

travel, golf & spa



Nothing marks the road warrior as much as being on the road while other people are at home with their nearest and dearest. And so, we layout a selection of great properties which will welcome you like an old friend and envelope you in chic charm, stylish comfort and pamper you with all sorts of amazing spa treatments. Of course if you're in the habit of rewarding yourself with a gift for a year's worth of great work, the Maybankard Visa Infinite may just be the thing for corporate high-flyers.



Windstar Cruises Introduces Hotel Packages

Windstar Cruises, which operates a fleet of three luxury sailing yachts that explore hidden harbors and secluded coves of the world's most treasured destinations, introduces pre- and post-cruise Hotel Packages in the Caribbean, Costa Rica, and Europe, providing convenience and exceptional value for guests.

Legendary cities and renowned hotels can be enjoyed by guests before or after a Windstar voyage. The 24 hotels in the program were hand-selected by Windstar and are located near sightseeing attractions and restaurants.

Hotel Packages include accommodations for one, two or three nights, taxes, luggage handling, and breakfast at most properties.

Hotel Packages are available in Athens, Greece; Bridgetown, Barbados; Barcelona, Spain; Colon, Panama; Istanbul, Turkey; Le Havre, France; Lisbon, Portugal; Nice, France; Oslo, Norway; Rome, Italy; San Jose, Costa Rica; St. Maarten; St. Martin; Stockholm, Sweden; and Venice, Italy. For a list of the hotels in the program and rates, visit WindstarCruises.com. 




Vladivostok Air's A320

From Russia With Hope


One of Russia's most established airlines, Vladivostok Air will operate twice-weekly services between Singapore and Vladivostok via Hong Kong. Vladivostok, in the Russian Far East, is the ninth new city link for Changi this year.

With growing trade and tourism ties between Singapore and Russia, the addition of Vladivostok Air to Changi's network of airlines comes at an opportune time. Since the launch of the Russia-Singapore Business Forum (RSBF) in 2006, bilateral trade between the two countries has more than doubled to reach S\$5.2 billion in 2010.

Vladivostok Air will operate the A320 aircraft in a two-class configuration on this route. The service will depart Vladivostok International Airport on Tuesday and Friday mornings and arrive in Changi Airport at 1820 hours on the same day. The return flight will depart Changi at 2010 hours and arrive in Vladivostok the following morning. 

American Airlines Introduces Curbside Check-in

American Airlines is expanding its Curbside Check-In service to give customers travelling internationally the opportunity to check their bags with the skycap - making their trip through the airport as smooth as possible. Curbside Check-in is available to all customers traveling to an international location, including countries that require a visa, making American the only airline to provide a convenient service of this kind.

Since September, American has been expanding the enhanced service to 28 airports that currently offer domestic Curbside Check-in, including American's cornerstone markets - Los Angeles, Dallas/Fort Worth, Chicago O'Hare, Miami and at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. Thirty-one additional U.S. markets will offer the new services by the beginning of November. 




Delta Air Lines' new economy comfort seats

Delta Expands Popular 'Economy Comfort' Brand

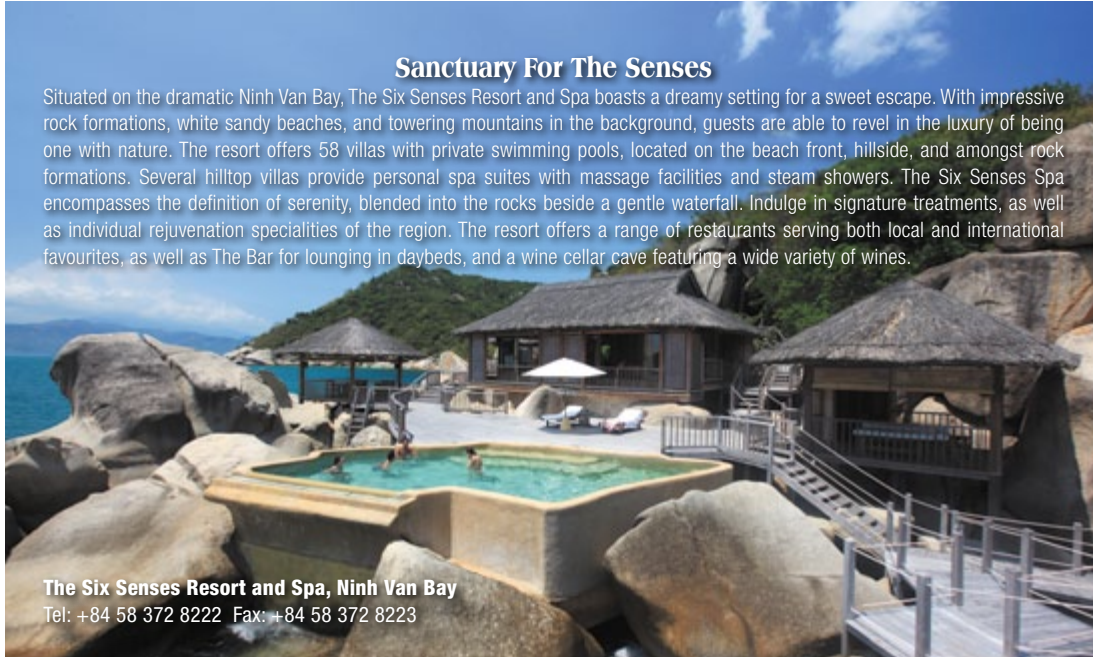
Delta Air Lines unveiled another major investment in its product offering with plans to introduce Economy Comfort - a premium economy cabin product launched on long-haul international flights earlier this year - to its entire mainline fleet of more than 550 aircraft, in addition to more than 250 two-class regional jets.

