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# MESSAGE BY MATTA PRESIDENT

## MATTA FAIR® SEPTEMBER 2023

It is with great pleasure and immense excitement that I extend my warmest welcome to MATTA Fair - The largest travel fair in Malaysia.

This year marks a momentous occasion as the travel fair has become synonymous with exploration, discovery, and limitless possibilities. With more than 1,300 exhibitors joining us this year, the Fair promises to be an unparalleled platform where dreams take flight and unforgettable journeys begin. We are also proud to introduce the MATTA Tourism Career & Education Fair which is being held on 2 September 2023; a pivotal initiative aimed at shaping the future of our industry by

But that's not all – this year's MATTA Fair holds even more exciting partnerships and collaborations; RHB Bank as our Exclusive Platinum Sponsor, the state of Selangor as Malaysia's Featured Destination, Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG) as our Official Airline Partner and Saudi Arabia as our International Destination Partner. We are also honoured to have esteemed partners like Amlesisure as our media partner and Tourism Malaysia, Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM), Malaysia International Trade & Exhibition Centre (MITEC), Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad (MRCB) and Sunway Putra Mall as strategic partners.

As we come together to celebrate the magic of travel, let us remember that MATTA Fair is not just an event – it is a testament to the infinite possibilities that are before us. Here's to a spectacular MATTA Fair September 2023, where dreams become reality and journeys become lifelong memories.

Wishing you all an enriching, fulfilling, and truly extraordinary MATTA Fair experience!

**NIGEL WONG**  
President  
MATTA



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Ride the waves on Anthem's FlowRider, a simulated surfing experience perfect for riders of all skill levels (top) and ascend the ship's rock-climbing wall and test your strength and agility (right).



# Embark on an unforgettable cruise

COME November 2024, the vibrant city-state of Singapore will play host to an exciting newcomer – Royal Caribbean's *Anthem of the Seas*.

This eagerly anticipated addition promises to be a game-changer in the Asian cruise industry, offering travellers a fusion of thrilling activities, delectable dining, and world-class entertainment such as the Olivier award-winning musical *We Will Rock You* onboard.

Let's dive into the vibrant world of *Anthem of the Seas* and explore what makes this cruise experience truly exceptional.

## Activities that take adventure to new heights

For adventure enthusiasts, *Anthem of the Seas* has a plethora of exhilarating activities to offer.

Whether you're a daredevil or simply seeking to conquer your fears, there's something for everyone:

> **Rock climbing:** Ascend the ship's rock-climbing wall and test your strength and agility while enjoying breathtaking ocean views. With varying levels of difficulty, it's an activity that welcomes both beginners and seasoned climbers.

> **North Star:** Prepare to be wowed by North Star, a remarkable attraction that holds the *Guinness World Record* for the tallest viewing deck on a cruise ship. Step inside the observation capsule and ascend over 90m (300ft) above sea level. As you rise, panoramic views of the surrounding sea and shores unfold before your eyes, creating unforgettable memories.

> **FlowRider:** Surf's up! Ride the waves on *Anthem's* FlowRider, a simulated surfing experience perfect for riders of all skill levels. Whether you're a seasoned surfer or trying it for the first time, it's a thrilling adventure for all ages.

## Culinary delights to satisfy every palate

*Anthem of the Seas* doesn't just take you on a journey across the seas; it's also a culinary adventure that tantalises your taste buds. Among the enticing dining

options onboard:

> **Chops Grille:** Indulge in a classic American steakhouse experience with a contemporary twist. Chops Grille has been a Royal Caribbean hallmark for over a decade, and now it offers an updated menu featuring exceptional prime beef, Maine lobster, grilled branzino, and more. Pair your meal with irresistible side dishes and desserts for a truly satisfying dining experience.

> **Wonderland:** Prepare to have your culinary expectations turned upside down at Wonderland Imaginative Cuisine. This avant-garde restaurant pushes the boundaries of traditional dining, offering dishes designed to tantalise your taste buds and present a visual feast. From crispy crab cones to dreamy desserts, each plate is a work of art that will leave you breathless.

> **Johnny Rockets:** Enjoy an all-American fare in a retro diner atmosphere at Johnny Rockets. The menu features fresh, never frozen, certified Angus beef burgers, crispy fries, classic sandwiches, and hand-spun shakes and malts. It's the perfect spot for indulging in some good old-fashioned comfort food.

