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From gorgeous new luxury properties like Bulgari, and towering pinnacles of hospitality like Lebua at State Tower, it is clear that hotels in Asia are getting more luxurious, more personal and more stylish. But oldies are still goodies as our Destination Penang illustrates.



New Amenity Kits On Emirates

New, luxury amenity kits, containing exclusive products by Bulgari, are now being offered to passengers in the First and Business Class cabins on Emirates' long-haul flights.

As part of its agreement with Bulgari, Emirates has exclusive use of Thé Rouge (Red Tea) products. The men's First and Business Class amenity kit contain Thé Rouge after shave emulsion, eau parfumée and body lotion. Those for ladies contain Bulgari nourishing face emulsion, nourishing hand cream and eau parfumée Thé Rouge.

The bags themselves complete the luxury look and feel. The men's First Class bag is made of Italian leather while the Business Class bag is made of canvas with smart leather-look trim. Ladies in First Class have a brown suede-style and in Business Class a light beige fabric bag. Inside pockets hold the products while a waterproof base protects three of the styles.

In addition to Bulgari cosmetic products, the amenity kits also contain a range of other useful items by well known brands. Additional items include Oral B toothbrushes, Colgate toothpaste, tissues by Kleenex and, in the men's amenity kit, a razor by Taylor's of Old Bond Street featuring a Schick replaceable three-blade razor. 



The new luxury range of amenity kits on Emirates



Emirates will fly its brand new Boeing 777-200LR offering eight luxurious private suites in First class, 42 of its latest lie-flat seats in Business class, and generous space for 216 passengers in Economy

Emirates Heads To Los Angeles

Emirates is set to expand its network even further this year with the start of services to the West Coast of the United States of America. On 1st September 2008 Emirates will open its third U.S. gateway with non-stop flights between the Californian city of Los Angeles and Dubai. Emirates' flying nine times a week from Kuala Lumpur to Dubai will offer daily service connections to Los Angeles, the Gateway to Hollywood.

The new service will also provide its customers in Malaysia with direct access to California's largest city and the second largest city in the United States of America. Los Angeles is one of the world's best known centres of culture and international trade and is famed for its status as the capital of the western film industry. Other significant industries in Los Angeles include aerospace, agriculture, petroleum and tourism.


The new service will operate out of the Tom Bradley International Terminal at Los Angeles International Airport, (LAX). Emirates will fly its Boeing 777-200LR on the route, offering 266 seats in a three class configuration and will provide up to 10 tonnes of cargo capacity from Los Angeles. 

SriLankan Airlines SmiLes

SriLankan Airlines has launched SmiLes, its new frequent flyer programme which promises a wide range of exciting rewards for passengers of Sri Lanka's award-winning national carrier. The airline's previous frequent flyer programme, Skywards, ends on March 31 2008 as SriLankan's management changes hands.

Manoj Gunawardena, Head of Worldwide Passenger Sales, said, "SmiLes will be positioned as 'the Frequent Flyer Programme that Rewards and Delights.' It will open the door to a world of rewards for our passengers. SriLankan's smiling airline staff, both in the air and on the ground, have given the airline a global reputation for Warmth, Caring and Friendliness. Hence the name SmiLes."


SmiLes will be introducing a number of partner airlines and other companies which will offer members a choice to both earn and burn miles for a variety of goods and services. These will range from hotel stays to bank services, retailers, and especially SriLankan Holidays – the airline's leisure arm.

SmiLes will have three tiers of membership – Gold, Silver, and Blue – according to how many miles are accrued. Every mile flown would be credited to the member's SmiLes account as one mile. All members can exchange their miles for rewards such as free air tickets to Europe, the Middle East, South Asia and the Far East; and upgrades. They also have a wide range of other benefits such as pre-assigned seating and priority wait-listing. Existing Skywards members have a choice of transferring their Skywards Miles to SmiLes in full or in part. For more information on SmiLes, visit www.flysmiles.com or e-mail smiles@srilankan.aero. 

More Flexibility On Valuair Jakarta Flights

From 11 March 2008, travellers to the capital city of Indonesia can enjoy more flexibility with Valuair's four times daily Jakarta flights. Passengers can now change their flight schedules for same day flights subject to seat availability. To change their flight, passengers can approach the ticketing sales counter at the airport or call up the reservations hotline before the time of their preferred flight on the same day. A change fee of SGD20 or USD15 is applicable for each change in timing.

Valuair currently flies 28 flights weekly or four times daily to Jakarta. Regular fares are priced from SGD68 for flights from Singapore to Jakarta and USD49 for flights from Jakarta to Singapore, exclusive of surcharges and taxes. In addition to Jakarta, Valuair operates additional 16 times weekly services to the other Indonesian cities of Surabaya, Medan and Bali. In total, Valuair operates a total of 44 times weekly flights between Singapore and Indonesia.

Valuair and its sister company Jetstar Asia operate from Changi Airport Terminal One. Free online seat selection, comfortable leather seats and generous 20-kg luggage allowance are the current standard offers to passengers. Please book early for the best deals at www.valuair.com or www.jetstarasia.com. 

Lufthansa Launches Online Booking Engine For Malaysian Market

Lufthansa has launched its real-time online booking engine service in Malaysia. The introduction of this new online booking engine is aimed at enhancing customer experience and will enable Lufthansa customers to select, book and purchase tickets for their desired flights 24 hours a day at <http://www.lufthansa.com>.

Lufthansa passengers can now select their seat when checking in using the online booking engine. The choice is made easy by a graphic seat plan on the screen showing all the available seats during the online check-in process. Passengers simply select their seat on their home PC or at the office, and then print out their boarding pass. Another advantage for even more flexibility: the online check-in option is now available 23 hours prior to flight departure, allowing passengers to select their preferred seat in the aircraft cabin in good time.


Check-in at Lufthansa Quick check-in kiosks at airports is also quicker and easier, since passengers no longer require their Miles & More or credit card

for identification. They simply enter their name and booking code on the screen and are immediately issued a boarding pass for their flight. Passengers with a boarding pass, printed online or at a Quick check-in kiosk, can go direct to security and from there straight to the gate. For those Quick check-in machines with-out an automated baggage facility, customers can simply hand their baggage in at one of the fast and convenient Baggage Drop-Off counters.

In addition, travellers can enjoy the convenience and get the best deals and specials immediately, anytime and anywhere just by booking online and travelling with etix®, Lufthansa's innovative electronic ticket. Lufthansa is one of the first airlines worldwide to install barcode technology completely at its two hubs in Frankfurt and Munich. Passengers flying with an etix, who have down-loaded their boarding pass from the Internet, or who are travelling with a conventional bar-coded boarding pass, can self-board quickly and independently at the gate in Germany by utilising the Lufthansa Quick Boarding system. 

New Network For Business Travellers

A new network offers business travellers an appropriate destination in cyber space.

The site is located at www.skylounge.com and concentrates on business travellers that want to network before, during and after their trips. Members can see where their contacts are at any time in the world and expand their business network. The average membership age is 35 and the majority of members hold management positions. SkyLounge does not allow any scribbling or commenting on member profiles. The site offers a mature setting that allows members to network with other likeminded business travellers. 

Jakarta's Gem

Setting a new standard of luxury in the Indonesian capital city, The Ritz-Carlton, Jakarta is situated in an open area affording beautiful views. Sleek sophistication outside provides a way to warm elegance inside, where each guest room and suite offer an oasis of pampering and prestige. Accommodations are Jakarta's most spacious. The baths feature floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the city. Luxury amenities such as fine linens, designer bath essentials and a 42-inch plasma screen television enhance each stay.



