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## **Press Release**

*Berjaya Redang Resort's transition to...*

### **The Taaras Beach & Spa Resort - Redang Island, Malaysia.**

#### **Introduction...**

'The Taaras' is a bespoke Private Beach Resort, tucked away and hidden from the outside world on a small island found just off the unspoilt East Coast of tropical Malaysia.

Considered to be one of the most beautiful Island locations in the South China Sea, the Isle of Redang is home to our natural, yet stylish resort found on one of the most spectacular bays surrounded by one of the bluest oceans on earth.

The resorts ethos is to provide a contemporary, barefoot luxury experience with warm Asian hospitality, remembered with a smile long into the future. The name of the property is derived from the Sanskrit word 'TAARA', meaning 'Star or Apple of my eye' as well as 'Goddess of the Sea' which are all represented and epitomised by our mermaid figurehead.

The resort is managed by The Taaras Luxury Group, and was formerly known as Berjaya Redang Resort managed by Berjaya Hotels and Resorts.

#### **Overview...**

184 stylish suites and rooms, as well as a stunning five bedroom Private Villa perched high up on the cliff overlooking the ocean and resort below. The resort boasts commissioned furniture and bespoke photography of Redang Island and the landscapes of Malaysia. Each suite or room contains oversized beds and hand-picked linens and fabrics for your comfort. Most rooms and all suites have larger washrooms containing both bathtub and separate rain or monsoon shower (some with spa bathtubs looking out over the rainforest or the bay). Most residences have an outdoor balcony or verandah and our suites at the top of the cliff summit have spectacular views over the bay, beach and ocean below.

For guests who prefer or require further privacy, 'The Taaras Villa' our private five bedroom residence perched high up on the cliff more than meets the requirements; private access, a Villa Host at your 'beck and call' as well as twenty four hour security; should it be a necessary requirement. The residence also enjoys a sixteen meter Infinity swimming pool, personal fitness room and both interior and exterior lounge decks.

## ***"The Taaras ...personally professional"***

### **Different...**

The resort should be seen as a 'home away from home', where dedicated hospitality professionals will do their best to attend to your every need and assist you in an unobtrusive way... a team who already knows how important a 'few days' vacation is, whether you have travelled from near or far.

Imagine for one moment walking along the white talc like beach, under the warm azure sky, surrounded by tropical plants and coconut palms and a warm breeze blowing with only like-minded people within your view, all of whom are appreciative of the importance of those quiet moments. A space that is simple... yet elegant, where you can dress up or dress down and life is barefoot luxury inspired.

### **Imagine...**

A Resort Host or Leisure Concierge to organize your day... breakfast on your balcony overlooking the ocean, a quick snorkel at the coral reef before boarding the launch to do a spot of Island hopping or turtle watching. Then perhaps a true Robinson Crusoe moment; a castaway picnic on a deserted spot of the island or learn to dive with an energetic dive Instructor who will even 'find Nemo' if that's your desire.

Back on land; a massage and rejuvenating treatment to soothe the soul and calm the mind before a dinner where your table and chair may even be made out of sand and where the music played is *"song of the surf"*.

### **Access...**

The Island enjoys daily direct access flights with Berjaya Air to Redang Island Airport from both Kuala Lumpur (Subang Terminal) and Singapore (Changi Budget Terminal) Airports. In less than sixty minutes from Kuala Lumpur and seventy five minutes from Singapore you can swap 'City Chic' for 'Beach Chic'

Private transfers are also available from the Mainland of Malaysia through our Reservations Office either by private yacht charter or third party Helicopter charter. (please note this service is subject to availability)

### **Facilities...**

#### Room Category

72 in total, most with interconnecting options for families or friends travelling together. Beautifully appointed with oversized beds and plush bedding, rain shower, coffee and tea making facilities and balcony or verandah. All rooms enjoy Wi-Fi Facilities.

