



**THE MAJESTIC
MALACCA**

PRESS RELEASE

THE GRAND LADY OF MALACCA

Malacca, Malaysia: Formally a private residence, The Majestic Malacca was built in 1929 for a prominent Chinese tycoon who acquired the land from St. Peter's Church. The land lies on the riverbank of the Melaka River and encompassed the present hotel site and the adjacent land currently occupied by a hospital. It was an expansive six-room mansion and was built in an architectural style that was a unique mix of Straits and Neo-classic architecture.

The mansion was later converted to a hotel in 1955 and was given the name The Majestic Hotel. In 2000, the hotel ceased its operation and was taken over by the State Government. In 2008, after undergoing extensive restoration, The Majestic Malacca opened its doors to the public once again under the ownership of YTL Hotels. The doyenne of Malacca is architecturally, historically and culturally important as it is a heritage building and is part of the historical landmark of this old city.

The Majestic Malacca encompasses the original mansion and has been sympathetically extended to house 52 rooms, 2 suites and a Spa Village. The original fixtures of the mansion were restored to the mansion's former glory in the 1920s. Colourful stained glass and Straits Settlement windows painted in soft pastel shades greet guests as they arrive at the *porte cochere*. Within its interiors, the intricate Straits Chinese porcelain tiles were lovingly restored and gleam elegantly beside plush leather chairs and dark teakwood fittings. The Straits Chinese porcelain tiles of the era were all imported from Europe and was the norm for wealthy Straits Chinese families in Malacca.

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Dressed in cool shades of beige and green timber framing, The Majestic Malacca retains its genuine old world charm and the architectural design integrates the old with the new to ensure that the every aspect of the hotel's architecture echoes the history of the region while bringing every modern convenience to bear.

The classic hotel is located in the historic seaside city of Malacca in the west coast of Malaysia, approximately 150km south of the capital city of Kuala Lumpur and 260km north of Singapore. Founded in the early 1400s by a Sumatran prince, Malacca quickly grew to become the most important entrepot and gateway to the Spice Islands during the lucrative spice trade. Its success during the spice trade was so legendary that Portuguese writer Tome Pires quoted, 'He who is Lord of Malacca has his hand on the throat of Venice'. The Malacca of today is a rich *mélange* of Portuguese, Dutch, British, Chinese, Indian and Malay influences. Cited by UNESCO as a cultural site relevant for its outstanding value to humanity, the city of Malacca join places as unique and diverse as the wilds of East Africa's Serengeti, the Pyramids of Egypt, the Great Barrier Reef in Australia and the baroque cathedrals of Latin America in making up the UNESCO World Heritage List.

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About YTL Hotels

YTL Hotels owns and manages a prestigious collection of award-winning resorts, hotels, boutique experiences and Spa Villages with a hospitality footprint across Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, China, Japan, Australia, France and the United Kingdom, including Pangkor Laut Resort, voted the world's best resort in 2003 by Condé Nast Traveller UK. The group also co-owns the Eastern & Oriental Express luxury train. The Gainsborough Bath Spa, the only hotel in Bath to be part of the Leading Hotels of the World's collection of legendary hotels, was named one of the Top 10 Hotel Spas in Europe. Set in the heart of Bath, a World Heritage Site, this unique heritage gem exclusively offers the only natural thermal spa within a hotel in the United Kingdom.

YTL Hotels' global expansion celebrates its decades long relationship with Marriott International through the ownership management of Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel, Brisbane Marriott Hotel, Melbourne Marriott Hotel, The Ritz-Carlton Koh Samui, The Ritz-Carlton Kuala Lumpur and JW Marriott Kuala Lumpur and recently includes The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur, Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur, The Glasshouse Hotel - Edinburgh and Threadneedles Hotel – London in affiliation with the brand's Autograph Collection. The partnership also encompasses the future development of the first Ritz-Carlton Reserve that will complement YTL Hotels' overall master plan for Niseko Village in Japan.

With each new experience that it presents, the company strives to embrace and highlight the natural essence of culture, character and tradition of its surroundings. YTL Hotels is the hospitality arm of YTL Corporation Berhad. Visit www.ytlhotels.com for more information and follow us on our social media platforms for #TreasuredPlaces #TreasuredMoments

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