The new seats will feature pitch of at least 34 inches or more. Delta's standard Economy Class seat pitch is currently 31 inches. In addition to more leg room, customers seated in Economy Comfort will enjoy Priority Boarding.

The product will be installed in the first three-to-five rows of the Economy cabin by removing a negligible number of seats from the current cabin configuration on all of Delta's domestic Boeing 767, 757, 737, MD88, MD90, DC9, Airbus A320 and A319 aircraft, and all two-class regional jets including the CRJ900, CRJ700, E170 and E175 aircraft types by summer 2012. The breadth of this installation means flights to Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and northern South America will also offer the Economy Comfort product. The first of these converted aircraft will be a Boeing 757 which will enter service in November. 

Sanctuary For The Senses

Situated on the dramatic Ninh Van Bay, The Six Senses Resort and Spa boasts a dreamy setting for a sweet escape. With impressive rock formations, white sandy beaches, and towering mountains in the background, guests are able to revel in the luxury of being one with nature. The resort offers 58 villas with private swimming pools, located on the beach front, hillside, and amongst rock formations. Several hilltop villas provide personal spa suites with massage facilities and steam showers. The Six Senses Spa encompasses the definition of serenity, blended into the rocks beside a gentle waterfall. Indulge in signature treatments, as well as individual rejuvenation specialities of the region. The resort offers a range of restaurants serving both local and international favourites, as well as The Bar for lounging in daybeds, and a wine cellar cave featuring a wide variety of wines.



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True Thai Hospitality

Dewa is a boutique style resort offering both residential apartments and pool villas. A mere 30 minutes away from Phuket City, steps away from the stunning Naiyang Beach, and walking distance from nearby beach restaurants and shops, the resort is conveniently located to provide the ideal holiday experience. The resort is also next to the Sirnath National Park and three minutes from the Phuket International Airport. With 34 private and intimate pool villas, and 64 spacious one and two bedroom apartments, the resort offers true luxury. For an incredible experience, a variety of resort activities are available, from elephant trekking to yoga to Thai cooking classes.

Dewa Phuket

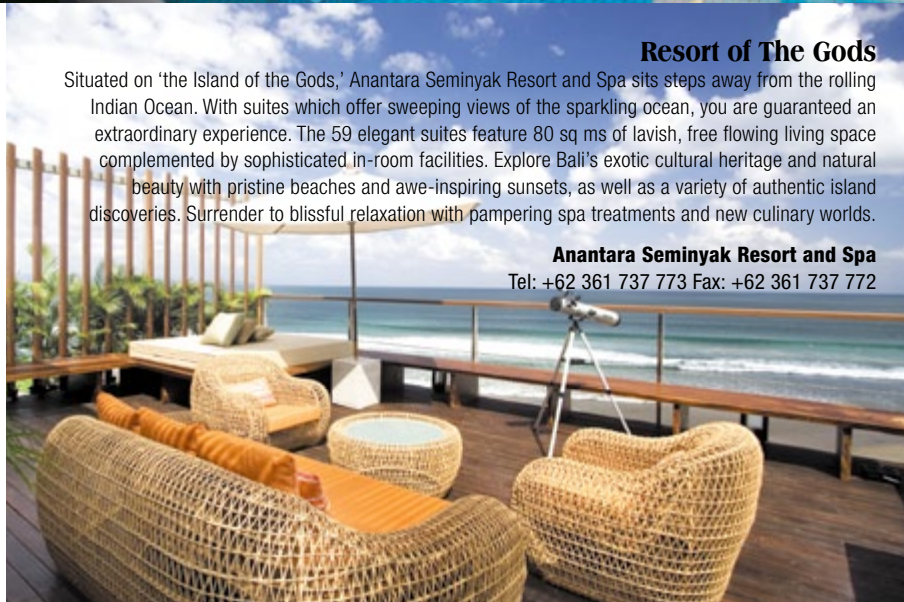
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Resort of The Gods

Situated on 'the Island of the Gods,' Anantara Seminyak Resort and Spa sits steps away from the rolling Indian Ocean. With suites which offer sweeping views of the sparkling ocean, you are guaranteed an extraordinary experience. The 59 elegant suites feature 80 sq ms of lavish, free flowing living space complemented by sophisticated in-room facilities. Explore Bali's exotic cultural heritage and natural beauty with pristine beaches and awe-inspiring sunsets, as well as a variety of authentic island discoveries. Surrender to blissful relaxation with pampering spa treatments and new culinary worlds.

