



Johor Bahru Dining Guide





Welcome to Johor Bahru!

Singapore's neighbour across the straits has never been more inviting. It's not the first place you would think of for hip cafés, wine restaurants and even minimalist European dining, but the last two years have seen a showcase of buzzy dining concepts around town. It's only timely then that OCBC Cards has worked with *epicure* magazine to put together this traveller's guide that will satisfy your taste buds as well as your wallet. Don't forget to bring your OCBC Credit/Debit Card along, which will score you all the dining deals you're looking for, and more!

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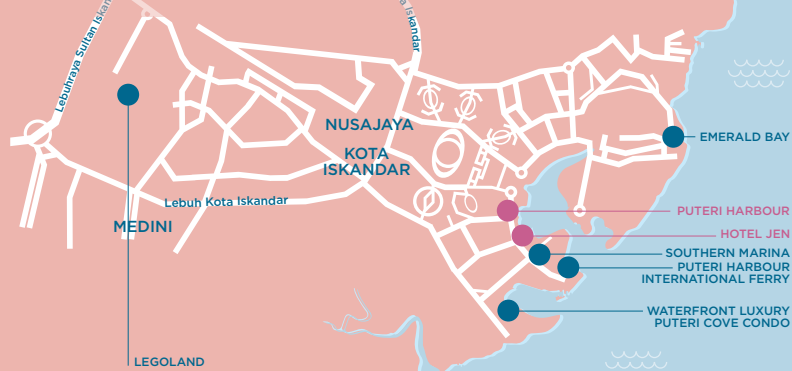
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Puteri Harbour

FAMILY-FRIENDLY THEMED ATTRACTIONS AND MODERN DINING CONCEPTS



7 GRAPES WINE . TAPAS . RESTAURANT

7 Grapes serves up a family-friendly place to relax over comfort food and an accessible wine list. Walk along the harbour and you'll spot a colourful mural of grapes drawing you in to check out the racks of wine. Think chorizo and peppers flat bread, the famous crispy skin pork belly, and bacon-wrapped asparagus spears. End with classic churros or a refreshing gelato or sorbet.

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BACCHUSJ

Named after the Roman god of wine, BacchusJ is an all-day restaurant for Italian-meets-Japanese food from the heart. Owner-chef Motokazu Yonezawa worked in Tokyo and Italy, and serves up delicious dishes, such as uni spaghetti, homemade gnocchi, and carpaccio from fresh flown mejimaguro from Tsukiji Market. Pair these with Italian Barolos and Premier Cru Burgundy.

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MAGNUM SPORTS CAFÉ

High-octane energy emanates from this prominently located sports café which serves up giant burgers, live sports on indoor and outdoor screens, and good classic pool and darts games. A Subaru hanging on the wall adds a talking point as you tuck into steak or grilled salmon, or chill out with a wide range of draft or bottled beers overlooking the marina sunset. It's family-friendly as well, with enough variety to keep the kids happy.

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HOTEL JEN PUTERI HARBOUR

Fun, adventurous and professional, the Hotel Jen brand by Shangri-La Hotels caters to a new 'Jeneration' of independent and lively travellers, whether business or leisure. Its location caters to guests enjoying the attractions in the new Southern Corridor in Johor, such as Legoland Malaysia, Sanrio Hello Kitty and The Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club.

*Persiaran Puteri Selatan, Puteri Harbour,
Iskandar Puteri, 79000 Johor Bahru
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SHAKES & BURGERS

The multicultural list of burgers that's available here will have you drooling. The highlight is the otak-otak burger, though you might also be tempted by a double crispy chicken parmigiana or satay chop. Finish with a satisfying chendol, gula melaka, or even sirap bandung strawberry shake – totally unforgettable.

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Block 1, Level 2, Hotel Jen, Puteri Harbour



HARBOUR CAFÉ

This modern and welcoming all-day restaurant tempts with a wide range of east-meets-west cuisines. Yearly themes include a seafood churrasco dinner buffet where the flavours of Latin America blaze on the grill, while local Asian favourites are never far behind. The luk luk station is where you'll find seafood, meat and vegetables on skewers for a "Jenuine" taste of Malaysian flavours.

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SKYBAR, BAR & RESTAURANT

Looking for a more elegant, and romantic dining experience? Walk over to the infinity pool in the evenings where SkyBar offers relaxing views of Puteri Harbour and the setting sun. Whet your appetite over steak and seafood, a cocktail or two, and fine wines to toast the night away.

