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A MARITIME TOWN IN TRANSITION



Lumut's transformation from a sleepy fishing village to a maritime town is about to complete with the addition of a world-class marina. It is located on Marina Island an island off the coast of Lumut within striking distance of the naval base. The island is connected to the mainland by an exquisitely designed bridge that spans the coastal waters.

This sun-drenched tropical paradise is set to make Lumut, and the area around it, a magnet for tourists. Independent power plants with a sizeable expatriate workforce, sited within the region, augment Lumut's allure. Their presence is the raison d'être why western food is readily available in this maritime town. Pubs, cafes and even a couple of Italian restaurants have sprung up in recent years to cater for this group of people. If western food is not your forte, local food sold at mamak restaurants and warongs are there to tempt your palates.

The vastly developed Marina Island boasts a number of facilities destined to make it the preferred place in the not-too-distant future. Its proximity to Teluk Batik is another factor why it deserves attention.

Expect a traffic jam in Lumut during weekends and holidays. This is mainly due to the compactness of the town. But the authorities are doing their best to overcome the problem by rerouting traffic, a futile attempt nonetheless.

Finding a place to park during the holiday season is a problem but which seaside town isn't? If you intend on staying in Pangkor you have to leave your car in Lumut and take a ferry to the island. But if your objective is to simply enjoy the ambiance, throw caution to the wind and leave your priced jalopy by the roadside and wander. Believe me, there is plenty to see, to eat, to buy and to do in Lumut. Beside resorts and white beaches, Lumut and Pangkor are noted for salted seafood and snacks. There are heaps of them on sale.

foreword

Dato' Hamidah Osman
State Executive Councillor for Tourism



My fellow Perakeans, Visit Perak Year (VPY) 2012 is barely a month away. Let's join hands and make this an occasion to remember. In the preceding months a number of activities have been planned and implemented with the sole purpose of promoting VPY 2012 to the world. I am glad to announce that all of these activities have decidedly met their targets.

The expedition to plant VPY 2012 flag on top of Mt Kinabalu is a case in point. Its promotional value is enormous, considering the publicity the attempt has generated. More of such stunts are in the pipeline. It is an ongoing exercise which is done with much panache. Our efforts at putting Perak on the world map will definitely not go to waste.

I must commend all those concerned for their relentless pursuit for excellence. At the point of reporting, every thing is heading in the right direction, trust me.

I am certain with a little push and plenty of support from ordinary Perakeans, we will reap a bountiful harvest. Perakeans, help me realise VPY 2012 Yours to Discover. *Jom Terokai Perak...*

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Our first stop is the remarkable Marina Island:



Pangkor Marina

This one and only functional marina in Perak has 82 wet and 70 dry slips for boats measuring 72 feet and 65 feet respectively. It is equipped with modern lifts which can haul and launch boats weighing up to 45 tons. Guests of the marina can enjoy land and water sports such as snorkeling, diving, kayaking, jungle trekking, etc. The marina's jetty is another take-off point to Pangkor Island. In fact, it is much nearer to Pangkor from here than from Lumut town.

Call James Khoo, the Marina's Operations Director at 605-580 588/6016-512 4088 for details.



Coral Fishing Resort

Coral Fishing Resort. The resort is located on reclaimed land that juts out into the sea. Its 26 cozy chalets face the open blue sea making it an ideal home away from home. The chalets are priced between RM215 to RM430 depending on seasons.

For details call 012-5229555/016-5504888



Teluk Batik

Our next stop is Teluk Batik. It is about 6 km away from Marina Island. This well-known beach front is a Mecca for Perakeans. The beach is packed on weekends and public holidays. It is a good spot to relax provided one is prepared to put up with the "mayhem".

Scuba Diving



Scuba Diving. You can learn to scuba dive at Marina Island. The Quiver Dive Team, a PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) accredited entity operates on the island. Professional diver, Kin Voon heads the team.

Call Kin at 6012-213 8885 for details.



Hasil Laut Jamilah

Salted seafood and snacks are a major product of Lumut and Pangkor. You will be spoilt for choice. Dried anchovies (ikan bilis), salted ikan talang, dried squid (so-tong) and fish and prawn crackers are some of the much sought-after stuff. Puan Jamilah operates from a council-owned stall along Jalan Iskandar Shah, Lumut. Her roadside stall is a favourite with visitors.

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Next is Lumut Town. Some of the attractions available are:

Foos Steak House

For details and bookings call Megat Irwan at 605-688 1709 or 6012-551 4623



Foos Steak House in Sri Manjung is an ideal stopover for many, especially steak and soup lovers. Its ample menu offers some very tantalizing dishes for discerning foodies.

Pangkor is never short of surprises. The holiday island is accessible by ferry from Lumut and from Marina Island. Fare – RM10 one-way from both terminals. Be forewarned, the ferry point on Marina Island is privately owned and managed. Now what has Pangkor to offer?

TIGER ROCK



Call 605-6854154 for details and reservations.

Tiger Rock Resort is a boutique hotel though its owners describe it as an “artist’s exotic island retreat”. It is located to the south of Pangkor Island and within a forest reserve. It has 8 rooms and 2 houses and a swimming pool surrounded by virgin jungle. You are real close to nature. Rates begin from RM400 onwards per person.