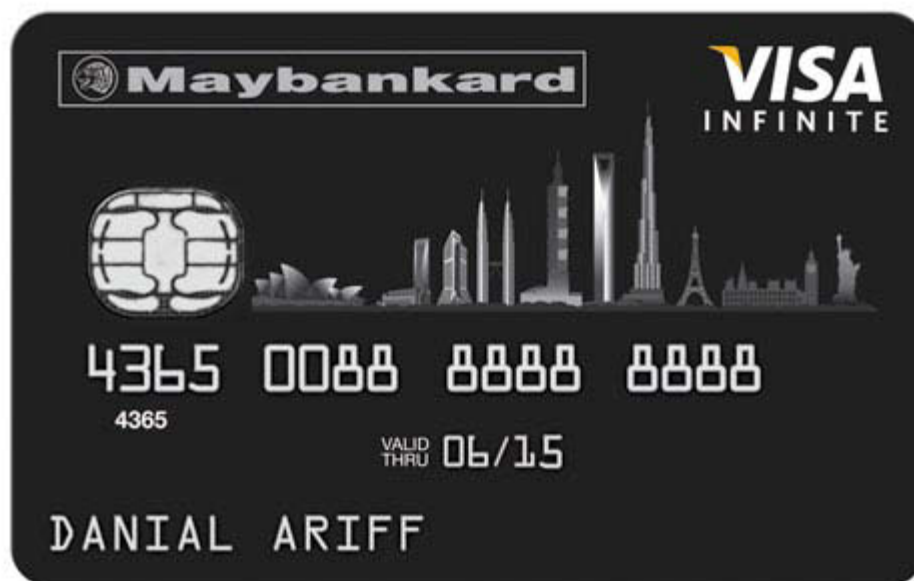
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To Infinity And Beyond



Right: The Maybankard Visa Infinite Card
Above (from the top): Hard Rock Hotel
Singapore; Festive Hotel Singapore



The concept of infinity has intrigued many for generations. Mathematicians have pored over it, studying and writing theories about it. In mathematics and physics, people use 'infinity' to reflect a quantity without end. In other fields, it means an unlimited or immeasurable extent of space or duration of time.

The Maybankard Visa Infinite is modeled somewhat along this concept, being designed with unsurpassed privileges and almost infinite possibilities which offer special recognition and unique rewards. Launched on October 12 2011 at an exclusive dinner at Menara Maybank, the card was unveiled to selected high net worth clients. The 10,000 prospective initial cardholders for the first year will be reached via targeted activities which include tie-ups with premium lifestyle merchants.

Present at the launch were Peter Maher, Visa Group Country Manager, Southeast Asia and Australasia and Stuart Tomlinson, Country Manager, Visa Malaysia. The card was introduced and launched by President and Chief Executive Officer of Maybank, Dato' Sri Abdul Wahid, who proudly proclaimed the card as, "Going beyond the normal, just like how infinity goes beyond the world of real numbers."

As a credit card, the Maybankard Visa Infinite offers card members the best one-to-one privileges as far as the best things in life go. Flight tickets, dining and golf – the Maybankard Visa Infinite is the only card the high flyer will need.

Targeting the affluent market segment of 35 to 55 year olds with an income level of RM240,000 per annum, the card comes with a high credit limit, as if in proof that the sky really is the limit. And where air travel is concerned, the Maybankard Visa Infinite really has it all in the bag, with the fastest way to earn Air Miles.

Cardholders will amass timeless TreatsPoints whenever they use their Maybankard Visa Infinite. TreatPoints can be converted to Air Miles to redeem free flights, holiday packages, or a slew of amazing gifts from the TreatsPoints rewards programme. Each RM1 spent locally accrues two TreatsPoints, while each RM1 spent abroad amasses five TreatsPoints. 10,000 TreatsPoints are awarded upon activation of the Maybankard Visa Infinite. The points can also go towards personalizing a holiday by redeeming cruises, hotel stays or car rentals.

TreatsPoints can be redeemed for Enrich Miles, KrisFlyer Miles or Qmiles from Malaysia Airlines, Singapore Airlines and Qatar Airways respectively, for flights to anywhere on the globe at one of the best conversion rates for any credit card, with the exchange being 4,500 TreatsPoints to 1,000 Miles for all three airlines. Additionally, cardholders can redeem one for one flight tickets on business class with selected airlines.

Until 31 March 2012 Thai Airways will be offering a complimentary companion ticket for Maybankard Visa Infinite cardholders when they fly to Thailand, China, Taiwan, India, the Indian Subcontinent or Los Angeles. Qatar Airways is offering a complimentary companion ticket on flights to Europe or America until 30 June 2012, while China Southern Airlines will offer a complimentary companion ticket on flights to China until 31 March 2012.

Maybankard Visa Infinite members also enjoy five times complimentary access annually to any Priority Pass Airport Lounge worldwide, with the additional convenience and efficiency of fast track immigration at over 280 international airports with the Visa Airport Speed Pass. There is also impressive travel coverage, with personal accident travel insurance of up to RM2,000,000, missed flight connection, luggage delay and lost luggage claims.

Even before a flight touches down, card members will have a whole host of exclusive hospitality privileges awaiting them, since the Maybankard Visa Infinite comes with complimentary Starwood Privilege membership at hotels such as Westin, Sheraton, Le Meridien as well as more than 125 hotels in the region, meaning Cardmembers will enjoy 10 percent off on best available rates at all participating Starwood Hotel and Resorts in the Asia Pacific region.



Left: The allure of Thai Airways
Below (from the left): Enrich Miles and the Enrich Lounge



Starwood Privilege Membership dining benefits include 20 percent savings when dining alone, 50 percent savings when dining with one guest, and a tiered discount structure for three guests and beyond.