## Setting sail to new destinations

*Anthem of the Seas* is not just about onboard experiences; it's also your gateway to discovering captivating destinations in South-East Asia. With itineraries like the 8-night Bali getaway, which takes you to Celukan Bawang and Benoa in Bali and Lombok, as well as other stunning locations, you'll have the chance to explore breathtaking temples, must-see waterfalls, and surf-friendly beaches.

Moreover, the 10-night Vietnam and Thailand escape will immerse you in the rich history and vibrant spots such as Nha Trang, Ho Chi Minh City, and Chan May in Vietnam.

An overnight visit to Bangkok, Thailand, is also on the agenda, where you can explore landmarks like The Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew.

These itineraries are in



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addition to the hugely popular 3-to-5-night sailings that will visit Penang in Malaysia and Phuket in Thailand. You can wander around the colourful Unesco-listed Georgetown in Penang, enjoying a taste of the famous hawker food, and relax along the pristine beaches of Phuket or book a shore excursion to explore the neighbouring Phi Phi Islands by kayak.

## More Royal Caribbean adventures await

As you plan your future voyages, remember that Royal Caribbean has an extensive fleet

of ships (26 now, 28 by 2024) ready to take you to remarkable destinations worldwide. From exploring the ancient Colosseum in Rome to marvelling at La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, you have the opportunity to traverse multiple cities, not only in Europe but also in Alaska, the Caribbean, and Asia.

In April 2024, the *Spectrum of the Seas* will set sail from Shanghai, China, offering a combination of 4- and 5-night cruises to destinations such as Fukuoka, Okinawa, Nagasaki, Osaka, and Tokyo, Japan.

Additionally, the *Spectrum*

will embark on eight sailings from Hong Kong starting from December 2024, offering experiences in places like Japan, China, and Vietnam.

With the upcoming MATTA Fair – the largest international travel fair in Malaysia – which will be held from Sept 1-3 at MITEC Kuala Lumpur, travellers have the chance to grab exciting deals on sailings departing between Sept 19, 2023 and March 11, 2025.

These include 30% discounts on cruise fares, opportunities for kids to cruise for free, 5% special discount for seniors, and up to an additional 10% savings on selected sailings.

More information on the cruise itineraries can be found at the following booths during MATTA Fair KL: Asia Cathay Travel Sdn Bhd, Golden Destinations, Hwajing Travel and Tours, and Parlo Tours Sdn Bhd.

"We are thrilled to welcome *Anthem of the Seas* to Singapore for the first time next year, where our guests are assured of the perfect mix of thrill and chill as they create unforgettable memories onboard," said Royal Caribbean (Asia-Pacific) vice-president and managing director Angie Stephen.

"With new itineraries introduced as well as old favourite destinations, we look forward to taking guests around the region to explore and enjoy the best of South-East Asia."

*Anthem of the Seas'* arrival in Singapore in November 2024 heralds a new era of cruise experiences in South-East Asia.

With its thrilling activities, delectable dining options, and access to incredible destinations, this cruise promises to be an adventure of a lifetime.

And with Royal Caribbean's extensive fleet, the world's most captivating destinations are just a cruise away, offering travellers a world of possibilities on the high seas.

■ More details on Royal Caribbean's sailings can be found at <https://www.royalcaribbean.com/>





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\*Terms apply. Prices are per person on twin share basis and valid for new bookings only made from 21 August until 3 September 2023. "Buy One, 2nd person 50% OFF (BOGO50%)" is based on selected 2024 trips and departure dates. "BOGO50%" is not combinable with Global Tour Rewards or other ongoing promotions. RM200 Flight Rebate per couple is subject to minimum tour price of USD1300 per person before discount and is non-combinable with BOGO50%. All promotions are non-combinable with group discounts, Future Travel Credit carry forward discount or any other discounts or promotions. Savings are subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Refer to [www.costsavertravel.com/en-sg](http://www.costsavertravel.com/en-sg) for the latest prices and detailed terms and conditions.





