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Extraordinary pleasures at First World

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CHECK into Asia's biggest hotel at First World Hotel, Genting Highlands.

With over 6,300 rooms available, the hotel can accommodate more than 12,000 guests at any one time.

First World Hotel and the First World Plaza were officially opened by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad recently at the grounds of the theme park.

The expansive lobby, which resembles the hustle and bustle of an airport check-in counter boasts 32 counters for guests to register and check out.

Diners at the hotel have a choice of fast food, international cuisine and local favourites at the numerous food and beverage outlets at the hotel.

The hotel coffee house, The Tropical Cafe, covers an area of 4,013sq metre and has a seating capacity of 1,338.

Adjoining the hotel is also the 45,000sq m First World Plaza indoor theme park and shopping complex where attractions include "a gondola ride in Venice", a walk through "Times Square", a mini Eiffel Tower, the Big Ben, the Statue of Liberty and a walk down the Champ Elysees.

For the more adventurous there is the Rio Float and the Reindeer Cruise which gives you a bird's eye view of the surrounding area.

There is a snow house located in the "Switzerland" area.

There are 48 retail outlets and 52 food and beverage outlets.

Resort World Berhad marketing executive Esa Jaffar said this concept is the first of its kind in Malaysia.

"First World Hotel will be the ideal place for the whole family to enjoy fun and excitement under one roof and at the same time be close to other attractions at Genting Highlands," said Esa.

First World is connected to other hotels at the resort through escalators and covered walkways and is linked to the outdoor theme park via monorail.

The hotel also houses the Genting International Convention Centre which is 9,540 sq m and can seat 6,000 people. It is also the largest column-free hall in Malaysia.

For reservations, call 03 27181118 or 1800 18 1118.