

# The Enchanting Emerald Gem – Langkawi



■ Gunung Raya Golf course

COMPRISING a group of 99 tropical islands lying off the north-western coast of Peninsular Malaysia, Langkawi is a natural paradise, boasting clear emerald waters, forested hills and white-sandy beaches, providing visitors with a host of water sports and other recreational activities.

The opportunity exists to relax at international standard resorts, board sunset and mangrove cruises, do duty-free shopping, affordable waterfront dining and sightseeing many panoramic views of the emerald green Andaman Sea.

Langkawi is also an extremely attractive golfing destination, with a selection of world-class courses ready to challenge golfers of all levels.

## The Els Club Teluk Datai – Rainforest Course

Renowned for its spectacular mountain scenery and virgin rainforest, The Els Club Teluk Datai opened for play in 1992 as Dalit Bay Golf Club, before the course was completely renovated and reopened in 2014 under the current name of The Els Club Teluk Datai. Redesigned by four-time major champion, Ernie Els, the 18-hole course is part of the nationwide The Els Club Malaysia portfolio, with the Rainforest Course located in the northern part of Langkawi.

The Rainforest Course meanders its way through a million-year-old rainforest that is bordered by the Andaman Sea to the East and features the marbled limestone

peaks of the Mat Cincang Mountains as a backdrop.

Natural streams flow throughout the golf course, which is a par-72 championship layout, ideal for both beginners and avid golfers alike, playing to 6,734 yards from the back tees.

Given the hilly terrain, the front-nine is somewhat surprisingly flat, the cleverly designed dogleg par-five eighth is one of the best holes on the course. More elevation changes are a feature of the back nine, with the 15th, a downhill par-three, the start of an excellent closing stretch which includes the tricky par-four 16th with its giant overhanging trees, the signature hole, the 170-yard par-three 17th requiring a carry over the Andaman Sea, then the short par-five finishing hole.

The contemporary clubhouse at Els Club Teluk Datai boasts a wide range of amenities including plush locker rooms,

a well-stocked pro shop with quality golf equipment available for hire, a restaurant and lounge. The Hornbill Café offers the perfect spot to enjoy a casual dining experience while overlooking the course and the Els Lounge is a picturesque open-air setting on the upper floor with views of the surrounding jungle.

Described as golf with a nature walk combined, Datai Bay was voted as The Most Scenic Golf Course in Malaysia and nominated as one of the best golf resorts in Asia.

With the breath-taking vista of the Andaman Sea and Tarutao Island on the horizon, the Datai Langkawi Resort is just minutes from the course. A first-class facility with 121 rooms, suites and villas, all with enchanting views of the lush tropical rainforest, the Datai Langkawi also features a diverse choice of luxury dining experiences.

## Gunung Raya Golf Resort

Located in the foothills of the majestic Gunung Raya mountain, the Max Wexler designed course at the Gunung Raya Golf Resort covers 300 acres of former rubber plantation land.

The Gunung Raya course opened for play in 1998, plays to a par of 72, measures 6,228 metres from the championship tees and has been a regular host of significant amateur golf tournaments.

Featuring panoramic views and an impressive landscape, the majority of the Gunung Raya holes offer a scenic view of the rolling hills and distant mountains, the par four first a shining example, a slight dogleg right from an elevated tee.

Other notable holes include the 10th, a 500-metre par-five, with water running the entire length on the left, the seventh, a 207-metre par-three, bunkers flanking a green where the two-tiered design presents a formidable challenge, while the tough closing hole, a long, uphill 423-metre par-four requires a lofted approach shot to a green guarded by strategically placed bunkers.

Facilities at Gunung Raya Golf Resort include the Club Café, where guests can relax on the patio overlooking the course while enjoying a wide variety of local cuisine. The Club Café is also capable of hosting functions and small gatherings.

A wide variety of accommodations are available in different areas of Langkawi, with modern deluxe hotels and resorts, all offering excellent dining and recreation experiences and located in close proximity to the Gunung Raya course. The Langkawi International Airport is approximately 20 mins traveling time by road, the Kuah Jetty and Kuah Town 10-15 mins, Tanjung Rhu, Mukim Ulu Melaka, 20-30 mins and the Pantai Cenang, Pantai Tengah and Pantai Kok areas and The Datai & The Andaman, a drive of 35 – 45 mins.



■ Cenang Beach in Langkawi island.

## Explore and enjoy Langkawi

### The Langkawi SkyCab

The cable car ride at Panorama Langkawi SkyCab, located on the southwest coast of Langkawi island, takes those with an adventurous streak all the way up to over 700 meters above sea level. This journey covers a total distance of 2.2 km, linking the Base Station at the foothill of Machinchang Mountain to Top Station at the mountain summit and to the Sky Bridge.

Perched majestically atop Machinchang Mountain at a breathtaking altitude of 650 meters above sea level, is the latest Eagle's Nest Skywalk attraction that is accessible from Langkawi SkyCab – the world's longest free-standing skywalk, boasting a magnificent 38-metre-long sky deck. Panoramic views stretch as far as the eye can see, delivering an awe-inspiring perspective of Langkawi's natural beauty.

