

17-19 MARCH 2023 10am - 9pm MITEC, KL

















**MATTA Fair** THE STAR, THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2023

### See the world from a different view

in your destinations.

Carefully curated experiences

By its nature, cruising along

rivers allows you to travel directly

UNIWORLD is an award-winning leader in all-inclusive luxury river cruising.

Floating down the river in one of Uniworld's boutique floating hotels, each a stylish home away from home inspired by the countries it sails, a river cruise holiday with Uniworld will bring you memorable experiences in different destinations every day.

Add to that, their passion for perfection, from a wonderful crew to carefully curated local experiences, and you may just discover your new favourite way to travel.

Outstanding service
Uniworld boasts a fleet of 17, one-of-a-kind ships that sail the rivers of Europe, Egypt and Asia. River cruise ships are far more intimate than their ocean cruising counterparts, with an average of just 120 guests, allowing you to get to know your fellow travellers better and receive more personalised service from the incredible staff onboard.

Not only does Uniworld have the best staff-to-guest ratio of 1:2.4 in river cruising, but their teams also boast the longest tenures in the

Exceeding expectations
Their driving philosophy, "no detail too small, no request too large" inspires them to exceed guest expectations.

Every aspect of a Uniworld river cruise is carefully crafted with this goal in mind.

Everything you could ever need is included – free-flowing premium



Sail past legendary landmarks including the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrássy Avenue along the Danube.



Mealtime will never be the same again at Ristorante Rialto, the dining venue onboard the S.S. La Venezia.

The S.S Maria

Thersa is

opulent

decor, a

floating

regal in its

18th century

drinks, daily excursions, plus a host of onboard wellness and enrichment opportunities - they even included the onboard gratuities. All you have to do is sit back, relax and enjoy the Uniworld expe-

### Farm-to-table cuisine

Also included are the five-star meals you'll enjoy every day onboard.

With seasonal ingredients from local producers available in a new port every day, Uniworld's chefs take the opportunity to bring all these flavours onboard.

The talented culinary teams onboard the ships source the freshest ingredients, transforming them into delicious, regionally inspired dishes that immerse you



homage to the former Austrian empress.

> through the heart of countries, giving you access to some of the world's greatest cities right outside

your window. You will travel to multiple destinations with ease, only unpacking once.

With over 45 itineraries across Europe and beyond, every sailing is a culturally immersive experience. Their guides can take you right past the long waits at major tourist attractions, sometimes even with private before or after-hours visits to top sites.

These range from a private afterhours visit to St Mark's Basilica to baking with a local in their home. Uniworld goes the extra mile to create memorable travel moments for their guests.

■ Visit Uniworld Boutique River Cruises booths this MATTA Fair from March 17-19 (10am-9pm) at International Hall, Level 3, Booth



### Enter a lucky draw and get a free aift

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Stay between 22 March - 21 April and get further discount

MITEC 17 to 19 March 2023

**Domestic Hall** 

Booth no: 1K03

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Gamuda Land's new waterpark, SplashMania, comprises 39 award-winning water slides and attractions.

### Enjoy a splashing good time

THERE'S a new waterpark in Malaysia and it promises visitors a splashing good time.

Home to 39 slides and attractions, and complete with F&B and retail outlets, SplashMania, Gamuda Cove opened to a sold-out crowd during its soft launch earlier this month

Among the attractions offered, SplashMania features some of Malaysia's first-of-its-kind water slides and an iconic pirate ship, Amazonia, that towers over the 18-acre landscape.

If you're a thrill seeker, one of the must-try slides is the Shaka Waka, a 78m-long multimeala and audio water slide with immersive light and sound effects. Another fun slide is the Maniac Racers, where you get to race with friends down four unique flumes.

You can also find some extreme slides here if you want to experience an adrenaline rush like no other. From within the Amazonia ship, you'll find the Plunge and Sumaumeira Drop; both freefall slides that will make your heart skip a beat. Kids will also have a blast here with the impressive array of kid-friendly slides that SplashMania has to offer: Treasure Tower, Mini Mania and more. Fun fact: Treasure Tower is the tallest waterplay structure in Malaysia and boasts several unique slides.

Besides the water slides, you can also head over to the Omba'King Cove "beach", where you can swim, relax on floats, or simply

enjoy the waves while watching live performances from the Amazonia stage.

Feeling hungry? SplashMania offers a variety of local and Western bites at their cafe and kiosks. Themed resting shacks and private rental cabanas along the wave pool are also available for groups to chill out with their loved ones.

SplashMania waterpark is located at Bandar Gamuda Cove in Kuala Langat. Selangor, a 40-minute drive from KL Sentral. SplashMania opens from 10am to 6pm daily (closed on Tuesdays except for Malaysian public and school holidays).

