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The idea behind Europe's largest tropical holiday experience is simple: to bring the tropics to Europe. Here, in the largest self-supporting hall in the world, our guests discover a unique holiday destination where the sun is always shining. Tropical Islands is a one-of-a-kind tropical holiday experience that combines the best elements of the Asian Pacific Region, Africa and South America.

I. Background

The investors in Tropical Islands are the Tanjong public limited company, based in Malaysia, and Au Leisure Investments Pte Ltd., from Singapore. The CEO of Tropical Island Management GmbH is Ole Bested Hensing. It is the aim of Tropical Islands to become Europe's leading holiday resort. The vast array of attractions and services are ideal for weekend breaks or a family holiday; we have everything our guests need for a healthy and relaxing stay.

II. The Tropical World

The Tropical Sea, the Bali Lagoon, the Rainforest, a Tropical Village, a giant kids' play area, a rainforest camp, a selection of luxurious lodges, Germany's largest water slide tower and many other attractions make up the Tropical World at Tropical Islands.

The Tropical Sea

The Tropical Sea is as big as three Olympic swimming pools, with a water temperature of 28°C. The majestic, sandy beach has a unique atmosphere, with plenty of sun loungers. Special translucent panels in the south side of the roof let warm UV light shine through – ideal for that perfect suntan! The water quality is excellent and the sea is suitable for young children.

The Bali Lagoon

The water temperature in the Bali Lagoon is 32°C. A whirl stream, slide and whirlpools make bathing here great fun. Where the lagoon meets the rainforest, a cave and a waterfall conjure up a real jungle atmosphere, and our many luxury lodges by the Bali Lagoon allow our guests to sleep just a stone's throw from the water's edge. Pure holiday bliss, guaranteed!

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The largest indoor rainforest in the world – rainforest tours for all the family

Around 50,000 plants, bushes and shrubs make up the vegetation at Tropical Islands. About 600 different species of plants have found a new home here, including palms, fern and mangroves, most of which were brought here specially from the Pacific and South American regions. The many different types of palms in the rainforest are particularly impressive, such as the betel palms, Bismarck palms, fan palms and the fishtail palms with their luscious fruits. A 20,000 m² panel on the south side of the hall lets in natural sunlight, allowing the plants and fruits such as bananas, papayas, star fruit and jackfruit to flourish. A kilometre-long path winds through the beautiful greenery. Visitors can take the rainforest tour without a guide: exhibits at 12 stations explain the complexity of the rainforest ecosystem and the impressive biodiversity within it. The tour is multimedia-based, and is available in German, English, Polish and Czech. "GEO" magazine also runs a permanent exhibition in the rainforest entitled "GEO protects the rainforest".

III. Accommodation

Deep in the heart of the dense tropical vegetation, right next to the Tropical Sauna & Spa complex, lie the **rainforest camps**.

The safari-style two and four-man tents are furnished with mattresses and bed bases for the perfect jungle adventure feeling. Ideal for families, couples and young groups!

Another, high-comfort accommodation option is our range of **lodges** in carefully selected, attractive locations, such as by the Bali Lagoon, above the waterfall in the rainforest and by the Angkor Wat Temple. Each lodge has its own unique story, told through its name, design and setting. Guests can choose from three categories, ranging from the comfortable standard lodges to stylish designer options and the luxurious premium choice. Additional beds and travel beds for children are available on request.

Camping on the edge of the tropics – the Tropic Islands **camp site**. The site meets all the modern standards for a 5-star camp site. Guests can see the Tropical Islands complex from the site, and a shuttle service takes campers into the tropical realm. The plot covers 6 hectares and offers space for 91 caravans and trailers. Teepee-style tents can also be rented on a separate area.

Our comfortable **holiday homes** are also situated close to the Tropical Islands complex. Each one has space for four to twelve people and is fully furnished, with a built-in kitchen, garden and car park. Some houses also have their own sauna and a fireplace.

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Holiday apartments

Just a few minutes' drive from Tropical Islands, deep in the beautiful Brandenburg heathland, lie a series of attractive, modern holiday apartments.