Cardmembers can also luxuriate in home-grown splendor if a weekend away in Malaysia is what is desired. Premium getaways include the Belum Rainforest Resort, where cardholders receive 60 percent savings on published room rates, as well as 20 percent savings on the Houseboat Rainforest Cruise Package on weekdays.

Cyberview Resort & Spa also offers a 60 percent savings on published room rates, with 50 percent off on the second purchase at its award-winning Sembunyi Spa. The sister property of Cyberview Resort, Ri-Yaz Heritage Marina Resort & Spa offers a 70 percent discount on published room rates, along with a complimentary room upgrade, subject to availability and breakfast for two at the Verandah Restaurant.

Those who enjoy a spot of culture will be glad to know that Maybankard Visa Infinite members are able to enjoy dining at the exclusive Malaysian Petroleum Club on the day they purchase tickets for shows at the Petronas Philharmonic.



Right (from the top): Cyberview Resort & Spa's Lobby; Belum Rainforest Resort
Above (from the top): Ri-Yaz Heritage Marina Resort & Spa; Verandah Restaurant





Left (from the top): B's, Pullman Putrajaya Lakeside; Japanese cuisine at Eyuzu; French dining at L'Heritage Bleow (from the top): Mojo on Asian Heritage Row; Comida in Solaris Dutamas; Joël Robuchon



And if a night of wining and dining is desired, the Maybankard Visa Infinite will also offer the most delectable dining deals in Malaysia. Cardholders can take their pick from casual chic dining at B's, Pullman Putrajaya Lakeside, Checkers Café at Dorsett Regency Hotel and Comida in Solaris Dutamas; specialized cuisine ranging from Chinese, fine-dining Malay, Japanese, French or Italian; down to cocktails and music at Mojo on Asian Heritage Row.

The card also opens up green vistas to golfers, with access to some of the finest golf courses in Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia, China, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates, with complimentary green fees. Participating international golf clubs include Emirates Golf Club, UAE, Klub Golf Bogor Raya, Indonesia, Lotus Hill Golf Resort, Guangzhou, China, Mission Hills Phuket Golf Resort & Spa, Phuket, Thailand, Orchid Country Club, Singapore and The Dunes Golf Links in Victoria, Australia.



*Right (from the top): Sutera Harbour Golf & Country Club; Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club
Above (from the top): Saujana Golf & Country Club; The 18th Hole at Kota Permai Golf & Country Club; Clearwater Sanctuary Golf Resort*

Cardmembers can play for unlimited number of times at Malaysian courses such as Kota Permai Golf & Country Club, Saujana Golf & Country Club, Staffield Country Resort, Sutera Harbour Golf & Country Club, The Legends Golf & Country Club, Tropicana Golf & Country Club, Bukit Jalil Golf & Country Resort, Clearwater Sanctuary Golf Resort, Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club and Kajang Hill Golf Club.

In his speech at the launch of the card, Peter Maher, Visa Group Country Manager, Southeast Asia and Australasia said, "The Visa Infinite is Visa's most prestigious card. It is distinguished by its exceptional features and services, including premium rewards and privileges with leading travel, retail and lifestyle brands. With Maybank's support and unrivalled market presence, we believe that we are introducing one of the best payment cards in Malaysia."

Maybank, as Malaysia's largest private financial institution, is also a country leader in cards, be it debit, credit or charge. President and Chief Executive Officer of Maybank, Dato' Sri Abdul Wahid shared that despite the intense competition, Maybank's card business has grown. "Our goal now is to bring card members even better benefits, not only in Malaysia but across the region where we operate. There is a host of benefits which if I may say, only Maybank can offer. Like access to our vast network and private banking centres, our Treatspoints rewards programme in Malaysia and across the region, and great savings offers."

"The Maybankard Visa Infinite also gives you access to thousands of Visa merchants worldwide who will have special promotions from time to time. Not quite infinite in number but definitely more than any other card brand," he added.

Maybankard Visa Infinite cardholders will also have a dedicated customer service line which caters specifically to high end cardholders, with customer service representatives who are specially trained to expedite the requests of cardholders.

Clearly all stops have been pulled out to cater to the individual who knows what he wants and finds pleasure in knowing that his credit card is keeping up with the life he has chosen to embrace, and will, at times, even open up new adventures and experiences for him. ■

Platinum Experience

by Enrich Malaysia Airlines



The taste of exclusivity is a delicious one, as a selected group of Malaysian Airlines' frequent flyer programme's top tier members found out recently. In its efforts to enhance Enrich's exclusive Chef-on-Call menu for Enrich Platinum members, the airline sought the help of some of its high net worth travellers to evaluate an exciting new menu.

Presented by Enrich's own Chef-on-Call, the dynamic restaurateur Julie Song, previewed a fresh new slant on healthy eating to a few select guests who were chauffeur driven in a fleet of luxurious Audi cars to Ipoh, which is the home of Indulgence Restaurant & Living, the award-winning restaurant and boutique hotel which is the brainchild of Song.

The event on October 5 2011 saw guests picked up at their residences in the morning, driven in luxurious comfort to Ipoh, and then wowed with a delectable menu created by culinary maestro Song.


The Health Menu offered exciting new ways to eat healthily, without compromising on taste and presentation. Song's new menu featured a pomelo, papaya and coriander salad called Tropicana which utilized passion fruit for its dressing. Passion fruit, taken before sleeping, is believed to result in a calm, peaceful slumber.