Enjoy an exclusive deal when you get your tickets from the GL Play booth at the upcoming Malaysian Association of Tour and Travel Agents (MATTA) Fair (Buy 1 SplashMania, Get 1 Free Discovery Park) happening from March 17-19 at Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC). With every SplashMania ticket purchase, you're entitled to experience:

- > Goosebumps Rope Course A multi-level rope course certified by the Malaysia Book of Records for Most Elements in a Rope Course.
- > Cove Aerobar A revolving skyride which offers a breathtaking view at 35 metres high.
- Early bird tickets are currently available online on glplay.com.my at RM79 for adults and RM63 for kids.

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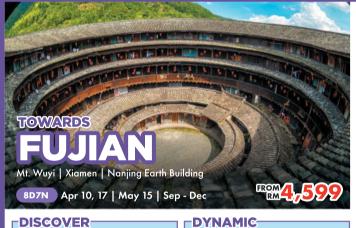




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7D5N 2023 May - Jun 3

Okhotsk Tokkari Centre | Kaiseki Crab Cuisine







Seoul | Pyeongchang | \*Jeju | Chuncheon Skywalk

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\*\*Apple Luggage: Colours are available on a 'first-come, first-served' basis, and subject to stock availability as well as other terms & conditions.



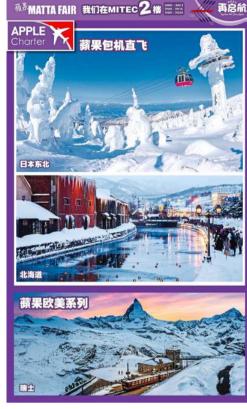
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LET'S CHAT

4 MATTA Fair

# Fulfil your travel dreams





The '10D7N Stunning Switzerland' is the best-selling Western tour package in 2022/2023, and it is highly recommended by the Swiss Tourism Board too.

THE annual travel event, MATTA Fair, is back. As usual, Apple Vacations is bringing you the latest and greatest travel experiences at the Malaysia International Trade & Exhibition Centre (MITEC), which will host a total of 60 booths (with UbinGo, a sub-brand of Apple

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experiences.

Vacations) this year.

Year after year, Apple's charter direct flights have built up a good reputation, allowing travellers to fulfil their travel dreams with less time, less money and no connecting flights.

This year, Apple Vacations introduces two charter direct flight tours to choose from so that your travel dreams can be as mysterious or as romantic as you wish.

The newly introduced "7D5N Apple Charter Direct Flight to Tohoku "(with four departure dates: Dec 11, 16, 21 and 26, 2023) reveals a mysterious part of Japan to be explored by travellers, with its unique history, culture, natural landscapes, food festivals and more.

One of the highlights of this itinerary is to travel with you to Zao in search of the army of snow monsters that fill the mountains.

Rest assured that they are not scary but a work of art of nature, a mysterious spectacle formed by the leaves and branches of trees after being covered by heavy snow and ice. It's absolutely breath-taking.

Also, the classical "7D5N Apple Charter Direct Flight To White Hokkaido" has come to its 12th year (with five departure dates: Dec 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25, 2023) and is still very popular, with an overwhelming enquiry rate.

Whether it's the enchanting powder snow, shopping at your leisure, or Apple Vacations' exclusive seafood feast and various kinds of food and fun, you'll be mesmerised by the charm of Apple's chartered direct flight to Hokkaido when you come aboard.

Meanwhile, the specially recommended Japan itineraries for you include Focus Japan Tour which goes to both Universal Studios Japan and Tokyo Disneyland, Focus Japan + Gourmet tour which provides a ninja costume experience and a seafood dinner prepared by the sea-maids called AMA, "Central Japan" which highlights



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the snow wall and Gassho Village in Tateyama Kurobe, etc. Choose your favourite place, and Applenians are ready to travel to Japan with you.

Apple Vacations offer a series of Korean packages from spring to winter, and there is undoubtedly one that will deeply rouse your wanderlust spirit. In addition, Apple-nian will also visit local world heritage sites with you, experience wellness programmes, ride on the KTX high-speed train, and taste authentic cuisine. It's worth mentioning that Apple Vacations' Sparkling Korea package was awarded the "Korea Premium Selection" by the Korea Tourism Board, so don't miss it!

Asia's exotic series includes the "Amazing Northern Xinjiang", "Splendid Silk Road", "Plateau of Tibet", and so on. China's most beautiful mountain series will travel with you to Huangshan, Tianmen Mountain, Yulong Snow Mountain, Wuyi Mountain and Huashan Mountain among others.

In addition, if you want to go trekking in Nepal, or travel to Taiwan, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Thailand, Cambodia and the Philippines, Apple Vacations also offers a variety of quality packages for you to choose from.

Apple Vacations' classic and emerging packages to Europe



and Western countries are also well received.

Whether it is the "Sensational South America", "Alaska Cruise and the Canadian Rockies", "Spectacular Scandinavia, Introducing Pulpit Rock", or to see the greatest show on earth – "Kenya's Great Migration Safari", or embark on the last piece of

persistence, Apple Vacations gives customers confidence in quality with a heart of 'Omotenashi' (Japanese idea of invisible' hospitality' going the extra mile and doing things with utmost care and attention to details),' said **Apple Vacations** group managing director Datuk Seri Koh Yock Heng.

