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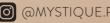






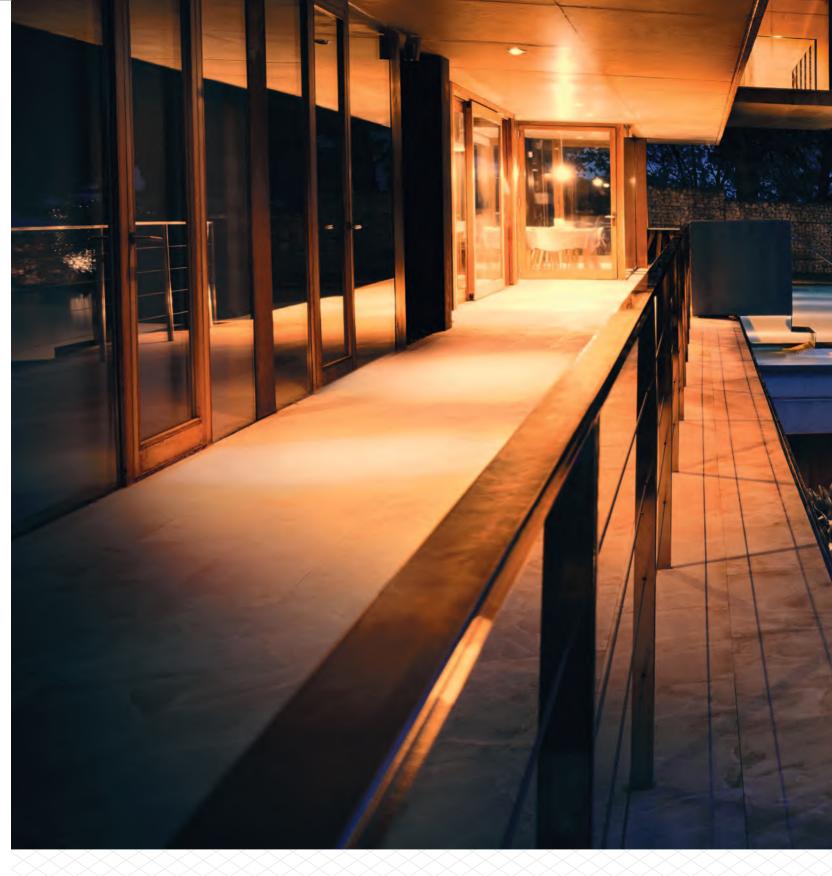
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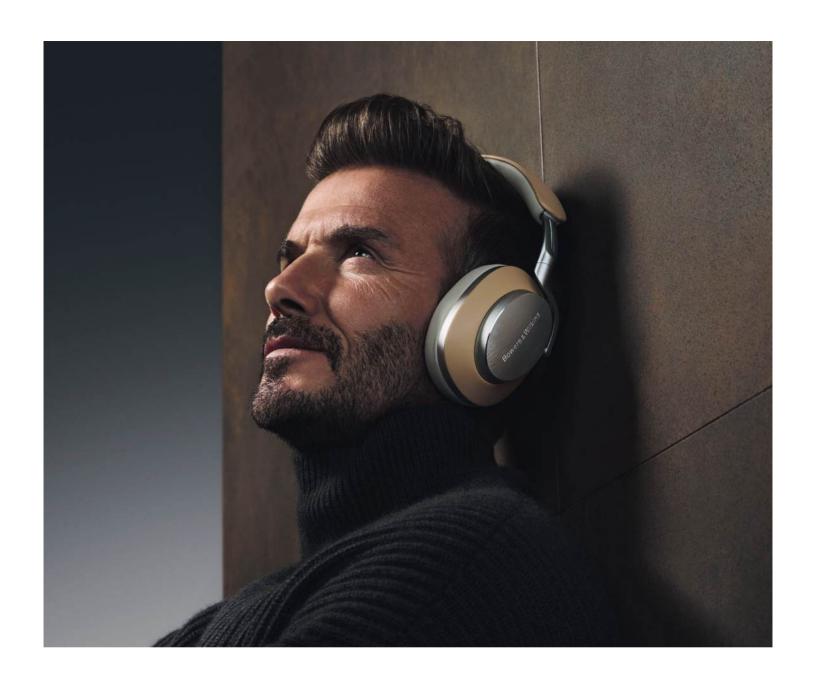
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A NOTE FROM TAN SRI (SIR) FRANCIS YEOH



particularly favourite quote of mine by Sir Winston Churchill goes like this: "My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me." Although Sir Winston's ordeal and challenge are understandable, at YTL Hotels, we hope that our scene-setting venues and destinations may help to elicit that 'I do' a little bit easier for both bride and groom on their big day.

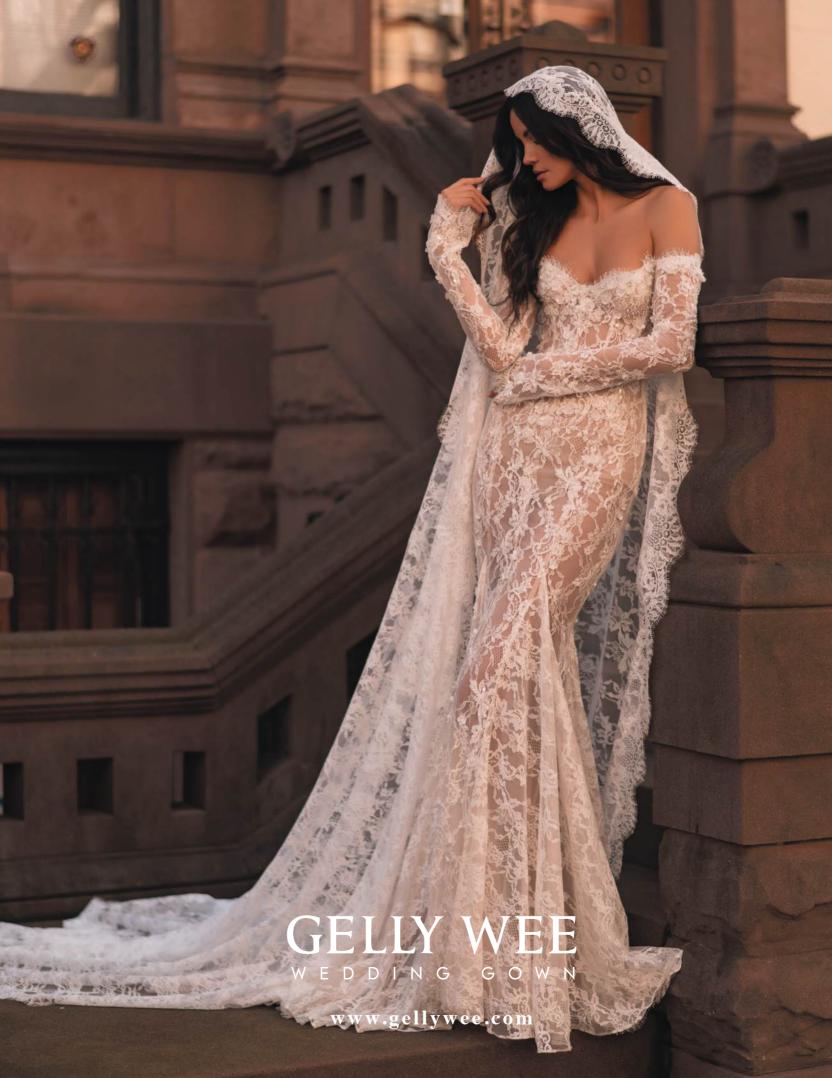
This special weddings and honeymoon issue is our own love letter to YTL Hotels' properties, where stories of romance, whether new or rekindled, have long endured. At some of our earliest properties such as Pangkor Laut Resort, the mystique of the three-million-year-old virgin rainforests and the emerald horizons continue to captivate lovers and guests. Flip the pages and see how nature and our own team can orchestrate that moment of a lifetime for you.

