



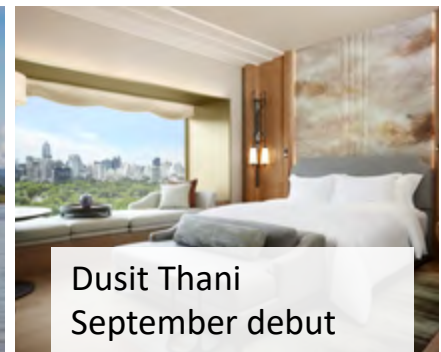
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Travelport, a technology company that powers global travel bookings and suppliers worldwide, and Finnair have enhanced their long-term relationship with a multi-source content agreement covering New Distribution Capability (NDC) and traditional content.

The agreement confirms that Travelport's agency customers...

Airline passenger traffic up 9.1% in June

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for June 2024, highlighting an increase of 12.3% in international passenger uplift compared with the same month in 2023.

Total demand, measured in revenue passenger...

Scoot expands regional network

Scoot, the low-cost subsidiary of Singapore Airlines (SIA), announced Tuesday the delivery of its third and fourth Embraer E190-E2 aircraft scheduled for September and October 2024.

With the addition of the new aircraft, Scoot will launch....

Centara wins eight Institutional Investor awards

Centara Hotels & Resorts, a leading hotel operator headquartered in Thailand, announced on Tuesday its outstanding performance in the Institutional Investor's 2024 Asia Pacific (ex-Japan) Executive Team rankings.

The company secured eight prestigious awards and showcased its excellence...

Paris Olympics a tourism booster

As the Olympic Games Paris closed on 11 August, Visa's latest data confirmed the Games' positive impact on tourism and spending in France.

Paris attracted 42% more Visa cardholders in the first week of the Olympic Games than in the same period...

MATTA and MAH team up for tourism

The Malaysian Association of Tour & Travel Agents (MATTA) and the Malaysian Association of Hotels (MAH) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation and promote growth within the tourism industry.

This strategic partnership will create business opportunities for members of both...

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Langkawi presents insta-worthy cafes

Are you ready for a gastronomic journey that will tantalise your taste buds? Langkawi, a tropical paradise known for its stunning beaches and lush landscapes, is a hidden treasure trove of fantastic food experiences. Langkawi's travel influencers introduce a culinary adventure with must-visit places that promise delectable dishes and unforgettable vibes.

TEN INSTA-WORTHY CAFES

Hidden Langkawi Restaurant

Discover the charm of Hidden Langkawi, a tranquil culinary haven by the Andaman Sea. Tucked away from the town's hustle, this Ibiza-style gem beckons with a serene escape and a pristine sandy beach backdrop. Embark on a culinary journey blending local authenticity with international flair, tantalising your taste buds with savoury delights and sweet surprises. Picture sipping your favourite drink amid the golden hues of an Andaman Sea sunset.

Pizza Hill

Indulge your pizza cravings at Pizza Hill, A captivating haven for pizza enthusiasts nestled amidst lush surroundings. Picture this – an outdoor pizza oven set in a secluded paradise. The ambience is so enchantingly intimate that you can

literally inhale the fragrance of the surrounding forest while savouring your handcrafted pizza, prepared by talented pizzaiolo. Prepare to be mesmerised by the unique experience, leaving you with an insatiable desire to return for more.

Skybridge Bistro

Elevate your dining experience quite literally at Skybridge Bistro. Indulge in a distinctive dining adventure suspended high above the ground, where you can savour delightful dishes



while taking in a breathtaking eagle-eye view of Langkawi's beautiful terrain.

Restoran Beringin

Transport yourself to a journey through time at Restoran Beringin within the enchanting Kunang-Kunang Heritage Villa. Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of history as you relish the captivating flavours meticulously crafted by the young and vibrant Chef Zaid. Witness his creative prowess unfold in a charming display, all the while preserving the authenticity of Malay cuisine at Pohon Beringin. The ambience of Restoran Beringin transports you seamlessly into the past, with a picturesque setting that evokes the essence of historical charm. This dining experience is not only cherished by foreigners seeking a taste of old

Malaya but also embraced by locals who deeply appreciate the country's fascinating history.