'With 26 years of reputation and

uncharted land on earth – "Astonishing Antarctica & Perfect Patagonia", Apple Vacations vows to go with you on an extraordinary trip with no regrets.

It is worth mentioning that "10D7N Stunning Switzerland" is the best-selling Western tour package in 2022/2023, and it is highly recommended by the Swiss Tourism Board too. At the same time, Finland, Turkey, Australia, and New Zealand have been selling like hotcakes. Feel free to enquire about good deals from Apple-nian.

Do you have various fantasies about Thematic Tours and cruises? Apple-nian can't wait to travel with you to the Caucasus, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon and so on. It's not an issue if you prefer a cruise experience. Apple Vacations offers Uniworld, MSC and Princess cruise packages. Just go ahead and pick your favourite.

2023, Together We Sail Again!

Apple Vacations is offering a special early bird discount of up to RM4,000 per couple (\*\*terms and conditions apply). Excellent packages, on top of excellent rates, make a doubly excellent trip. Call 03-2705 8218 (Apple Asia) / 03-2705 8228 (West) / Thematic & Cruise / 03-2705 8289 (Thematic & Cruise) / 03-2705 8209 (1 Utama Branch) / 03-2705 8258 (Flexi).

■ Visit Apple Vacations at MATTA Fair at Malaysia International Trade & Exhibition Centre (MITEC), KL from March 17-19 (10am–9pm) Booth No: 2M01-2M12, 2N01-2N16, 2Q01-2Q24. Pre- and post-fair at Wisma Apple, Jalan Sultan Ismail, KL from March 13-21 (9am–6pm) or visit https://applevacations.my



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\*Taxes, gratuities and port fees apply.

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### **4-NIGHT MALAYSIA GETAWAY**

**Singapore Departures** 

2023 Jun 29, Jul 6, 13, 20, 27, Aug 24 Ports-of-call Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang), Penang

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**Singapore Departures** 

2023 Apr 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, Jun 1, 8, 22, Aug 31, Sep **12**, Oct 19, 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec 12, 24 2024 Jan 11, 18, 25, Feb 1, 8, 26, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28 Ports-of-call Penang, Phuket

After discounts

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### 5-NIGHT MALAYSIA & THAILAND GETAWAY

**Singapore Departures** 

2023 Jun **12**, 17, Sep 4, Dec 7, 19, 29 2024 Feb 12

Ports-of-call Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang), Penang, Phuket

### 12-NIGHT SINGAPORE TO TOKYO GETAWAY

**Singapore Departures** 2023 Sep **19** 

Ports-of-call Nha Trang, Hong Kong, Nagasaki, Kumamoto, Kagoshima, Tokyo (Yokohama)

### 12-NIGHT TOKYO TO SINGAPORE GETAWAY

Singapore Departures 2023 Oct 1

Ports-of-call Mt Fuji (Shimizu), Kobe, Okinawa, Ishigaki, Hong Kong, Hue/Danang (Chan May), Singapore

After discounts

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# Chasing the ultimate adventure

FOR the adventurous traveller, there is perhaps no destination more enticing than the polar regions – the Arctic and Antarctica.

These remote and wild environments are home to some of the most awe-inspiring landscapes on Earth, as well as a wealth of wildlife that can't be found anywhere else. And there's no better way to explore these regions than on a Ponant cruise with Sedunia Luxury, Ponant's preferred partner in Malaysia.

### **Arctic or Antarctica?**

According to Sedunia Travel's executive director, Teoh Leng Lan, an expedition to the northernmost or southernmost part of the world is a must for any traveller.

This once-in-a-lifetime experience allows you to witness the mystical work of Mother Nature's wild wonders. From here, you can gain a deeper appreciation towards how an expedition cruise ship can help raise awareness on protecting the environment.

Travel north to The Arctic to explore the fjords, glaciers and ice-laden waterways, see polar bears, whales, walruses and more. Or head south to Antarctica where spectacular sceneries and unique wildlife such as emperor penguins and elephant seals await to be found here.

### French touch onboard Ponant expedition cruises

When it comes to making the



Teoh at South Georgia Island, Antarctica.

most of your experience in these two polar regions, there are plenty to take into consideration such as the ship size, type of cruise, safety and so on.

With this in mind, Ponant offers a true first-class cruising experience with a combination of luxurious cabin, amenities, attentive service and educational expedition.

As the world leader of luxury expeditions, Ponant is one of the top-ranked small ship cruise companies, with over 30 years' experience taking travellers to the ends of the earth.

Its fleet of ideal small expedition

ships with stabilisers are the world's most technologically advanced ships.

Time ashore is designed for travellers to gain a fully immersive experience with experienced expedition teams and naturalists.

### Ready to North Pole or Beyond **Antarctica**

If you are ready for a new exploration to the geographic North Pole at 90° North and to deep south to Weddell sea in search of Emperor Penguins, then welcome onboard the *Le Commandant* Charcot, Ponant's latest and most



The Sedunia team and clients step foot on Antarctica in 2022.

technologically advanced luxury icebreaker.

