



Hello Readers!

This November, enjoy a weekend of wellness at the Malaysia Urban Retreat Festival or, if shopping therapy is what you need, then you will rejoice when 1Malaysia Year End Sale begins!

There's lots to celebrate, too – Deepavali, literary and art festivals, sports and recreation, even a specialised jewellery and watch exhibition, A Journey Through Time.

Explore and enjoy our new or refreshed tourism products such as Sunway Lagoon Wildlife Park, Putrajaya Lake Recreation Centre and Jalan-Jalan @ Kampung Bharu – one of the guided walks offered in KL for free.

To give you some ideas of what to do this month, here's a line-up of well-balanced events for tourists, both local and foreign, to enjoy in Malaysia. Plan your trip well, or engage the services of a licensed tour operator/travel agent.

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1Malaysia Year End Sale 2016

Malaysia is home to over 500 shopping venues, enjoy special rates, bargains and discounts on your favourite items and branded products at shopping malls around Malaysia. In conjunction with the unveiled Shopping Malaysia's newly created promotional icon called Miss SHOPhia, this promotion aim to introduce and promote among Malaysians and tourists to shop, dine and unwind during the best shopping seasons of the year. 1Malaysia Year End Sale is the peak time for shoppers to enjoy special deals, huge discounts, in-store surprises and redemptions, as well as take part in fun and rewarding activities.

Date: 1 Nov – 31 Dec 2016
Venue: Throughout Malaysia
Organiser: Ministry of Tourism and Culture
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Website: www.motac.com





Malaysia Urban Retreat Festival (MURFEST)

The Malaysia Urban Retreat Festival (MURFEST) began as a concept to integrate the 'festival feel' into a wellness event. The 3-day fest would see over 80 world class facilitators, musicians and artists who would each lend their own expertise to the event.

Expect many forms of fitness such as aqua yoga and fly yoga which makes the workout experience interesting and on top of that, burns calories at the same time. Some notable instructors who would be gracing the event include Malaysian, Reiko Soo who would be teaching FlyYoga, as well as local celebrity wellness personality, Jojo Struys.



Date: 4 – 6 Nov 2016

Venue: Matic, Kuala Lumpur

Organiser: Murfest (M) Sdn. Bhd.

Website: www.murfest.com

Ticket: Priced between RM50.23 to RM470.48

A Journey through Time X by Starhill Gallery

Marking their 10th year with the theme of 'Legacy and Icons', features various unique offerings to celebrate the art and craftsmanship of watches and jewellery, high fashion, fine food alongside world class entertainment. Over 125 international watch and jewellery brands will participate in this shows and exhibitions. This year, we see a stronger content of Malaysian creations taking centre stage through a showcases of our very own cultural legacy which is the songket, Malaysia's first-ever watchmaking company of its calibre, along with MASA Horlogerie and Simone Jewels' creations by Malaysia-born, Singapore-based designer Simone Ng.

Date: 4 - 13 Nov 2016

Venue: Starhill Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

Organiser: YTL Corporation

Website: www.ajourneythroughtime.com.my



Malaysia Deepavali Open House

Deepavali is a symbolic festival known as the “Festival of Lights” is celebrated by Hindus with prayers, family gatherings and festivities. Experience the Deepavali festivities in an open house celebration as this year will be celebrated at Kluang, Johor, a programme that brings people together to celebrate the country’s various festivals.

Date: 5 Nov 2016
Venue: Kluang, Johor
Organiser: Ministry of Tourism and Culture
Contact: +603 8000 8000
Website: www.motac.com



Sarawak International Dragon Boat Regatta 2016

The event in Sarawak attracts huge global participation and promotes local tourism. Apart from the Dragon Boat races and the Sarawak Regatta races, local food and handicraft exhibitions will also be held. Other side events that will be organised include mooncake festival, duck catching competition, tug-of-war, canoeing and singing presentations by local singers.



Date: 11 – 13 Nov 2016
Venue: Kuching Waterfront, Kuching, Sarawak
Organiser: Ministry of Tourism Sarawak
Contact: +6082 319 313
Website: www.mot.sarawak.gov.my



Ironman Langkawi

Ironman is triathlon's marquee challenge and the world's most captivating and testing single day endurance test consisting of a 3.8km swim, a 180km cycle and a 42.2km run. The triathlon begins at the ocean swim which starts from the picturesque white sandy beach of Pantai Kok with a two-loop triangle out and back course. A two-loop bike course heads out of Pantai Kok on to a clockwise loop from towards the rolling hills of Datai and the fringes of Kuah Town. Athletes will return from the bike into a unique indoor air conditioned transition at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Center which is next to the airport. The new 2 lap run course will be an amazing scenic run beside the Langkawi International Airport towards the finish line at the stunning Cenang beach.