Moreover, **many great options** are available **all year round in close proximity** to the Tropical Islands complex. These range from a simple bed to luxurious suites – whatever your heart desires. For more information, click the "Visitor information" link at www.tropical-islands.de, call our hotline on +49 (0)35477 60 50 50, or contact Novasol, the holiday apartment provider. For information and bookings, please visit www.novasol.de

IV. Attractions in the Tropical World

The African Jungle Lift

"The African Jungle Lift" at Tropical Islands is a fun ride for the whole family. If you've got a great sense of adventure and love the thrill of that tingling feeling in your stomach, then this is the ride for you! The lift carefully carries up to 16 people to a height of 20 metres, before plunging them back into the rainforest at least twice as fast.

Water slide

At 27 metres, the Tropical Islands water slide tower is the highest in Germany – as tall as a four-storey building. There are four different slides, including a turbo slide where visitors can speed to the bottom at up to 70 km/h! The other three slides are slightly less extreme, and the tyre slide is perfect for family rides.

Tropino Club for Kids

The Tropino Club at Tropical Islands is a self-contained playworld with power paddle boats, a gigantic climbing frame and a go-karting track, as well as more conventional recreational facilities such as a basketball court, table tennis tables and table football. Our team of Kids' Activity Coordinators arrange a diverse programme of activities: dancing at the Kids' Disco, treasure hunts through the rainforest, face painting, feeding the fish and much, much more...

Miniature golf

Our 18-hole miniature golf course is built on artificial grass embedded into a small rocky landscape. The novel course and range of difficulty levels provide great variety and hours of entertainment for all our visitors.

Island ballooning

Take in amazing views of the Tropical Sauna & Spa complex from 55 m above ground level in the tethered balloon. Guests can sit comfortably while swaying gently in the air and enjoying Europe's largest tropical holiday experience from a bird's eye view.

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The free-floating balloon has room for the whole family (max. 260 kg). A tour guide on the ground steers passengers through the tropical environment, providing a glorious experience at up to 22 metres above ground level. Two different routes are available.

Boulevard

The Tropical Islands is home to a number of shops selling a wide range of items, including craftwork, delicious food and souvenirs from all around the world. The boulevard also has a hair and cosmetics salon to give you that perfect tropical look.

The Tropical Village

The heart of the tropical village is made up of the four extraordinary, unique and original buildings designed in the typical styles of Thailand, Borneo, Bali and Samoa. Each one was carefully constructed by experienced artists and builders in its country of origin exclusively for Tropical Islands before being brought to Berlin and reconstructed in our complex.

At 14 metres high, the **Bali Gate** is the largest gate of its kind outside of Bali. Open gates such as this are used to mark the entrances to holy sites on the Hindu "Island of the Gods". The "split gate" symbolises a mount of the Gods that has been torn asunder through its midpoint.

From the Bali Gate, the path continues to the **Bali Pavilion**. With its three pagoda roofs, the hexagonal pavilion has the same aesthetic proportions as a Balinese temple. The roofs are decked with palm leaves, and on the ground floor, sandstone reliefs depict scenes from the Ramayana – the epic tale of Prince Rama, his beautiful wife Sita and the Monkey King Hanuman. The Ramayana is a classic of world literature and contains the philosophical basis of Hinduism.

The design for the **Borneo Longhouse** at Tropical Islands is based on those of the Orang Ulu tribe. They are known as the artists among the original peoples of Borneo. Their longhouses are decorated with carvings and paintings, and their household objects adorned with fine pearls.

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The biggest and most elegant building in the Tropical Village is our traditional **Thai House**, built out of wood and bamboo. Such a house would usually be home to a large family, and comprises three smaller buildings: the sleeping quarters, the reception building and a house where meals would be taken. In the centre of the three buildings is a large atrium. The Tropical Islands Thai House was designed and built by Ladda Teijavnaija, a Thai architect who has also worked for the Thai royal family.

The **Samoa fale** is a typical Polynesian hut, built on an oval platform with tree trunks supporting the leaf-covered roof. These houses are usually open at the sides, even at night.

The **Bali Pavilion** and the **Thai House** also offer you the chance to **stay overnight** in one of our luxury lodges. Furthermore, an array of authentic houses and lodges are available as accommodation in the Tropical Village.

