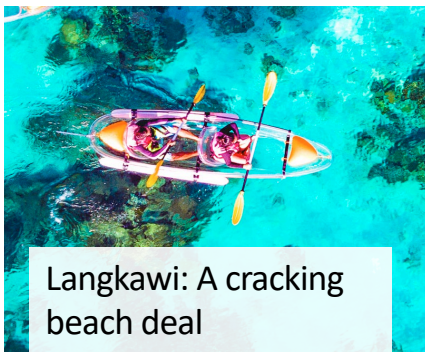




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Guide tracks Bangkok's tastemakers

Airbnb launched its first-ever Creative Guide to Bangkok earlier this week, spotlighting Bangkok's creative landscapes, vibrant neighbourhoods, and local tastemakers.

In line with the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration's (BMA) goals to support creative tourism, the guide is curated with local insights from prominent Thai tastemakers and Airbnb Superhosts...

Thailand and the Philippines to sign tourism MoU

The Philippines and Thailand should sign the "two-country, one-destination" initiative as early as this June, according to a report by the Philippines News Agency that quoted a reliable diplomatic source...

Early bookers catch cheap fares

The clock is ticking for travellers to lock in summer travel plans, and according to the Expedia Summer Travel Outlook, released Tuesday, searches for northern summer trips are up year-over-year for flights and lodging.

Focusing on North American travellers, the Expedia Summer Travel Outlook shows that searches for summer trips...

Discover Shanghai in less than 24 hours

International passengers with layovers at Shanghai Pudong International Airport for over eight hours can join Trip.Com Group's free layover city tours, which will launch on 15 April.

Introduced by Trip.com Group, the 'Shanghai Express' tours will be offered to international travellers eligible for China's 72/144-hour visa-free transit policy and those holding...

Finnair plans double daily Tokyo flights

Finnair has updated its traffic programme for summer 2025 by adding more flights to Tokyo and Nagoya in Japan.

In Japan, Finnair will add frequencies to make it double daily to Tokyo — daily flights to Tokyo Haneda and daily to Tokyo Narita in the summer of 2025. Additionally, Nagoya will get a third weekly service...

Taylor Swift shakes up hotel revenue

Six Taylor Swift concerts hosted in Singapore delivered the highest March average daily rate (ADR) for hotels and pushed revenue per available room (RevPAR) to a new record, according to preliminary data from CoStar.

CoStar, a leading provider of online real estate marketplaces, information, and analytics in the property markets, released details yesterday...

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Step through nature's doorway to discover Pantai Rebak's hidden alcove. Here, every wave carves out a story, every grain of sand holds a history. Embrace the solitude of Langkawi's secluded treasure and let the timeless tides tell you their secrets.

 Red Rock Beach, Rebak Island



Langkawi: A cracking beach deal for summer

Embark on an unforgettable family adventure in Langkawi. The Malaysian archipelago offers an enticing and budget-friendly alternative to pricier European destinations.

In August 2024, packages for a family of four for seven nights start from just GBP5,212, including four-star + resort accommodation and convenient flights with Emirates.

Malaysia's diverse cultural heritage, warm hospitality, stunning natural landscapes, and many activities make it an ideal destination for family trips. Langkawi, nestled in the sparkling waters of the Andaman Sea, presents an unparalleled opportunity for families to discover the wonders of Malaysia without breaking the bank, offering a treasure trove of enriching experiences not typically found in Europe.

Langkawi is home to pristine beaches with soft sands and crystal-clear waters, ideal for endless days of fun in the sun with the whole family. Beyond its beaches, the island is adorned with lush rainforests, towering waterfalls, and captivating wildlife, providing ample opportunities for outdoor adventures such as jungle trekking, wildlife encounters with playful monkeys and colourful birds, island hopping and exhilarating boat rides through mangrove forests. Families can also immerse themselves in the

island's rich cultural heritage by visiting historical sites, exploring traditional villages, and indulging in authentic Malaysian cuisine. With its family-friendly accommodations, abundance of activities, and warm hospitality, Langkawi ensures that every moment spent together is filled with joy, laughter, and cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

Langkawi offers something for every type of family, whether they're seeking adventure or tranquil serenity. Families will discover that attractions such as waterparks in Malaysia are notably more budget-friendly than those in Europe, enabling them to embark on affordable yet unforgettable adventures.