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Eco Botanic

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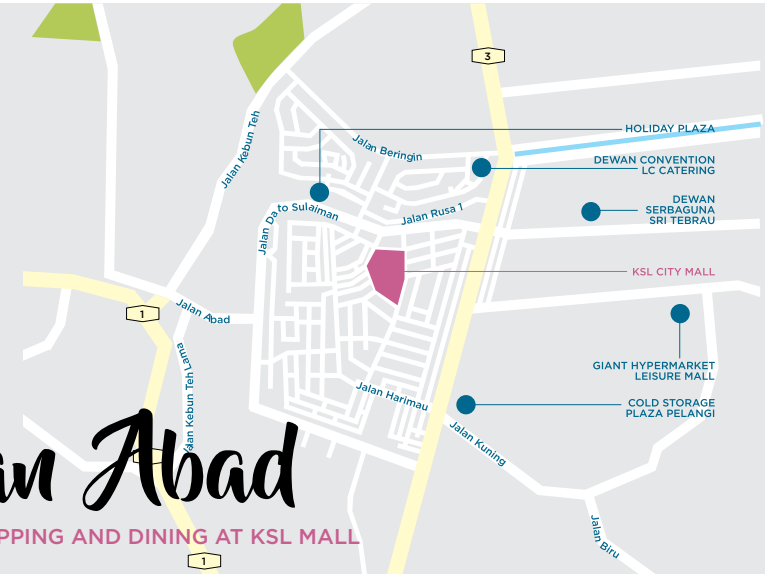
Shiokara opened this year and is shaping up as one of Johor's most popular Japanese restaurants. Book one of the tatami-decked private rooms or dine in the main cosy hall whether you're enjoying a value tempura sushi set lunch, or speciality dishes to go with sakes and beer. Often sold out is the glistening unagi kapayaki, and refreshing salmon somen. It's located within a charming European styled gated community, adding a friendly neighbourhood feel.

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Taman Abad

ONE STOP SHOPPING AND DINING AT KSL MALL



CAUSEWAY BAY HONG KONG CAFÉ

It's hard to choose from over 200 food items (starting from RM4) at this bustling KSL mainstay which opened in 2010. Glance at the other tables, which will likely be topped with generous cheese-baked dishes such as the mixed grill cheese curry rice, HK waxed meat rice, char siew fried hor fun, dim sum, and pretty much all the must-eats you love from Hong Kong.

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CHINESE RESTAURANT

This traditionally styled 300-seater restaurant serves pork-free Chinese cuisine, where the mood is set for authentic dishes from different regions of China. Look out for innovative dim sum spreads and popular seafood dishes, such as the Stir-Fried Prawns with Hawaiian Nut in Golden Nest, a specialty dish by chef Thian Taik Yong.

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BERJAYA WATERFRONT HOTEL JOHOR BAHRU

Just five minutes' drive from the Causeway Link, the hotel and its integrated duty-free zone is located right by the Straits of Johor. It's renowned for having one of the largest MICE facilities in the region, with 400 rooms and suites alongside ample dining options.

88 Jalan Ibrahim Sultan
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SALT 'N' PEPPER CAFÉ RESTAURANT

With rustic styled stations in this enormous restaurant, you'll never go hungry, thanks to the value for money spread. Local dishes are enjoyed alongside steamboat and BBQ on weekends. Best of all, the spacious restaurant curves over a sweeping view of the Johor Straits. Don't miss the signature dish of Roasted Crown Lamb Rack, served with mashed purple sweet potato, buttered asparagus and carrot, available daily.

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BOTTLE & GLASS THE SEAFOOD BAR

Fun and eclectic, this is the ocean-view setting to feast on tempura seafood, Western snacks, and items from the yakitori grill such as pork, beef, chicken and vegetables. Step up the party with mixologists to shake up fresh cocktails, and better still, book out the private karaoke room or the whole space for your own events.

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FORK & SPOON

The Western menu runs the gamut of favourites like fish & chips, carbonara, steaks and burgers, with plenty of New and Old World wines. Themed nights and a live band on the weekends, as well as indoor and outdoor seatings, add to the convivial atmosphere.

