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MDTF 2009: Langkawi at leisure

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There is plenty to do and see in Langkawi and you can get lots of discounts and special offers at the Malaysian Domestic Tourism Fair next month

LOOK out for the Langkawi Development Authority (Lada) booths at the Malaysian Domestic Tourism Fair 2009 (July 3-5) at Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

You will get discount tickets to places of interest such as the Underwater World, Langkawi Cable Car ride to Gunung Mat Cincang and a mangrove swamp tour.

Some hotels in Langkawi will also be giving special offers and discounts, so don't miss the offers.

Langkawi, with its 99 islands, promises various nature and adventure activities apart from duty free shopping.

Since it was declared a Unesco geopark two years ago, the island's reputation had grown internationally. In the past, holiday makers would come to the island mainly for the beach, but now, they have found so much more to do, like seeing the island's natural and physical ancient wonders including unique limestone and karst formations and lush rainforests.

The hills and mountains here are breathtaking, especially if you see them from the cable car ride to Gunung Mat Cincang.

The adventurers who love to sail the seas have always listed Langkawi on their sailing itinerary because of the generous berthing facilities at Royal Langkawi Yacht Club and the Telaga Harbour Park.

Adventure tours abound. You can go feed eagles hovering over the river, take a hot spring bath, explore mangrove swamps, caves, fossil islands or swim in a magical freshwater lake separated from the sea by just a line of wall. The lake, passionately called Lake of the Pregnant Maiden, has been said to help women to conceive.

The Pulau Payar Marine Park, about one and a half hours by boat from the main island, is a haven for snorkelling and scuba diving with its diverse marine life, from corals to

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Langkawi has a range of restaurants, hotels and shops. Popular places line Pantai Cenang, Pantai Tengah and the main town of Kuah.

Spa facilities are also available along most of the popular beaches as well as in five-star hotels and resorts. Golfers can choose to tee off at the foot of a mountain like the Gunung Raya Golf Course or at the Datai Bay Golf Club that overlooks the azure waters of the Andaman Sea.



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