THE SHOREA CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) Programs

Introduction

Where can you find a retreat which can lift your self-esteem, enhance your inner spirit and help rediscover your life calling? At The Shorea, besides a nature-rich haven, we offer opportunities for **altruism** (*selfless concern for the well-being of others*), which research has shown significantly boosts mental and physical wellbeing.

Positioned in the Berembun Forest Reserved in Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia, The Shorea guests are encouraged to enjoy the local lifestyle and contribute to the Orang Asli (*Indigenous People*) and the Kampung Baru Pantai village community, located near to our retreat. The Shorea's CSR Programs are interwoven as part of our Unique Retreat Concept that blends guest experiences with engagement of the local communities.

The Shorea CSR Team

We have an established CSR Team to address the Sustainability aspects of our Retreat Concept. The dedicated CSR Team comprises the Villas Hosts, the Guests Experience Makers and the Management Team. We also work with **JAKAO**, Jabatan Kemajuan Orang Asli (the Department of Development for the Indigenous People) as well as the Kampung Pantai Steering Committee to coordinate the efforts of contributions and engagements.

Events, Experiences and Awareness

The CSR activities and events include the Annual Food and Educational Aids to the Kampung Orang Asli Pantai, the **Outdoor English Interactive Program** at the community kindergarten, the Kampung Pantai Youth Soccer Games, the Outdoor Sepak Takraw games, as well as active participations in the Villagers Harvest and Festive Events. Guest activities like the **Treasure Hunt**, the **Jungle Trekking** to the Berembun Forest, the Trekking to the historical B24 Air-craft Crash Site and the Edible Garden Project also directly involve the Orang Asli as the guides and visits to their ancestor land and living compound.

These integral Local Experiences enjoyed by our guests help us to spread the Awareness of sustaining the local communities and strengthening their Identities.



Recommended CSR Activities for The Shorea's Guests

1. Outdoor English Program.





Our CSR Team will lead the Story Reading & Interactive English Program for the Orang Asli Children at the Kampung Kolam Air, Pantai, Negeri Sembilan, Guests will be invited to join this monthly program as a joint effort with the Local Teachers to compliment the English teaching to the children. Guests are also welcomed to participate and contribute books and educational board games to the local kindergarten. This is a fun and enriching experience for you as well as for the Local Children.

Schedule	5pm – 6pm
Location	Kindergarten Playground of Kampung Orang Asli, Pantai.
Who should join	Suitable for cooperate team retreat, families with children & etc.
Contributions	RM10 contribution per participant towards the kindergartens Library Funding.
Remarks	Subject to weather and the children incidental time-table

2. Interactive Science Projects with the Local Kindergarten.





Have a fun and fulfilling afternoon interacting with the local children from the Local Orang Asli Village. Join our Science Projects Team with the local children. We have created the 'magical balloons' that could withstand heat and punctuation for this activity. The children as well as our Guests can immerse themselves with the experimental games. There is also arts and craft for those who enjoyed making paper windmill.

Schedule	5pm – 6pm on the First Wednesday of every month
Location	Kindergarten Playground of Kampung Orang Asli, Pantai.
Who should join	Suitable for cooperate team building, families with children, & etc.
Contributions	RM10 contribution per participant towards the kindergartens Library Funding.
Remarks	Subject to weather and the children incidental time-table

3. Treasure Hunt and 'River Transporter' Games with the Locals.







The Shorea Guest Experience Maker Team will organize the Treasure Hunt, which aims is to foster the comradeship and team spirit amongst the groups. It will also introduce the participants to the local environment and the indigenous community. There are hidden

clues and objects placed in the village compound. You will be split into groups and teams. The participants will be briefed before the game begins. Winners will receive a mysterious prize!

Schedule	One to Two Hours
Location	Community Playground and Local River at Kampung Orang Asli.
Who should join	Suitable for Cooperate Team Building, yoga retreat, families & etc.
Fees	RM50 per participant
Remarks	Min 15 participants, Subject to weather conditions.

4. Jungle Trekking to the Berembun Forest Reserve.





Jungle Trekking is one of the most popular activities at The Shorea. Departure for trekking is 2pm on the 1st day of Checking-In or 7.30am on the subsequent days. The jungle trekking is led by a local villager or an Orang Asli guides (Indigenous Temuan people). The trekking will take about Three (3) hours 'to & fro', into the pristine Berembun Virgin Rainforest. You will arrive at a series of natural water cascades and refreshing rock pools.

Schedule	2pm on the 1st day of Checking-In or 7.30am on the subsequent days. Duration of trek is Three Hours.
Location	Berembun Forest Reserved, Negeri Sembilan.
Who should join	Suitable for Outdoor Team Building, yoga retreat, families with children above 5 years old.
Fees	RM60 per participant
Remarks	Subject to weather conditions.

5. Trekking to the B24 Aircraft Historical Crash Site at Gunung Telapak Buruk.



Deep in the jungle near The Shorea, lies the wreckage of the Royal Air Force B24 Liberator, which was rediscovered by the Orang Asli (Indigenious people) in 2012. The plane was thought disappeared after it crashed on 23 August 1945, on a mission to send supplies and pamphlets to the Jungle Resistance Force informing them of the end of WWII. This is one day after the surrender of the Japanese Army in Malaya.

Upon reaching the historical site, participants will see the fragments of the ill-fated plane's wings, fuselage, landing gears and even well preserved rubber tyres. The Trek ends at the peak of Gunung Telapak Buruk at 1193m above sea level.

Schedule	7.30am Duration of trek is Six-Eight Hours depending on the physical fitness of participants
Location	Berembun Forest Reserved, Negeri Sembilan.
Who should join	Suitable for rugged team bonding, history buffs, outdoors enthusiasts.
Fees	RM500 per participant
Remarks	Subject to weather conditions. Recommended routes will be briefed prior to the trek by the Shorea GEM Team.