For dining options, guests can choose from Airlangga Restaurant, featuring Jakarta's largest Island Buffet; Portovenere, an open kitchen Italian Restaurant; Prime Steak House, serving grilled imported prime beef cuts and fresh catch seasonal seafood or The Ritz-Carlton Lobby Lounge for premium cocktails, afternoon tea and coffee, hors d'oeuvre and snacks accompanied by live pianist in the evenings. For a slice of live entertainment, Mistere, a chic night club featuring live music, spacious dancing floor, MUMM Champagne Lounge and 9 newly decorated karaoke rooms. 

The Ritz-Carlton Jakarta



Top Left: The Ritz-Carlton Suite
Above: Towering over Jakarta

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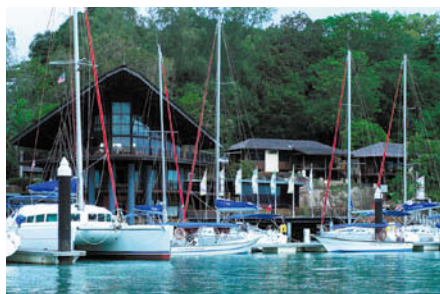
The Datai's Eco Offerings

The Datai Langkawi offers more than leisurely getaways – it also gives visitors a chance to experience the Isle of Legends' bountiful nature and ecology. The Langkawi Biking Adventure allows guests to experience Langkawi and take

in the breathtaking views of the island and its countryside surroundings on a bike. Guests get to explore the mountain and see village life in a different light with two tour options - the Biking & Countryside Tour and Greet the Sunrise & Hornbill – all on bicycles. The Biking & Countryside Tour is a four-hour trip starting at Kubang Badak Village which is near Teluk Ewa.

It is available from 4.30pm - 7.30pm. The pace is relaxed and you will ride through the countryside roads and paths, enjoy views of local fruits orchards, paddy fields, see the local village life, rubber tapping and a fishing station, with traditional Malay tea and sweets at the end of the experience. Price per person is RM 150, including pick up from The Datai.

The Greet The Sunrise & Hornbill tour is a bright and early one. An early start and drive ensures you reach Gunung Raya in time to greet the sunrise. You will leave the hotel at 6am for Gunung Raya, the highest peak in Langkawi for a four-hour trip. After coffee or tea you will begin to bike downhill to enjoy the best view of the rainforest and birdlife. As you arrive at the base, you will continue through the countryside along fruit orchards and rice fields. By late morning you will have built up enough appetite for a light breakfast at a local spot before driving back to hotel. **h**



A view of the Royal Langkawi Yacht Club

The Royal Langkawi Yacht Club Wins Christofle Asia Boating Awards 2008

The Royal Langkawi Yacht Club (RLYC) won the Best Asian Marine / Yacht Club of the Year in the highly acclaimed Christofle Asia Boating Awards 2008 held at Le Royal Meridien in Shanghai on 11 April. The win marks a major milestone for RLYC as it is the first time a Malaysian yacht club is being bestowed the award since the annual awards ceremony was first held in 2005.

The RLYC was among 10 contenders from all over Asia for the award. Other yacht clubs nominated in the category were the Dubai International Marine Club, Mina Seyahi (UAE), Gold Coast Yacht and Country Club as well as Hong Kong Marina from Hong Kong, Heritage Bay Club Marina (Malaysia), Qingdao Yin Hai International Yacht Club, Shanghai Sameng Sailing Club and Suzhou Mercury Marina from China, Republic of Singapore Yacht Club (Singapore) and Yacht Haven Marina (Thailand)

The Christofle Asia Boating Awards show is widely known as the region's premier event for recognizing the efforts of boat builders, marinas, clubs and individuals in creating a diverse and exciting boating community. It has also become a must-attend event for Asia's jet set.

The club is 5 minutes by foot from the Jetty Point ferry terminal and 10 minutes by taxi from Kuah town in Langkawi. An excellent choice for seafarers to berth their boats, the RLYC is nestled snugly behind a protective seawall and offers excellent facilities. It has 200 world class berths and can accommodate seagoing mega yachts of up to 60m in length.

The club's commitment to members extends well beyond the boundaries of dining and recreation. It has a swimming pool, showers and toilets, laundry services, telephone, fax and email facilities. The wireless Internet service available at RLYC allows berth holders to work or access their Internet from

their boat or anywhere within the club premises. Fuel and basic maintenance are also provided. Hassle free port clearance, arrangements for flight reservations, tour packages, car rentals and taxi reservations are among the other services which can be expertly arranged by the staff of RLYC. **h**



Dive Asia with Centara

Dive, Dive!

Centara Hotels and Resorts, Thailand is offering a collection of unique Scuba Dive Packages, tailor-made for both beginners and experienced divers alike. All course training is conducted on-site by professionally trained multi-lingual instructors using Mares dive equipment for all dive activities. Choose from Phuket, the waters surrounding Samui or the stunning Andaman Coastline of Krabi for some of the world's finest dive sites available in Centara Grand Beach Resort Samui, Centara Villas Samui, Centara Karon Resort Phuket, Centara Villas Phuket, Centara Kata Resort Phuket and Centara Grand Beach Resort & Villas Krabi. The packages are valid through 31 October 2008.

All packages include a choice of Dive Options, hotel accommodation for four nights inclusive of daily American breakfast and all taxes, airport transfer to and from resort, welcome drink on arrival, fruit basket in room and all transfers to and from boats. Check out www.centarahotelsresorts.com for the various packages and prices. **h**

Diamond Of A Pearl

Come see, touch and feel the Indigo Pearl resort experience. Encounter Phuket's collective imagination in the inspired rooms, spa and dining venues. Imaginative design gives way to intriguing details to create a first class luxury Thailand resort with everything you need for the perfect vacation or business meeting.

Inspired by Phuket's tin mining past, Indigo Pearl's architecture and décor evokes a Thai factory of a century ago. The landscaping overflows with surprises: the postmodern transformation of a mature plantation spiced with modern sculpture and found industrial art. Simply awe-inspiring, creating a unique setting for a special event or a fantastic holiday.

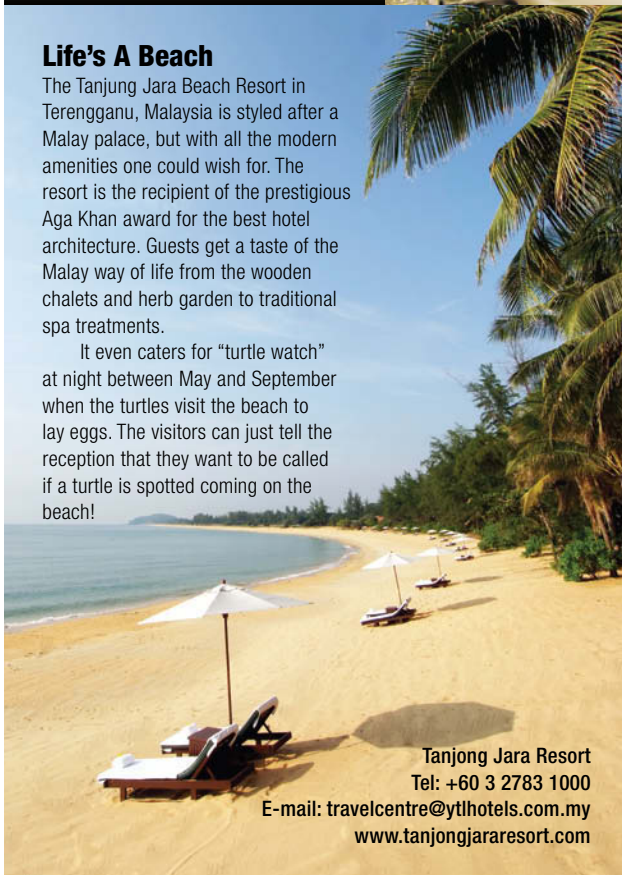
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Life's A Beach

The Tanjung Jara Beach Resort in Terengganu, Malaysia is styled after a Malay palace, but with all the modern amenities one could wish for. The resort is the recipient of the prestigious Aga Khan award for the best hotel architecture. Guests get a taste of the Malay way of life from the wooden chalets and herb garden to traditional spa treatments.