Splash Out

Families with thrill-seekers of all ages must visit Splash Out Langkawi to embark on a watery escapade. As the first of its

kind on the island, Splash Out Langkawi offers 12 exhilarating water attractions for all to experience. From riding 5-foot waves at the Wild Water to catching a barrelful of excitement at Big Splash Kingdom and even braving the heart-pounding plunge of the Perfect Storm at a staggering 40-degree angle. With ticket prices starting from only £6, Splash Out Langkawi invites families to dive into an ocean of fun and excitement. For more information, visit Splash Out Langkawi

Beyond the beaches, Langkawi

offers many wildlife and adventure experiences, opportunities families wouldn't get in Europe! Families can explore the island's lush jungles, home to diverse flora and fauna, including monkeys, birds and occasional glimpses of elusive creatures like the hornbill.

Crocodile Adventureland

For wildlife enthusiasts and families alike, Crocodile Adventureland Langkawi is a must-visit destination. Crocodile Adventureland, locally known as Taman Buaya Langkawi, offers an immersive experience where visitors can enjoy an exciting Crocodilian Education Talk Show, learn about the behaviours and habitats of crocodiles and even get the opportunity to snap photos with "live" Juvenile crocodiles, creating unforgettable memories. For those seeking a hands-on experience, there's Juvenile crocodile fishing and feeding, allowing guests to interact with these remarkable creatures up close.

With prices starting from only GBP7, Crocodile Adventureland Langkawi is a thrilling addition to an itinerary. For more information, visit Crocodile Adventureland

Langkawi SkyCab and SkyBridge

As an unforgettable adventure on the island, the Langkawi SkyCab stands out as a must-do experience. Offering breathtaking views stretching from lush jungle landscapes to majestic mountains and the vast sea below, the 15-minute cable car ride ascends to an impressive



height of 708 meters above sea level, whisking visitors to the summit of Mount Mat Cincang. Renowned as the steepest cable car ride in the world, the Langkawi SkyCab departs from Oriental Village. Ticket prices start from GBP15 for adults, with options for glass-bottomed gondolas and combined tickets available.

For those eager to immerse themselves in nature, the opportunity to disembark at the middle station and partake in a guided trek to the top station awaits, adding an extra layer of adventure to their Langkawi experience. Visitors should take advantage of this thrilling escapade that promises unparalleled views and unforgettable memories. For more information, visit Langkawi SkyCab

Following their SkyCab journey, families can venture to the renowned SkyBridge, the longest free-span and curved bridge globally. Suspended 100 meters above the ground, the 125-meter-long SkyBridge hangs from an 82-meter-high pylon, offering space for up to 250 people. With two platforms strategically positioned to maximise the unbeatable views, visitors can gaze upon the stunning landscapes, including parts of Thailand and Indonesia, on clear days. For more information, visit Langkawi SkyBridge

[Read more...](#)

Silversea cruise sails to Sarawak

Sarawak welcomed its first cruise ship this year, Silver Shadow, which anchored last week at Senari Porten as part of its 40-day cruise from Sydney, Australia, to Hong Kong, which ends on 4 April.

Owned by Silversea Cruises, Silver Shadow brought 296 passengers for a brief visit to Sarawak for sightseeing and shore excursions.

The passengers, mostly from the US, UK, Russia, Canada, Germany, Belgium, Australia, Switzerland, France, Italy, and Austria, were given a warm



traditional garlanding welcome before going on their shore excursions to Bako National Park, Semenggoh Wildlife Centre, Sarawak Cultural Village, Borneo Cultures Museum, and Panoramic Kuching City Tour.

