



Hello Readers!

Mark up your calendar because here comes the events for March!

Bring your family and friends to enjoy the 8th Annual Putrajaya International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta 2016 and don't miss a chance to visit the newly opened Nickelodeon Lost Lagoon.

Spend some time to appreciate nature in Melaka during Raptor Watch 2016 and learn all about migratory birds. If you love cats and enjoy good meals, visit and spend your time at Malaysia's very own cat cafés near you!

Have a magical weekend with Disney princesses and their friends in the Disney On Ice: Magical Ice Festival. Or enjoy extreme sports, Malaysian traditional games and have a chance to see the most expensive MACK in the world at Demi Johor DUA 2016.

If you are a fan of EXO, Sheila On 7 and 5 Seconds of Summer, March is the month where you can enjoy the concerts! Book your tickets and have a great time at the concert!

To all the shopaholics out there, enjoy an entire month of great bargains during the 1Malaysia Super Sale.

Regards,

**Corporate Communication Division
Tourism Malaysia**

Raptor Watch 2016

Raptor Watch 2016 is flying back to the shores of Tanjung Tuan! It will be held on 12 March 2016 at the Tanjung Tuan Forest Reserve. Activities include guided walks, arts & craft activities and games. But don't forget to visit the main stars of the event – our majestic raptors who will be circling around the iconic Cape Rachado lighthouse at the top of the hill!

Mark your calendars, bring your family and friends and make a date with nature this March 2016!

Date: 12 March 2016

Venue: Tanjung Tuan Lighthouse, Melaka

Organiser: Malaysia Nature Society

Contact: 603-22879422 / 9477

Websites: <https://mnsraptorwatch.wordpress.com/>





8th Annual Putrajaya International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta 2016

Come and watch the hot air balloons as they inflate, float up and leave you in awe. These majestic wonders will be inflated twice daily at 7 am and 6 pm. While there are 20 balloons up for show, the Fiesta also has tethered balloon rides as well as cold inflation where visitors can get up close and explore inside the balloons.

Throughout the day there will be other activities such as the Extreme Zone for sports enthusiasts while for the shopaholics, stroll the bazaar for some unique bargains and food and beverages.



Apart from the attractions, there are areas provided where everybody can relax and unwind and have a picnic throughout the day. Be prepared to have fun when you join this three-day festival with us in Putrajaya!

Date: 11 to 13 March 2016

Venue: Monumen Alaf Baru, Precinct 2, Putrajaya

Organizer: AKA Ballon Sdn Bhd and Perbadanan Putrajaya

Contact: 603-9044 0002 and 603-8000 8000

Website: www.akaballoon.com.my

Disney On Ice: Magical Ice Festival

Get ready to enter a world of enchantment at Disney On Ice : Magical Ice Festival.

You'll be whisked away into the winter world of Disney's Frozen with royal sisters Anna and Elsa. Join the hilarious snowman Olaf, rugged mountain-man Kristoff and his loyal reindeer Sven as they help the sisters along the way in a story full of action, adventure, magic and unforgettable characters.



Experience Disney's The Little Mermaid with a show-stopping performance by Sebastian as he breaks out of his shell to make waves with Ariel "Under The Sea!"

Get tangled up with a chorus of harmless hooligans when they get a visit from the sassy and spirited Rapunzel and her charming ally Flynn from Disney's Tangled. And get swept away by Disney's Beauty and the Beast as the Beast and his castle's enchanted entourage take centre stage in a spectacular show for Belle. It will be a magical mix of royalty when Disney On Ice brings this winsome wonderland to Malaysia!

Date: 26 to 27 March 2016
Venue: SPICE Arena, Penang
Showtime: 11 am, 3 pm, 7 pm
Ticket Price: RM 325, RM 295, RM 195, RM 145, RM 85
Organizer: PR Worldwide Sdn Bhd
Contact: 603-74933010
Website: www.prworldwidelive.com



DEMI JOHOR DUA 2016

Have you heard about DUA in Johor? DUA stands for DARAT (land), UDARA (air) and AIR (water). It features Johor's development in extreme sports and recreations of those three elements.

Visitor can enjoy Hot Air Ballon and Helicopter Rides, watch aerobatics show, RC Aeromodelling and Stunt Kites. Shows lined up for land sports include 4 x 4 wheel drive, motocross race and skill performance by Supermotard and Gymkhana. Also, don't miss watching the water sports entertainment like Power Boat, RC Power Boat and Jet Ski races.