It even caters for "turtle watch" at night between May and September when the turtles visit the beach to lay eggs. The visitors can just tell the reception that they want to be called if a turtle is spotted coming on the beach!

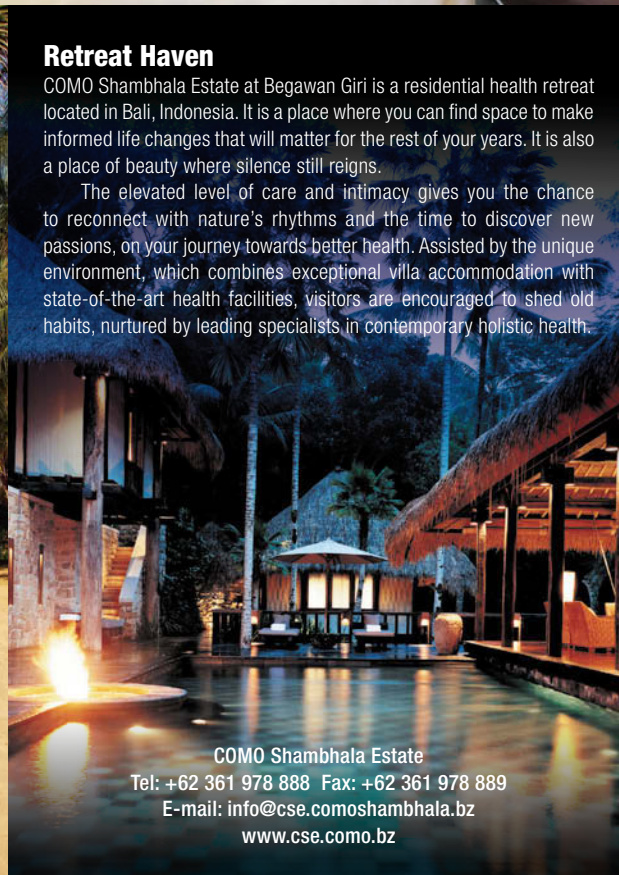


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Retreat Haven

COMO Shambhala Estate at Begawan Giri is a residential health retreat located in Bali, Indonesia. It is a place where you can find space to make informed life changes that will matter for the rest of your years. It is also a place of beauty where silence still reigns.

The elevated level of care and intimacy gives you the chance to reconnect with nature's rhythms and the time to discover new passions, on your journey towards better health. Assisted by the unique environment, which combines exceptional villa accommodation with state-of-the-art health facilities, visitors are encouraged to shed old habits, nurtured by leading specialists in contemporary holistic health.



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Bulgari Hotels & Resorts
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The Height Of Elegance



*Clockwise from above:
The Ganesha Statue – An impressive Hindu temple and the statue of Ganesha rise on site. In Hinduism, the god of Ganesha is considered the master of intellect and wisdom whose body is depicted with four arms and the head of a single-tusked elephant;*

The infinity-edge pool overlooked by the dining and bar area, featuring wide decking and oversized sofas for relaxation and sunbathing;

The Balinese skyline and uninterrupted ocean view from the resort's Sangkar restaurant



Bulgari defines the height of elegance 150 metres above the Indian Ocean with the opening of a breathtaking 59-villa property in Bali - one of the world's most exclusive and exotic destinations. The breathtaking natural beauty of this secluded setting is matched only by the exquisite design of Bulgari Hotels & Resorts newest addition to the luxury group which debuted in 2004 with the opening of the Bulgari Hotel in Milan.

The three key elements that distinguish the Bulgari Resort in Bali are its unique location, the blend of traditional Balinese style with dramatic contemporary Italian design, and the variety of services that have all been crafted with the same attention to quality that has always distinguished Bulgari creations.

The Bulgari Resort is located near the village of Pecatu and the stunning cliff top site of the Pura Luhur Uluwatu Temple, on the island's far southwestern tip. The Jimbaran Bay and the international airport lie approximately 20 kilometres north of the resort while Kuta, the touristy heart of Bali, is a 40 minute-drive.



Uniquely positioned at more than 150 metres above the sea shore, the resort offers unrivalled views across the Indian Ocean. Nestled between the cliff and the ocean, a 1.5 kilometre long beach is accessible only through the resort's inclined elevator.

Designed by architects Antonio Citterio and Partners, the resort reflects a contemporary interpretation of the traditional Balinese design while conveying the distinctive Bulgari Italian style. The layout and overall design also incorporates the culture and natural elements of the location. The hotel has been built and furnished using hand-cut volcanic stones, rich exotic woods and refined fabrics. Natural lava and palimanan stone are used for the garden and interior walls, refined bangkiray hardwood in the villas, along with natural green colored sukabumi stone to clad outdoor showers, plunge and swimming pools.

A collection of exquisite Balinese antiques and exotic art pieces, including more than 90 examples, adorn the entire resort. Furniture and decorative details, such as stemware, flatware, ceramics and woven fabrics, were designed and produced in Bali by a team of local artists and designers in collaboration with the resort's architects, Antonio Citterio and Partners.

The resort comprises of 59 ocean-view villas, including three two-bedroom villas and the 1,300 sq m Bulgari Villa. All accommodations offer a plunge pool and patio with secluded tropical garden, high technology features and an extensive range of amenities.



*From the top:
The imposing arrival pavilion,
characterized by magnificent proportions
and masterful design;
A 1930's map painting of Bali Island by
Mexican painter Miguel Covarrubias greets
guests at the reception pavilion*



Top right: The resort's villas capture the traditional walled indoor-outdoor nature of Balinese houses;

From the top: Natural lava stone walls, along-alang thatch roofs and elegant bronze lanterns characterize the entrance of each villa;

The 1,300-sq/m Bulgari Villa is in the westernmost part of the resort. Reachable by private access, it features a 20m swimming pool surrounded by a broad terrace and individual pavilions to dine and live in the open

Reachable by a private access, the Bulgari Villa features three bedrooms, a large living area with built-in bar, an oversized dining room, a home theatre and full service quarters with a state-of-the-art kitchen. A 20 metre lap pool surrounded by an extensive terrace and an outdoor meditation pavilion complete its unique layout.

All one and two-bedroom villas include private baths and either one king bed or two double beds. Beds are dressed in tropical-weight bedding, and baths feature Bulgari bath products. Accommodations include coffee/tea makers, satellite television, compact discs and DVD players, complimentary bottled water, safe-deposit boxes and turndown service. Wired and wireless Internet access is available in all rooms. Cribs are complimentary, with Bose iPod docking stations available in the ocean cliff, deluxe ocean view and two bedroom villas. A Bulgari store is located on site and offers this privileged brand's selection of jewellery and luxury fashion goods.

More than 250 employees under the direction of General Manager Robert Lagerwey deliver highly personalized and discreet service, while butlers anticipate guest needs to offer the utmost luxury experience.

An Italian inspired and locally influenced cuisine distinguishes the two-pool-side restaurants. Overlooking a reflection pool, the resort's signature Italian restaurant, Il Ristorante, pays homage to classical Italian specialties in a seductive ambience enhanced by the softly candle-lit lanterns. Open only for dinner, the 36-seat restaurant features creative interpretations of classical Italian cuisine, perfectly blending the finest imported Italian ingredients with the islands' organic produce.



