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Langkawi open to Phase 1 states too

KUALA LUMPUR: From Sept 16, Langkawi will be welcoming domestic tourists from all states, including those still under Phase One of the National Recovery Plan (NRP).

Tourism, Arts and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri yesterday said this applied to fully vaccinated adults.

Those under 18, she said, must be accompanied by fully inoculated parents or guardians.

Tourists from areas under the Enhanced Movement Control Order (EMCO), however, were not allowed to visit the island, she added.

"Visitors to Langkawi must also comply with the standard operating procedures (SOP).

"They can travel via land or air.

Those using land routes must use travel agencies to arrange transportation from their point of origin to the ferry jetty in Langkawi.

"Only tourists from Kedah and Perlis, as well as those coming by flight are not required to use the service of travel agencies.

"There is also no mandatory Covid-19 screening test or insurance coverage for the tourists."

Nancy said her ministry would monitor the Langkawi travel bubble and gather feedback from the community involved in the programme within two weeks.

"The feedback will be evaluated and submitted to the National Security Council (NSC) for consideration, such as the opening of more tourist destinations.

"We would like to urge those who wish to travel to Langkawi to continue adhering to the SOP in place to ensure that the Langkawi tourism bubble remains in the green zone and, in turn, allow the opening of even more domestic tourism bubbles in the future," she said.

On Langkawi travel bubble SOP, Nancy said it was limited only to fully vaccinated individuals.

She said travellers must show proof of travelling, such as flight or ferry tickets, hotel receipts or travel package receipts when applying for travel permission with the police and when requested by any enforcement agency.

"Langkawi trips that are allowed are one-day visits,



Tourism, Arts and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri speaking at a press conference in Kuala Lumpur yesterday on the reopening of Langkawi to local tourists. PIC BY MOHAMAD SHAHRIL BADRI SAALI

overnight stays, holidays with pre-booked accommodation or admission bookings, tour package through travel companies licensed and registered with the ministry.

"The number of passengers in the vehicle during the trip is

based on the original capacity of the vehicle.

"Visitors who need to adjust according to ferry services hours to Langkawi are allowed to spend the night at ministry-registered premises in Kedah or Perlis," she said.