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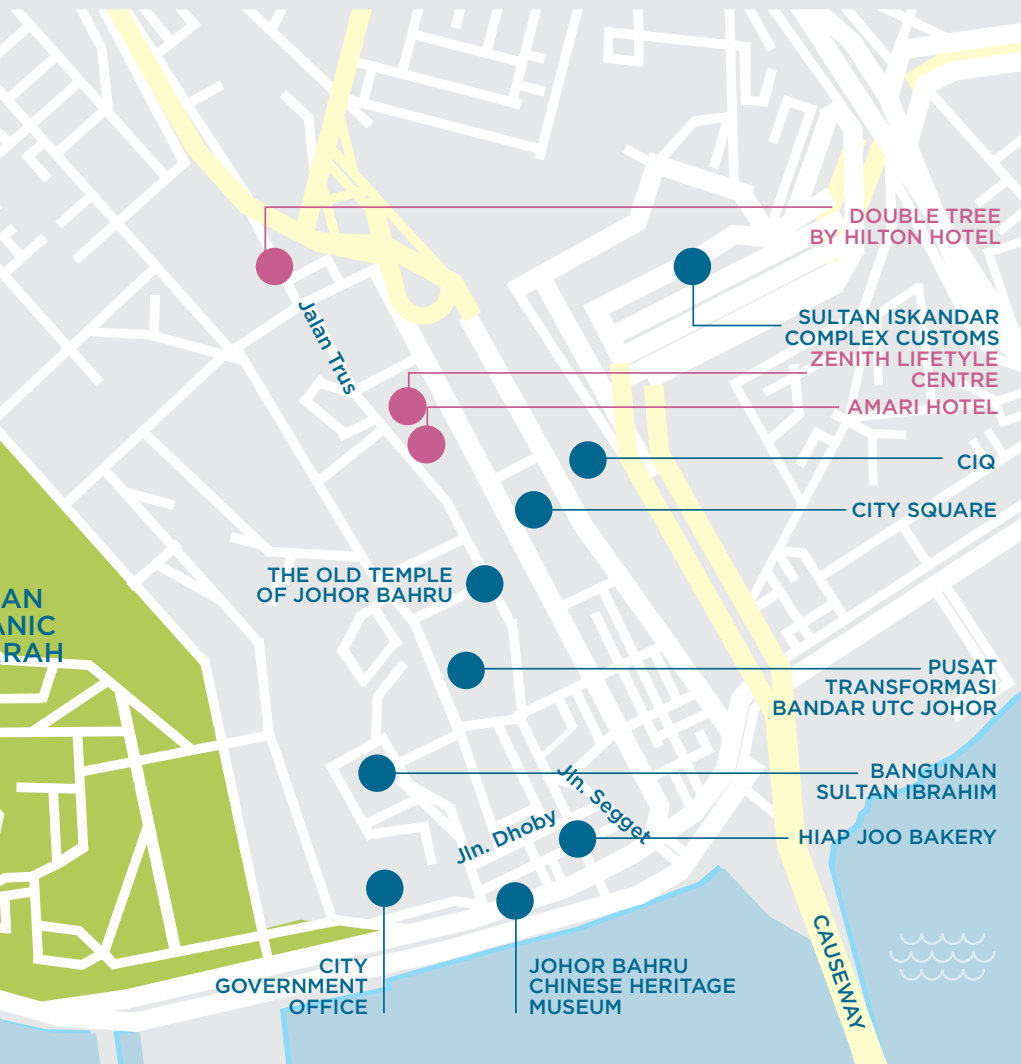
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Jalan Wong Ah Fook

THE CITY'S CBD HOSTS THE OLD AND NEW SIDE BY SIDE



AMARI JOHOR BAHRU

Downtown Johor Bahru's most recent 5-star addition boasts 242 guests rooms and suites with subtle touches of Thai design, a nod to the origins of Amari. Work out round the clock at the Fit Centre or get a mood massage at Breeze Spa, before indulging in Asian street cuisine at Amaya Food Gallery. This first Amari in Malaysia is part of Thailand's ONYX Hospitality Group.

82C Jalan Trus

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AMAYA FOOD GALLERY

Given the hotel's Thai origins, the 246-seater Amaya Food Gallery is beautifully decorated with a Thai-Peranakan nod. Explore the rhythm, colours and tastes of Southeast Asia through the live cooking stations that transform into a market-style street at dinner. Executive sous chef Kanokwan Pungjaroenkijkul (Gina) will have you coming back for more of her Thai green curry, phad Thai with seafood, and spicy stir-fried chicken.

