

Media Release

Sentosa Development Corporation unveils Lazarus Island's full offerings for the first time, augmenting visitor experiences



Joining Tiny Away Escape @ Lazarus Island, which launched in April, a convenience store and non-motorised water activities are now available on Lazarus Island (image courtesy of Big Tiny)

Singapore, 5 Oct 2023 – Visitors to the Southern Islands can now enjoy a more complete leisure experience with the opening of **Sol by BDC**, a convenience store by Bespoke Dining Club (BDC), and **Lazarus Sea Sports Centre (LSSC)**, operated by watersports company Camelot. Hot on the heels of these openings is **Into the Woods**, a locally owned start-up offering nine glamping units which will also be launched in Q4 2023.

In line with Sentosa Development Corporation (SDC)'s commitment to offer light-touch projects that promote rustic adventure on the Southern Islands, the enhancements aim to transform the connected islands of Seringat, Lazarus, St John's and Kias into an even more alluring get-away haven for nature-lovers, both locals and tourists alike. Conveniently accessible from a dedicated jetty at Sentosa Cove, the islands are just a short 15-minute boat ride away. This range of new offerings now complete the earlier launched Tiny Away Escape @ Lazarus Island, a series of five compact accommodation units by Big Tiny since April 2023, and a bicycle rental kiosk by Gogreen Eco Adventure on St John's Island.

Ms Thien Kwee Eng, Chief Executive Officer, SDC, said, "Travellers today are increasingly conscious of their impact on the environment. We are proud to partner like-minded businesses that place importance not just on profitability but also in championing sustainable tourism. With our additional offerings, we hope that our guests can immerse in the unique biodiversity and nature that the Southern Islands has to offer like never before, as an extended getaway beyond Sentosa."

Partnering nature groups to promote eco-tourism

The new offerings on the Southern Islands have been planned in consultation with various nature groups, such as Friends of Marine Park (FMP), ensuring that operators adopt best practices that take the need to protect the island’s natural environment into consideration.

In addition, a “**Discover the Southern Islands**” guide has also been collaboratively developed, providing guidelines for visitors to enjoy their time at the islands responsibly. The guidelines include “Do’s and Don’ts” when encountering wildlife and waste management instructions, among other useful tips. The guide will be available online at <https://www.sentosa.com.sg/en/things-to-do/attractions/southern-islands/>, while visitors to the Southern Islands are also encouraged to scan a QR code on their ferries to download the guide, facilitating a better experience for them.

Providing convenience through Sol by BDC



Storefront of Sol by BDC (image courtesy of Bespoke Dining Club)

Making food and beverage options readily available to visitors of the Southern Islands, Sol by BDC offers a curated selection of day-to-day necessities and groceries. These include microwavable ready-to-eat meals and ready-to-grill food items curated by Chef-owner Samuel Quan¹ that guests can purchase, along with barbecue pits that utilise eco-friendly materials.

¹ Chef Samuel runs Eclipse by BDC at Yue Hwa Building and was the overall champion for Team Singapore, at the Culinary Olympics held in Germany, 2016. Other credentials include stints in Les Amis, Joel Robuchon, as well as the 3 Michelin-starred Aponiente in Spain.

In line with the Southern Islands' positioning as an eco-tourism destination, Sol by BDC's storefront is repurposed from shipping containers, while its food offerings incorporate locally sourced produce, such as seafood, herbs and vegetables, from offshore local fish, hydroponic, and vertical farms in Singapore.

Promoting eco-conscious fun through LSSC by Camelot



Visitors enjoying floating yoga at LSSC (image courtesy of Camelot)

LSSC offers a range of non-motorised water activities, such as stand-up paddling, kayaking and floating yoga boards – a first in Singapore – for visitors to participate in amid the scenic waters of the Southern Islands. Large groups may also consider their group kayaking tours for community building events. The centre's operations also keep the island's natural environment in mind, such as the use of a single designated launching zone for all watercrafts, which ensures minimal impact on the area's seabed.

Living life unhurried through Into the Woods

Rounding up the new initiatives is Into the Woods, a series of nine glamping units that enable guests to experience overnight beachfront glamping on the Lazarus Island. Set to open in Q4 four 2023, each unit provides comfortable glamping options for up to four visitors, encouraging urban dwellers to take a break from the city and reconnect with nature.



