

zafigo ZINE

INSPIRING WOMEN THROUGH TRAVEL

2021: A Year #ToBe



Foreword by Marina Mahathir

We can't wait to leave 2020 behind us. But what will 2021 bring? A new year always brings new hope and wishes. At Zafigo, we prefer not to dwell in the past and instead look to the future. In this new edition of ZafigoZine, we're daring to be optimistic about what we need to successfully grapple with the world in the coming year and maybe even the next decade. We need to take the lessons we learnt in 2020 to help us cope with new adventures. In this issue, our mantra is #ToBe. We aim to underscore all our potential, not just to help ourselves and our own wellbeing but also to help others. Take a look at the many ideas we have provided here to help you face 2021, from places to visit, things to do and people to support. Altogether now, best foot forward!



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Redang
Island

Learning Lessons From 2020

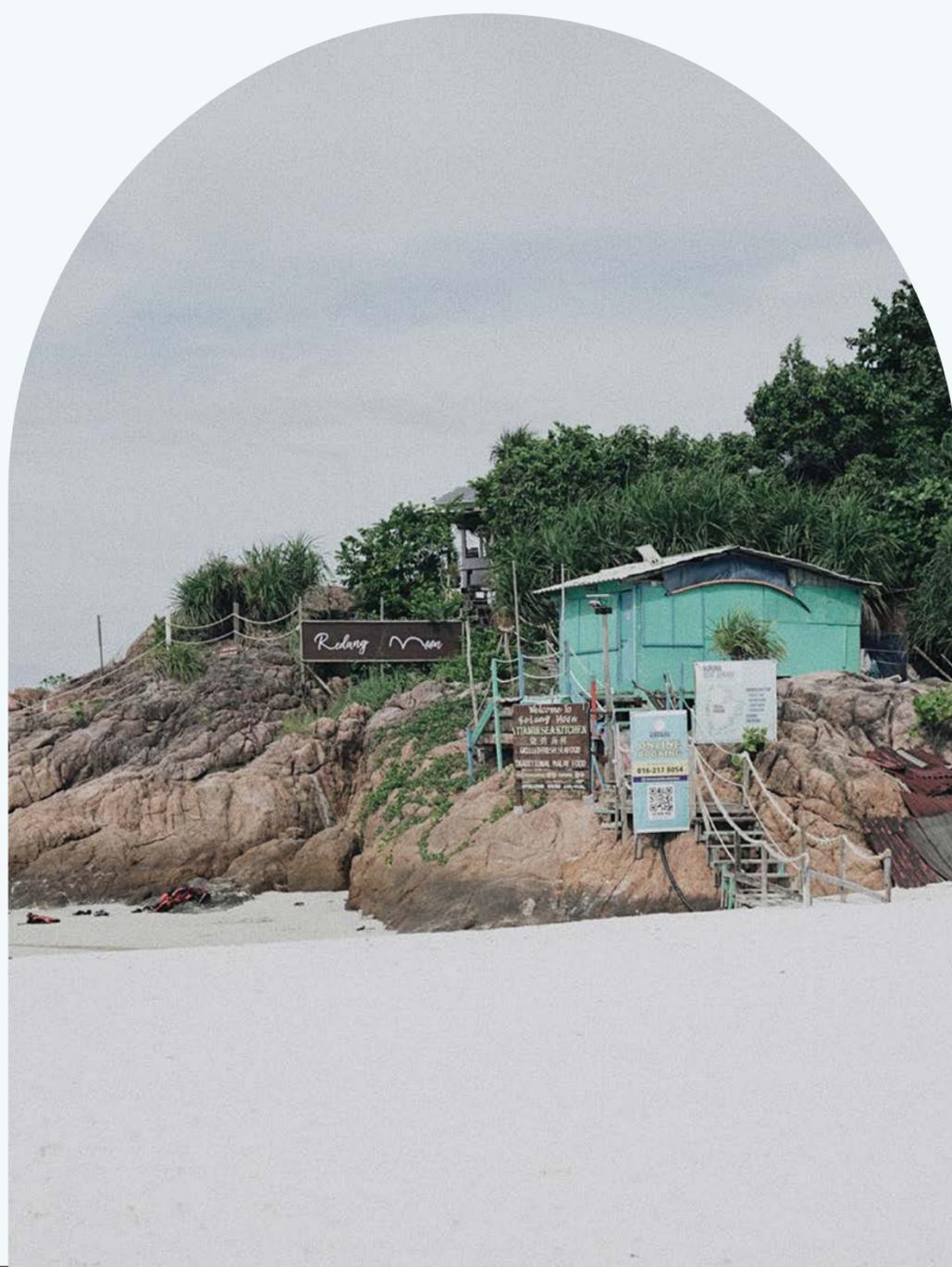
A short getaway to Redang Island on Peninsular Malaysia's east coast gives Rathika Sheila the opportunity to reflect on life as she's come to know it amidst the insanity that is this year.