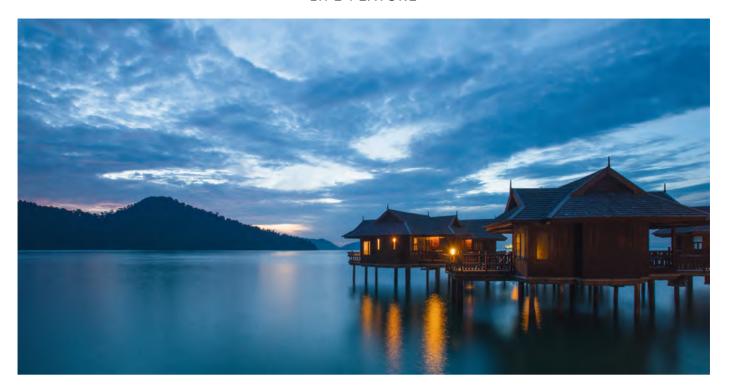
In Niseko Village, where sky and land merge in sweet symphony, the added joy of your nuptials is sure to leave powerful reverberations among all present. Let Niseko Village's stunning and pristine landscape become your very own cathedral, an eternal witness to your forever and ever more.

A little bit west, we arrive in Monkey Island Estate, where we showcase the property's multi-faceted offerings of iconic, gorgeous backdrops for your wedding day. This idyllic location – with its vibrant blooms, shrubs and resplendent architecture that melds Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian eras – lets you and your bethrothed become the undoubted stars. That, and coupled with the privacy of an island of your very own, makes for a most unforgettable destination wedding (which is a mere hour from Heathrow Airport)!

All these and more, we bring to you as an inspiration for indelible heartwarming memories, where treasured places give rise to moments that perfectly capture the emotions and mood of love.

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Words by ALICIA CORBETT

hen it comes to planning a wedding venue or choosing a honeymoon destination, deciding on an exceptional location that promises quality, luxury and service for you, your spouse and your friends and family is paramount. All of these and more can be found at any one of the Malaysian hotels and resorts that form part of YTL Hotels' outstanding portfolio, situated at breathtaking locations and steeped with natural heritage: Gaya Island Resort, Pangkor Laut Resort, Tanjong Jara Resort, Cameron Highlands Resort and The Majestic Malacca.

While researching your romantic getaway or your nuptials, what you may not know is that there is a YTL Travel Centre, a concierge of sorts to make your planning seamless and

enrich your experience at each enchanting locale. As the central reservation hub for YTL's prestigious collection of resorts, the Travel Centre goes beyond handling bookings – it is dedicated to crafting bespoke experiences that reflect the unique character of each destination.

At the heart of the YTL Travel Centre is a team of expert travel consultants, meticulously trained to ensure that every guest's stay is nothing short of perfection. These consultants are not just familiar with the stunning Malaysian resorts within the YTL portfolio, they also possess deep local knowledge. This enables them to recommend the ideal resort and curate experiences that are uniquely tailored to each guest's preferences.

The consultants are passionate about sharing the hidden gems and cultural treasures of each destination, ensuring



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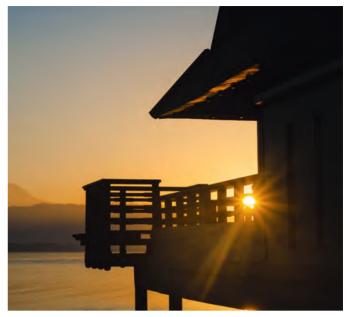
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that your experience goes beyond the ordinary. Whether it's guiding you to the best spots for sunset views, arranging visits to local markets, or introducing you to traditional crafts and cuisine, they create a journey that is rich in authenticity. For example, the consultants at the YTL Travel Centre can point you to ideal locations at Pangkor Laut Resort to see and photograph majestic hornbill birds, or explore the island's three-million-year-old jungle through treks with expert guides and naturalists.

The service provided by YTL Travel Centre extends far beyond simple reservations. The consultants craft complete, personalised holiday plans, which integrate luxury accommodations with curated experiences that showcase the natural beauty and cultural depth of each resort location. Over at the Gaya Island Resort, guests are invited to explore the '7 Wonders of Gaya' by dining under the stars on the breathtaking Malohom Bay, partaking in a traditional Bajau Laut Beach Barbecue and encountering Proboscis Monkeys.

Whether you envision a beachside ceremony at sunset, surrounded by pristine waters, or an elegant celebration in a heritage hotel, the team's local insights ensure that every detail reflects the spirit of the place and weave in local traditions and flavours. For instance, exchange your vows amid the cool air of Cameron Highlands Resort, where family and friends can enjoy a relaxing spa treatment, and savour the calming views of the lush mountain ranges and tea plantations while tucking into a delicious hotpot dinner.

In essence, the YTL Travel Centre extends far beyond reservations – it is about creating exceptional, deeply personal experiences at YTL Resorts. Their combination of luxury, local knowledge and personalised service ensures that every guest's journey is extraordinary.

