sourdough and bagels during the lockdown when the world was trying to deal with the COVID pandemic. They went from home bakers to a pop-up store to finally a physical store now where they make and serve a variety of mains, hot food, pastries, and desserts.

The Bread Bar TTDI



The design elements within The Bread Bar illustrate just how much passion the team has for its bread. As a departure from the high-ceiling, light-filled rustic atmosphere of usual brunch spots, The Bread Bar has a distinctly modern feel. Custom bread-related design elements catch the eye. The art on the wall looks like air pockets within a loaf of bread. A pillar is also decorated with a detailed structure of what gluten looks like under a microscope.

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More New Airlines Flying to Malaysia in 2025

As growth in the aviation sector continues to reverberate globally, Malaysia Airports expects to see more new airlines, flight resumptions, increased frequencies and additional destinations in the coming months.

These also include the resumption of Kuwait Airways' four times-weekly flight to Kuala Lumpur (KUL) on Airbus A330-800neo in second half of the year which the airline last served until October 2023.

The other much anticipated return is British Airways' relaunch of its London Heathrow (LHR) to KUL on Boeing 787-9 service, starting 1 April 2025.

Malaysia Airports, which manages a network of 39 airports in the country, saw significant growth last year with 12 new airlines, 16 resumptions and 24 new destinations.

With 73 foreign carriers and six local ones, excluding freighters, operating flights to 138 international and 31 domestic destinations, the airport operator handled a total of 93.8 million passengers reaching 89.1% of pre-pandemic levels.

Of this, international traffic rose 28.4% YoY to 49.6 million passengers in 2024, representing 93.1% of 2019 figures despite challenges such as disruptions in maintenance, repair and overhaul services, while the domestic sector increased 2% YoY to 44.2 million passengers or 85.1% of pre-pandemic levels.

Malaysia Airports Managing Director Dato' Mohd Izani Ghani said, "The encouraging performance in 2024 highlights our collaborative efforts with airline partners, government agencies and the tourism industry in positioning Malaysia as a premier destination.

"The addition of new airlines and destinations reflects growing confidence in Malaysia as a hub for tourism and business travel. Looking ahead to 2025, we aim to further enhance connectivity with the introduction of more than 10 new airlines, focusing on key markets in Asia and Europe.

"This will help drive traffic growth as we prepare for Visit Malaysia 2026 (VM2026), reaffirming our commitment to connecting the nation to the world and delivering seamless travel experiences."

Meanwhile, extensive multi-phase transformation at its busiest international gateway, KL International Airport (KLIA), has been undertaken to enhance passenger comfort, modernise infrastructure and optimise operations.

New Aerotrains Undergo Intensive Testings

During a recent media tour to provide an in-depth overview and update on the Aerotrains project at this flagship airport, Dato' Mohd Izani stressed, "Passenger safety remains our utmost priority."

Also present during the tour were Malaysia Airports Chief Operating Officer, Gordon Andrew Stewart and Project Director Ir Bibi Sabrena Sakandar Khan, who gave a media briefing in the newly improved control room to provide insights into the system's sophisticated operations and monitoring processes.

There will be three sets of new aerotrains, with each set comprising three cars,

thus increasing its capacity from 90 to 270 persons. Two sets will be used for operations while the third will be for back-up.

Reaffirming the airport operator's commitment to passenger safety with comprehensive and intensive testing of the new Aerotrains, the target date set for the commencement of their full operation is in the second quarter of 2025.

Initially planned as a three-year Aerotrains project, which commenced in March 2022, it is now almost 84% completed and is in the final Testing and Commissioning (T&C) phase where it undergoes comprehensive verification against rigorous safety, operational and performance requirements.



Subject to the necessary approvals from the Land Public Transport Agency (APAD) and Ministry of Transport (MOT), the Aerotrains project has to undergo 80 critical tests, including the Static, Dynamic, Interface and System Integration Tests.

Under the final Testing and Commissioning phase from April 2025, comprehensive verification against rigorous safety, operational and performance requirements will be conducted.

The Fault Free Run Test requires the first Aerotrains to run for over 2,000 kilometres (km) without any failures, and subsequently for the other two Aerotrains to run for 1,000 km without any failures.

Mandatory trials and assessments to ensure the system operates seamlessly across all components and meets safety requirements will be conducted to boost convenience, efficiency and overall satisfaction for all travellers at KLIA.

A live train test was also conducted during the media tour to show firsthand the meticulous steps involved in validating and fine-tuning the Aerotrains system.

Among the new features of the Aerotrains is the onboard closed-circuit television linked to the main KLIA security system, seamless onboard communication system and real-time information feed.

"This project is critical to both Malaysia Airports and the country. It is in tandem with our goal to enhance passenger experience and elevate KLIA's reputation as we prepare for VM2026," Dato' Mohd Izani added.

Global Air Passenger Demand to Moderate in 2025 as Challenges Persist

With record high global air passenger demand of 10.4% achieved in 2024 and Asia Pacific (APAC) having the largest share of the pie at 33.5%, International Air Transport Association (IATA) expects travel demand to continue to grow in 2025, albeit at a moderated pace of 8% that is more aligned with historical averages.

IATA Director General Willie Walsh said the passenger demand growth reached last year compared to 2023 saw record numbers both domestically and internationally.

Domestic full-year passenger traffic for 2024 rose 5.7% compared to a year ago while capacity expanded by 2.5%. International passenger traffic in 2024, which saw growth in all regions, increased 13.6% year-on-year (YoY) while capacity rose 12.8%.

Walsh remarked, "Airlines met that strong demand with record efficiency. On average, 83.5% of all seats on offer were filled, a new record high, partially attributable to the supply chain constraints that limited capacity growth."

On the international passenger market performance in APAC, airlines posted a 26% rise in the full-year 2024 compared to 2023, maintaining the strongest YoY growth among the regions while capacity rose 24.7% and load factor (LF) climbed to 83.8%.

Despite this strong growth, IATA envisaged opportunities for further growth to be high as international revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) remain 8.7% below 2019 levels.

Newly released preliminary traffic figures for the full-year 2024 by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) on the strong growth posted for both international air passenger and cargo markets, showed airlines in this region carried a combined total of 365 million international passengers, up 30.5% from the previous year.

Increased flight frequencies alongside network expansions supported the solid growth in travel demand while robust e-commerce activities and persistent disruptions to maritime shipping led to higher air cargo volumes.

Subhas Menon, AAPA Director General said, "The post-pandemic recovery on Northeast Asian routes, helped by the relaxation of visa policies, together with overall healthy demand across the region, drove growth in both leisure and business travel markets.

"Consequently, the region's carriers achieved a record-high international passenger LF of 81.6% in 2024 amidst capacity constraints stemming from ongoing supply chain shortages and delays in aircraft deliveries."



Second Route by Lucky Air from Dali to Kuala Lumpur

Lucky Air's (8L) launched its maiden flight connecting Dali (DLU) in China to KL International Airport (KUL) Terminal 2 on 10 January 2025, offering twice-weekly services on Mondays and Fridays using the Boeing 737-700 aircraft.

The duration of its first international direct air route from DLU, southwest of the Yunnan Province was estimated at 3.5 hours.

Currently, there are 321 weekly flights connecting southern China and Malaysia, of which 33 are from Yunnan, with the growing connectivity between the two countries facilitating cooperation in areas such as the economy and education, according to Muhamad Akmal, the Consul-General of Malaysia in Kunming.

The Chinese low-cost carrier's inaugural flight to KUL was welcomed by Nuwal Fadhilah Ku Azmi, Tourism Malaysia Director of International Promotion Division for Asia/

Africa as well as representatives from Malaysia Airports and Pos Aviation, the ground handling partner for Lucky Air.

This is the second route offered by 8L, which operated once a week charter flights from Lijiang (LJG) to KUL for two months from September 2024.

As part of its international route expansion, the Kunming-based airline will be launching non-stop bi-weekly flights from DLU to Hanoi (HAN) in Vietnam on 23 February 2025, also using B737-700.

Vietnam's capital city, ranked seventh on Tripadvisor's 2025 world's top destinations as part of its Travelers' Choice Awards this year, also came up second place among the world's culture destinations.

8L is part of the Hainan Airlines Group.

For more information, visit www.luckyair.net



Vietnam Airlines Ranked 22nd Among World's Safest Airlines in 2025

Airline Ratings' recognition of Vietnam Airlines (VN) as one of the top 25 safest airlines in the world for 2025 makes it the only full-service airline in Vietnam to be on this list alongside other leading airlines.

Besides bolstering VN's global reputation, the ranking by the aviation safety and product rating website also enhances passenger trust in the airline.

"VN has not had a fatal accident in 27 years, nor have they had any serious incidents.

The airline operates a fleet of 100 modern aircraft, with an average age of under 10 years, and has passed the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) Operational Safety Audits (IOSA) certification without fail since 2006.

SHARON PETERSEN
Chief Executive Officer
of Airline Ratings

Airline Ratings' ranking is based on stringent criteria, including serious incidents over the past two years, aircraft age, fleet size, incident rates, profitability, IOSA certification, and pilot training.

VN, which successfully implemented a Safety Management System since 2007, has the Civil Aviation Authority of Vietnam's approval. This is viewed as a model for other domestic airlines in Vietnam to follow.

During the IATA World Safety and Operations Conference in 2023 hosted by VN, the airline signed IATA's Safety

Leadership Charter, further contributing to the ongoing evolution of its safety culture.

The airline also uses cutting-edge technologies to enhance safety and operational efficiency. In terms of operational safety, VN achieved an Innovative Safety Culture Rating of 6.2/7.

