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[1. Mangala Resort & Spa](#)



Pamper yourself and be invigorated with a stay at [Mangala Resort & Spa](#), an award-winning eco-conscious resort. Located off the edge of a palm plantation, the resort boasts of serene landscapes, lush greenery and peaceful lakes. It's the perfect place for a tranquil getaway – far from the bustling city and close to Mother Nature! Across its 40 acres, the Mangala Resort & Spa offers four different type of villas, namely the Wetland Villa, Water Villa, Forest Villa and Amani Pool Villa.

No matter whether you are looking for a romantic escapade with your loved one, or seeking a family retreat this upcoming holiday, the [Mangala Resort & Spa](#) has something that's just for you! Besides soaking in the chill and relaxed atmosphere, take advantage of the resort's many facilities. Go for a bicycle ride or kayak in the vicinity; work off those calories at the gym; and of course, take a dip in the gorgeous infinity pool. Couples can also look forward to a soothing couples spa treatment, and a romantic dinner by the lakeside. Don't miss out on this luxurious experience and [book your villa with Travelog.com today!](#)

Address: Lebuhraya Tun Razak, Kampung Melayu Gambang, 26300 Gambang, Pahang, Malaysia

Attractions around the area:

Rainbow Waterfall



Image credit: [Tourism Pahang Malaysia](#)

Have you ever tried searching for that pot of gold at the end of a rainbow? If you haven't, then the **Rainbow Waterfall** is your best bet. Due to the specific angle in which sunlight hits the falling water, a beautiful rainbow forms here between 9am to 10am almost every morning. This natural phenomenon never fails to fascinate, and you can't help but be in awe of this enigmatic arc. Since the waterfall is deep within the forest, it is advised that you opt for a tour and let the experienced guides lead the way. Not only can they confidently navigate the uneven paths, but they will also be able to time your arrival perfectly to coincide with the rainbow.

Address: Jalan Sungai Lembing, Sungai Lembing 26200, Malaysia

Pantai Teluk Cempedak



Image credit: [Sihyoong](#)

Who says you can't go to the beach when you're on a forest retreat? Get the best of both worlds and take an hour's drive to **Pantai Teluk Cempedak**, also known as Palm Beach. Soak in the balmy atmosphere and wade in the pristine water for a fun day out in the sun. Take your pick from the many food outlets, and savour those sumptuous snacks and refreshing beverages after a splashing good time. In addition, there are play areas that are suitable for young children – so parents can be rest assured to let their kids have fun safely!

Address: Pantai Teluk Cempedak, 25050, Pahang, Malaysia

[2. Plassid Villa](#)



Get comfortable at the [Plassid Villa](#), your forest home away from home. This palatial residence is strategically situated within Kampung Bahru Pantai, and is surrounded by stunning mountain and garden views. The villa is equipped with a living space, two bedrooms and your very own kitchenette! Whip up your favourite comfort food and enjoy a peaceful day lounging by the balcony, taking in fresh air and relishing in the unparalleled peace and quiet. If you do want to get out of the villa, you can take a hike around the luxuriant forests or have a barbecue in the communal area. Wait no longer and [secure your villa with Travelog.com](#) to get one step closer to this cosy and private sanctuary.

Address: Seremban, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia

Attractions around the area:

Jeram Toi Forest Eco Park



Image credit: [Forest Department Peninsular Malaysia](#)

Spend a restful day at the idyllic **Jeram Toi Forest Eco Park**, a one-stop destination to experience nature at its best. It's the best place for a quick respite from the concrete jungle; you get to be in the real thing instead! The compound consists of not only a forest reserve, but also cooling waterfalls, natural pools and barbecue pits. Whether you choose to have an adventurous day trekking and swimming, or prefer some downtime in the middle of the woods, remember to always live in the moment and enjoy it to the fullest.

Address: Kampung Lalang, Kuala Klawang, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia

Seremban Cultural Complex



Image credit: [Tourism Malaysia](#)

Embark on a learning journey at the **Seremban Cultural Complex**, a museum that showcases all things cultural and historical. The complex is modelled after traditional Minangkabau (an indigenous ethnic group) housing, and is divided into three main buildings that display various artefacts, costumes and photographs. Go back in time to discover how the native people lived, and how the region has developed since. Consequently, you will have a deeper understanding of a new culture, and will appreciate your stay in Malaysia even more!

