



# Bargain holidays up for grabs



No matter what your interest, this weekend's Malaysia Domestic Tourism Fair promises something for everyone

**I**F you missed the chance to get mum something memorable for Mother's Day, check out the Malaysia Domestic Tourism Fair (MDTF) this weekend.

The three-day event promises lots of holiday bargains, including luxury holidays.

Organising chairman Datuk Shamsul Falak says that although Malaysians generally associate luxury holidays with overseas destinations, domestic locales serve just as well.

One such example is Banjaran Hot Springs in Ipoh, Perak. This newly-opened getaway is one of the top five prizes in the consumer contest for visitors to the fair.

"You only need to spend RM100 to get an entry form.

"This is in addition to the lucky draws that visitors can take part in by making a RM1 donation at the ticket booth at the entrance. Proceeds will be presented to Zoo Negara," he says.

The hourly lucky draws, with prizes such as Firefly and MAS tickets, take place throughout the duration of the fair at the Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur.

Other highlights include tourism speaker sessions and cultural performances.

Topics for the hour-long speaker sessions include locations for must-

try food items and secrets of local war monuments as well as tips on travel photography.

Another interesting feature is the "Go Backpack!" section for budget travellers.

Visitors can also expect information on homestay providers throughout the country. If eco-tourism is your thing, stop by the booths of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment which will display local attractions such as national parks in Terengganu, Kelantan and Penang and the Kuala Gandah National Elephant Conservation Centre in Pahang.

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Shamsul urges visitors to check out the many bargains