Bars and restaurants

From breakfast in the morning to cocktails well into the night, our guests are spoiled for choice with our varied range of meals and drinks. The Tropical Village is home to several bars, a crêperie, the self-service Mondial Foodcourt, the tropical barbeque and the Jabarimba restaurant, with its enticing breakfast buffet. There are also bars at the Bali Lagoon and by the Tropical Sea. For a more up-market meal, visitors can try our à la carte restaurant with its blue-sky views. And light, exotic cuisine isn't out of the question, either: the Tandoor Restaurant in the Tropical Sauna & Spa complex offers Indian food cooked with delicious spices.

V. Europe's largest tropical sauna & spa complex awaits

Six different spa areas have been built with love and care for your enjoyment, with architecture inspired by models such as the Elephanta Temple in India. In this magical setting you can enjoy saunas, steam baths and luxurious Far Eastern spa experiences, all in an area the size of one and a half football pitches (around 10,000 m²). Whilst relaxing here, you can take a look at images of the places which inspired our design, such as the Angkor Wat temple in Cambodia, the Waiotapu Geysers in New Zealand and the Alcantara Canyon in Sicily. There is also a jungle village and an Asian pavilion, which houses a fitness club with the latest equipment. The wide range of services also includes Turkish baths, Ayurveda treatments and Thai massages. And after a good workout, why not let yourself be pampered with light Indian cuisine in the Tandoor Restaurant (around 200 seats)?

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VI. The show program at Tropical Islands:

"The Tropical Variety Show"

Fascinating entertainment against a unique tropical backdrop!

This colourful variety show will enchant young and old alike – a fusion of stunning artistic performance, acrobatics, tropical music and spectacular dances. Acrobats, jugglers, artists and dancers guarantee a highly entertaining show. The show even features acts on a real ice rink, despite the constant tropical temperatures of 26°C. Our Tropical Variety Show blurs the lines between fantasy and reality, transporting the audience to a world where nothing is impossible. International stars from Kenya, Russia, the Ukraine, France and Germany will wow you with their outstanding balancing acts, breath-taking acrobatics, enchanting dances and costumes – and much more. Eye-catching variety artists from around the world will be sure to blow you away on this tropical stage. Entry prices: EUR 15 adults, EUR 10 children.

Opening hours

In the tropics, there's no such thing as closing time! Europe's largest tropical holiday experience is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Special opening times apply on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Prices

Entry to the Tropical World OR the Tropical Sauna & Spa complex:

Adults	EUR 28.50
Reduced (students, senior citizens, disabled)	EUR 26.50
Children (4-14 years)	EUR 23.00
Infants (0-3 years)	Free

If you cross over from the Tropical World to the Tropical Sauna & Spa complex or vice versa we will charge you an extra one-time fee of EUR 8.50. If you purchase a Kombi-Ticket, you can move freely between the two areas at no extra charge:

Combi-ticket for Tropical World AND Tropical Sauna & Spa complex:

Adults	EUR 34.50
Reduced (school children, students, senior citizens, disabled)	EUR 30.00
Children (4-14 years)	EUR 23.00
Infants (0-3 years)	Free

Ticket prices include use of the car park and changing rooms.

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KidsWelcome offer:

With 2 adults and 1 child (4-14 years) paying admission, up to 3 further children get in free!

Birthday special:

Birthday boys and girls of all ages can get into Tropical Islands for free on their special day! Date of birth must be confirmed with registered proof of identity (ID card, passport, driving licence etc.)

Accessibility

Tropical Islands is also accessible for wheelchair users. Wide paths, toilets and changing rooms with wheelchair access and ramps throughout the complex guarantee complete accessibility. You can also explore the rainforest in the comfort of your wheelchair: paved paths and no inclines greater than 6% guarantee a relaxing time.

How to get to Tropical Islands

By car

Tropical Islands is just off the A13 Berlin/Dresden motorway, approximately 35 km south of Berlin Schönefeld (take exit for Staakow).

By train

The RE2 Regional Express departs every hour from Berlin and Cottbus to Brand (Niederlausitz). The journey from Berlin Alexanderplatz takes around 50 minutes. The regional train RB 14 to Brand also departs every hour from Berlin Ostbahnhof, travelling via Berlin Schönefeld and Königs Wusterhausen, and from Senftenberg via Lübben. A free shuttle bus takes visitors from Brand (Niederlausitz) train station to the Tropical Islands site.

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