Umbut by the Kelapa

Discover the laid-back charm of Umbut by the Kelapa during your Langkawi getaway. With its alfresco setting nestled in the hills, this gem offers a relaxed atmosphere with a gentle breeze and stunning views of Langkawi's landscapes.



Enjoy a diverse menu featuring local and Western dishes, whether it's lunch or dinner. At Umbut by the Kelapa, there's something for every palate. The welcoming ambience makes it a great spot for casual meals or even special occasions like birthdays.

Smiling Buffalo

Welcome to Smiling Buffalo, a haven for coffee enthusiasts seeking a laid-back retreat. Beyond its intriguing name, Smiling Buffalo is Panji Panji's café, where they take pride in serving specialty coffee crafted from freshly ground beans. Their skilled baristas can whip up your favourite drip coffee, flat white, latte, or perhaps a refreshing iced cappuccino – perfectly suited for Langkawi's ambience. The menu offers a simple yet delightful selection of breakfast dishes and tempting waffles/pancakes tailored to local taste buds and

some local favourite Malaysian dishes. With Langkawi's sunset or the majestic Mount Cincang as your backdrop, Smiling Buffalo is the ideal spot for a relaxed coffee experience.

Nam Restaurant by Bon Ton

Nestled within the serene Bon Ton estate, Nam Restaurant by Bon Ton Langkawi offers an enchanting dining experience amidst antique Malay villas collected from across Malaysia. Regarded as one of the best restaurants on the island, Bon Ton Restaurant is indeed a special experience. Indulge in a culinary journey through



Malaysian cuisine and delightful fusion dishes, accompanied by refreshing mocktails and expertly crafted cocktails. The Sunday Busking Club adds a harmonious touch with talented musicians serenading guests from 6.30 pm onwards. Furthermore, the restaurant transforms into an artistic hub on special occasions, showcasing diverse artworks ranging from paintings to captivating installations.

Rumah Makan Jebat

Interestingly, named after the legendary Malay warrior, Rumah Makan Jebat's design coincidentally echoes the spirit of a warrior's feast. Surrounded by lush greenery, it offers refreshing meals for any time...

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Royal Cliff wins Tripadvisor Awards

Royal Cliff Hotels Group's five-star sports & wellness facilities, Fitz Club – Racquet, Health & Wellness, and Cliff Spa, have

At Cliff Spa, guests can immerse themselves in tranquillity while being pampered by highly skilled

Swimming, Thai Boxing Classes, Personal Training and more. Whether you aspire to build strength or simply embrace a healthier lifestyle, the expert trainers are committed to helping you succeed.

"Congratulations to Fitz Club and Royal Cliff on its recognition in Tripadvisor's Travelers' Choice Awards for 2024," said Tripadvisor Chief Growth Officer John Boris.

"Traveller's Choice honours businesses that consistently demonstrate a commitment to hospitality excellence. This means you have made such a memorable impact on your visitors that many of them took the time to go online and leave a great review about their experience. People rely on Tripadvisor's Travelers' Choice seal to help them navigate the myriad of things to see, eat and do across the globe. We hope this recognition continues to drive business in 2024 and beyond."

therapists. They will transport you to a realm of bliss with world-class spa treatments tailored to revitalise your body, mind, and soul, all offered in panoramic sea-view treatment rooms. In addition to these treatments, guests can enjoy the sauna, steam room, and Jacuzzi, leaving them revitalised and refreshed.

For those seeking an active getaway, look no further than Fitz Club, which has won the Tripadvisor award for two consecutive years. Fitz Club offers each guest a plethora of activities, including Tennis, Squash, Table Tennis,

earned Tripadvisor's Travelers' Choice Awards for 2024.