Uniquely located on the cliff-edge and characterized by a more casual atmosphere, the all-day dining Sangkar restaurant proposes a creative kind of cuisine, combining authentic Balinese dishes – enriched with various regional influences from the Indonesian archipelago - with a selection of international specialties. It features an impressive 10 m tall ceiling stunningly lit with traditional bamboo caged lamps.

A cliff top bar affords spectacular ocean views and serves a selection of cocktails, wines and beers. The resort offers wired and wireless Internet access, a business centre, international newspaper delivery and meeting space. This exclusive Balinese property also provides a fully equipped fitness centre, private beach with beach attendants and an outdoor pool with waterfall and hydrotherapy jets.

The spa features eight treatment rooms with men's and women's herbal steam rooms in the changing rooms and therapists who offer a menu of massage options. Other resort amenities include a Balinese arts and crafts store, beauty salon, library with board games, compact discs and movies, and valet laundry service. One of the most recognized names in audio-visual systems, Band and Olufsen, is available throughout the resort.

The endless research into high quality service is aimed at offering the outmost to the Bulgari Resort guests. The result is a menu of services that not only make the stay as comfortable as possible but also offer a series of activities to explore the island and the surrounding area. From day trips to neighbouring islands and volcano visits by helicopter, to holistic activities, local market tours and a personal shopper, the leisure concierge has been conceived to ensure a smooth transition from one activity to another, personalizing every stay. The choice of services is defined at the moment of the reservation and is carefully personalized. ■

Clockwise from the top left:

Distinctively located on the cliff-edge, the all-day dining Sangkar restaurant features an impressive 10m tall ceiling stunningly lit with traditional bamboo caged lamps;

The open-air bar characterized by a spectacular terraced lounge, overlooking the most enchanting shore on the island;

One of the eight fully equipped treatment rooms boasting exceptional ocean views for entire relaxation;

The SPA includes a yoga pavilion as well as a floating bridge stretching over a pond. The stone cladding is entirely hand-honed

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A Tropical Escapade



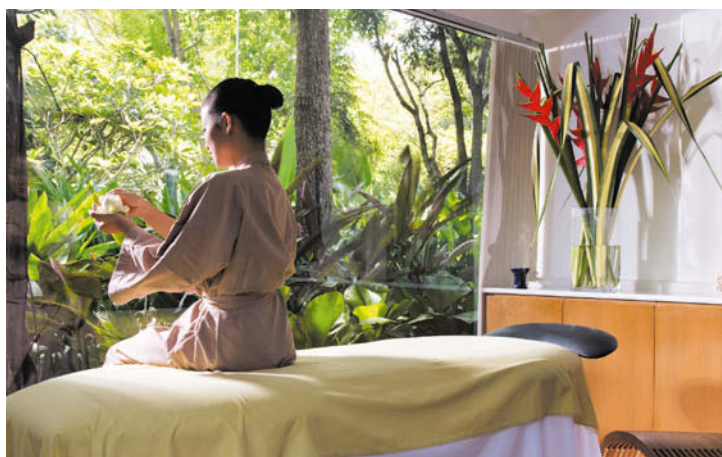
Main picture: The Lobby
From the top: The Ballroom;
The Meeting Room



Swissôtel Nai Lert Park Bangkok, a Raffles International Hotel, is a five-story, low-rise hotel set in eight and a half acres of land, surrounded by tropical trees and flowers featuring a Thai-style canal, and a majestic landscaped garden. Conveniently located in the centre of Bangkok's diplomatic and business district, 25 minutes from the new Suvarnabumi International Airport, the hotel is nestled amidst a luxuriant garden in the heart of Bangkok with 338 contemporary designed rooms featuring private balconies.

Each of the 338 rooms and suites provide a spectacular garden or city view and features a private balcony teeming with blossoms while inside the room amenities offer all the comforts of home. Guests staying on the hotel's Executive Club floors benefit from complimentary breakfast, afternoon tea and evening cocktails in the Executive Club Lounge, with the business centre providing secretarial service for business travellers who need a helping hand.

The business centre also features two conference rooms which can comfortably accommodate up to 12 people each, as well as three private rooms which also serve as personal offices; equipped with computers and printers. The spacious meeting and presentation rooms are self-contained and give guests the feeling of being in her or his own private environment. All the offices and meeting rooms feature natural lighting. There are high-speed Internet hook-ups as well as individual telephone lines. Complete administrative and secretarial services are on hand, together with photocopy/faxing and scanning services and from here a busy executive can conduct all aspects of business, and be productive in a professional and soothing setting.




Swissôtel Nai Lert Park Bangkok also offers world-class international, French, Japanese and Chinese restaurants, and a cocktail lounge (Syn Bar) that has re-defined the meaning of cool. Whether it's an elegant and special occasion or a relaxed and casual meal, Swissôtel Nai Lert Park's five restaurants and two bars offers the ideal dining outlet for every visitor.

With soaring panoramic views of the lush garden and pool, ISO, the all-day dining restaurant, is the ideal venue any time of the day. Whether it is breakfast, lunch or dinner, ISO features the best of Eastern and Western cuisines with authentic flavours. Ma Maison, the property's premier restaurant, offers new French cuisine complemented by unobtrusive service and impeccable decor. With Set Business Lunches or the famed 16-course Evolution Tasting Menu, Ma Maison offers a truly incredible culinary experience. Ma Maison also features a private dining room seating up to ten people.

Authentic Japanese cuisine set in a contemporary environment and complemented by stunning views of Nai Lert Park is available at Genji which also features a sushi bar and two teppanyaki rooms, as well as five private tatami dining rooms.

The hotel's unique Gallery design ensures that natural daylight floods the hotel's public spaces as well as all function rooms which include seven elegant banqueting and conference rooms, with full catering service.

Amrita Fitness at Swissôtel Nai Lert Park ensures the total well-being of hotel guests. Located in the lush gardens of the hotel, a fully equipped health centre contains the latest fitness equipment including high-tech cardiovascular and resistance machines, two tennis courts, an air-conditioned squash court, a free-form swimming pool and a separate male and female spa zone offering sauna and steam rooms as well as a wide selection of spa treatments. 

*Clockwise from the top left:
Amrita Spa; Aerial view of the pool;
The Pool Bar; The Swiss Deluxe Room*

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lebua At State Tower,
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Towering Magnificence



*Main picture: The magnificent view of
Lebua at State Tower
From the top: The Lobby;
The tranquillity of the pool at Lebua*

Everything about lebua spells exclusive. The all-suite hotel is located on the corner of Charoen Krung and Silom roads, a 40-minute drive from Suvarnabhumi International Airport and a 10-minute walk from the BTS Sky Train's Saphan Taksin station, with the venerable Chao Phraya River just a short stroll away. Exclusive, elegant and luxurious, the hotel offers the most spacious suites in its class, mirroring the criteria of Small Luxury Hotels of the World (SLH) to which it has membership.

With a plethora of awards under its belt, including Best New Boutique in Bangkok from Art of Travel and Best New Hotel by Business Asia Magazine in conjunction with CNBC Asia Pacific, the property has already cemented a reputation for the ultimate in comfort and utility.

The interior of lebua is a fusion of East and West, brought together by a palette of warm, earthy colours and using only local materials. The graceful Thai culture and lifestyle are blended with Western design disciplines to create a resonant, yet restful effect that reverberates in every corner of lebua. The 198 spacious suites – ranging from 66 to 266 sq m in size – are among the largest suite in the city. Furthermore, all are luxuriously appointed, fully furnished with modern home conveniences, and include multiple balconies.