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2025 Jan 30, Feb 19

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Ports-of-call Bangkok (Laem Chabang) Overnight, Nha Trang, Ho Chi Minh City (Phu My), Chan May

#### 4-NIGHT MALAYSIA GETAWAY

Singapore Departures  
2023 Oct 19, 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec 12, 24  
2024 Jan 11, 18, 25, Mar 7, 14, 21

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Apple Vacations' 'Glamorous Korea' tour takes you to Naejang Mountain in autumn to enjoy the colourful forests and stunning scenery.



# Exciting deals for all seasons

APPLE Vacations has always advocated the ultimate in-depth thematic travel experience, where all seasons of the year are a good time.

For MATTA Fair 2023, Apple Vacations is offering discounts of up to RM3,000 per pair and is launching a variety of selected itineraries in one fell swoop, which is bound to add more options and surprises to your heart for exploring the world.

The Apple Vacations Direct Charter Flight package is not to be missed.

The Apple Charter Flight to Hokkaido, Japan, is still a popular choice – even now in its 12th year – with an overwhelming number of enquiries, as the package comes with five departure dates in total: on Dec 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25.

## Tohoku

In addition, Tohoku in Japan is a new destination for the Malaysian market.

The difference between the two is that Hokkaido is a classic tourist attraction that leans towards city sights, while Tohoku retains much of the old Japanese culture and characteristics, with just as much snow in the winter, as well as quality hot springs.

This makes Tohoku a good choice if you want to explore the culture and traditions of Japan.

Most importantly, there are no direct flights from Malaysia to Tohoku, so you will have to spend more time and fare on connecting flights.

Therefore, Apple Vacations' 7 Days 5 Nights Apple Charter Flight to Tohoku, with four departure dates in total on Dec 11, 16, 21, and 26, is a worthwhile package to fulfil your travel dreams with less time, less money and no connecting flights.

Currently, the number of seats for both chartered flights is very limited, so you'll have to contact Apple Vacations soon to avoid missing out on a great deal.

In the second half of 2023, Apple Vacations' main seasonal packages also include "Glamorous Korea" and "Go Around Taiwan", among others.

The extraordinary fall itineraries not only take you to beautiful, scenic

destinations, but also to enjoy the maple leaves in autumn.

## Apple Vacations' packages

During the coming year-end holidays, if you wish to bring your family and friends to Europe and the US, you can refer to Apple Vacations' packages such as "Classical Italy", "Finland – Santa's Lapland" and "Balkans Southeast Europe – The Adriatic Odyssey".

The "A Magical Red Sea Cruise" tour, on the other hand, will take you around the three countries of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

You will explore the mysterious Egyptian pyramids (one of the Seven Wonders of the World), witness King Fahd's Fountain in Saudi Arabia and get a tour of Petra and other famous attractions.

## China

Apple Vacations will be joining forces with Malaysia Airlines to launch the "Charter Flight to Harbin, China – Beyond Winter Wonderland" during the spring festival in 2024.

There is not a more festive atmosphere than Chinese New Year, especially if you're spending it in China.

In order to meet customers' needs, the main attractions of the itinerary include visits to the Shenyang Imperial Palace, Puppet Manchukuo Palace, North Market (CNY Flea Market), Binzhou Railway glass tracks, St. Sophia's Church Square, Ice and Snow World, and Ice Rime Island – to see the wonders of the freezing fog.

This is so that travellers can tour this fairy-tale kingdom of ice and snow in every aspect, fully experiencing and feeling the unique local flavour of Harbin, China.

At MATTA Fair 2023, Apple Vacations emphasises on promoting quality travel products at discounted prices so that more people can have the opportunity to realise their travel dreams.

■ For more information, log on to [applevacations.my](http://applevacations.my) or call 03-2705 8299.



A view of Ginzan Onsen, one of the most famous hot springs old town in the snow at Obanazawa in Yamagata Prefecture, Japan.



The holiday town of Xuexiang in northeast China after a thick snowfall.





