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STEP INTO FESTA SAN PEDRO AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT OF KRISTANG HERITAGE AT THE MAJESTIC MALACCA

Malacca, MALAYSIA – 8 May 2026 – The whispers of ancient seafarers, the rhythm of forgotten folk dances, and the aromas of 500-year-old family recipes will fill the air once again. This tradition, which comes alive only once a year, returns as The Majestic Malacca proudly announces Festa San Pedro on 20 June 2026, transforming The Mansion into a living tribute to the Kristang people's resilient spirit. This is not a staged performance. It is a rare, joyful homecoming, and you are invited to be part of it.

"Amidst the crossover of cultures and priceless traditions, we are conserving a soul," said Alvin Kessler, Comprador of The Majestic Malacca and a proud Kristang descendant. "In Kristang, we say '*konsevah tradisang*'. Keeping these traditions alive isn't just important. It is personal." Kessler acts as the hotel's Kristang exemplar, and his role is simple: to make sure every guest leaves understanding why this culture matters.

Festa San Pedro has been observed by the Kristang community in Malacca since the 1500s. What began as a religious tribute to the patron saint of fishermen has grown into a joyful gathering of heritage, music and togetherness. For one evening only, that heritage takes centre stage, and you get a front-row seat.

The menu alone is worth the journey. Kristang cooking lives in the memories of grandmothers, in faded handwritten notes, and in kitchens where recipes have been whispered across generations. These are dishes that have survived centuries, guarded by families who refused to let their heritage fade. On San Pedro's Night, you will taste *Soy Limang Terung* and *Kari Debal*—recipes passed down and prepared exactly as a Kristang matriarch would. Every dish on the table honours those cherished family recipes. The flavours carry the weight of tradition, of gatherings, of festivals past. This is not fusion food. This is Kristang family food, shared with you from the heart.



Let the music begin. Local dance troupe DomMarina will take the stage not once, but twice. First, during pre-dinner cocktails and canapés at the Courtyard, where their traditional Kristang folk dances and songs will set the evening alight. Then, as you sit down to the San Pedro's Kristang dinner, they will return to fill the air once more with infectious energy. Founded in 2007 by Dominic and Marina, this beloved group will have you clapping, laughing and, yes, struggling to stay in your seat.

Make a night of it. The Majestic Malacca is offering a San Pedro's Night Package from 20 to 21 June 2026. Priced from RM850++ for two persons, the package includes a two-day, one-night stay in a Deluxe Room, breakfast, pre-dinner cocktails and canapés at The Courtyard, and the San Pedro's Kristang dinner at The Mansion. For reservations and enquiries, contact the YTL Travel Centre on +60 3 2783 1000, email travelcentre@ytlhotels.com or visit www.tanjongjararesort.com

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About [The Majestic Malacca](http://www.majesticmalacca.com)

Standing proudly on the banks of the Malacca River, The Majestic Malacca, voted as “The Best Hotel in Southeast Asia” by Condé Nast Traveler, offers a peerless journey into history. This restored 1920s Straits Settlement mansion stands where Chinese junks and spice-laden vessels once bustled. The hotel provides a living glimpse into the saga of an extraordinary empire, set within a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Steeped in a rich tapestry of multicultural influences, the hotel reflects Malacca’s colourful history through its architecture, lifestyle, and Kristang cuisine. Complete with original porcelain tile flooring and teakwood fittings, its historic core has been sympathetically extended to house 54 guest rooms and an award-winning Spa Village Malacca, which artfully melds luxury with the timeless traditions of a bygone era. Embodying YTL Hotels’ ethos of Treasured Places, Treasured Moments, please visit www.majesticmalacca.com to explore more personalised moments, of this treasured place.

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YTL Hotels curates a prestigious portfolio of over 35 award-winning resorts, hotels, and boutique villas and more than 8,000 rooms; across Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, the United Kingdom, Europe, Singapore, Australia, and New Zealand. The group is dedicated to redefining luxury through authentic experiences, bringing its promise of "Treasured Places, Treasured Moments" to life by embracing the culture, character, and tradition of its surroundings; including through its renowned Spa Village, found across select destinations across the globe.

Its collection features some of the world's most acclaimed destinations. The iconic Pangkor Laut Resort—once voted the 'World's Best Resort' by Condé Nast Traveller UK—is now ranked among the Top 15 Resorts in Asia in the 2025 Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Choice Awards. It is joined by The Gainsborough Bath Spa, a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, which was listed among the top 15 Hotels in the UK. Further cementing this prestige, both The Gainsborough Bath Spa and Japan's Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, have been consecutively awarded the prestigious Michelin Key in 2024 and 2025.

The accolades continue with The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui, which was not only placed among the Top 15 Best Resorts in Thailand by Condé Nast Traveller but was also voted the 'Best Resort in Thailand' in the DestinAsian 2025 Readers' Choice Awards. Adding to this impressive record, Monkey Island Estate, Gaya Island Resort, and The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui have all been distinguished by their inclusion in the 2025 edition of Fodor's Finest.

YTL Hotels' global footprint is powered by key international partnerships. A long-standing alliance with Marriott International encompasses the ownership and management of distinguished city properties, including The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur; JW Marriott Kuala Lumpur; The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur, Autograph Collection; Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur, Autograph Collection; Moxy Hotels and AC Hotels. This partnership also extends to marquee luxury resorts such as The Ritz-Carlton Reserve in Niseko Village and The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui.

YTL Hotels further solidifies its legacy through a major partnership with Hilton, anchoring its presence in the world-class ski destination of Niseko Village. This alliance is represented by three distinct properties: Hilton Niseko Village, The Greenleaf Niseko Village as part of the Tapestry Collection by Hilton, and Hinode Hills Niseko Village from the Curio Collection by Hilton. The group's collaboration with IHG extends its offering in New Zealand with Hotel Indigo Auckland. In a move that diversifies its urban holdings, YTL Hotels, in partnership with BlackRock Investment, has reimaged Singapore's Oakwood Premier Raffles Place, joining the Ascot Hospitality Group portfolio.

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