Artist's impression of Into the Woods (image courtesy of Into the Woods)

With an emphasis on bringing visitors closer to nature, specially curated welcome kits will be provided for guests. The kit contains items such as “plantable” stationery and a natural watercolour painting set, inviting guests to rejuvenate and enjoy a slower pace of life through low-intensity activities such as painting and drawing during their stay.

Mr Stephen Beng, Chairman, FMP, said, “We are encouraged by SDC’s mindful initiatives that enable visitors to experience our Southern Islands in positive ways. Responsible operators can help contribute to our island culture, of conservation and community first, that forms the basis of sustainable tourism. With the FMP community’s support, exchanges between operators and visitors strengthen nature literacy and reinforce harmonious living especially in our multi-use land and sea scapes. We all must work together if we are to achieve sustainable outcomes and continue enjoying the many benefits our coastal and marine ecosystems provide.”

Please see **Annex A** for more details on the three operators and their offerings, and **Annex B** for more details on how to get to the Southern Islands.

High-res images can be downloaded [here](#), with respective image credits indicated in the folders within.

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About Sentosa

Sentosa, where discovery never ends, is Asia's leading leisure destination and Singapore's premier island resort getaway, located within 15 minutes from the central business and shopping districts. The island resort is managed by Sentosa Development Corporation, which works with various stakeholders in overseeing property investments, attractions development, and operation of the various leisure offerings and management of the residential precinct on the island.

The 500-hectare island resort is home to an exciting array of themed attractions, award-winning spa retreats, lush rainforests, golden sandy beaches, resort accommodations, world-renowned golf courses, a deep-water yachting marina and luxurious residences – making Sentosa a vibrant island resort for business and leisure. Sentosa is also home to Singapore's first integrated resort, Resorts World Sentosa, which operates Southeast Asia's first Universal Studios theme park.

Situated on the eastern end of Sentosa Island is Sentosa Cove, an exclusive waterfront residential enclave bustling with more than 2,000 homes, quayside restaurants, retail and specialty shops. The island is also proud to be home to Sentosa Golf Club and its two acclaimed golf courses, The Serapong and The Tanjong. Sentosa Golf Club has hosted a number of high-profile professional and amateur tournaments, including the Singapore Open and HSBC Women's World Championship, welcoming international star players and world-class golf professionals from across the world.

Welcoming a growing number of local and international guests every year, Sentosa is an integral part of Singapore's goal to be a global destination to work, live and play. For more information, please visit: www.sentosa.com.sg.

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About Sentosa Development Corporation

Sentosa Development Corporation (SDC) was established on 1 September 1972 as a Statutory Board under the Ministry of Trade and Industry. Its charter since inception has been to oversee the development, management, marketing, and promotion of the island of Sentosa as a resort destination for locals and tourists.

SDC wholly owns its subsidiaries Sentosa Cove Resort Management Pte Ltd and Sentosa Golf Club Pte Ltd. SDC also owns the Singapore Cable Car Sky Network, managed by Mount Faber Leisure Group Pte Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary which operates as an autonomous commercial arm.

As a testament to its commitment to sustainability, SDC has been conferred the Global Sustainable Tourism Council – For Destinations (GSTC-D) certificate, making Sentosa the first island destination in Asia to receive this accolade.

Annex A – Details of the three new operators at the Southern Islands

1. Bespoke Dining Club

i) Overview

Founded in 2019, Bespoke Dining Club (BDC) is a lifestyle company that provides the opportunity through the power of great culinary experiences, and the empowerment to life’s greatest adventures.

BDC specialises in providing F&B services for all social and corporate gatherings. Whether it is taking guests on a journey by yacht to the Southern Islands of Singapore while savouring culinary creations done to perfection by our private chefs on-board or premium catering fare for your next lavish gathering, BDC embarks to deliver personalised experiences to the finest.