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\*Daegu E-World / Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, Yeojwacheon Stream / Jungseong Catholic Church

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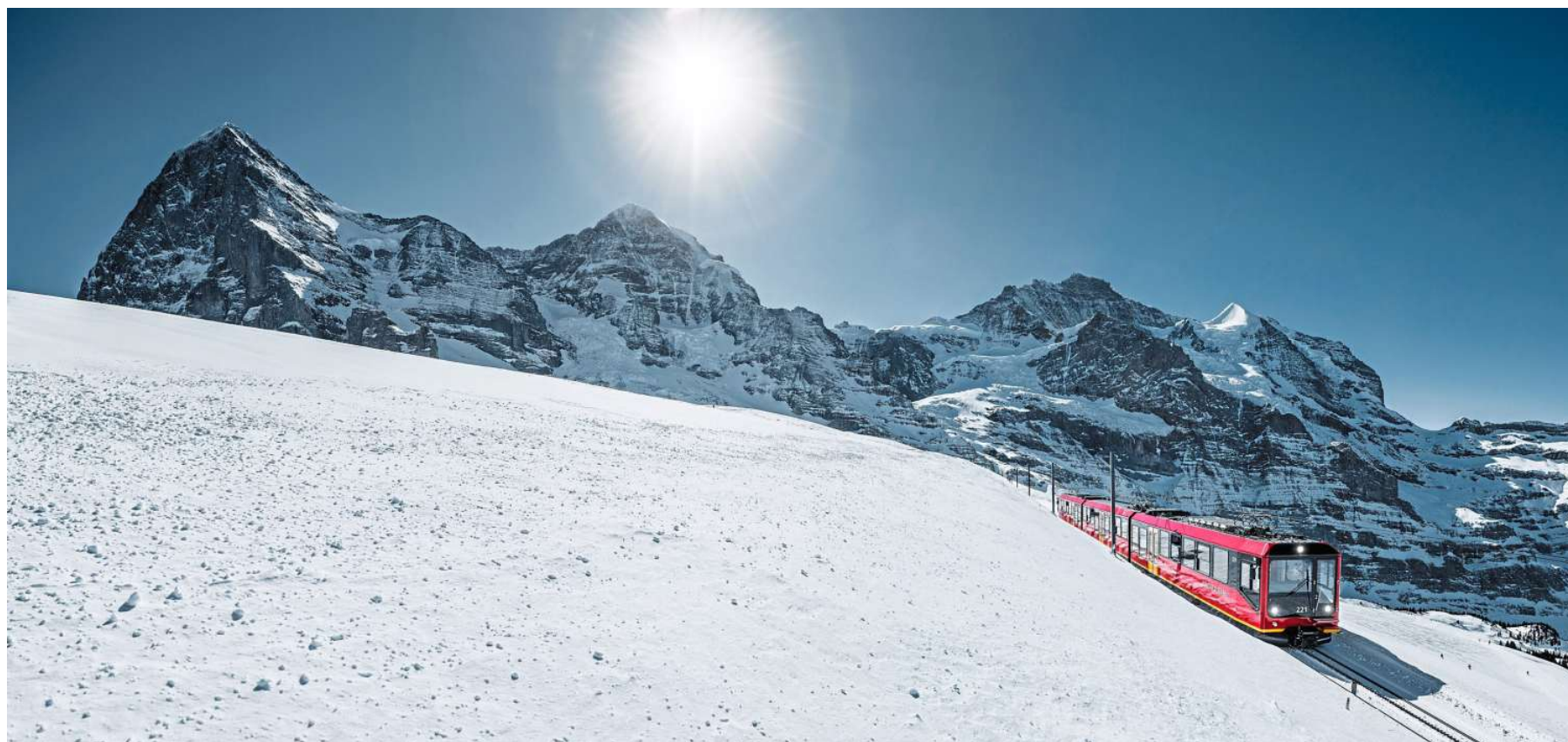
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With its rich historical landscapes, Caucasus makes an incredible holiday destination and one of its famous attractions is the medieval Sevan Monastery which was built in the 9th century.

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South Korea in winter is a dream come true. Revel in the serenity of a white wonderland as you indulge in ski adventures

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# Staying fresh after a long flight

YOU get up at the crack of dawn, stand in security lines for hours and then you're crammed into a seat that a three-year-old wouldn't fit into. Welcome to the world of modern travel! Here's how to survive and arrive at the other end without looking like something the cat dragged in.

## Ditch the hand luggage

The less you have to carry with you, the easier everything is. Wear a money belt and a jacket with two outside and at least one inside pocket. Pack passport, tickets, money and phone away and carry a book or your tablet.