It is also first and only Vietnamese airline to receive the Federal Aviation Administration's approval to operate scheduled flights to the United States, having successfully passed its stringent safety examination in 2022.

Vietnam's national flag carrier remains at the forefront of investing in state-of-the-art aircraft, including the Boeing 787, Airbus A350 and A321neo.

VN will also be investing in 50 narrow-body aircraft to develop VN's domestic and regional flight network, enhance competitiveness, improve business efficiency, and ensure sustainable development goals.

This is in line with the strategic vision for VN during the recovery and sustainable development phase, according to the airline's newly released 2024 Report on Corporate Governance where its board of directors identified key investment projects for 2024-2025.

These include aircraft investment and airport service infrastructure at Long Thanh International Airport as well as projects that will boost innovation capacity, digital transformation, customer experience, an improve safety and security management.

For more information, call **+603-2031 1666** or visit www.vietnamairlines.com



Award-winning flydubai's New Business Lounge

Dubai-based carrier, flydubai (FZ), was recognised at the ninth Aviation Innovation Awards for Exceptional Products and Services Innovation in the airline Industry category as well as for Innovative Collaborations and Partnerships in the air cargo and logistics category.



Launched in 2012, FZ Cargo's global operation spans over 150 destinations in 53 countries, with shipments transferred from one cargo flight to another in as little as one hour from arriving in Dubai. flydubai Cargo has continued to enhance its cargo capabilities through its partnerships.

Mohamed Hassan, FZ Senior Vice President of Airport Services and Cargo said, "Through strengthening our partnerships and investing in the latest technologies, we will continue to grow our cargo operational reach and reaffirm Dubai's position as a leading international aviation hub."

Committed to enhancing its customer experience, FZ recently unveiled a 900 sq m business class lounge, following the opening of a check-in facility for business class passengers in October 2024.

Located after the passport control and security lanes at Dubai International's Terminal 2 Departure area, customers can look forward to dining options, ranging from international buffet to à la carte dishes at the new lounge, which also has shower facilities and a prayer room.

Other amenities include complimentary Wifi, workstations and multiple charging stations.

Additionally, this modern lounge features a glass facade offering uninterrupted tarmac views and inviting natural light.

Mohamed Hassan said the lounge and boarding gate provide added convenience to its passengers looking for a more personalised and efficient travel experience, be it for business or leisure travel.

Emirates' (EK) Skywards members can also enjoy select benefits of this lounge depending on their membership tier. Both EK and FZ are airlines owned by the Dubai government.

For more information, visit www.flydubai.com



The All-New Batik Air Club

Batik Air Malaysia's (OD) new frequent flyer programme, Batik Air Club, formerly known as Malindo Miles, has been completely reimagined, revealing a refreshed reward system aligned with its new identity.

Offering broader coverage for earning and redeeming points for free flights with OD and other airlines within the Lion Air Group, the points are rewarded based on the fare class booked starting from value fares. The bookings, however, must be made directly via OD website.

Additionally, Batik Air Club members can turn their shopping indulgences into points using its partner banks' credit cards to redeem for free flights.

Other privileges include up to 25% extra points, priority access and exclusive promotions benefits.

The members' existing Malindo Miles points will be converted into Batik Air Club points.

Every 1,000 Malindo Miles equivalent to 10 Batik Air Club points.

The redemption value of one Batik Air Club point is one Ringggit Malaysia.

The members can enjoy up to 100% higher redemption value depending on the fare class they booked.

Meanwhile, following OD's recent announcement of upcoming launches to Beijing (PKK) and Changsha (CSX) in China in March 2025, the airline will be introducing another new direct route between Kuala Lumpur (KUL) and Xiamen (XMN) to further enhanced connectivity between Malaysia and China.

Starting 11 April 2025, this new four-times weekly service using the Boeing 737 aircraft will be its ninth destination in China.

XMN, a major economic hub and key player in international trade, serves as a gateway for business and tourism between China and the rest of the world.

OD Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Chandran Rama Muthy said as China's economic growth continues to thrive with a projected gross domestic product growth rate of 4.5% in 2025, the demand for international travel and connectivity has increased, making this new route a valuable asset for fostering greater business and tourism flows between the two countries.

Malaysian citizens can enjoy visa-free entry to China for up to 30 days while Chinese citizens also benefit from visa-free access to Malaysia for the same duration.

For more information, visit www.batikair.com.my



Guinness World Records' Title for Turkish Airlines

Turkish Airlines (TK), which has held the title for the most countries flown to by an airline in the world since 2012, was recognised yet again as the record holder by Guinness World Record.

Turkiye's national flag carrier was presented the certificate at Santiago Arturo Merino Benítez International Airport after TK's inaugural flight to Chile in December 2024.

Based on Guinness World Records' evaluation criteria, TK set the record with flights to 120 countries, reflecting its active routes over a 12-month period.

The Star Alliance member set has a 30-country lead over its closest competitor in this hard-to-break record.

TK Chief Executive Officer Bilal Ekşi said, "As the only airline to hold this distinction for over a decade, we proudly

showcase the strength of our flight network and reinforce our mission to connect people, cultures, and destinations around the globe."

Despite the airlines' temporarily suspended routes and inaugural flight to Chile, TK's network now spans 131 countries.

It recently resumed its thrice weekly flights to Damascus, Syria's capital, which were first started on February 1984 and suspended since April 2012.

This followed after its three times a week flight resumption to Benghazi, Libya's second largest city using the Boeing 737-78D aircraft on 14 January 2025.

For more information, call **+603-2053 1899** or visit **www.turkishairlines.com**



Singapore Airlines Earns Recognitions in Fortune's 2025 World's Most Admired Companies

Singapore's flag carrier, Singapore Airlines (SQ), has received several titles in Fortune's 27th edition of the World's Most Admired Companies (WMAC) 2025.

According to the business magazine, SQ is the best airline in Asia, the second best in the world and the 28th most admired company globally.

As the second highest ranked Asian company and second highest employer in this part of the world after Toyota, the airline has consistently made it onto Fortune's list for 23 years, improving its position from 29 last year to 28 in 2025.

The WMAC rankings are evaluated by consulting firm, Korn Ferry, with Fortune, analysing 650 companies from more than 50 industries with representation from the United States, Europe and Asia Pacific.

Over 3,300 executives participated in the survey, in which companies were assessed on nine attributes, including management quality, innovation and global competitiveness.

Laura Manson-Smith, Korn Ferry's global leader of organisation strategy consulting said, "The WMAC do not earn their ranking through financial results alone.

"They also get there through the reputation of their leadership, their ability to attract and retain top talent, and a strong culture."

One of the key factors contributing to SQ's move to the top spot in the airline industry rankings this year from second place in 2024 is its focus on customer service.

SQ is also known for its hospitality, well-designed cabins and in-flight experience, which have earned it multiple accolades, including World's Best International Airline and World's Best Cabin Crew Staff.

For more information, visit **www.singaporeair.com**



2024 Putra Brand Awards Recognition for Malaysia Airlines and Firefly

Malaysia Airlines (MH) recently received the coveted Platinum Award in the Transportation, Travel & Tourism category in the 2024 Putra Brand Awards, a significant leap from its Bronze win the previous year.

On the other hand, its sister company Firefly (FY) under Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG) Berhad, secured the Bronze Award, underscoring the Group's collective dedication to delivering superior service for its customers.

Endorsed by the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation and supported by various associations, the Putra Brand Awards use consumer research to determine the country's most preferred brands across multiple categories from Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze honours.

Meanwhile, MH was accorded the Airline of the Year at the Voyage Awards in China, further solidifying its brand and commercial presence in this key market.

"In celebration of these achievements, we are expressing our gratitude with an exclusive offer of up to 15% off at malaysiaairlines.com, using the code THANK YOU

DATUK CAPTAIN IZHAM ISMAIL
Group Managing Director of Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG)

In line with its ongoing commitment to enhancing passenger experience, MH recently extended its complimentary Wi-Fi on selected narrowbody aircraft, with three out of six its Boeing 737-8 equipped with this service.

Plans are afoot to activate the six aircraft by February 2025 following the successful introduction of free Wi-Fi for all passengers on selected widebody aircraft in November 2023.

MH and Firefly were the official airline partners at the ASEAN Travel Exchange (TRAVEX) from 15 to 18 January 2025 held at the Persada Johor International Convention Centre.

As a key component of the ASEAN Tourism Forum 2025, TRAVEX served as a business platform connecting ASEAN buyers and sellers, showcasing a diverse range of destination products and services.

At the TRAVEX luncheon by MAG for hosted buyers and media on 15 January Nur Hayati Aziz Rashid, Senior Manager of the Regional Sales Central (Malaysia and ASEAN) updated the audience on the Group's three focused business portfolios, namely Airlines, Loyalty and Travel Services, and Aviation Services.



To encourage travellers to rediscover the joy of exploration, immerse themselves in diverse cultures, and create unforgettable experiences, MH recently launched its global Time For marketing campaign, inviting travellers to make 2025 a year of memorable journeys to its network of over 60 destinations.

This campaign saw Malaysia's national carrier having activations such as tram wraps in Melbourne, Australia as well as taxi and bus branding in the United Kingdom. These efforts are aligned with Visit Malaysia 2026, showcasing the country's vibrant appeal to international audiences.

For more information, visit **www.malaysiaairlines.com**



Soaring Success for oneworld and Its Members

Celebrating oneworld's 25th anniversary in 2024, the alliance's winning streak at the end of the year saw it amassing a number of accolades, with its latest win being Best Airline Alliance for the 15th consecutive year based solely on Global Traveler (GT) readers' votes.

