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# These Are Malaysia's Best Hotels, Pools, Spas and More in 2025

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**Travel + Leisure Luxury Awards Asia Pacific 2025 reveal the best hotels, resorts and spas in Malaysia—as voted by you, our readers.**

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**HOSPITALITY INNOVATION** thrives in Malaysia, and it shows in unique architecture and immersive hotel experiences that go far beyond conventional luxury. Wellness nestled in nature, refined city stays in the heart of the capital, and boutique gems full of character. In 2025, Malaysia's top stays deliver exceptional experiences across every kind of landscape.

## ***BEST BEACH, ISLAND + UPCOUNTRY RESORTS***

### **1. [The Banjaran Hotsprings Retreat](#), Ipoh**



Courtesy of The Banjaran Hotsprings Retreat

With an out-of-this-world location, The Banjaran Hotsprings Retreat is tucked in-between millennia-old karst hill clusters, a short distance from Ipoh. Its Jurassic Park setting makes the 44 luxury villas, on land and on water, therapeutic counterpoints to life in the fast lane—literally, because the water supply for the taking-things-slowly outdoor hot tubs in the garden villas derive from the bubbling hot springs nearby. This resort, also the Best Spa award winner this year (and last), continues to attract travellers seeking wellness getaways. Guests also come to sample Ipoh's finest bistro cuisine at Jeff's Cellar, a standout restaurant embedded within the caverns of a limestone hill.

### **2. [Shangri-La Tanjung Aru](#)**

### **3. [Crockfords, Resorts World Genting](#)**

### **4. [Shangri-La Rasa Ria](#), Kota Kinabalu**

### **5. The Danna Langkawi**

### **6. [One&Only Desaru Coast](#)**

### **7. [The Ritz-Carlton, Langkawi](#)**

### **8. [Four Seasons Resort Langkawi](#)**

### **9. [Gaya Island Resort](#)**

## 10. [The St. Regis Langkawi](#)

### **BEST CITY HOTELS**

#### 1. [EQ Kuala Lumpur](#)



Courtesy of EQ Kuala Lumpur

EQ Kuala Lumpur's five-star pedigree can't be denied. Its design encapsulates a sleek and modern Malaysian aesthetic, one that places less emphasis on maximalist trends and more on studied yet effortless comfort. Of course, accents like rattan chairs with artsy flair and reimaged songket prints in gracious gold are sprinkled throughout. Over at Nipah, discover crowd-pleasers such as fresh-off-the-grill satay and local delicacies, prepared in exacting traditional fashion. Up at rooftop Sabayon, you can savour French food and pop-ups by acclaimed chefs on hiatus from their Michelin restaurants around the globe. The hotel is also the ideal vantage point to see KL's ever-changing skyline up close.

2. [The Edison George Town](#), Penang
3. [Banyan Tree Kuala Lumpur](#)
4. [Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur](#)
5. [The RuMa Hotel and Residences](#), Kuala Lumpur
6. [W Kuala Lumpur](#)
7. [Cheong Fatt Tze — The Blue Mansion](#), Penang
8. [Hyatt Centric Kota Kinabalu](#)
9. [Eastern & Oriental Hotel](#), Penang



## 10. [Hotel Indigo Kuala Lumpur on the Park](#)

### ***BEST HOTEL POOLS***

#### 1. [The Ritz-Carlton, Langkawi](#)



Courtesy of The Ritz-Carlton, Langkawi

An infinity pool that seamlessly stretches across the Andaman Sea is what guests can experience here. This year's Best Pool winner shares a starring role with the cerulean skies above for the ultimate Insta-worthy shots. As the previous winner of Best Beach Hotel, this iconic property remains one of the island's headline choices for guests from around the world.

#### 2. [EQ Kuala Lumpur](#)

#### 3. [Angsana Teluk Bahang](#), Penang

#### 4. [W Kuala Lumpur](#)

#### 5. [The Magellan Sutera Resort](#), Kota Kinabalu

#### 6. [Banyan Tree Kuala Lumpur](#)

#### 7. [Hotel Indigo Kuala Lumpur on the Park](#)

#### 8. [The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur](#)

#### 9. [The St. Regis Langkawi](#)

#### 10. [Perhentian Marriott Resort & Spa](#), Perhentian Islands

## BEST HOTEL SPAS

### 1. [The Banjaran Hotsprings Retreat](#)



Courtesy of The Banjaran Hotsprings Retreat

This jungle-ensconsed gem, as the Best Spa winner for two years running, has natural wellness built into its core. Its spa menu centres on traditional Malay *ramuan* therapies along with Chinese and Ayurvedic healing modalities, but there are also plenty of contemporary spa fixtures too, like ESPA and Margy's Monte Carlo products.

### 2. [Perhentian Marriott Resort & Spa](#), Perhentian Islands

### 3. [EQ Kuala Lumpur](#)

### 4. [The Ritz-Carlton, Langkawi](#)

### 5. [Spa Village Tanjong Jara](#)

### 6. [The Westin Langkawi Resort and Spa](#)

### 7. [Spa Village](#) at The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur

### 8. [Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa](#), Penang

### 9. [Banyan Tree Kuala Lumpur](#)

### 10. [Bunga Raya Island Resort & Spa](#), Kota Kinabalu

## BEST GENERAL MANAGERS

### 1. **Fiona Hagan**, Shangri-La Rasa Ria, Kota Kinabalu





Fiona Hagan's commitment to guest satisfaction along with sustainability initiatives has no doubt helped make her the top choice for this year's Best GM Award. Of particular note, Hagan has launched environmental programs to conserve energy at the resort, limit waste, and promote wildlife conservation.

**2. Bipan Kapur**, Renaissance Kuala Lumpur

**3. Marc Groh**, The Banjaran Hotsprings Retreat

**4. Gerard Walker**, EQ Kuala Lumpur

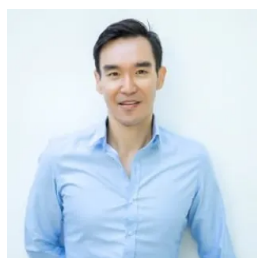
**5. Jasmin Keh**, M Social Resort Penang

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