

**THE MAJESTIC  
MALACCA**

**PRESS RELEASE**

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*Amidst Centuries of Culture and Commerce*

**Malacca, Malaysia:** Guests staying at The Majestic Malacca can relive history through a fascinating guided historical walk offered complimentary to hotel guests. Lead daily by The Majestic Malacca's own resident historian, the informative walk passing prominent historical landmarks of this 600 year-old coastal port, weaving a beguiling journey through an enchanting heritage.

The walk traces a route to Malacca's history, transporting guests back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century when Malacca was the cosmopolitan city of commerce. It begins along the Malacca River and passes through significant historical landmarks of the city's history such as the Stadthuys, built in 1650 as the official residence of Dutch Governors, the edifice is a fine example of Dutch architecture and preserved in its original structure and form in bright red and The Victorian Fountain that was a gift from Queen Victoria to the Straits Settlements. Other landmarks include St. Paul's Church which was originally a chapel built by Duarte Coelho but was turned by the Dutch into a burial ground for their noble dead and renamed St. Paul's Church from the Portuguese's 'Our Lady Of The Hill' where St. Francis Xavier was enshrined in the open grave in 1553 before being shipped to Goa, India, and Porta De Santiago also known as A Famosa, Malacca's hallmark and perhaps the most photographed subject next to the Stadthuys, was built by the Portuguese in 1511 as a fortress and sustained severe structural damage during the Dutch Invasion, leaving only remains of the fort's entrance today.

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## THE MAJESTIC MALACCA

The Majestic Malacca 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 grew to become the most important entrepot and gateway to the Spice Islands during the lucrative spice trade becoming so legendary that Portuguese writer Tome Pires quoted, 'He who is Lord of Malacca has his hand on the throat of Venice'. Today, Malacca 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 joins 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.

The historical walk is complimentary to guests staying at The Majestic Malacca and available daily from 10am and 5pm, except for Wednesdays. The walk duration takes approximately two hours and is not recommended for children aged 5 years and below or toddlers in strollers.

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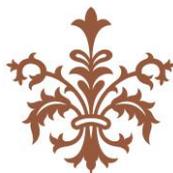
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### **The Majestic Malacca**

Located on the banks of the river which in yesteryear teemed with Chinese junks and spice-laden vessels from all over the world, The Majestic Malacca provides a glimpse into the splendid saga of an extraordinary empire in a UNESCO World Heritage site. Steeped in a rich tapestry of multicultural influences reflected in its heritage architecture, diverse lifestyles and eclectic cuisine, this classic hotel is an integral part of Malacca's colourful history. The heart of the hotel is a restored 1920s Straits Settlement mansion complete with its original porcelain tile flooring and teakwood fittings. It has been sympathetically extended to house the 54 guest rooms and suites as well as an award-winning spa that is a reflection of that era, melding luxury, modernity and tradition. [www.majesticmalacca.com](http://www.majesticmalacca.com)

### **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](http://www.ytlhotels.com) for more information and follow us on our social media platforms for #TreasuredPlaces #TreasuredMoments

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