Reinforcing further oneworld's position as the most preferred alliance among frequent flyers, this accolade was announced at the 21st annual GT Tested Reader Survey Awards, which honour airlines, hotels, loyalty programmes and travel-related products.

oneworld member airlines received a combined total of eight awards. British Airways (BA), won the Best Trans-Atlantic Airline title while fellow oneworld founding member, Cathay Pacific (CX), clinched the Best Airline for International First Class and Best Airline for Business Class Seat Design trophies.

Additionally, CX was named the Best Trans-Pacific Airline for the second consecutive year while Japan Airlines (JL) bagged the award for Best Airline to Japan for the fourth year running besides being crowned the Fastest Growing Airline, Trans-Pacific.

Doha-based Qatar Airways (QR) was also awarded Best Airline Cabin Cleanliness while Royal Air Maroc took the Best Airline in Africa title for the second year in a row.

Maria McKinnon, oneworld's Head of Global Brand, Marketing and Loyalty said, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the over 500 million customers who

choose to fly with oneworld member airlines annually as we owe our success to them."

Other leading travel magazines - Business Traveler United States of America and Business Traveller United Kingdom (UK) - also recognised oneworld as the Best Airline Alliance for the ninth year and 12th consecutive year respectively.

The 35th Business Traveler North America Award saw several oneworld members receiving a combined five awards across four airlines.

They include BA's Executive Club, which was named as the Best Frequent Flyer Programme while QR's Qsuite clinched the Best Business Class award.

These two alliance members also took home seven top awards at the Business Traveller UK's ceremony in London, with QR securing four wins for Best Long-Haul Airline, Best Business Class, Best Middle Eastern Airline and Best Inflight Food and Beverage.

UK-based flag carrier, BA, was recognised as the Best Short-Haul Carrier, Best Frequent Flyer Programme while its iconic first-class lounge, The Concorde Room in Heathrow Terminal 5, was named the Best Airport Lounge.

oneworld brings together 13 world-class airlines and more than 20 affiliates.

For more information, visit www.oneworld.com



Largest International New Lounge by Emirates at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport

Emirates' (EK) newly relocated and refurbished lounge located on the fourth floor of Suvarnabhumi Airport's (BKK) Satellite 1 Terminal in Bangkok, Thailand sets a new standard for premium travel, offering its customers an enhanced ground experience that matches the sophistication of their journey.

Covering 1,454 square metres, the US\$5 million expanded the lounge can hold 250 guests, comfortably accommodating all premium passengers travelling on two simultaneous Airbus A380 departures.

As the largest international lounge beyond EK's Dubai hub, the airline's first and business class passengers as well as Skywards members with paid access to the lounge can enjoy pre-flight rest and relaxation amidst upscale furnishings, international cuisine and a serene ambience.

With amenities that include shower spas and complimentary Wifi, the new lounge is a five-minute walk to the boarding gates, conveniently located for customers flying on EK's six daily flights from BKK.

The airline, which operates 41 airport lounges worldwide, including seven at Dubai International Airport, also offers eligible customers access to partner lounges in select destinations.

Celebrating 35 years of service to Thailand this year, EK remains committed to growing tourism and business to its key Southeast Asian travel hub in Bangkok, which is the airline's second largest destination with over 870 daily first and business class seats.

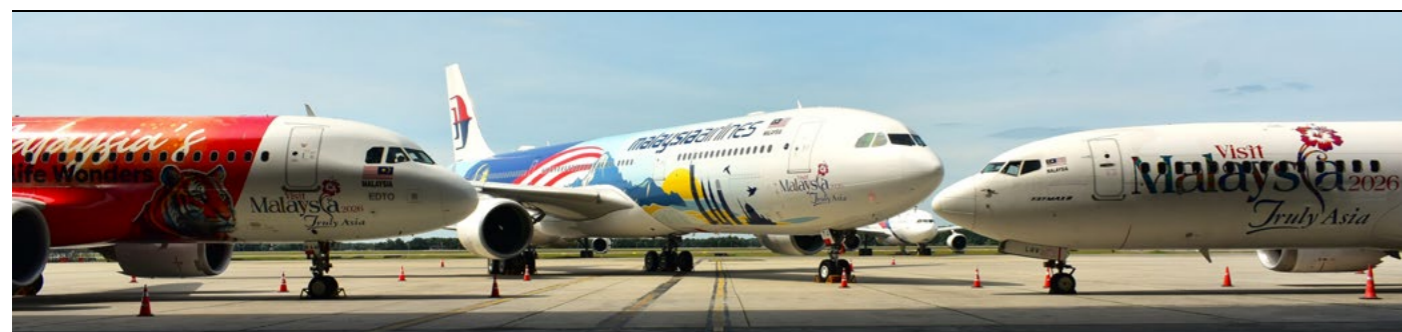


EK's extensive premium seat capacity reinforces its position as the leading foreign airline for luxury travel to and from Bangkok. Its first and business class passengers enjoy door-to-door complimentary chauffeur-driven service within a 60-km radius from BKK, along with exclusive check-in counters.

On EK's Airbus A380 aircraft, the premium experience includes the its signature onboard lounge, private first class suites and shower spa.

Travellers flying on its A380 and Boeing 777 also enjoy the airline's award-winning entertainment system, ice, featuring over 6,500 channels of on-demand entertainment.

For more information, visit www.emirates.com



Airlines' United Front in Promoting Visit Malaysia 2026

Malaysia's highly anticipated Visit Malaysia 2026 (VM2026) campaign launch at Hangar 6 of the MAB Engineering Complex in Sepang, Selangor on 6 January 2025 saw the unveiling of the campaign's logo on the aircraft of Malaysia Airlines (MH), Batik Air Malaysia (OD) and AirAsia (AK).

This marks a united front in promoting the sustainability of the country's tourism industry in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals besides building up the excitement for the VM2026 campaign.

The four themes identified in the campaign are ecotourism and sustainability, modern attractions and innovations, cultural heritage and diversity, and the strength of collaborations and partnerships.

Prime Minister Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who officiated the event, described the VM2026 logo as a symbol of Malaysia's renewed commitment to becoming a premier global tourism destination.

The creatively designed logo highlights the stylised hibiscus national flower and embraces the endearing Malaysia, Truly Asia tagline that captures the country's diverse ethnicities and vibrant cultures.

The VM2026 campaign launch also showcased the different aircraft livery, premiered the official theme song and introduced the endangered Malayan Sun Bear as

its mascots, with the male gender known as Wira and the female called Manja.

Both wear an appealing batik-themed attire. Also known as honey bears, they not only draw attention to Malaysia's culturally rich artistry but also its wildlife conservation efforts.

A key component of the VM2026 campaign, the evocative theme song, entitled Surreal Experiences, captures the essence of Malaysia's enchanting offerings.

The launch event also named its 10 key strategic partners: AirAsia, Batik Air Malaysia Huawei, Malaysia Airports, Malaysia Aviation Group Berhad, Malaysian Association of Hotels, Malaysian Association of Tour and Travel Agents, Marriott International, Mastercard and Shangri-La Kuala Lumpur.

These partnerships aim to enhance connectivity, expand marketing campaigns and deliver exceptional visitor experiences via innovative technologies as well as seamless travel experiences and exclusive promotions.

VM2026 targets to welcome 35.6 million international tourists and generate RM147.1 billion in tourism receipts, up from its 2025 targets of 31.4 million tourist arrivals and RM125.5 billion in receipts.

Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Dato Sri Tiong King Sing said Malaysia received 25 million international



tourists in 2024, representing a 24.2% increase from the 20.1 million tourists received in 2023.

Malaysia's top source market in 2024 was Singapore with 9.1 million tourist arrivals, followed by Indonesia (3.65 million), China (3.29 million), Thailand (1.64 million) and Brunei (1.14 million).

Realignment of Tourism Malaysia's Strategic Directions

Shahrin Mokhtar, Tourism Malaysia Senior Director of Strategic Planning, in an Engagement Session with tourism industry players from the Central Region held on 9 January 2025 said the agency's strategies have been realigned. Under Strategy 1, it would be revisiting the markets' prioritisation.

“ We will reevaluate and restructure Vietnam, South Korea and the Gulf Cooperation Council markets as priorities for 2025 and 2026 due to the current unfavourable trends.

Additionally, we will consider growing Central Asia in view of direct flight accessibility from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan as top source markets besides looking at Russia and France.

SHAHNIN MOKHTAR

Senior Director of Strategic Planning of Tourism Malaysia

Turkmenistan Airlines (T5) operates twice-weekly flights from Kuala Lumpur (KUL) to Ashgabat (ASB), providing connections to destinations such as Milan, Frankfurt, London Gatwick, Istanbul, Moscow and Jeddah.

Uzbekistan Airways (HY), which codeshares with MH operates direct flights to Tashkent (TAS) while AirAsia X (D7) has four times a week direct flights to Almaty (ALA) in Kazakhstan.

MH, on the other hand, is mounting four-weekly direct flights from KUL to Paris (CDG) from 22 March 2025, marking a key milestone in the airline's European expansion.

Under Strategy 2, Shahrin said Tourism Malaysia would reconsider the neighbouring countries, namely Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand and Brunei as main source markets where major advertising and promotion are required to be invested to rejuvenate these markets as their arrivals are not back to pre-pandemic levels.

Furthermore, the excursionist arrivals from these four countries are growing by leaps and bounds to Malaysia.

