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AT Manukan Island, relaxation should be everybody's agenda as the gentle splashing of the waves against the white stretch of beach, and the blue sea reflecting a bluer sky, are a perfect setting for a stress-free holiday.

There is a resort there for those who want to stay over and enjoy the beautiful island scene for a while.

The Manukan Island Resort managed by the Sutera Sanctuary Lodges offer beautiful accommodation. They are cosy and very homey.

These chalets overlook the South China Sea. As Manukan is an island, all the chalets have sea view, so you never feel too far away from the sea.

There are 20 chalets to choose from. There are four units of hilltop single storey lodge which offer two bedrooms each and six units of double storey lodge that offer one bedroom each.

On the beach there are four units of the single storey ones and six of the double storey accommodations.

There are three hilltop units that are being offered as honeymoon suite. The rooms are furnished extravagantly with an outside bath. The view from these chalets is breathtaking.

After a good rest at the chalet, those who love nature and the peacefulness it offers can go for a nature walk and bird watch. The sunset can be viewed at the end of the trail. It is aptly called sunset point.

Besides that, enthusiasts can go snorkelling as there are coral reefs that fringe the island teeming with fish and marine life. Glass-bottom boat ride can be arranged.

A restaurant and a souvenir corner are available for guests so they actually want for nothing. The foods at the restaurant are fairly good. I liked the sandwiches.

For those who wish to 'nudge' nature a little, they can feed the fishes, which teem along the shore. Fish of different colours and types abound on the shallows, especially at the jetty.

Manukan Island Resort is on one of the five islands under Tunku Abdul Rahman Park. It is about 20 minutes by boat from the boat jetty of Sea Quest at Pan Pacific Marina. The island is about one and a half kilometre long and can be explored within a day on foot.

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