

Chinese New Year
31 Jan 2014 – 01 Feb 2014
Venue: Nationwide



Chinese New Year is a time for celebration and merrymaking. Family reunion feasts and open houses are a common feature and children receive 'ang paws' or little red money packets from the elders. Don't miss the exciting lion and dragon dance performances at shopping malls and homes!



Le Tour de Langkawi
27 Feb 2014 – 08 Mar 2014
Venue: Kedah, Perak, Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Melaka, Johor, Pahang, Terengganu

Asia's premier cycling event, Le Tour de Langkawi 2014 is back! The race will go through states namely Perlis, Kedah, Perak, Selangor, Pahang, Terengganu and Kelantan.



Formula 1 Petronas Malaysia Grand Prix
28 Mar 2014 – 30 Mar 2014
Venue: Sepang International Circuit, Selangor

Watch adrenaline-pumping action at one of the most awesome tracks in the world. With its extreme hot and wet conditions, Sepang International Circuit is a challenge even for the finest drivers in the world. Don't miss this Hot!

Festival Layang-layang Sedunia (World Kite Festival)
19 Feb 2014 – 23 Feb 2014
Venue: Bukit Layang-Layang, Taman Bandar Pasir Gudang, Johor

This annual World Kite Festival is held in Pasir Gudang allowing kite makers from over 30 countries to showcase their colourful and creative kite designs as well as their incredible flying skills.



Putrajaya International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta
27 Mar 2014 – 30 Mar 2014
Venue: Monumen Alaf Baru, Precinct 2, Putrajaya

Watch as colourful hot air balloons float the skies of Putrajaya. Themed '1 World, 1 Malaysia, 1 Fiesta' this event features 23 balloonists from Belgium, USA, the Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Malaysia and Japan.



Port Dickson 4x4 International Sand Challenge
08 Mar 2014 – 09 Mar 2014
Venue: Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan

This is a competition between big and mean machines that was launched under the patronage of Duli Yang Maha Mulia Yang di-Pertuan Besar Negeri Sembilan Darul Khusus. It is the first-of-its-kind in the ASEAN region and has opened its door to participants from Thailand, Myanmar and Singapore. It will be a test of winching, handling, obstacles and may more!



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Cooking Classes & Restaurants
Just outside Kuala Lumpur!!



Driving from downtown KL to Kampong Sungai Penchala took us about 30 minutes. It is a small Malay village located next to the established township of Taman Tun Dr Ismail and close to Mutiara Damansara (IKEA, Tesco and Ikano Power Centre) and Bandar Utama (Utama shopping mall) that were once part of a large oil palm plantation.

Our first stop was the new home of Lazat Cooking House in Penchala Hill. DOH is proud to be the very first travel agent to work with Lazat back in 2007. Their new location is indeed a splendid place, a perfect environment to induce your creativity in cooking. Malaysian cuisine has a lot to offer, not to mention the diversity of cultural influence, but to really excavate on Malay cuisine; it will surely open your eyes! Here at Lazat, Ana - the founder, personally interacts with all her customers, regardless of where they from, most importantly, they have the passion to cook. Here, their hands-on classes are held every Monday to Saturday and presented in English by entertaining Malaysian instructors. Each day of the week they teach a different menu, and provide detailed explanations of ingredients and cooking methods. Students individually prepare their 3-course lunch at their own cooking station, usually consisting of an appetizer, main course, side dish, and dessert. Right after that, it is time to sit down and taste your own creation.



LAZAT COOKING HOUSE



Subak Restaurant

Next, we move on downhill to Subak Restaurant, which is only located 2 to 3 minutes away from Lazat. It is an Asian & Western fusion restaurant opened every Monday to Sunday including public holidays. As you enter the restaurant, the soothing sounds of flowing water from their own fresh water spring, and the natural cacophony of crickets and other jungle dwellers could easily make you feel comfortable. Despite the irritating



Later, we arrived at a restaurant named Muhibbah Seafood Restaurant; it is a fusion kind of restaurant, mixture of Malays, Chinese & Indian cuisines. We ordered three dishes, Chicken fried with dried chili & onion, Stir fried bitter gourd with salted egg and Ma Poh Tofu. The foods was not bad and we had a short break after our lunch.

Traditional Peanut Cookies!!