The ship sailed from Kuching to its next destination, Kota Kinabalu in Sabah, before

heading to Ho Chi Minh City Danang in Vietnam and ending the Southeast Asian section of the cruise in Hong Kong on 4 April 2024.

Silver Shadow is operated by Silversea Cruises, based in the US. It is presently sailing in the Asia Pacific. The 10-deck ship has 194 staterooms, three

restaurants, seven lounges, and bars and can accommodate up to 466 passengers.

For more information on Sarawak visit www.sarawaktourism.com



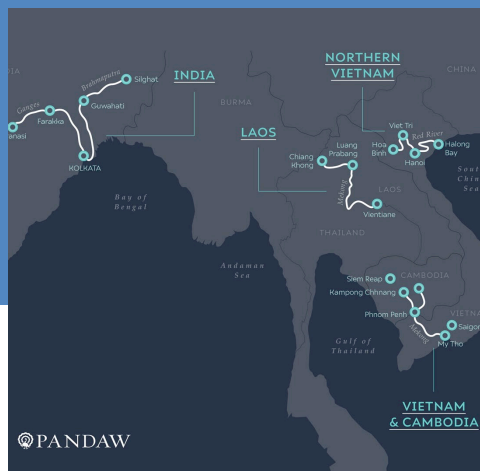
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Vietnam and Cambodia

Vietnam and Cambodia are countries brimming with a complex culture and extreme landscapes. Pandaw cruises

Travelling solo doesn't have to be limiting or come with a heavy price tag increase. Pandaw is recognised as one of the best solo cruise operators in the small river ship category worldwide* due to its user-friendly policy for singles and solo travellers.

It delivers 'no single supplement' on the widest range of dates in river cruising, including travel dates during peak seasons.

Meeting like-minded travellers is easy thanks to the famous 'Pandaw spirit' spacious and comfortable community areas plus daily cocktail hours. Special single tables are available as an option during meals upon request.

(*2023 WAVE awards, Pandaw nominated 'Best for Solo Travellers').

To view available dates with no single supplement, choose your preferred itinerary and navigate to the dates where you will find dates labelled: Singles welcome. No Single Supplement.

You don't have to pay more

to travel solo as Pandaw offers a comprehensive list of No Single Supplement departure date options in Asia, covering all of Pandaw's destinations and even including departures in peak months.

Also, Pandaw's distinct vessel design and famous 'Pandaw Spirit' encourage communal camaraderie, meaning solo travellers quickly make new friends and future Pandaw travel companions.

Luxury small-ship river cruises in Asia

For over 25 years, Pandaw has been the leader in Asian River Cruising. It currently operates 17 beautiful ships exploring amazing countries — India, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam.

India

In 2019, Pandaw launched three new routes using its small luxury ships in Northern India, covering nearly all of the main waterways: the Lower Ganges River or Hooghly, the Upper Ganges.



explore the great towering limestone islands of Halong Bay and sail the Red River. They journey to the majestic, awe-inspiring Angkor Wat in Siem Reap, Cambodia, sailing the Mekong River and Tonle Sap. Cruises navigate the maze of channels floating villages in the Mekong Delta at the southern tip of Vietnam.

Laos River Cruises

Pandaw's spectacular Laos river cruises allow you to discover the undiscovered as you travel on the Upper Mekong River from Vientiane in Laos to Chiang Khong in Thailand.

[Discover where Pandaw sails](#)

To book, information@pandaw.com.

Twelve Centara hotels score green



Centara Hotels & Resorts, Thailand's leading hotel operator, announced this week its approval for certification by Bureau Veritas, a GSTC (Global Sustainable Tourism Council) accredited certification body, for meeting global standards for sustainable travel and tourism known as GSTC criteria.

Twelve of Centara Hotels & Resorts are approved for GSTC certification, and the organisation is continuing to work toward its long-term goal of achieving full certification by 2025.

