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`Integrated' holidays at Sutera Harbour Resort

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IT IS said to be Asia's first "fully integrated resort", having been successfully in bringing together various facilities and attractions under one roof.

The Sutera Harbour Resort boasts of, among others, a golf clubhouse, marina clubhouse, sports and recreation facilities along with two hotels, The Pacific Sutera and The Magellan Sutera, and the Sutera Convention and Exhibition Centre, said to house the largest and most extensive convention and banquet facilities in Borneo with 11,696 sq m of covered space and exterior area.

Sutera Harbour Resort chairman Tan Sri Ahmad Kamil Jaafar said the construction of the resort on a piece of reclaimed land can be regarded as the "realisation of a dream".

"The concept represents a creation reflecting Man's unyielding spirit and capabilities."

The resort sits on 155ha of reclaimed land opposite Kota Kinabalu and faces the South China Sea and is a mere 10-minute drive from the Kota Kinabalu International Airport.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad opened the Sutera Harbour Resort late last month.

The Sutera Harbour Marina, Golf and Country Club is the heart of the resort. Its 27-hole golf course is beautifully designed and landscaped, complete with terrains, waterways, Bermuda grass and strategically placed challenging bunkers of fine white Malaysian sand.

Golf facilities include a clubhouse with a 41-bay two-tier covered driving range, pro shop, meeting rooms and changing rooms. Split window club car golf buggies is a requirement of play and the club observes a soft spike shoe policy.

Extensive recreational facilities are also found at the marina and yacht clubhouse with a 12-lane bowling alley, children's club, chart room, fitness room with saunas and jacuzzis, 100-seat movie theatre, billiard rooms, outdoor and covered tennis courts, squash and badminton courts and three outdoor pools, Olympic-size swimming pool, fun pool with water slide and children's pool.

The marina offers a 104-berth marina that can accommodate 13 mega yachts, 91 fully-serviced wet slips for smaller boats for short- or long-term rental, dry stack day boat storage, launching and takeout service, fuel jetty and pump-out service.

Facilities include 24-hour security, 24-hour supply of electricity and fresh water, fire-fighting services, harbour master's tower and marine equipment retail shop.

Resort guests enjoy access and cross-signing privileges at all dining, entertainment and recreational outlets within Sutera Harbour Resort. They can move around the complex via the internal shuttle service or take a leisurely walk through the marina boardwalk to the various outlets.

From the marina, they can hop on the ferryboats and visit the Tunku Abdul Rahman Islands to discover magnificent marine life and beautiful beaches.

For conventions, banquets, receptions, functions and other events, there is a grand ballroom each at the Pacific Sutera and the Magellan Sutera with a combined capacity for 3,200 guests.

There are 28 other meeting rooms throughout Sutera Harbour and an

exhibition hall with a space of 2,400 sq m.

The Pacific Sutera boasts of 500 immaculately appointed rooms and suites while the Magellan Sutera features 456 rooms and suites. All rooms have balconies where guests can view the natural setting to its full advantage.

The Magellan Club offers personalised butler service and its private lounge serves complimentary meals and reception services for guests.

The signature facility of this hotel is Mandra Spa, whose regal indulgences include rejuvenating massage treatments, body scrubs and beauty therapies using natural herbs, flowers and spices.

The Sutera Harbour Resort is also renowned for its innovative dining and entertainment experience. Guests will be spoilt for choice with the wide culinary styles and concepts as well as entertainment activities and promotions.

Pacific Sutera's food and beverage outlets include Cafe Boleh, a 24-hour coffeehouse; Silk Garden featuring an exquisite combination of Chinese and Thai cuisine which opens for lunch and dinner daily; the Waves pool and swim-up bar for a relaxing time by the pool; and the city's premier nightspot, KK's, the perfect venue to relax and unwind with a live band and delicious pizzas.

Magellan Sutera offers all-day brasserie-style dining at Five Sails restaurant. Other outlets are The Endangered Species Cafe, Spice Islands restaurant and Ferdinand's.

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