Under Strategy 3, in maximising arrivals via land and sea, he said plans are afoot to convert Singapore excursionists to tourists by promoting events such as concerts, midnight and year-end sales besides working with hotels to offer 10 pm to 10 am weekday stays.

“Strategy 4 will focus on increasing air connectivity and doing lean period promotions to fill up capacity in markets such as Indonesia, China, India and Australia. international flights and charters (GSPC) with airlines to

boost air connectivity's capacity and growth,” he added.

Currently, there are a total of 246 weekly flights from Northern (68), Central (27) and Southern (151) India to Malaysia with combined 45,741 seats. Of the over one million Indian tourist arrivals to Malaysia in 2024, Southern India accounted for more than 50% of the numbers.

As part of its VM2026 roadshow, Tourism Malaysia launched a sales mission in India, covering Hyderabad, Bengaluru, and Kochi from 3 to 7 February 2025. The agency is targeting 1.6 million Indian tourist arrivals this year.

During the Engagement Session, Mohd Amirul Rizal Abdul Rahim, Head of the VM2026 Secretariat and Senior Director of Advertising & Digital Division, in his Unveiling Surreal Experiences: Inspiring Journeys Towards VM2026 presentation highlighted the three pillars of VM2026.

They include increasing tourist arrivals by converting short visits into extended length of stays and encouraging higher spending by promoting niche tourism segments.

Nuwal Fadhilah Ku Azmi, Director of International Promotion Division (Asia/Africa), who spoke on GSPC, said the objectives of this matching grant for airlines and charter flights aim to promote Malaysia as the top-of-mind tourist destination, meet the targets set for tourist arrivals and receipts, and sustain the continuity of existing routes to the country, among other things.

Through its collaboration with both local and foreign airlines as well as travel agencies, Nawal Fadhilah hopes to create more charter flights to Malaysia, promote the country as a choice destination through the new routes besides increasing accessibility and flight frequencies.

The Engagement Session also saw certificates of collaboration presented to 39 strategic partners from tourism associations, transportation companies to local media organisations.





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Southeast Asian Skin Issues?

LATEST SKINCARE BRAND ETHEORY TO THE RESCUE

The Asian beauty industry has seen a new entrant with etheory, a Malaysian skincare brand founded by entrepreneur Elise Tan. The brand emerged from Tan's vision to create skincare products that specifically address the unique challenges faced by Asian skin in tropical climates, while incorporating both traditional Asian ingredients and modern skincare science.

What sets etheory apart is its focus on heat-stable formulations that maintain their efficacy in Southeast Asia's humid climate. The brand's research and development team, based in Kuala Lumpur, has worked to develop products that remain stable at high temperatures without compromising their active ingredients' effectiveness.

The brand's core philosophy centers on what they call "adaptive skincare" – products that respond to individual skin conditions and environmental factors. Their flagship product line includes serums and moisturizers that utilize ingredients native to Southeast Asia, such as mangosteen extract and calamansi, combined with proven active ingredients like niacinamide and peptides.

Tan's background in pharmaceutical sciences influenced etheory's approach to formulation, emphasizing clinical testing and scientific validation of their products. The brand has gained attention for its transparent approach to ingredients and manufacturing processes, with each product featuring detailed information about its development and testing phases.

Since its launch, etheory has expanded beyond Malaysia to neighboring markets including Singapore, Thailand, and Indonesia. The brand has particularly resonated with young urban professionals who appreciate its science-based approach to skincare while valuing its incorporation of Asian beauty traditions.



New Arrivals Alert

FASHION MUST-HAVES



Kenzo's Tiger Meets the Snake in Regal Lunar New Year Collection

The Nigo-led Parisian label Kenzo has unveiled its celebratory Lunar New Year collection, a solide range of accessories and apparel including subtly luxe basics and artful graphics blendingsSnake motifs with the brand's icons.

Offered for both men and women, the collection includes t-shirts, knitted sweaters and cardigans, sweatshirts, joggers, jewelry and a scarf.



Kith Hits the Ice With the New York Rangers

Kith has never shied away from wearing its New York City pride on its sleeve, routinely repping the city's sports teams in clean, collaborative apparel capsules. One of the outfitter's most anticipated link-ups – which just celebrated its third anniversary back in November – is its Kith Night for the New York Knicks: an annual collaboration with the team in the form of both an apparel delivery and the Kith Night at Madison Square Garden basketball game.



Prada Redefines Sustainable Luxury with its 2025 Re-Nylon Collection

Prada continues to redefine sustainable luxury with the release of its 2025 Re-Nylon Collection, an ambitious initiative that transforms plastic waste from oceans and landfills into regenerated nylon. This collection is a shining example of Prada's unwavering commitment to environmental responsibility and innovation.

In collaboration with National Geographic CreativeWorks, Prada has unveiled its third series of films highlighting the origins and impact of the Re-Nylon initiative.



Palace x Carhartt WIP

Palace reunites with Carhartt WIP for their final collaboration of 2024, delivering a 13-piece collection centered around durable Cordura® fabric and vibrant winter-ready designs. The lineup features heavy-duty jackets, workwear pants, mid-layers, and standout pieces like the Ranger Jacket and OG Chore Coat. Co-branded embroidery and archival Palace graphics adorn hoodies, tees, and accessories, including the Payton Tote Bag and Austin Trucker Cap. The collection drops on December 27 in the UK, EU, and US, followed by Japan, South Korea, and China on December 28.



Men's Must-Haves

THIS SEASON'S HOTPICKS



AMIRI
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RM 3,116



Jordan
Air Jordan 5 Retro OG "Metallic Reimagined" sneakers
RM 1,698



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Jil Sander
50mm studded mules
RM 6,381



AMI Paris
Suede shirt jacket
RM 5,832



Polo Ralph Lauren
Polo Bear Lunar New Year sweater
RM 1,209



Jacquemus
Faux fur jacket
RM 4,148



Balmain
Ribbed mini dress
RM 8,164



Maison Margiela
Vintage effect cardigan
RM 4,053



Stone Island
Padded jacket
RM 2,866



Versace
Heritage tweed peacoat
RM 7,469



ISABEL MARANT
Eriana reversible leather jacket
RM 1,747

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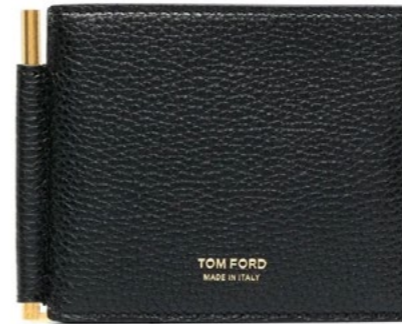
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RM 6,540



Prada
Enamel triangle logo wallet-on-chain
RM 6,579



Gucci Eyewear
Geometric-frame sunglasses
RM 1,282

Speed, Style, and Innovation

5 SUPERCARS TO ANTICIPATE IN 2025



Ferrari SF90 XX Stradale

Ferrari takes the already breathtaking SF90 to new heights with the XX Stradale. Designed for track enthusiasts who crave precision and adrenaline, this car blends advanced aerodynamics with staggering power.

Key Highlights:

- Hybrid V8 engine delivering over 1,000 horsepower.
- Aggressive bodywork for enhanced downforce.
- Limited production, ensuring exclusivity.

Why It Stands Out: The XX Stradale bridges the gap between race cars and road-legal performance.



McLaren Solus GT

The McLaren Solus GT is a single-seat, track-focused hypercar born from the brand's racing expertise. Its futuristic design and uncompromising performance make it a collector's dream.

Key Highlights:

- Naturally aspirated 5.2-liter V10 engine producing 829 horsepower.
- Monocoque construction for lightweight rigidity.
- Designed to deliver a Formula 1-like driving experience.

Why It Stands Out: This is McLaren's most radical creation yet, crafted exclusively for the track.

Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 RS Spyder

Porsche expands its GT4 RS lineup with a Spyder variant, offering open-top thrills combined with race-inspired performance.

Key Highlights:

- 4.0-liter naturally aspirated flat-six engine producing 493 horsepower.
- Lightweight construction with an emphasis on balance.
- Adjustable aerodynamics for optimal track performance.

Why It Stands Out: It's a rare blend of Porsche's motorsport pedigree and wind-in-your-hair excitement.



Lamborghini Revuelto

Lamborghini's latest flagship replaces the iconic Aventador, marking a bold step into the future with a hybridized powertrain. The Revuelto promises outrageous styling and performance synonymous with the brand.

Key Highlights:

- 6.5-liter V12 engine paired with electric motors for a combined 1,015 horsepower.
- Revolutionary Y-shaped LED lighting design.
- Next-gen all-wheel drive for superior handling.

Why It Stands Out: A V12 hybrid that stays true to Lamborghini's raw, visceral driving experience.



Koenigsegg Gemera

The world's first "mega GT," the Koenigsegg Gemera combines family practicality with supercar-level performance.

Key Highlights:

- Twin-turbo three-cylinder engine paired with electric motors for 1,700 horsepower.
- Luxurious interior with advanced infotainment.

Why It Stands Out: A supercar that doesn't compromise on comfort or space—perfect for speed-loving families.

The Pinnacle of Luxe Travel in Asia

UNVEILING EXCLUSIVE DESTINATIONS AND EXPERIENCES

Asia, the land of contrasts, offers a tapestry of experiences for those who seek the finer things in life. Amidst its bustling metropolises, there exist sanctuaries of opulence, where travelers can immerse themselves in unparalleled luxury, indulgent hospitality, and world-class amenities. For discerning travelers, these cities serve as gateways to indulgence, blending cultural richness with contemporary elegance.