The 12 hotels which are recognised for meeting the GSTC Criteria in 2024 are:

- Centara Reserve Samui

- Centara Kata Resort Phuket
- Centara Ao Nang Beach Resort & Spa Krabi
- Centara Watergate Pavillion Hotel Bangkok
- Centara Q Resort Rayong
- Centara Sonrisa Residences & Suites Sriracha
- Centara Mirage Beach Resort Dubai
- Centara Life Maris Resort Jomtien
- Centara Life Cha-Am Beach Resort Hua Hin
- COSI Samui Chaweng Beach
- COSI Pattaya Wong Amat Beach
- COSI Krabi Ao Nang Beach

By adopting sustainable and green practices, Centara is

actively choosing to be more aware of its environmental impact and aligning its values and vision for a more mindful and ecologically conscious future.


For more information about Centara's commitment to environmental sustainability, please visit www.centarahotelsresorts.com/sustainability

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Community-based tourism goes to market



The Sabah Community-Based Tourism Fair will move offshore to convene in Putrajaya, Malaysia's political capital, for the first time ever in a bid to expand its market reach beyond Sabah state.

First reported by the Borneo Post, the online news report confirmed the event will be scheduled this October at the IOI City Mall, Putrajaya,

Sabah Tourism Board chairman Datuk Joniston Bangkuai told the Borneo Post it was "time for local community-based operators to venture out of their comfort zone and venture to bigger markets."

Last year, the 5th edition of the Sabah Community Based Tourism Fair 2023 took place at Suria Sabah Shopping Mall in November.

The sixth edition of the three-day event will go to Putrajaya with a delegation of around 40 community-based tourism operators who will reach out to travel consumers with Sabah's latest CBT travel content that reflects the rich tapestry of rural tourism and the diverse cultural heritage that defines Borneo island.

This event, organised by the Sabah Tourism Board and Federation of Rural Tourism Association Sabah (FeRTAS), aims to boost rural tourism and showcase diverse cultural experiences.

For more information on community-based tourism in Sabah, visit www.sabahtourism.com.

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Royal Cliff hosts junior tennis championship

The AssetWise Junior Tennis Thailand Championship, a leading tennis event for young athletes in Asia, will be held from 3 to 5 May 2024 at the Royal Cliff Hotels Group's Fitz Club sports facility.

The tournament, for children up to 14 years, allows participants to accrue points for their national ranking/standing in Thailand. AssetWise Public Company Limited, Yonex, and Technifibre sponsor this prestigious event.

Royal Cliff Hotels Group CEO and ITF Masters Champion Vitanart Vathanakul is spearheading the initiative to establish Pattaya as a premier tennis destination.

"We are thrilled to contribute to Pattaya's reputation as a leading city for competitive sports, particularly tennis. Our tournament offers young athletes a perfect platform to display their skills and compete against their peers in a nurturing and supportive atmosphere," he explained. "The event is crafted to embed the principles of discipline, teamwork, and healthy competition among children from an early stage while refining their technical abilities. We aim to nurture and develop future talent for Thailand to compete on the ATP circuit."

Additionally, on 3 May, the Royal Cliff will host a tennis clinic offering tips and valuable techniques presented by professional coaches and partake in warm-up exercises. Participants can take on the challenge of competing against Vitanart Vathanakul in a super tie-break format. Winners will receive a special prize.

In addition to the competitive play, the tournament features a variety of activities and social gatherings to entertain players and their families over the weekend. Food stations will offer snacks, beverages, fruits, ice creams, and other refreshments. Medical staff and support services will be available for players throughout the event. The venue will also provide game zones for children to engage in creative activities, including arts and crafts, while waiting for their matches. A massage zone will also be available, offering a range of treatments from skilled therapists.

Registration for the tournament is now open, and interested parents and players can sign up at www.royalcliff.com/aswj. Special room rates are offered to all tournament entrants, and bookings can be made on the website (use promo code ASW24) or by contacting us at 038-250421 ext. 2820-24 or reservations@royalcliff.com. For more information please visit www.royalcliff.com



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