The paella served saw the ancient grain quinoa replacing traditional Spanish rice. Packed with protein, quinoa contains eight essential amino acids and is gluten-free. The touch of luxury comes from the highly prized saffron strands used to give the dish its deep orange colour, while quick-fired prawns and stuffed chicken give the dish satiety.

The dish named Que featured tofu drizzled with wild mushroom puree, kyuri shavings, toasted buckwheat, vinaigrette of chilli and garlic, with buckwheat capellini – perfect for vegans.

Dessert married perfectly ripened cherry tomatoes poached with vanilla bean, with a gluten-free almond slice, lime olive oil emulsion, and strawberry brunoise.

Evidently, flights of fancy can occur when feet are still firmly on the ground! 



Top left (1st row): The invited guests leaving for Indulgence Restaurant & Living, Ipoh; (2nd row, left to right) The convoy of Audi cars to Ipoh; The latest issue of Hospitality Asia presented to the guests; (3rd row) One of the exclusive wines from La Motte

Above (from the top): YM Raja Dato' Nordiana Zainal Shah addressing the guests; Chef Julie preparing her new menu; Two of Chef Julie's best creations

Holiday Inn Kuala Lumpur
Glenmarie

Refreshed And Refreshing



Main: The hotel exterior at night
Above (from the top): The Glen Lounge; The Junior Suite; The twin bed deluxe room

The sense of wide, open places is prevalent at Holiday Inn Kuala Lumpur Glenmarie. The 350-acre tropical gardens are bounded by the neighbouring Glenmarie Golf and Country Club, giving guests a chance to slow down and enjoy the sweeter things in life. While the property is quite the venue of choice for business meetings and corporate breakaway programmes (it is kitted out with 14 fully equipped meeting rooms and two impressive ballrooms with space for up to 500 guests), the leisure traveller would be remiss if they passed up a chance at sampling what this new, refreshed hotel can offer.

Far enough away from the city (35 km from Kuala Lumpur, 45 minutes from Kuala Lumpur International Airport) to be an oasis of calm, should quiet down time be the goal; Holiday Inn Kuala Lumpur Glenmarie is also great for the golfer who wishes to take advantage of the golf package which offers discounted rates on two 18-hole courses at Glenmarie Golf and Country Club which also offers squash courts and an Olympic-size swimming pool. Golf widows can console themselves with time in the sun by the hotel's own landscaped pool, with long tall ones in hand as the palms sway in the breeze. The more body-conscious can take advantage of the fully-equipped gym and fitness centre with treadmill, cycling, jogging tread, stepper and weight lifting facilities.

Romantic getaways get a breath of fresh air at the hotel, especially with the newly refurbished rooms. The exclusive Executive Wing is plush and spacious, with down pillows and high thread count sheets chosen for restful sleep and long lie-ins before a slow saunter to the Executive Lounge for complimentary breakfast. If work needs to be attended to, it can be done in the suite's ergonomic chairs with the complimentary wireless Internet.



The Report Card

Location:

Glenmarie really is not as far as it sounds. The new expressway makes it a breeze to reach. The hotel is beautiful. Its calm surroundings would make it a great place for an executive breakout. It is also really great for some personal down time as it feels removed from the rest of the city, despite it being so connected. The golfing perks are another plus.

Accommodation:

We never thought a Holiday Inn could be so luxurious. The room was such an eye-opener. It was spacious, there was a lovely selection of pillows, including down-filled ones, and the desk and office space made it possible for us to check in on work-related matters when necessary.


Food:

We tried all the options and liked them all. Each dining venue has its own charm. The Mix was surprisingly vibrant, with many patrons who were not hotel guests. Fu-Rin was lovely, with its stone interior. The sashimi there was top-notch and beautifully presented. It almost felt like dining in Japan.

Travel Report is aimed at retrieving constructive feedback from travellers. The reviewers for this section have been selected to match the target profile of the reviewed property. The reviewers of Holiday Inn Kuala Lumpur Glenmarie were Head of UOB Bank's Marketing, Alfred Peter Gabriel and his wife, banker Lim Ying May. Both travel regularly on business and list proper work spaces and complimentary Internet access as musts when selecting a hotel.

Food is a source of both sustenance and pleasure at the hotel, since it offers a wide range of dining offers. Kites is the all-day dining restaurant which serves up Malaysian favourites and international cuisine, as well as a great room service menu for those preferring to potter about in the comfort of the deep pile room carpets.

Zen-chic Fu-Rin is fast becoming the place to be when it comes to Japanese cuisine in this particular vicinity of Shah Alam. The Japanese food is fresh, authentic and beautifully presented as befitting the most artistic of Asian cuisines. Saturdays and Sundays offer buffet lunches with a live Teppanyaki counter. Drinks at the Glen Lounge offer respite from the heat of the day, and is made doubly pleasurable when the sun sets and the cool evening breezes drift through the wooden Malay-style windows.

If live music and a night out is more to the taste, The Mix is the hotspot to go to. Begin with the dinner of your choice – dressed up indoor dining, or casual alfresco at the terrace. Enjoy great grill selections, followed by some quirky, fun cocktails or tried and true classics when the bistro turns into a night spot with live music and DJs. 