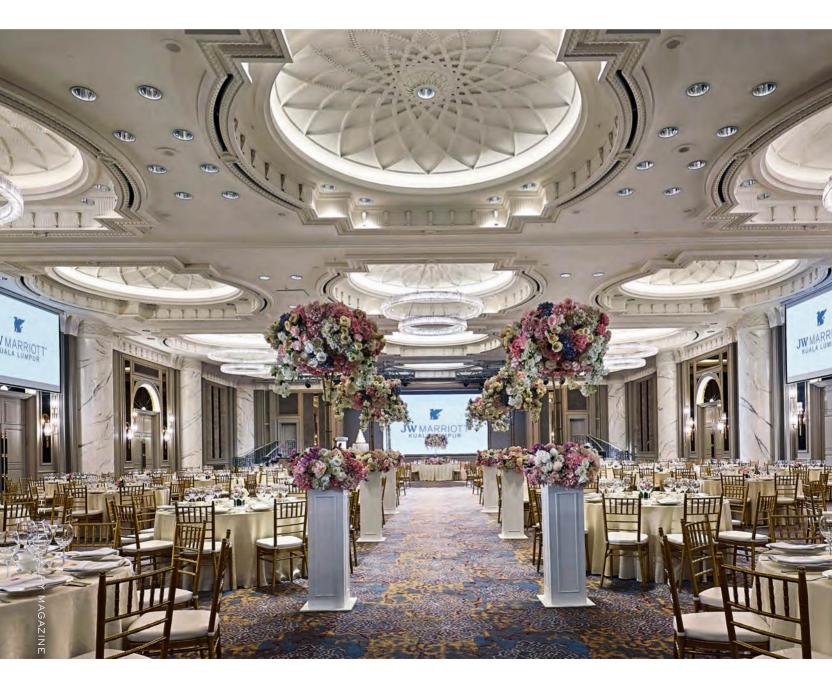
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f opulence is what you're looking for, it will be hard to beat JW Marriott Hotel Kuala Lumpur, one of the most prestigious addresses in the city, located in the heart of Bukit Bintang. There are multiple spaces at the hotel to host your wedding, whether you favour a traditional wedding configuration or something small and cozy – or even if you wish for a super luxe setup.

One of these is the Mayang Sari Grand Ballroom. It is one of the city's grandest pillarless ballrooms, with high, ornate ceilings and stunning chandeliers accompanied by a built-in stage. The tables and gold chairs can be arranged according to your specifications, with sophisticated floral centrepieces adding a touch of elegance to the upscale event. There are endless options for customisation and décor for those with their own dream wedding ideas, such as a modern minimalist setting. The superb ballroom caters up to 700 guests, so that you can ensure no one has to be left off the guest list.

For those preferring a more laidback and intimate ambience, head over to the exquisite Bayu Ballroom over at Level 6. You can have your cocktail reception at the poolside while savouring the views of the surrounding skyscrapers, before heading indoors to a space featuring a contemporary aesthetic, fit for 300 guests. Nearby is the JW Garden, where guests can mingle and share amidst the beautifully landscaped surroundings.

Besides the two pillarless ballrooms, there are 20 event rooms to choose from for meetings and events, including the Bintang, Starhill and JW rooms of various shapes and sizes. The ever-accommodating and well-trained staff are on



hand to set up the rooms according to requirements, such as banquet, conference and theatre style and more.

Additionally, you can enlist the help of experienced event planners, who manage every aspect from setup to catering to ensure that your special day is flawless. The in-house decorator, photographer and security guards are also on hand to assist in the proceedings. There is also a wide range of audio-visual equipment and high-speed Wi-Fi to ensure that the event runs smoothly.

For more information, visit www.jwmarriottkualalumpur.com





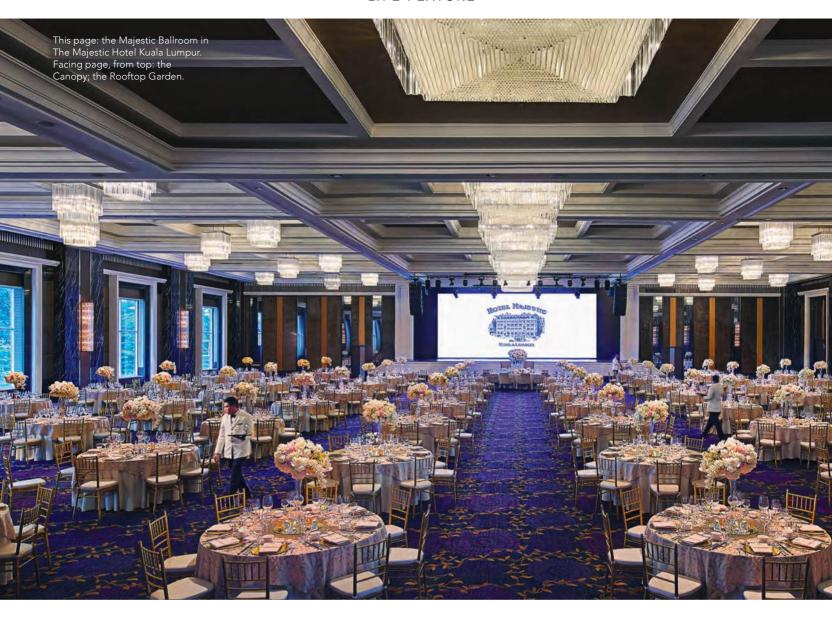
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THE MAJESTIC BALLROOM AT THE MAJESTIC HOTEL KUALA LUMPUR SETS THE STANDARD WHEN HOSTING STUNNING CELEBRATIONS AND UNFORGETTABLE WEDDING BANQUETS.

Words by ALICIA CORBETT







hen it comes to planning your dream bridal event, The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur should be right at the top of your wish-list. Here, you, your spouse and your family will be able to create a classic and tasteful setting at one of the hotel's numerous magnificent spaces, which offer a harmonious blend of history and modernity.

The first choice to consider is the hotel's Majestic Ballroom, a lavish, pillarless area that seats 1,200 for a banquet or 1,500 theatre style. A space flooded with natural light, it is a splendid setting for gala events and spectacular celebrations. Adding to the opulent environment and grandeur for any occasion are the dramatic glittering chandeliers, plush carpeting and a built-in stage.

Guests can sip on cocktails or nibble on scrumptious hors d'oeuvre at the immense pre-function area outside before heading in for the ceremony. Additionally, the ballroom on the second floor is directly accessible from the main lobby and car park by separate lifts as well as escalators.

The Majestic Ballroom also boasts the largest LED wall in any ballroom in Malaysia, which can be used in various creative and impactful ways to elevate the proceedings and enhance the ambience. Dynamic visuals can be displayed as a stunning backdrop for touching videos and photos of the couple, or thematic visuals to match the theme. The screens may present ambient lighting to project colours or even natural elements like a sunset to set the mood. It can also be used by coordinating visual effects that sync with the music or lighting to build up to key moments, such as the first dance or the couple's entrance.

Helping to create memories that last a lifetime and executing every detail are the dedicated wedding specialists, along with a team of dedicated staff who will be with you, every step of the way. Numerous packages are available with exclusive benefits for those choosing The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur for their wedding or event, be it in the Majestic Ballroom, the Canopy or the Rooftop Garden.

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On her: AVENUE BY JOSEPHINE SCOTT dress. On him: BLACK TIE MENSWEAR suit.