The Superior suite at lebua is a spacious 66 sq m with a well appointed bedroom, sitting area and a large four fixtures bathroom. The beds are feather soft and there is ample room for work or relaxation in the living area. The Riverview Suite offers the very best views of the Chao Phraya River and a lavish bathroom with BVLGARI amenities. The two and three-bedroom suites offer BVLGARI amenities, Petrossian amenities, fully-equipped kitchenette, home entertainment centre with TV, DVD player and CD player as well as complimentary In-room broadband Internet access with the option of a private meal cooked in-suite by The Dome's chefs.

The Business Centre is designed to satisfy every conceivable requirement for doing business in the 21st century. Fully-equipped with office facilities, broadband Internet connectivity, personalized secretarial and administrative support, message/mail/postal services, and meeting rooms of varying sizes, the Business Centre has everything to assist a busy executive.

To keep in shape for the rat race, the Fitness Centre includes a gymnasium, sauna cum steam room, swimming pool, Jacuzzi and massage rooms. The gym is fully equipped with a full range of exercise equipment including cardiovascular and resistance machines as well as free weights and dumbbells.

The swimming pool is 20 x 48 meters in length and 1.55 meters in depth with Jacuzzi jet nozzles throughout.

Dining and entertaining is a treat at lebua. The lebua Lounge located adjacent to the hotel lobby is the perfect place for business or relaxation, featuring a wide selection of drinks, finest quality imported teas, wines, champagnes and cocktails. Every attention has been given to the fare on offer from the Traditional English High Tea served daily, to the teas themselves which hail from the renowned and award winning Harney & Sons in America. A unique selection has been chosen for the hotel which compliments perfectly the handmade scones, sandwiches and delicate pastries.

Café Mozu presents the best of world cuisine, while Breeze Restaurant, located on the 51st and 52nd floors offers a fresh perspective to seafood dining, with Asian-style seafood and barbecue fare using only the freshest seafood. Other inspiring F&B concepts include Sirocco which serves Mediterranean food under the stars and Mezzaluna which purportedly offers the best Italian cuisine out of Italy. ■



*Clockwise from the top left:
Rooftop dining at Sirocco; The living room
of the two bedroom suite; Café Mozu;
The two and three bedroom suites offer
BVLGARI amenities*

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Boundless Pleasure



Club Med is constantly reinventing the magic formula for happiness. Happiness which is coloured with elegance, which redefines luxury in a very personalized way. Enjoy a la carte holidays with offerings for every desire and every age group. Endless activities, sports, bar and snacking facilities, baby welcome kits, special offerings for teenagers, gastronomic delights to titillate every taste bud and much more. All accompanied by a multicultural team of Gracious Organizers, GO, set in one of Malaysia's finest beach settings.

If there's a place where kids could just be kids all day, where they could swim and play, fly through the sky and play at pirates with their parents at bay, they would call it their best ever holiday destination. And if they were safe and happy, with all the goodies they can eat while they frolic all day, then their parents would also call it a great place for a complete family holiday. And that is where the Club Med philosophy comes in.


Although Club Med is well known for its exotic locations and wide range of activities, it's also a wonderful place for family vacations because there is something for every age group. With the Petit, Mini and Junior's Club Med along with the Password Club Med Teen Access to keep kids from two to 17 occupied with their own special adventures, parents can enjoy their holidays at their own pace, with total peace of mind.



Every day is a new experience for the kids, managed by specially trained and experienced GOs, from swinging on the flying trapeze and walking the tightrope at the Circus School to climbing and archery, with loads of ice cream and goodies at meals.

New culinary experiences await you at Club Med, where you are presented with a wide array of quality food options that cleverly fuse Asian and international flavours. Unlimited gourmet offerings beckon at Club Med Cherating, with an extensive array of international cuisine to tempt your palate. Mornings at Club Med begin with a glorious breakfast to fuel up for the day, with the delight of international gourmet buffets and unlimited beverage including beer and wine during lunch and dinner. Choose either the wonderful ambience offered by indoor and al fresco dining choices or dine in style at the specialty restaurants.

Fine cheeses, freshly baked bread, fresh crisp salads, prime cuts and roasts are cleverly presented alongside fusion offerings which marry Asian herbs and spices that exude heady and intoxicating aromas synonymous with the mysterious East. Savour the flavours of Europe and sink into the decadent dessert spread. Go for seconds and thirds, and never worry about incurring additional costs as your all inclusive holiday at Club Med means that all your meals are part of your unique holiday experience.

And when you've finished satisfying your appetite, there is the sun, the glorious beach and the great service which keeps Club Med Cherating as the top of its game. 

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The Westin Langkawi
Resort & Spa, Malaysia

A Heavenly Haven Of Majestic Villas




*Main picture: The pool villas offer serene tranquility with a breathtaking view
From the top: The interior is spacious and comfortable with luxurious amenities;
The lounge provides a cool and relaxing place to get-together*

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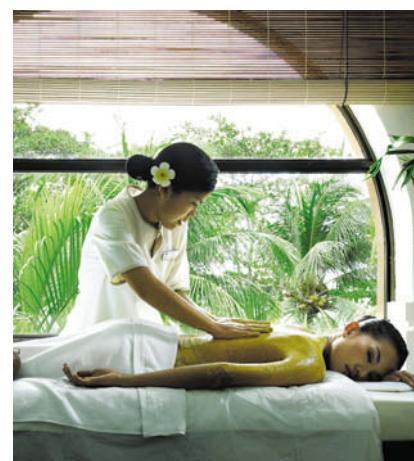
The Westin Langkawi Resort & Spa, Malaysia has 20 units of new luxurious products to showcase to the world. Nestled amongst part of the 42 hectares of lush tropical gardens, an expanse of open parkland and framed by jungle clad hills, these 20 brand new private ocean view pool villas offer privacy, luxury, homely comfort and a rejuvenating escape from the world outside.

All 16 units of one-bedroom villas, three units of two-bedroom villas and one five-bedroom villa boast the majestic Andaman Sea View and infinity pools for a renewal experience for all guests.

Focusing on personalized service and utmost comfort for all guests, all villa guest rooms offer modern luxurious amenities inclusive of the iconic signature Heavenly Bed®, Heavenly Rain shower/Bath®, 42-inch plasma TV with satellite channels, DVD player & surround sound system. A modernly equipped kitchenette is also available in the villa for guests' own comfort and convenience. With private villa hosts on call 24 hours a day, a satisfying holiday is assured.

Langkawi is located in the state of Kedah in the northern tip of Malaysia. A duty-free port and an island of scenic, tranquil landscapes, Langkawi has become a favourite destination for local and international visitors alike. Langkawi is about an hour's flight from Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia. 

Malaysia's Pearl Of The Orient



Bullish on bouncing back is the catchphrase of Penang's hospitality industry. Despite hurdles such as the decrease in the number of direct flights to the island, a sentiment of positivity still pervades. More than ever Penang hoteliers are working towards making the Pearl of the Orient a destination that bursts at the seams with coolly contemporary boutique hotel concepts, great dining experiences as well as the usual staples of sea, sun and sand. **h3**

Glorious Gastronomy

Sesame + Soy, G Hotel



Main picture (left to right): Chinese fine dining given an urban twist at Sesame and Soy

Above: Soy dessert delight; Roasted quail from Sesame

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A cutting edge property like G Hotel in Penang needs more than a run-of-the-mill Chinese restaurant. Which is why the hotel which bills itself as 'Penang's most stylish address' is home to a revolutionary twinned dining concept offering a whole spectrum of tastes and flavours. Sesame + Soy are two restaurants which fluidly merge into one gastronomic experience. Soy was opened in June 2007 and serves fusion Chinese, while Sesame offers Chinese modern fine dining.

