

LIFE & TIMES TRAVEL

Blissful retreat

Be close to nature while enjoying all the amenities of a five-star resort at Pulai Springs Resort, writes
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IT'S quiet. It's secluded. That's Pulai Springs Resort in Pulai, Johor. The neck of the woods fringing the resort lends it greenery, fresh air and a calm ambience.

The sense of relief envelops me as soon as I enter the resort through an arched entrance. The tree-lined avenue is a shady walk to the Clubhouse and the sight of the well-manicured golf course on the left adds to the

cool ambience.

My two-bedroom apartment at its CintaAyu All Suites Hotel overlooking the golf course, is spacious and homely. There's a kitchenette and a dining table, a living room with a balcony, two attached bathrooms and two bedrooms, suitable for a family with two children.

The beds are comfortable and two extra fluffy pillows are provid-

ed. I love the big, walk-in closet as it includes a big vanity mirror and table.

What's a retreat without a spa? Pulai Spa is definitely the place to revitalise your body. It has a cool tropical and Asian-tinged decor but the best thing about it is its relaxing treatments.

Another attraction is the infinity pool overlooking the golf course.

Swimming to the edge of the pool and looking at the greenery beyond is so calming. Situated on the second floor, the pool is beside Cinta Deli, which offers international and local food.

The resort offers many holiday packages and the latest is the Legoland Malaysia Holiday Package. At RM480, you will get a night's stay at the hotel, buffet breakfast for two

persons, two Legoland one-day tickets and free dinner for two children.

Legoland is just 25 minutes' drive from the resort.

Another attraction is the shopping haven Johor Premium Outlet (JPO) which is half an hour's drive away. Pulai Springs Resort also provides shuttle service to JPO. How convenient is that!

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FAST FACTS

HOTEL

Pulai Springs Resort, Jalan Pontian Lama, 81110 Pulai, Johor. Tel: 07-521 2121. Fax 07-521 1818. Email: enquiry@pulaisprings.com. Website: www.pulaisprings.com

MAIN ATTRACTIONS

Golf, with two 18-hole championship USGA-class golf courses and the spa.

RATING

Five-star resort.

FIRST IMPRESSION

Classy and elegant.

ROOMS

CintaAyu All Suites is the latest addition to the Pulai Springs family. All 248 units are a unique mesh of contemporary concepts and traditional craftsmanship.

For travellers searching for a whole new level of indulgence and sophistication, Anugraha is the perfect choice within the resort. The brand new exclusive boutique hotel has three suites and 19 deluxe rooms.

RATES

Attractive online rates available for various packages, including Legoland Malaysia Holiday Package, Pulai Golf Packages and Pulai Solace Packages. Details at its website.

FACILITIES

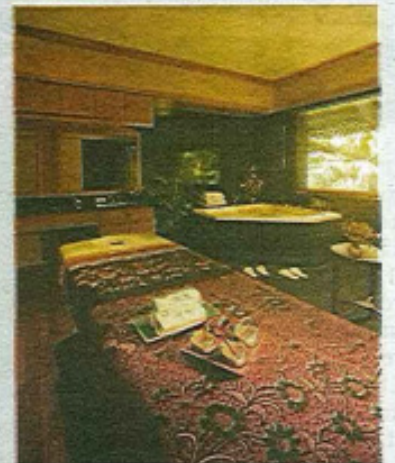
Golf courses, swimming pool, gift shop, spa and gym.



Expect friendly and helpful service

F&B OUTLETS

Cinta Terrace serves mouth-watering international and local spread. The imperial-style Qing Palace offers Sichuan, Fuzhou and Cantonese cuisine. The Gleneagles Terrace serves local and Western cuisine while the Elephant Castle is a typical English pub with an Asian twist in the form



Relaxing ambience at Pulai Spa

of karaoke. If you love sitting by the pool, head for Waterfalls Cafe.

OVERALL SERVICE

Friendly staff.

PLACES WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE

None. It's a secluded stand-alone resort.



Breathtaking scenery of the Pulai golf course