A centuries-old island retreat on the River Thames, Monkey Island Estate offers the perfect setting for your wedding celebration. Accessed by footbridge or private boat, and surrounded by elegant gardens, Monkey Island is a secluded paradise that is only 10 minutes from Windsor and less than an hour's drive from Central London. Their wedding planning team offer three wedding options for your special day: the Pavilion Collection, Island Collection and Lawn Collection.

The Pavilion is perfect for about 100 guests and gives you exclusive use of two of their grandest function suites. The River Room is blessed with natural light and stunning views of the River Thames, offering immediate access to the lawns and private patio area with fire pit . The Marlborough Ballroom takes your breath away with its botanical chandelier, Art Deco-mirrored panelling and panoramic views of the Thames. You can have your Civil Ceremony in the River Room or on The Lawn, if weather permits.







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The Island Collection reserves the island exclusively for you from 3pm on your special day through until 11am the following day. You and your party will have the private use of The Monkey Brasserie, Monkey Bar, all event and function spaces, 29 Temple bedrooms, 11 Barn bedrooms and the luxurious Wedgewood Suite.

Perfect for larger weddings, the Lawn Collection includes use of Monkey Island Estate Temple Lawn, which is suitable for large marquees that accommodate up to 300 guests. You and your guests will also have access to all 29 Temple bedrooms. To help you craft your special day, you will have a dedicated wedding specialist at your disposal.

It is possible to arrange for a Civil Ceremony, private breakfast the day after the wedding and The Wedgewood Suite for the Wedding Couple for the Night of the Wedding for the bride and groom.





The facial treatments on The Floating Spa at the property are renowned and beloved – and with good reason. The Celestial Light Facial for the bride and the Gentlemen's Facial for the lucky groom. The Floating Spa by Spa Village is inspired by the famous Apothecaries' Barge from the 17th century which was moored off the riverbank of the Chelsea Physic Garden. The barge was commissioned by the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries, where Londoners consulted in search of wellness and health from the mysterious jars of tincture, powders, roots and herbs.







AN ENGLISH ESCAPE

IN THE HEART OF BATH AT THE GAINSBOROUGH BATH SPA,
ENJOY A HONEYMOON THAT COMBINES CENTURIES-OLD
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The origin of the word 'honeymoon' comes from the medieval practice of gifting the wedding couple a month's worth of mead to drink after tying the knot. The Gainsborough Bath Spa in Somerset offers honeymooning couples the chance to stay at The Townhouse at this elegant Georgian property. Located adjacent to The Gainsborough Bath Spa, The Townhouse is everything newly-weds look for – peaceful and private accommodation spread over four floors. Guests get the space of a private home with the luxury services of the five-star hotel and its world-class team.

Booking The Townhouse experience also gives newlyweds exclusive access to The Cross Bath, an intimate, open-air bath where they can bathe in the city's famed natural thermal waters in complete privacy. Standing separately from the hotel's Spa Village, The Cross Bath is an official sacred site where Celts once revered their Goddess Sulis, in whose honour the Romans named the spa town, Aquae Sulis. Today, it offers an exclusive oval oasis where guests can enjoy natural thermal waters cascading from the spring and specially commissioned poolside fountain in complete privacy.

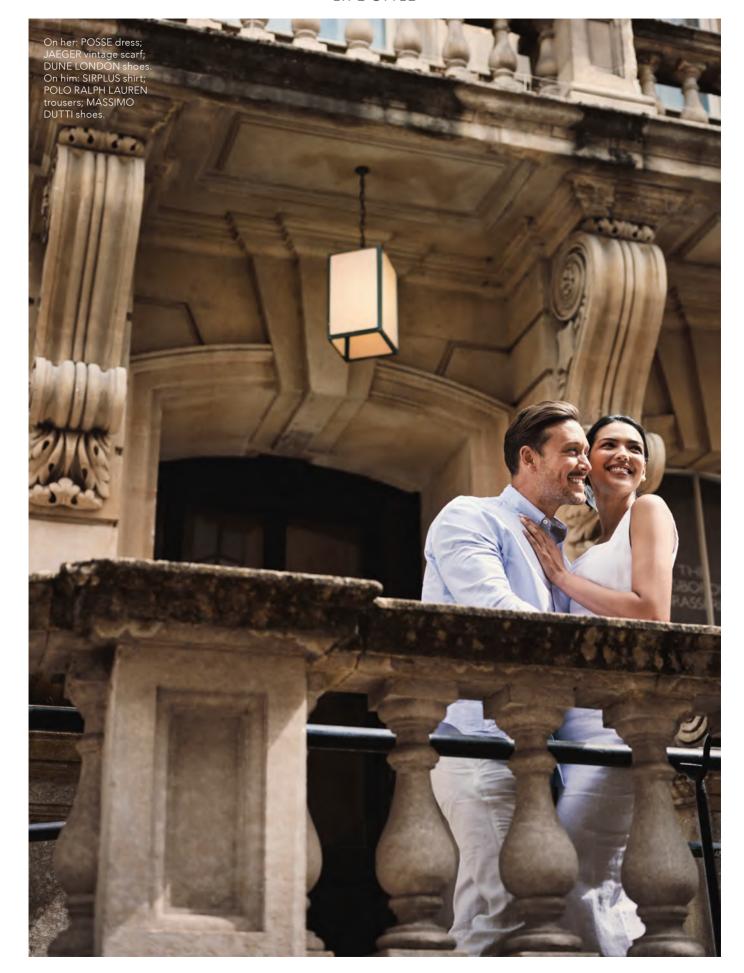




Tapping into the original natural thermal springs of the city, Spa Village Bath offers a spa menu that is respectful of the city's thermal water heritage. Coupled with the historic use of aromatherapy in Great Britain, this spa, within The Gainsborough Bath Spa hotel, gently supports the brand's philosophy of honouring the healing traditions of the region, while sharing the gift of select signature therapies of the original Spa Villages in Malaysia.

The serene environment of the spa is bathed in natural light emanating from the glass atrium perched above the Bath House. Located over two levels, Spa Village Bath also features a treatment room that includes a couples' suite with private access to the natural thermal waters, and two 'tatami' rooms designed especially for the award-winning Asian therapies.