Reminiscing in Redang

"My well-being is my priority, and I'm better at communicating what I need. I've also gotten so comfortable with being by myself that it's sometimes difficult to go out with other

people – my go-to motivators are good food and white wine. I can't say no to either. More importantly though, I've learned that I deserved good things."

- Rathika Sheila



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I learned what it means to be kind, and to be present for myself.





Kampung Living: Rumah Tiang 16 & Lenggong Town

Three hours away from the hustle and bustle of KL sits Lenggong, the little town that could, boasting archaeological sites and museum visits, a backwater cruise, a cave tour, a forest walk, and lots of authentic traditional Malay gastronomy. We spent three full days checked in at Rumah Tiang 16, a kampung retreat whose main aim is to showcase all the wonderful things Lenggong has to offer, and they've succeeded in doing so. Lenggong is magical, so it's no wonder that it's a UNESCO World Heritage Site, but it's an absolute wonder how not more people have heard of it.

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Holiday Shopping List



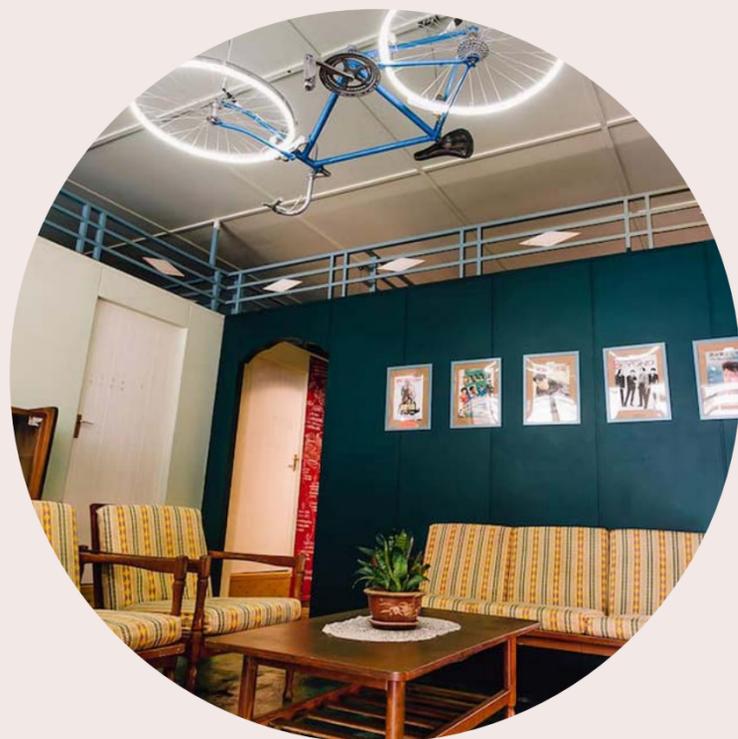
Get your Christmas shopping ideas from the Zafigo-getters so you too can #SapotLokal

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Check-in For Under RM300

Been to these places before? They're worth adding to your 'When It's Safe To Travel Again' list.



