A Sanctuary for the Soul: Porsche Culture on Langkawi

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At night, Kuala Lumpur transforms into a blaze of futuristic light. The heat of the tropical night clings to the skin here at the base of the Petronas Towers, soaring like sculptures into the sky. Here in the heart of it all is Derrick Lim, a radiant smile on his face and his right hand placed on his chest. This Malaysian greeting is a symbol of respect – expressed not only with your hand, but also with your heart, and perfectly embodied by Derrick Lim. He's here with his 911 GT3 RS (991) in Lizard Green, which blends seamlessly with the city's nighttime color scheme. It's just one of the vehicles in his spectacular collection, which we'll have the opportunity to get acquainted with over the next few days.

Though brief, this evening's get-together is important to Derrick Lim, as Kuala Lumpur's nighttime skyline is just too beautiful to miss. We need to enjoy it at least once in the 911 before we accompany Lim and his family on a special outing in the coming days.

Derrick Lim: „We are a Porsche family“

The next morning, we meet up with Lim in Desa ParkCity in northwestern Kuala Lumpur, a family-friendly area with a beautiful landscape, lush greenery, parks, and lakes, where the Lims live on a magnificent estate, with three Porsche models always parked out front. “We are a Porsche family,” says Derrick Lim with a smile. Though it sounds like an exaggeration, he means it literally. “We make purchasing decisions together.” His 38-year-old wife, Caryn, a dentist; his brother and business partner, Darrell; and his daughters six-year-old Sarah and five-year-old Sania are always involved. Even his parents, Amah and Atuk, have a voice in the family structure. One-year-old Safia alone will have to wait a few years to make any suggestions. “This makes our family unique,” says Lim. “In fact, my daughters are responsible for naming the cars.”

The 911 GT3 RS (992) was christened the “Whale,” the 911 Dakar (992) the “Camping Car,” and the 911 Sport Classic (992) simply the “Family Car.” The family currently owns 12 Porsche, half of which remain in Kuala Lumpur. The other half is housed on the island of Langkawi off the western coast of Malaysia.

Derrick Lim has been closely linked to the brand since 2008 and, soon after joining Porsche Club Malaysia, was elected its President. Milestones under his leadership include convoys of up to 320 Porsche vehicles through the heart of Kuala Lumpur, parades on the Sepang International Circuit, long-distance road trips covering more than 2,000 kilometers, the founding of several clubs in the region, and drives organized for orphaned children – all of them centered around the community experience. As many as 60 activities can be held in a single calendar year. Despite his unwavering passion for Porsche, Lim stepped down in his role as President last year. But as a lifetime member, he is part of the brand’s GT Circle and still takes part in club events with his family.

Perfect symbiosis

For Lim, Porsche is so much more than just pure passion. “Sports cars are social vehicles,” he explains. “They can bring people together and spark unimagined joy.” Even his first Porsche was something of a community project. “I bought it with my brother, Darrell, in 2007,” he says. “For me, driving a Porsche has always been a ‘we.’” He also manages his mining company with his brother – the family is ever-present.

Derrick Lim begins his day with an iced coffee in Desa ParkCity. The dynamic topography of the Malaysian capital is the perfect complement to his way of life. While his job keeps him on the move much of the time, he enjoys spending his days off with his wife and children or recharging his batteries at the Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club. “The rhythm of golf gives me the same quiet focus I find on a back road in a Porsche,” he says. While his Cayenne and Macan models serve as spacious family vehicles in Kuala Lumpur, the two-door models strut their stuff on the island of Langkawi, where the family can often be found enjoying the sports cars and time together. Today is one of those days. With

the weekend just getting started, the Lims get ready to escape the hustle and bustle of Kuala Lumpur.

After a flight of around 50 minutes, they find themselves at Langkawi International Airport on the western coast of the island a few hours later. Everyone has tagged along, including his brother, Darrell; Darrell's girlfriend, Miko; his parents, Amah and Atuk; his wife, Caryn; and his daughters. With its endless white beaches, mangrove forests, waterfalls, and tropical climate, the Langkawi archipelago stands in stark contrast to the environment of Kuala Lumpur. "The island is a sanctuary for the soul," says Lim. "Here you can enjoy freedom." And it's a perfect location for driving excitement.

An air-conditioned garage not too far from the airport houses the rest of the Porsche collection: a 911 S/T (992), a 911 Sport Classic (992), a 911 Dakar (992), a 718 GT4 RS, and a 911 GT2 RS (991).

Five vehicles, three generations

A typical Lim excursion in Langkawi consists of five vehicles, three generations, and always the same destination: the Westin Langkawi Resort & Spa in the island's southeast. The family-friendly beach resort offers an idyllic retreat right on the Andaman Sea. But with some highlights to explore along the way, they won't reach the hotel until evening.

The journey begins with the shuttle to the garage and then continues in the sports cars. With the rain falling, the horizon opens up to the sound of the windshield wipers. What follows is a perfectly orchestrated ritual: gas station stop, coffee break, radio contact, and more importantly driving excitement as a shared experience. The five sports cars wind their way through the rainforest.

For lunch, the travel group makes a stop at the restaurant of the Datai Langkawi luxury hotel on the northwestern tip of the island. Amah and Atuk take a seat at their usual spot on the terrace. Conversations about favorite Porsche models mix with the sound of children laughing. "We come here precisely for these moments," says Lim. "There's nothing better than sharing your passion with your loved ones."

Moments are savored as time passes and early evening sets in. The next stop is Perdana Quay Light House, which has a distinctive brick facade and offers breathtaking views of the ocean. Unpaved and surrounded by tropical nature, the final leg of the drive there is demanding. Unfazed by the brief commotion made by the native macaques upon their arrival, the Lims are brimming with excitement. With the sun setting on the horizon, this symbolic location – this oasis – is an absolute hidden gem and offers beautiful photo ops.

Once the sun has disappeared below the sea, they all get back into the cars and make their way through the wilderness of Langkawi, heading for the Cili Kampung restaurant. "The perfect place to end the evening," says Lim. The table fills with typical Malaysian specialties like ayam sambal, chicken in a flavorful chili-based sauce; masak lemak, rice in coconut milk; and sambal sotong petai, a spicy squid dish. With the atmosphere growing more and more exuberant, the Lims are clearly enjoying their time

together.

“Langkawi offers us a slower pace,” says Derrick Lim at the end of the day. “My happiest moments are always here with my family. And sometimes alone in my sports car.”

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718 Cayman GT4 RS (WLTP)*: Fuel consumption combined: 13.0 l/100 km; CO_2 emissions combined: 295 g/km; CO_2 class: G

911 GT3 RS (WLTP)*: Fuel consumption combined: 13.2 l/100 km; CO_2 emissions combined: 299 g/km; CO_2 class: G

*Further information on the official fuel consumption and the official specific CO_2 emissions of new passenger cars can be found in the "Leitfaden über den Kraftstoffverbrauch, die CO_2-Emissionen und den Stromverbrauch neuer Personenkraftwagen" (Fuel Consumption, CO_2Emissions and Electricity Consumption Guide for New Passenger Cars), which is available free of charge at all sales outlets and from DAT (Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH, Helmuth-Hirth-Str. 1, 73760 Ostfildern-Scharnhausen, www.dat.de).

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