

THE MAJESTIC  
MALACCA

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# THE TREASURED MOMENTS

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THROUGH CENTURIES  
OF HISTORY

A MANSION IN THE  
HEART OF THE CITY

CULINARY & CULTURAL  
KRISTANG TREASURES

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The city of Malacca, shaped through centuries of commerce and culture, is a unique melting pot where extraordinary scenes pervade daily life. In 2008, the city was declared by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site as recognition of its multi-cultural living heritage and historic city centre. At The Majestic Malacca – a lovingly restored century-old mansion, one is within easy reach of the city’s many wonders, where every turn is filled with a poignant sense of time.



## LUXURIATE IN A BONA FIDE STATE HERITAGE BUILDING

Formally a private residence, the mansion that is The Majestic Malacca was built in 1929 for prominent Chinese tycoon Leong Long Man who acquired the land from St. Peter's Church. 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 christened The Majestic Hotel. In the year 2000, the hotel ceased operations and was taken over by the State Government. The intervening years saw it undergoing restoration, with its porcelain-tiled floors and teakwood fittings lovingly conserved and repaired, finally opening its doors again in 2008 to the public as The Majestic Malacca. It is regarded as the doyenne of Malacca; being architecturally, historically and culturally important as a heritage building and serving as a historical landmark of this old city.





## SAVOUR LIP-SMACKING KRISTANG CUISINE AT THE MANSION

Overlooking the Malacca river, at The Mansion, the semi-formal dining room serves authentic Kristang food, where you can savour the food of the Malaccan-Portuguese, Kristang, which has evolved over 500 years and become closely guarded family recipes and heirlooms.

Expect crowd pleasers such as Kari Debal, as well as appetisers such as Inchimintu Karangezu (baked stuffed crab with vegetables, chicken and prawns), Cincalok Fretu (crispy fritters infused with fermented krill), Karing Fretu (crispy fried silver threadfish), Kari Seccu (slow-cooked beef and potatoes in a dry Portuguese curry) and Soy Limang Terun (lightly fried aubergine in soy and lime gravy). To learn these long-held and generational recipes, a Kristang cooking class is also made available for interested guests.



## REGALE IN THE SAN PEDRO'S FESTIVAL, A KEY KRISTANG CELEBRATION

The Feast of St. Peter honours the patron saint of fishermen, and has been a major event in the Kristang calendar since time immemorial. The celebration includes plenty of inherited customs; traditional games, dancing, cultural performances and plenty of feasting. A symbolic lighting of the candles harks back to the time when the families would light the shores to guide the fishermen home.