#### Suite Category

112 luxurious suites and depending on your choice with private balcony and views inspired by heaven. Many one bedroom suites have the option of an additional interconnecting twin room for families or friends travelling together. Suites are designed with bespoke furniture, art and artefacts as well as some with spa bathtubs and all enjoy Wi-Fi Facilities.

## Culinary

**Asean All Day Dining** - our all day dining/buffet restaurant serving a collection of Asian dishes. Situated in the main resort complex with an outside deck overlooking the swimming pool and bay beyond. Eat at any time of the day to suit your style and taste.

**The Beach Brasserie** - beachside seafood and western grill with Japanese and Italian corners. Whether on the outside deck or a table near the show kitchen, this modern and open space has the best views of both the white sandy beach and ocean beyond. Choose from a collection of Brasserie inspired dishes and firm favourites with a collection of wines to compliment both the surroundings and your palate.

**Asean Terrace Lounge** - our terrace bar overlooking the pool with a selection of great cocktails and light background music for pre or post dinner relaxation. This open space is open all day and is where you can both enjoy your sipping cocktail or linger over a Cafe Latte and decadent afternoon snack until dinner beckons.

**Bayu Beach Bar** - serving light 'beach friendly' snacks, refreshers and cocktails all day long. Situated right on the beach with sprawling chill out deck to pass the time until sunset and serving Snacks, Pizza and Sandwiches as well as cool refreshing drinks for your comfort around the beach.

**Experience Dinners** - choose from on water or land and make one of your nights on island magical; eat on a floating pontoon in the middle of the South China Sea, enjoy a Robinson Crusoe experience by being 'castaway' with your loved one and a picnic or enjoy a romantic candlelight dinner under the stars to name but a few.

## Island Blessings and Commitment Ceremonies

A million miles from the nine-to five, nestled in the azure South China Sea, lays a secret, perhaps nature's best kept secret... Redang Island.

As one of the most idyllic settings in Malaysia to re-affirm your love for each other, The Taaras Beach & Spa Resort is both individual and intimate enough to make your day truly unique.

This is the chance for you and your partner to renew your love for each other, whether it be a honeymoon, anniversary, renewal of vows or partnership commitment.

The Blessing itself will be simple and elegant; taking place just before the setting of the sun with every detail attended to by your private team of dedicated professionals. The decoration of the beach, the ceremony and even the option of traditional Malay dress should you wish.

This non-religious ceremony is performed by an Island Senior and the vows are spoken in English. A transcript of the spoken 'Blessing' will be given to you as a gift along with the presentation of your 'Blessing' Certificate.

There are four different 'Experiences', for you to choose with your loved one three are located on the beautiful beach with the water or Island as the backdrop, and if you are qualified Divers there is even an underwater blessing available at our coral reef for something completely individual.

## Recreational

Rainforest Recreation; there is very little this team do not know about Redang, whether on land or at sea there is a myriad of excursions and experiences for you to choose from should you so wish.

Catamarans, Turtle Watching, Snorkelling, Fun Fishing, Sunset Cruises, Round Island Boat Trip's, Jungle trekking, Nature Trails, Pedal Boats, Fun Towable Tubes and Parasailing are just scratching the surface.

Five Star PADI Dive Resort & Instructor Development Centre; one of only a handful in Malaysia where you can train to Dive Master Level or just learn how to enjoy the marine life around Redang with some enthusiastic and highly qualified professionals.

'GYMTONIC' your personal Gym; found on the hillside with quality cardio and weight equipment ...also with one of the most amazing views 'inspired by nature'.

Taaras Spa; intimate Asian inspired spa...found in a quieter area of the resort where natural and organic recipes are used to rejuvenate body and soul.

Games Room - Pool, Foosball and board games galore...fun for all ages.

Library Corner - chill out with the newspaper or a book in a quiet zone.

## **Coming soon...**

Meetings and Events Space '**On One**' - bespoke facilities for corporate retreats, small private parties or events.

Movie Room - have some fun in our mini home cinema room.

Karaoke Room - practice for the next 'pop idol' editions in the comfort of a private booth.

X Room - Games console room for those who need home comforts.

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