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Amari Hotel Johor Bahru

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GOGIROU BBQ MEAT STREET

Inspired by the “meat street” or BBQ area of Ilsan town, this trendy Korean restaurant is Johor Bahru’s favourite BBQ meat specialist. Indoor round tables are equipped with round grills and overhead exhausts, while you grill up juicy beef, chicken and pork at the table. Look out for other favourite dishes, such as japchae and the signature Jurassic beef ribs.

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KEITO

Beautifully plated bowls and plates of ramen to sashimi, are top of the mind. Minimalist in light blond wood colours, the restaurant offers a large bar, private tatami-style dining rooms and a no pork, no lard policy. Customers rave about the finely grilled robatayaki skewers and chef’s special chilli sauce that accompanies the ramen bowls.

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GUOMA STEAMBOAT

First housed in a shophouse in 2012, Guoma has continued to win over bellies with their comforting Taiwanese-style hotpot cuisine. You have a choice of two soup bases and unlimited servings of prawns, fishballs, meats, noodles and braised meat rice to choose from. The self-service extends to the sauce station too, where you’re recommended to crack an egg yolk into the nutty and appetising Special Guoma Sauce.

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MACGREGOR'S

A fine Irish pub awaits just five minutes across the Causeway. Whether you love live sports screening, live music, a wide choice of beers and whiskies, fine feasts or all of the above, MacGregor’s aims to please. Its all-day menu ranges from Irish oysters and chicken wings, to the famous mussels in a pot, beer-battered fish and chips, mutton rendang and Granny’s Classic Lamb Shank. You’ll be rocking away in good company.

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NEW ZEALAND UNLIMITED

At this brand's second outlet, expect the same great New Zealand oysters, king salmon, green-lipped mussels, grass-fed ribeye, lamb leg and more that boast the fresh, pure flavours of Kiwi-land. They also handpick 70 wines from 19 vineyards, along with boutique whiskies, beers and spirits.

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SHAKESPEARE MILKSHAKES

Shake off your thirst at this pitstop for all things sweet and savoury. Crepes, waffles and milkshakes are the Instagram order of the day especially when topped with Pocky sticks and Kinder Bueno. Fancy some croffles and sweet potato fries? A croffle is a perfect marriage between a croissant and a waffle while the fries are topped with marshmallows, sour cream and truffle oil.

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FACULTY OF CAFFEINE

F.O.C for those in the know started off as a cosy brunch spot, evolving into a modern diner that takes a gleeful hopscotch through cultural influences. The tight menu doesn't make it easy to choose between crispy chicken confit with mushroom gravy or an unagi and mixed tempura topped donburi. The sambal fried chicken is an appropriate snack in between meals, as is Madam Lim's Brownies – made with love by the owner's mom.

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THE REPLACEMENT LODGE & KITCHEN

Known for their perennial brunch menu that's served till 6pm, The Replacement's Eggs Benny and Croque Madame will never go out of style. But it's the creative menu that keeps us coming back, whether it's to try the churros with salted egg yolk dip, unagi bao or crab meat mentaiko aglio olio with smoked duck. You'll also find Melbourne-inspired hand brews and specialty teas like Cascara coffee cherry fruit tea from Bolivia.

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DOUBLETREE BY HILTON JOHOR BAHRU

A contemporary business and leisure hotel right in the middle of the Central Business District, DoubleTree distinguishes itself with service from the heart. Where it also excels is in its F&B offerings that are a notch above.

No. 12 Jalan Ngee Heng
80000 Johor Bahru
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THE FOOD STORE

You won't run out of options from the extensive food and drinks menu at this handy café and gourmet takeaway counter! Whether you're craving for a baguette or quiche, with a cup of English breakfast tea or teh tarik, the friendly staff will ensure you won't leave hungry. And from young to old, everyone loves a tin of the iconic DoubleTree Chocolate Chip Cookie.

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*Ground floor, DoubleTree by Hilton
Johor Bahru*



MAKAN KITCHEN

Makan Kitchen serves up Malaysia on a plate, whether you're in the mood for Malay, Chinese, Indian or Peranakan dishes, along with Western, seafood and dessert favourites. Look out for bumper weekend eats such as the afternoon high tea and seafood specials for dinner. Aside from the seemingly endless buffet stations, the à la carte menu offers Laksa Johor and fish and chips.