It's the world's only icebreaker with Polar Class 2 icebreaking rating, powered by liquefied natural gas with just 128 suites cabins and carries 245 guests.

### **Sedunia Luxury**

The luxury arm of Sedunia Travel, Sedunia Luxury focuses on creating bespoke luxury travel experiences for discerning clients and to inspire clients with some of the most extraordinary travel experiences.

Its team of experienced travel

advisers can help you plan every aspect, from selecting the perfect itinerary to arranging private tours and experiences at each destina-

Book now and enjoy flight credits worth up to RM8,000 on Ponant Polar expedition and enjoy solo traveller offers on selected dates.

■ Visit Sedunia Travel at booth 3M17-3N28 on Level 3 at the Malaysian Association of Tour and Travel Agents (MATTA) Fair to find out more. Call 03-2142 0222 or e-mail luxe@seduniatravel.com or visit seduniatravel.com

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Price from RM9638 (Save RM8226)

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Sailing Date: 6 August 2023

Price from RM10232 (Save RM6855)

### **8D7N CASTLES ALONG** THE RHINE

Amsterdam to Basel River Queen

Sailing Date: 23 April 2023

Price from RM11923 (Save RM4570)

### 10D9N DELIGHTFUL **DANUBE & PRAGUE**

**Budapest to Prague** S.S. Beatrice

Sailing Date: 28 June 2023

Price from RM16950 (Save RM6855)

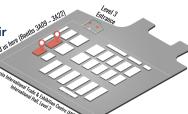
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**Bucharest to Budapest** S.S. Beatrice

Sailing Date: 28 August 2023

Price from RM16950 (Save RM5484)

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\*Satului Village Museum / The Postojna Caves / Bled Castle 12D Best of Spain & Portugal 11,959

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11D Southern Italy, Sicily & Malta 10,629 \*Amalfi Coast, Sassi Di Matera, Trulli Houses, And Mt. Etna

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\*The Mount Titlis Ice Flyer / Eiffel Tower

13D Eastern Europe 11,484 (Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Germany, Austria) \*Auschwitz Concentration Camp / Hallstatt

6,498 **8D Europe Bonanza** (France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland)

\*Eiffel Tower / Volendam Fishing Village And Zaanse Schans 13D Scenic Scandinavia & Its Fjord 14,619

(Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark) \*Tivoli Garden / Flam Railway Scenic Train / Open-air museums

10D Picturesque Greek Island \* The Village Of Oia / Navagio Shipwreck Beach

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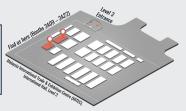
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Visitors can take advantage of the good deals at the MATTA Fair and take a trip to Japan to enjoy the stunning sunset at Mount Fuji.



Royal Caribbean's 'Spectrum of the Seas' offers a fresh experience for holidaymakers.

# Snap up the best Royal Caribbean deals

HOLIDAYMAKERS can look forward to more adventures at sea, with an exciting line-up of vacation deals at the much-awaited Malaysian Association of Tour and Travel Agents (MATTA) Fair, including both short and long itineraries on Royal Caribbean's *Spectrum of the Seas*.

A selection of three- to 12-night cruises will take guests to various destinations in Asia and South-East Asia, including Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, China, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan and the Philippines, where they can experience the sights and sounds of the region.

Travellers can look forward to enjoying more deals and destinations, including on Royal Caribbean's *Spectrum of the Seas* when they visit MATTA Fair, which is Malaysia's biggest travel fair and will be held at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC) in Kuala Lumpur from March 17-19.

Visitors can look forward to the awesome "50% off" offer, for sailings departing from now to March 28, 2024. They can get more information on the cruise itineraries at various booths during the MATTA Fair: Asia Cathay Travel and Tours (3F01-04); Hwajing Travel and Tours (3R01-3R12), Holiday Tours and Travel (3B33), Grand Holidays Travel and Tours (3M01-3M08), Golden Destinations (3B01-3B12) and TLC Travel and Tours (C11-C12).

"With cruising continuing to rise as a popular choice of travel among vacationers, we look forward to welcoming more guests on Asia's largest and most innovative ship, *Spectrum of the Seas*, that will take guests all over Asia in a mix of short and long cruises.

"Our 12-night cruises between Singapore and Japan are especially popular amongst both local and international guests – the first sailing is almost fully sold out, and we are thrilled to be able to showcase the beauty of the region with a second set of sailings that will be sure to take guests on an adventure," said Angie Stephen, Royal

Caribbean International (Asia-Pacific) vice-president and managing director.

For shorter sailings, there are the crowd favourite of three- and fournight getaways to foodie paradise Penang, Malaysia, and the stunning beach resort of Phuket in Thailand. Additionally, those with five-, seven-, and nine-night itineraries also have a chance to explore must-see destinations such as Bangkok, Thailand; Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; and Manila, the Philippines.

