

## A place to re visit!!

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It was unexpected but fortunate twist of fate that brought us to Pulau Redang off the coast of Trengganu. We had originally booked and paid for a mini break to Sibul island but 24 hrs before our departure we received a call to inform us the resort was about to undergo major renovation, it was a disappointment but the resort management compensated us with an upgrade stay at their sister resort on Redang island.



This turn of events turned out to be very much in our favour as Redang is known to be a very desirable destination and we had often thought of visiting. We were not disappointed. After a 8 hrs drive from JB, we arrived just in time to board the ferry from Shahbandar jetty. The journey took about one and a half hours sailing through crystal clear waters, until the beautiful bay we would be staying at unfolded before us. It was late when we arrived, just enough time to check in, book a snorkeling trip for the following day and have dinner at a nearby beach front restaurant, followed by an early night.



Our chalet was sea facing and right on the beach so the next morning we were greeted by a lovely early morning sunrise. After breakfast we met with just two other guests which made up our group of only six people to go on our snorkeling trip. After a 15 mins boat ride we arrived at the site where there were already quite a number of people from other resorts. However, it wasn't over crowded so we were able to enjoy a beautiful experience. The visibility was excellent and it was the first time that I ever swam with so many different types of fish, it was really an amazing experience.

After an hour or so we returned to our chalet for a quick shower and change before heading off for jungle trek across the island to a serene bay on the other side. It's was very hot and humid in the jungle but I was enjoying it until the moment disaster struck when my walking shoes decided to fall apart on me! We eventually arrived at a beautiful resort. We had lunch and we made temporary repair for my shoes with tape borrowed from the reception. It work fine until about half way back the sole my shoes fell off completely. I ended up completing the trek with shoes that look like 'ballet shoes'. It was very uncomfortable but I made it.



On the second day we took it a bit easier and went on another snorkeling trip where we saw a lot of live corals.



It was even more fun this time cause I took some bread in the water and fed the fish, they went wild they even tried to nibble my fingers. My son took some photos of me surrounded by the feeding fish, it was the first time experience for me and I was amazed.



On the third day we just enjoying strolling around the beach and letting our aching muscles repair! Redang is a very nice island to visit if you enjoy water sports, it has several resorts to suit different budgets, but if you really want to spoil yourself I would strongly recommend the Taaras Resort and Spa, which is a five star resort. I give Redang a five star recommendation.