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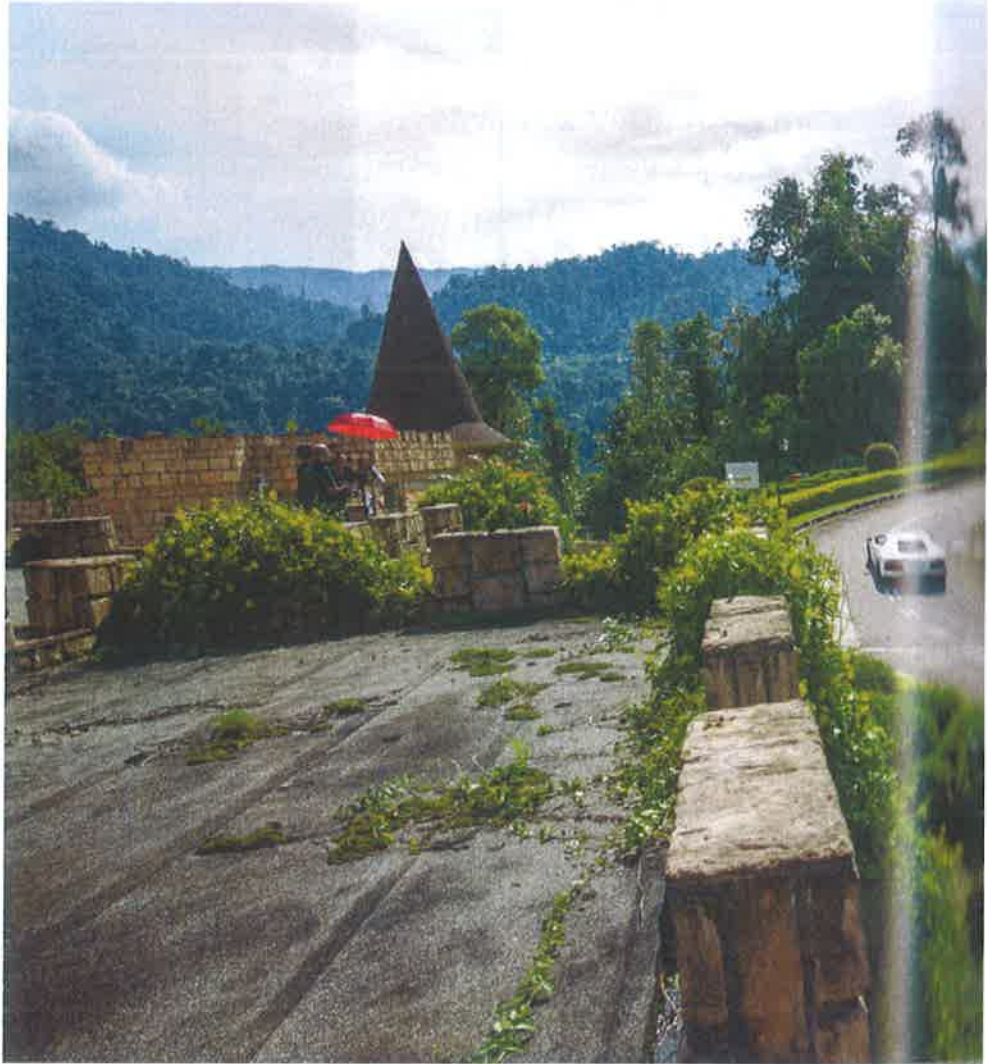
a must so that the passengers would have something to do other than scream their lungs out," said Chye. "We're lucky because we have beautiful roads in Malaysia and, in fact, some of the best mountain roads in the world."