Guests are in for an adventure as they explore the rich culture and natural beauty of Asia, aboard the action-packed *Spectrum of the Seas*. The wide range of activities on

board for guests of all ages, as well as a myriad of Asian adventures that await, makes *Spectrum* the ideal vacation for all.

Among the facilities and activities for the convenience and fun experience of the guests on board are:

> Royal Caribbean's first and exclusive Suite Enclave, which features the exquisite Royal Suite Class Star, Sky and Sea accommodations in a private area, positioned at the forward end of the ship. Guests booked in these luxury suites have exclusive floor access, an elevator, private restaurants, and a dedicated lounge area.

> Cutting-edge and transformative venues such as Two70.
Boasting stunning 270° ocean views by day and transforming into a multidimensional theatre by night, this transformative space flaunts six agile Roboscreens, breathtaking live performers and mind-bending aerialists to create unimaginable visuals.

> Star Moment, a lively and energetic karaoke venue where family and friends can belt out and sing like stars.

> Spectrum boasts an array of spacious and family-friendly state-rooms, from the exterior balcony staterooms to family-friendly interconnected rooms, to the signature two-level Ultimate Family Suite, an expansive, multi-room retreat

complete with its own en suite slide and cinema, which also doubles as a karaoke stage.

> Nineteen distinct dining options serving up flavours from around the world, including Hot Pot, featuring an authentic Chinese dining experience; Teppanyaki, a celebration of authentic oriental flavours cooked in Japan's traditional teppanyaki style; and Sichuan Red, a new specialty dining experience tailored just for *Spectrum*, where diners can savour a bold tapestry of authentic spices and Sichuan flavours. There are also a variety of Asian flavours to tantalise and cater to the taste buds of Malaysians.

> There is also a bold lineup of signature activities, including the FlowRider surf simulator; the North Star, an all-glass capsule which ascends 300ft above the ocean, delivering incomparable 360° views; and RipCord by iFly, the first skydiving experience at sea.

> Sea Plex, the largest indoor active space at sea, featuring bumper cars, roller skating, laser tag, fencing, archery, and more.

■ More details on Royal Caribbean's newly announced 2023-2024 year-round cruises from Singapore are available at www.RoyalCaribbean.com

Royal Caribbean International, which is owned by Royal Caribbean Group, has been delivering innovation at sea for over 50 years. Each successive class of ships is an architectural marvel that features the latest technology and guest experiences for today's adventurous traveller. The cruise line continues to revolutionise vacations with itineraries to 240 destinations in 61 countries on six continents, including Royal Caribbean's private island destination in The Bahamas, Perfect Day at CocoCay, the first in the Perfect Day Island Collection. Royal Caribbean has also been voted "Best Cruise Line Overall" for 20 consecutive years in the Travel Weekly Readers Choice Awards.



Vacationers and their loved ones can experience authentic Chinese dining at Hot Pot.



Everyone in the family can enjoy an energetic and lively karaoke session at Star Moment.



Splashing fun time at the FlowRider.

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# **Experience the charm of Taiwan**



Touring Fuli Sea of Flowers by train in Hualien, Taiwan.



THE Malaysian Association of Tour and Travel Agents (MATTA) Fair in Kuala Lumpur will make its grand debut from March 17-19 at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC).

Taiwan has been designated as the only "Asia Featured Destination" by MATTA, and the Taiwan Tourism Bureau will team up with its Tourism Ambassador, a Muslim celebrity, Ayda Jebat, to promote Taiwan's beautiful scenery, delicious cuisine, and friendly people to the Malaysian public.

the Malaysian public.

Globe Traveler, a US-based travel magazine, honoured Taiwan with the "Best Leisure Travel Destination in Asia" for the fifth time at the 2022 Leisure Lifestyle Awards. Booking.com, a popular travel accommodation platform, announced the world's top travel destinations for 2022, and Taiwan made it to the list.

Chou Shih Pi, Taiwan Tourism Bureau director, said, "Although Taiwan only opened its borders in October 2022, the total number of Malaysian visitors to Taiwan in 2022 had reached 60,742 people, making Malaysia the most significant source of visitors to Taiwan in South-East Asia.

"In order to attract more Malaysian tourists to Taiwan, the Taiwan Tourism Promotion Delegation consisting 34 units and 64 members from various tourism-related industries, including county and city authorities, public associations, travel agencies, hotel industry, theme parks, and souvenir shops, has come to promote Taiwan's latest tourism resources."

After the pandemic, the Taiwan Tourism Bureau, in collaboration with the trend of low-carbon travel, encouraged Malaysian tourists to experience the charm of Taiwan's railway tourism. Besides the high-speed rail from Taipei to Kaohsiung, Taiwan Railways has further launched sightseeing trains such as Future Express, Future Express Kitchen, and Breezy Blue. Furthermore, there are diverse-themed tourist branch lines such as the Pingxi Line, Neiwan Line, Jiji Line, and the Alishan Line, which allow visitors to experience local life from different perspectives, making it ideal for Malaysian friends to explore the local areas in depth.

