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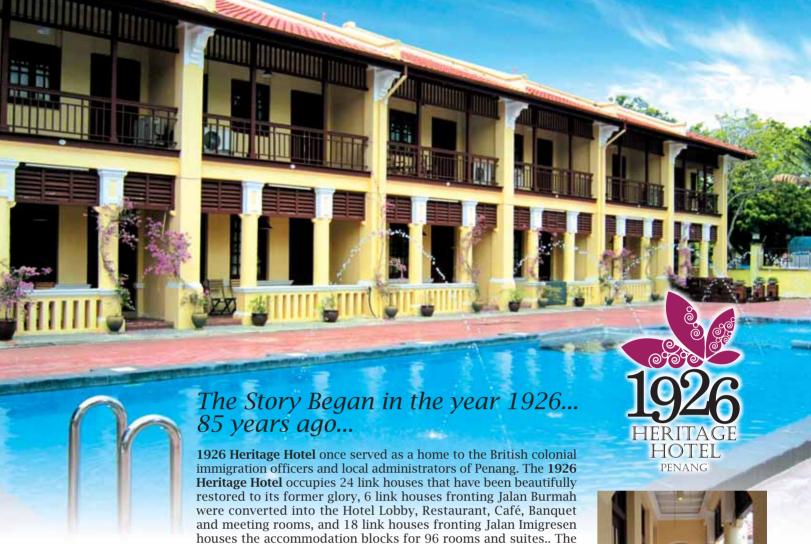
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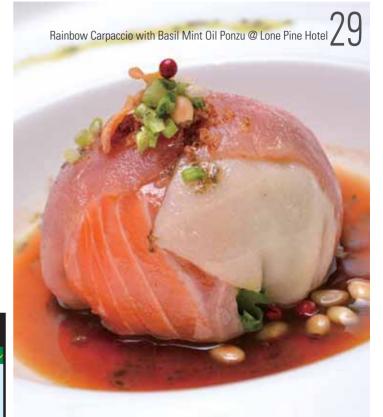
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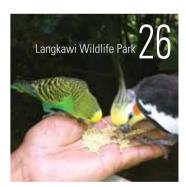
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A photo of "Disappear" from Seven Secrets Album. Courtesy of Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa.



EDITOR Speaks

This special issue is a double bonus for readers. It is a tale of two isles.

Bandied inside where2 is not just all things Penang, famously named as the Pearl of the Orient. but also a 16-page report on the legendary island of Langkawi, a jewel in the Andaman Sea.

The Langkawi report, among others, features "faces" and colourful characters; and their endeavours are like different brush strokes that add rainbow hues on the canvas of the island landscape.

Langkawi, you will find, is an island archipelago dotted with 99 isles, white sandy beaches and happenings that make this laidback island an enchanting place to see.

where2 will point readers to select restaurants for yummy seafood and delicacies, places to visit while shoppers will find spending a joy on the duty-free island.

In Penang, where2 celebrates festive occasions such as Deepavali, Octoberfest and the Penang Bridge International Marathon. Deepavali or The Festival of Lights is a cultural festival and a Hindu new year.

The once-in-a-lifetime occurrence. denoted by the numerals 11.11.11 or November 11, 2011 on the Gregorian calendar is a day which wedding planners will market as a lovely date for couples to tie marital

For more tales and thrills, read on.









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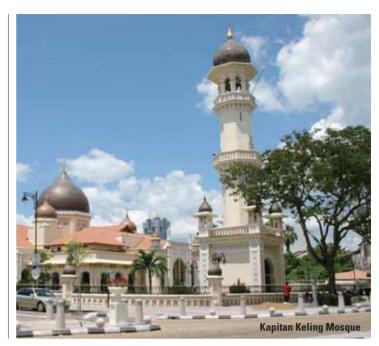
(Welcome!) to Penang, the Pearl of the Orient

This sun-kissed state comprises the island of Penang and mainland Seberang Prai across a narrow strait. The island and mainland are linked by the longest bridge in Southeast Asia, the 13.5km Penang Bridge, as well as the oldest 24-hour crosschannel ferry service in the country.

George Town, the capital of Penang, was awarded the UNESCO World Heritage status on July 7, 2008.

Founded 225 years ago, the city has an impressive collection of historical buildings representing the cultural heritage of Penang's various ethnicities such as Chinese, Indians, Arabs, Malays, Acehnese, Siamese, Burmese and Europeans.

Here's where2 essential info on how, where to explore and getting around it. More on Penang Fact Files on Page 4.



Getting There

By Air

Penang is one of the hubs for the Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle.

It also has air links with major capitals of the region such as Singapore, Medan, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Banda Aceh, Guangzhou, Jakarta, Phuket, Taipei and Surabaya. The Penang International Airport is 16km away from bustling George Town. There is also a bus service from the airport to town and to the touristy Batu Ferringhi beach.



You can get to the island from mainland Seberang Prai by the colourful ferries, which cater for both passengers and vehicle. One-way charges are levied and collected at the Sultan Abdul Halim terminal in Butterworth. There are regular boat services between Penang-Medan and Penang-Langkawi. The Port Swettenham caters to international and regional cruise liners.



The opening of the Penang Bridge in 1985 has made the island more accessible. The journey by car across the bridge now takes about 13 minutes.

By Rail

The service connects those travelling from the south to Butterworth, onwards to the border town of Padang Besar and Bangkok, Thailand. Train tickets are also available at the ticketing station next to the Pengkalan Tun Uda ferry terminal on the island.

Although there are stickers indicating no haggling of fares are permitted, most taxi drivers still ignore the ruling. Ensure the meter is switched on or agree on the fare before you board the taxi.

The Hop-on-free Central Area Transit (CAT) takes visitors around the George Town city for free. The service is available every 15 minutes from 6am until midnight. It plies between Pengkalan Weld at the harbor area and Komtar, making 19 stops within the heritage enclave. Check out the rapidPENANG Bus Routes Guide at www.rapidpg.com.my/journeyplanner/route-maps.

Trishaw

These tricycles are once known as the "King of the Road" a decade ago. Hop onto one of them to enjoy a slow ride through the busy town anytime of the day. There is no standard fare, but make sure you agree on the fare before jumping in.



Fact File

Check out attractions in the World Heritage Site

You will find Penang's heritage attractions a joy to get to know. Best surveyed on foot or by trishaw. It will take about two hours to complete this historic enclave which takes you to the oldest civic buildings and religious institutions.

The Trails

Fort Cornwallis Lebuh Light

State Legislative Assembly House Lebuh Light

City Hall

Jalan Padang Kota Lama

Court Buildings Lebuh Farquhar

Penang State Museum Lebuh Farquhar

St George's Church Lebuh Farguhar

Pinang Peranakan Mansion Lebuh Gereja

Goddess of Mercy Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling

> Little India Lebuh Pasar

Mahamariamman Temple Lebuh Queen

> **Teochew Temple** Lebuh Chulia

Kapitan Keling Mosque Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling

> Yap Kongsi Lebuh Armenian

Dr Sun Yat-Sen's Penang Base Lebuh Armenian

> Islamic Museum (Syed Alatas Mansion) Lebuh Armenian

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Beautiful and brilliant award winning actress Angelica Lee Sinje has been appointed as Penang's tourism ambassador recently. Miss Penang Kedah-born Sinje is a talented actress-cum-singer and has produced a few albums, including acting in many award winning Tourism movies such as "Ice Kacang Puppy Love", "Re-cycle" and "Koma". As Penang's tourism ambassador, Sinje's role is to help promote the state to receive more visitors in the future and become one of the world's top tourist destinations.





A cheerful Ah Guan is no stranger to Penangites, his sweet corn pancakes sell like hot cakes.

The queue is long as he can only make nine pancakes every three minutes in one go on his copper hotplate at his tricycle stall along Jalan Burma.

The hotplate is 46 years old and that's when at 17, Uan Cheng Guan started this business, standing and making pancakes in the same old spot since.

Customers far and near go for his pancakes that cost 40 sen each because they are not only yummy but once you have one, you will crave for more.

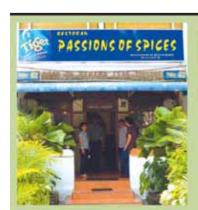
He uses his own recipe – of which he declines to share - yellowish pancake batter with ingredients from eggs, flour, coconut milk, sugar and some rising agent.

After spreading a layer on the hotplate, he waits a minute or two before putting two slices of the sweetest pisang raja (banana); one riper than the other, and a few cream corns. With lid closed on the hotplate



for another minute, he looks up with smiling eyes and starts to chat. Foodies have written about his "apong" (pancake) and if you do an online search, you will easily have 1,190 results.

That's Ah Guan for you, an old hand in his 60s, in cyberspace.





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Beaded shoes tell on her

Words and Images by LILLIAN TONG

And so they created a unique signature shoes for themselves, the kasut manik beaded slippers. Kasut means shoes, and manik means beads in Malay. Vintage kasut manik in the past are lovingly sewn by young nyonyas and old bibiks (older females). The heads finely and evenly stitched to the shoe face using cotton threads.

