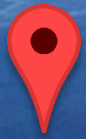


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Director's Corner!

“This month I wanted to talk about the Sabah state of Malaysia. Known as the pearl of Borneo, Sabah is the eastern most state, renown for its natural tropical beauty, a far-reaching history and its art culture. Sabah offers crystal clear water sandy beaches, world's best diving spots, ecotourism activities and luxury resorts. Encounter unmatched biodiversity with the proboscis monkey, orangutans, fireflies, the world's largest flower in their natural habitat and scale Malaysia's tallest mountain ”



Mr. Sulaiman Suip, Director (North & East India), Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board.



Partner speak

“For me, Malaysia tops the list of my favorite destinations. The country never fails to amaze me. It encapsulates every element. For nature lovers, it's a room for meditation filled with peace. For Newlyweds, it offers white sand beaches to embellish the romantic getaway. For older and younger generation, the country offers tours to traditional temples, historical places and theme parks. Its truly a multi-ethnic destination and now emerging as a perfect wedding destination ”

*Mr. Harpreet Singh Grover, MD
DESTINATIONS UNLIMITED TRAVEL SERVICES, Ludhiana*

Malaysia India gears up for border reopening

In anticipation of border reopening, Tourism Malaysia India are engaging with TAAI and TAFI in a three-day meeting starting 19 February 2021 to set sights on strategic planning and come up with key initiatives, strategies and activities. Tourism Malaysia India also met tour operators and travel agents of Bengaluru to get feedback on the current COVID19 pandemic to woo back Indian tourists to Malaysia.

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Genting Sky World – Genting’s outdoor theme park
GSW will take you on a sky-high adventure through 9 movie and adventure inspired ‘worlds’—Eagle Mountain, Central Park, Liberty Lane, Robots Rivet Town, Andromeda Base, Ice Age, Studio Plaza, Epic and Rio. Each world features exciting rides and attractions for the whole family to enjoy. This is complemented by a unique array of themed retail, dining, and entertainment experiences, providing a truly holistic experience for families and groups. [Click](#)

The Frangipani Langkawi Resort & Spa

Between coconut palms and lush tropical gardens, The Frangipani Langkawi Resort & Spa is located by a pristine, white sandy beach overlooking the tranquil Andaman Sea and an archipelago of over 104 islands. Enjoy breath taking sunsets while sipping cocktails. Resort facilities include Swimming Pools, one Salt Water Lap Pool, Outdoor Jacuzzis, an Anti-Oxidant Sauna, Gym, Watersports Kiosk, Tour Desk and Internet Facilities. [Click](#)



Malaysia Airlines to roll out digital travel health pass

Malaysia Airlines (MAS) has announced that it will be introducing a Digital Travel Health Pass, an initiative intended to promote safer air travel for the post-Covid-19 period. It seeks to offer a safer and seamless end-to-end travel experience by creating a contactless journey with crucial travel documents stored as part of the health pass. [Click](#)

Langkawi looks to put Tuba Island on tourism map

Tuba is a beautiful, remote island in Langkawi. It has a traditional fishing village, rare wildlife and plants, as well as a number of homestays. The island is great place for nature lovers as bird-watching, cave-exploring and jungle-trekking are the most popular activities here. Langkawi plans to promote tourism in remote Tuba Island. Passenger boat services between Kuah and Tuba Island, since last year, have made the island accessible. They are working with operators in the region to upscale premises and upskill talents. It also plans to set up a website to promote tourism products. [Click](#)



Destination of the month



**SIPADAN KAPALAI,
SABAH**



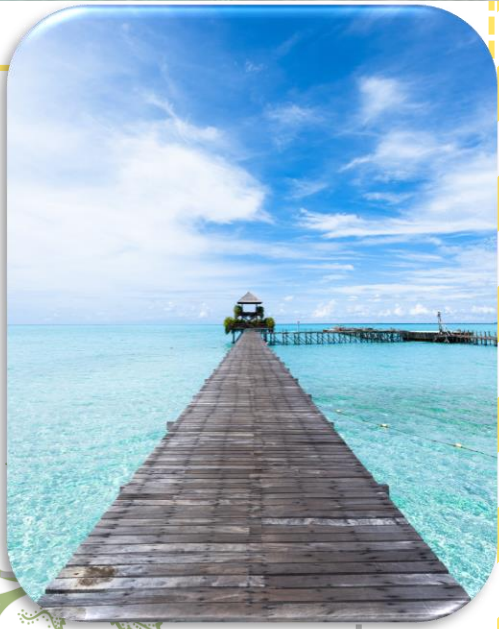
A few minutes by boat from the islands of Sipadan and Mabul but a full world away from them lies the exhilarating Sipadan-Kapalai Dive Resort, sitting on its sturdy stilts on the shallow sandbanks of the Ligitan Reefs. Planned and built in full style as an airy, comfortable, sunny water village with no land in sight, it boasts a mile-long sandbank of powdery white sand where one can sunbathe at complete leisure while gazing out to the miles of brilliant turquoise stretching into the horizon offering the purest image of natural serenity.