Besides the modern extreme sports, Malaysia traditional games such as *Batu Seremban*, *Galah Panjang*, *Baling Selipar* and *Getah Atas Para* will also be "re-introduced"!

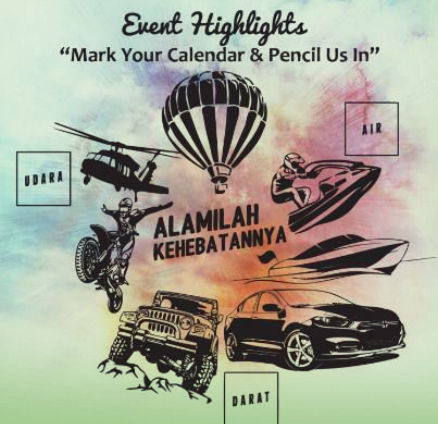
Date: 25 to 27 March 2016

Venue: Iskandar Puteri, Johor Bahru, Johor

Organiser: Four BLUERED

Contact: 607-207 3777

Website: www.demijohordua.com



Sheila On 7 Live in Malaysia

Attention to all fans! Alternative Rock/Pop Rock band from Yogyakarta, Indonesia, Sheila On 7 or in other words SO7 will be having a tour to celebrate their 20th Anniversary as a band. They'll be touring around their homeland and Malaysia, too, at StarXpo Hall, KWC Fashion Mall, in Kuala Lumpur.

Fans from Malaysia, Brunei and Singapore, do not miss this opportunity to watch them live on stage on 27 March 2016. This music band will perform their hit songs like *Sephia*, *Priya Terhebat*, *Dan*, *Berhenti Berharap* and *Lapang Dada*.

Get your tickets for the 20th Anniversary Concert Sheila On 7 at Rock Corner outlets and Victoria Music at Sungei Wang, Amcorp Mall, Tropicana Mall, The Curve, Mid Valley and Subang Parade. Tickets can also be purchased online at the website www.ilassotickets.com.

Date: 27 March 2016

Venue: StarXpo Hall, KWC Fashion Mall, Kuala Lumpur

Organiser: Mawlaya Network Sdn. Bhd

Contact: 603-83228055

Website: www.facebook.com/SO7liveinmalaysiaconcert2016





EXO's "EXO PLANET #2 - The EXO'luXion"

If you are a fan of KPop boy bands be ready to party at EXO's "EXO PLANET #2 - The EXO'luXion" in March 2016.

For the very first time, top K-pop boy band EXO will come to Malaysia to perform as part of their world tour "EXO Planet #2 The EXO'luxion". This is the group's second world tour since their debut in 2012 and this long-awaited Malaysia gig is finally announced to take place at the Kuala Lumpur Stadium Merdeka on 12 March 2016. The Malaysia gig is also declared the last stop for their 2nd world tour.

EXO is a Chinese-South Korean boy band based in Seoul. The group consists of 12 members separated into 2 subgroups, EXO-K and EXO-M, performing music in Korean and Mandarin, respectively. Look forward to the nine members - Xiumin, Suho, Lay, Baekhyun, Chen, Chanyeol, D.O., Kai and Sehun - performing their biggest hits including Wolf, Growl, Overdose and Call Me Baby, and also Sing For You and Unfair from their latest Christmas EP. Fans can now purchase the tickets via Ticketcharge.com.my. So mark your date to watch the electrifying moment of their live performance for the first time in Malaysia!

Date: 12 March 2016

Venue: Stadium Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur

Organiser: Star Planet and IMC Live

Contact: 603-9223 3667

Website: www.starplanet.com.my



5 Second of Summer Kuala Lumpur 2016



Ladies and gentleman, boys and girls, American band 5 Seconds of Summer will be performing at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur, on 2 March 2016. Catch up on their hit songs like *She Looks So Perfect*, *Jet Black Heart*, *Amnesia* and *She's Kinda Hot*.

Get your tickets at www.ticketbis.com/5-Seconds-Of-Summer. Get them before it's too late.

