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# ASIA'S BEACH BARS

## STAY A WHILE: BINTAN ISLAND

TO GET TO CEMPEDAK, YOU'LL TAKE THE FERRY THROUGH THIS NEARBY ISLAND, AND IT IS WORTH STOPPING OVER FOR A FEW DAYS TO EXPLORE. HERE, HOW TO GET THE BIGGEST BANG OUT OF BINTAN.



### SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

The island's most famous destination is **Bintan Resorts**, a clutch of 12 resorts in total, with four new properties in the works, spread along 18,000 hectares of the island's north coast. **Treasure Bay**, a recent addition to this vast collection, has a little bit of everything, from glamping at Canopi resort to all manner of splash-happy fun in their Crystal Lagoon, a six-hectare man-made seawater pool. There is a jetvator (*above*), wake boarding, waterslides, paddleboarding, aquaglide sailboats, kayaks, water-tricycles, sea scooters, bumper boats, an inflatable ball that lets you walk on water, ATVs, scooters and, if the list wasn't long enough, much more. [treasurebaybintan.com](http://treasurebaybintan.com); entrance fee for non-guests \$56; tents at Canopi from Rp2,000,000.



### CULTURE & NATURE

Rather than manufacturing a destination, new tours of the island are trying to reflect the roots of the place, which, at twice the size of Singapore, has lots to offer. Bintan was a trading post between China and India, and has been occupied by the Chinese, British and Dutch. Check out the Sino influence with a visit to Senggarang Village or plan a trip to Grotto Santa Maria to see the ancient handiwork of a Dutch priest.

A drive to Panglong Village will take you across Bintan's rubber and palm oil

plantations, fields of pineapples, and durian orchards to the Berakit coast for a glimpse of sea-gypsy life, with boat builders, fishing villages and maritime nomads.

There are also many Instagram-worthy photo opportunities, from the newly opened Vihara Ksitigarbha Bodhisattva, which has 500 life-sized statues of holy men, to the Rumah Arang charcoal kilns, to Gurun Pasir Busung sand dunes.

In the evening, a boat tour of Sebung River and its mangrove forest will be lit by both the stars and fireflies. *BRC Tours*; [bintan-resorts.com](http://bintan-resorts.com).



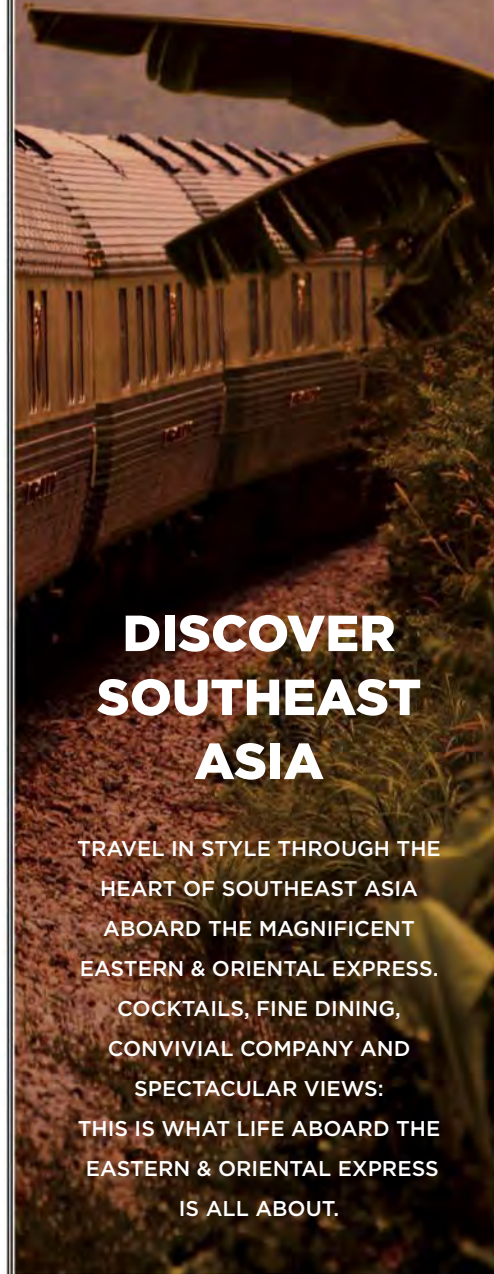
### STYLE & BEAUTY

It is little surprise that Natalya Pavchinskaya, owner of the **Sanchaya**, –arguably Bintan's sleekest stay, with an eye-catching black-and-white aesthetic and beautiful rooms themed around various countries in Southeast Asia–has now launched her own line of clothing and beauty products.

**S'ya skincare** was made in collaboration with beauty expert Kazumasa Kawasaki, whose 60-minute Kawasaki Way facial treatment, dubbed a non-surgical facelift, is now offered at the resort's spa. The **beauty kit** (US\$205; available at [Sanchaya](http://Sanchaya.com) or order from [thecollection@thesanchaya.com](mailto:thecollection@thesanchaya.com)) comes with a facial-massage stick, a rejuvenating face oil, a facemask and an exfoliating skin brush.

The **S'ya collection** (available at [Sanchaya](http://Sanchaya.com) and pop ups in Singapore; US\$50 –\$98) of clothing, released in March, includes 20 items, from silk tops and mesh singlets to jeans and high-waisted shorts. "The Sanchaya wants to go home with you," Pavchinskaya says, "not merely in your memory bank, but in your suitcase, too."

The pieces are made of light material like cotton, silk and lycra, in neutral tones that are easy to mix and match. [thesanchaya.com](http://thesanchaya.com); doubles from US\$500.



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