

## WEEKLY INSIGHTS HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY NEWSLETTER

### Langkawi's top hotels enjoy high occupancy in Malaysia's domestic travel bubble

Five-star hotels on Langkawi island are reporting high occupancy with attractive promotional rates being offered as the Malaysian island is reopened for domestic travellers fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

Malaysian Association of Hotels (MAH) Kedah and Perlis deputy chairman Razmi Rahmat said there was an increase in bookings, with many five-star hotels maintaining an 80 per cent occupancy rate.

"Some of the five-star hotels even reached 100 per cent bookings since the reopening of the island to tourists. [READ MORE](#)



### Sabah Parks' sites open to 100 visitors a day

Only visitors aged over 12 and under 70 years old are allowed to enter any of the marine and nature destinations of Sabah Parks effective Sept 16.

Sabah Parks director Dr Maklarin Lakim, however, said only 100 visitors were allowed a day at any of its 24 sites across the state following its reopening.

"Activities such as climbing Mount Kinabalu are reopened to the public and climbers starting Sept 16, except activities at the Turtle Island Park in Sandakan which resumes Sept 20. [READ MORE](#)



### River of Life, Blue Pool revived as city attractions

The River of Life (RoL) and Blue Pool projects will be revived and promoted as new tourist attractions in the capital.

Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said this is following the Federal Territories of Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya, and also Selangor moving into Phase Two of the National Recovery Plan (PPN) on Sept 10.

It would be a focal destination for city folks to engage in various leisure activities, and as such, the task of preserving facilities provided as well as the cleanliness of rivers around the RoL/Blue Pool projects must be a shared responsibility. [READ MORE](#)



### Hotel Royal Penang to cease operations

The Singapore-owned Hotel Royal Penang is set to shutter soon. The 276-roomed four-star business hotel which is located along Jalan Larut is one of several hotel properties owned by Hotel Royal Limited in Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

"Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the management has decided to undergo a restructuring exercise which will result in the closure of our hotel operations in Penang,"

It is learnt that while the hotel operations will cease for now, it will be business as usual at Penang Plaza, which is an annexe building adjacent to the hotel, belonging to the same owners. [READ MORE](#)



### Heritage Collection Opens Flagship Hotel in Boat Quay Riverfront

Heritage Collection opened its latest branch to the public on 20 August 2021. The newly launched hotel is a flagship of the recognized boutique hotel chain and serviced apartments provider.

It is the only hotel situated along Boat Quay's riverfront. Spanning across 4 shophouse units, the hotel houses over 40 first-rate rooms inside.

Heritage Collection on Boat Quay (Quayside Wing) boasts a chinoiserie theme through its architectural elements and interior furnishings. [READ MORE](#)



### Marriott Bonvoy Adds Domes of Corfu, Autograph Collection to Portfolio in Greece

The Domes of Corfu, Autograph Collection is a beachfront 233 key property, with each room and suite having its own private patio or veranda overlooking the resort's gardens or the Ionian Sea.

The hotel offers an exclusive, bohemian experience, bringing together world-class dining, serene wellness facilities, and family adventures.

Situated on the Greek island's western coast, along the famous blue flag-awarded Glyfada beach, the hotel is enclosed by a landscape of the pine-covered cliffs above. [READ MORE](#)