Riverside Village Abode, Cameron Highlands, Pahang

This space is perfect for those who find themselves missing the '90s, in the sense that guests will be able to spend the weekend relaxing on rattan chairs while sipping on coffee to an amazing view.



Boyan Heights Rainforest Homestay, Siburan, Sarawak

This is beautiful modern home infuses traditional Sarawakian longhouse designs with spectacular views of the rainforest and mountains. It's also close to plenty of attractions.





City Guide: Kota Bharu

The capital of Kelantan, Kota Bharu is a big city with a small-town vibe. It also likely isn't the first place that pops to mind when planning a holiday in Malaysia, but this east coast city has much to offer.

Reinventing Travel in 2021

It's been a long decade this past year, but the lessons we've learned will last a lifetime. We spoke to representatives of Google and Klook to find out what Malaysian travellers may be looking for in 2021:



Places that are flexible with its cancellation policies



More activities and experiences in the great outdoors



Staycations are here to stay as many Malaysians are weary of travelling abroad



Honesty is the best policy, and reviews are more important than ever before



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When you look back at
this year and struggle
to find something to be
proud of accomplishing,
tell yourself this:
I survived a pandemic

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Virtual City Tours

For those thirsting to see the world again, why not jump on a digital walking tour?



Tokyo, Japan



Petra, Jordan



Ibiza, Spain



Venice, Italy

Day Trips To Take From KL

Where do you go on a day trip from KL? We've got a list for you!

Being in the middle of Peninsular Malaysia, KL is surrounded by scenic stop-overs, making choosing a day trip destination a tough decision.



Top: Taiping, Perak
Left: Bentong, Pahang

Here are **seven** awesome ideas:

- Bukit Batu Putih, Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan
- Frasers Hill, Pahang
- World of Phalaenopsis, Ulu Yam, Selangor
- Taiping, Perak
- Kuala Selangor, Selangor
- Bentong, Pahang
- Sekinchan, Selangor





FOOD

1 City, 10 Cuisines



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If there's one thing KL can pride itself on, it's the myriad cuisines available all over the city.



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BARS

A Tipple Treat

From speakeasies to rooftop taverns to oceanfront bars, KL and Langkawi have them all! These lists feature the crème de la crème of bars in two of Malaysia's most-frequented destinations. Of course, they all serve up delicious cocktails by award-winning bartenders. We've handpicked the few that we feel have the best vibes, menus, and views.

Pic credit: Left: @thepawnroom, Right: @cellarbanklangkawi



More
KL Bars



More
LGK Bars



Looking After Your *Mental Health*



Mindfulness is calming our minds, and not focusing on the past or future, but rather, on here and now. We spend so much time replaying bad memories or thinking about different

eventualities that may not even happen, resulting in anxiety. If we just focus on here and now, we'll find that it's quite peaceful. And serenity is something we could all use in these trying times.



GIRLFRIEND GETAWAYS

Life's A Beach! Coastal Resorts For Your Next Great Escape



Club Med
Cherating



Malaysians can count their blessings to live in a country that's so rich with tropical rainforests, breezy highlands, postcard-worthy islands, and pristine beaches. With the country surrounded by the Straits of Malacca and the South China Sea, there are acres upon acres of coastline for us to explore. From Club Med in Cherating to The Taaras on Redang, take a gander at one of the country's many coastal resorts.

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Red Hongyi

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Mona Minkara

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Thuymi Do



Year-End Jams

Tune in while you tune out! Unwind to these timeless **Spotify playlists** when you're on holiday or dreaming of being on one.