Lumut Waterfront



Lumut Waterfront is one of the latest additions to this maritime town. The promenade begins at the ferry terminal and ends where the iconic KD Rahmat is now docked – a distance of about two kilometres. It offers strollers a magnificent view of the estuary, the northern tip of the hinterland and Pangkor Island.



KD RAHMAT



KD Rahmat, the decommissioned Royal Malaysian Navy frigate, which was on active service from 1967 to 2004, is now a floating museum. Originally named KD Hang Jebat, it underwent a name change after a series of mishaps beginning with engine problems that delayed its delivery. The 1,250-ton vessel was the first Malaysian naval ship fitted with sea-to-air missiles. Visiting hours are between 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. daily except on Tuesdays. Entrance fee: RM10 for adults and RM6 for children. Visitors can stay onboard the craft for a fee – RM 95 per person per night.

For details call Stephanie Loi Xhin at 605-688 7707 or 6019-322 2556.

Batu Bersurat



Batu Bersurat is a huge stone on the beach a short distance from the Dutch Fort. Inscribed on the rock are drawings of a tiger mauling a boy and the words “If Carlo 1743”. A boy, believed to be the son of a dignitary, disappeared and was believed to have been killed by a tiger.



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Daddy's Café & Island One Café



Daddy's Café located at Coral Bay serves western food and visitors can have their meals on the beach. Similarly, Island One Café next door offers western and local cuisines. Both cafés exude charm and comfort, a choice place to chill at sunset.



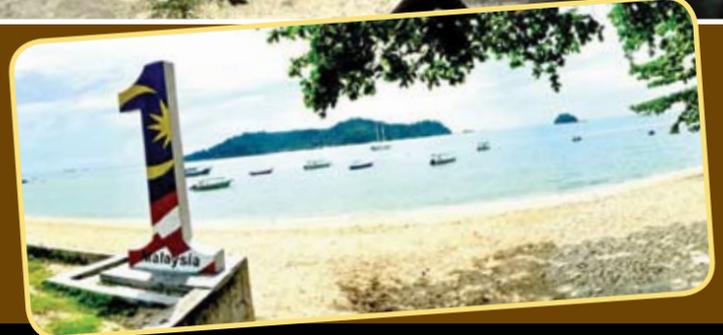
For details call Daddy's Cafe at **012-3346292** and Island One Cafe at **012-2355 666**

Hai Seng Hin



Hai Seng Hin Fish Satay factory at Sg Pinang Kecil produces a variety of sea-food snacks for sale locally and worldwide. Pop into the factory to see how the snacks are processed and packed for export.

Pangkor's White Sandy Beaches



The beaches of Pasir Bogak and Teluk Nipah are white, idyllic and gentle. Taking a dip here helps soothe your nerves.

ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Pesta Pangkor December 9 to 11.
For details call Manjung Municipal Council at **05-6871363**.
2. Pesta Tanjong Malim. December 17 and 18.
For details call Tourism Perak at **05-5290894**.
3. Perak Tourism Festival. December 24 to 31.
For details call Tourism Perak at **05-5290894**.

VPY 2012 FLAG ON TOP MT KINABALU



Sixteen members of the Perak Media Club will plant the Visit Perak Year (VPY) 2012 flag on top of South East Asia's highest mountain, Gunung Kinabalu on Monday, November 28. Reporter Kalavaani Karupiah received the flag from the Perak Chief Minister, Dato' Seri DiRaja Dr Zambray Abd Kadir on behalf of his team at a brief ceremony held in front of the State Secretariat Building Ipoh on Thursday, November 24.

Zambray hoped all Perakeans, especially those from the private and public sectors would willingly support VPY 2012 and make it a success. "We should take every effort to promote the various touristic spots in the state to visitors," he implored.

Executive Councillor for Tourism, Dato' Hamidah Osman was optimistic of its success. "Steps are being taken to publicise the event far and wide. The Kinabalu expedition is aimed at promoting VPY 2012 to the world," she exclaimed.

A total of 19 billboards have been erected along highways and the Plus Expressway to announce the momentous occasion to motorists. "It'll have an impact on tourist arrivals."

KLEDANG SAYUNG FOREST RESERVE



Efforts are underway to make part of the Kledang Sayung Forest Reserve an eco-tourism cum eco-educational site for both local and foreign tourists. The Kledang Range has been a favourite haunt for health enthusiasts for many years.

Gunung Kledang, at 2,650 ft above sea level, overlooks Ipoh. A road leads up to the radio station located at the summit. Fitness buffs make a beeline to the hill in the morning and evening to make their ritual climb. A number of footpaths and trails are available for use by climbers.

"These paths and trails will be upgraded," said Dato' Hamidah Osman to reporters when met after witnessing a training session by members of the Mt Kinabalu expedition team recently.

An area close to Meru Raya covering over 2,000 hectares has been identified for the exercise. RM1 million will be allocated to develop the said site.

"Tourism Perak will conduct courses to train eco-tourism guides," said Hamidah. "These guides must be proficient enough to impart the right kind of information to their charges."