Moreover, there are many well-known large-scale festival activities to be recommended to Malaysians, including the "Taiwan International Balloon Festival" and the "Taiwan Cycling Festival", which are held from June to August and June to December every year respectively. The flower-viewing festivals that showcase Taiwan's floral beauty throughout the year are equally worth participating in.

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) 2022, Taiwan maintained its secondplace position among non-OIC destinations, just after Singapore.

According to the GMTI, Taiwan is 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. As a result, Taiwan is recognised as the "Inclusive Destination of The Year (non-OIC)" at the "Halal in Travel Awards 2022".

To attract more Muslim travellers to experience the beauty of Taiwan, Taiwan has continuously been improving its Muslimfriendly 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.

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 the Muslim travellers' confidence in Taiwan's travel industry.

Furthermore, Ayda will make an appearance at the Taiwan Pavilion in the afternoon of March 18, to share interesting stories about her recent trip to Taiwan with her husband.

During the travel fair, the Taiwan Pavilion (Booth number: 2G01-2H16) will offer a variety of exciting activities and events, including: "Fun To Art" that combines traditional Taiwanese dance with modern elements to create a new form of artistic expression. Visitors can also experience a variety of DIY activities, such as making citrus essential oil cleaners and decorating cookie dough with the shape of Taiwan.

While having fun, they can

also enjoy Taiwan-style fancy cotton candy in a variety of shapes and flavours.

The Taiwan Tourism Bureau cordially invites exhibition visitors to the Taiwan Pavilion to learn 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.

■ For further information, visit the Taiwan Pavilion (Booth No. 2G01-2H16, Level 2) to enjoy special deals during the three-day travel fair from March 17 to March 19, at MITEC.



Enjoy your train journey in Alishan, one of Taiwan's top attractions.

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# Relaxing and idyllic getaway

IT'S the time of the year again to plan for a family holiday or a getaway with your friends.

The workload in the office doesn't give you much time off, but short trips within the country would be a nice break and you don't have to dig deep. So let's explore our own backyard.

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Very much underrated, Kelantan has many interesting places to

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Langkawi island is a popular destination for local and international tourists with its sandy beaches, calm waters and radiant sun. Holiday Villa Beach Resort & Spa Langkawi, located at Pantai Tengah, is one of Holiday Villa group's premier resorts.

shore to lay their eggs. Cherating is also becoming popular among the surfing community.

### Holiday Villa Langkawi

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CitiVilla Penang
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At MÅTTA Fair this year, Holiday Villa Hotels & Resorts will be selling pre-paid room vouchers for their hotels with a stay period till Aug 31.

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■ Visit Holiday Villa Hotels & Resorts booth at the Domestic Hall, Booth 1K03.



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Kol Suu Lake is one of the most beautiful mountain lakes in Kyrgyzstan with jaw-dropping sceneries of hundreds of metres high of steep cliffs, waterfalls, rocky islands, caves and grottoes.

# **Exciting deals** for vacationers

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Embark on an in-depth tour of Udo Island. The largest island in Jeju offers a spectacular view of the coastlines.





A natural lake in Switzerland, Lake Lungern offers impressive mountain sceneries. It was also one of the famous K-Drama Crash Landing On You shooting locations.



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One of the most high in demand tour is China, where you will have a chance to visit the famous shooting location for the Meet Yourself drama.

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#### Free and easy

If you're planning to travel privately or join a local tour to Chiangmai, Hanoi, Sydney, Melbourne, or Bali, Parlo Tours has got you covered with their Free & Easy package. Find a travel partner and enjoy your dream holiday with complete flexibility.

### Europamundo

Parlo Tours is the official partner in Malaysia for Europamundo tours. They provide coach tours to Europe, America, the Arabian Peninsula, and the Middle East. Europamundo tours offer guaranteed departures, and you may enjoy flexibility in doing rotating trips, excursions, stopping for a

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### Flight ticket

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Parlo Tours also has fantastic deals on Royal Caribbean's five different routes, Genting Dream Cruise, and luxurious river cruises by Avalon Waterways. They offer a Spectrum of the Seas cruise of four days and five days to Penang, Singapore, and Phuket, with free shuttle services from KL to Singapore.

They also have promotions for the Western Mediterranean, Italy and Adriatic, Norwegian Fjord, and Alaska.

Parlo Tours is currently running a promotion for children to cruise for free on Genting Dream Cruise. Apart from that, they are planning to introduce Avalon Waterways to Malaysians where travellers can enjoy a luxurious cruise on European rivers.

### **Visit Parlo Tours**

Don't wait any longer. Visit Parlo Tours at the MATTA Fair KL, from March 17 to 19 at MITEC KL. You can find them at Level 3, Booth No.3G01-16 and 3H01-16.

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The biggest prize – Mercedes Benz A-Class – and the latest Myvi sedan, are awaiting the lucky winners to bring them home.



GD partners with the managing director of Ice Holidays (GD Golden Destinations) Mita Lim (centre).