One cannot begin a journey of opulent city escapes in Asia without mentioning Hong Kong. This glittering metropolis, known for its iconic skyline and vibrant energy, is a haven for luxury travelers. At the heart of Hong Kong's opulence is The Upper House, a hotel that redefines modern luxury. Perched above the city, its minimalist design by architect Andre Fu exudes sophistication. With panoramic views of Victoria Harbour, bespoke dining experiences, and impeccable service, The Upper House provides a serene retreat amidst the city's hustle and bustle. Whether enjoying a sunset cocktail at its renowned bar or dining at the Michelin-starred restaurants nearby, Hong Kong's offerings cater to the most refined tastes.

Singapore, often described as the crown jewel of Southeast Asia, is a city that seamlessly merges tradition and modernity. Its luxury scene is epitomized by Marina Bay Sands, a destination in itself. With its futuristic architecture and the world's largest rooftop infinity pool, the hotel offers a vantage point like no other. Guests can indulge in shopping at The Shoppes, home to flagship stores of global luxury brands, or dine at celebrity chef restaurants like CUT by Wolfgang Puck. For a more intimate experience, Raffles Singapore, an icon of colonial charm, offers a contrasting yet equally luxurious stay. Known as the birthplace of the Singapore Sling, this legendary hotel combines timeless elegance with modern comforts, offering bespoke experiences that celebrate the city's rich heritage.



In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, opulence takes on a unique flavor. The city, a melting pot of cultures, combines rich heritage with modernity. The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur epitomizes this blend. Situated in the city's vibrant Sentral district, the hotel boasts some of the largest guest rooms in the city, adorned with handpicked art pieces and exquisite chandeliers. Its butler service, a hallmark of the St. Regis brand, ensures every need is met with precision and care. For culinary enthusiasts, the hotel's gastronomic offerings range from refined Japanese cuisine to innovative takes on Malaysian classics. Beyond the hotel, Kuala Lumpur's luxury malls, such as Pavilion KL and Suria KLCC, offer a shopper's paradise, while exclusive private tours of landmarks like the iconic Petronas Twin Towers provide an intimate glimpse into the city's grandeur.



Tokyo, Japan's bustling capital, offers a different dimension of opulence. Here, luxury is synonymous with meticulous attention to detail and unparalleled service. The Aman Tokyo, a sanctuary high above the city, is a masterpiece of minimalist design inspired by traditional Japanese aesthetics. Its serene ambiance, complete with a meditative rock garden and washi paper accents, creates a haven for relaxation. Guests can rejuvenate at the hotel's world-class spa or savor kaiseki cuisine crafted with seasonal ingredients. Outside the hotel, Tokyo's Ginza district is a luxury lover's dream, with its flagship boutiques, gourmet dining options, and exclusive art galleries.



Dubai Bucket List

6 UNMISSABLE EXPERIENCES

Dubai, a glittering gem of the Middle East, is a destination that captivates travelers with its blend of modern marvels and rich traditions. Whether you're visiting for leisure, adventure, or a touch of luxury, Dubai offers something for everyone. Here are seven must-do activities to make the most of your trip:



Marvel at the Burj Khalifa

No visit to Dubai is complete without a trip to the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building. Standing at a staggering 828 meters, this architectural wonder offers breathtaking views from its observation decks on the 124th and 148th floors. Don't forget to visit in the evening to catch the mesmerizing Dubai Fountain show at its base.



Explore the Dubai Mall

More than just a shopping destination, the Dubai Mall is a world of its own. Housing over 1,200 stores, it's also home to the Dubai Aquarium and Underwater Zoo, an Olympic-sized ice rink, and the stunning VR Park. Be sure to try out one of the many international dining options.



Immerse Yourself in Old Dubai

Step back in time and explore the historic Al Fahidi neighborhood. Wander through the narrow lanes, visit the Dubai Museum housed in Al Fahidi Fort, and take a traditional abra (wooden boat) ride across Dubai Creek. Don't miss the vibrant gold and spice souks to experience authentic Arabian culture.



Experience Desert Adventures

Escape the city's hustle and head to the desert for an exhilarating adventure. Opt for a desert safari featuring dune bashing, sandboarding, camel rides, and a Bedouin-style dinner under the stars. These tours often include cultural performances such as Tanoura dances and fire shows.



Relax at Jumeirah Beach and The Palm

Soak up the sun at Jumeirah Beach, with its pristine white sands and stunning views of the Burj Al Arab. For an extra touch of opulence, visit The Palm Jumeirah, a man-made island shaped like a palm tree. Enjoy luxury resorts, beach clubs, and the iconic Atlantis, The Palm, complete with its world-class aquarium and waterpark.



Visit the Dubai Frame

A newer addition to Dubai's skyline, the Dubai Frame offers a unique perspective of the city. This massive structure, shaped like a picture frame, provides panoramic views of both old and new Dubai from its glass bridge. It's an excellent spot for photography enthusiasts.



Paradise Found

TARU VILLAS VILLU BRINGS UNDERSTATED LUXURY TO SRI LANKA'S NORTHWEST COAST



Nestled along Sri Lanka's pristine northwestern coastline, Taru Villas Villu emerges as a hidden gem in the luxury boutique hotel landscape. This intimate property masterfully blends colonial charm with contemporary comforts, creating an atmosphere that feels both authentically Sri Lankan and effortlessly sophisticated.

The villa's architecture pays homage to the region's Dutch colonial heritage, with whitewashed walls and deep verandas providing shelter from the tropical sun. High ceilings adorned with slowly turning fans create natural ventilation throughout the property, while carefully curated antiques and local artworks add character to every corner.



Each of the villa's suites opens onto private terraces, offering uninterrupted views of the Indian Ocean. The rooms themselves are studies in understated elegance, featuring four-poster beds draped in crisp white linens, polished concrete floors that keep the spaces cool, and bathrooms that rival small spas in both size and amenities.

The culinary experience at Villu deserves special mention. The kitchen team crafts dishes that showcase the richness of Sri Lankan cuisine while incorporating international influences. Fresh seafood, caught daily by local fishermen, features prominently on the menu. The chef's crab curry, prepared with secret family spice blends, is nothing short of revelatory.

Perhaps the villa's greatest strength lies in its staff, who strike that perfect balance between attentiveness and discretion. Whether arranging private beach dinners under the stars or organizing excursions to nearby cultural sites, their service consistently exceeds expectations.

The beachfront location offers more than just stunning views. Guests can enjoy morning yoga sessions on the sand, take cooking classes featuring local specialties, or simply lounge by the infinity pool that seems to merge with the ocean horizon.

For the more adventurous, the staff can arrange whale watching expeditions or visits to the ancient city of Anuradhapura.



While the property may not suit those seeking the extensive facilities of large resorts, it excels in providing an intimate, luxurious escape that captures the essence of Sri Lankan hospitality. With just a handful of suites, Taru Villas Villu offers the kind of personalized experience that larger hotels simply cannot match.

For travelers seeking to experience Sri Lanka's natural beauty and cultural heritage in an atmosphere of refined luxury, Taru Villas Villu stands as a compelling destination. It's a place where time seems to slow down, allowing guests to fully immerse themselves in the serenity of their surroundings.



Explore The Look

GET INSPIRED WITH FRESH, FASHION-FORWARD IDEAS



Augusta extendable dining table



Hamilton chair



Expose side table



Tide rug

Make your dining space the centrepiece of any contemporary gathering. Embrace a Scandinavian aesthetic of modern minimalism with functional yet elegant furniture that seamlessly blends into your decor and colour palette. With a minimalistic design and an integrated extension leaf, the Augusta extendable dining table is modern yet refined. Instilled with an air of lightness, effortlessly extend the design and enjoy memorable moments.



Santiago sideboard



Bubble vase



Santiago extendable dining table



Seoul dining chair

The Santiago sideboard takes centre stage as the understated hero of this modern dining room. Embracing a Scandinavian aesthetic, our stylists juxtapose dark wood, sleek ceramics and organic accessories for a harmonious contrast. The final result embodies elegance with a contemporary edge.



Santiago sideboard



Seoul dining chair



Santiago dining table



Paddle pendant

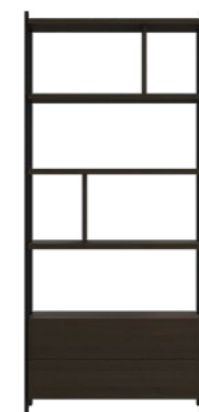


Ribbon vase

This elegant and sophisticated dining room features a matching set of Seoul chairs, adding drama and contrast to the bright and airy space. Our stylists have incorporated dark wood finishes and a curated selection of smaller home accessories to enhance the overall refined aesthetic.



Alicante extendable dining table



Calgary storage with drawer



Adelaide chair with swivel function

A Scandinavian aesthetic never goes out of style, as evident in this relaxed dining room design. Shades of blue dominate the space, set against a white backdrop and grounded with dark accents. A plush rug adds a touch of cosiness, while minimalist accessories finish the look.

The Art of Slow Living

CREATING A HOME THAT NURTURES MIND AND SOUL

In today's fast-paced world, we're often consumed by a constant flurry of tasks, deadlines, and commitments. The pursuit of productivity and success can leave us feeling drained and disconnected. However, in the midst of this hustle, a growing movement known as "slow living" encourages us to embrace a more intentional, mindful lifestyle—especially within the walls of our own homes. Slow living is all about cultivating a life that's grounded in purpose, simplicity, and presence. By designing a home that nurtures our mind and soul, we can create a sanctuary that promotes peace, creativity, and well-being.



