



SABAH, BORNEO

Marine conservation meets luxury

Check into YTL Hotels' luxurious Gaya Island Resort off the coast of Borneo for that quiet getaway while learning about marine conservation at the same time. The resort, part of the Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park, has its own marine centre with a resident marine biologist. It recently launched the Gaya Island Resort Marine Centre, which focuses on turtle rescue, coral reef restoration and conservation through education, as part of its long-term plan to protect the marine ecosystem. The marine centre will rescue, rehabilitate and release turtles that they receive and guests can adopt a turtle too. They will be emailed monthly updates on the turtles including their whereabouts after the

turtles are released into the sea, via a GPS tracking system. Gaya Island has 121 villas and suites set in the hills, offering views of ancient rainforest, mangroves and the South China Sea. While there are two restaurants and a pool bar and lounge, private dining experiences are also available. The resort's beach is nearby, but a secluded private beach at Tavajun Bay is a five-minute boat ride away. The award-winning Spa Village, built in a mangrove setting, provides body treatments to rejuvenate and refresh, as well as yoga. Take a guided nature walk or choose from a variety of cultural classes such as cooking, dance and craftwork to complete the experience.

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TANZANIA

Safari adventure

Safari company Nomad Tanzania has added another camp to its list, offering wildlife adventure in Ruaha National Park, the largest in the country. Set in a secluded grove on the banks of the Ifuguru Sand River, the Kigelia Ruaha camp offers six large safari tents with their own veranda and en-suite bathroom providing under-the-stars heated bucket showers. Plans are afoot to renovate the camp in 2014 and it will reopen in June with a fresh new look.

Ruaha National Park, Iringa, Tanzania
nomad-tanzania.com