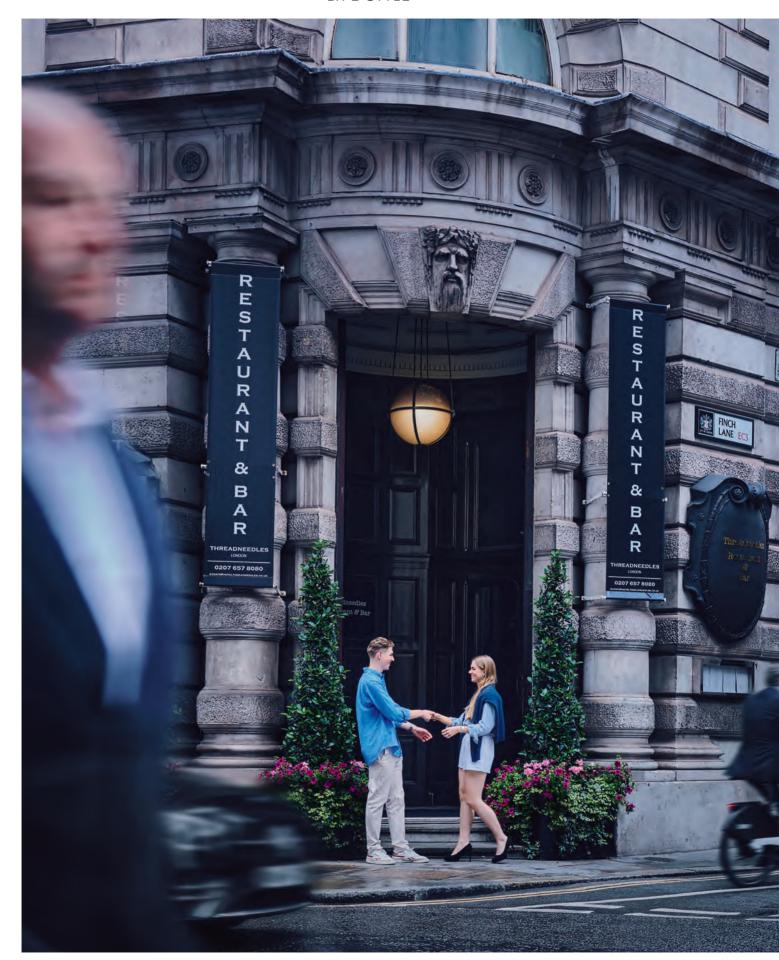
No stay at The Gainsborough Bath Spa would be complete without taking to the waters at Spa Village Bath and booking the Beautiful Bride Spa Experience. She will be pampered for 180 minutes as she bathes as the Romans did, dipping in two natural thermal pools. This is followed by a full body exfoliation using fruit enzymes and bamboo to prepare the skin for a body firming and relaxing warm Ginger massage. The treatment concludes with an Amala Rose facial and a Sweet Almond Oil and Honey hair masque, inspired by a traditional Georgian recipe for both scalp and bridal tresses.



A well-kept secret at The Gainsborough Bath Spa is the Bath Spa Suite that comes with a Spa Concierge, access to the VIP Couple's Room and exclusive Spa Welcome amenities. Guests also enjoy exclusive in-room thermal water service piped to the alcove roll-top bathtub in the marble bathroom. You'll enjoy absolute privacy and the suite also has a separate lounge area.

If you are thinking of planning a romantic proposal to your partner while staying at The Gainsborough Bath Spa, then the Palladian Bridge at Prior Park Landscape Garden is perfect with its sweeping views of the Bath. And if it is a summer proposal, then toasting your future together with a bottle of bubbly on a hot air balloon gliding gracefully over the honey-coloured buildings of Georgian Bath will guarantee a "yes" from your beloved.







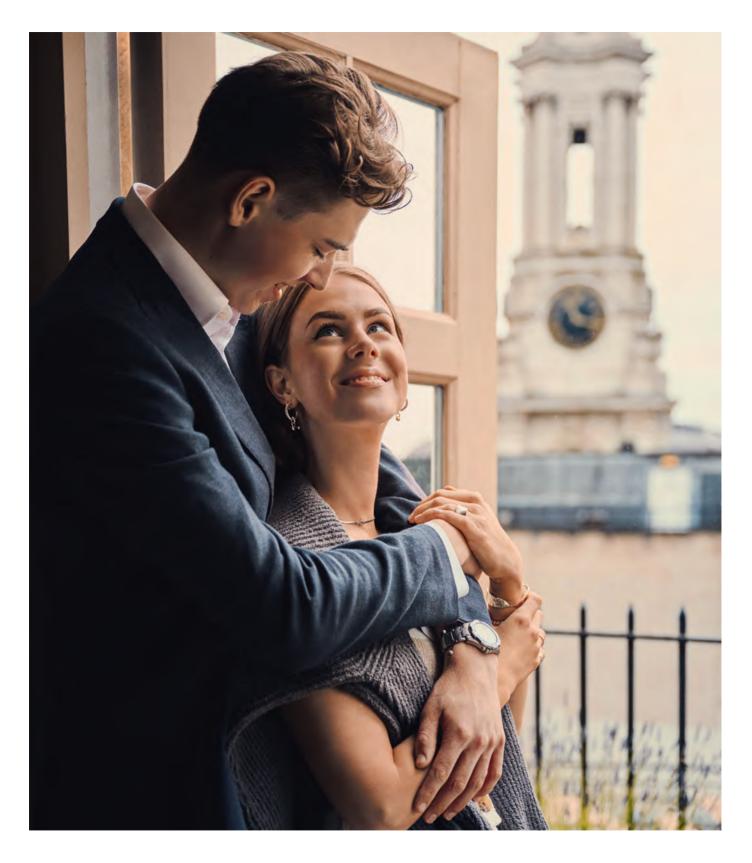


Threadneedles Hotel is a historic hotel nestling in a beautifully restored Victorian bank and is perfect for intimate wedding receptions. The stunning Grand Room seems created for hosting romantic, more informal twilight weddings. If you are considering foregoing the traditional wedding dinner, which in the United Kingdom is referred to as the 'wedding breakfast', then a twilight wedding is perfection itself. You have the grand setting minus the stuffy formality. The Grand Room accommodates up to 100 guests, and is linked both to the Dome Lounge and the Bar.

