



THE DATAI LANGKAWI HERALDS TROPICAL FESTIVE SEASON

Langkawi, Malaysia, 16 December 2022: [The Datai Langkawi](#), Malaysia, has unwrapped a bountiful selection box of tropically flavoured celebrations for the coming festive season, from seasonal feasts with a sprinkling of Michelin stardust, to rainforest, beach and children's activities and an artisanal Christmas bazaar.

Following a 'Spirit of Andaman' buffet dinner at The Beach Club on 20 December, the festivities begin in earnest the next day as world-renowned Chef Tom Aikens - the youngest British chef ever to be awarded two Michelin stars – launches the 2023 edition of The Datai Langkawi's signature *The Chef Series*. Chef Aikens' residency opens with a morning masterclass at the resort's fully equipped, rainforest-clad cooking studio, *The Dapur* (meaning 'kitchen' in Malay), and later the first of three degustation dinners at spectacular alfresco fine dining venue, *The Dining Room*.

Gastronomes can also look forward to a 'White Christmas' beachside buffet on Christmas Eve, accompanied by carollers and an acoustic duo; a five-course Christmas Day dinner at *The Dining Room*; and on New Year's Eve, a choice of gala buffet dinner at *The Beach Club*, or an eight-course degustation dinner at *The Dining Room*. Optional wine pairings from The Datai Langkawi's Wine Spectator award-winning cellar will also be available for all festive culinary events at *The Dining Room*. After enjoying their last repast of 2022, guests are invited to congregate on the beach for a magical countdown to 2023. Entertainment and music from a DJ and six-piece live band will build up to a dazzling midnight firework display over Datai bay, before continuing the afterparty into the small hours.



Pictured (l-r): Chef Tom Aikens; *The Dining Room* at *The Datai Langkawi*

For those wishing to give themselves the gift of selfcare, The Datai Langkawi will also host a wellness practitioner, more on the resort's new Well-being Series is due to be announced soon. A multidisciplinary master of spinal manipulation and muscle release techniques as well as a renowned motivational talk expert, Dr Rafael Bagheri will be in residence offering personalised treatments aimed at reducing tension and optimising spinal mobility. Guests will also be invited to join Dr Bagheri at The Nature Centre on Christmas Eve and Boxing Day for complimentary, light-hearted talks on how to de-stress.



Pictured (l-r): The Butterfly Walk; Canopy Walk; upcycling workshop at The Lab

Throughout the festive season, The Datai Langkawi's enriching daily programme of complimentary activities will continue to delight guests of all ages. Nature lovers can join walking rainforest immersions every morning and night to observe some of the jungle's myriad inhabitants, from monkeys to flying foxes and the singular mammalian glider, the colugo; discover some of Langkawi's 535 species of butterfly in the resort's Butterfly Walk; explore the mysteries of the mangroves by kayak; or learn the principles of permaculture in The Datai Langkawi's zero-waste food production scheme, The Garden. Children aged four and up can enjoy a series of specially designed nature activities, learning how the rainforest provides food, water and shelter for its inhabitants, discovering 'minibeasts' and botanical wonders.

At The Lab, crafting and artisanal workshops range from propolis soapmaking, upcycling and tie-dyeing to painting and batik-making. Guests can also find last-minute gift inspiration at the resort's Christmas Bazaar, showcasing Langkawi-inspired tableware by Ilham Ceramics, intricate batik chokers and statement necklaces by Ash Majid and sustainable scented candles by Dayang & Lilin. The Boutique will host a popup on 19 December offering cocktails, canapés, and customised Ankh Jewellery, while The Atelier will welcome Malaysian fashion accessories designer Ranong Peru for a series of workshops on the art of embroidery and jewellery making.

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Notes to Editors:

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For the festive brochure of The Datai Langkawi, [please click here](#).

ABOUT THE DATAI LANGKAWI

One of the world's most stunning resorts, The Datai Langkawi, is situated on the northwest tip of the island of Langkawi in Malaysia. Located in an ancient rainforest rich in wildlife and overlooking the tranquil Datai Bay awarded by National Geographic one of the Top 10 Beaches worldwide, the iconic property enchants with mesmerising nature, visionary architecture, understated elegance, and Malaysian hospitality. All the 121 rooms, villas, and suites at The Datai Langkawi, including the five-bedroom The Datai Estate Villa, offer breath-taking views of the surrounding nature. Elevated among treetops, set in the very heart of the rainforest, and located directly on the coastline, the dining outlets which include the award-winning The Gulai House, The Pavilion, The Dining Room, and The Beach Club, pay homage to the exotic flavours and culinary traditions of the region and beyond. Bespoke facilities include The Nature Centre, an educational facility and home to resident naturalists and marine biologists, and The Spa featuring Ramuan treatments, its own Akar retail range, and VOYA facials. Leisure facilities include three pools, a state-of-the-art fitness centre at The Health Club; an array of wellness activities including silat and yoga, retail outlet The Boutique, a reserved space to showcase local arts and talents at The Atelier, as well as one of the most scenic golf courses in the world designed by golf legend Ernie Els, The Els Club Teluk Datai. The resort has founded The Datai Pledge in 2019 - a sustainability and conservation trust that supports Langkawi's unique fauna, flora, and communities. All proceeds from The Datai Pledge aid this work and contribute to local non-profit organisation. The Datai Langkawi is managed by Datai Hotels and Resorts Sdn Bhd, a company incorporated to manage and operate hospitality properties in Malaysia and beyond.

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