A meal at Soy is like learning to drive a stick shift when you're used to an automatic. Dishes like crab stuffed lychee with roasted miso egg plant first throws the palate for a loop, with the sea sweetness of the crab merging with the syrup of the fruit and slowly merging with the earthiness of the aubergine. But once you've made the shift, there is a desire to experience this sudden *mélange* of tastes.

Appetizers like steamed queen scallops and sugar snaps and sesame served with radish pickle; roast duck and yam spring rolls with miso and hoisin dip and soft shelled crab with XO sauce really prove the culinary mettle of Soy's kitchen team. Texture, flavour, intensity and adventure all come alive at the sampling of these starters and make you look forward to more.

The typical rice and dishes to share are thrown out of the window at Soy, with individual servings of rice or noodle entrees. These range from oxtail with crisp noodles and northern Thai curry with its glorious slash of lemon grass; the barbecued coffee cocoa pork ribs and garlic fried rice, slow cooked pork belly and spicy dried shrimp rice and the tender katsu style Japanese chicken curry rice. One of the menu's standouts has to be the steamed egg custard and tiger prawns and Shanghai noodles. This glorious dish is a subtle study in Oriental delicacy with the light egg custard paired with a burst of piquancy from the prawns.

The culinary team goes three-for-three when the dessert menu manages to hold its own against the appetizers and entrée. It is not an overstatement to say that Soy may just be the best place for dessert on the island with offerings like gula Melaka crème brulee and coconut ice cream, warm chocolate and Nutella tart, mango and lemongrass crumble, ginger and apple pudding, sweet yam puree and gingko nut and caramelized pineapple tart. **na**

Blissful Breakaways

Danai Spa at G Hotel




The Danai Spa at G Hotel, Penang, is a great example of two good things coming together to make better experiences. One of the most successful spa brands in Malaysia, Danai finds a perfect partner in the stylish G Hotel. The Danai Spa is located at level three of G Hotel, in the fitness centre and offers a lovely blend of wellness packages as well as individual treatments.

The Hawaiian Pampering Bliss spa package is something only Danai offers in Malaysia and entails a unique, flowing, energetically vibrant yet relaxing all body massage which is supposed to communicate love, stillness and centredness. The massage is then followed by a 30-minute Milk & Honey Scrub and a 15 minute Destress Therapy Soak in the Jacuzzi.

Patrons can also choose to go aryuvedic or oriental with either the two and a half hour Wisdom of Ayurveda package or the three-hour Asian Best Treasures which utilizes the Bali Boreh Wrap to help stiff joints and muscles. A traditional massage follows with a heated pouch of herbs along the body's meridian lines, followed by a 30 minute Ginger Salt Glow which removes wind and soothes aches. Men have a package tailored just for them, with the Gentlemen's Stress Relief comprising of a lemongrass scrub, stress relief massage and gentlemen's facial.

Danai Spa also offers their Danai Signature Massage for muscle ache and soreness, aromatherapy massage, heated herbal pouch massage, pregnancy massage and the Hawaiian Kahuna as an ala carte item. If time is of the essence, indulge in sweet smelling scrubs ranging from Java Lulur, Sugar Berries, Strawberry Yogurt and the Pure Rose Luxury Scrub, all of which only take 30 minutes.

There is also a range of wraps which last 40 minutes inclusive of a 15-minute scalp massage and aromatherapy hot mask. Choices range from the Bali Boreh, Milk & Honey, Chocolate Delight, Vino Wine and Marine Contour Wrap. Express Facials are also offered, with the Instant Radiance, Instant Purifying and Instant Hydra taking 35 minutes. Other beauty treatments include the Glamour Manicure or Pedicure or Spa Pedicure by OPI. 

*Main picture: Relax and unwind at Danai Spa at G Hotel
From the top: Step into luxury at Danai Spa;
Soak your troubles away*

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Parkroyal Penang

A Place To Come Home To




*Main picture: Penang's pearl
From the top: Thrills and spills abound at
the Parkroyal Penang;
Although an ideal setting for romance,
Parkroyal Penang is also great for kids*

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There are many reasons guests keep returning to the Parkroyal Penang. While one of the main attractions is the lovely beach, there is also the sense of warmth which permeates the property. It radiates from General Manager Mark Losi, one is bathed in it from long serving Public Relations Manager Karen Chee and each member of the staff from the culinary team to the busboys seem to really take pleasure in service.

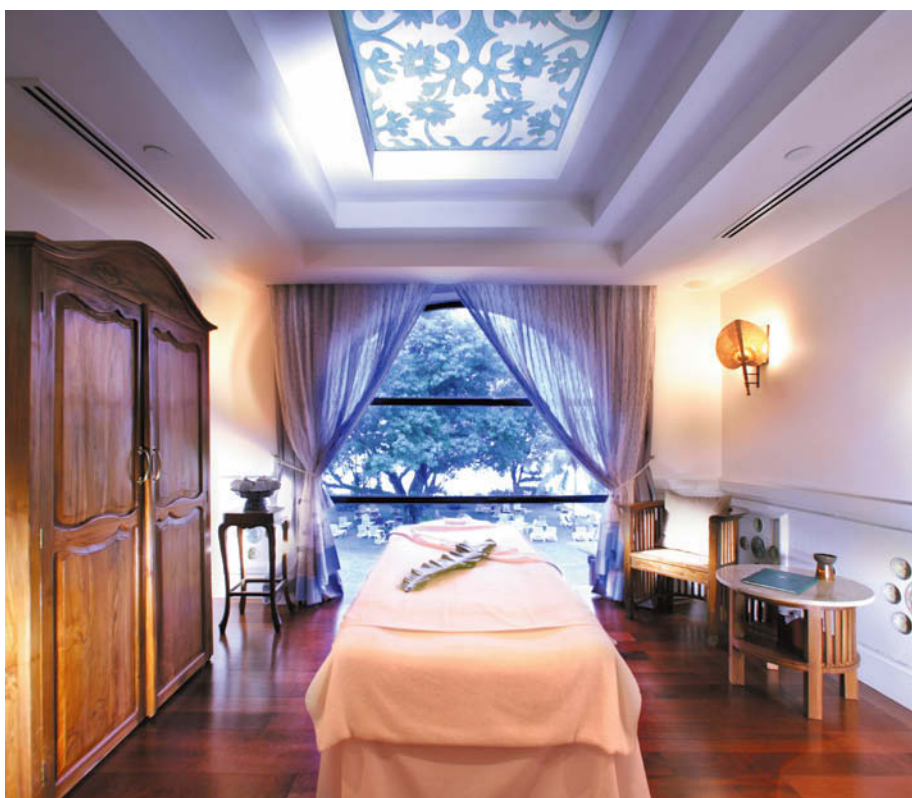
Whether one is seeking just a tranquil hideaway with the occasional dip in the beautiful landscaped pool, or a special getaway with places for moonlight strolls and romantic dinners or even a place where kids can feel special in themselves, the Parkroyal Penang has it all.

Most of the 324 tastefully decorated and furnished rooms, including 30 suites, come with a private balcony and a breathtaking ocean view. King-size beds cater for a comfortable night's rest. And there's always something to enjoy doing in the Parkroyal during the day or night. The hotel offers a gymnasium, spa, tennis court, water sports, games room, water slide, pool games – all of which are offered by the hotel or through their authorized agents, making them a safer alternative than the services touted on the beach by independent operators.

The biggest draw for families with children is the Koko-Nut Klub. Specially designed for children from four to 12 years old, the Koko-Nut Klub gives kids a chance to enjoy their holiday independently via daily fun and educational activities supervised by trained staff. The Klub consists of a protected outdoor play area, a TV/video area, toddler room with cots and soft toys, and is adjacent to the games room where video games and mini billiards can be enjoyed by older kids. The Klub also offers kids meals and baby-sitting services for registered in-house guests, making it and the Parkroyal an ideal holiday destination for the whole family. 