The beads come in a wide and varied shades and hue from pastels to vibrant bright colours. These are specially ordered Rochaille beads from Bohemia in Czech Republic. The beads are very tiny and minuscule. Today one can substitute Japanese-made beads that are equally small for the task.





Kasut manik beads come in two shapes, some rounded while others cylindrical. These are much soughtafter beads as they are faceted and cut to mirror the lights and reflect them. Slippers made from manek potong will glisten and glitter at certain angles which adds to its intriguing and captivating allure.

The motifs for the kasut manik come in three categories; feminine motifs of flowers, butterflies, and fowls like the peacock, hen, and birds; little English girls in pretty frocks; and

mosaic geometric patterns repeated all over

Beaded slippers come in two designs; peep-toe or covered. The slippers come with a low flat heel, or with a thick high heel. The peep-toe design is worn with the sarong kebaya (dress) while the fully covered ones are usually worn at formal parties and weddings.

Babas are gifted with embroidered slippers as part of the exchange of wedding dowries. The young maiden will start embroidering these slippers - usually silver thread on velvet for her groom. They are also popular with the Babas on special occasions like Chinese New Year or birthdays and parties during the 1930s.

Kasut manik are uniquely nyonya. Their fine craftsmanship reflects the refined and cultured training a nvonva receives at home from her mother and the other womenfolk. When a nyonya steps out at special occasions with her own hand beaded slippers, the shoe tells a lot about her



Sunny Side Up

at Mike's Burger Corner

Ask mountain bikers hitting the trail to the "carpet" that overlooks Bayan Lepas in Sungai Ara, Penang, they will vouch that Mike's burgers are their best.

On weekends, they do a ritual morning pit-stop at Kafe Yoyo Huat coffee-shop at Jalan Kenari.

Inside, Michael Tham, with his signature bandana on his head, is busy preparing his special chicken burgers or sandwiches

with egg, ham and cheese, made tastier with his home-made mayonnaise.

Don't miss his specialty; turkey bacon or turkey ham grilled with homemade BBQ sauce prepared by his wife Susan Moy.

His signature set is "Sunny Side Up" named Set C or "Sexy"; that is egg with its yolk facing up with chicken sausage and ham together with buttered toast.

Susan's Chicken Curry with Hainanese bread sells like "hot cake" available only on weekend.

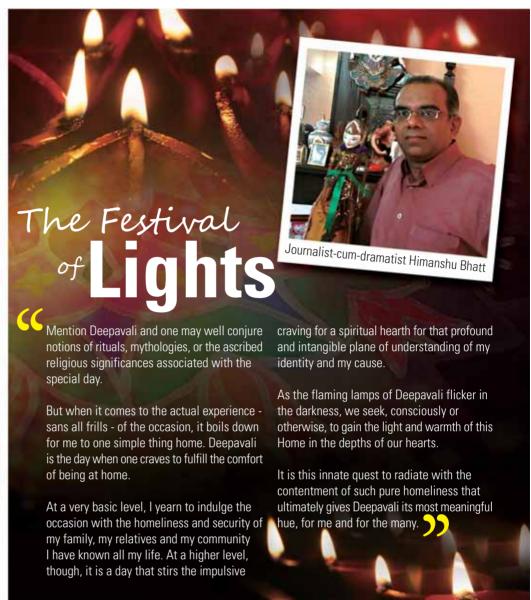


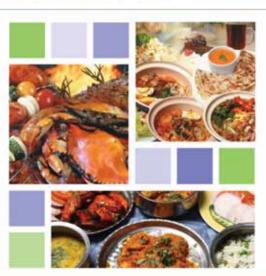


You will see the resort's resident Chefs Laxman Singh Bisht (from New Delhi) and Shankera Poojari (from Bangalore) spice up the nights with delicious dishes infused with authentic flavors.

Cardamons, Star Anise, Clove and Cinnamon are only a few of the special ingredients and spices used for the perfect aroma and an unforgettable culinary highlight. An Indian night would not be complete without some of the most popular dishes such as Tandoori Chicken, Baked Fist Amritsari, Chicken Masala, Lamb Vindloo among others, especially during this festive Deepavali celebration.







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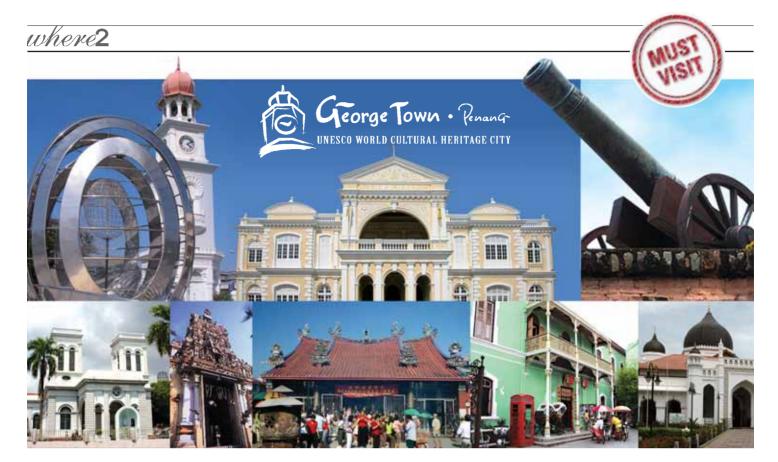
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Maximum two children below 12 years of age, when dining with two paying adults.



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Step into this UNESCO World Heritage

enclave and feel as if you were stepping back into time. Penang has so much to see that a visitor will never get enough to explore all of what she has to offer. With its old narrow streets and fabulous food, there is always a buzz to this island. Go find it.

Fort Cornwallis

An English fort rich in history, Fort Cornwallis was built in 1786 by Sir Francis Light, the man who founded Penang. This site is often the choice venue for the state's major cultural and festival celebrations. It is definitely a must stop-over for anyone eager to experience the colonial beginnings of Penang island.

Operating Hours

Open Daily: 9am - 7pm Admission:

Adult: RM2 Child: RM1

Pinang Peranakan Mansion

This old mansion, former home of Kapitan Chung Keng Kwee, showcases of over 1,000 antiques and collectibles depicting the life of the Straits Chinese, or Peranakan, as they are locally known.

Operating Hours

Open daily: 9.30am - 5pm (including Public Holidays) Admission: Adult: RM10 Free for children below 6 years

St George's Church

Founded by Rev Robert Hutchings and built between 1817 and 1818 with funds from the East India Company. St. George's Church is the oldest Anglican church in Southeast Asia. George's architecture reflects Anglo-Indian and Georgian Palladian influences.

Visiting Hours

Services held at 8.30am and 10.30am every Sunday. Admission: Free

Sri Mahamariamman Temple

Built in 1833, the Arulmigu Sri Mahamariamman Temple is the oldest Hindu temple in Penang, Malaysia, and features fascinating sculptures of gods and goddesses over its main entrance and facade. It is also known as Mariamman Temple or Queen Street Indian Temple.

Visiting Hours

6am - 12pm and 5pm - 9pm

Kapitan Keling Mosque

This is the largest and most beautiful historic mosque in George Town. It was built by the Indian Muslim British soldiers attached to the British Army that were stationed here.

Penang Town Hall

Located along Jalan Padang Kota Lama, the old Town Hall is the oldest Municipal Building in Penang, having its foundation first laid on 1st January 1879. It was gazetted an historic building by the National Museum in July 1993.

Cathedral of the **Assumption**

Cathedral of the Assumption was founded in 1786 at Lebuh Church. It was named because of the first group of Roman Catholic Eurasians from Kedah landed in Penang that year on the eve of the Feast of the Assumption. It was later moved to Lebuh Farguhar in 1857.

Kuan Yin Temple

The Kuan Yin Temple was built in the 1800s by early Chinese settlers of the Hokkien and Cantonese communities. It was originally named Kong Hock Keong temple (Cantonese-Hokkien Temple) and was once used not only for religious but also for social functions within the Chinese community.

Visiting Hours

Open daily: 5am - 7pm

Amelie's Café Plain. Simple. Unadorned.

Words and Images by LILLIAN TONG







Amelie's Cafè 6, Lebuh Armenian 10300 Penang





One cannot miss the mass of foliage spilling out in abundance over one end of Lebuh Armenian. These luscious potted greens conceal a wooden doorway to a little eatery. Passers-by may stop to eniov this pretty little garden and intrigued to take a peek through the partly hidden door frame.

The unadorned simplicity of this quaint little eatery is exactly what makes it charming at the same time. We found a cozy corner and sat on chairs that very much reminded me of the ones I sat on when I was in primary school, long ago. Several little recycled desks, make up of pieces of uneven planks nailed together standing on sturdy legs, make for tables. The small squeeze for space makes it cozy. The menu of the day is on a blackboard nailed to the wall

Pasta. Pasta. Soup and Sandwiches, Cakes and Coffee. My favourite lunch is the Portobello mushroom on sandwich and pasta in pesto. The pesto well tossed with olive oil. The daily available menu choices depend on what Chef Hung get from the market that day. Easy to decide when you have only five to eight to choose from. Perfect for indecisive patrons, like me.