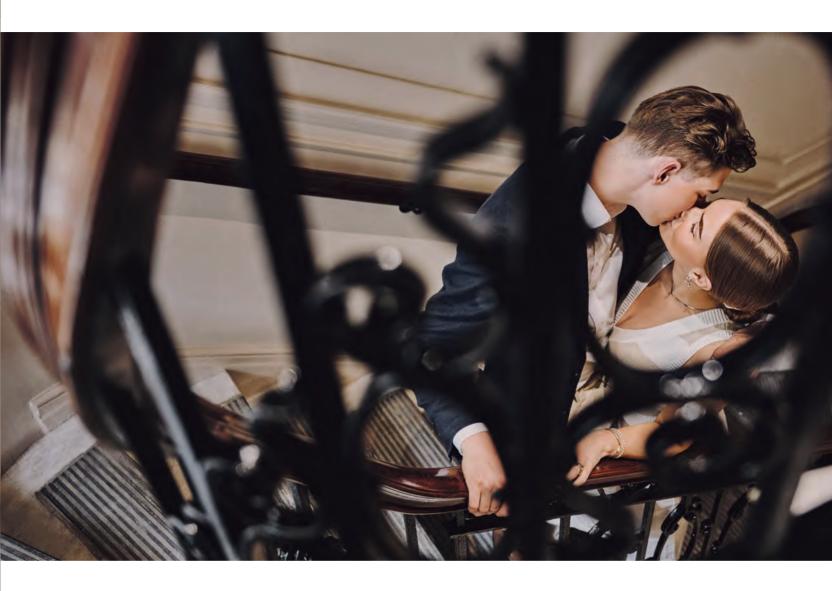


No other hotel is more perfectly located for the wedding party if the happy couple have chosen one of the exquisite Livery Halls of the city for a grander celebration. Many livery halls offer a stately home atmosphere but in the heart of the City of London. Their Grade 1-listed buildings come with their own special history and character, and the sense of exclusivity that comes from hiring a venue that is not open to the public. The top livery halls for wedding hire include Founders' Hall, Brewers' Hall, Clothworkers' Hall, Haberdashers' Hall and the breathtaking Stationers' Hall.

Plan ahead and reserve the exclusive use of the beating heart of Threadneedles Hotel, the elegant Dome Lounge, lit from above by a Victorian-era glass dome. Nothing could make your wedding reception more memorable. The Dome Lounge has a standing capacity of 150 people and the Front of House team will be delighted to assist you in planning your celebration.







Threadneedles Hotel is ideal for a mini-moon because of its discreet location, understated service and stunning long bar between the Dome Lounge and the Grand Room Restaurant. Within walking distance is one of London's architectural treasures, the Bank of England, designed by the venerable Sir John Soane and affectionately nicknamed the 'Old Lady of Threadneedles Street'.

No new couple activity goes more hand-in-hand with a minimoon than conspicuous consumption. Just a short stroll away from the hotel is the Royal Exchange, which houses London's finest retailers under one breathtaking roof, from Bylgari to Hermes, and from Smythson to Paul Smith. Venturing slightly further and easily accessible by a London black cab is The Shard. This iconic modern building is home to upmarket boutiques and fine restaurants, but its real attraction is the heart-stopping views of the city.









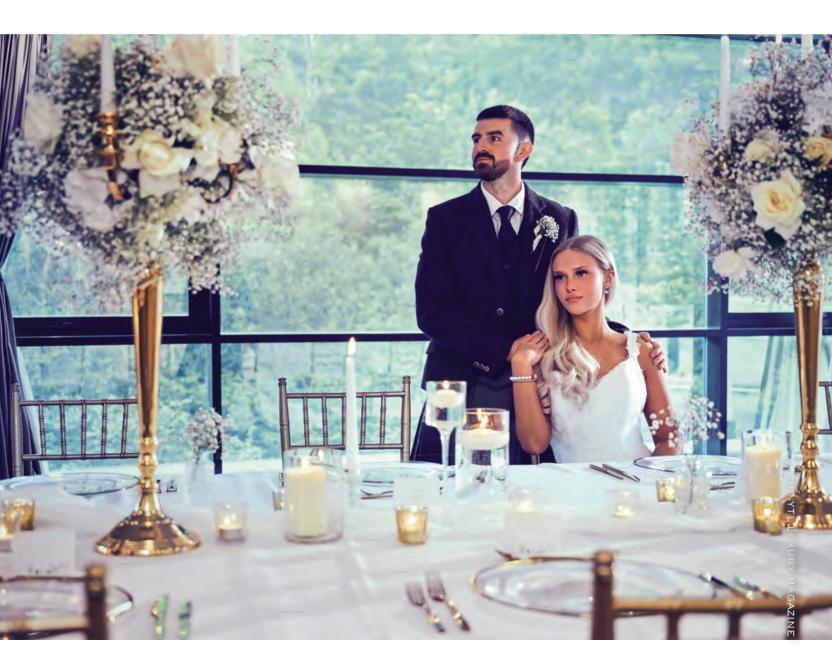


Even those who are not religious will find it hard to deny the sheer romance of hosting their wedding reception in a former chapel. The Glasshouse Hotel in Edinburgh was formerly the chapel for the Free Church Lady Glenorchy, founded in 1846. It adopted different names over the next 100 years, including Hillside Parish Church. Redeveloped in 1986, the 140-year-old Gothic façade of the chapel was retained.

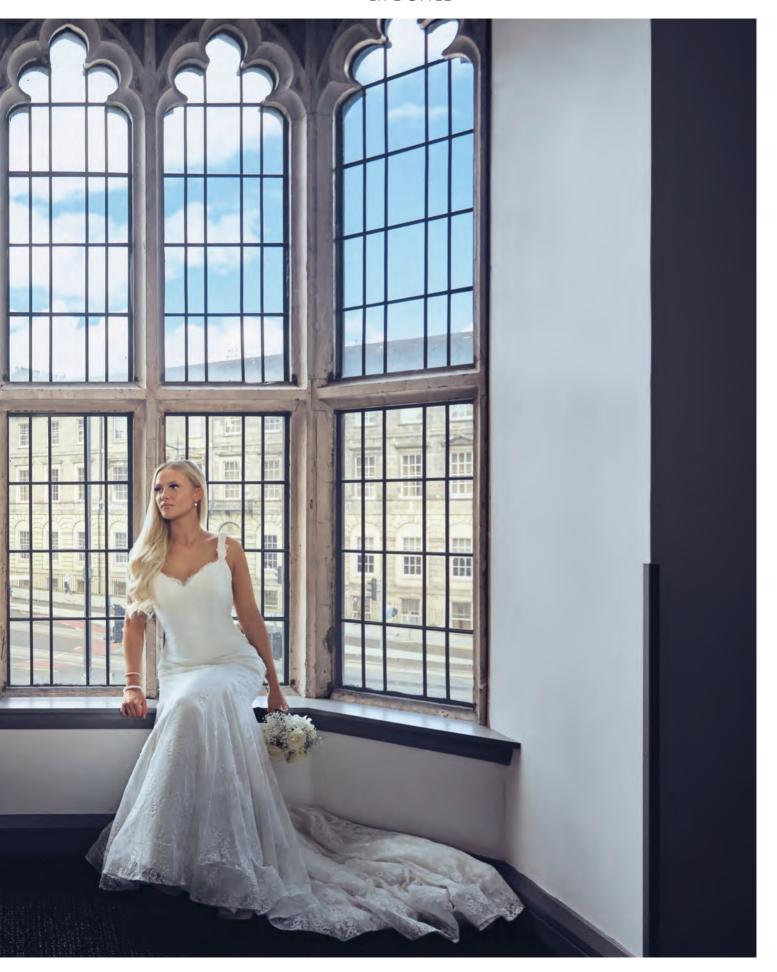
The Glasshouse Hotel has an experienced team to help you plan your special day. Get in touch with the Front of House staff for their all-inclusive packages, which offer accommodation, catering, celebrant services, wedding decoration, flowers and entertainment. Depending on your minimum spend, you might even enjoy a seven-night honeymoon, compliments of YTL Hotels.