Counterclockwise from the top: The Mix and its open kitchen concept; Fu-Rin Japanese restaurant; The golf course at Glenmarie; The Garden Terrace overlooking the golf course



Enriching The Joys Of Shopping



*Top right: The Grand Bazaar in Istanbul has nearly 5,000 shops and offers you ceramics, spices, jewellery and antiques, among many other things
Above: The legendary Galeries Lafayette Department Store in Paris, one of the city's must-stops for designer clothing, home furnishing or cosmetics*



Shopping is a favourite pastime for many. Some see it as a weekend activity; some see it as a necessity. Others see it as therapy of the retail kind. Reasons irrelevant, the joy of procuring something new, in itself, is a self-satisfying experience for every shopper. People have always engaged in some form of shopping; it is something that is a necessary part of our existence. As you walk through any store, whether you are shopping for a bar of soap or a new sofa, you are looking for something that defines you as an individual. Furthermore, the excitement of a bargain or the heady buzz of a new purchase just simply puts anyone in a good mood.

With Enrich, you can discover exotic locations for more than just a holiday. Indulge in the overabundance of shopping that's available to you while you explore the grand shopping cities of Europe and Asia, amongst over a hundred other destinations that Malaysia Airlines has to offer.

Travel to Istanbul for a romp in the world-famous souks like the Grand Bazaar, set up in 1461. It is one of the largest markets in the world with 60 streets and nearly 5,000 shops that make up an intricate maze in the heart of the city. At this marvel of a market, you can find anything from treats to trinkets and everything else in between.



Left (from the top): The world-famous Arc de Triomphe at dusk welcomes visitors to the fabled city of Paris;

London has a wide range of shopping locations that can rival any city in the world...

Below (from the top): Bangkok has plenty to offer, from open-air markets to modern shopping malls dotted all over the city; A Christmas market in Italy is a fine way to discover the country's crafts, as well as a great way to enjoy the cheeriness of the season




Or what about some high street shopping in Paris, a city that never stops short of delivering the best of luxury brands to the world? Avenue des Champs-Élysées is renowned for its variety of available luxury brand stores. The Saint-Honoré fashion district is occupied by classic designers like Versace, Hermes, and Yves Saint Laurent and the department stores like Galeries Lafayette and Au Printemps house a myriad of items ranging from clothes to hardware and food items.

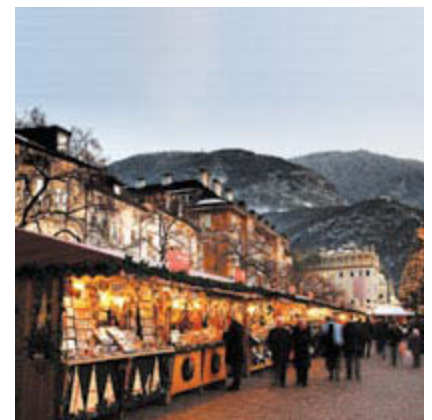
Then, when you've visited all the designer stores imaginable, muster whatever energy you have left, and visit the open-air Parisian markets for a little antiquing.

Should you fancy a caper right here in Asia, Jakarta has a plethora of offers on a platter for your shopping pleasure. A huge melting pot of the modern and the traditional, Jakarta never fails to deliver on shopping bargains as well as food and culture – a perfect mix of everything, in a bustling metropolis.

Regardless of your choice of destination, your travels give you opportunities to earn Enrich Miles when you travel with Malaysia Airlines or with any of Enrich partner airlines, or when you use the services of Enrich partners that includes shopping, hotels, banks and more in over 4,000 locations worldwide.

Enrich, Malaysia Airlines' loyalty programme knows the effects of shopping all too well and is presenting you with an unforgettable shopping experience with its Enrich Shopping Indulgence series. This year, the exciting annual event took place at the Grand Millennium Hotel Kuala Lumpur on 2-3 December, where Enrich members were treated to a range of exclusive deals at the shopping extravaganza.

Not yet an Enrich member? Then sign up for free at malaysiaairlines.com. 



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The Chateau, Berjaya Hills

Viva The Chateau!




Right: The Chateau is modelled after an 18th Century medieval castle in Alsace, France
Above (from the top): The very European lobby; The salt pool; The Classique Room

The sound of birds chirping greeted me as I stepped into the lobby and the reception staff greeted me with a big smile, “Bonjour Mademoiselle Julie”. With the cool weather, elegant French inspired furniture, as well as restaurants with French names like La Risetite, Belle Vue and La Vie, you would think I was somewhere in the French Alps. But I was closer to home at The Chateau in Berjaya Hills, Malaysia.

Located 45 minutes drive from Kuala Lumpur City Centre, The Chateau is modelled after the 18th Century medieval Haut Koenigsbourg castle in Alsace, France, and boasts of being the world's first organic spa and wellness resort. Its La Sante spa is an integral part of the resort, offering the experience of an European inspired state-of-the-art organic spa.

Get spoilt with personalized therapies like body pampering, beauty, stress relief, fitness, weight loss and body cleansing. Of particular note is the Organic Sea Salt Glow and Stress Relief Massage that leaves skin revived, and stress completely drained away. There are also special spa packages that last from two to seven nights, which include accommodation, meals and treatments.

