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TANJONG JARA RESORT Unmistakably Malay

Kuala Lumpur: Located on the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia, Tanjong Jara Resort is a sanctuary of luxury and well-being steeped in age-old Malay traditions. Designed to reflect the elegance and grandeur of 17th century Malay palaces, Tanjong Jara is a 100-room resort with a genuine taste of the region's spirit and an enduring embodiment of the gentle Malay art of service and hospitality.

The philosophy of the resort is based on the Malay concept of Sucimurni, which emphasises purity of spirit, health and well-being. Tanjong Jara encourages true rejuvenation of both body and spirit and offers guests a chance to immerse themselves in a place of serenity and beauty. Authentic in architecture and attitude, and always warm and welcoming, it is an environment to let go, relax deeply and take time to rediscover one's self – all this whilst staff members drawn from the local villages truly live the age old legacy of Malaysian warmth and generosity.

Situated along the beach front are single-storey Anjung Rooms which feature symmetrical sunken outdoor baths in their own private gardens. The doors and windows open out to a canopied verandah looking over the gorgeously-landscaped tropical gardens and sea – an ideal location for a romantic honeymoon. The Serambi Rooms are housed in a double-storey long house-style structure with a partially covered verandah, and Bumbung Rooms sit on the ground floor.

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Di Atas Sungei is Malay for 'Above The River' so guests will find it easy to spot this restaurant which literally sits above a river flowing into the South China Sea. Surrounded by lush tropical greenery, and shaded by a huge Ketapang tree, the restaurant opens for breakfast and dinner, serving authentic Malaysian cuisine. Guests are guided by the resort's Menu Masters, experts in local cuisine, who provide a distinctive dining experience during dinner using only the freshest produce of the highest quality. **Nelayan**, meaning 'Fisherman' in the Malay language, was inspired by the locally and internationally acclaimed signature restaurant, Fisherman's Cove. Nelayan offers a variety of Asian and Western selections for lunch while dinner features a unique symphony of seafood themed dishes crafted by Chef Wai, the pioneer of Fisherman's Cove, which focuses on sustainable fishing practices and the freshest ingredients. Its seaside setting and romantic ambience sets the perfect tone for a relaxed dining experience

Resting beside the resort's free-form pool with a view of the South China Sea, **Teratai Terrace** serves cocktails in the evenings and offers private dining experiences. Enjoy dinner and drinks under a canopy of stars to the sweet strains of live Gamelan music. Guests may also choose from a host of romantic private bespoke dining experiences.

Culture is an integral part of the Tanjong Jara experience, and this manifests in many ways. There are a myriad of cultural experiences that guests can enjoy, providing a personal insight into the way of life in this part of South East Asia. Among the signature experiences offered at the resort is the popular Secrets of a Malay Kitchen home cooking guided by a local culinary master. From a trip to the morning market with its variey of fresh produce, to a typical Malaysian breakfast, before returning to discover the secrets of creating local cuisine and savouring the authentic dishes prepared.

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Surrounding the resort, Terengganu's natural charms and secret wonders lie waiting – a meandering river filled with wildlife, sleepy fishing villages shaded by coconut palms and beautiful islands. Immersing oneself in nature's bounty at Tanjong Jara is recommended as there is a jungle walk and river cruise in addition to nature discussions led by the resident naturalist. Just a short boat ride from the resort, guests will also have the opportunity to snorkel or dive at Tenggol Island, one of the most beautiful islands in South East Asia.

The award-winning Spa Village Tanjong Jara is a sanctuary anchored in this ancient Malay way of life. Unique restorative Malay treatments have been handed down from generation to generation, ensuring their authentic and therapeutic value. At the Spa Village, these long-held health and beauty traditions are revived for guests to enjoy. They can treat themselves to this rich history, in which unique natural ingredients found in various indigenous herbs and plants are combined with the skills of the resident Malay healers to provide a very special experience.

At Tanjong Jara Resort, guests can choose from a wide variety of possible activities – lazy and languid, energetic and outdoorsy, indulgent and regenerative, cultural and enlightening. It is their choice, however, whether they fold them into a single visit or craft each one differently to meet their personal desires.

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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 <u>www.ytlhotels.com</u> for more information and follow us on our social media platforms for #TreasuredPlaces #TreasuredMoments

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