

Club Med Bintan Island & Singapore July 2016

I am already a happy Club Med devotee but love to stay at the different resorts around the world & Club Med Bintan Island is yet another wonderful resort for everyone to enjoy. With their wonderful fully inclusive resort you know that there really isn't anything else you need to pay for except maybe a beautiful spa treatment or two.

We were there with a large corporate group as part of a reward program and knowing that everyone is taken care of regardless of age or family size just makes life so much easier. Club Med truly is an all-inclusive resort that also has the ability to guarantee interconnecting rooms for families making the whole experience just so much more enjoyable.

With both a main restaurant with delicious buffet style serving & a feature restaurant on the water's edge there are eating options for couples right through to bigger families or groups. There is certainly no shortage of food available at all Club Med resorts around with not just beautiful meal options but bar snacks throughout the day that are good enough to have as your dinner or the option for late breakfast or lunch at the smaller restaurants. The main restaurant although buffet style has different stations where you can try certain styles of food like Korean, Indian, local Indonesian & may more. You have self-service soft drinks & beer & wine available by the glass.

Club Med are fantastic for anyone with allergies as once you reach the resort you will have a meeting with the chef to talk through your dietary requirements. Whether its Gluten Free, Nut Allergies or alike they will ensure you have options that are just for you.

With kids club for children 4 years old to 17 and also the baby & petit clubs for the littler ones even Mum & Dad get a break. Trapeze, archery, mini golf & loads more the keep everyone happy as well as some of the most beautiful golf courses available for those that like to chase the little white ball around like crazy. Luckily you do get a caddy & a buggy to make this journey a little less strenuous! Enjoy for everyone no matter how much you want to do or not want to do!

For those that like a beautiful massage or spa treatment Club Med's spas are absolutely wonderful. With options from a 1 hour massage right through to couples' treatments or a 3-hour indulgence package and even something for the kids everyone can get a little pampered. This is one of the activities that is an extra cost if you want to indulge and I have to say it sure is worth it!



We are lucky enough to transit through Singapore for most of our holidays but this time we made the decision to stay for a couple of days and see some of the wonderful sights available to enjoy.

Staying at the York Hotel just a few minutes' walk from Orchard Road makes it easy for those who love a bit of shopping. They have fantastic room sizes so 4 can easily fit in one of their Deluxe rooms with plenty of space for luggage too.

This time we also went & saw the stunning Gardens by the Bay to experience the amazing trees all lit up at night & the Cloud Dome gardens as well. What an amazing experience & make sure you stay for the light show that starts at 7.30pm each night. The music & the lights are coordinated together for a spectacular show. After the show, we walked over to the markets opposite the Marina Bay Sands hotel to watch the laser light show that is also on each night. Great cheap food too which always make the experience more enjoyable.

After so many trips to Singapore we finally made it out to the Night Safari & enjoyed a huge buffet dinner as well. I know we have all been to a zoo before but not at night time. This safari zoo has a train that slowly takes you around the zoo to see the animals at night time and boy are they an active bunch when the lights go out. It's still very well light for us to see them but without the heat of the day that is constant in Singapore they are very active & fascinating to watch. Amazing & definitely somewhere you need to go!

Our final day before heading home was a kids' day so it was off to Universal Studios on Sentosa Island we went. Like all of this type of theme park there was lots to do & see & lots of walking too. Fast track passes can be bought easily while in Universal Studios so if rides are your thing & its busy like it quite often is then purchasing these is a great option. You go straight to the front of the queue which means more rides.

The MRT in Singapore sure makes getting around really easy but another great option in Singapore is the taxis/cabs as they are cheap & very clean so if the MRT seems a little daunting then a taxi is certainly an affordable option if there are a few of you.

Don't forget to get over the Chinatown & Little India if you can as well. There are great markets & restaurants for everyone to enjoy & then there is also Clarke Quay with wonderful restaurants lining the river. Quite often there is so much to see in Singapore that you just don't have time to do it all so plan your trip well & see as much as you can, then make a list for all the sights you missed & try next time to get to some of them as well. Singapore is always changing & growing with new land being reclaimed all the time so I am sure if it has been a while since you have been there it will be different now.