THE March 2023 MATTA Travel Fair will be held for the first time at the new venue Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Center (MITEC), with Golden Destinations (GD), a brand by Ice Holidays, as the largest exhibitor with a total of 86 booths.

As one of the key players in the industry, GD works closely and receives support from worldwide national tourism organisations, major airlines and cruises partners. This brings a variety and high-quality travel at a great deal for GD customers.

A total of 18 GD partners are joining the travel fair including BTS Travel & Tours, Globalite Travel & Tours (M), GL Travel, Golden Tropics Travel, Golden Success Holidays, HIO Travel Agency, Holiday Asia Network, Holiday Link, Honey Holidays (M), Ho Wah Genting Holiday, Lovely Memory Holiday, Melody Tours, Prestige Vacation Network, Sunny Worldwide Holidays, TSN World Travel, Vic-Aire Holiday, You Fun Travel & Tours (M) and YSL Travel & Tours.

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> Entitled for Travel & Win lucky draw by purchasing GD travel products, opportunity to win the grand prize Mercedes Benz A-class or second prize Myvi.

> Unprecedented GD Great Deal, Buy 1 Free 1 promotion! Purchase Fly Cruise package (Alaska Cruise – original price RM24,888 | promotion price RM19,888) (Mediterranean Cruise – original price RM15,888 | promotion price RM9,988), free Resort World Cruise package.

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In terms of discounts, GD Fly Cruise brings you the most shocking "buy 1 free 1" cruise package. Purchase a Fly Cruise package, you will get a free Resort World Cruise package (terms and conditions apply). Hurry up to inquire for more details.

Speaking of innovation and uniqueness, GD Premium and Ah Lee, one of the most popular content creators in Malaysia, have collaborated for the first time on "Where Are We Going, Dad & Mom?" The special itinerary for Parents' Day in Da Nang, Vietnam, which combines filial piety and uniqueness,



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GD Western & Exotic specially promotes the popular destination packages of Central Europe and Turkey. Among them, in order to continue the trend of Turkey's booming market, GD Western & Exotic especially brings you super-value packages in Turkey. The lowest price starts from RM4,988 for the designated departure date.

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The G-Trip, which focuses on free travel, gives you a great opportunity to experience the romance of the autumnal equinox on the shore of Lake Baikal and witness the spectacular Kenyan animal migration. Sign up during the MATTA Fair promo period and enjoy up to RM1,000 discount.

GĎ Flight sells air tickets from various countries around the world, allowing customers to purchase air tickets and receive special gifts from GD Flight.

By purchasing any GD travel package, customers will automatically be entitled to participate in Travel & Win lucky draw. Previous Travel & Win 1.0 to 4.0 has given away four luxury cars,

As for the latest 2023 Travel & Win 5.0, the biggest prize – Mercedes Benz A-Class – and the latest Myvi sedan, are awaiting the lucky winners to bring them home. Also, there are other travel packages worth RM500,000 to be won

For customers who visit MITEC by Grab and purchase a GD package, they are entitled for transport allowance by showing the Grab receipt – maximum RM20.

GD's booths are located at Level 3 (International Hall). Booth No: 3B01-3B24, 3C01-3C24, 3D01-3D16, 3E01-3E16 and 3P83-3P88

■ For more information on Golden Destinations, visit www.gd.my/fb



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Guests enjoying macarons with their travel director in Quebec, Canada.



A stunning view from the Warwick Hotel in Geneva.



Guests trying local wine at Chateauneuf-du-Pape in France

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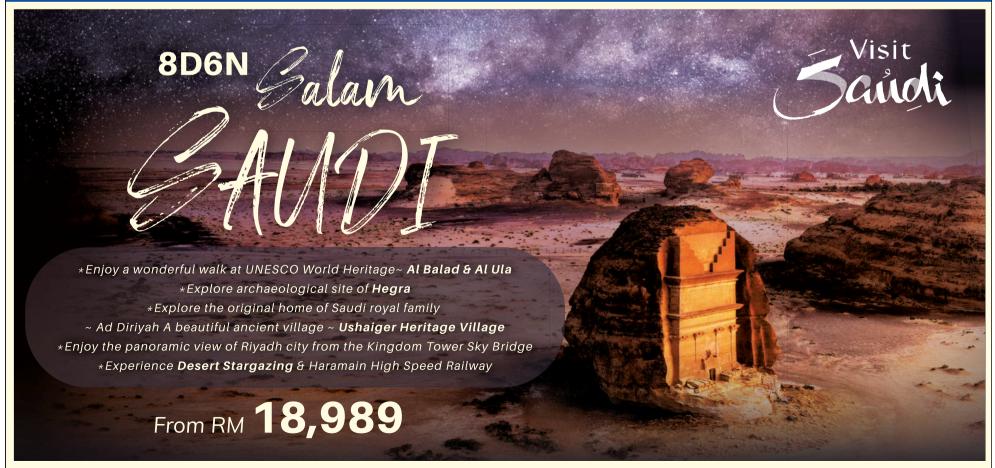
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RESORTS World Cruises, Asia's latest luxury and dynamic lifestyle cruise brand, introduces its fleet of "Resorts Cruising at Sea", which includes the *Genting Dream* and the *Resorts World One* cruise ships.