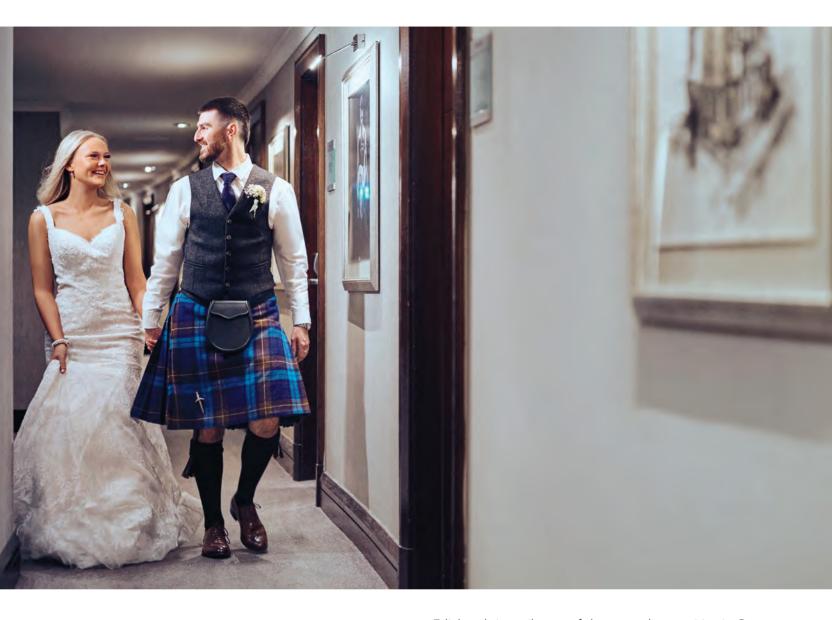
The jewel of The Glasshouse Hotel is the spacious lush rooftop garden with the breathtaking backdrop of Calton Hill. Marked as a UNESCO Heritage Site, Calton Hill has some of the best views over Edinburgh city and has also cornered the market on the best sunrises. And if you bear in mind that the hotel has also previously won Most Romantic Hotel in the Scottish Hotel Awards twice, then you definitely cannot put a foot wrong celebrating your wedding here.

The hotel has 77 rooms in total, including 17 Suites. Each Suite is named after a single-malt whisky or a region, and guests enjoy a complimentary dram of whisky that their suite is named after. The four headline suites are the Glasshouse Suites (number 31 Highland and number 121 Lowland) and the Lady Glenorchy Suites (number 81 Speyside and number 120 Islay).



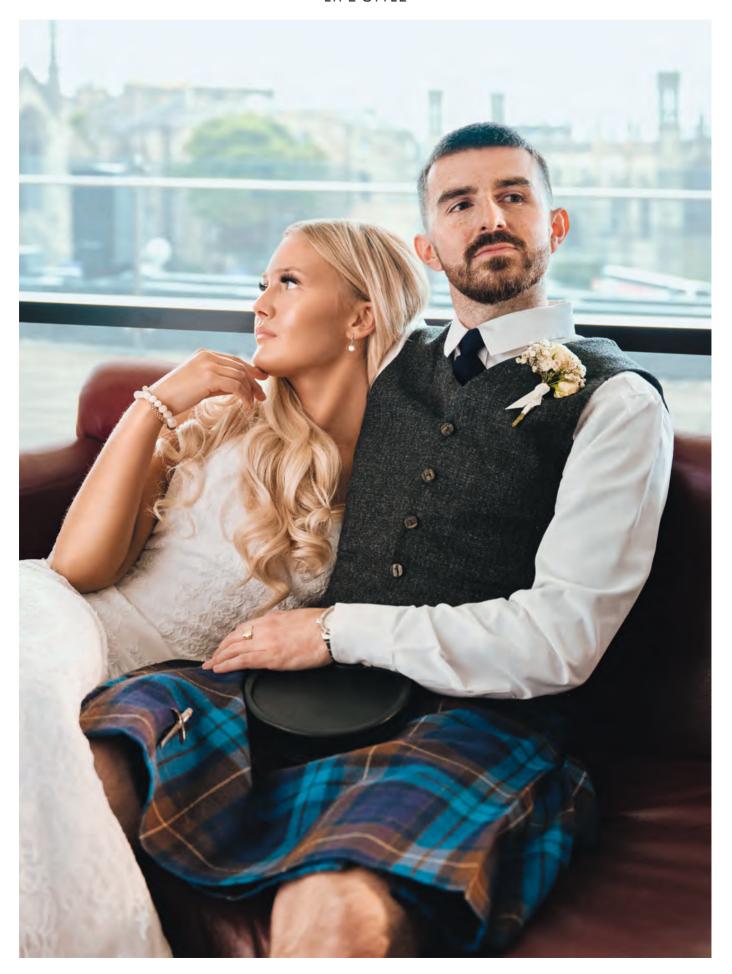






Edinburgh is easily one of the most elegant cities in Great Britain. The predominantly Georgian architecture and proximity of historic attractions like Edinburgh Castle, the Royal Mile and the Palace of Holyrood House imbue the city with both beauty and poetry. There is also the romance of Sir Walter Scott's Highland romances in the air when you catch a refrain from a Scottish bagpiper.

If the groom is keen to explore being kitted out on his special day in full Scottish kilt regalia, then there is no better place to start than Gordon Nicholson Kiltmakers, who designed the YTL Tartan in 2023 to celebrate the hotel's 20-year anniversary. As a general guide, a five-piece outfit will consist of six-yards of a wool kilt with pleats, a leather sporran with tassels, a leather kilt belt, matching sock flashes and a sword kilt pin. You can either get a made-to-measure kilt or hire a Wedding Kilt Package from Gordon Nicholson Kiltmakers. The bride can also order a matching tartan shawl or wrap that matches the groom's kilt.

