



The Datai

LANGKAWI, MALAYSIA

Once you've gawped at the sheer beauty of the Datai's drop-dead-gorgeous setting, you'll realise why this hotel has won so many awards. The rooms are big and stylish, the generosity and warmth of the staff are amazing (they'll know your names from the first day and entertain your tiny ones with origami) and there are two pools, including a child-friendly one by a long stretch of talcum-white beach. The spa, set by a stream and surrounded by rainforest, is cool jungle-living – birds squawk, the odd monkey hops past the open-air treatment rooms. The serene therapists know their stuff – the wraps, massages, facials and reflexology sessions are incredibly healing. Not surprisingly, this is one of the most loved hotels in Asia. **Website** ghmhotels.com. **UK reservations** Cleveland Collection (tel: 0845 450 5732). **Rates** Double, from £310.