Address: Taman Seni Budaya, Jalan Sungai Ujong, Seremban 7020, Malaysia

[3. Sarang by the brook](#)



Image credit: [Sarang by the brook](#)

If you thought that forest retreats are only about traditional wooden huts and oriental furnishing, it's time to think again. At [Sarang by the brook](#), experience an unconventional way of forest living. These quirky, neon-blue containers actually belong to a collection of 11 private homes with varying sizes, each boasting a modern and eclectic mix of decorations. With such a small community, you can expect that there will be a high level of privacy for your restful getaway. Plus, the bright blue decor makes for Insta-worthy backdrops too!



Image credit: [Sarang by the brook](#)

Furthermore, [Sarang by the brook](#) is nestled between the tropical jungle and the quaint town of Kuala Kubu Bharu, so you get to enjoy the best of both worlds! Quench your thirst for adventure with outdoor activities like white-water rafting and river trekking, or head to town for a peaceful afternoon of eating and shopping. Give this novel home a chance – reserve your [very own container](#) for an intimate forest retreat like no other!

Address: Jalan Seruling 20, 44000 Kuala Kubu Bharu, Selangor, Malaysia

Attractions around the area:

Putrajaya Botanical Gardens



Image credit: (left) [Fyq Qyffee](#), (right) [Tourism Malaysia](#)

While the **Putrajaya Botanical Gardens** is more than an hour's drive away, it is definitely worth going the distance! Spanning over 92 hectares, the garden is the biggest in the whole of Malaysia and is home to more than 700 species of plants. This includes native varieties, beautiful blooms and also plants from the Asia-Pacific and Africa regions. Aside from admiring these stunning flowers, you also get to learn more about exotic varieties and the garden's efforts to preserve them. Explore this garden paradise and be rejuvenated by all the greenery around you!

Address: Persiaran Sultan Sallahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, Precinct 1, 62000 Putrajaya Wilayah Persekutuan, Malaysia

Genting Highlands Strawberry Leisure Farm



Image credit: [Genting Highlands Strawberry Farm](#)

Get your hands dirty at the **Genting Highlands Strawberry Leisure Farm**, where you can pluck strawberries directly from the vine! This popular attraction is a hit among families, and appeals most to city dwellers who rarely have such a hands-on experience. Suss out the ripe fruit and pop them in your mouth – they'll be the freshest strawberries you've ever had. The farm also cultivates mushrooms, herbs and other hydroponic vegetables, so be sure to check those nurseries out as well.

Address: No. 1, Lot 3707, Jalan Jati 2, Bandar Gohtong Jaya, Genting Highlands 69000, Pahang, Malaysia

4. The Waterway Villa



Image credit: [The Waterway Villa](#)

Beat the heat at [The Waterway Villa](#), found in the middle of the breezy forests of Bukit Tinggi, Pahang. Immerse yourself in the untouched beauty of the wilderness, and appreciate the slower-pace of life outside the city. No matter which of the ten room types you choose from, you are bound to let loose, unwind, and have the relaxing retreat of your dreams.





Image credit: [The Waterway Villa](#)

Each villa has been decorated with intricate craftsmanship, and you can admire even more of nature's beauty through the traditional decor in each room. Also, savour local Malaysian delights with Travelog's [2D1N package](#) – enjoy three sumptuous meals in the comfort of your own room, or with the beautiful forest as your backdrop.

Address: Bukit Tinggi, 28700 Bentong, Pahang, Malaysia

Attractions around the area:

Chamang Waterfall



Image credit: [Go Bentong](#)

Discover one of Malaysia's most undiscovered beauties at **Chamang Waterfall**, a 30-minute drive away from the villa. This hidden gem may not be the biggest, nor have the fastest cascades, but it certainly makes up for it with its photogenic landscapes and pristine waters. As you have a leisurely picnic or take a swim in the shallow pools, be one with nature and enjoy the serenity of your surroundings. Also, venture around the area with your family and friends – just past the waterfall,

there is a campsite for barbecues, sports and other bonding activities. It's basically your very own outdoor playground!