This award honours businesses that consistently earn great reviews, placing them among Tripadvisor's top 10% of listings worldwide. This recognition emphasises Royal Cliff as a leading wellness destination, offering guests an escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, inviting them to embark on a journey of healthy and active lifestyle.

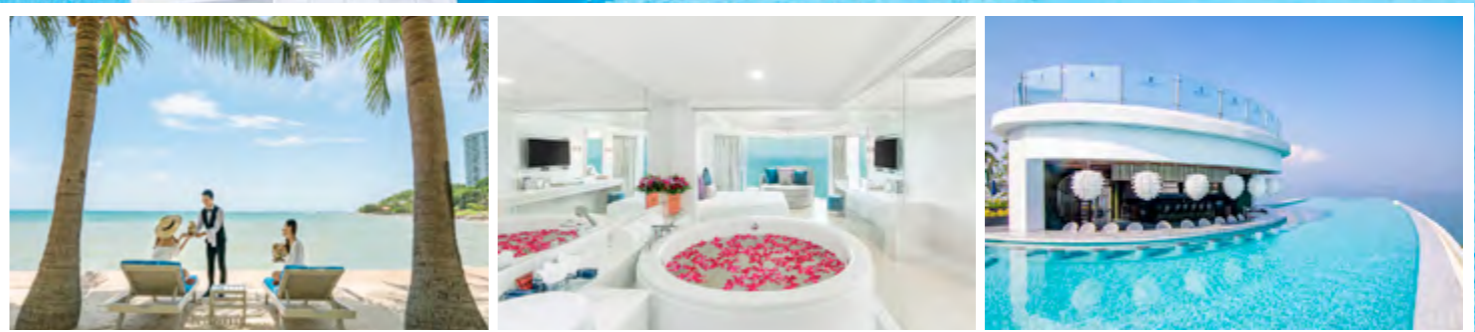


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Christmas and New Year with Pandaw



Pandaw is rolling out the red carpet with refreshed Christmas and New Year sailings across Indian and Mekong region destinations scheduled for late December 2024 to early January 2025.

With no single supplement, specially crafted festive menus and festive onboard entertainment, three Pandaw expeditions celebrate Christmas and New Year on iconic rivers in India and Southeast Asia.

To book, visit pandaw.com or contact the Pandaw sales team at information@pandaw.com

Vietnam and Cambodia

Classic Mekong Upstream **21 Dec 2024 – 28 Dec 2024**

Pandaw's Classic Mekong expedition sails from central Saigon. Embarking or disembarking in Vietnam's bustling metropolis, the seven-night expedition takes intrepid travellers along the mighty Mekong River through the vast delta rich in human life and endeavours to the serene

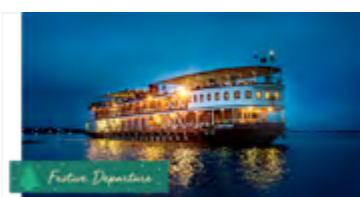
countryside of Cambodia.

There can be no tapestry of river life as fascinating and varied as the River Mekong. Pandaw's specially designed expedition ships are the perfect hosts to explore this delightful region in comfort and style. Travellers will experience authentic culture, people, and adventures as we sail off the beaten track in keeping with the Pandaw spirit.

India

Lower Ganges **26 December 2024 – 02 January 2025**

There can be no river in the world as sacred as the Ganges River, and an expedition on the Lower Ganges or Hooghly is one of the prettiest river journeys imaginable. The river wends its way through the lush countryside of West Bengal, which has culturally significant towns crammed with temples and palaces. A vibrant rural life abounds, and there is never a dull moment as we sedately ply this pleasant waterway.



You will start or end our newly updated seven-night itinerary in either the former colonial capital of Kolkata or Farakka, the location of the famous Farakka Barrage, where the sacred Ganges flows into the Hoogly River. With a one-way first-class train ticket included between Farakka and Kolkata, this is the perfect way to explore West Bengal in true Pandaw comfort and style.

