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THE CHAPMAN'S CHALLENGE 2025
THE ULTIMATE TEST OF GRIT, GLORY AND ADVENTURE!



Pangkor Laut Resort, 19 March, 2025 – Get ready to push your limits and experience the ultimate test of endurance, resilience, and adventure as **The Chapman's Challenge 2025** returns for its seventh electrifying edition at Pangkor Laut Resort! From **May 23 to 25, 2025**, this adrenaline-fueled event promises a weekend of heart-racing competition, stunning landscapes, and unparalleled rewards. With participants battling for victory, the stakes have never been higher, and the prizes are nothing short of extraordinary—including the highly coveted NORQAIN Adventure Sport timepieces.

This legendary challenge is inspired by the incredible true story of British Colonel Freddy Spencer Chapman, whose unwavering spirit and sheer determination enabled him to defy the odds in 1945. After hiding for more than three years in the dense jungle, Chapman made a heroic escape, swimming across the waters of Emerald Bay to reach safety. His journey, chronicled in his memoir ***The Jungle is Neutral***, is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit—a legacy that this race proudly honours. This year commemorates Chapman's 80th Anniversary of his heroic escape!

Adding to the excitement this year is our very own Olympian, [Josiah Ng](#)—a Malaysian professional track cyclist and three-time Olympian who proudly represented Malaysia at the Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, and London 2012 Olympics. Renowned as the first Malaysian to reach the cycling Olympic finals, he also clinched a gold medal at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi.

Participants will channel Chapman's indomitable spirit as they embark on a thrilling multi-discipline race through some of Pangkor Laut Resort's most breathtaking and challenging terrains. The journey begins with a gruelling 3.8km road run, where winding paths and stunning ocean views push runners to their limits. From there, the course transitions into a 2.4km trek through an ancient, 2-million-year-old rainforest.

The final test is an invigorating 1km open-water swim off Emerald Bay where participants must summon their last reserves of strength to reach the finish line at The Chapman's Bar—the very place where history was made.



The top finisher who breaks previous race records will earn a place of honour on The Chapman's Bar scoreboard, while the top three winners in each category will enjoy luxurious stays at selected YTL Hotels properties worldwide.

The ultimate glory, however, belongs to the men's and women's overall champions, who will each receive a prestigious NORQAIN Adventure Sport timepiece valued at RM11,200, courtesy of YTL Hotels. That's not all—Under Armour Malaysia will also reward the top three finishers in both divisions with exclusive podium prizes.

The Chapman's Challenge Weekend Package is the perfect way to make the most of this legendary event. Running from May 23 to 25, 2025, this exclusive 3-day, 2-night retreat for two persons starts from MYR3,200++ and includes daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner at selected restaurants, complimentary race entry, post-race refreshments, and pre-dinner cocktails. The weekend culminates in a special post-race beachfront barbeque dinner at Emerald Bay, where guests can revel in the electrifying atmosphere, soak in the island's natural beauty, and celebrate an adventure like no other.

Whether you're gunning for the podium or simply craving an epic weekend of excitement, The Chapman's Challenge 2025 is more than just a race—it's a celebration of grit, adventure, and the thrill of the extraordinary. With limited spots available, this is your moment to seize the challenge and be part of history. Secure your place now—because legends aren't born, they're made!



[Preview of The Chapman's Challenge 2025](#)

To make reservations or for inquiries, kindly utilise the [booking link](#) provided below or reach out to YTL Travel Centre via phone at +60 3 2783 1000, email travelcentre@ytlhotels.com.my or visit www.pangkorlautresort.com.

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About Pangkor Laut Resort

Pangkor Laut Resort is set along the Straits of Malacca, three miles off the west coast of Malaysia, surrounded by the emerald sea. Here, guests discover a piece of paradise two million years in the making. Of the island's 300 acres, only a fraction has been developed to house this peaceful luxury resort and its Estates. This private island resort was declared a paradise by the late Pavarotti and voted 'Number One in the World' by Condé Nast Traveller U.K. in its sixth annual Readers' Travel Awards Top 100 list in 2003. Here, wooden buildings blend seamlessly into the forest, walls curve around foliage, and roofs open up to allow trees to continue on their journey to the sky. Nature is respected here, almost revered and it rewards visitors in ways that simply need to be experienced. www.pangkorlautresort.com

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YTL Hotels owns and manages a prestigious collection of award-winning resorts, hotels, boutique experiences and Spa Villages with a hospitality footprint across Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Japan, Australia, France, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom, including Pangkor Laut Resort, voted the world's best resort in 2003 by Condé Nast Traveller UK. The Gainsborough Bath Spa, a part of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World's collection of legendary hotels, was named in the 2017 Condé Nast Traveller Awards World's Top 100 and listed amongst the Best Hotels in the UK as well as the Top Destination Spa Resorts in the World in the 2022 Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Choice Awards.

The portfolio, which embraces the brand promise of Treasured Places, Treasured Moments, also encompasses the ownership management of Marriott International properties in Australia and Kuala Lumpur as well as properties under the brand's distinctive Autograph Collection banner. Properties under the Marriott International partnership include The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui as well as Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, named in TIME's World's Greatest Places 2021 list and also the first Ritz-Carlton Reserve in Japan, complementing YTL Hotels' master plan for Niseko Village.

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