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THE TAARAS BEACH & SPA RESORT

A bespoke private beach residence offering the utmost in luxury and seclusion, **The Taaras** is tucked away and hidden from the outside world on a small island—considered one of the most beautiful in the South China Sea—just off the unspoiled east coast of tropical Malaysia. Natural, yet stylish, the resort is perched on one of the most spectacular bays, surrounded by one of the bluest oceans on the planet.

Named after the sun script word “Taara,” meaning “star” or “apple of my eye,” as well as “goddess of the sea,” The Taaras welcomes guests with the grace of a goddess and the sparkle of a truly magical hideaway. The resort ethos is to provide a contemporary, barefoot luxury experience with warm Asian hospitality, for a stay that is simply unforgettable.

Location: Redang Island, Malaysia

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TOP SUITE: THE CLIFF PRIVATE VILLA

Square footage: 15,568

Nightly rate: About \$9,865 (MYR 30,000), including breakfast for up to ten

Number of rooms in suite: Ten

Number of entrances to suite: One

Number of baths: Five full bathrooms, with a Jacuzzi in the master bath

Suite style: Clean-lined contemporary with beautiful natural finishes

Key selling points: This mammoth villa is the perfect choice for a fun couples' retreat or family getaway. In addition to thoughtfully appointed living and dining spaces, the villa boasts a private infinity pool overlooking the South China Sea. Guests will also enjoy the services of a personal butler and the use of the resort's private yacht, *Berjaya Belle*.

Number of suites in hotel: 96, including one Cliff Private Villa

SPA SERVICES

The Taaras Spa: The Taaras Spa signature healing body massages, as well as facial and foot treatments, will leave guests completely revitalized and totally relaxed. Set against a backdrop of lush greenery, the spa draws upon the serenity and calming effects of its tropical island locale.

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Signature treatments: The Taaras Signature Massage, Ginger Sea Salt Scrub, Aromatherapy Facial (all skin types), Deluxe Hand Treatment

TOP RESTAURANTS & LOUNGE

Asean All Day Dining: Drop by this all-day dining venue whenever you feel peckish, and feast on a collection of international, Asian-inspired and fusion dishes.

The Beach Brasserie: Head to this laid-back beachside spot for seafood and Western grill, as well as Japanese and Indian offerings, all served alongside gorgeous beach views.

Experience Dinners: These magical meal experiences, tailored to your preferences, are not to be missed. Eat on a floating pontoon in the middle of the South China Sea, have your own Robinson Crusoe adventure (with a twist) when you're "cast away" with a loved one (and a picnic) or enjoy a traditional Malay feast under the stars.

Asean Terrace: This lovely terrace bar overlooks the pool, serving light bites, finger food and a delightful Afternoon Tea. Come evening, guests sway to light music while sipping sensational cocktails.

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SPECIAL SERVICES

Five-Star PADI Dive Resort & Instructor Development Center: This state-of-the-art center is one of the few in Malaysia where guests can train to Dive Master Level. Under the guidance of expert trainers, challenge yourself to become a master, or learn the basics, so you can appreciate the spectacular marine life around Redang Island.

Recreation: In addition to diving, the resort offers a slew of water- and land-based activities, from parasailing, fishing and snorkeling, to pedal boats and catamarans, hiking and turtle watching. Explore the untouched rainforest, take a romantic sunset cruise, play pool or foosball in the games room or spend the day splashing in the gentle waves.

AWARDS & RATINGS

- International Star Diamond Award, The American Academy of Hospitality Sciences

