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Indonesia plans to raise ancient ship

The Indonesian government is planning to raise an ancient Chinese ship, which many have been laying on the ocean floor for up to 600 years. Local media reported that the ship, which lies off the coast of West Sumatra's Mentawai Islands, was only discovered after the devastating tsunami that struck the region in October last year.

"A permit to lift the sunken ship off the waters of South Pagai, Mentawai, is currently being processed," local news portal, kompas.com, reported an official with the West Sumatra Maritime Affairs & Fisheries Agency as saying this week.

The ship, estimated to be 20 metres in length, is thought to date back to between the 15th and 17th Centuries.

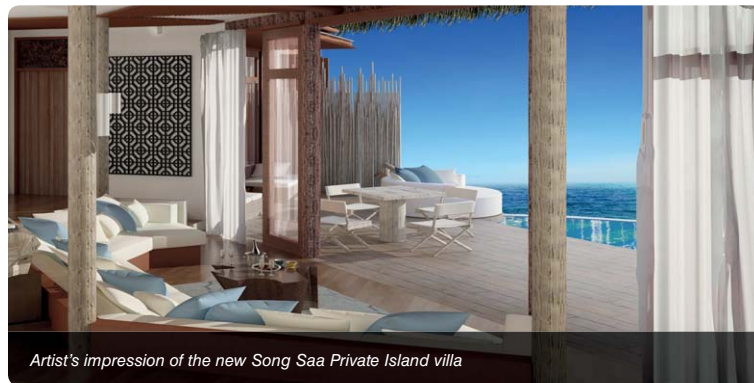
Cathay goes daily to Penang



Cathay Pacific has announced plans to launch direct daily services to Penang from 28 March 2011. The new flights will be operated by an Airbus A330-300 aircraft in a two-class configuration, with Business and Economy Class seats. In addition, Cathay will retire the last of its three daily flights from Hong Kong to Kuala Lumpur to depart at 4.15pm, one hour later than at present. The Penang flights meanwhile will depart Hong Kong at 7.45am each day, returning from Penang at 3pm. [Click here for full story.](#)

Cambodian private island resort unveils villas

Song Saa Private Island to offer Southeast Asia's first overwater villas...



Song Saa Private Island, Cambodia's first luxury private island resort, has unveiled its first mock-up villa. The high-end resort, being built on two islands in Cambodia's Koh Rong archipelago, will feature 25 Rainforest, Beach and Overwater Villas, each featuring a private pool. Resort facilities will include an overwater restaurant and lounge, positioned just off the island's shoreline, as well as an infinity edged pool, gym, spa, yoga and meditation centre and a beachside watersports centre.

"We are pleased to see the project's steady progress. The completion of the first one-bedroom jungle villa marks a key milestone for Song Saa and illustrates the quality of development that we aim to achieve at the resort," said Rory Hunter, Chief Executive Officer of Brocon, the Australian-owned company behind the development. "While overwater villas are commonly seen in the Maldives, Song Saa is the first

and only development at present to offer overwater villas for private ownership in Southeast Asia," he added.

The resort commenced construction in March 2010 and is scheduled to welcome guests in November this year. The second show villa will also be completed later this month.

Brocon also recently finalised a deal with a sea plane operator to operate two daily flights between the island and Siem Reap, making the resort accessible for guests who combine their beach holiday with a trip to Angkor. [Click here for full story.](#)

Garuda switches terminals at Changi

Garuda Indonesia will move its Singapore operations from Changi International Airport's Terminal 1 to Terminal 3 on 22 February, promising enhanced check-in, departure and arrival facilities for passengers. The revamped Terminal 3 will offer more shops, bars and restaurants, as well as a Butterfly Garden - a world-first for an airport. The national carrier currently operates eight direct daily flights from Singapore to Jakarta and Bali. [Click here for full story.](#)

Qatar Airways to offer double daily flights to Singapore



Qatar Airways has announced plans to introduce a second daily service on its Singapore route. The Doha-based airline currently operates daily flights from Singapore using its Boeing 777 aircraft, with the services continuing on to Bali. The extra services will be phased in from 1 May 2011 when the airline adds three weekly flights to its schedule.

A further three weekly flights will be introduced from 1 October, and a final extra flight will operate to Singapore from 3 November, taking the total frequency to double daily. The airline's existing daily Singapore service is operated using two-class Boeing 777 aircraft, while the second daily service will use a two-class Airbus A330. [Click here for full story.](#)

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