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Malaysia's Premier Wellness Retreat

Many residents of Greater KL are unaware that a soothing gem of a getaway lies less than an hour away from the urban chaos of the city. The Chateau, the world's first truly organic spa and wellness resort, is an easy and convenient drive away, yet feels like another world. The Chateau Spa & Organic Wellness Resort is located in Berjaya Hills surrounded by a lush tropical rainforest. Located on 34,000 sq meters of unspoilt land, and sited some 3,000 feet above sea level, it is a magnificent spa resort offering the ultimate in health and wellbeing enrichment.

Inspired by the 12th-century "Haut Koenigsbourg" castle in Alsace, France, The Chateau offers its guests a complete organic experience, as well as quality service and outstanding hospitality standards. The resort is built primarily around its impressive spa, and it's safe to say there's probably nothing like it in Malaysia. The Chateau's La Santé Organic Wellness Spa sets a true benchmark for a destination spa, blending the best of European spa expertise with Asian hospitality. Unique features of La Santé include a herbal-infused sauna chamber, an Aquaveda heated bed imported from Germany, and a Salt Grotto. A visit to The Chateau is simply not complete without a visit to the incredible spa and wellness centre that offers a range of treatments and special multi-day packages, all delivered in a comfortable, soothing, stylish environment.

The guest rooms are, of course, equally comfortable. Guests have a choice of 128 elegant rooms and suites from which to choose, including Deluxe rooms, Premier rooms, and Spa Suites; each room is distinctive, tastefully furnished, and environmentally friendly, and with "organic" being the theme, you can be assured that everything from the sumptuous bed linens and fluffy towels to the in-room coffee and tea products and the exclusive VOYA bath and shower products imported from Ireland has been organically sourced and sustainably

produced. Ground floor rooms include a lovely private patio area and virtually every room offers relaxing, scenic views of the surrounding hills and abundant greenery. This is truly a relaxing place to spend a weekend, further heightened by the resort's strict no-children policy, ensuring a tranquil and exclusive environment.

One notable touch at The Chateau is the resort's transparency about what is and what is not organic. Though the great majority of the products and foods offered are indeed organic in nature, not everything is, and the resort is very clear about that. For guests who are seeking a truly organic experience, this is a welcome communication. For instance, at the very enjoyable breakfast buffet, each item's placard shows not only the name, but its organic status, too.

This attention to detail, along with the resort's unique design, outstanding spa and wellness facilities, and gracious service standards, has earned The Chateau a number of awards in recent years. The Chateau also received double accolades quite recently as the resort earned four major awards from the prestigious Seven Stars and Stripes, a global award authority, and was further honoured with an International Star Diamond Award from The American Academy of Hospitality Sciences. La Santé spa also recently notched another big win with the top award in Malaysia at the 2016 World Luxury Spa Awards.

Unsurprisingly, dining at The Chateau is as enjoyable as the spa services, with afternoon tea in particular a most enjoyable affair, one rivalled by very few hotels or resorts in Malaysia. Dinner at the award-winning fine dining Lassiette French restaurant is equally impressive and should not be missed.

Beyond caring for its guests, The Chateau cares for Mother Earth, too, employing the latest in environmental technology and best practices in operating the resort, such as the use of a Japanese-engineered



compositing machine that recycles leftover food to make organic fertilizer, the conversion of a chlorinated swimming pool to a bio-friendly saltwater pool, the use of biodegradable chemicals in laundry and washing, recycling efforts, and the cultivation of three organic farms to supply fresh organic produce for the resort's kitchens.

In addition to the appeal of the resort itself, a number of activities and sights are also on offer onsite and also nearby, including golfing, the charming Japanese Village and Tatami Spa, an Organic Farm, horseback riding, a botanical garden, scenic trails, and various sports activities such as squash, badminton, bowling, tennis. Naturally, The Chateau also houses an outstanding fitness centre which is available for all guests.

Enjoy a truly relaxing and therapeutic weekend getaway to The Chateau. From the organic hand towel and welcome drinks offered upon arrival to its delightful organic cuisine and marvellous organic spa treatments, The Chateau truly offers an extraordinary organic wellness experience. It's an excellent way to leave the stress and demands of hectic city living behind you for a while and enjoy the pampering and hospitality of a world-class organic spa and wellness resort – one that's right in your own backyard! ■

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