

# GENTING: CITY OF ENTERTAINMENT



The Genting Highlands are only one hour from Kuala Lumpur, away from the hustle and bustle of the metropolis, but very much alive for those who seek world class accommodation, cuisine and – above all – entertainment. At the heart of the highlands is the Genting Highland Resort. Situated about 51 km northeast of Kuala Lumpur, it is 2000 metres above sea level, and seems to have been carved out of the Ulu Kali mountain range. A “city of entertainment” is exactly what the resort (known to all simply as “Genting”) is.

Genting can quite credibly claim to be Malaysia’s premier, fully integrated family holiday destination. Its status follows extensive developments plans over the years, including the completion of the First World Complex, the First World Hotel, the First World Plaza, and the Genting International Convention Centre.

Genting features six hotels with over 10,000 guest rooms, over 90 distinctive dining outlets, a shopping “paradise” with over 80 stores, exciting indoor and outdoor theme parks with more than 50 fun rides, lively casino gaming, and more than 10 leisure and entertainment “hotspots”. The latest attraction of the Genting theme park, Snow World, which opened in July 2003, is the largest indoor snow house in Malaysia, and draws more than 2,000 visitors daily, making it the most sought-after experience at the park.

Tube sledding and a new simulator called Glacier Run offer icy thrills and spills, all in keeping with the theme “Fun at the Peak.” The resort also operates Genting Skyway - the longest cable car in Southeast Asia - spanning 3.38km from the mid-hill at Gohtong Jaya to Highlands Hotel at the peak. Visitors to Genting Highlands will also be spoilt for choice with entertainment hotspots, including Safari with its lounge and private dining rooms at the Genting Hotel; Sports Book and its big-screen TV with the latest in sporting events, and the Cloud 9 Disco. Because of its outstanding facilities, Genting attracts more than 18 million visitors from both Malaysia and overseas every year.

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