

## HOTELS & RESORTS



### PULAI DESARU BEACH RESORT AND SPA

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Hotels and resorts become our home away from home when travelling. In fact, most tend to be better than home with their excellent facilities and exceptional service! Some of the best hotels and resorts in the region and even the world are located right here in Malaysia. From city and boutique hotels to beach and hill resorts, a memorable stay awaits.



**K**nown mostly to surfers as a spot to catch awesome waves, Desaru is one of Johor's most beautiful unspoilt beaches in the country. Today, it is also a great holiday option for families and Pulai Desaru Beach Resort and Spa is one of its hidden jewels.

The resort is just a 45-minute drive from Johor Bahru via the recently opened Senai-Desaru Expressway. It is also easily accessible from Singapore by road or a 30-minute ferry ride. From Kuala Lumpur, it is a three-hour drive. Although its

popularity is due mainly to its proximity, the real appeal of this property is its family-friendliness set amidst a 22km stretch of uninterrupted beach.

Gold winner of the prestigious Hospitality Asia Platinum Awards (HAPA) for 2011-2013 as the Signature Family and Recreational Resort, the property certainly lives up to its accolades. After undergoing a massive RM10 million facelift in September 2011, the resort now boasts modern architectural interiors, fresh colours and comfortable elegance.



The chic new design begins at its large airy lobby that overlooks the majestic South China Sea. Peppered with comfortable white patio-style furnishings, the lobby is also where a lot of the action takes place. While waiting to check in, guests can sip a cool umbrella beverage at the Lobby Bar as they take in views of the pool area and ocean.

This space also includes a Games and Kids Room. Adults have the option of playing ping-pong, carrom, shoot some pool or even test their skills on one of the many



video game consoles. Kids, too, can have their fun in the play room which houses a small slide, plenty of toys and a TV that runs cartoons all day.

Moving up into the 210 spacious rooms, the contemporary design carries through and is accented by cool and fresh colours like green, turquoise and lavender. Choose from five room types—Standard,





Standard Superior, Superior, Deluxe and the Loft. Each room is fully equipped with modern amenities including an LCD satellite TV and wi-fi, which seems redundant the moment you step out on the balcony. What greets you is a spectacular view of the beach that takes your breath away.



Whether you are travelling with a partner or with the entire family, there is something for everyone at Pulau Desaru Beach Resort and Spa. After you've taken a dip in the pool, used the gym, gone for a spa treatment and taken a stroll on the beach, be sure to check out the many recreational games—both in-house activities and some away from the resort—available to guests. For the active, try one of the many beach sport options such as Beach Soccer or Volleyball. Water sport activities are abundant too. A small fee will get you a snorkel, jet ski or even a fishing trip. If you are travelling in a large group, the hotel can

organize a telematch for you for just RM10 per person. Choose five games from an impressive list of 13 or take the Pulau Explorace Challenge—a two-hour treasure-hunt-styled activity for RM20 per person.

As the sun sets and the beach and water activities come to a close, a great night time activity for the family will be to rent a barbeque pit on the beach front. For just RM200, the pit comes complete with charcoal and a firestarter kit. Guests have the option of bringing their own meat and food for grilling or they can purchase it from the hotel.

Vacationers who are too tired to cook their own food can choose to dine-in. Visit the Palm Brasserie for an all-day selection of international and local dishes or the Japanese restaurant Tepan! featuring live Teppanyaki cooking.

An action-packed getaway set amidst clean pristine beaches is what holiday-makers can expect at Pulau Desaru Beach Resort and Spa. With so many things to do, one thing is for sure—the kids will never complain of boredom. If the kids are happy, so are you! **T**