You'll whiz through security and not be stressed trying to fight through the crowd with your wheelie bag.

## Wear wrinkle-resistant clothes

Cotton with a dash of lycra, linen with a little extra magic that wicks away sweat and resists stains. Also, dark clothes show wrinkles less than light colours. And if the staff do drop a soft drink over you, black, navy blue and deep purple show up less than beige, pink and sky blue.

## Carry a moisturiser with you

Air travel dehydrates your skin

so try to drink some water every hour.

In addition, throw tiny samples of lip balm and moisturiser into a pocket. Those 5ml packets are heavenly and will help keep your skin glowing and fresh.

## Wind a scarf around your neck

It can get cold on a flight and in airports, especially if you travel at odd times.

Not only is a cashmere wool pashmina scarf pretty, it can also double up as a blanket. You can roll it up and push it behind your neck when you want to sleep.



As it can get cold on a flight and in airports, a cashmere wool pashmina scarf can help to keep you warm.

OFF on a holiday break with the family? Check out these tips.

## Cross-pack

Get everyone pack one of their outfits (shoes, dress/trousers, undies, top) in a suitcase that's not their own. That way if you go to Jakarta and your suitcase takes a holiday in Bangkok, you will have something to wear while it's all sorted out.

## Must-have items

You should bring along a mini sewing kit, in case a seam rips or a button falls off. Don't forget mini packs of soap and shampoo; in case you're allergic to the stuff in the hotel as well as a fold-up extra bag; just in case you go nuts with the souvenir shopping.

## Contact list

If you're going abroad, make a list of your embassy and consulate, complete with emergency numbers, as well as local police and hospital numbers.

Hopefully you'll never need them, but if something does go wrong, you won't have to waste

precious time finding help.

## Pack lavender

Buy a sachet of sweetly scented dried flowers and throw it in your case, in between your clothes. That way, if you're delayed, or your case is stored temporarily in a fusty place, your

clothes will still come out smelling fresh.

## Bring an adapter

If you're going abroad, buy a "universal adapter" so that your gadgets can be connected to American, Australian and other types of sockets.

They are cheap and available in hypermarkets and hardware shops.

## Handy tips when you go on vacation

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# Festive winter fun in South Korea

THE Korea Tourism Organization Malaysia Office will participate in the upcoming MATTA Fair Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's biggest Travel Fair at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC) from Sept 1-3.

With the popularity of the Korean wave or also known as "Hallyu", KTO Malaysia welcomes all Malaysian travellers to come to enjoy Korea's K-Culture that encompasses the realms of K-pop, K-beauty, K-food, K-fashion, and various K-contents, especially K-drama.

Venture into the enchanting Winter in Korea where vibrant festivities and sports unfold amidst breathtaking sceneries.

KTO Malaysia will be highlighting tourism destinations and festivals for the autumn and winter seasons.

There will be 15 exhibitors consisting of the KTO headquarters; team, regional tourism provinces, and inbound operators from South Korea who will present exclusive K-Culture Contents. They will participate in the travel fair to promote South Korea as a tourist destination as well as to interact with the MATTA visitors.

A visit to the KTO Booth at the MATTA Fair KL, will be a rewarding experience as visitors can get key information regarding the latest travel safety guidelines, the 100 must-visit places in Korea for year 2023-2024, Muslim-friendly travel news, K-drama filming locations and enjoy many activities at the booth with plenty of gifts to be won.

Visitors who purchase any Korea packages from its travel agency partners can also redeem gift(s) from KTO Booth.

In alignment with the Visit Korea Year 2023-2024, the organisation unveils the carefully selected "100 K-Culture Travel Events", which are 100 events taking place in all corners of South Korea.

Visitors planning their trip to Korea can experience festivals



The Hwacheon Sancheoneo Ice Festival takes place in Hwacheon-gun, Gangwon-do with plenty of snow and ice, which makes it perfect for a winter getaway while the Andong Mask Dance Festival (right) features Korea's mask dance drama, as well as mask dance performances from around the world.



such as Andong Mask Dance Festival, Busan One Asia Festival, Busan International Film Festival, Busan Fireworks Festival, Hwacheon Sancheoneo Ice Festival, Pink Muhly Festival, Welcome Daehakro, and more.