A Sainly Spa Experience


St Gregory Spa at
Parkroyal Penang



St Gregory at the Parkroyal Penang is the Singaporean spa concern's first Malaysian venture. Opened in 2006, it has made a name for itself for its clever use of limited space as well as for the wonder-working therapists and spa menu.

St Gregory at Parkroyal Penang is located by Batu Feringghi beach in a botanical, coastal Malay setting. Visitors only have to look outwards to see the expanse of sea fringed by palm trees and the lush shrubbery of the resort. Not just content to present a generic spa menu, all St Gregory visitors are asked to fill out a personal questionnaire to help the therapists determine the best kind of treatment to suggest. Personal likes and dislikes, allergies and special conditions are noted before a guest is led away to their own private treatment room to sink into the bliss of effective facial treatments and soothing massage rituals ranging from the Aromatic Body Bliss Massage, Tropical Javanese, or Balinese massage.

A steam room, Jacuzzi, hydro bath therapy room and hands & feet treatment room makes St Gregory the place for all-round pampering, especially since the chain offers exclusive male treatments ranging from the Thalgo Men Ocean Treatment and the signature For Him treatment comprising of a Fragrant Herbal Steam, Chocolate Mud Body Mask, Romantic Flower Bath and Aromatic Body Bliss Massage.

There are also enticing packages for two, bridal spa and a Royal Honeymoon package. Children are also given their own little treatment packages ranging from Kids Spa (mini manicure or pedicure and milk or flower bath), Escape (Fragrant Herbal Steam and back massage) or Jet Lag Spa with hydrobath with essential oil and neck, shoulder and scalp massage. 

Main picture: The Frangipani treatment room

From the top: Jacuzzi bliss;

The VIP or couple treatment room

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Jerejak Resort & Spa

An Island Escapade




Main picture: Santapan all-day dining
From the top: Stir fried beef;
Sweet and sour grouper

It's a little off the radar, it's true, but Penang's Jerejak island and the Jerejak Resort & Spa offer Penang in a nutshell. Your holiday begins from the moment you step into the ferry that smoothly sails the short distance between Penang Island and Jerejak Resort and Spa. At Jerejak Resort and Spa, you decide on the kind of accommodation and recreation you want. Pamper yourself at the Spa Village, choose fun and activity at the Adventure Village or go natural and campout at Camp Kembara.

Jerejak Spa offers a diverse range of natural therapies which include aromatherapy massage, luxury baths in an open tub out on a private deck, body scrubs and a variety of packages. To make maximum use of your trip to the island, the Lunch & Spa Treatment is a sure winner. The 180 minute package comprises a body scrub, luxury bath, body aromatherapy massage, face massage and buffet lunch.

Food at Jerejak is hardly castaway fare. Santapan, the all-day dining restaurant specializes in Thai food in hearty portions which in itself is worth the ferry ride over. The fare is simple, but delicious and in itself exemplifies the simple life on Jerejak.

Seafood is a must, as everything is fresh off the docks. Whole grouper is fried crisp and smothered in a sweet sour sauce, while succulent prawns are doused in black pepper sauce. The mother of all Thai dishes is the tom yam, and Santapan's version is amazingly accurate and bursting with all manner of plump little marine morsels rife with the flavours of lemongrass, tamarind and chillies. While the restaurant also offers buffet meals, it is worth the experience to opt for the ala carte menu in order to sample the Thai goodies it offers. However if lighter meals are your forte, there is always the Western selection of steaks and chops and salads, or even local favourites such as fried rice. 

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Exemplary Wine & Jazz In The Pearl

Audees Cuisine Wine Jazz



There's been a grave misconception about Penang. Locals say that any place serving anything more expensive than hawker fare will have a short lease of life. However, the naysayers have just come up against Audee Cheah, the owner and mastermind behind Audees Cuisine, Wine & Jazz. Firm in his conviction that Penang needs affordable restaurants with better than average food, not to mention good live jazz, Cheah has put his considerable number of years as a chef into ensuring Audees serves up great food and great live music.

With a wine cellar boasting 250 labels, including the House of Torres and Browns Brothers and a menu which changes annually, Audees has already made a name for itself as a place for inspired cuisine. Appetizers such as the cod liver salad and trio Carpaccio of salmon, cod & tuna are winners from the get-go. Audees also offers an innovative way to sample more of the menu by offering a combination of three soups, enabling diners to pick from a list of original soups. The combo of baked seafood chowder topped with a crust of puff pastry, lobster bisque and tender braised oxtail comes highly recommended.

Audees' entrees offer length and breadth of choice, with a Wagyu Ribeye taking pride of place. The less indulgent are no less rewarded, with choices of beef, lamb, poultry and seafood. The peppered lamb loin and Moroccan lamb sausage is served with ratatouille, sautéed spinach and herb polenta and is both hearty and satisfying. The pan-fried black cod grilled medium rare with wasabi potatoes, bok choy, sautéed Shitake mushroom and teriyaki sauce is a delightful fusion of East and West, finished off with a crisp skin and red and black roe.

Forget bolognese when you dine at Audees, as this innovative chef pushes the envelope on pasta offerings, serving up choices such as tom yam carbonara and originally named creations such as Drunken Prawn (squid ink spaghetti, basil, roasted peppers, asparagus and zucchini tossed with caviar cream sauce served with sautéed drunken tiger prawns), and Crab Crab (spaghetti, mushrooms, zucchini and cherry tomatoes tossed with lobster reduction served with deep fried soft shell crab).

The grand finale has to be his dessert offerings which include Irish Cream Mud Pie and Amarula Cream Soufflé served with espresso sauce and Movenpick vanilla ice cream. 

*Main picture: Peppered lamb loin and Moroccan lamb sausage
From the top: Carpaccio of salmon, cod & tuna;
Dessert heaven!*

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A Palmful Of Delights

Palms at Hydro Majestic



*Main picture: Oysters from Terengganu
From the top: Oxtail soup;
The cleverly presented seafood rojak*



The all-day dining outlet, Palms, at Hydro Majestic Hotel, Penang is a stylish, modern restaurant which allows guests a choice of a chic interior close to the sumptuous buffet line, or an alfresco dining experience close to the lovely swimming pool. While the buffet is a glorious spread of all the things Penang is famous for, there is a lot to be said about the care which goes into the presentation of items from the ala carte menu.

Executive Chef Zakaria Abdul Ghani takes great pride in presenting the cuisine of Penang in novel ways. This is clearly evident when he whips up an avant garde looking seafood rojak which featured all the elements of a great street dish served up with culinary finesse – tofu and bean sprouts wrapped in lettuce and tied with spring onion, fingers of lightly battered shrimp crackers, squid rings and fish with a shooter of creamy peanut sauce.

The fresh oysters are less dressed up, allowing all the attention to be focused on the fresh brininess of the mollusks from Terengganu. Zakaria also serves up a hearty, creamy oxtail soup with meat falling off the bone, complemented by cheese twists which give a zesty edge to the meal.