Decluttering for Clarity

The first step to embracing slow living is decluttering your space. It's hard to relax when your home feels chaotic and cluttered. When we pare down unnecessary possessions, we open up space for tranquility and focus. Marie Kondo's decluttering method, which encourages keeping only those items that "spark joy," is a great place to start. Go room by room, evaluating your belongings and letting go of things that no longer serve you.

Decluttering isn't just about physical space—it's also about mental space. By reducing the visual noise around us, we can feel more grounded and calm. Creating a clean, minimalist environment doesn't mean your home has to be devoid of personality. Instead, it's about surrounding yourself with meaningful items—family heirlooms, personal artwork, or objects that evoke fond memories. Each piece should contribute to the overall harmony of the space.

Bringing Nature Indoors

Nature has a calming effect on the mind, and incorporating natural elements into your home can greatly enhance the slow-living experience. Houseplants are a fantastic way to bring the outdoors inside, and their benefits go beyond aesthetics. Studies have shown that plants can reduce stress, improve air quality, and boost productivity. Try filling your home with a mix of plants—low-maintenance succulents, leafy ferns, or cascading vines—that thrive in your space.

Beyond plants, consider incorporating natural materials into your home design. Wood, stone, wool, and cotton create a tactile connection to the earth. Opt for furniture made from sustainable, natural materials and choose soft, neutral tones that echo the colors of nature. Biophilic design, which seeks to connect people with nature, also embraces architectural features such as large windows, natural light, and outdoor living spaces. By designing a home that feels rooted in nature, you create a space that supports both physical and emotional well-being.



Creating Restful Spaces

In the pursuit of slow living, it's important to carve out spaces that encourage rest and rejuvenation. Your bedroom, in particular, should be a sanctuary—an oasis of calm where you can recharge both physically and mentally. Opt for soft, natural bedding made of cotton or linen in soothing colors such as whites, blues, or earthy tones. Keep your bedroom free from distractions, such as electronic devices, to create a tranquil environment that fosters restful sleep.

In addition to the bedroom, consider creating other areas dedicated to relaxation. A cozy reading nook by a window, a meditation space with candles and cushions, or even a quiet corner for journaling can all become essential parts of your slow-living home. Mindful design is about making your home a place where you can engage in activities that nurture your body and mind.



A Kitchen for Togetherness

The kitchen is the heart of any home, and in the context of slow living, it becomes even more meaningful. Rather than rushing through meals or relying on takeout, slow living encourages us to savor the process of cooking and eating together. Meal preparation becomes an opportunity to unwind, experiment with new recipes, and nourish ourselves with whole, wholesome ingredients.

If you want to cultivate a slower pace in the kitchen, start by prioritizing home-cooked meals over processed options. Plan your meals around fresh, local produce, and embrace the art of mindful cooking. It's not about speed—it's about savoring the experience. Set aside time to sit and enjoy your meals, not just to fuel your body but to connect with family members and friends. A shared meal is a moment of togetherness that can be nourishing for the soul.



A Masterpiece that Continues to Command Attention

IBRAHIM HUSSEIN'S "UNTITLED" SERIES (1972)



IBRAHIM HUSSEIN, DATUK

Untitled, 1972
Acrylic on canvas 140 x 127 cm
SOLD RM 481,600

The "Untitled" series from 1972 is a prime example of this technique. Featuring a series of abstract compositions, the works in this collection showcase Hussein's ability to blend vibrant colors with intricate, often chaotic forms. The use of layered textures and bold contrasts creates a sense of depth and movement, reflecting Hussein's deep emotional engagement with the world around him. The absence of titles in the series invites viewers to engage with the pieces on a personal level, allowing each person to interpret the artwork in their own way. This openness to interpretation is one of the reasons why Hussein's work resonates so deeply with art lovers and collectors alike.

The 1972 "Untitled" series is a direct reflection of Hussein's ongoing exploration of abstraction and his desire to move beyond the constraints of traditional representational art. Instead of creating literal depictions of objects or scenes, Hussein sought to convey emotions and ideas through color, shape, and texture. This approach was particularly

Ibrahim Hussein, one of Malaysia's most prominent and innovative artists, is known for his groundbreaking work in the field of modern art. Among his extensive body of work, his 1972 "Untitled" series stands out as a striking example of his unique artistic vision and mastery.

Recently, one of the pieces from this series fetched a significant price at the prestigious KLAS Art Auction, a clear indication of the enduring appeal and value of his work in the contemporary art market.

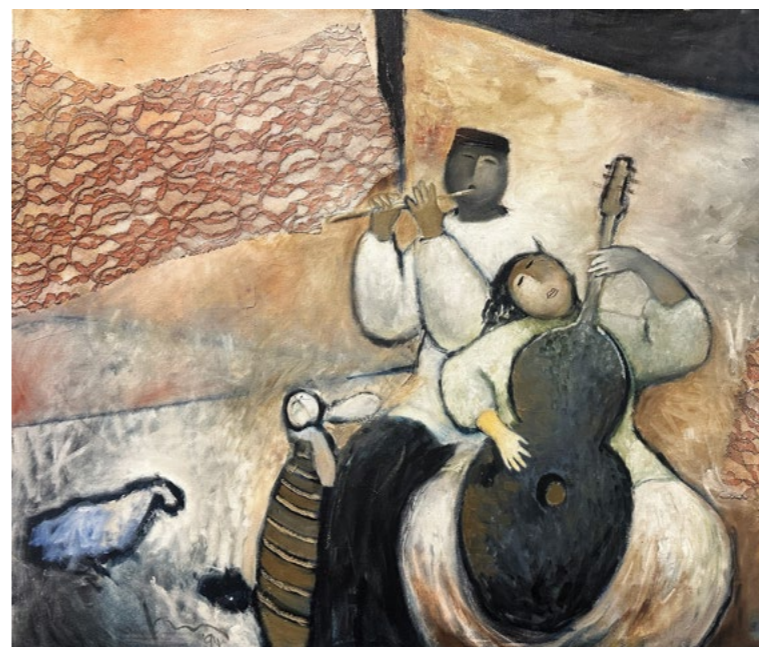
Hussein was born in 1936 in Sungai Limau, Malaysia, and his journey into the world of art began at an early age. His artistic education began at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts in Singapore, where he honed his skills before moving on to further studies at the Royal Academy of Arts in London.

His exposure to the art scenes of both Asia and Europe significantly influenced his practice, leading him to explore various artistic techniques and philosophies. Over time, Hussein would develop his own distinct style, known as "printage," a technique that combined printmaking with collage to create dynamic, multi-layered works of art.

significant in the context of Malaysia's post-colonial art scene, where many artists were grappling with questions of identity, nationalism, and modernity. Hussein's work, with its emphasis on universal themes of expression and emotion, transcended these local concerns and found a place within the broader international art community.

Hussein's art continues to captivate collectors and curators worldwide. His works are held in prestigious collections, including those of the National Art Gallery of Malaysia, the Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia, and the Bank Negara Malaysia Museum and Art Gallery.

Moreover, Hussein's international recognition grew when he became the first Malaysian artist to participate in the Venice Biennale in 1970, marking a major milestone in his career. In 1988, he was also honored with the Japan Foundation Cultural Award, further solidifying his place in the global art world.



ENG TAY

By Silvery Moonlight I, 1994
Collage and oil on canvas 76 x 92 cm
SOLD RM 35,280

One of his standout works, Satay Seller (1963), exemplifies Long's knack for capturing the essence of Malaysian life. This piece was recently auctioned at the KLAS Art Auction, drawing significant attention for its nostalgic portrayal of a quintessential local scene. Created when Long was just 17 years old, Satay Seller is a watercolor on paper that vividly depicts a street vendor grilling satay—skewered, marinated meat—on an open flame. The artwork reflects a time when hawker culture was deeply ingrained in the Malaysian way of life, serving as both sustenance and a communal activity.

One of Eng Tay's remarkable works, By Silvery Moonlight I (1994), recently garnered significant attention when it was sold at the KLAS Art Auction for RM35,280. This piece epitomizes the artist's mastery of atmosphere and storytelling, showcasing his ability to create a deeply engaging and serene visual experience. The painting features a moonlit scene, where figures are immersed in a tranquil moment, bathed in the soft glow of silver light.

The composition of By Silvery Moonlight I is quintessentially Eng Tay, blending his signature motifs of intimacy and community with a dreamlike ambiance. The interplay of light and shadow is masterfully handled, with the silvery moonlight casting a gentle glow over the figures and their surroundings.

The painting exudes a sense of stillness and introspection, evoking feelings of nostalgia and peace. The figures, though stylized, carry a profound sense of humanity, their gestures and expressions hinting at shared stories and emotions.



LONG THIEN SHIH

Satay Seller, 1963
Oil on canvas 35.5 x 59 cm
SOLD RM 17,920

One of Tew's remarkable works, Market Scene (1963), recently captured attention at the KLAS Art Auction. Painted during his early career, this piece exemplifies Tew's mastery of the Nanyang aesthetic. The artwork portrays a lively Malaysian wet market, a quintessential part of daily life in the country. What makes Market Scene particularly captivating is Tew's use of earthy tones, accented by splashes of vibrant colors that bring the scene to life. The figures, rendered in semi-abstract forms, convey movement and energy, while the surrounding environment is simplified yet evocative.



