Agoda.com reveals top-rated hotels for Eid!

SINGAPORE (July 4, 2012) – Agoda.com, Asia's leading hotel booking site and part of Nasdaq-listed Priceline Group (Nasdaq: PCLN), today announced some top-ranked hotels for Eid, as rated by Agoda.com customers.

With Ramadan fast approaching, travelers planning a getaway around Eid ul-Fitr – which falls on Sunday 19 August this year – should book their hotel soon. As a peak period for travel within Southeast Asia, hotels fill up quickly, especially those with great restaurants offering top-notch Halal and pork-free buffets.

Agoda.com features more than two million real hotel reviews, written by customers who have stayed at that hotel. Based on ratings and tips from these travelers, the following is a list of some top-ranked hotels in key Southeast Asia destinations that provide dining fit for a Eid ul-Fitr feast, across a range of different cuisines.

Top-ranked Agoda.com stays for Eid ul-Fitr

Malaysia

Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur 5*
Rated 9 – Fantastic

The Shangri-La is a favorite with Agoda.com customers for its luxurious rooms, excellent city center location near Petronas Towers, and, of course, its food. The breakfast buffet is particularly lauded, offering a generous spread that on weekends attracts locals as well as guests from other hotels. All the onsite restaurants – Japanese *Zinpangu*, Chinese *Shang* and French *Lafite* – also offer excellent dining.

Agoda.com customer review: "Although there were a lot of guests at the hotel, we were seated immediately to our table for the breakfast buffet – definitely one of the best we had." – Micah J., Philippines.

**Early-bird special from USD 120 per night for a deluxe king room. Non-refundable rate.

Villa Molek, Langkawi 4*
Rated 9 – Fantastic

This tropical couples retreat offers 12 private villas in a garden setting, a five-minute walk from Pantai Tengah beach. The property only allows guests 18 years of age and over, so travelers seeking serenity during this busy holiday period can consider it a true escape. The property includes two restaurants – one Italian, one Indian – and Molek Café, serving authentic Malaysian cuisine. There is also an array of different restaurants and cafés within walking distance of the resort. Breakfast is free for all guests.

Agoda.com customer review: "Perfect romantic getaway for couples – highly recommended, we'll definitely be back!" – Samsurin W., Malaysia.

**Studio Villa from USD 145 per night – Hot Deal includes 20% discount. Non-refundable rate. Free

WiFi.

G Hotel, Penang 5*
Rated 8.4 – Fantastic

This chic modern property along Gurney Drive is close to shopping, well-positioned for business and leisure travelers, and with plenty of dining options onsite. The hotel is adjacent to a mall with a wide selection of food outlets, and within the property itself there are nightly food and drink themes and specials, including a *berbuka puasa* buffet for guests staying during Ramadan. The Soy + Sesame restaurants offer pan-Asian cuisine, plus an indulgent Saturday night chocolate buffet. There are Japanese and Italian restaurants also on site.

Agoda.com customer review: "Besides the hotel is Gurney Plaza with lots of food and shopping. The bedroom is facing the sea and has a very nice view." – Evelyn T., Singapore

**Rates from USD 188 per night. Free WiFi.

Thailand

Railay Village Resort and Spa Krabi, Thailand 4*
Rated 8.1 – Fantastic

This resort of cozy bungalows lies in the picturesque Railay Beach area of Krabi Province, a 30-minute drive from Krabi Town. Railay sits on a quiet peninsular close to the popular Ao Nang tourist strip, and with classic Thai views of limestone formations and longtail boats. It's close enough to take part in the activity, but far enough away to enjoy a serene vacation. Railay Village Resort and Spa offers fresh locally-fished seafood, with Thai and Western food. The property is certified Halal by the Islamic Committee Office of Thailand.

Agoda.com customer review: "We got a very nice room with private pool close enough to our room and the food is really good, a traditional Thai cuisine and sandy beach." – Noor Z., Malaysia.