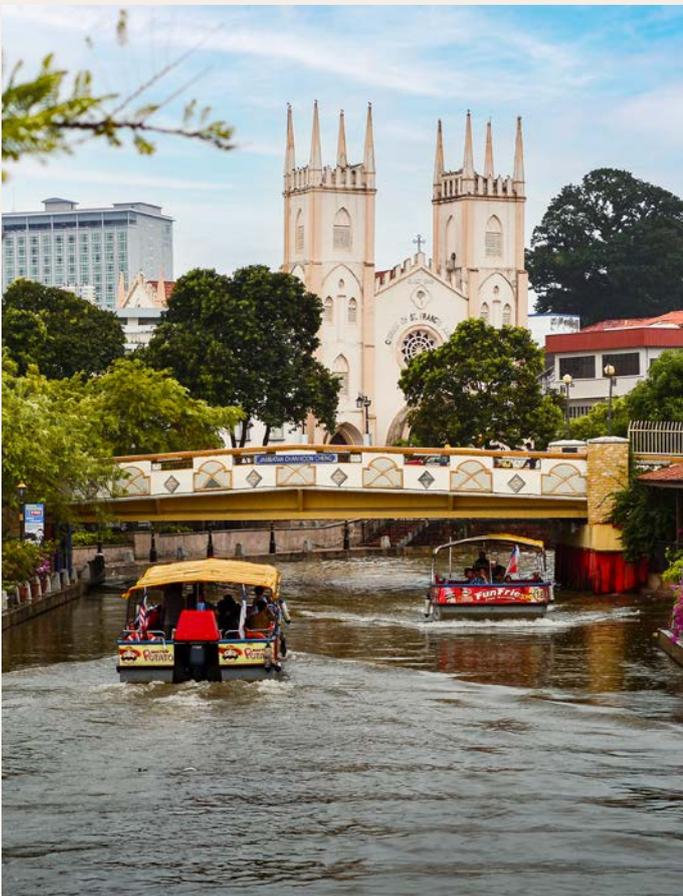


## CELEBRATE EASTER AS THE KRISTANGS WOULD

Experience Sumana de Pascoa, the Kristang Easter, at The Majestic Malacca. As proud keepers of the unique traditions of the Portuguese Eurasian community in Melaka, we invite you to indulge in the vibrant culture and cuisine that this celebration has to offer.

Immerse yourself in mesmerising colours, savour Kristang cuisine, and enjoy live dance performances, cultural music, and handicraft and food stalls at our weekend celebration for an unforgettable experience.

Join us as we celebrate the Kristang Culture throughout the weekend or as we say in Kristang, *beng nos celebraz!*



## THE SANTA-CRUZ FESTIVE GETAWAY

The Santa-Cruz festive weekend takes place in September annually with processions in the city and plenty of shared stories of the mysteries of Malim Hill.

The day would ostensibly segue into reflections of the passing of time, with customary Kristang dinners adding to the sense of history, interweaving past, present and future into one delicious weekend of festivities.



#### RING IN A MERRY KRISTANG CHRISTMAS

Christmas especially and the New Year celebrations among the Kristang population mirror those celebrated in many other communities worldwide. Christmas begins with a midnight mass, followed by a joyous celebration of feasting, music and dance.

In addition to the ever-popular Kari Debal, there is chicken pongteh, acar pesi (pickled fish) and bolu koku (coconut cake) and sugee cakes. Branyok music, with its up-tempo recalling the Malay joget, combined with Indian orchestral styles, becomes the lively background to the dances which turn the Portuguese Settlement into very festive affairs.



#### CRUISE ALONG THE MALACCA RIVER

A relaxing and interesting journey up the historic Malacca River from the river mouth to Kampung Morten, this 45-minute cruise meanders lazily past narrow old shop houses and river warehouses, many of which are now beautifully conserved and restored to showcase its glorious elements of the past.



## TIE THE KNOT AT A DESTINATION LIKE NO OTHER

Amid the rich sense of history, in a place that has borne witness to the changing decades from the roaring twenties and mid-century modernism, right up to the new Digital Age, create your own slice of history.

Here, with the hotel's charm of yesteryear as the backdrop to your grand day, build your own treasured memories by celebrating your nuptials with a hotel book out. Customisation abounds from the florals and meals to the Peranakan pre-wedding ritual of a soothing hair care treatment by Spa Village Malacca.





## WALK THROUGH THE MISTS OF TIME

The Majestic Malacca offers daily tours, which pass through prominent historical landmarks, age-old religious institutions, 600-year-old narrow alleys of the city, and quaint shop houses, providing a beguiling journey through an enchanting living heritage.

The tour includes an instructive look into how Malacca's community amalgamates various European and major Asian civilisations, creating this heady melange which includes the Kristang.

This walk brings you full circle back at The Majestic Malacca with a traditional Kristang afternoon tea where you will be feted with unmissable highlights such as house-made Portuguese egg tarts and glutinous rice with kaya (coconut jam).





## CYCLE TO THE FOUNDATION OF ANCIENT MALACCA - HISTORY ON WHEELS

In some of the earliest retellings of Malacca, the undeniable influence of the legendary Admiral Zheng Ho is markedly obvious. It is also evident in the present-day statue dedicated to him in the city's historical square. Zheng Ho's arrival in the city during a time of the Song Dynasty's growing maritime expansion would eventually lead to the return visit of Sultan Mansur Shah to China, who bore ample tributes.



In China, the sultan requested the hand of the princess Hang Li Po, who would also bring 500 high-ranking young men and a few hundred handmaidens as her entourage, many of whom married into the local populace. On Bukit Cina (China Hill) the tour arrives at Hang Li Po's well - the oldest recorded well in all of Malaysia built by her followers in 1459 as a main water source, and now a popular wishing well for visitors.





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