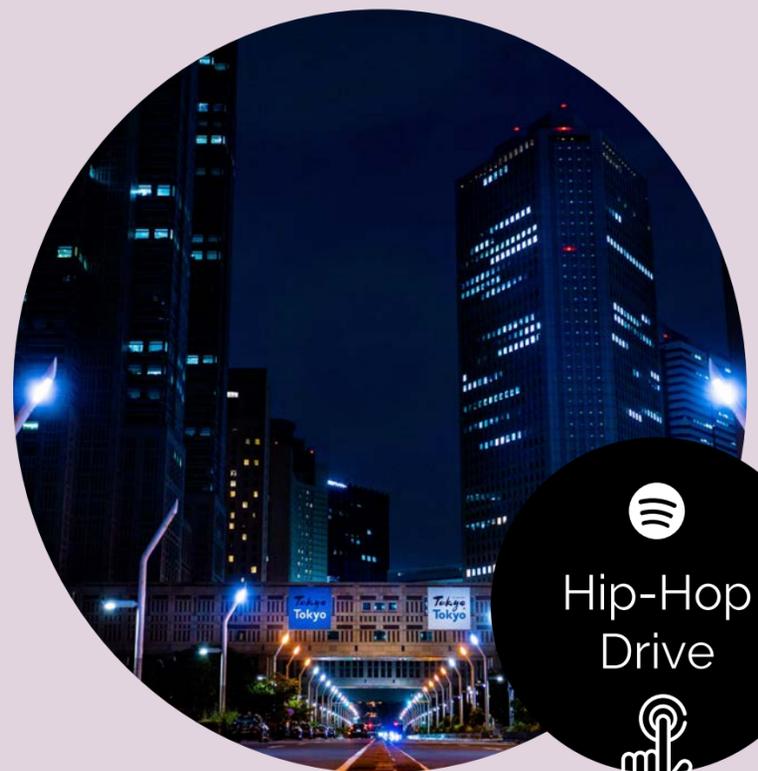



Island Vibes





Winter Sounds

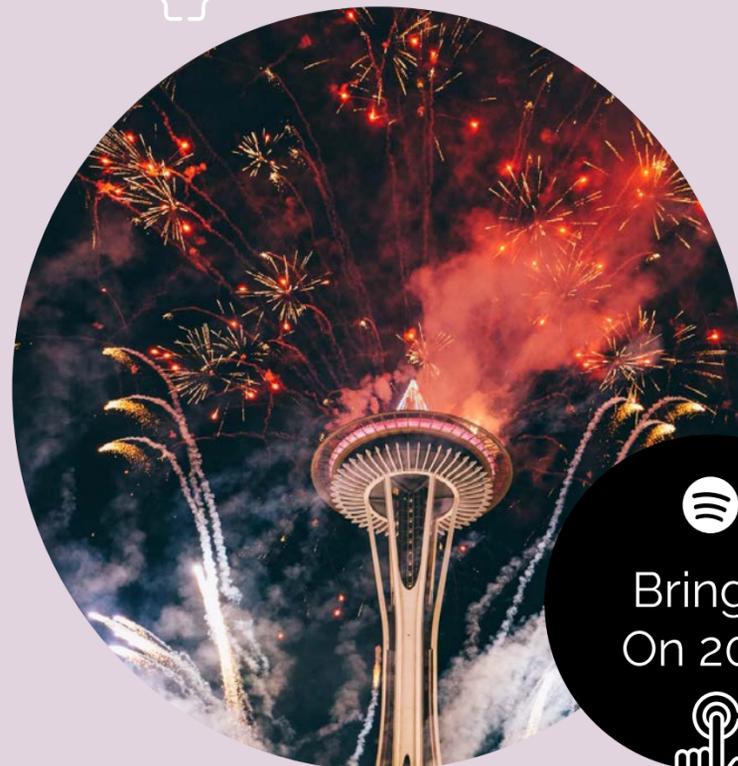




Hip-Hop Drive





Dancing Dinner Party


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