The drinks list is the most original from Penang; cool iced flavours, and coffee. Cool juices with tropical spice like lycee with mint, nutmeg, and orange with ginger. These drinks come in a pint-size glass jar with a stick of lemongrass to stir the cool juice mixed with tropical spices. We sat watching a goldfish swim in a glass bowl. Bottles with money

plant hang suspended from the ceiling. The sunlight looks lovely coming in between the plants and shinning through the leaves making them translucent. A shelf holds some magazines and books. Inside, the premises is a cool respite from the sunny street.

The interiors are filled with kitchen items from the past. It reminds me of grandmother's kitchen, with a red made-in-China hot water flask, oil and hurricane lamps overhead, floral enamel plates, and paintings by Huna himself.

Hung and his wife Yen rented this place because they love the location. right in the middle of the UNESCO World Heritage enclave. This fortunate couple has a home to work and live in; having drop-in guests and friends to cook for, and, Amelie Café at number six Lebuh Armenian is born.

Thai @ Tan Jetty

Words and Images by LILLIAN TONG

An exciting jaunt! Adventure and Food all in one! A splendid place to spend an afternoon or sit watching for the dusk to paint the skies over the mainland in multi hues of blues with the sea slapping against timber as the ferries come in is at the Clan Jetty just after the Ferry Terminal. Settle into a quaint little Thai food shack with a bowl of Thai laksa and a cool glass of homegrown ribena at the Tan Jetty.

This place that serves Thai food does not have a name. It just has a standing banner that says 'Thai Food' at the entrance to the Tan Jetty. Take a walk on the planks with homes on your right and the sea on your left. At the end of the row of houses is the Thai food eatery. It just is like walking into someone's home for a Thai meal.



A small concrete garden springs orchids and some greens. The lady with a baby serves Thai Laksa with a soup base of coconut with fish and turmeric. Watch out! It might be a tad too spicy! The laksa bowl comes with refreshing bits of pineapple, cucumbers and lettuce.

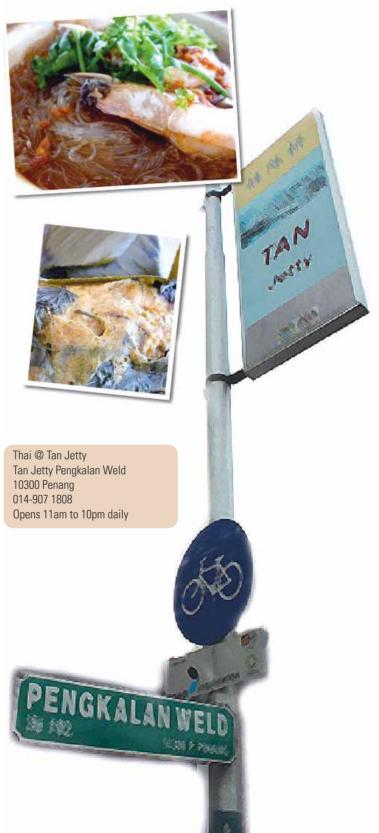
A little photo album holds photos of the dishes available. Among the recommended dish is the Prawn and Glass Noodle Claypot. The prawns are big. Otak Otak is lovely with fish and daun kadok and wrapped and steamed in banana leaf. The Pandan

Chicken is well flavoured with coconut milk a bite brings out its full flavor-rounded, rich and satisfying.

On the lighter side, a crisp Kerabu Mango (salad) sprinkled with crunch of baby shrimps crackles in your mouth. Deep fried kangkong in batter is crispy. A variation is KangKong Fried in Sambal Belacan. All food portions are small which is excellent if you want to try a variety of dishes.

The lapping of water on the stilts, the feel of the sea so close near and around is a true Penang island experience only found out here on the jetty. Take a walk out on the planks while waiting for dinner to arrive. Watch the ferries come. Peer across into homes and catch a glimpse of life at the jetty. Take a little adventure and trip over to the Clan Jetty. And take home a bill where your food items are written in Thai.







Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa

Get married on 11.11.11 or 20.11.2011 these two hottest dates of the year

The wedding date mania is about to hit.

Occurring just once every one hundred years, a perfect calendar reading of 11.11.11 (11 November 2011) and 20.11.2011 is considered one of the luckiest days of the century. Weddings held on both these auspicious dates promise everlasting love, good fortune and luck. Choose a garden setting reception on a beach (cover photo).

As two become one, there are few places on earth as magical as that at the Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang Resort and Spa for the exchange of marital vows.

In a marriage made perfect under a shady canopy of Casuarinas trees, you bet couples will be bestowed with the living happily-ever-after feeling.

No less magical is the garden wedding setting at the Lone Pine Hotel. Saying 'I do' with the backdrop of the Batu Ferringhi sea front and on its rolling lawn that fringes the white sandy beach makes for a romantic reception.

The Garden at Lone Pine Hotel is Penang's favourite, picture-perfect stage for weddings and romance.



Lone Pine Hotel

Check out their theme wedding and honeymoon packages at

www.shangri-la.com/en/property/penang/rasasayangresort and www.lonepinehotel.com





Langkawi Orientation

We've packed as much information into this special section to make your stay as enjoyable as possible and your activities seamless. We'll also show you the ins and outs of navigating Langkawi. Look-out for the useful numbers we have provided and the stylish map included in it. And to start things off, here's a bit of history on the place we call Langkawi.



Langkawi History

Langkawi island is known to have been shrouded in mythological legends. The term Langkawi is a combination of two Sanskrit words, Langka (beauty) and Wi (innumerable), meaning it is a place of immense beauty. Another reference refers Langkawi to Eagles' Island where 'Lang' in Malay means eagle and 'Kawi' denotes marble and since both eagles and marble are abundantly found here, the place was named after the fact. About 200 years ago according to the folklore, a young princess, named Mahsuri, was accused of adultery and was executed by the people despite pleading her earnest innocence.

Just before her death, Mahsuri laid a curse on the island that it will remain barren for seven generations. The curse lasted until the birth of the seventh direct descendant of Mahsuri in 1980. Seven years later, Langkawi was granted duty-free status.

Necessary Numbers

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By Air

Langkawi International Airport is located at Padang Matsirat, about 20km from Kuah, and 8km from the beach resorts in Pantai Cenang. The airlines offering service to/from Langkawi are AirAsia, Malaysia Airlines, Firefly, Happy Airways and SilkAir. Direct flights are also available to Penang and Kuala Lumpur; Singapore; and Hat Yai and Phuket in Thailand.

By Road

Visitors travelling by road have to drive to Kuala Kedah or Kuala Perlis - the two main take-off points by ferry to Langkawi. Ample car parking facilities are available at both the ferry terminals.

By Sea

Langkawi Ferry operates airconditioned express ferry services from Kuala Perlis for RM18 one way



(75-minute trip), Kuala Kedah for RM23 (105-minute trip), Penang for RM63 (165-minute) and Satun, Thailand for RM30 (75- minute trip) daily.

Going around Langkawi

By taxi

A taxi ride from the Airport to Pantai Cenang costs RM18. Coupons are available at the taxi counter at the airport. The fare from the ferry terminal to Pantai Cenang is RM24 and RM8 to Kuah town.

By bicycle

You can rent bicycles in many of the hotels.



They are chargeable between RM10 and RM30 per day.

By car or motorcycle/ scooter

Renting a car or motorcycle/scooter is highly recommended due to the lack of public transport. This can be done at the airport, Jetty Point of from shops along Pantai Cenang. Refrain renting from touts, as many of them operate illegally and do not provide insurance

coverage. It is important to check on your fuel level regularly as most petrol stations are located a distance from each other.



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Colourful characters

count among the isle dwellers

A writer's tales by JOHN CHIN

They came as visitors, enchanted with the beauty of the idyllic island, gave up jobs and stayed on till today.

These "permanent tourists" are faces that colour the many facets of life here.

One was B.K. Teoh, a teacher turned restaurant operator, another was a retired headmaster Willy Cheah who eventually opened the most pubs all over the island and yet another Rafii who gave up a good-paying job in an airline to open the first launderette on the island.

A local, Pishol Ishak, a pioneer travel agent, started his business under a beach umbrella and has now ventured into providing the first



limousine service recently.



Coming over was easy – only a ferry ride away - staying on needs a passion for a laid-back lifestyle and the willingness to give up the fast lane

Their tales will fill the pages here.

A young man Joe Foo from Malacca chose the island over his girlfriend after just one visit while another, who gave up a successful family business to operate a tiny chalet resort.

A more interesting success story relates a young upstart who made good on his earlier shady past to operate a thriving hardware store, and two rehabilitated drug addicts (names withheld) who left behind two popular F&B outlets to their family members.

Langkawi, according to legend, was under the spell of a curse lasting seven generations by a princess wrongly put to death for adultery. Evidently, the "curse" has been lifted. The island is filled with topclass resorts, beach chalets, natural beauty, white sandy beaches, a Geo Park ecological wonder and an underwater world.

Beginning in the 1980s, a duty-free status has turned the island into a mecca for backpackers and the well-heeled.



Chicken Joe

Joe Foo is a typical case of a first time visitor who fell in love with the island and stayed on.

"Stress-free" - that's what he describes as the very reason he chose to live here, and mind you, that decision was taken two decades ago when Langkawi was still undeveloped and not what it is today.