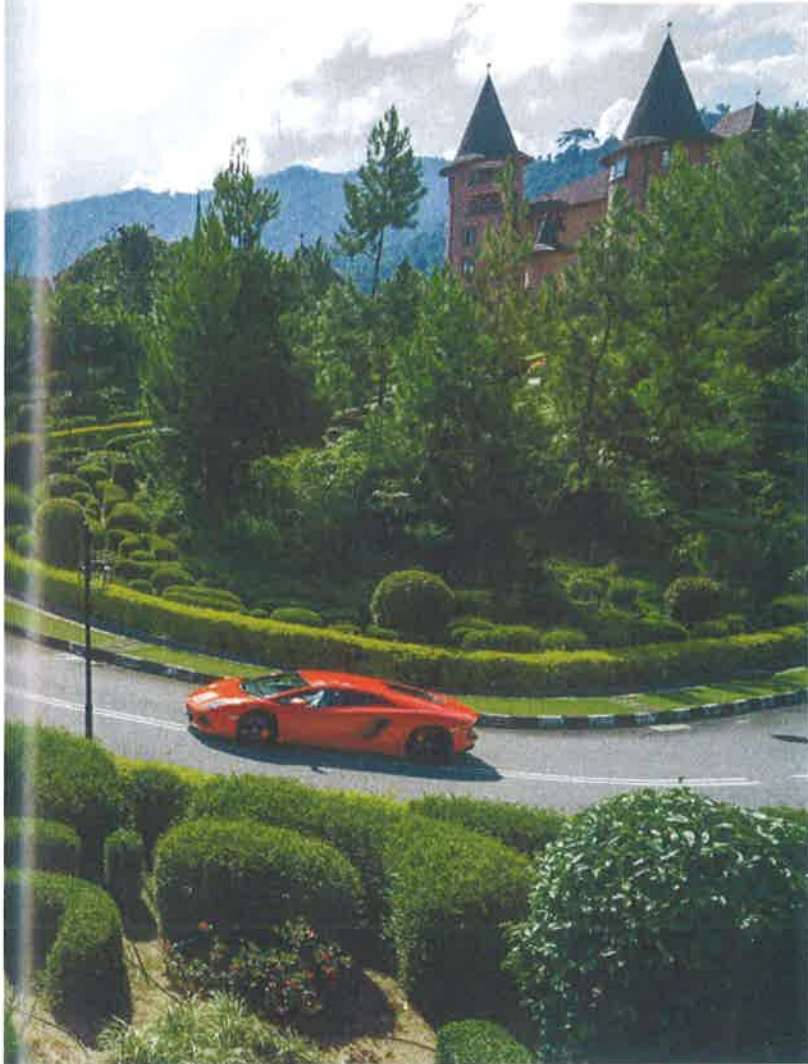
The result was a well-calculated route with a variety of vast highways, treacherously narrow roads snaking up and down the mountains, incredibly scenic stretches and small town lanes clogged with traffic. The highlight of the route was the 250km up Cameron Highlands on day two, which encompassed the best of everything about the drive. Over 30 Lamborghinis rocketed through slopes, hilly areas, meandering roads and tore through the towns of Bentong, Raub and Ringlet, before being escorted by police outriders up to YTL's five-star Cameron Highlands Resort.

Legend has it that Frank Sinatra had quipped, when he got his Miura in 1969, "If you want to be someone, you buy a Ferrari; if you *are* someone, you own a Lamborghini." While there were no Miuras in the convoy of over 30 cars that participated in the drive, it did boast a saliva-inducing lineup including a Diablo; Murciélagos; Aventadors; two Super Trofeo Stradales; and V-10 Gallardos which included the Spyder Performante and Malaysia Limited Editions. There were also four Countachs, two of which were extra special as one was the last Countach to roll off the production line and the other used to belong to Barry Gibb from the Bee Gees.

With over 30 supercars raging along the west coast of the peninsula, the drive was - in a word - exhilarating. The car stuck to the road like superglue, so close I could practically feel the gravel under my feet. It attacked every curve and hugged every turn with razor-sharp precision. With plenty of nail-biting moments (especially when there was oncoming traffic), the eventful route held little reprieve for the more docile Lambo driver, which was fine because I was quite sure such people didn't actually exist. It was riveting to watch the other cars in the convoy darting in and out of traffic, and disappearing and re-appearing around sharp corners. Through it all, despite the challenging route, the car never lost control and never felt anything less than rock solid.

From Cameron Highlands, it was a hair-raising drive back down the mountain in the





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: SCENIC ROUTE TO THE CHATEAU SPA & ORGANIC WELLNESS RESORT IN BUKIT TINGGI; COCKTAILS BY THE POOL AT THE CHATEAU; CARS EN ROUTE TO CAMERON HIGHLANDS; 50AAD GALA DINNER AND AUCTION AT THE CHATEAU'S FRENCH FINE DINING RESTAURANT L'ASLETTE; ROSDI BRIEFING THE DRIVERS ON THE NEXT ROUTE