There are many other festivals happening throughout the different seasons in South Korea. For more information, visitors can visit <https://visitkoreayear.kr/>

Also, as part of the Visit Korea Year, spot the vibrant Light Rail Transit (LRT) wrapped with South Korea's four enchanting seasons, a moving canvas capturing the essence of the country's beauty.

From now to November, commuters on Rapid KL's Kelana Jaya LRT line can catch a glimpse of the train and take part in the social media contest to win prizes. You can stay connected on the latest news and contest updates on KTO Malaysia via its social media platforms and website.

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tour package including two attractions from Gangwon State: Gangwon earmuffs and scarf.

## Festivals during the winter season in South Korea

### Andong Mask Dance Festival

Andong Mask Dance Festival takes place in Andong, home of the Unesco World Heritage designated Andong Hahoe Village.

The festival includes various cultural performances such as Korea's mask dance drama, an intangible cultural heritage, and mask dance performances from around the world.

This festival attracts one million visitors every year and has been selected as the Honorary Representative Culture and Tourism Festival of Korea by the Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism.

**Date:** Oct 2-9, 2023

### Busan One Asia Festival

The Busan One Asia Festival (BOF) is a grand hallyu culture festival held every October in various venues around Busan, including at the Asiad Main Stadium featuring many famous K-pop stars. This year's festival will feature major K-pop idols such as NCT 127, Oh My Girl, Treasure and more.

**Date:** Oct 21, 2023

### Busan Fireworks Festival

This fireworks festival glitters over the night sky of Gwangalli Beach every autumn. Its diverse programmes of cultural events, hi-tech laser light shows, and unique and colourful fireworks make this one of the area's most popular festivals, drawing over one million visitors each year.

Visitors can watch the fireworks show from Gwangalli Beach, Dongbaekseom Island and Igidae Cliff – as the show is designed to be seen from "3 Points" in Busan.

**Date:** Nov 4, 2023

### Busan International Film Festival

Asia's largest international film festival is held around Busan Cinema Center every autumn.

Busan International Film Festival (BIFF) was the first international film festival in Korea that is now considered one of the biggest in Asia. The film festival looks into global movie trends by inviting films of various genres from various regions worldwide. The festival also helps search for talented movie directors and unknown movies by previewing various film genres.

**Date:** Oct 4-13, 2023

### Hwacheon Sancheoneo Ice Festival, Gangwon State

Hwacheon Sancheoneo Ice

Festival takes place in Hwacheon-gun, Gangwon-do with plenty of snow and ice, perfect for a winter getaway.

It was even introduced by CNN as one of the "Seven Winter Wonders" in 2011.

The main event of the festival, ice fishing, takes place on the frozen Hwacheoncheon Stream.

The festival has been visited by more than a million people, attesting to the festival's charm.

In addition to the various festival programmes such as ice fishing, ice sledding, and bobsled, visitors can get a taste of freshly caught trout grilled on the spot.

**Date:** To be confirmed

### Pink Muhly Festival, Jeju Island

The Pink Muhly Festival is hosted every fall on Jeju Island to celebrate the beautiful waves of pink hue in fall. The blanket of pink muhly in the backdrop generates impressive photos to post on your social media feed.

**Period:** Mid-September to October every year

### Welcome Daehakro Festival

Welcome Daehakro is a festival that offers various types of performances including non-verbal, traditional, musical, plays, and more such as Nanta and Painters HERO.

Started in 2017, the festival attracts visitors from around the world every fall.

Welcome Daehakro opened ground for visitors from outside of Korea to get to know the magnetism of the performing arts scene in the area by offering language subtitle service, hosting talk shows with performing artists, and organising outdoor performance.

**Date:** Oct 14-28, 2023

■ For more information, visit the Korea Tourism Organization (KTO Malaysia)'s booth that will be located at Booth 3B11, Level 3 at MATTA FAIR KL 2023 from Sept 1-3 at MITEC, from 10am to 9pm.



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# Exotic and exclusive tours to Norway

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Svalbard, a Norwegian archipelago in the Arctic Ocean, remains relatively unexplored and untapped in the Asian tour market and GTT is proud to present this exciting opportunity to seasoned travellers looking for exhilarating experiences.