Nicknamed "Chicken Joe" for good reason, he is unbending in what

he said is how "authentic Hainanese rice" should be served; deboned with chilli, ginger garlic and hot bowl of

"Not with the modern roast chicken. That's not Hainanese Chicken rice,' he says.

Operating his corner shop at 133, Langkawi Mall, Jalan Kelibang, in the main town of Kuah, Joe works alone and at his own pace.

"My lunch crowd is usually packed. I would tell my customers that my

boss has left me to work alone and I know why you are here because you are hungry, so help me to help yourself.

"The glasses are on the table, canned drinks in the fridge. If you want a hot drink, I will make it after I have served you the chicken."

This work mode has sustained him and that's how he wants to live it out; to him "simplicity is the spice of life".



Jalan Kelibang, Kuah

07000 Langkawi

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Kedah Darul Aman

Rafii's

Beach Café

On Cenang beach (Pantai Cenang) is where vou will find this rustic shack with patrons gathered in a candle-lit ambience, or on a special deck built around several leafy trees or even out on the beach sipping cold beer.





Rafii's Beach Cafe is not visible from the main road. It is probably few bars where you have to walk through a narrow passage of wooden buildings before reaching the café, fronting the beach front.

Penangite Rafii Ibrahim, formerly with Malaysia Airlines' customer services, has earned a reputation for serving excellent green Thai curry chicken and fiery Malay dishes.

Established three years ago, this cafe where one can find a mermaid on its wall mural is just the right place to enjoy drinks and chill-out with friends over a good conversation at the bar.

The place is extremely casual and popular with foreign visitors who come here to savour the beautiful sunset with a glass of drink in hand.



The beers here are reasonably priced but the best part is that Rafii's Beach Café is opened until the last customer staggers out.



One Hotel Helang Langkawi's premier convention hotel

When it comes to hosting major and international events in Langkawi, look no further than One Hotel Helang.

Situated just five minutes' walk from the Langkawi International Airport, the hotel is ideal for group bookings.

One Hotel Helang is appointed the official hotel for the Paintball World Cup Asia tournament which Langkawi will host for the first time, from November 10-13, 2011.

The Paintball World Cup Asia is the final leg of the Paintball Asia League Series (PALS) 2011.

It also plays host for the Langkawi International Maritime Air Show (LIMA) again come December. Hotel manager Kamarul Zaharin says the hotel is all geared up for the two major back-to-back international events.

"We look forward to playing host to the 2,000 participants and officials from 20 countries taking part in the Paintball World Cup Asia competition."

"It will be a very exciting moment for us because after that, we will play host to LIMA," says Kamarul. One Hotel Helang has 218 spacious and elegantly designed rooms equipped with international standard amenities such as 24hour room service with choice of Asian and international cuisine.

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Langkawi is Cruising

and Local Yacht Owners' Best Choice

Words by MICHELE PIPPENS

Langkawi is a duty-free island making it cheap to replenish provisions such food, fuel, and equipment. There is an unanimous vote for the island as the friendliest and most simple port clearances for yachts and pleasure craft in Southeast Asia!

> The pleasure craft (boats, yachts, super-vachts) do not have any time

limit for being in Malaysian waters and the crew, for most nationalities, get an automatic 90-day visa on entry.

The officials such as Harbour Master and Marine Department, Customs and Immigration, are helpful to visiting vachts and their crew/ owners

There are excellent marinas in Langkawi such as the Royal Langkawi Yacht Club (RLYC) near to Kuah town and equipped with a swimming pool, Rebak Island Marina a protected harbour with resort facilities and has hard stand facility with travel lift; and Telaga Harbour another protected harbour, where you find a choice of restaurants with a superb mountain back drop.

Michele Pippens runs a yacht brokerage at the RLYC with her son. Simon De Maria, for about a decade now



Shuvro's Sojourn

Words by MOHIUDDIN SYFULLAH SHUVRO

It was end of January when I first visited Langkawi.





Due to my hectic schedule as a professional photographer and TV producer, I hardly have time to roam around, even though I get to travel to many places on assignment.

This time I decided to leave my country and take a vacation even with the little amount of time I have between my heavy workload.

And as soon as I reached Langkawi, I felt a great relief for making the right decision of choosing this place

A photographer's eye is always

searching for scenes and objects that can be captured through the lenses. This place is so amazing that I felt no photograph I take can adequately describe what my eyes are seeing and my mind feeling.

Oh! What a view! At the beach, I just submerged myself in the water and enjoyed the waves of happiness that swept over me.

I met a lot of interesting people, talked to them about the games they play, learned of their culture and lifestyle; yes people here are friendly and warm. I watched the spectacular fireworks, listened to music in clubs and on the streets and enjoyed

shopping in this duty-free island.

And I also noticed that the architecture of the hotels is such that they blend completely withnature and give you this eco-friendly feel. I took a boat ride out to the sea, enjoying sea food with sea breeze on the beach and when it started raining I felt like the whole of Langkawi is taking a while smiling at us.







Calendar of Events

Langkawi International **Mountain Bike Challenge**



An exhilirating five-day mountain bike race, the Langkawi International Mountain Bike Challenge (LIMBC) 2011 will be held in this scenic tropical island. Still, the LIMBC 2011 is surely not for the faint hearted. LIMBC will be an adrenaline packed challenge for riders wanting to experience the ultimate test of skill and ability. But then, the LIMBC 2011 is also a golden oppurtunity for riders to compete in never before ridden sections within Langkawi's most breath-taking scenic areas. Raja Muda Selangor International Regatta



Battle With The Best In Asia

The Paintball World Cup Asia (WCA), the final leg of the Paintball Asia League Series (PALS) 2011, will be held out of Kuala Lumpur for the very first time in history in Langkawi. It will be the world's first ever international paintball tournament hosted indoors with four fields at the multi-million ringgit airconditioned Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre (MIEC).

More than 120 teams from 20 countries are expected to participate in this tournament from Nov 10 to 13, 2011.

The teams include hosts Malaysia, the USA, Australia, Thailand, Japan, South Korea, the United Kingdom, UAE, Singapore, New Zealand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Dubai, Iran, Canada, Russia, Venezuela, Uruguay, Cambodia, Vietnam, India, Brunei, Taiwan, Myanmar, Guam, Germany, and France.



Langkawi **Lawn Bowls** (Mahsuri Cup **International**)

25 - 30 October More than 90 pairs including teams from Brunei are expected to compete in this five-day championship.

Raja Muda Selangor International Regatta



This annual prestigious Raja Muda Selangor International Regatta is a challenging offshore sailing race consisting three overnight passage races, some 240 miles in total, and three days of harbour racing in Penang and Langkawi. The event attracts a large variety of yachts, from top class IRC1 racers to slow classic cruisers dating back over 100 years, all of whom had to cope with unpredictable weather and changing tactics during the nine-day mix of races past tropical islands.

Lobster Mania

@Orkid Ria Seafood Restaurant



Everyday, without fail, queues of people wait patiently to eat at this unassuming Orkid Ria Seafood Restaurant.

One reason keeps them coming for more at Ah Huat's restaurant his lobsters, of course.

The story goes that Ah Huat, whose name is Loh Ah Min, sells more lobsters than anyone else on Langkawi on a daily basis.

He has at the back of his restaurant more than 20 freezers of lobsters. squid, tiger prawns and all kind of fish in stock.

The 78-year-old Ah Huat also has

all his fresh and live seafood prominently displayed on the right side of the premises where customers can pick what they want to eat, be it Malay, Chinese or Thai cooking and even Western dishes.

Located at the central part of popular Pantai Cenang, Orkid Ria comes to life only at night, often crowded with both locals and foreigners at dinner and supper.

Check out its delicious tiger prawns and deep-fried squid with its sambal

sauce as well as its Indonesian-style chicken. Sprinkled with sesame seed, the dish is served deep fried until crispy

Where there is good food, a big crowd







Tourist spots not to miss

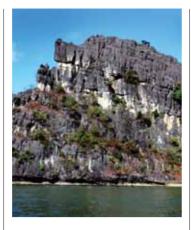
Besides the sun, sea and sail factor. Langkawi packs a big punch. With so much to see and do, it can be hard to know where to begin your visit.

Check out our recommended must-see places - many of which can be completed in four hours or less.



Eagle Square

Dataran Lang or Eagle Square is the first landmark that visitors arriving by ferry will see. Situated near the Kuah jetty, the main attraction of the square is the magnificent 12-metre high statue of the reddish brown eagle poised for flight. Enjoy a pleasant walk early in the morning or evening through this scenic square and shop at a high-roofed pavilion where events are held and kiosks selling souvenirs.



Langkawi Geopark

Langkawi Geopark is Malaysia's first geopark with a total land area of about 478km2. It was declared by Unesco on June 1, 2007 as the 52nd geopark in the world. There are three geoforest parks within the Langkawi geopark - Machinchang geoforest; Kilim geoforest and Dayang Bunting marble. Langkawi is also the geopark in the world with a duty free status.



Skycab

Panaroma Langkawi SkyCab, formerly known as the Langkawi Cable Car is the premier must-visit tourist destination in Langkawi. The SkyCab takes about 15 to 20 minutes either way up or down the magnificent Mount Machineang.