Currently, BDC has its presence as a restaurant on the rooftop of historical Yue Hwa Building, Eclipse by BDC, gourmet convenience store made of three repurposed 40-foot shipping containers on Lazarus Island, Sol by BDC, and a yacht concierge service, Neptune by BDC. The possibilities with BDC are limitless.

ii) Sol by BDC

Sol by BDC is a convenience store on Lazarus Island, housed within three repurposed shipping containers for an eco-friendly touch. With the goal to prioritise quality with a thoughtfully curated selection of day-to-day necessities and culinary delights, including ready-to-eat and ready-to-grill items by Chef-owner Samuel Quan.

a) Operating Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday to Sunday: 10am – 6pm
b) Key Features	<p>Items sold include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grab-and-go snacks, sweets and drinks; Personal care products like toiletries, sunblock, over-the-counter medication and first aid products; Essentials like towels, picnic mats, ponchos, swimming floats and sandals; Ready-to-eat microwavable food items and meals; and Ready-to-grill pre-marinated meats and vegetables, and eco-friendly barbecue pits.
c) Contact information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email: hello@bespokediningclub.com Phone: 8787 9172 Website: https://bespokediningclub.com/

2. Camelot (stylised C.A.M.E.L.O.T)

i) Overview

The Centre for Affective Management, Experiential Learning and Outdoor Training (Camelot) represents the legendary kingdom of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table – a symbol of the strength of leadership, professional integrity and moral calibre. It captures the spirit of team forging, cultural diversity and enduring friendship.

Established with more than 19 years of experience in leadership training, outdoor adventure, and team building, Camelot tailors activities and programmes focused on a learning journey beyond conventional methods of books, lectures, or seminars.

ii) Lazarus Sea Sports Centre

The Lazarus Sea Sports Centre (LSSC) is a water sports facility that offers a variety of activities for participants of all levels, who will get to enjoy standup paddleboarding, kayaking, waterbiking and other activities while surrounded by the pristine beauty of the Southern Islands. The activities are facilitated by LSSC’s experienced instructors who are trained to ensure safe exploration of the sea.

*LSSC will be conducting an open house on **8 October 2023, 10am to 4pm**, for members of the public to experience its activities for free. Visit <https://bit.ly/lazseaopenhouse> to register.*

a) Operating Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday: 10am – 4pm • Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays: 10am – 5pm • Monday to Thursday: For private bookings only. Enquire for more details
b) Key Features	<p>Non-motorised water activities available include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single and double kayaking • Triyaking • Single, family and mega stand-up paddleboard • Yoga dock (platform for doing yoga in the sea) • Yoga board • Sea bicycle • Surf runner (multipurpose craft) <p>Other scheduled programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine conservation workshops • Beach clean-ups • Guided eco-tours
c) Contact information	<p>Enquiries on private bookings are welcomed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email: bookings@camelotsg.biz • Phone: 9154 9424 • Website: https://www.lazarus-seasports.biz/

3. Into the Woods

i) Overview

Into The Woods was founded in 2022 by a couple navigating city life while raising two young children. They often marvelled at how simple things, like a walk in the park or a soak in the waves, can easily become what their children describe as the “best day in my life”.

They then wondered if overtired adults like themselves could also derive joy from life’s little pleasures. They wanted to create a space in this fast-paced society where people could experience a slower-paced and simpler life, allowing them to discover the world at their own pace.

Holding on to the belief that a more intentional life makes for a happier and more purposeful life, they put their dream into action, and Into the Woods was born with one clear goal: to create mindful leisure experiences that provide urban dwellers with the space to embrace a slower, more intentional lifestyle.

ii) Safari Tents

Into the Woods comprises of nine furnished safari tents, each designed as a sanctuary away from the bustle of city life. Your space is intricately furnished to bring the comforts of home into nature's gentle embrace. Expect quality eco-friendly amenities, fresh linen and a heavy-duty canvas tent that opens up to uninterrupted coastal views.

a) Operating Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily • Check-in time: 3.30pm • Check-out time: 11.30am
b) Key Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uninterrupted sea view and sheltered outdoor patio • Curated welcome kit comprising of eco-friendly products from local enterprises, encouraging rejuvenating within nature • Provision of amenities for activities such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yoga, outdoor picnicking, and ball games ○ Boardgames, watercolour painting • Scheduled group activities and workshops including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beach clean-ups and upcycling demonstrations
c) Contact information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email: hello@intothewoods.life • Website: https://intothewoods.life/

Annex B – How to get to the Southern Islands

Those looking to visit Lazarus Island, Seringat Island, Kias Island, and St. John’s Island, are encouraged to depart from **Sentosa Jetty @ Cove**, with the islands only being a 15-minute boat ride away.

Visit <https://www.sentosa.com.sg/en/things-to-do/attractions/sentosa-jetty-at-cove/> for daily ferry bookings, schedules and more information.