His beef stuffed pita features tender beef fillet and a spicy vegetable stuffing of cucumber and capsicum with a side of julienned carrot, red coral and purple cabbage making it both piquant and picture perfect. The chicken served with pine nuts show off the kitchen brigade's light touch and ability to sauce to perfection. Asparagus tips, baby carrots, brussel sprouts and potato mash make it an all-round meal and a highly aromatic one. **ha**

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Singapore's First Garden Spa

Spa Botanica is Singapore's first garden destination spa and winner of the Best Spa Experience award by Singapore Tourism Board. Set on the grounds of The Sentosa Resort & Spa, it is poised to become a great retreat for both local residents and international tourists. Built on the concept of a botanical garden, Spa Botanica's 15 indoor rooms are named after local spices and its six outdoor treatment pavilions are named after popular local floral blooms. Guests can enjoy a day trip or extend their spa experience with a three-day, five-day or seven-day stay at the luxurious resort. With its state-of-the-art facilities like the region's first mud pools and float pools, Galaxy steam baths, Spa Botanica balances modern amenities with traditional beauty and health practices.

There are two labyrinths, the first in Asia which encourage guests to quieten their minds through meditative walks. The beautiful, individually landscaped gardens that surround the outdoor pavilions and spa gardens bathe guests in the sweet fragrance of flowers and the quiet rustle of nature's sounds. Indoors, there are rooms to cater for specific needs of couples and individuals. Each Spa Botanica treatment is carefully designed to maximize the rich botanical resources of the region such as the Singapore Flower Ritual. **h3**

Spa Getaway At Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket

Refresh and rejuvenate your spirit with Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket's Spa Getaway package at the Angsana Spa. Here in this blissful escape, healing hands devote themselves to helping you savour the exquisite beauty of tranquil moments as you attain a higher level of wellbeing.

Enjoy the panoramic vistas from your private balcony, gaze across the magical emerald lagoons, experience the warm waters of the turquoise Andaman sea, or simply linger in the meandering freshwater swimming pool – the longest in Asia.

The Spa Getaway experience includes one beautifully appointed room or exclusive villa for two adults, daily buffet breakfast, return airport transportation in a luxurious shared resort vehicle, choice of a 90 minute massage per person, per stay at Angsana Spa, welcome refreshment & indigenous fruit platter and complimentary use of the 24 hour fitness centre. Rates begin from USD 249+++ per room per night for a minimum stay of two nights until October 31, 2008. **h3**



A retreat for the mind, body and senses at Lagunita Spa

Angsana Spa Says G'Day!

Angsana Spa Great Barrier Reef is set to dazzle spa fans once again as it re-opens after fine renovations topped with brand new additions to its menu. Angsana Spa is conceptualized, developed and managed by multiple award-winning Banyan Tree Spa and first opened in Great Barrier Reef in August 2002. To date, Angsana Spa operates three spas in Australia, namely Angsana Spa Great Barrier Reef, Angsana Spa Jamison, Sydney and Angsana Spa Royal Pines, Gold Coast.

Angsana Spa Great Barrier Reef greets guests with new stunning furnishings in hues of fuchsia and purple which adorn its contemporary setting. The newly refurbished two-storey spa comprises a total of eight treatment rooms which includes three double treatment rooms, two single treatment rooms and three outdoor double treatment rooms on the roof top. In addition, outdoor showers are available in all outdoor treatment rooms, a double treatment room and a single treatment room. Steam facilities also provide luxurious relaxation to guests in one of the double treatment rooms. All outdoor treatment rooms feature luscious plunge pool facilities with a vast sea view.

Delight in the refreshing treatments at Angsana Spa with a wide range of pampering packages, massages, facials, body polishes, conditioners and more. Angsana Spa presents a unique blend of spa treatments that makes use of natural native ingredients with a special emphasis on the use of aromatherapy and the sense of touch. In line with its philosophy to use natural ingredients, Angsana Spa Great Barrier Reef has launched the new series of Eminence organic facial treatments. **h3**

Escape To Lagunita

Lagunita Spa lies at the heart of the renowned Laguna National Golf & Country Club, Singapore which is widely known for its impressive array of amenities. Lagunita Spa has 13 exclusive spa rooms and suites offering a myriad of wellness programmes and spa treatments that can be enjoyed in a serene Balinese setting. Among the treatments is the Lagunita Sports Massage which helps to address locked muscle groups. Deep tissue kneading and muscle manipulation techniques are applied to release body tension and stress. The Thermal Stones Massage is a therapeutic massage that alternate hot and cold temperature stones to relieve tense muscles and sore joints, and promote healthy circulation, while the Pre-Baby Bliss is tailored to the special needs of expectant mothers. Using quality grade hypo-allergenic maternity oil, our therapist will concentrate on improving the circulation to legs and calves while easing tension in the lower back and shoulders.

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Getting gorgeous naturally at The Spa at Hilton Hua Hin

All Natural Luxury At Hilton Hua Hin

Hilton Hua Hin Resort & Spa has introduced ten luxurious, natural scrubs for the pampering pleasure of their guests.

Available exclusively at The Spa, each of the ten remedies have been designed to suit a particular skin type. With 100 percent natural ingredients, each scrub menu will help to exfoliate excess skin while cleaning and moisturizing, leaving skin delicately smooth with a fresh natural glowing complexion.

The Spa Scrubs menu is made up of Coconut Body Polish which moisturizes, Coffee Body Polish for detoxifying, Ginger Body Polish to stimulates blood circulation, Sea Salt Body Polish to remove dull skin, the refreshing Jasmine Body Polish, Pandanus Body Polish to reduce fine lines, Citrus Body Polish to brighten the skin, Sesame Body Polish and Cleopatra Body Polish for sensitive skin and Rose Petals Body Polish to soften skin.

Treatments are Baht 1,500++ for an hour. 




Centara Grand Beach Resort Samui

Zen Rituals For Body And Mind

Centara Grand Beach Resort Samui celebrates the reopening of new renovated SPA Cenvaree by offering guests a complimentary 45 minute session of a 4 Elements Bath Journey when they reserve a full body massage. The 4 Elements Bath Journey employs a hydro spa soak enhanced by colour therapy, floral and aromatherapy infusion guaranteed to alleviate stress and induce deep relaxation before a deeper state of relaxation with your favourite choice of body massage.

The 4 Elements Bath Journeys include a choice of four different element-themed treatments. The Sensory Awakening treatment uses the fire element for an energizing and inspiring treatment which begins with a refreshing scalp massage to balance the flow of energy, followed by an energizing bath infused with peppermint oil, rosemary, ginger, orange blossom and mint essentials. The perfect pick-me-up after a hectic day.

The Sea Serenity calming bath starts with a Lotus Foot Massage complemented by chamomile tea, while the Detoxifying Golden Moor Mud is a purifying bath ritual with rich moor mud enhanced by lavender essentials to improve circulation and revitalize tired muscles. Tranquility Tea features a bath infused with refreshing blends of citrus zest, lime, with detoxifying green tea leaves to cleanse the mind and body. 

Pampering A-Plenty In China's South Sea Island

Singapore-based Banyan Tree Hotels and Resorts is pioneering a brand new sub-tropical hideaway on China's Hainan Island, one hour's flight south of Hong Kong. Scheduled for soft opening in April 2008, the exclusive Banyan Tree Sanya Resort and Spa, located at Luhuitou Bay, on the southern coast of Hainan Island, will be the first all-pool villa resort in China and will complement the Group's two highly-acclaimed properties located in the depths of China's Yunnan province.

With 49 secluded pool villas set amidst a sculpted tropical lagoon, the resort is designed as an exclusive hideaway; a lavish escape from urban sprawl. It comes with a Banyan Tree Spa and hydrotherapy complex, signature dining outlets, and extensive conference facilities making it an ideal venue for MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) events. The highlight however, is the resort's two Presidential Villa Complexes. Unprecedented in both scale and luxury, these will accommodate heads of state and their entourages, and cater to groups of up to 50 in each private compound.

The resort is located just 30 minutes' drive from Phoenix International Airport in Sanya. Hainan Island is also connected to the mainland via the Guangdong-Hainan passenger railway link. 