TEW NAI TONG

Market Scene, 1963
Oil on canvas 60 x 90 cm
SOLD RM 14,560

**YUSOF GHANI**

Senggarang - Hijau Series, 1999
Mixed media on canvas 163 x 203 cm
SOLD RM 112,000

The Hijau series is a powerful body of work that captures abstract landscapes infused with emotional intensity and environmental consciousness. These paintings draw inspiration from the artist's poignant experience in Sarawak, where the sight of felled logs along a riverbank served as a stark reminder of the devastation wrought upon Nature. This encounter became the catalyst for the series, with its vivid imagery translating into a visual commentary on environmental degradation.

In these works, intense diagonal strokes in bold shades of red dominate the foreground, symbolizing the raw violence and destruction inflicted on the natural world.

One of Khalil Ibrahim's significant works, *From The Well* (1976), recently garnered attention when it was auctioned at the KLAS Art Auction. The painting exemplifies Khalil's ability to weave narratives of rural life with artistic sophistication. Measuring 91cm x 91cm, the batik piece captures a timeless scene: a group of women drawing water from a village well.

The composition is rooted in Khalil's deep respect for the East Coast communities he frequently depicted. The figures are rendered with his signature fluidity, their postures and movements evoking a sense of rhythm and unity. The scene is intimate yet universal, portraying a daily ritual that transcends time and geography.

Khalil employs a warm palette dominated by earthy tones—ochres, browns, and muted greens—to evoke the rustic charm of kampung life. The gentle interplay of light and shadow adds depth and dimension to the work, while the figures, painted in semi-abstract forms, demonstrate his characteristic balance of realism and abstraction.



KHALIL IBRAHIM
From The Well, 1976
Batik 88 x 95 cm
SOLD RM 112,000

**CHUAH THEAN TENG, DATO**

Durian Harvest, circa 1980's
Batik 91 x 60.5 cm
SOLD RM 50,400

Lye Yau Fatt's evocative painting captures a serene gathering of two women by a river, both clad in sarongs as they bathe in the embrace of nature. This intimate depiction reflects the artist's signature style, characterized by rich, earthy tones that create an inviting and nostalgic atmosphere. Lye masterfully conveys a sense of peace and tranquility, drawing viewers into a scene that feels both familiar and deeply rooted in the simplicity of rural life. His ability to evoke warmth, familiarity, and security through his art is unparalleled, as his motifs consistently explore the rustic beauty of traditional settings.

A closer examination of his works reveals intricate designs and subtle details, showcasing his meticulous craftsmanship and attention to nuance. Born in Kedah in 1950, Lye's artistic journey took a significant turn when he studied printmaking in New York, which greatly influenced his techniques and perspectives.

Since his first solo exhibition in 1979 at the Sum Art Gallery, he has achieved numerous accolades, including the Open Art Sculpture Award, the Malaysian Watercolour Society Award in 1987, and the PNB Watercolour Landscape Award.

In terms of Dato' Chuah Thean Teng's farmers theme, this is a work that is quintessential Teng (as he is affectionately known).

All the hallmarks of gesture, form and colours are depicted, colour harmony with the subtle nuances of purple and pink, the close-cropped composition, the elegant configurations and supple forms of two ladies with baskets of durian balanced graceful atop their head, along with their playful children who are eager to help.

Teng is the world-acknowledged founder of Batik Painting and he never looked back after his breakthrough exhibition in 1955.

His paintings, *Two Of A Kind* (1968) and *Tell You A Secret* (1987), took on iconic status when selected for Unicef greeting cards. He studied at the Xiamen (Amoy) Art Institute in China. He was honoured with a retrospective exhibition by the National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur in 1965 and by the Penang State Art Gallery in 1994.

The Penang State Government conferred him the title "Dato'" in 1998 and he received the Live Heritage Award in 2005. The National Art Gallery gave him a memorial exhibition in 2009. His major works are on show at Yahong Art Gallery in Batu Ferringhi in Penang, which is a veritable museum also showcasing the batik works of his sons and grandsons.



LYE YAU FATT
Dawn at the River, 1985
Mixed media on paper 76 x 56 cm
SOLD RM 15,120

ART FEATURES

Here are some highlights from the KLAS Art Auction held on 19th January 2025, showcasing an exceptional selection of artworks that captivated collectors and art enthusiasts alike. Featuring remarkable pieces from celebrated local and international artists, the auction witnessed outstanding sales, reflecting the enduring appeal and investment value of fine art. From record-breaking bids to the acquisition of masterful creations, these highlights represent the pinnacle of the event's success.



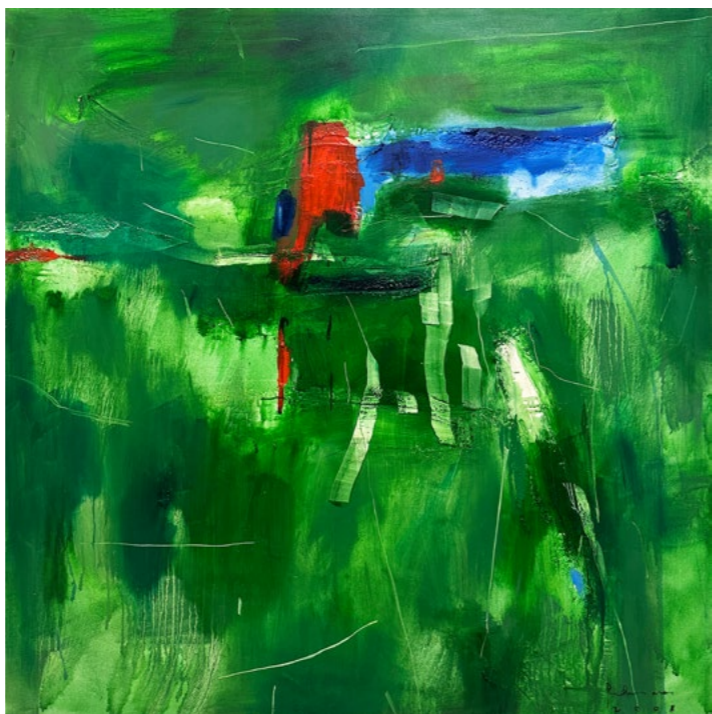
YUSOF GHANI
Siri Segerak - Fishmonger, 2003
Oil on canvas 122 x 122 cm
SOLD RM 89,600



NIZAR KAMAL ARIFFIN
Siri Pohon Beringin - Daerah, 2012
Acrylic on canvas 152.5 x 152 cm
SOLD RM 15,680



BUI HUI HUNG
The Empress, 2004
Mixed media and lacquer on panel 122 x 122 cm
SOLD RM 85,120



RADUAN MAN
So Red and Blue, 2008
Mixed media on canvas 122 x 122 cm
SOLD RM 7,280

ART FEATURES



TAY BAK KOI
Fishing Village
Watercolour on paper 29 x 29 cm
SOLD RM 3,584



TAY BAK KOI
Fishing
Watercolour on paper 29 x 29 cm
SOLD RM 3,584



TAY BAK KOI
Resting
Watercolour on paper 29 x 29 cm
SOLD RM 3,584



KHALIL IBRAHIM
Batik Stamping, 1985
Ink on paper 35 x 48 cm
SOLD RM 3,920



KHALIL IBRAHIM
Weaving Baskets, 1985
Ink on paper 35 x 48 cm
SOLD RM 3,920



KWAN CHIN
Fruit Sellers, 2003
Batik 84 x 145 cm
SOLD RM 10,640



KWAN CHIN
At the Market, 2014
Batik 84 x 146 cm
SOLD RM 10,640

Caring for Your Heart

A LIFELONG JOURNEY

The human heart is a marvel of nature—an organ that beats over 100,000 times a day, pumping life-sustaining blood throughout the body. Yet, despite its ceaseless work and resilience, the heart is not invincible. Caring for this vital organ is a commitment that demands attention, intention, and a blend of physical, emotional, and mental well-being.

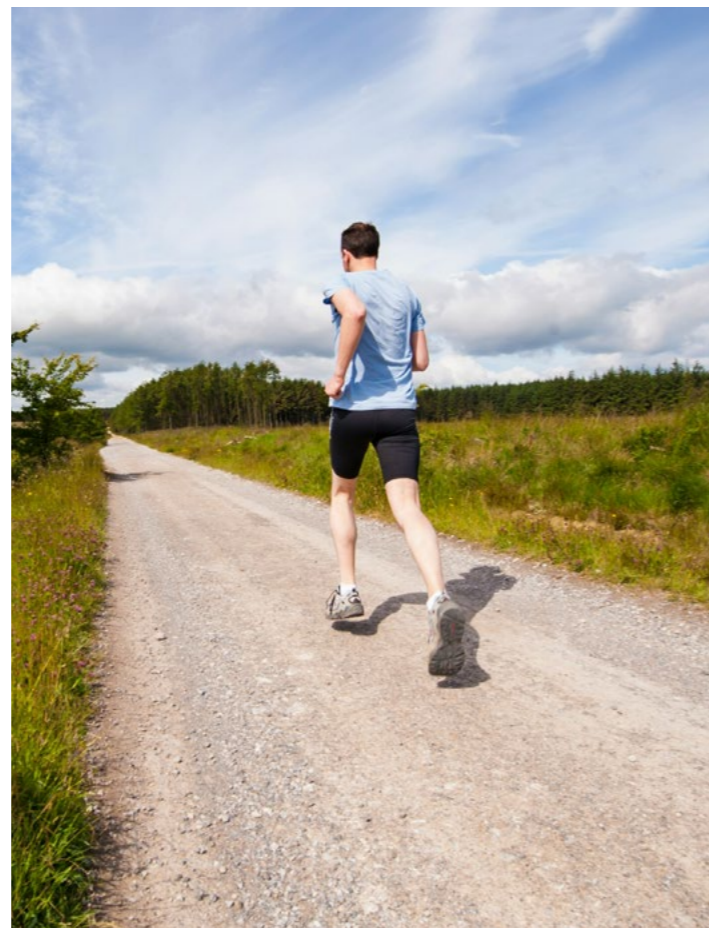
Heart health begins with the choices we make each day. What we eat directly impacts how our heart functions. A diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins provides the essential nutrients that help maintain healthy blood vessels and regulate cholesterol levels. Minimizing processed foods, saturated fats, and excessive salt is equally important, as these can lead to plaque buildup in the arteries and increase the risk of heart disease.