### Langkawi Sunset Cruises

Take a break from the hustle and bustle and relax with the many five-star sunset cruise operators that offer a special dining, entertainment and sightseeing experiences.

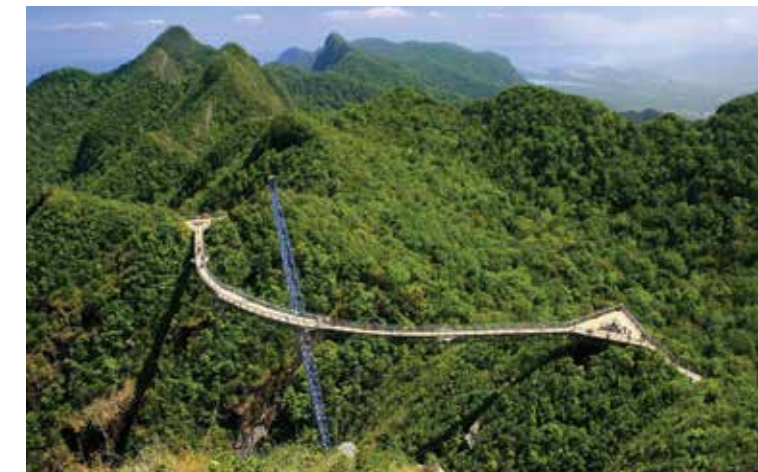
The Tropical Charters Langkawi Sunset Cruise package is one of

the many available, sailing every day of the week and catering for couples on a romantic night out, or those just looking for a change of pace watching the sun go down after spending a day duty-free shopping, museum-hopping or enjoying beach activities in the sun. The Langkawi Sunset Cruise package with Tropical Charters is three hours at sea watching spectacular islands go by in the low light of the evening.

### Langkawi Beaches

Langkawi offers beaches to suit all tastes, featuring clear blue water and soft white sand, whether the preference is quiet, secluded coves or something a bit livelier with water-sports and restaurants.

Rated amongst the best is the Pantai Cenang Beach, the longest beach on Langkawi and the most popular and developed. Another stand out is Tengah Beach, a continuation of Cenang Beach but separated by a headland on which Underwater World and all-inclusive resorts are located. Lastly, there is Tanjung Rhu Beach, a narrow spit of land located in the northeast corner of Langkawi Island with the Andaman Sea on one side and a lagoon on the other, accessed through the Tanjung Rhu Resort.



■ Langkawi Sky Bridge.

### Eagle Square

Home to the iconic 12 metre Eagle Statue, the picturesque Eagle Square is a symbol of Langkawi's identity and a must visit tourist attraction in Langkawi. Given its name from the red-backed sea eagle that dominates the island's skies, Eagle Square offers stunning views of the Andaman Sea, as well as duty-free shopping at Jetty Point Mall nearby.

### Kilim Geopark

The first Geopark in the south-east Asian region, the Kilim Geopark is 100 square kilometres of nature reserve and breathtaking landscape.



■ The iconic Eagle Statue in Eagle Square.

## The 2024 LPGA Maybank Championship – Stay, play and watch

WITH the Maybank Championship and a collection of the world's best women professional golfers returning to the Kuala Lumpur Country Club in October, comes a stay, watch and play package offered by Golftraks Travel & Services.

At the first staging of the Maybank Championship in 2023, Frenchwoman Celine Boutier added another win to her already impressive resume by beating young star Atthaya Thitkul in a nine-hole playoff. This year's event, set to tee off from October 24-27, is set to be equally exciting.

The Golftraks Travel & Services package features three nights' accommodation with daily breakfast in quality Kuala Lumpur hotels, two rounds of golf inclusive of caddy, buggy and insurance at premier courses and entry passes with a hospitality package to watch final day of the 2024 Maybank LPGA Championship.

The packages also includes meals and daily transfers by touring van as per itinerary, as well as sight-seeing and an English speaking tour guide.

Don't delay, it's not too late to book. For more information and to book your trip to the Maybank Championship, email Golftraks at [golftraks@travelservices@gmail.com](mailto:golftraks@travelservices@gmail.com).

## Kuala Lumpur Golf Special

\$1,795 PP twin share & \$2,190 PP 4-star Hotel | \$2,115 PP Twin share & \$2,895 PP 5-star Hotel



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### Package Includes

7 Night's accommodation  
Novotel (4 star) or Pavilion (5 star) central Kuala Lumpur includes Tourism Tax  
Daily breakfast & 1 dinner included  
5 rounds of golf (weekday)  
Shared motorised cart & Twin share caddy fee  
Glenmarie GC, Kota Permai GC, The Mines Resort, Templer Park and Palm Garden GC  
English speaking tour guide for entire trip  
Private transfers Airport – accommodation – golf courses – airport

Price is subject to dates and public holidays.  
Based on a minimum group size of 8, groups of 4 higher cost due to transfers.

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