Ingredients:

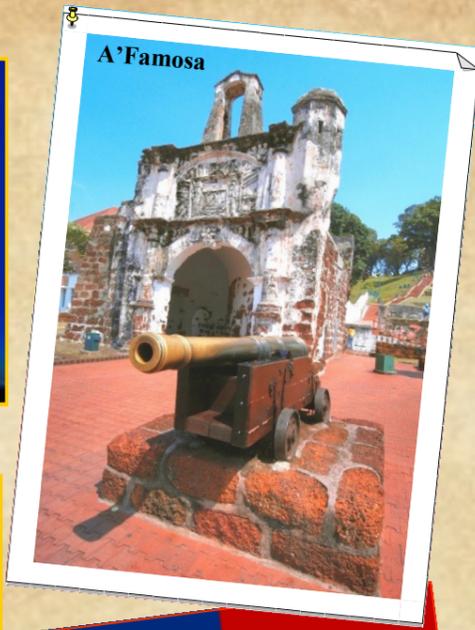
- 125 icng sugar
- 140g roasted shelled peanuts
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 140g flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 140g flour
- 1/2 tsp milk powder
- 30g cornflour
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 120g peanut oil

Method:

1. Remove the skin of the roasted peanuts and grind till fine.
2. Mix dry ingredients till well combined and add in the oil.
3. Mix to form a smooth dough.
4. Roll into balls and place into baking pan.
5. Brush with egg wash.
6. Bake at 180 degree Celsius for 10 - 15 minutes.



Swiss-Garden, Malacca
 Opening : 4th Quarter of 2014
 Location : Melaka City Centre
 Rooms : 306 units hotel room & 392 units serviced apartment




Legoland Malaysia Hotel
 Opened : 29th November 2013
 Location : Nusajaya, Johor
 Total Rooms: 249 units



Capri by Fraser
 Opening : April 2014
 Location : Bangsar South District
 Rooms : 240 units




Swiss Garden Residence, Sg. Karang
 Opening : 01 Oct 2014
 Location : Kuantan
 Rooms : 264 rooms



The Clans Hotel, Georgetown
 Opening : 3rd Quarter 2014
 Location : The Khoo Kongsi, Georgetown
 Rooms : 46 stylish rooms and suites

Do You Know?
 Malacca (Malay: Melaka, dubbed "The Historic State") is the third smallest Malaysian state after Perlis and Penang. It is located in the southern region of the Malay Peninsula, next to the Straits of Malacca. It borders Negeri Sembilan to the north and Johor to the south. The capital is Malacca City, which is 148 kilometres (92 miles) south east of Malaysia's capital city Kuala Lumpur, 235 kilometres (146 miles) north west to Johor's largest city Johor Bahru, and 95 km (59 miles) north west to Johor's second largest city, Batu Pahat. This historical city centre has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 7 July 2008. Although it was the location of one of the earliest Malay sultanates, the monarchy was abolished when the Portuguese conquered it in 1511. The head of state is the Yang di-Pertua Negeri or Governor, rather than a Sultan.



Pangkor Island Beach Resort (Renovation)
 Close : 1st July 2014.
 Completion : Approximately 24 months



Renaissance Johor Bahru
 Opening: 18 April 2013
 Location : Johor Bahru
 Rooms : 345 units



Grand Riverview Hotel, Kota Bharu (Renovation)
 Close : 15th December 2013.
 Completion : April 2014



The next destination was Bayan Indah Cooking House. From the traffic light junction at the main road, we turned into a slightly narrow road within the village houses, about 10 minutes; we arrived at the main entrance of the cooking house. We parked our car at the car porch and walk around the surrounding area. There is a little stream, lots of plants, herbs & spices, a beautiful garden with stepping stones and a small size board room for mini size gathering or meeting. Unlike other cooking house, Bayan Indah's kitchen is more into contemporary style and everything is prepared in small bowls and glasses, measured in a certain proportion and is ready for cooking. They stress on learning in a fun way instead of cracking your head when cooking a dish.

After that, we headed to The Roof, it is the 'IN' place now in Petaling Jaya, around the 1 Utama area and is located right inside First Avenue building. The Roof consists of five outlets, Signature, Score, Malt & Leaf, Play and Stratosphere. Fine dining cuisine, chit-chat place, coffee, clubbing and a hangout place at the top floor 360 panoramic scenery are all here. After a glass of "Christmas in June", we left the place and called it a day, a very nice day!



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Relief for the Victims of Typhoon Haiyan

With the help of an agent partner in the Philippines, we at Discovery Overland were able to do our small part in providing relief to some of the victims of Typhoon Haiyan. Following the announcement by the relevant authorities that it was safe to return to Tacloban, and with funds collected from the staff and management of DOH, we were able to sponsor ferry tickets for a family of 6 to return home, to start a new life. We wish them the very best. Along with the money, we also managed to send 4 boxes of pre-loved clothes to Tacloban.



Orangutan Appeal UK Adoption

For yet another year, we continue to adopt an orangutan (adopted orangutan: Gelison) under the Orangutan Appeal UK Adoption Program.



About Gelison...
 Date Arrived at Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre : 18th July 2010
 Age on Arrival : 8 months old
 Sex : Male
 Weight on Arrival : 2.6 KG
 Current Weight : 13 KG

DOH IN ACTION!!!



Furry Friends Farm Food Bank & Furry Kid Sponsorship

In line with our company's philosophy to give back to all in need, including the environment and animals, Discovery Overland was proud to be a 'Food Bank Donor' and 'Furry Kid Sponsor' (adopted dog: Daytona) for [Furry Friends Farm, Malaysia](#)