Date: 2 March 2016

Venue: Hall 4 and 5, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur

Time: 8 pm

Organiser: PR Worldwide Sdn Bhd

Contact: 603-74933010

Website: www.prworldwidelive.com

Nickelodeon Opens Lost Lagoon Attraction in Malaysia

A new theme park opens at award-winning Sunway Lagoon – Asia's First Nickelodeon Lost Lagoon. Enter its majestic gates and be enthralled by this lost civilization surrounded by lush, natural rainforest. Get ready for a wet and exciting adventure as you explore this fantasy land filled with colossal water rides and water playgrounds, canopy walks and meandering pathways, beautiful waterfalls and recreational camp sites. Set amidst 10 acres of lush tropical rainforest, enjoy more than 12 rides and attractions suitable for fans and visitors of all ages.

The Nickelodeon Lost Lagoon is part of Sunway Lagoon, an 88-acre theme park in, Selangor. Sunway Lagoon includes five other entertainment units: Water Park, Amusement Park, Extreme Park, Interactive Wildlife Park and Lynton V Harris Scream Park.

The Nickelodeon component includes 14 attractions based on Nickelodeon's hit shows, including SpongeBob SquarePants, Dora the Explorer, and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The Nickelodeon section also includes waterslide rides, retail shops, games and food outlets – as well as a daily slime event.

Nickelodeon Lost Lagoon will enable kids and families in Malaysia and around Southeast Asia to connect with the brand and Nickelodeon's iconic characters in a unique and meaningful way.

Venue: Sunway Lagoon, Selangor, Malaysia

Operating Hours: Daily, 10 am to 6 pm

Contact: 603-5639 0000 (General Line)

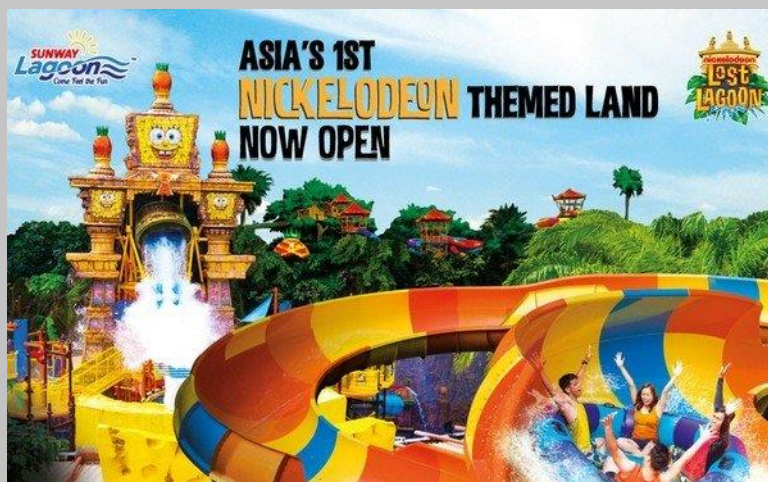
Website: www.sunwaylagoon.com

Tickets: Adult – 12 years old above = RM 150

Child – 11 years old below = RM 120

Senior Citizen – 60 years old above = RM 120

Admission ticket includes entry to ALL parks, including all rides, activities and attractions. Not applicable for pay-per-ride activities: Bungee Jump, G-Force X and Go Kart.





1Malaysia Super Sale 2016

Malaysia's 2016 shopping extravaganza kicks off with the first of three annual major sales, the 1Malaysia Super Sale, from 1 to 31 March.

Expect special deals, huge discounts, in-store surprises and redemptions, as well as fun and rewarding activities. It's also the season for shoppers to indulge in Malaysia's culinary pleasures – from local street fares to Malaysia Truly Asia's melting pot of delicacies and east-meets-west gastronomic delights. The shopping and culinary experiences become more exciting with the addition of a wide selection of entertainment, recreation and leisure pursuits in integrated, contemporary shopping malls, all over the country.

Shop malaysia



To keep abreast of the shopping developments, bargains and events in Malaysia, follow the adventures of Malaysia's virtual iconic shopper, Miss SHOPhia. Miss SHOPhia will highlight Malaysia's varied shopping locations – from the cool comfort of chic malls and stores to charming open-air markets, where the shopping atmosphere comes alive with an extensive offer for the best shopping, dining, entertainment and leisure experiences ever.