This is where you have have the most spectacular view of the island. While you are there, check out the SkyBridge. At 125m in length, the structure ranks among the world's longest curve suspension bridge.



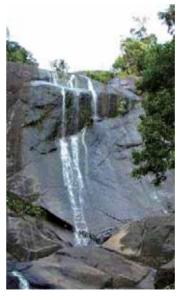
Pulau Dayang Bunting

Isle of the Pregnant Maiden

There are many legends and myths surrounding this island located 18 kilometres southwest of Langkawi Island, next to the second biggest island of Pulau Tuba. The island's name, Tasik Dayang Bunting (literally means Lake of the Pregnant Maiden), came about after legend has it that fairy princess Mambang Sari fell in love and married a mortal prince Mat Teia. She subsequently conceived a child who however died

seven days later. The heart-broken mother then threw the baby into the lake only to see him turn into a white crocodile. Take a trip to the lake if you are unable to conceive for it is said that the princess had blessed the waters that any barren woman who drank from the lake there would conceive a child. The lake's outline when seen from above appears as if a pregnant woman is lying down on her back.

Telaga Tujuh Waterfall aka Seven Wells



As with all things in Langkawi, there's a legend behind the Telaga Tujuh Waterfalls. Situated near to Telaga Harbour, this popular tourist spot is considered by many to be the most beautiful waterfall on Langkawi.

Legend has it that seven wells used to be a favourite bathing place of mountain fairies. One has to climb about 200 metres or 638 steep steps to reach the waterfall area. Try getting there early in the morning before busloads of visitors descend on the pools especially if your visit coincides with the local school holidays.

Guide to Langkawi Marinas

Langkawi is known to be a haven for vachties. There are at least five mooring locations available, three of which are full-fledged marinas with modern international class facilities.

The vachties love berthing at Langkawi as they find it a safe place to leave the boat while visiting the island.



Rehak

Rebak Island Resort and its marina is located on the secluded and privately owned 389-acre Rebak Besar Island, which is less than five kilometres from Langkawi island. The marina can accommodate vessels up to 30m in 189 wet and 70 dry berths. Its protected nosurge, no wake harbour is easily accessible and has a minimum depth of 2.5m at low tide

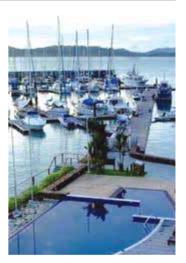


Langkasuka Boat Club

This club has moorings for hire inside a large breakwater just off Langkasuka. They have a dinghy pontoon and a cold water open air shower plus toilets at the club rooms.

Royal Langkawi Yacht Club

The RLYC is an exclusive establishment with a beautiful clubhouse, classy dining outlets and a fully equipped marina. This 200berth marina can accommodate a variety of vessels including sailing boats and mega yachts up to 60 meters. RLYC is situated on the south-east corner of Langkawi island. close to the main town of Kuah





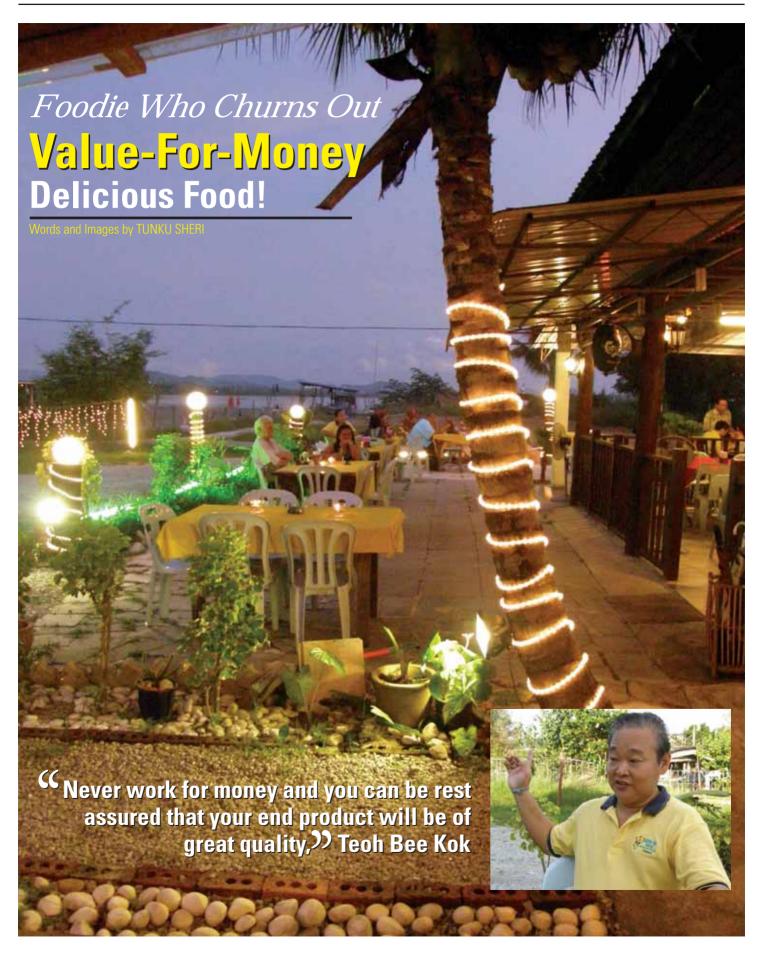
Awana Porto Malai

The harbour is noted for its Mediterranian architecture and as terminal for ocean-going cruise ship, features a hotel, restaurants and shops lining the waterfront as well as a small marina. Several sailing and boating charters operate from the marina and sunset cruise around nearby islands are particularly popular.

Telaga Harbour

Telaga Harbour is a gateway and destination for the many yachts plying the region. The facilities and services available make it an ideal destination for transient, and home base to yachts of various sizes including mega yachts. The on-water activity and yachts berthed at the harbour provide a picturesque background to it, creating a lifestyle and attracting tourism. Telaga Harbour Park is the one and only such harbour town within the region.







"Never work for money and you can be rest assured that your end product will be of great quality," Tech Bee Kok.

With this adage in mind, Teoh - not an islander - decided to abandon the teaching profession to becoming a restaurant operator in Langkawi in 1998. So what brought about the turn-around?

"It is what I called the human mindset on working culture. It dawned on me during my travel to Australia when our group met with an accident. We were all inside the hospital and the hospital cleaner caught my eye. I saw him happily going about with this menial chore and he was so happy and proud doing what he was doing.

"At that time, I began asking myself if what I was doing was giving me the ultimate satisfaction in life. I knew then that a complete change of career was in store for me." he reminisces with an infectious smile

Teoh, 48, who is from Kodiang, Kedah, never regretted his decision to quit after 12 years as an English and Physical Education teacher.

He started Lobster Village seafood restaurant. His business flourished. A few years later, as luck would have it, the 2004 tsunami that damaged

the coastal areas of Kuala Teriang in Langkawi, provided the opportunity for him to take over a damaged 100-year wooden family home and converted into the second restaurant. Shin Mi Seafood Village.

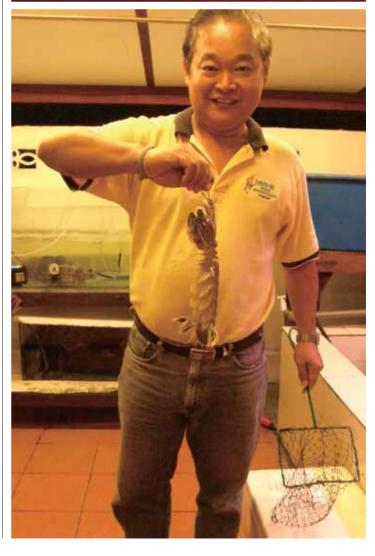
The signature dishes served there are King Prawn in Butter and Egg and Sweet and Sour Crab. Return customers especially from Hong Kong usually asked for the favourite dish, Mantis Prawn Deep Fried with Chinese Spices.

"Customers love coming here as we urge them to select the own seafood, alive and fresh from the tanks, weigh them on the scale so they know they will not be cheated before the seafood is cooked as per their expectations," he adds.

The ambience in the restaurant is so relaxing and private and the scenery during sunset is stunning as the restaurant overlooks the tranquil bay.

Shin Mi Seafood Village 70, Kampung Batu Ara Kuala Teriang, 07000 Langkawi T: 04-955 1431 Opens 2pm to 10pm daily E: shinmi.lgk@gmail.com







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- 4 Bon Ton/Temple Tree
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- The Frangipani Resort & Spa
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- 9 One Helang Hotel
- 10 Holiday Villa
- 11 Langkawi Lagoon Resort
- 12 Hotel Langkasuka Langkawi
- 13 Meritus Pelangi Resort & Spa

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 - 21 Sheraton Langkawi Beach Resort & Spa
 - The Westin Langkawi Resort & Spa

- 3 Shin Mi Seafood Village
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- 3 Black Sand Beach
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- 6 Pantai Datai
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- 10 Pantai Cenang
- 11 Pantai Tengah

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Lazing in Langkawi's famous beaches



Langkawi's beaches

are simply some of Malaysia's best. One can perpetually see stretches after stretches of soft white alluring beaches. Walk, jog and swim on them. Just don't forget your sun glasses.

