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## for a sustainable journey through Malaysia

If you are a budget-conscious traveler looking for interesting places to visit and stay in Malaysia, you can find these on hyperlink <a href="http://greenselipar.com">http://greenselipar.com</a> – a portal dedicated to sustainable tourism projects in Malaysia.

According to Catherine Bossis, Project Developer & Manager, "greenselipar.com offers both local and foreign tourists easy access to the information on destinations, places of interest and accommodation that would be required for a 'sustainable journey' through Malaysia."

The site also aims to highlight projects that would help to conserve local culture, art and heritage, and support local community projects that target to reduce the negative environmental impacts of tourism in the country.

Catherine, who has been in Malaysia for two years, says the site was born out of her family's deep desire in experiencing the many natural and cultural treasures the country had to offer. The Bossis, who are avid travelers, enjoy exploring travel destinations off the beaten track.

Catherine explained, "In our travels, we came across local people running community projects, which included budget accommodation and tourist-related initiatives. One such place is the homestay of Pura Tanjung Sabtu in Kuala Terengganu that combines nature culture and heritage. Another is the Tompoq Topoh Orang Asli craft workshop in Pulau Carey. These places are 'hidden gems' literally, because not many people know about their existence. It's only through the word of mouth of a few city folk that others come to know of similar such well-kept secrets. In the meantime, these people at the homestay and Pulau Carey still struggle to carry on with their projects and make them viable. And there are pockets of similar hidden treasures dotted around the country."

"I thought if I could make these places more known among both local and foreign tourists, that these places could have a fighting chance to survive and become sustainable tourism business ventures. Therein lies the birth of greenselipar", Catherine added.

A part from promoting sustainable tourism in Malaysia, Catherine also believes that greenselipar will grow and improve in an interactive manner, through feedback from travellers, and shared online experiences and recommendations.

Currently, the Malaysian Nature Society Selangor Branch is in partnership with greenselipar. Catherine is on the look-out for other partners and sponsors. Those interested can get in touch with her at <a href="mailto:greenselipar@gmail.com">greenselipar@gmail.com</a>.

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