Vacationers in Malaysia can now enjoy a cruise holiday with the convenience to depart from Port Klang weekly with the *Genting Dream*.

Guests can enjoy a series of roundtrip cruises from Port Klang, which include the three-night Penang-Singapore cruise that currently departs on Mondays, as well as the upcoming three-night Singapore-Phuket cruise that departs on selected Saturdays, starting May 6 onwards.

In addition, vacationers also enjoy the two-night cruises to Singapore departing on Thursdays and Saturdays. All roundtrip cruises start and return to Port Klang.

The Genting Dream, "A Resort Cruising at Sea" provides a variety of exciting offerings that are inclusive as part of the cruise fare and package, which include complimentary all day-dining, featuring a wide spread of international and Asian cuisine, as well as an all-day favourite snack corner.

As the World's First OIC/SMIIC standard halal-friendly cruise ship, Muslim travellers will have access to certified halal food and beverages at a dedicated section at The Lido restaurant, which also provides vegetarian and Jain cuisine. Prayer rooms are also available for the convenience of Muslim guests.

Besides that, other exciting inclusive offerings also available for guests include the amazing international stage performances and movie screenings at the impressive 1,000 seat capacity Zodiac theatre, a water park at sea with a pool and six water slides, rope courses and ziplines, a rock-climbing wall with more recreational activities for the entire family and so much more.

Apart from that, vacationers can also explore a Fly-Cruise option to either Hong Kong or Kaohsiung in Taiwan to enjoy a series of cruises aboard the *Resorts World One*.

Vacationers can arrange flights on their own or with their preferred travel agents to Hong Kong or Kaohsiung; and also enjoy a cruise vacation.

Guests choosing to fly to Hong Kong for a holiday can add to their itinerary a cruise vacation aboard the *Resorts World One*, which include the two-night and threenight cruise to Kaohsiung.

What's exciting is that guests can disembark in Kaohsiung on select-

## Multiple cruise options await



The Palace Villa offering on the Genting Dream.



Little Dreamers Club is available on the Genting Dream.



The Genting Dream provides various offerings for its guests such as the Zouk Glow Bowling and Bubble Doodle (right).

ed sailings to extend their land stay to discover more of Taiwan.

Similarly, guests that decide to fly to Kaohsiung can also enjoy a three-night and four-night cruise to Hong Kong with extended land stay options in Hong Kong.

stay options in Hong Kong.
Vacationers can make their own accommodation arrangements during the extended land stay or via travel agents.

Resorts World Cruises also offers many choices of onboard accommodation with best-in-class services on its ships, featuring Interior Staterooms, Oceanview, Balcony staterooms and the luxury suites, "The Palace" – "a ship-within-a ship" private enclave with exclusive amenities and facilities, including its own 24-hour European-style butler service.

Be sure to visit the Resorts World Cruises booths during the Malaysian Association of Tour and Travel Agents (MATTA) Fair at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC) in Kuala Lumpur from March 17-19 at Level (2R25-2R28). Special promotional offers await you, including cruise fares for the *Genting Dream* starting from RM619 onwards per guest (based on twin sharing).

In addition, don't miss the Buy-1-Free-1 and Kids Cruise-For-Free promotions for a limited period of time only, subject to terms and conditions.

■ Guests may also log on to www.rwcruises.com or email reservations.en@rwcruises.com for more information and bookings.



The retail offering on the Genting Dream.

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- 2,033m above sea level and the highest point on the line.

### Splendid views at Harder Kulm

Experience Harder Kulm at 1,322m in the Berner Oberland region of Switzerland, overlooking the towns of Interlaken and Unterseen.

Besides that, you get to explore places like Eggishorn viewpoint and enjoy a great view over the Great Aletsch Glacier, a Unesco World Heritage Site.

You can also board a shuttle train to Zermatt - a car-free town despite its status of a world-class resort – a train ride back to Tasch where you will discover the underground lake by boat.

With a length of around 300m, it's the largest natural underground

### Immerse yourself in the world of Swiss chocolate

For chocolate lovers, explore the



Explore Eggishorn viewpoint and enjoy a gorgeous view over the Great Aletsch Glacier.

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#### Trip to the Atlantic Road, Norway

Meanwhile there is another great package to Norway for 11D9N covering interesting and must-visit places such as a road trip to the Atlantic Road that stretches across 8.3km, built on several small islands and skerries.

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### Hop onboard Havila Voyages' eco-friendly ships

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■ To know more about Golden Tourworld Travel holiday packages, visit their booths 3K17-28, 3L17-28 & 3P27-30 at Level 3, International Hall (10am-9pm) at MITEC, KL on March 17-19 for MATTA deals.

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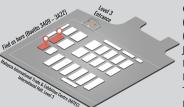
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