Laos

Laos Mekong Downstream **18 Dec 2024 – 28 Dec 2024**

Laos Mekong Upstream **20 Dec 2024 – 30 Dec 2024**

Enjoy the splendour of Laos on Pandaw's 10-night expedition on the Upper Mekong. Sailing between Chiang Khong on the Thai-Laos border and through Laos toward Vientiane, the old French capital, you will witness stunning scenery, meet amazingly warm and friendly locals, and learn about Laos' national animal, the majestic elephant. We stop for three nights at the UNESCO World Heritage City of Luang Prabang with its dazzling wood-carved monasteries before heading deep into the mountains through rapids and gorges on our high-powered little Pandaw vessels.

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Dusit Thani Bangkok primed for September debut

Reservations at the Dusit Thani Bangkok hotel are fast filling up ahead of its official opening to guests on 27 September 2024.

Dusit International's reimagined flagship property has been completely rebuilt from the ground, paying homage to its 50-year legacy while setting a new standard for luxury hospitality. It's an anchor feature of the Dusit Central Park mixed-use development.

Designed with discerning travellers in mind, the hotel promises to make history once again and establish groundbreaking benchmarks in service and design. Rising on the same prestigious site as its predecessor, all 257 rooms at the new Dusit Thani Bangkok boast uninterrupted views of Lumpini Park. Elegant, cantilevered window seats extend from each guest room, inviting

guests to immerse themselves in the stunning panorama.

Bookings for the new Dusit Thani Bangkok are available now via [dusit.com](https://www.dusit.com).

The hotel's considerate approach to redevelopment was recently

unveiled at an exclusive media event in Bangkok led by Dusit Group CEO International Suphajeer Suthumpun. She emphasised the company's commitment to merging contemporary trends with the timeless spirit of the original Dusit Thani Bangkok, which was the city's tallest building when it first opened in 1970.

"For over five decades, the original Dusit Thani Bangkok was a beloved landmark, a true ambassador of Thai hospitality for global travellers," said Suphajeer. "As we embarked on its reimagining, we were committed to honouring that legacy while exceeding the expectations of today's sophisticated guests. This meant meticulously preserving elements of the original hotel and seamlessly blending them with a fresh, modern design. Throughout this process, we stayed true to the vision of Dusit's founder, Thanpuying Chanut Piyavong, and owner, Chanin Donovanik, to showcase Thai culture, art, and gracious service in a way that resonates with contemporary travellers and adapts to evolving preferences. Sustainability remains a core focus for Dusit, and this commitment is also reflected in the new hotel's design and operations. Ultimately, we aim to deliver an unparalleled guest experience while preserving the warmth and service that have always been synonymous with the Dusit Thani name."

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An Icon Reimagined

- 5,000** The hotel boasts over 5,000 square metres of dedicated meeting and event space – including one of Bangkok's largest grand ballrooms, featuring a dramatic eight-metre ceiling and a panoramic view of Lumpini Park.
- 50** Exquisitely designed by André Fu Studio, rooms start at an impressive 50 sq m and feature warm hues and subtle Thai motifs.
- 39** Sweeping panoramas of Lumpini Park welcome new arrivals at the Sky Lobby on the 39th floor.
- 3** Devanso Wellness goes beyond the spa, offering a unique urban wellness sanctuary built on three key principles: Pause, Focus, and Growth.
- 257** All 257 of Dusit Thani Bangkok's luxurious guest rooms boast breathtaking, uninterrupted views of the magnificent Lumpini Park. The elegant full-width bay windows represent gilded picture frames for the memories made during every stay.
- 10** Ten restaurants and bars (including four at nearby Baan Dusit Thani) position the hotel as a new culinary destination. Collaborations with award-winning chefs and mixologists elevate the gastronomic experience.
- 27** The reimagined Dusit Thani Bangkok will open on 27 September 2024.

Dusit Thani BANGKOK

Langkawi 99 Magical Islands

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