**Rates for a deluxe pool view from USD 90 – book now for 25% discount, breakfast included.

Nuovo City Hotel, Bangkok 4*
Rated 8.3 – Fantastic

Within walking distance of Bangkok's most prominent tourist attractions, including the Grand Palace, Golden Mountain Temple, and Wat Po, Nuovo City Hotel is best suited for energetic travelers keen to explore Thai culture and history. This modern property is Muslim-owned – alcohol-free and Halal certified – but just a stone's throw from a vast selection of restaurants along Soi Rambutree and Khao San Road, offering shopping, massage and the full range of day- and night-time entertainment.

Agoda.com customer review: "The hotel is extremely clean, airy and smart with a European, modern vibe about it. The breakfast room is a welcoming place, with good breakfast with plenty of choice, since we were looking for Muslim food. The room was very clean and nice – you really couldn't ask for more."

** Rates from USD 63 per night for deluxe room with breakfast – includes 20% discount!

Royal Cliff Hotels Group, Pattaya
Rated 8.3 – Fantastic

Situated on the beachfront of Pattaya, the award-winning Royal Cliff Hotels Group provides full resort facilities only a 90-minute drive from Bangkok. Perfect for family holidays, it's in a quiet location, a short drive from central Pattaya and Walking Street. There are four resorts in this sizeable complex, each with a slightly different offering, though they share all leisure facilities: five swimming pools (two are reserved for Royal Wing Suite guests), tennis courts, Thai cooking classes, fitness, spa, tropical gardens with jogging track, an 18-hole golf course and children's playground and child-minding services. There are ten restaurants here, the Maharani – Queen of Indian Flavor, has a certified Halal kitchen.

Agoda.com customer review: "The hotel is very beautiful, does not lack anything in terms of services, and a good deal… the place quiet with a very beautiful pool." – Hussein L., Jordan.

** Rates from USD 100 per night for a mini suite sea view.

Singapore

Royal Plaza on Scotts Hotel 5*
Rated 8.4 – Fantastic

Just around the corner from Orchard Road shopping, the Royal Plaza on Scotts Hotel offers Asian and Mediterranean buffets prepared in a Halal-certified kitchen. Rooms and suites are modern in design and there are well-equipped business facilities on the premises for executive travelers, and a 24-hour internet lounge for those who like to stay connected round the clock. There's also a fitness center and outdoor pool onsite.

Agoda.com customer review: "The hotel is located not far from Newton Circus near the famous hawker center. The wide array of delectable food is a great attraction for visitors to Singapore, as well as locals."

** Rates from USD 178 per night for a deluxe room with free internet and minibar – early-bird rate includes 35% discount. Non-refundable rate.

Grand Hyatt Singapore 5*
Rated 8.8 – Fantastic

Perfectly positioned around the corner from the Orchard Road shopping strip, the Grand Hyatt delivers everything expected of a global five-star brand, with modern well-equipped rooms and the luxurious Damai spa. The hotel has seven food and beverage outlets, including the Straits Kitchen, which whips up fragrant buffet dinners inspired by the different street foods of Singapore, prepared in a Halal-certified open 'theater' kitchen.

Agoda.com customer review: "Location was perfect, room service supper was superb. It was really great to come back to a luxurious hotel room during a scorching day. Breakfast at the Club Lounge provided good selection." – Siti S., Indonesia

**Rates from USD 305 per night in a grand king room.

Fairmont Hotel 5*
Rated 8.7 – Fantastic

Located in the sparkling Marina Bay area, adjacent to Raffles City, the Fairmont Hotel offers chic modern accommodation in one of the most picturesque parts of Singapore. Views from the upper floors showcase the harbor and city skyline, while rooms provide a calm modern sanctuary for

guests. For couples who value a quiet stay, the Club Lounge is reserved for guests over 12 years of age, and there's the Willow Stream Spa – one of the largest luxury spas in Asia – for intense relaxation therapies. The property offers a whopping 15 different F&B venues, the Asian Market Café serving a sumptuous buffet spread of pan-Asian dishes from their Halal-certified kitchen.

Agoda.com customer review: "Great location – Raffles is across the road, and fabulous shopping complex underneath, including supermarket, Subway and a foodcourt. Do yourself a favor and join the Executive Club on check in. For a minimum cost you can have breakfast, lunch and dinner, including drinks, all day. If you join the President Club (no fee) you get free access to WiFi." – Jennifer D., Australia.

**Deluxe room rates from USD 275 per night. Rate includes 10% discount – non-refundable.

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