Being an organic resort and in line with its philosophy, i.e. “We have a Heart for Our Planet”, all guest amenities at The Chateau are made from 100 percent biodegradable cornstarch material. In the rooms and spa, VOYA toiletry products are used which are made from hand harvested organic seaweed from Ireland, produced especially to clean and nourish the skin. The bed linen by Coyuchi, which is made of 100 percent organic cotton, is so extremely luxurious that one is loathe to leave bed.

Personalized service is the gold standard at The Chateau. Because of its excellent customer service and amenities, The Chateau was recently presented with four awards by the prestigious Seven Stars and Stripes, a US-based global authority on award-winning establishments. The awards comprised the Overall Hotel Concept Award (Six Stars and Stripes), the Spa and Wellness Award, the Fine Dining Award (Seven Stars and Stripes) and the Seven Starts Organic World Award, which was the first award given by the Seven Stars and Stripes globally. 

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By Julie Wong



With beauty like this, it's easy to find your One&Only



The Spa at The Chedi Muscat offers eight new private spa treatment rooms among other amazing amenities.

Spa Jewel Of Oman

The Chedi Muscat is heightening Oman's appeal as a healthy holiday destination with the grand opening of a state-of-the-art, 2,500-square-metre spa and fitness facility that promises guests and members the chance to buff up and bliss out in style by the shores of the Gulf of Oman.

Upon its debut, The Spa at The Chedi Muscat will be the largest facility of its kind in the capital port city, boasting the longest outdoor pool in the Sultanate of Oman. As a wellness facility with a starring role in the resort, the opening also marks a first for the resort's operators, Singapore-based GHM (General Hotel Management). "Though The Chedi Muscat was not without a spa before, this entirely new, purpose-built facility is so much more ambitious and expansive that we have to talk about the facility as something entirely new," said General Manager York Brandes.

Following a major renovation, the resort's wellness amenities have been re-imagined to feature The Long Pool, a 103-metre outdoor swimming pool; a 400-square-metre health club; eight new private spa treatment rooms; separate men's and women's steam room. **h**

One&Only Treatments

One&Only Reethi Rah in The Maldives is hosting two wellness consultants this year-end to offer guests unparalleled holistic and hypnotherapy journeys during their luxury holiday.

From 1 – 15 November, Dr. Buathon Thienarrom, a renowned holistic practitioner, will be helping guests achieve spiritual fulfillment through a variety of alternative and holistic methods. An advocate of traditional, alternative and holistic medicine based on Taoism, Chi Nei Tsang, meditation, posture training and Thai traditional medicine, Dr Buathon is a familiar face in Asia where she has appeared on many television programmes about the virtues of a holistic lifestyle.

From 1 – 15 December, Orapin Soon, a hypnotherapy expert will be helping guests resolve issues and regain balance in their lives. Using a combination of hypnotherapy and relaxation techniques, Orapin assists in exploring memories and associated emotions to unlock the subconscious and help clients to achieve their goals. Practitioner to royalty and celebrities, Orapin also uses Crystal Healing and Reiki techniques to heal clients mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually. **h**

For Tots And Teens

Looking good – and feeling good – is just as important to little girls as it is to big girls, so the Spa at Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai has created a menu of treatments that can be enjoyed by little ones on their own – or by parents and kids together. And best of all, the new treatments use organic, chemical-free products to ensure that the delicate skin of those little angels is taken care of gently.

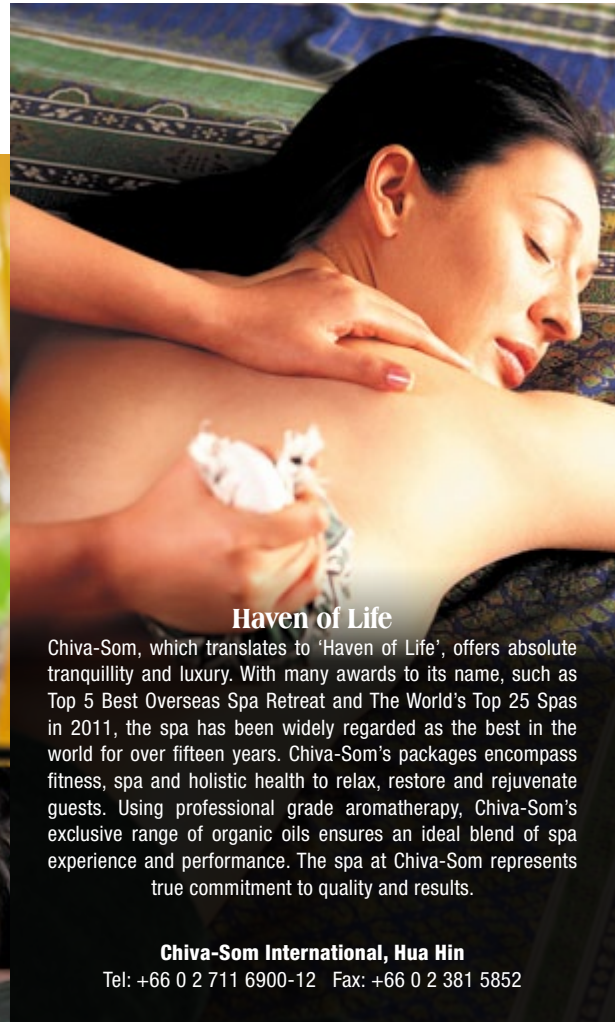
Yoga Bonding and Spa Bonding packages are also available, giving parents and children the opportunity to enjoy yoga and the Spa together. And why not also treat those tiny toes to a perfect pedicure, or some cool nail art or hair braids to show off to all the kids back home?