The tour travel period for this package is set for March 2024, giving travellers the best opportunity to witness the natural phenomenon of the Northern Lights.

Additionally, guests get the exciting opportunity to embark on the snowcat tour as a distinct experience from the more traditional dog sledding or snowmobiling.

Another site on the tour includes visiting a coal mine, providing guests with vivid insight into the lives of miners from days past – unveiling the intricacies of mining in an unforgiving terrain.

Safe from the reaches of

potential wars, the facility remains secure on the Svalbard archipelago. It also requires to be at a constant cool temperature of between -10°C and 0°C, and the natural cold weather of the location certainly helps in preservation.

If you prefer a more sailing-oriented tour, GTT also offers another tour itinerary to Svalbard in June on the Svalbard expedition vessel.

The Svalbard expedition vessel has the option to extend the tour to Lofoten for four more nights.

This exclusive package is only available in June – a unique selling point of this tour is that there is a good percentage for guests to search for polar bears on the ice.

GTT's other tours encompass traversing across Switzerland in winter and summer 2024.

GTT offers an unconventional itinerary that includes a diverse range of activities – from exploring museums and famous sites to wine tasting and navigating an enchanting Christmas market.

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These well-planned tours spanning from the cool, serene landscapes of Norway to the enigmatic allure of Svalbard to the pleasant cities and astonishing peaks of Switzerland, truly offer diverse and memorable in experiences to be had.

Notably, all tour packages by GTT ensure guests fly with Emirates, with the option to upgrade to business class, though availability is limited.

■ For enquiries, call 03-2118 7288 or visit <https://gtt.com.my/about-us/> for more information.



Explore Lofoten's wonderful summer landscape where every corner reveals new beauty.



Body heat tends to escape via the top of your head so cover your hair with a silk scarf and add on a woolly hat to keep warm. – 123rf

## Packing for chilly holidays

IF you're heading for cold climate countries, it pays to pack the right sort of clothings. If you've never been in a country where the temperature falls below 16°C, take note of these points when you're packing.

**Go for layers**

In the films you see the heavy sweater but what you don't see is what it covers. The trick to keeping warm is to wear thin layers of clothing. Layers trap warm air, which keeps you warm. Look at wearing an undershirt under a

T-shirt, under a long-sleeved sweater, under a coat.

**Opt for natural**

Look for clothing made with natural fibres. These breathe so you don't sweat but keep you warm. Look at silk, wool, and cotton as that these are easily available.

**Cover the top**

A lot of body heat escapes via the top of your head. Ladies can cover hair with a silk scarf and add on a woolly hat to keep

warm. Gentlemen can consider wrapping the scarf around the neck and adding a hat with ear-flaps.

**Watch your feet and hands**

If you're not used to the cold, watch out for signs of frostbite. These start with white skin and numbness, followed by red, purple and blue spots. As hands and toes tend to be vulnerable, wear gloves and wool socks. If you get wet, go home, and change into dry gear. Don't wander about in wet stuff for a few hours.



# Heritage meets modern marvels

SAUDI Arabia, a nation of rich culture and rapid transformation, offers diverse attractions for global travellers.

Unesco World Heritage sites, such as Al Balad in Jeddah, showcases historical treasures such as 7th-century buildings, narrow alleys, and bustling markets.

Archaeology enthusiasts can explore the Hegra site with its well-preserved tombs and rock carvings dating back to the Nabataean era.

Ad Diriyah, a Unesco city and former royal residence, immerses visitors in Saudi history through its ancient streets and mosques. Ushaiger Heritage Village preserves rural heritage with mud-brick houses and traditional experiences.

The Kingdom Tower Sky Bridge provides modern skyline views, while the groundbreaking Haramain High-Speed Railway connects landscapes innovatively.

AlUla's clear sky at night adds another layer, captivating stargazers with its celestial displays. This medley cements Saudi Arabia as a multifaceted haven for all adventurers.

■ Visit Parlo Tours at MATTA Fair, booth No.2H23 (Hall 2) from Sept 1-3 and discover the marvels of Saudi Arabia. Contact the office at 03-2726 6088 or browse the website at [www.parlotours.com.my](http://www.parlotours.com.my)



A historic city and also a cultural melting pot, there are many interesting things to see and do in Jeddah.