Here's some of the best-of-thebest beaches we have chosen for you.

Pantai Cenang

One of the most liveliest stretch beach on the island, with restaurants and bars offering a range of local, Western and fusion cuisine

Pantai Teluk Baru

The small bay of this stretch of beach forms a natural shelter for fishing boats. Try persuading a fishing boat to let you accompany them on a trip.



Pantai Datai

Charaterized by boulders at both ends of the beach and dense forest in the background, Pantai Datai slopes gently into clear blue waters. Facing the beach directly is the delightful little island of Pulau Anak Datai.

Pantai Batu Hampar

As its name suggests, this little stretch of beach is bounded by rocky outcrops on both ends. You can still find some welcome shade from the coconut and mangrove trees that has preserved the beach's natural environment.

Pantai Kok

You get an unobstructed view of vachts and sailboats cruising past the backdrop of Andaman Sea. This beach was the Summer Palace location of the movie "Anna and the King".

Pantai Beringin

Situated near the town of Kuah, one will notice mangrove stumps at one end that tell story of bygone days and at the other end, a calm and serene beach, fringed by swaying coconut palms.

Pantai Teluk Burau

This is a haven for the hornbills. Remember to bring along your binoculars if you are into bird watching. This beach faces Burau Island, a renown roosting place for migratory birds.





The missing link in Langkawi's tourist products - not too long ago - was a wildlife park.

It didn't take long for John Teoh, who has been managing the popular Langkawi Underwater World, to quit and seize on this opportunity to open the Langkawi Wildlife Park.

This park proves to be an instant tourist attraction: a place to celebrate the endemic and indigenous flora and fiona of the island and also a must-visit destination that has all the right combination to tickle your senses and be bewildered.

John Teoh has created a park that is fun and you get to interact by getting close and touching wild animals. Bet you have never fed a mouse deer or bear cat for that matter?

"Many tourists find a visit here more than what they expected; the experience of being close to these animals and loving them at the same time. Ours animals just greet you when you have food in hand.

"Especially for children, a visit to the park or zoo will help them to appreciate life better," he says.

The wildlife park, sprawling 5.5 acres, was opened two years ago. John has decades of experience and intimate knowledge working with



animals. He managed the Langkawi Underwater World before seeing an opportunity to start his own wildlife park. It has fully covered walkway to shade you from the rains and sun. Inside are a walk-through aviary, reptiles, birds, pheasants, colourful parrots and flamingoes. Find out how the Greater Flamingo will only mate if there are more than 40 of them. Mirrors placed strategically



to trick the birds into thinking there were many of them have helped to populate the numbers there. Uganda's Crown Crane, the African country's national bird, has stirred much excitement as she is incubating two eggs and the new arrivals are expected soon, if not, already running freely inside the aviary.

Come to experience peacocks, pelicans, swans, lorries, starlings, doves, love birds fluttering down towards you when you hold out millet seeds on your palms.

The main exhibit is the Langkawi's most famous bird of prey, The Brahminy Kite "Bird of War" called by the Iban tribe in Sarawak, East

Malaysia or Borneo, when they go for war with another tribe. A giant statue of this eagle is standing near the Kuah jetty and you can't miss it on arrival by ferry.

The latest addition is a new spacious home for the mouse deer. Learn how this smallest but smartest of all creatures can, according to folklore, coax a crocodile to be tricked. Be bemused that this creature can conceive barely 90 minutes after giving birth and the amazing thing is that it is always carrying a baby inside all its entire life.

Check out the feeding time for the Langkawi saltwater crocodiles, the mouse-deers, the Amazon's Arapaima and the Australian's budgerigars.

A picturesque cascading 10 meter high waterfall and crystal clear pool teaming with colorful aquarium fishes, Japanese Koi, Arapaima Amazon's largest fresh water creature, and African Cat fish promises to soothe your senses while your muscles are squeezed when seated on the rows of massage chairs.

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Celebrity Chef at The Datai

Words by TUNKU SHERI

Establishing rapport with diners and being complimented with smiles of satisfaction is a reward in itself for every chef in the culinary world, says celebrity Chef Conny Andersson.

"If this isn't the case, then this means that the chef has lost his passion and enthusiasm," he says. Andersson, who has appeared in the Oprah Winfrey Show, joined the six-star Datai Resort as the executive chef last year.

"My job at any luxury resorts where I am attached to is to nurture a high level of enthusiasm in my team to instill in them the desire to want to please guests through their culinary creations and presentations," he adds.

Born and raised in Sweden, Chef Andersson is the epitome of what he preaches. Even from his

> appearance, he exudes the warmth and friendliness totally unexpected of someone who has rubbed shoulders with the rich and famous of Hollywood!

Chef Andersson has over 30 years of gastronomic experience and spent a long stretch of 19 years until 2007 working at the reputable Four Seasons hotel as executive chef in various properties across the alobe.

His achievements include Chef of The Year 2003 by Club Culinaire of French Cuisine (Los Angeles), as co-writer of cook book Morgan Freeman & Friends with Hollywood actor Morgan Freeman, television appearances with Morgan Freeman on various American prime time shows including Oprah Winfrey Show.

Museums and Galeries around Langkawi

Most people come to Langkawi for its white sandy beaches. With its history dating way back to the 14th century, you can discover the island's most interesting tales, folklores, arts and culture by visiting the many museums and galleries there. Immerse yourself in Langkawi's colourful past for an even more picturesque view of what it is today.



Craft Cultural Complex

Located in Teluk Yu this magnificent Craft Cultural Complex is dedicated to the Malaysian handicrafts. Here. one can find an exclusive assortment of craftwork items that range from forest-based products, fabrics, ceramics, metal artifacts to beautiful art objects. Don't miss the live demonstrations of songket weaving methods. The most popular craft, out of all others, is the hand-drawn and printed batik that is available in exclusive designs. Check out the gift shop selling various arts and crafts suitable for souvenirs.

Operating time: 10am - 6pm Admission: Free

Laman Padi Rice Garden

Situated within the Pantai Cenang, this museum tells all about the planting of rice on Langkawi. It features paddy fields and information about the local practices in rice cultivation. There is a restaurant selling popular traditional delicacies prepared using rice as the main ingredient.

Operating time: 10am - 6pm





Ibrahim Hussein Foundation Museum

This is a spacious art gallery, a special white modern building with an impressive collection of contemporary art of the region. The gallery is a private venture of a prominent Malay artist and features some impressive multimedia pieces, offering something guite different to the endless wax-painted batik fabrics and similar. It is a must-visit place for art lovers, admirers, writers, fellow artists and celebrities.

Operating time: 10am - 6pm

MATSU

Pining for Some Japanese?

Words and Images by HELEN ONG







Matsu Lone Pine Hotel 1st Floor Batu Ferringhi, 11100 Penang T: 04-886 8555 Opens 5pm to 10pm daily



If you're after some traditional Japanese food, then head for the recentlyrenovated Lone Pine Hotel in Batu Ferringhi, where you can indulge in what **Hotel Manager Khoo Boo** Lim describes as "modern Japanese" cuisine.

"Not all fusion dishes need to be European-influenced," he explains. "and ours has Asian overtones." Matsu, which is the Japanese word for "pine", is a modern and casual, kitted out with clean and comfortable pinewood (what else?) furniture. The glass walls allow for a stunning view of the gorgeous sunset if you are there at the right time.

The menu, specially designed by local Chef KahWai, is a combination of traditional Japanese combined with local and western. A good example is the Lamb Shoulder with Miso and Chilli Padi; it's European with spicy and oriental overtones. Another is the new-style Chawanmushi: it's steamed with chopped foiegras, adding a richness to the light egg custard.

Starters include traditional Sushi and Sashimi, but served in more contemporary flavours and presentations: the colourful Rainbow Carpaccio combines raw red and white tuna slices marinated with a tastyyukke sauce, sesame oil and soya sauce, which is eaten with a dab of grated fresh wasabi root in sweet Japanese sova sauce. The Mega Mango Maki is impressive, unagi (eel), salmon or prawns on slices of fresh, sweet mango, the portion big enough to satisfy even the largest families.

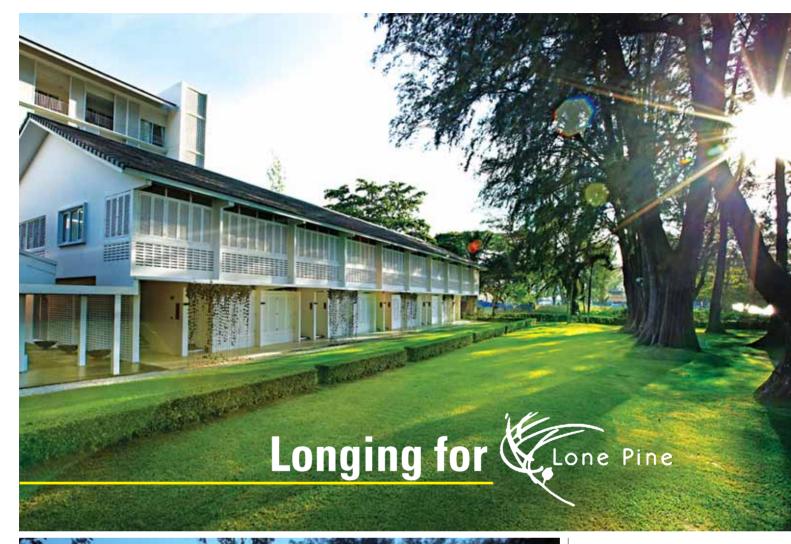
The Aburage Pizza, unagi and soft shell crab or raw and smoked salmon served atop crispy home-made taufu with a layer of creamy béchamel sauce in between, will also be





popular, combining the best of east and west. The Japanese are also very partial to kimchi, according to Chef KahWai, and that is reflected in the liberal use of this preserved vegetable in a number of dishes like the red, bonito-based KimchiUdon, which is as spicy as it looks, although I'm told it can be served "extra hot" for presumably those of us who are masochistic enough to take it!