The new Kids' Spa Treatments will be available at the Spa at Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai from November 1, 2011. All are suitable for children aged six years and above. Children age six to 11 years old is welcome to enjoy the treatments when accompanied by a parent or guardian. **h**

Sensing The Moment

Angsana Spa is a contemporary Asian spa brand founded by the multiple award-winning Banyan Tree Spa. The 22-room city spa situated on the fifth floor of The Crowne Plaza Mutiara Hotel is home to 12 indoor single treatment rooms, two indoor double treatment rooms, four indoor single facial rooms, two outdoor spa pavilions and two Rainmist rooms. Drawing expertise from Banyan Tree, Angsana Spa's refreshing blend of treatments place special emphasis on the use of natural ingredients such as native flowers and fruits. It is based on the use of aromatherapy, the therapeutic sense of touch, and a fusion of techniques from the East and West to refresh and rejuvenate the body, mind and spirit.

Angsana Spa
Crowne Plaza Mutiara
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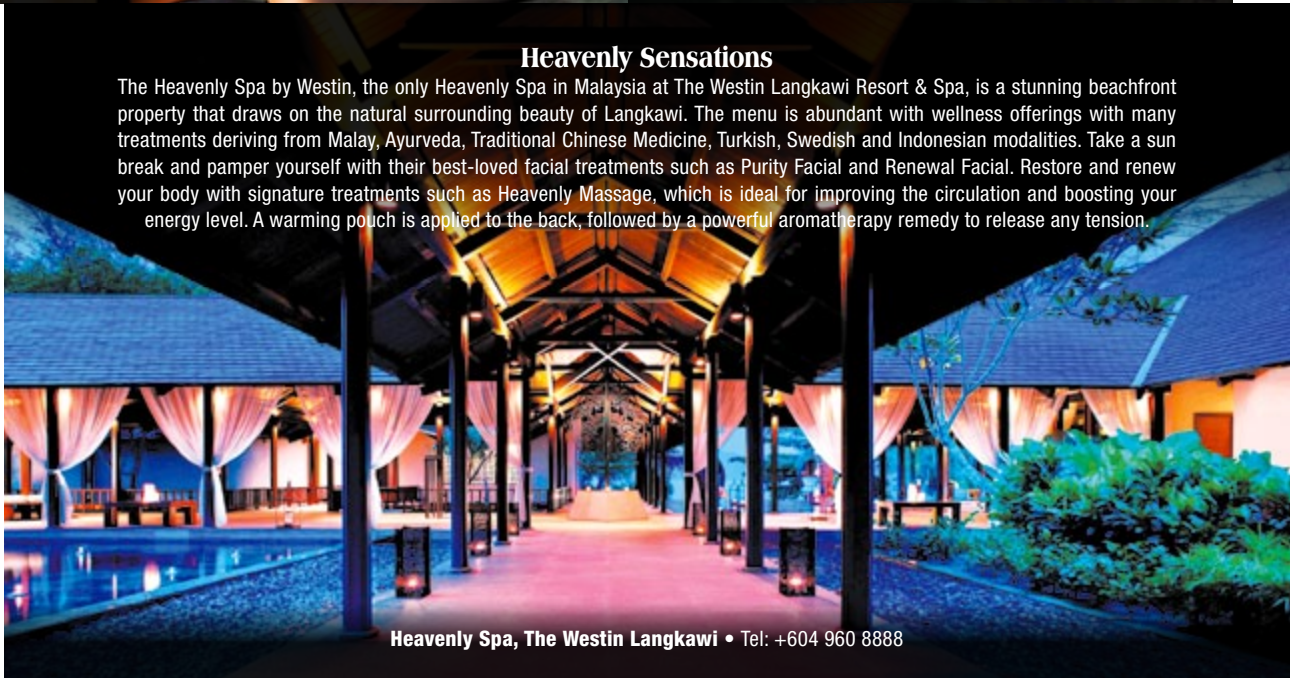
Haven of Life

Chiva-Som, which translates to 'Haven of Life', offers absolute tranquility and luxury. With many awards to its name, such as Top 5 Best Overseas Spa Retreat and The World's Top 25 Spas in 2011, the spa has been widely regarded as the best in the world for over fifteen years. Chiva-Som's packages encompass fitness, spa and holistic health to relax, restore and rejuvenate guests. Using professional grade aromatherapy, Chiva-Som's exclusive range of organic oils ensures an ideal blend of spa experience and performance. The spa at Chiva-Som represents true commitment to quality and results.

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Heavenly Sensations

The Heavenly Spa by Westin, the only Heavenly Spa in Malaysia at The Westin Langkawi Resort & Spa, is a stunning beachfront property that draws on the natural surrounding beauty of Langkawi. The menu is abundant with wellness offerings with many treatments deriving from Malay, Ayurveda, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Turkish, Swedish and Indonesian modalities. Take a sun break and pamper yourself with their best-loved facial treatments such as Purity Facial and Renewal Facial. Restore and renew your body with signature treatments such as Heavenly Massage, which is ideal for improving the circulation and boosting your energy level. A warming pouch is applied to the back, followed by a powerful aromatherapy remedy to release any tension.



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