Exercise, often touted as a remedy for a myriad of health concerns, is the heart's greatest ally. Physical activity strengthens the heart muscle, improves circulation, and supports optimal blood pressure. Whether it's a brisk walk in the park, a yoga session, or dancing to your favorite tunes, movement keeps the heart youthful and efficient. The key is consistency—making time for 30 minutes of moderate exercise most days of the week.

Beyond diet and exercise lies an often-overlooked aspect of heart health: emotional well-being. The link between stress, anxiety, and heart disease is undeniable. Chronic stress can lead to unhealthy behaviors such as overeating, smoking, or drinking excessively, all of which harm the heart. Finding ways to manage stress—be it through meditation, deep breathing exercises, or engaging in hobbies—can lower cortisol levels and protect the heart from strain.

Another critical factor is sleep. Poor sleep quality or chronic sleep deprivation increases the risk of hypertension, obesity, and even heart attacks. Prioritizing restful sleep by maintaining a consistent schedule, creating a calming bedtime routine, and limiting screen time before bed can significantly improve heart health.

Regular check-ups are a vital part of heart care. Monitoring blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and blood sugar helps identify potential issues early. Even if you feel healthy, routine screenings can reveal silent threats like hypertension or high cholesterol that might otherwise go unnoticed until it's too late.



Practical Tips for Caring for Your Heart

Taking care of your heart is essential for living a long, healthy, and active life. Incorporating these practical habits into your daily routine can significantly improve your cardiovascular health and overall well-being:



Eat Heart-Healthy Foods

Prioritize Fresh Produce: Include plenty of fruits and vegetables, which are rich in vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants.

Opt For Healthy Fats: Replace saturated and trans fats with heart-healthy options like olive oil, nuts, seeds, and fatty fish such as salmon or mackerel.

Reduce Salt and Sugar: Too much sodium can raise blood pressure, while excessive sugar intake can lead to weight gain and diabetes.



Manage Stress

Practice mindfulness: Techniques like meditation, deep breathing, or yoga can reduce stress and improve heart health.

Stay organized: Managing time effectively and setting priorities can reduce the feeling of being overwhelmed.

Connect with loved ones: Spending quality time with family and friends helps lower stress and boosts emotional well-being.



Stay Active

Exercise Regularly: Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic exercise per week, such as walking, cycling, or swimming.

Incorporate Strength Training: Building muscle helps improve metabolism and overall cardiovascular health.

Find Joy In Movement: Choose activities you enjoy to make it easier to stick with your fitness routine.



Get Quality Sleep

Maintain a sleep routine: Go to bed and wake up at the same time daily, even on weekends.

Create a calming environment: Keep your bedroom cool, dark, and quiet for better sleep.

Limit late-night screens: Avoid phones, tablets, and TVs an hour before bed to improve sleep quality.



Fuel Your Body

HIGH-CALORIE FOODS FOR ENERGY AND VITALITY

When it comes to maintaining energy and vitality, fueling your body with the right high-calorie foods can make all the difference. Whether you're an athlete in training, a busy professional, or someone looking to maintain a healthy weight, these nutrient-dense foods are packed with calories and the essential nutrients your body craves.



Nuts and Nut Butters

Nuts such as almonds, walnuts, and cashews are small but mighty sources of calories and healthy fats. A handful of nuts provides a concentrated dose of energy, protein, and omega-3 fatty acids. Nut butters, like almond or peanut butter, are equally effective and can be spread on whole-grain bread or added to smoothies for a quick calorie boost.



Avocados

Creamy and delicious, avocados are a powerhouse of monounsaturated fats and calories. One medium avocado contains around 240 calories, making it a fantastic choice for sandwiches, salads, or even as a base for a savory toast.



Whole Grains

Whole grains such as quinoa, brown rice, oats, and whole-grain bread are excellent sources of complex carbohydrates and calories. They provide sustained energy and are loaded with fiber, which helps keep your digestive system healthy. Pairing whole grains with proteins like beans or chicken can turn a meal into a calorie-rich powerhouse.



Cheese

Cheese is a versatile high-calorie food that also delivers calcium, protein, and healthy fats. A single slice of cheddar cheese can pack over 100 calories, and adding it to meals like omelets, pasta, or sandwiches can significantly boost their calorie content.



Olive Oil

A staple of the Mediterranean diet, olive oil is an excellent source of calories and heart-healthy fats. Just one tablespoon contains around 120 calories. Drizzle it over salads, use it as a cooking base, or mix it into dips for an easy caloric boost.



Dried Fruits

Dried fruits like dates, raisins, and apricots are concentrated sources of natural sugars and calories. They're easy to snack on and pair wonderfully with nuts for an energizing trail mix. Their compact size makes them perfect for on-the-go fueling.



Top 6 Nose Trimmers for Men

GROOMING MADE EASY

Keeping your grooming routine on point is essential, and a reliable nose trimmer can make all the difference. The best nose trimmers are efficient, easy to use, and designed with comfort in mind. Here are the top five nose trimmers for men that combine quality, precision, and practicality.



Panasonic ER-GN30-K

The Panasonic ER-GN30-K is a top choice for its dual-edge blade system that cuts hair from both sides for a more efficient trim. Its hypoallergenic stainless-steel blades are gentle on sensitive skin, and it's compact and lightweight for easy handling. This trimmer is also washable and operates on a single AA battery, making it perfect for travel and everyday use.

Key Features:

- Dual-edge blade system
- Hypoallergenic stainless-steel blades
- Fully washable
- Battery-operated (1 AA battery)



Philips Norelco Nose Trimmer 5000

Philips Norelco is a trusted name in grooming, and the Nose Trimmer 5000 doesn't disappoint. It features advanced ProtecTube technology that prevents nicks, cuts, and pulling, ensuring a comfortable experience. The angled design allows for precise trimming of nose, ear, and eyebrow hair, while its fully washable design makes cleaning a breeze.

Key Features:

- ProtecTube technology for comfort
- Angled design for precision
- Washable and water-resistant
- Includes two eyebrow combs



Wahl Micro Groomsman Personal Pen Trimmer

The Wahl Micro Groomsman is perfect for men looking for a sleek, pen-sized trimmer. It's equipped with two interchangeable heads for trimming nose and ear hair as well as detailing eyebrows. Its compact size makes it ideal for on-the-go grooming, and the rotary and reciprocating blades ensure versatile performance.

Key Features:

- Pen-sized and lightweight
- Interchangeable heads for multiple uses
- Battery-operated (1 AAA battery)
- Durable anodized aluminum body



MANSCAPED™ Weed Whacker

The MANSCAPED Weed Whacker is a high-performance trimmer designed with men's grooming needs in mind. Its powerful 9,000 RPM motor and SkinSafe™ technology prevent cuts and irritation. The ergonomic design ensures a comfortable grip, and it's fully waterproof for use in the shower.

Key Features:

- 9,000 RPM motor with SkinSafe™ technology
- Ergonomic and waterproof design
- Rechargeable with USB cable
- 360-degree rotary dual-blade system



Groom Mate Platinum XL

For those seeking a manual option, the Groom Mate Platinum XL is a standout. Made of 100% stainless steel, this eco-friendly trimmer requires no batteries and works with a simple twisting motion. Its precision design ensures a painless trimming experience, and it's built to last a lifetime.

Key Features:

- 100% stainless steel
- Manual operation (no batteries needed)
- Painless and precise trimming
- Lifetime warranty



Conair Nose Hair Trimmer

Most nose hair trimmers we've tested came in two blade styles: a rotary head or dual blade. What makes Conair stand out is its unique mushroom-shaped cutter head. The tip's lip helps you direct the trimmer up close on the inner edge of your nostrils that's able to reach farther than other trimmers we've tried, making this the closest shaver we've seen so far. That's why we gave it a 2023 Men's Health Grooming Award.

Choosing the Right Nose Trimmer

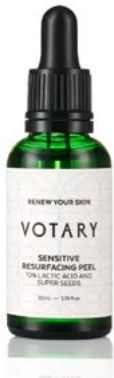
When selecting a nose trimmer, consider the following factors:

- Comfort:** Look for trimmers with features like SkinSafe™ technology or hypoallergenic blades.
- Versatility:** Some models come with attachments for ear, eyebrow, or even beard trimming.
- Portability:** Compact and battery-operated models are ideal for travel.
- Ease of Cleaning:** Washable and waterproof designs make maintenance simple.

Investing in a quality nose trimmer can elevate your grooming routine and keep you looking sharp. Whether you prefer the precision of the Panasonic ER-GN30-K or the eco-friendly simplicity of the Groom Mate Platinum XL, there's a perfect trimmer for every need. Choose one that suits your lifestyle and grooming preferences, and stay confidently well-groomed.

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