



TWO WORLDS, ONE SANCTUARY! EXPLORE TENGGOL ISLAND'S DEPTHS AND PROTECT TURTLES AT TANJONG JARA RESORT

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, 20 March, 2026 – Nestled along Malaysia's East Coast, Tanjong Jara Resort stands as a distinguished coastal haven embodying the opulence of 17th-century Malay palaces. This March through mid-October 2026, the resort invites guests to witness the enchanting return of the turtles—an experience that unfolds both along the shore and beneath the waves during the much-anticipated dive season.

Cited as "*The Best Diving in Peninsular Malaysia*", Tenggol Island beckons with crystal-clear waters, thriving coral gardens, and vibrant marine life. A hidden gem in the South China Sea, it promises breathtaking dives and unforgettable encounters. The journey begins with a scenic 50-minute private boat ride from Tanjong Jara Resort, where the salty sea breeze and charming coastal villages set the tone for an extraordinary adventure.



Protected within the Terengganu Marine Park, Tenggol Island is home to some of Malaysia's most spectacular dive sites. Beneath the surface, a dazzling marine world unfolds, where an array of iridescent fish shimmer among corals and sunken vessels, while graceful sea turtles and various rays glide effortlessly through the depths. For the truly fortunate, the elusive whale shark may make a rare and awe-inspiring appearance.

Operating as a dedicated PADI 5-Star Resort, Tanjong Jara combines the luxury of heritage with the thrill of underwater exploration. With crystal-clear visibility and regular encounters with gentle sea turtles, the 2026 season presents the perfect moment to book your dive vacation.

Turtles Grace the Shores of Tanjong Jara Resort

Beyond the deep blue, the reopening of the **Tanjong Jara Turtle Hatchery** offers an extraordinary opportunity to witness one of nature's most tender rituals. In partnership with [PULIHARA](#), a dedicated Marine Conservation organisation, the resort has created a safe sanctuary for nesting turtles beside the iconic Nelayan Restaurant. Enclosed within a simple wooden lattice frame, the hatchery allows guests to observe delicate nests up close while ensuring their protection from predators.

Here, visitors may delve into the captivating world of sea turtles—learning of their ancient life cycle, the challenges they face, and the conservation efforts safeguarding their future. Through informative talks and engaging nest inspections (subject to availability), the mysteries of these gentle creatures come to life. For the fortunate few, there is the magical sight of [hatchlings](#) emerging under the moonlight, making their instinctive dash across the sand toward the sea—a moment of pure, untamed wonder.

One of the core educational activities conducted at the Visitors' Hut is the soon-to-be-launched **Junior Conservationist Programme**, formerly known as the Turtle Kids Club. The revised curriculum places greater emphasis on structured learning and hands-on participation, allowing younger guests to explore key concepts in sea turtle biology, life cycles, and conservation challenges through guided activities and interactive materials.

These enhancements are supported by PULIHARA's collaboration with the Inwater Research Group under the International Sea Turtle Ambassador (I.S.T.A.) Programme. The partnership introduces a suite of educational resources designed to foster experiential learning and make conservation science more accessible to younger audiences. PULIHARA is currently the first conservation project in Malaysia to implement the I.S.T.A. programme, integrating internationally developed learning tools into local outreach efforts.

For those moved to make a lasting difference, the Nest Adoption Programme offers a chance to protect turtle nests from poachers, ensuring that eggs remain undisturbed and hatchlings reach the ocean safely. Nest adopters receive exclusive updates with photographs and an invitation to return and witness the hatchlings' release firsthand—a heartwarming and deeply meaningful connection to the cycle of life.

By choosing Tanjong Jara Resort, guests do not simply escape to a secluded coastal paradise—they become part of a greater movement toward sustainable tourism and marine preservation.

Dive into adventure, witness the miracle of new life, and leave with memories that will last a lifetime.

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About [Tanjong Jara Resort](#)

Nestled on the pristine East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia, Tanjong Jara Resort is a celebrated sanctuary of traditional luxury and timeless well-being. Having been awarded the Aga Khan Award for Architecture, its design emulates a 17th-century Malay palace and overlooks the breathtaking ocean beneath rustling palms. Its authentic architecture and serene environment offer a genuine immersion into the region's spirit and rich natural heritage.

Inspired by Sucimurni, the Malay pursuit of purity, the resort is a warm and welcoming environment where ancient traditions and natural wonders create a profoundly regenerative journey. At the heart of this sanctuary lies the award-winning Spa Village Tanjong Jara, a secluded haven where guests are invited to relax deeply and rediscover themselves. Embodying YTL Hotels' ethos of Treasured Places, Treasured Moments, please visit www.tanjongjararesort.com to explore more personalised moments, of this treasured place.

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