Follow Miss SHOPhia's shopping adventures and advice on:

- Facebook page: facebook.com/cikshophia
- Instagram: [@miss_shophia](https://instagram.com/@miss_shophia)
- Twitter: twitter.com/missshophia

Date: 1 to 31 March 2016

Venue: Shopping Complex around Malaysia

Organiser: Secretariat Shopping Malaysia, Tourism Malaysia

Contact: 603-8891 8475/8459

Website: www.tourismmalaysia.gov.my



Cat Café in Malaysia

Having a bad day? A trip to the cat café could brighten up your day! Enjoy a few hours with some furry friends and have a fabulous meal altogether! Customers usually have to pay an hourly rate for entry but some cafés offer free entry. Services are varied in terms of providing Wi-Fi, prayer room, food and beverages. Pictures can be taken for Instagram moments but no flash photography allowed. The trend of cat café began in Taiwan then bloomed throughout Asia, and has now arrived in Malaysia. The first café ever opened in Malaysia was The Country Cat Café followed by a few others in Klang Valley, Johor, and Pulau Pinang. Here are the places where Cat Cafés are located;

Malaysia Cat Cafe (The Country Cat Cafe)

Address: No 60, Plaza Crystalville @ Setapak, Jalan Danau Niaga Satu, Danau Kota, 53300 Genting Klang, Kuala Lumpur

Opening Hours: 10 am to 10 pm daily

Contact: 603-4131-3348

Website: www.facebook.com/malysiacatcafe



Purradise Cat Café

Address: 24A (First Floor), Jalan Tun Mohd Fuad 2, Taman Tun Dr. Ismail, 60000 Kuala Lumpur

Opening Hours: Closed on Mondays, Tuesday to Sunday and Public Holidays on 11 am to 11 pm

Contact: 603-2389 0976

Website: <http://purradise.my/>, my purradise (Facebook / Twitter / Instagram)



Coffee Cottage Cat Café

Address: 1-1, Jalan SS 15/8a, Ss 15, 47500 Subang Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia

Opening Hours: Monday to Thursday, 11 am to 10 pm, and Friday to Sunday, 11 am to 12 am

Contact: 603-5613 0078

Website: www.facebook.com/coffeecottagemy



Purrfect Cat Café

Address: 53 Lebuhraya Muntri, 10200 George Town, Penang, Malaysia

Opening Hours: Opens Daily, 10 am to 10 pm (Café), 12 pm to 9.30 pm (Cat Zone), 10 am to 7 pm (Merchandise Store)

Contact: 604-261 1197

Website: www.fb.com/penangcatcafe



CATS Café Johor Bahru- Cats At Their Sanctuary

Address: 31A Jalan Abdul Samad Lorong 2C, 80100, Johor Bahru

Opening Hours: 1 pm to 9.30 pm daily, closed on Wednesdays

Contact: 607-2070399

Website: www.facebook.com/catscafejb, @catscafejb (Instagram)



All information is correct at time of publication.

Visitors are advised to contact the event organiser for the latest updates.

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MALAYSIA TOURISM PROMOTION BOARD OR TOURISM MALAYSIA is an agency under the Ministry of Tourism & Culture, Malaysia. Tourism Malaysia focuses on the specific task of promoting Malaysia at all levels. Since its inception, Tourism Malaysia has grown by leaps and bounds and it has emerged as a major player in the international tourism scene. In 2014, Malaysia registered 27.4 million tourist arrivals and RM72 billion in receipts, making tourism its second largest foreign exchange earner.

Malaysia celebrated its fourth VISIT MALAYSIA YEAR (VMY) in 2014 with the theme "Celebrating 1Malaysia Truly Asia". The promotion of the country continued with the MALAYSIA YEAR OF FESTIVALS (MyFEST) campaign in 2015 with the theme "Endless Celebrations" emphasising the various festivals celebrated by its multicultural society. Both campaigns are key drivers towards achieving the country's target of 36 million tourist arrivals and RM168 billion in receipts by 2020, as outlined in the Tourism NKEA (National Key Economic Area).

Through the Tourism NKEA, collaborative efforts between the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, other Government agencies and the private sector have been enhanced to help secure Malaysia's position as a leading tourist destination. The targets set under the Tourism NKEA will be achieved through the implementation of twelve Entry Point Projects (EPPs) clustered under five themes: Affordable Luxury; Nature Adventure; Family Fun; Events, Entertainment, Spa and Sports; and Business Tourism.

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