Chef KahWai's Green Tea Tiramisu is popular, as is his home-made Pine Nut Ice Cream, sweet with caramelised pine nut.





Tucked in an idyllic spot along Penang's tourist beach belt is Lone Pine, the island's only luxury boutique hotel.

This oldest beachfront hotel has been renewed and rejuvenated after undergoing restoration that added a new wing and modern amenities. The same colonial spirit and idyllic charm are still there, making this hotel more than a stay-over for its return guests, nostalgic of its legendary past.

Lone Pine's colourful history dates back to 1948 when a solitary bungalow owned by the McKearn family was bought over by a group of Chinese and converted into a family-run hotel.











It was named "Lone Pine" when its owner mistook the lone Casuarinas tree that stood there for a pine tree. Operating with 10 rooms, the guests then were mainly British residents in Malaysia and sailors during their port calls. Over the next half century, it became a sanctuary of warm hospitality and comfort for visitors, both foreign and local.

Its refurbishment was an exercise in old-fashioned subtlety - some rooms were fitted with authentic antique lamps, dressing tables and closets, done to retain its colonial charm.

The hotel, amid casuarinas trees along the beach garden, has prompted Trip Advisor to recognise Lone Pine Hotel as the most voted top 10 boutique beach resorts in the world under US\$200. Today, a stay at the hotel is a walk back in time, to experience the old world charm. to retreat to a wonderful hideaway and escape from the hustle and bustle of the city.

The new wing added a three-storey building, boasting 50 exclusive guestrooms. Almost all rooms face the sea and open out to a terrace, balcony or private courtyard, bringing in the refreshing sea breeze into every room.

Adding to the contemporary charm - Matsu - the touristy Batu Ferringhi beach's only Japanese Restaurant offers an innovating and inspired Japanese menu with a firm hold on fresh and contemporary flavours.

At the Bungalow, which houses the

hotel's coffee-house, it is still the place to enjoy the delectable Hainanese cuisine. Batubar is where you can unwind with a swanky twist; relaxing to the sound of lapping waves mingling with the latest chillout tunes.

Lone Pine Hotel 97 Batu Ferringhi 11100 Penang T: 04-886 8686 style@lonepinehotel.com www.lonepinehotel.com



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Map of George Town





Heritage Sites

- 1 Fort Cornwallis
- 2 Clock Tower
- 3 State Assembly Building
- 4 Church Street Pier
- War Memorial
- 6 City Hall
- 7 Town Hall
- 8 Cathedrial of the Assumption
- 9 Penang State Museum
- O St. George's Church
- Goddess Mercy Temple
- 12 Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion

- 13 Christian Cemetery
- 14 Residence of Ku Din Ku Meh
- 15 St. Francis Xavier Church
- 16 Benggali Mosque
- Hainan Temple
- 18 Kapitan Keling Mosque
- 19 Teo Chew Temple
- 20 Dr. Sun Yat Sun Penang Base
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Cool Places To Hang Out

- 1 One Club
- 2 Segafredo
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- Uptown Bistro
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White Sandy Beach

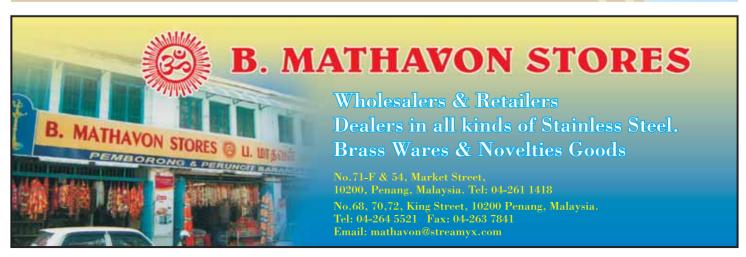
Batu Ferringhi is the first choice among beach lovers to Penang, a tropical paradise.

Along this popular tourist belt, you can indulge in beach activities like skim boarding, para-sailing, jetskiing and sailing. The famous evening night market selling souvenirs, watches and garments is where visitors flock to for bargains. Along the main road are five-star hotels, lodgings and guest-houses for the cost-conscious, restaurants, tailor shops, car rental offices, internet cafes and foot reflexology shops.

This golden sandy beach with swaying palm trees is 17km from George Town.







Hawker Delights

I'm going to feature a few local favourites every issue, but be warned go early, or they sell out quickly!



Penang Foodie Helen Ong is also the author of "Great Dining in Penang 2", a guide to some of the many restaurants we have



Words by HELEN ONG





Start the day with a cuppa - have a Teh Tarik ("pull" tea) at one of the many breakfast stalls in town. There's one at the end of **Lorong Bangkok in Pulau** Tikus, where you'll also get a perfect soft-boiled egg to go with some toast.



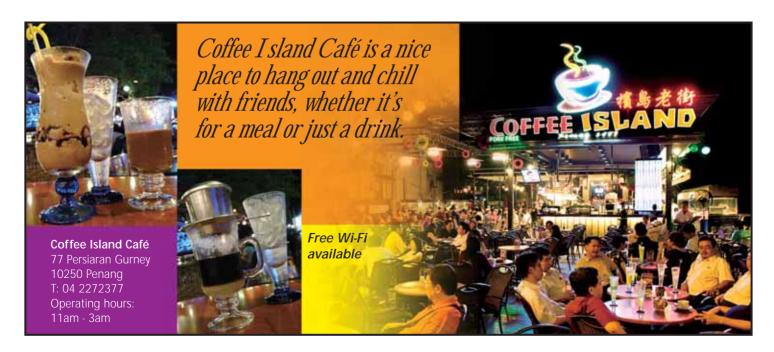
Fancy some famous Penang street food in the mid-afternoon? Then head for the Padang Brown hawker centre, Jalan Datuk Keramat, where there's everything from Char Koay Teow to refreshing ABC (Air Batu Campur), one of our famous desserts.

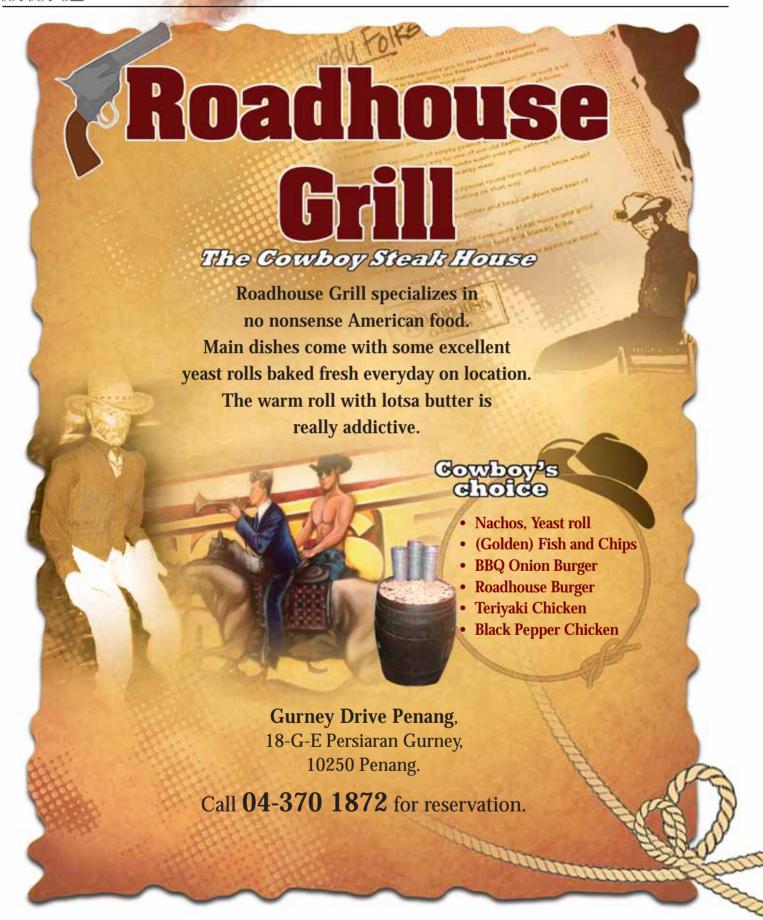
A stall there also do a tasty Wan Ton Noodles, noodles crinkly and "bouncy", served with our traditional Chinese ravioli.

