



**THE MAJESTIC
MALACCA**

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YTL HOTELS' FIRST CLASSIC HOTEL**

On 11 January 2008, YTL Hotels launched its first Classic Hotel in the city of Malacca, a historic seaside city on the west coast of Malaysia, approximately 150km south of Kuala Lumpur. By melding together the influences of the many cultures that have created the Malaccan melting pot, The Majestic Malacca provides a unique experience in a beautiful environment.

Like its sister properties, Tanjong Jara Resort, Cameron Highlands Resort and Pangkor Laut Resort, this 54-room hotel on the banks of the Malacca River is set to be placed amongst the world's best, providing the quality, service, luxury and absolute authenticity of every YTL hotel and resort.

Completed in 1929 as a private mansion of a prominent businessman, the mansion was then sold and converted into a hotel in 1952 and 1955 respectively. It was later closed down in 2000 and restoration works on The Majestic Malacca commenced in October of 2006. Today, the hotel draws influences from the Portuguese, the Dutch, the British and the Peranakan, with an architectural style that mirrors Malacca's multi-faceted colonial past. Teak wood fittings, leather furniture and traditional Portuguese porcelain flooring are enhanced by authentic artwork and antiques which echo the history of the region; whilst four-poster beds decorated in a mixture of rich silks and cool cotton, vintage four-legged pedestal bathtubs, provide the comfort and romance required by the discerning modern traveler.

Gourmet travelers are also well catered for in the hotel's signature restaurant, The Mansion. This semi-formal venue for breakfast and dinner accommodates up to 106 persons and has two private dining room options. Dishes from the Portuguese, Dutch, English, and Baba-Nyonya cultures are combined in an adventurous menu that takes guests on a true culinary journey of the region. There is no other place in Malaysia that provides as interesting and complex a palette of tastes and textures; and The Majestic Malacca offers a dining experience that allows guests to experience the region's most interesting dining in five-star comfort, quality and luxury.

Here, the colonial past of Malacca is also reflected in its impeccable antique collection of traditional Peranakan dishes that bring the walls alive and white wainscoting that adds a sense of British order to the soft wall colours reflective of the architecture of the Dutch occupation.

Located at the heart of the hotel, The Lounge at The Mansion presents a cosy corner, ideal for lunch, afternoon tea or just conversation. Guests are spoiled with an extensive range of whiskey, cocktails and other drinks – a perfect setting in which to plan your next activity or review the day that has passed.

The hotel houses a Spa Village, which takes pride of place, with six treatment rooms spread over two floors. In line with the Spa Village philosophy to honour the healing traditions of the local region, Spa Village Malacca is the world's only spa to base its therapies on the healing heritage of the Baba-Nyonya, also as known as the Peranakan - a unique combination of Chinese, and Malay influences. This rich culture is reflected not only through the therapy, but also within the architectural environment of the spa itself, with intricate traditional wood carving integrated with finely detailed porcelain wall tiles and traditional Chinese day beds, bathed in muted sunlight from the floor to ceiling windows.

Set between the Spa Village and a glass-enclosed gymnasium that houses a wide range of the latest exercise equipment, is the beautiful outdoor swimming pool. Stylish loungers lining the waterside invite languorous relaxation with a refreshing cold drink whilst soaking up the tropical sun.

The hotel is also well equipped for small meetings and corporate events. There are four meeting rooms equipped with wireless broadband and natural lighting with its large windows looking out to the beautiful mansion. The various meeting rooms seat from 10 to 50 pax comfortably. With dedicated professional banqueting and meeting planners working with every organiser to ensure successful events, The Majestic Malacca provides a conducive environment for effective meetings.

In a city where empires have grown and fallen; European colonial powers have ruled, and the strong Chinese influence continues as it has done for hundreds of years; the Malacca of today is a rich *mélange* of Dutch, Portuguese, British, Chinese, Indian and Malay influences that culminate to create a fascinating and unique destination. The Majestic Malacca allows visitors to experience this way of life, enjoying a hotel experience that is like no other.

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The Majestic Malacca

Set on the banks of the Malacca river, The Majestic Malacca, a 54-room luxurious boutique hotel, provides an experience of another age. Its rooms evoke a luxurious, nostalgic sense of the city's rich history where Dutch, Portuguese and Peranakan Chinese styles merge in a cultural crossroad. From the fine teakwood fittings to the intricate designs of the original porcelain floor tiles, this classic hotel reflects Malacca's unique heritage providing the comfort and romance required by the discerning traveller.

The Majestic Malacca is a YTL Classic Hotel.

YTL Hotels

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