The forest, fresh air, waterfalls, and everything else one loves about the great outdoors — all at your doorstep. Life at Setia Eco Templer offers all that and more.

For city folks in Kuala Lumpur, living amidst nature is something they could only dream of, but just wait until you step into Setia Eco Templer, SP Setia Bhd’s township development located in Templar Park, Rawang, Selangor, just 23km away from the Kuala Lumpur (KL) city centre.

With the majestic hills of Bukit Takun as its backdrop, the development lies within a green sanctuary embraced by the rainforest at Templar Park and the Kanching Eco-Forest Park.

The 194-acre modern township development launched its first phase in 2016, offering English, Peranakan and Balinese-inspired bungalows, semi-ds, link villas, two- and three-storey shop offices and a Rumah Selangorku affordable housing scheme.

Notably, the design concept of Setia Eco Templer was drawn from local history — that of the former British High Commissioner Sir Gerald Templer and his journey to Malaya in 1952.

Hailing from Essex, a small town in the UK, Sir Gerald Templer arrived through the Melaka Straits via Bali, Indonesia. His origin serves as the inspiration for the name of Setia Eco Templer’s first residential phase — Essex Gardens with its English-inspired design concept. This was followed by the Peranakan culture-inspired phase 2A called Peranakan Straits and the Balinese-themed phase 2B called Amantara.

“This project is based on the story of Sir Gerald Templer’s journey to Malaya. The natural reserves at Templar Park was named after him. Even this clubhouse, which was built 30 years ago was named after him. This is the real history of this place and we wish to remind people of this through this development,” says Setia Eco Templer Sdn Bhd general manager Dianne Chan at the refurbished colonial-design clubhouse.

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The best thing is, residents of the whole of Setia Eco Templar, and not just those at Essex Gardens, will get to enjoy living in such a natural environment. The green and serene environment calms the mind and has attracted many nearby residents to come here for a walk at the lakeside (which will be reserved for the exclusive use of the township’s residents eventually) daily, especially at the dawn of the day when the place is covered by morning mist and the air is fresh, even more so following a heavy downpour of rain.

It is no wonder then that the temperature at Templer Park is one to two degrees Celsius lower than in the KL city centre, which can be easily accessed from the township via the toll-free roads of Jalan Rawang and Jalan Kuching. Setia Eco Templar is also connected by the North-South Expressway (NSE), Guthrie Corridor Expressway and Kuala Lumpur-Kuala Selangor Expressway (LATAR).

We decided to minimise construction interruptions to the natural life there and decided to build houses around the natural setting.

— Chan
and semi-dee homes. These units have unique design features such as stained glass windows, high ceilings and large balconies.

Built-up areas of the Peranakan Straits units range from 2,292 sq ft to 2,797 sq ft and is priced from RM888,000 onwards. Some 80% of the units have been sold so far.

This phase is 35% completed as at July 2019 and is slated for completion by end-2020.

Meanwhile, phase 2B or the Balinese-themed Amantara homes have seen a 50% take-up since an official launch a few months ago.

Amantara comprises 155 units of link villas, semi-dees and bungalow homes with built-ups ranging from 2,598 sq ft to 4,516 sq ft and prices starting from RM1.06 million.

One of the most eye-catching design features of Amantara homes is the integration of Balinese-style stone carving art on some of the exterior walls.

The design concept of the homes are in keeping with the township’s rustic environment and it is this wonderful hommage to nature that makes Setia Eco Templer an extraordinary place to live.
RAWANG FOR NATURE LOVERS

It is no doubt that Rawang is one of the most rapidly growing areas in the Klang Valley today. The former tin-mining town used to be made up of a few rows of shophouses, but today Rawang has grown and developed into a vibrant address for homebuyers and businesses alike. This is largely due to improvements in amenities and connectivity, as well as the variety of properties available there.

Rawang is blessed by nature, especially if one stays in Templar Park, east of Rawang, which is nestled between the Bukit Lagong Recreational Forest and Sungai Tua Recreational Forest — two major forest reserves in the Klang Valley and home to many outdoor recreational and nature spots including Templar Park, Kanching Eco-Forest Park and the Commonwealth Forest Park.

Templer Park is indeed a unique place to stay, yet it is only 23km away from Kuala Lumpur city centre via toll-free roads.

Below: Templar Park or Taman Rimba Templar is known as the green lung of Rawang.

Left: The waterfalls at Kanching Eco-Forest Park is a popular picnic spot.

Above: The Commonwealth Forest Park was established in 1993 to mark the 14th Commonwealth Forest Conference.

Residents in Templar Park or anywhere else in Rawang, Selangor will never have to worry about going hungry, as there are a myriad of food choices there. Foodies in the know can tell you about the numerous decades-old local Chinese restaurants in the Rawang town centre that often attract large crowds with long queues forming at their shop-fronts even before they open for business.

There are other places worth a try beyond the town centre itself that locals haunt. They are still relatively below the radar of most foodie Malaysians, so better visit them before they become more popular!

Here are four of the best treats Rawang has to offer.

Restoran Teratak Ngori

Restoran Teratak Ngori is a popular breakfast/lunch place for nearby residents as well as those who are looking to get breakfast before they go off to trek the jungle or visit the waterfalls as the restaurant is open as early as 6am.

The humble place is known for its nasi lemak kuihulu while other dishes on the menu such as nasi lauk have their fans too.

ADDRESS: 58, Gereja MPS
Batu 16, Rawang
OPENING HOURS: Opens daily from 6am to 4.30pm, except on Monday
TEL: (014) 261 1907

Restoran Lan Je

Restoran Lan Je was the one that made steamed tilapia famous as it is probably the first restaurant offering this dish as a specialty. With more than 30 branches now open in the Klang Valley and Ipoh, the restaurant began in Rawang back in 1978, operating from a small shoplot which has remained a favourite among customers till today. Restoran Lan Je offers just ONE type of signature steamed fish, each individually-served — the black tilapia with soy sauce, chopped garlic, ginger and cilantro. The restaurant also serves sides of vegetables, chicken and tofu.

ADDRESS: 45, Seksyen Rawang 1, Taman Seja Rawang, Rawang
OPENING HOURS: 11.30am to 3pm and 5.30pm to 10pm daily.
Closed on Tuesday.
TEL: (037) 619 1599