Tuck into some Prawn Noodles, aka HOKKIEN MEE at the '888' stall in Sar Tiao Lor (Gat Lebuh Presgrave) only starts operating in the evening from around 5pm. You can order additional ingredients like "Siew Yoke" (roast pork) to go with it.









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Paradise Sandy Beach Resort Penang

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Jalan Tanjung Bunga 11200 Penang 04-892 7111 www.flamingo.com.my

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Holiday Inn Resort

72, Jalan Batu Ferringhi 11100 Penang 04-881 1601 www.holidayinnpenang.com



Lone Pine Hotel

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Hard Rock Hotel Penang

Batu Ferringhi Beach 11100 Penang 04-881 1711 www.penang.hardrockhotels.

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Jalan Batu Ferringhi 11100 Penang 04-881 2123 www.bayviewhotels.com/

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66, Jalan Penang 10000 Penang 04-370 1188 www.cititelpenang.com

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Eastin Hotel

1, Solok Bayan Indah Queensbay 11900 Penang 04-612 1111 www.eastin.com

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1B, Jalan Bukit Jambul Bavan Lepas 11900 Penang 04-632 7000 www.equatorial.com

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Straits Collection Hotel

55, Lorong Stewart 10200 Penang 04-263 7299 www.straitscollection.com.

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1926 Heritage Hotel

227, Jalan Burma 10050 Penang 04-228 1926 www.1926heritagehotel. com.mv

Yeng Keng Hotel

362 Lebuh Chulia 10200 Penang 04-262 2177 www.yengkenghotel.com.my



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Mingood Hotel

164, Jalan Argyll 10050 Penang 04-229 9922 sales@hotelmingood.com



Garden Inn Hotel

41. Jalan Anson 10400 Penang 04-228 4567

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22. Jalan Kelawai 10250 Penang 04-229 0111 penang@goodhopehotel. com.my

Love Lane Inn

54, Lorong Love 10200 Penang 016-419 8409

Calendar of Events

Your festival guide to the biggest and best events that you want to be a part of.

Mean Machines



15 - 16 October 2011

Time : 12pm - 12am Venue: Auto-City

More than 500 modified cars. supercars, classic cars and club cars will be on display along with 50 Las exhibitors.

Notable events include the Meanest Modified car competition, supercar charity drive, drift demonstration, superbike and classic-bike gathering and the search for Miss Mean Machine.

Indonesian Food, Handicraft & Cultural **Festival**

15 - 16 October 2011

Time : 11am - 11pm Venue: Queensbay Mall Open Carpark

The Indonesian Food, Handicraft and Cultural Festival features a vibrant and bustling bazaar offering traditional delicacies and handicraft items from all over the vast archipelago of Indonesia.

Penang Bridge International **Marathon**



20 November 2011

Time: 2am - 10am Venue: Queensbay Mall and Penang Bridge

The Penang Bridge International Marathon (PBIM), held since 1985, will see a participation of more than 30,000 people from all over the world to run across the 13.5km long bridge. It is the biggest running event in Malaysia and on this day it is the only time the bridge is ever closed to public.

Penang International **Open Ballroom** Dancing



26 November 2011

Time: 8am - 11pm Venue: Bayview Beach Resort, Batu Ferringhi

The 18th Penang International Open Ballroom Dancing is an annual premier dance competition.

More than 800 participants from more than 30 countries are expected for this glittering gala event.

Euro Happy Fun Park

9 Sept - 9 October 2011

Time : 6pm onwards Venue: Auto-City

Feel the magical moments at this Euro Happy Fun Park. Try out the Bigwheel, Discovery Top Gun, Ballon Wheel, Swing Chairs and Bumper Car rides.

E-Kiosk **Computer Fair**

5 - 9 October 2011

Time : 12pm - 11pm Venue: Concept Hall, Auto-City

Check out the biggest computer fair in mainland Butterworth. They are back!

OKTOBERFEST



28 - 29 October 2011

Time : 6pm onwards Venue: Malaysian-German Society

The biggest and most popular is without doubt Malaysian-German Society's OKTOBERFEST Penang. Oktoberfest is for sure the biggest at the MGS.

HALLOWEEN



29 October 2011

Time: 6pm onwards Venue : Auto-City

Enjoy the spooky attractions and check out adults-only Halloween party with bone-chilling performances, live music and a costume contest.

It may not be a public holiday, nevertheless these events are celebrated in keeping with the international trend.

October

5 - World Teachers Day

17 - Bosses' Day

23 - United Nations Day

23 - Mother-in Law's Day

November

2 - All Soul's Day

22 - Thanksgiving Day

Seoul Garden Restaurant



Auto-City, Penang, Malaysia 1831-G1 Jalan Perusahaan Autocity North-South Highway Juru Interchange 13600 Prai, Penang, Malaysia.

T: 04-501 9339 W: www.seoulgarden.com.sg

Takehana Restaurant



1830-G1 Jalan Perusahaan Autocity North-South Highway 13600 Prai, Penang, Malaysia.

> T: 04-501 4888 F: 04-501 4889

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Haagen-Dazs

1681-G5 | 04-508 4220

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ISSHIN Japanese Restaurant

1681-F1 | 04-501 3899

Jiu Jiu Szechuan Restaurant

1831-F1 | 04-501 3899

Old Town White Coffee

1826-G1 | 04-502 2328 www.oldtown.com.my

Party World Karaoke

1680-F1B & F2B | 04-502 2003

Nasi Kandar Pelita (Samudra)

1242-1243 | 04-530 8018

Pizza Hut

1829-G1 | 04-507 3561 www.pizzahut.com.my

Sakae Teppanyaki & Izakaya

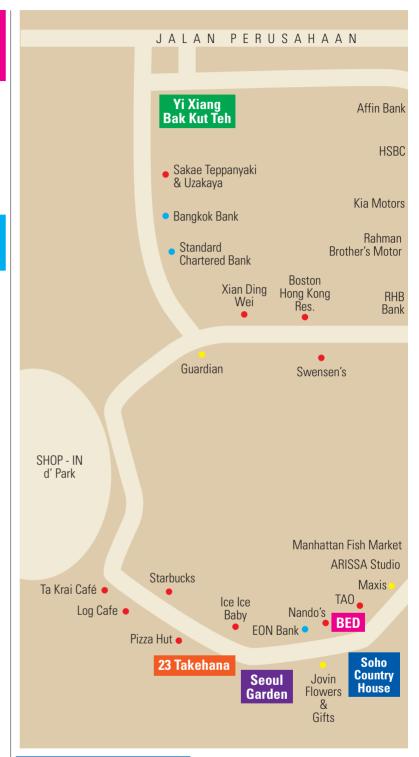
1815-B | 04-508 0269 www.sakaesushi.com.my

Secret Recipe

1688 | 04-502 4363 www.secretrecipe.com.my

Seoul Garden Restaurant

1831-G1 | 04-501 9339 www.seoulgarden.com.sg



SOHO Country House

1832-G1 | 04-507 0079 www.sohopenang.com

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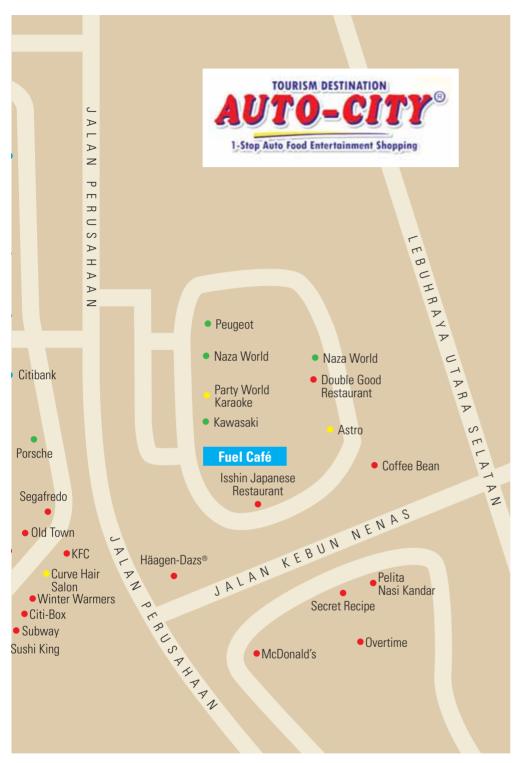
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1821-G3 | 04-502 2850 www.swensenicecream.com

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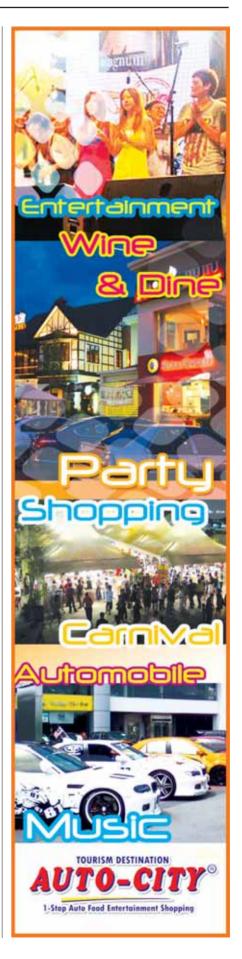
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