Address: 28700 Bentong, Pahang, Malaysia

Jimmy's Durian



Image credit: (left) [Visit Selangor](#), (right) [Jimmy's Durian Orchard](#)

They say 'one man's meat is another man's poison' – this adage has never rung truer than for the polarizing King of Fruits. Well, if you're on the right side of history and are a fan of durian, this will be a real treat for you! **Jimmy's Durian Orchard** is one of the most popular orchards in Malaysia, and for good reason. Not only do you get to see the thorny fruit ripen on trees around you, but you also have the opportunity to taste some top quality *D24*, *D10* and of course, *Mao Shan Wang*. Just imagine that mouthful of creamy, slightly-bitter durian flesh melt in your mouth. *Simply sedap!*

Address: Jalan Lama Bentong – Karak, 28600 Karak, Pahang, Malaysia

[5. Mantin Forest Art Farmstay](#)



Image credit: [Mantin Forest Art Farmstay](#)

Forest, meet farm – these outdoor experiences are not thought of as a natural pair, but the [Mantin Forest Art Farmstay](#) makes the combination look completely effortless! The estate consists of various chalets and timbre longhouses set amidst rolling mountains, gushing rivers and of course, the lush forest.

On top of the calming scenery, there are also a plethora of animal encounters that will elevate your stay here; take a stroll and feed the adorable goats and monkeys; pose with the vibrant and chirpy birds, or even go horseback riding! Bet you didn't think you could do all this in the middle of the forest. Have a blast as you engage in these exciting activities, and be mesmerised by the limitless nature at [Mantin Forest Art Farmstay](#).

Address: Kampung Mantin Dalam, 71700 Mantin, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia

Attractions around the area:

Centipede Hill

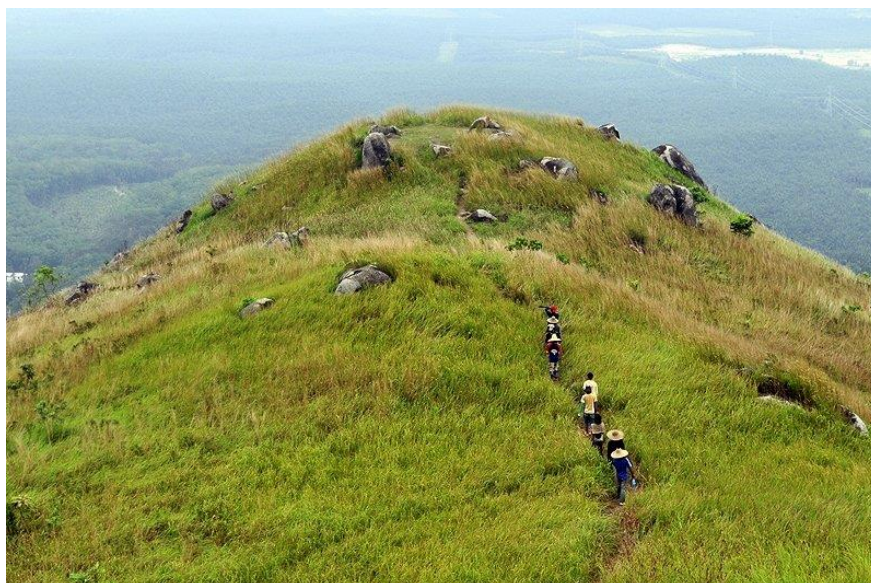


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Aside from cuddling with the friendly animals at the farmstay, get up and close with other critters like... the centipede! Fear not, **Centipede Temple** is no longer teeming with thousands of this multi-legged arthropods (as it did in the past). It has, however, remained a humble sanctuary that is a hotspot for both devotees and tourists. Make the 176-step climb to the top to marvel at the panoramic view of Seremban town, and stand in reverence of the many Buddhist and Taoist statues and monuments. If you *do* get the chance to spot a centipede, well you're in luck! Legend has it that finding centipedes here symbolise good luck and prosperity, so keep your eyes peeled.

Address: Jalan Temiang, 70200, Seremban, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia

Bukit Broga Hill



If you love physical activities, go for a hike at **Bukit Broga Hill**, one of the top trails for all outdoor and nature lovers. Suitable for all ages and fitness levels, this gentle slope is the best way to get some exercise and simultaneously take in the picturesque scenery. Time your hike right and make it for either sunrise or sunset; the views will be sublime! Do remember to equip yourself with proper hiking gear, and strap on some sturdy boots in case of muddy and slippery terrain.

Address: Broga, Semenyih, Malaysia

What else are you waiting for? Make your dreams of a relaxing forest retreat a reality this June holidays! With so many enchanting residences and a myriad of nearby places to explore, there's no doubt that you'll have an amazing time in Malaysia.

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