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*Ground floor, DoubleTree by Hilton Johor
Bahru*



TOSCA ITALIAN TRATTORIA

The city's premier Italian restaurant is a multi-faceted gem on the 13th floor, whether you're booking a business luncheon or gathering for freshly baked wood-fired pizzas with the family. Don't miss the excellent mushroom soup with a medley of fungi, or the Australian Black Angus Grain Fed beef options from the grill. A contemporary tiramisu completes the experience, along with a good variety of wines.

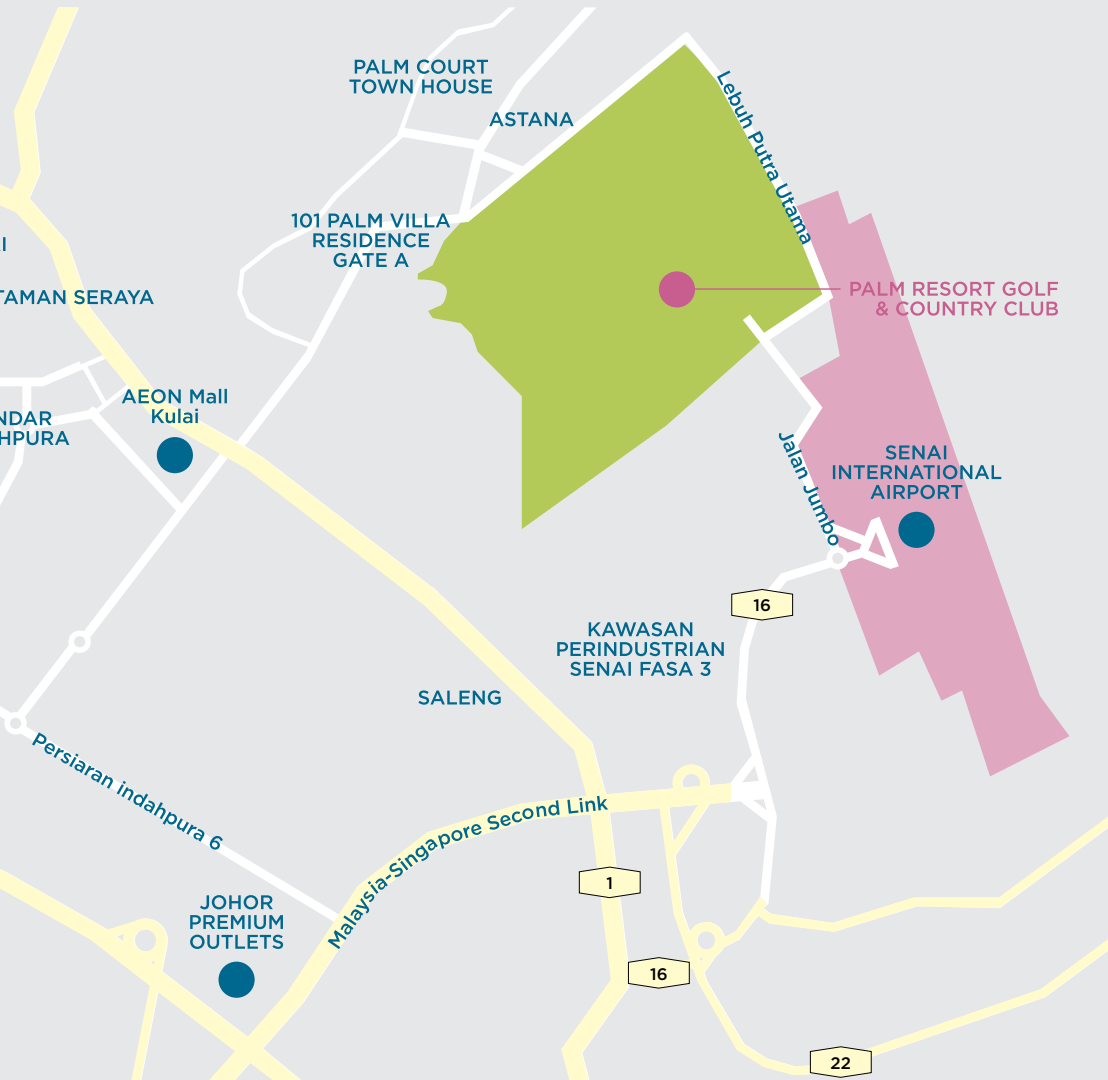
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Palm Resort