Date: 12 Nov 2016

Venue: Pantai Kok, Langkawi

Organiser: Ironman Asia Pacific

Website: www.ironman.com



Labuan Remembrance Day 2016

Remembrance Day is an annual event organized by Labuan Tourism Council to commemorate the fallen heroes during the World War II. The event held annually at Labuan War Memorial park, where High Commissioner Representatives from the Commonwealth countries, families of the fallen soldier and public citizens attended the event to offer tribute. Remembrance Day falls on 11th November each year. The event is also called Poppy Day and Anzac Day in several countries.

Date: 13 Nov 2016

Venue: Labuan War Memorial, Jalan Tanjung Batu

Organiser: Labuan Corporation, Department of
Tourism, Culture & Arts

Contact: +6087 408 740/741

Website: www.labuantourism.my



Georgetown Literary Festival (GLTF) 2016

This three day festival will see panel discussions, readings, conversations, spoken word performances, dance and film screenings, all dealing with the festival's theme; "Hiraeth", the Welsh word which means "the longing for a homeland that is no longer there".

GTLF 2016's stellar line-up of world literary giants and respected social commentators include the eminent British philosopher and author of over 30 books, AC Grayling; one of the most acclaimed voices in Dutch letters, Adriaan van Dis; beloved Indonesian author, Ayu Utami; celebrated Flemish writer Stefan Hertmas; award-winning Indian playwright/filmmaker, Mahesh Dattani; American/Arab writer and poet Natalie Handal; Russian/German writer Olga Martynova, Indian dancer and poet, Tishani Doshi; Thai writer and publisher Prabda Yoon, and many more.

Date: 25 -27 Nov 2016

Venue: Georgetown. Pulau Pinang

Organiser: Penang Convention & Exhibition Bureau (PCEB)

Contact: +604-261 6161

Website: www.georgetownlitfest.com

Email: info@georgetownlitfest.com

**In-between Arts Festival**

The In-Between Arts Festival (IbAF) is a five-day festival which promotes a different view of food consumption. The festival will offer a concoction of events, including mouth-watering food presentations, a variety of food and art workshops, food zine exhibitions, an exciting cook-off challenge and more. Anchored with the mission to serve a unique experience of food and zines, IbAF will be a great platform for the community to interact and exchange views on art, food and culture.

In-between Arts Festival is featured alongside Georgetown Literary Festival and the Penang Island Jazz Festival, in conjunction with '10 Days 3 Festivals'. Highlighting the best of literature, music, arts and culture in Penang, the objective of these back-to-back festivals is to draw in visitors from all over for a holistic arts festival experience in Penang.

Date: 26 – 30 Nov 2016

Venue: Hin Bus Depot, Georgetown, Pulau Pinang

Organiser: Hin Bus Depot

Contact: +604-226 5691

Website: www.hinbusdepot.com





NEW ATTRACTIONS

Sunway Lagoon Wildlife Park Expands

There are two new additions to the big cat family in Sunway Lagoon's Wildlife Park, none other than two majestic white tigers named Samson and Asha from South Africa. They join the park's more than 150 species of animals from around the world as part of Sunway Lagoon's efforts to further promote their wildlife educational programme.

Sunway Lagoon's wildlife Educational Programme 2016 which is priced at RM 43 for adults and RM 33 for children below 11 years old, includes a personal Wildlife Ranger guided tour, animal feeding sessions, mini fishing activities, a wildlife theatre show, and a complimentary wagon wheel or carousel ride at the amusement park.



Date: Open Daily (10am - 6pm)
Venue: Sunway Lagoon, Petaling Jaya
Contact: +603 5635 8000
Website: www.sunwaylagoon.com

Putrajaya Lake Recreation Centre (LRC)

The Putrajaya Lake Recreational Centre is the place for water activities or Water-Based Exploration such as canoeing, kayaking, paddle boat and other exciting water activities at a very affordable rates. If you are not into water based activities, try out their Land-Based Exploration comprising activities such as picnic, BBQ site rental, tram and camping package. They also have bicycle rentals here to explore the park. You can also rent the venue for event such as family day or sports day for RM 2,500 – half day and RM 5,000 – full day. There are also the Team Building packages that is divided into three, "Wet & Splash" for the beginner, "Wet & Sweat" for intermediate and "Wet & Wild" for extreme lover from as low as RM 60 to RM 125 per pax with minimum 40 pax per package.

The Putrajaya Lake Recreation Centre caters enough activities for all ages both in the water and land, so plan your trip with family and friends to get together and have fun.

Date: Mon – Fri (8.30am-5.30pm)
Sat & Sun (8.30am-5.30pm) (6pm-7pm)
Address: Putrajaya Lake Recreation
Centre Taman Wetland, Precint 13, 62575
Putrajaya
Organiser: Marina Putrajaya Sdn. Bhd.
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Email: sales@marinaputrajaya.com



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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 2015, Malaysia registered 25.7 million tourist arrivals and RM69.1 billion in receipts.

Through the Tourism NKEA (National Key Economic Area), 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 and achieve the country's target of 36 million tourist arrivals and RM168 billion in receipts by 2020.

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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