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# Relaxing dip in Taiwan's hot springs

THE Taiwan Tourism Bureau would like to promote hot springs and railway tourism to Malaysians.

The bureau will team up with tourism ambassador and Muslim female celebrity, Ayda Jebat, to promote Taiwan's beautiful scenery, delicious cuisine and friendly people to the Malaysian public.

The Taiwan Pavilion (booth No.3K11) integrates Taiwan's famous railway landmarks and natural landscapes, such as flower seasons, and promotes "Taiwan Hotsprings".

The eye-catching 3B Ohbear was created at the booth as well, so that Malaysian tourists can feel the charm of hot springs.

Taiwan Tourism Bureau of Kuala Lumpur office director Chou Shipi, says that Taiwan has rich hot springs resources, and the hot springs in Guanziling, Tainan are worth recommending to Malaysians.

## Beautiful scenery

Guanziling has beautiful scenery and is surrounded by lush greenery.

The hot spring area is a rare mud hot spring in Taiwan, which even has the effect of beautifying the skin and strengthening the body.

As the Muslim tourism market continues to grow, Taiwan is stepping up efforts to improve its environment for Muslim travellers.

According to the Mastercard Crescent Rating Global Muslim Travel Index (GMTI) 2023, Taiwan was placed third among non-OIC destinations.

According to the GMTI, Taiwan is also known for its exceptional performance in several areas, such as transportation, social security and religious freedom.

Additionally, the country is praised for its welcoming and respectful treatment of Muslim tourism resources.

To attract more Muslim travellers to experience the

beauty of Taiwan, the country has continuously been improving its Muslim-friendly reception environment during the pandemic.

Major transportation hubs and 13 national scenic areas have been equipped with facilities that cater to Muslim travellers' needs.

Additionally, more than 342 restaurants and hotels have obtained halal certification.

## Halal travel packages

A special halal zone will be set up at the Taiwan Pavilion, and 10 Muslim travel agencies will be invited to sell Taiwan's halal travel packages within this zone, with the aim to increase Muslim travellers' confidence in Taiwan's travel industry.

Furthermore, Taiwan's tourism ambassador, Ayda Jebat, will make an appearance at the Taiwan Pavilion on the afternoon of Sept 2, to share interesting stories about her recent trip to Taiwan with her husband.

During the travel fair, the Taiwan Pavilion will offer a variety of exciting activities and events, including sessions with beauty personality Myra Zainal and Youtuber CCY will appear to share the latest and most interesting things to do in Taiwan.

Visitors can also experience a variety of do-it-yourself activities, such as making bamboo windmills and bamboo cicadas. Visitors can also enjoy tasty scallion pancakes and bubble milk tea, limited to 200 cups per day.

The Taiwan Tourism Bureau cordially invites exhibition visitors to the Taiwan Pavilion to learn more about the latest tourism products, and experience the unique activities offered.

Visitors who purchase Taiwan tourism products at the travel fair can redeem limited-edition exquisite gifts at the Taiwan Pavilion.



The hot springs in Guanziling, Tainan, is surrounded by lush greenery and beautiful scenery.

## What to bring while travelling

WHEN you're abroad, what's in your pocket can land you in trouble. Check out these tips about carrying ID, money and medicines.

### Passport

In some countries you must carry a valid passport. In many others you don't need to carry any form of ID although it's handy to have something that's got your picture and name on it – like your driver's license.

Ask what the rules are before you go. If possible, leave your passport in the hotel safe and carry a colour photocopy of your passport and visa page.

### Medicine

In theory, you can check at the embassy of your destination country. However, to be totally safe, ask, and then get a letter from your doctor and

have it translated and stamped at the embassy before you go. Always carry all medicines in their respective official packaging.

### Money and Cards

Never carry so much cash that you become a mark for muggers.

Check out what credit card charges are like for international transactions. If they're reasonable, use it and then top up online from your account when necessary.

If they're unreasonable, take out small amounts of cash by ATM and divide it between everyone in your party. Then, if you're pickpocketed, you won't lose it all.

Also, before your trip, photocopy the front of your cards and leave the paper in your hotel safe. If you're robbed, you have all the details you need to report them stolen.



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