





Farmstays in Perlis

By: Noraziah Mohd Amin

According to Mahaliyanaarachchi (2015), a farm stay is a kind of agritourism business in which guests stay on a farm for more than one night and learn about the farming environment and lifestyle. There are several types of farm lodging choices including staying with the host family in their farmhouse, separate cabanas, tree houses, or camping on the farm (Mahaliyanaarachchi, 2015). "Farm bed and breakfast" is a term for a type of hosted lodging on a farm that involves a bed at night and breakfast in the morning (Mahaliyanaarachchi, 2015).

Perlis, despite being the smallest state in Malaysia, has a lot to offer to visitors coming to this state including its vegetation and landscapes that are rich, vibrant, and abundant in shades of green. There are many fascinating and unique homestays with picturesque views for visitors in Perlis. The three homestays that the writer has experienced herself are Harum Manis Wan Pa Homestay, Wooden Chalet D'Solo, and Kampung Ujung Bukit Homestay.





Kampung Ujung Bukit Homestay



Haguro Manis Wan Pa Homestay









Harum Manis Wan Pa Homestay stands out as a perfect destination for those seeking an authentic rural Malaysian experience with a touch of local warmth and hospitality. Located in Kangar, Perlis, this homestay offers guests a chance to stay in a peaceful environment while enjoying its facilities. The name "Harum Manis," which refers to the famous sweet mango variety of Perlis, reflects the homestay's dedication to offering an experience that is both sweet and pleasant. The rooms at this homestay have different names and design such as "Rumah Adzame", "Rumah Mohd Yatim", "Rumah Chelian", "Rumah Kayu Wan Pa" and "Rumah Sadiah." The rooms at Harum Manis Wan Pa Homestay are designed to provide comfort and relaxation, ensuring a pleasant stay. The rooms are clean, well-maintained, and reflect the charm of rural Malaysia with a modern touch.

Every morning, guests will be greeted by the fresh air, birds chirping, and the calming sound of the water fountains from a pool located in the middle of the homestay area. The decorative items and colorful flowers planted around the lake at the homestay are pleasant to see. The serene surroundings with views of the mountains and paddy fields make this place a perfect place for relaxing. If you are lucky enough to stay during the Harum Manis season, the sweet fragrance of the mango trees planted within the homestay's compound can fill the air, and guests will have the chance to taste the mangos too. Despite not providing breakfast to guests, there are many eateries nearby that offer local and traditional delicacies. Whether it's enjoying a quiet evening under the stars or having a morning walk while enjoying nature, Harum Manis Wan Pa Homestay offers an ideal blend of relaxation and adventure, making it a perfect choice for anyone visiting Perlis.







Wooden Chalet D'Solo in Perlis offers a charming and unique retreat for visitors looking to experience waking up to the beautiful sunrise with the subtle whinnies of horses. Set against the backdrop of Perlis' tranquil countryside with paddy fields, this homestay features beautifully designed wooden chalets that blend rustic charm with minimal modern furniture. The chalet is situated in an open green field, with well-maintained grass, creating a peaceful and inviting atmosphere. Guests can see a few horses grazing nearby where the fencing separates the horses' grazing area from the chalet.

One of the most unique features of this homestay is its small but well-maintained horse farm. Guests have the opportunity to interact with friendly horses. The presence of these horses adds an authentic rural touch, allowing visitors to experience a unique stay that offers both the flora and fauna. Despite offering only two rooms for guests, Wooden Chalet D'Solo also offers some facilities to ensure a comfortable and memorable stay. For example, there is a common area where guests can socialize, share stories, and enjoy a meal together. A BBQ area is available for guests to cook and dine outdoors, surrounded by the natural beauty of the homestay. At this chalet, guests can enjoy stunning views of the surrounding landscape, which is perfect for a relaxing getaway or a quiet weekend retreat.





50

Kampung Ujung Bukit Homestay in Perlis offers visitors a distinctive and authentic experience of rural life in northern Malaysia. Located in a peaceful village setting, this homestay allows guests to escape the modern hustle and bustle, offering a serene environment where they can reconnect with nature. The homestay offers more than 10 traditional and

modern houses designed to provide a simple yet comfortable stay. The homestays are of different sizes and are clustered together, featuring red, blue, and other vibrant rooftops, which add a lively charm to the village. The traditional Malay-style wooden houses blend seamlessly into the surrounding landscape. Visitors can immerse themselves in the tranquility of the village, and enjoy the scenic views of the nearby hills and paddy fields.

A vast green paddy field dominates the foreground of the homestay's area. As the homestay is situated on a paddy field, there is quite a narrow-paved road that runs along the paddy field where guests will use to arrive at the homestay. A small lake sits at the center of the village, bordered by trees and vegetation, creating a peaceful focal point for the area. The landscape at the homestay is well-maintained, featuring decorative plants, a stone pathway, and small garden features, giving the space a cozy and welcoming feel. The facilities and amenities at the homestay are very basic. The homestay has an ensuite bathroom.

The homestay does not offer much but the view and fresh air that it does offer are enough for guests to enjoy staying at the homestay.



References

Mahaliyanaarachchi, R. P. (2015). Role of Agri Tourism as a moderated rural business. Tourism, Leisure and Global Change, Volume 2, p. TOC-193.