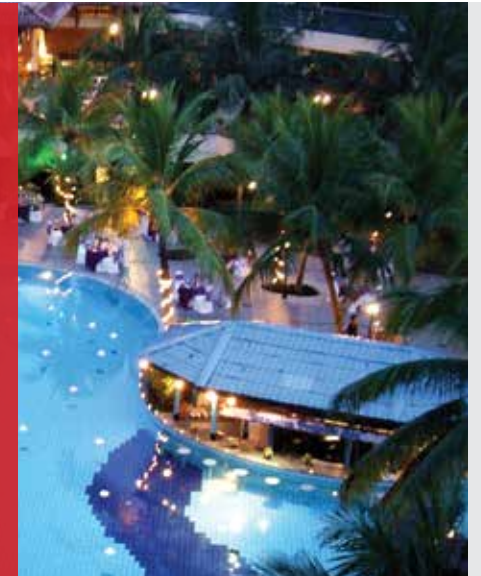
WORK, PLAY AND EAT AT THIS INTEGRATED RESORT



PALM RESORT

Comprising Le Grandeur Palm Resort Johor and Palm Resort Golf & Country Club Malaysia, this integrated resort is a lush getaway for both business and leisure travellers. Take your pick of swimming pool, garden or golf course views from the 330 rooms and suites, with plenty of space to relax and not be hurried. Beside three golf courses, there are leisure family options, such as bowling, squash, a Kid's World playground and spa facilities to occupy your time.

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FUSION RESTAURANT

Chinese and Japanese cuisines come together to tempt your tastebuds. Sobasei Japanese live teppanyaki cooking counters and tatami rooms, ideal for a quick business lunch bento or more leisurely sashimi platters at dinner. Xin-Shan-Long, or 'dragon of Johor Bahru', is a popular pitstop for a pork-free Chinese feast, from dim sum to seafood and noodle dishes. Look for specials like stir-fried ostrich.

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- 33% OFF TOTAL BILL (FOR THREE DINERS),
- 25% OFF TOTAL BILL (FOR FOUR DINERS),
- 20% OFF TOTAL BILL (FOR FIVE TO 10 DINERS)





GOLFERS' TERRACE

Like many classic golf terraces, this one gives the best vantage point of rolling hillocks, lakes and bunkers to inspire diners. Both Asian and international cuisine are served, from local hawker favourites such as stir-fried kway teow to quick and easy à la carte Western bites for those in a hurry. After a day of hot sun, an iced cold drink or beer is the best way to cool off.

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GRILL AT COCOMO

Cocomo is an idyllic spot near the poolside, where daytrippers enjoy homemade cakes, signature pastries and specialty teas and coffees during the day. At night, under the eaves of a Malay thatched roof pavilion, the grill springs into action for barbecued delights, such as Australian ribeye and salmon steak. Special care is taken to caramelise the outer layer, leaving a juicy, tender core. Accompany your meaty indulgence with a salad buffet and light desserts.

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ISHWARA ASIAN BRASSERIE & TERRACE

This long-running value buffet restaurant is sited at a charming location on a terrace overlooking the grand swimming pool. The Asian buffet spread makes good on its word, with chilled seafood on ice and hot grilled meats. Think ayam goreng, beef rendang, curried mussels, creamy pastas and ice kacang.

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THE BAR

Evenings are made more enjoyable with a drink in hand and live music to engage the senses. The Bar is centrally located at the concourse, an open and airy space where the high wooden rafters add old-world ambience to a modern lifestyle. Enjoy a dram of whisky or a freshly poured beer, and kick back in cosy armchairs.

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Taman Ekoflora

A HIPSTER PLAYGROUND WITH SERIOUS DINING



TROPIQUE CAFÉ & RESTAURANT

The Merk Group has upped its stakes by going full-tilt into contemporary modern dining with a 120-seater restaurant. Tropicque Café & Restaurant whisks you out of Malaysia with its mod-French decor wrought around marble and wood accents. Casual in the day, the menu turns serious at night, with sashimi crudo, foie gras chicken breast and a serious cocktail and wine list.

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