Ms. Veronica Lee

Owner



Sipadan-Kapalai Dive Resort, a unique Water Village located in Semporna, Sabah, Malaysia. The resort's elegant and spacious wooden chalets each offer balcony ocean views with total privacy perfect for sunbathing or watching the marine life just a few feet below. With a combination of sun and water in a sensational and serene setting with friendly staff, Sipadan-Kapalai is an ideal destination for diver and non-diver alike seeking a great holiday experience.



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Some of the world's best dive sites are located just under the resort, accessible just by swimming from the dive center pier. Local species: flamboyant cuttlefish, mandarin fish, blue ring octopus, dragonets, giant frogfish, gobies, leaf fish, scorpionfish, gurnards, crocodile fish, giant moray eels, rays, turtles.



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Best Beaches in Malaysia

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Known for its rainforests, orangutans, and vibrant cities, Malaysia is also home to some of the most stunning beaches in Asia. Whether you're seeking a private corner on quiet shores or palm-fringed beaches with plenty to see and do, Malaysia won't disappoint. If you're daydreaming about turquoise waters and soft sands, check out our list of the top beaches in Malaysia.

Perhentian Islands: Deep turquoise waters, palm-fringed shorelines, and coral reefs rich in marine life (sea turtles, blue spotted rays, and clownfish abound here) are found everywhere, and trails cut through the thick jungle, connecting the different stretches of beach around the island. Of the 7 Perhentian islands, only the 2 larger are permanently inhabited. Scuba diving, snorkeling, and kayaking tours leave from these, and you'll also find organized jungle trekking and a number of accommodations to fit any budget. The uninhabited islands offer some of the best snorkeling and softer sand and can only be reached via private boats and tours..



Kota Kinabalu: The capital of Sabah in the northern tip of Borneo, Kota Kinabalu is right on the water and surrounded by the Tunku Abdul Rahman National Park, itself home to five islands with stunning sandstone outcrops, virgin tropical forest, and white sandy beaches that gently slope into the sea. Gaya Island and Manukan Island are surrounded by beautiful healthy coral reefs that are perfect for snorkeling and diving. Sapi, one of the smaller islands, is quite busy during the day, but those camping there overnight will basically have the remote beach all to themselves.



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Batu Ferringhi: A beach resort just outside of popular George Town, Batu Ferringhi was originally better known as a water sports destination, but the seafront and its beautiful long stretch of white sand have become a popular destination for all sun lovers. The well-developed beach here offers plenty of eating options, a quiet nightlife that mostly consists of live music and laid-back cafés, and a lively night market that sells everything from inexpensive souvenirs to traditional batik textiles

Mersing: A small town in the southernmost point of the Malay peninsula, Mersing is the main departing point for boats heading to nearby islands such as Pulau Rawa—a tropical island resort with blue waters that slope softly into the ocean and are perfect for swimming or just getting your toes wet as you walk on the powdery white sands. Pulau Rawa offers great snorkeling and diving opportunities but also chances to rent a kayak or try sailing. Bliss.



Langkawi: An archipelago made up of 104 islands. There's something for everybody here—peace and solitude for those who just want their tiny corner of warm paradise, and lots of amenities for visitors who want to be entertained in between bouts of sun-worshipping. Pantai Cenang, the most famous beach on the islands, is also the best developed—it has cafés and restaurants, plenty of shops to rent water sports equipment, sun loungers right on the soft white sand, and plenty of opportunities to catch a boat to island hop or try parasailing. A number of dinner and



sunset cruises also leave from the beach, and visitors can arrange snorkeling on the popular Payar Island, a protected marine park famous for its multi-hued corals and rich marine life

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Redang Island: Crystal-clear waters, healthy colorful coral, and the softest white sand you can hope for might explain why Redang Island is a sun-lovers' favorite. Pasir Panjang Beach has the most upscale accommodations and a palm-fringed coastline that seems to go on forever, but Teluk Dalam is the beach to visit if you want a more secluded area and quiet mornings. Teluk Dalam does come alive in the afternoons, when there are often impromptu beach soccer or volleyball games and sometimes live music. Redang Island plays an important role in the survival of endangered sea turtles.



Tioman Island: The entire surface of Tioman Island is a nature preserve surrounded by some of the whitest beaches in Malaysia. Although sparsely inhabited, the island receives lots of tourists who come here to snorkel and scuba dive—partly because Tioman is a duty-free area, so local prices are much lower than in other popular islands in Malaysia. A densely forested island with spectacular coral reefs, Tioman also attracts surfers and nature lovers, who come here to see protected species and try jungle trekking. [Click](#)



Semporna: The mainland coastal town of Semporna is the main gateway to a number of islands—Sipadan Island: is completely surrounded by long stretches of picture-perfect golden beaches and home to one of the world's most diverse marine habitats. Kapalai Island, on the other hand, is a tiny, secluded island with only one resort but plenty of beautiful coral, perfect for diving. For the ultimate in luxury scuba diving, Matakong takes the top spot. Not only does the island have some of the most pristine beaches in the area, but this island is also the private property of The Reef Dive Resort, which offers exclusive diving and snorkeling trips and the world's first underwater post office.

