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KUDAT RIVIERA PUTS THE GREEN INTO ENVY

Exclusive resort in Malaysian Borneo set to raise the eco-luxury bar

A spectacular new must-see destination will be added to the global eco-luxury map with the up and coming 2009 opening of Exquisite Borneo Villa's (EBV) award-winning Kudat Riviera luxury villa estate resort in Sabah, Malaysian Borneo. Luxuriating in a vibrant, verdant and extraordinarily diverse natural environment, generously spread along a six kilometre stretch of pristine, private coral fringed coastline, The Kudat Riviera is blessed with an abundance of natural treasures. Idyllic white sandy beaches, crystal clear azure waters, secluded coves and mile upon mile of undulating hills and valleys, The Kudat Riviera is the ultimate exclusive resort for discerning travellers with an appreciation of the wonders of the natural world, seeking the privacy and seclusion of a private villa estate, yet with easy access to the natural and diverse treasures of Borneo.



Malaysian Borneo is arguably one of the planet's most diverse destinations, a cornucopia of inspirational natural assets including idyllic mainland beaches; tropical islands; some of the most bio-diverse and rich marine environments - offering some of the best scuba diving in the world; primeval virgin rainforest and jungle rich in wildlife, flora and fauna; South East Asia's highest mountain - Mount Kinabalu; river valleys; rugged canyons; and warm, friendly, multi-cultural inhabitants as diverse as the landscape, who welcome visitors with open arms. Options for tours, excursions and activities are nigh on limitless and, for those not content with sybaritic relaxation in the privacy of their private villa estate, The Kudat Riviera is an ideal base from which to explore Malaysian Borneo.

The Kudat Riviera will feature signature restaurants including *Rustique* - an informal yet chic beach club restaurant; the *Caviar Sky Lounge*, at 900 feet overlooking the ocean and affording spectacular 360-degree views out to the highest tip of Borneo - Mt. Kinabalu, the northernmost tip of Borneo - Simpang Mengayau and, looking upwards, the deep-sky telescope opens up the awe-inspiring star-filled universe. In addition, a wide range of facilities and services including watersports, in-villa spa treatments, a kids' club, luxury yacht charter, scuba diving, helicopter tours, nearby 18-hole golf course, and excursions to explore the diversity of Borneo.

The Kudat Riviera features expansive luxury villa estates, each occupying between 1-8 acres of private grounds, and spread over 70 acres of stunning coastline. Each individual property revels in its own expansive, manicured private gardens, with gigantic private infinity swimming pool offering a level of space, privacy and seclusion that is almost unprecedented for a luxury villa resort: an average of 2-3 acres per villa.

Protecting the environment is foremost in the minds of EBV, and as such every possible effort has been made to create the greenest and most environmentally-conscious villa resort including movement towards the extensive utilisation of renewable energy sources with solar panels and wind turbines wherever possible, responsible waste management, recycling and use of bio-degradable materials wherever possible.

Each villa is constructed of natural materials throughout, including forest managed timbers, rich coconut tree columns, Alang Alang grass thatch roofing, water hyacinth river-grass woven furniture and natural stone and is centred around a capacious natural stone infinity swimming pool. Three villa designs range from huge 6000sqft "Coco Villas" where the swimming pool actually enters the house, to the mid size "Pandanas Villa" and smaller traditional "Rice Barn Villa".



All villas at The Kudat Riviera are provided with their own dedicated private butler, always on hand to provide as much - or as little - assistance as is needed to ensure an effortless and perfect holiday. Guests may also call upon a private chef to provide truly unique dining in the privacy of their residence, or to create bespoke culinary experiences in extraordinary settings throughout the Kudat Riviera.

Malaysian Borneo is centrally located in the heart of South East Asia, and is easily accessible with multiple daily flights from gateway cities Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Hong Kong, Macau, Bangkok, and Brunei to the capital, Kota Kinabalu. Onward transfers from Kota Kinabalu to The Kudat Riviera take just 40 minutes by private helicopter or twin otter scheduled flight, a pleasant 2.5 hour drive through rice paddy fields and quaint villages, or aboard a luxury yacht.

Malaysian Borneo is truly a land of diversity, not just with its wondrous natural beauty, but with its warm hospitable multi-ethnic peoples, comprising over 34 ethnic groups and cultures. Guests of the Kudat Riviera will be swept away by the colours and flavours of the Rungus ethnic tribe that have populated the northern region for centuries. EBV is committed to preserving the cultural heritage of the Rungus community, and actively engages in a host of local employment and betterment programmes which aims to have a positive impact on local community welfare, as well as supporting ecological and conservation projects in the region.

The Kudat Riviera is being heralded as the "best luxury villa development in the Asia Pacific Region" and has already won awards, including "Best Architecture - Malaysia" and "Best Development - Malaysia" at the CNBC/Daily Mail International Property Awards.

With such global recognition, and with many super yachts having graced the shores of The Kudat Riviera, this new "Caribbean of the East" is certainly heading towards becoming the ideal hideaway for the well-healed and discerning traveller.

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