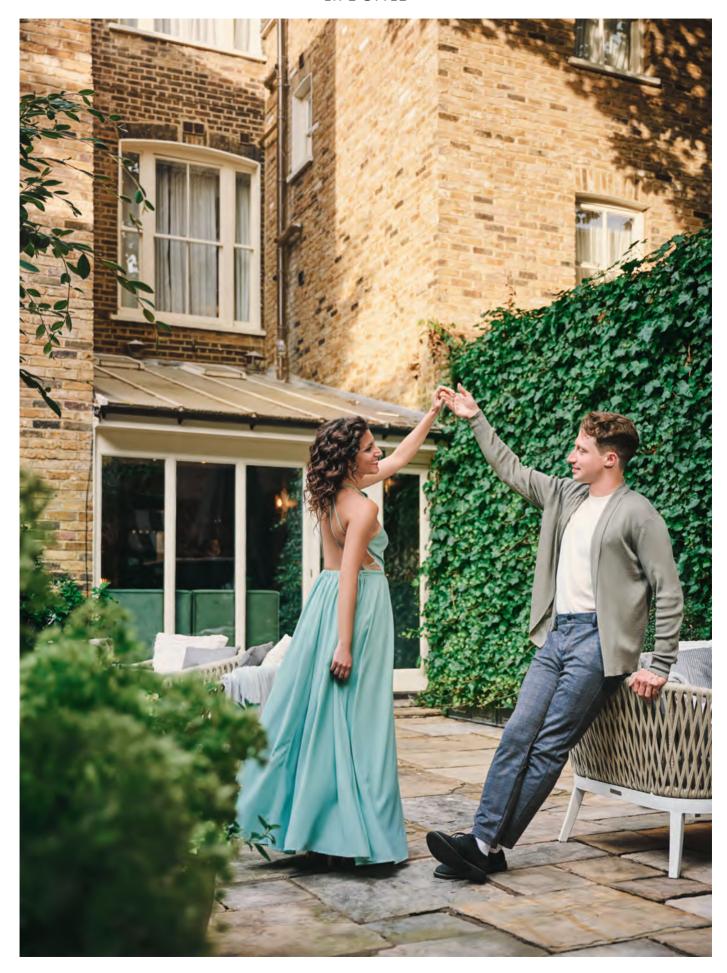














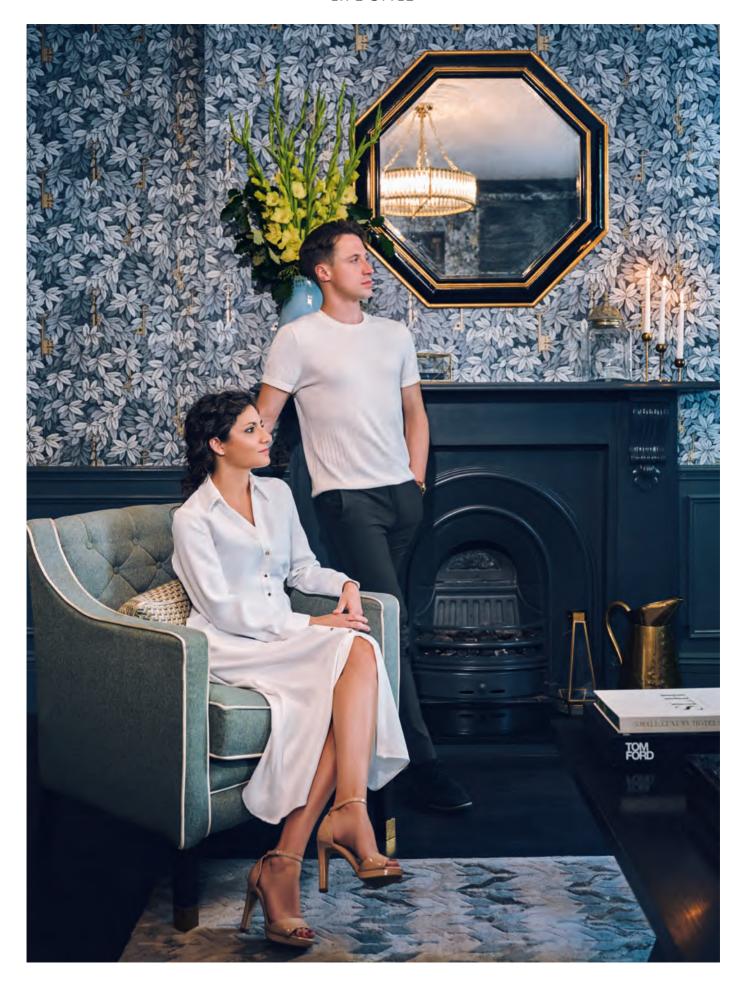
Suit up, put on your best frock and go to the opera! The Royal Ballet & Opera in Covent Garden has been at the heart of London and British cultural life for 300 years. It is the home of two world-class Companies, The Royal Ballet and The Royal Opera. The Academy front of house team will be more than happy to help you with the programme and tickets for up-and-coming performances.



Few neighbourhoods in the world have as rich a literary legacy as Bloomsbury. If you are both in love and bookish, then this area is certainly a book lover's dream. Home to the world-class British Library, Birkbeck University, University College of London (UCL) and the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), Bloomsbury is also replete with independent booksellers of the highest calibre. This network of booksellers and shops collectively strive to offer titles that cannot be found elsewhere. For a full list of bookshops, please ask The Academy front of house team. There is also a delightful library at the hotel's Alchemy Bar, whose titles have been handpicked by The Academy.



There is nothing more romantic than when a beloved is wooed and courted with poetry and literature. Couples on their lune de miel ('honeymoon' in French) should not miss Mr Ma's Afternoon Tea at The Academy. The novel Mr Ma and Son by writer Lao is the inspiration for The Academy's English high tea menu with an Asian inflection. Both novel and menu offer a glimpse into two cultures that have shaped the colourful Bloomsbury neighbourhood. Choose from a selection of specialty Asian teas such as Jade Sword and Mr Ma's Special Blend to delicately wash down Chinese egg tarts, sesame Jian Dui dough balls, and ginger and cinnamon scones with Devonshire clotted cream.





What Montmartre in Paris is to the world of art, Bloomsbury is to the world of literature. This neighbourhood was the centre of the English-speaking literary world in the 19th and 20th centuries. Book a private London Literary Walking Tour for an interesting 2.5-hour stroll around the beautiful squares and quiet neighbourhoods, where writers from around the world lived, loved and wrote. Visit the homes of a number of world-renowned writers, see the largely unchanged neighbourhoods that they lived in and which helped form some of the greatest works of literature of all time.



Another fun-filled activity for the both of you is joining the Afternoon on a British Museum Guided Tour and Wine Tasting. Since the British Museum opened its doors 250 years ago, visitors have flocked to its galleries to view world-class artefacts. This is the perfect little tour (available only on Fridays) if you are short on time, and you love wine. This is a 90-minute tour of the British Museum's iconic highlights including the Rosetta Stone, the Parthenon Marbles and the Lewis Chessmen. After the tour, you'll be taken to the elegant Le Bar for a tasting of wine flights paired with cheese.



BREATHTAKING I DOS

THE ETHEREAL BEAUTY OF NISEKO VILLAGE'S EMERALD FIELDS AND COTTON-CANDY SKIES BECOME THE BACKDROP TO THE START OF A LIFE TOGETHER.

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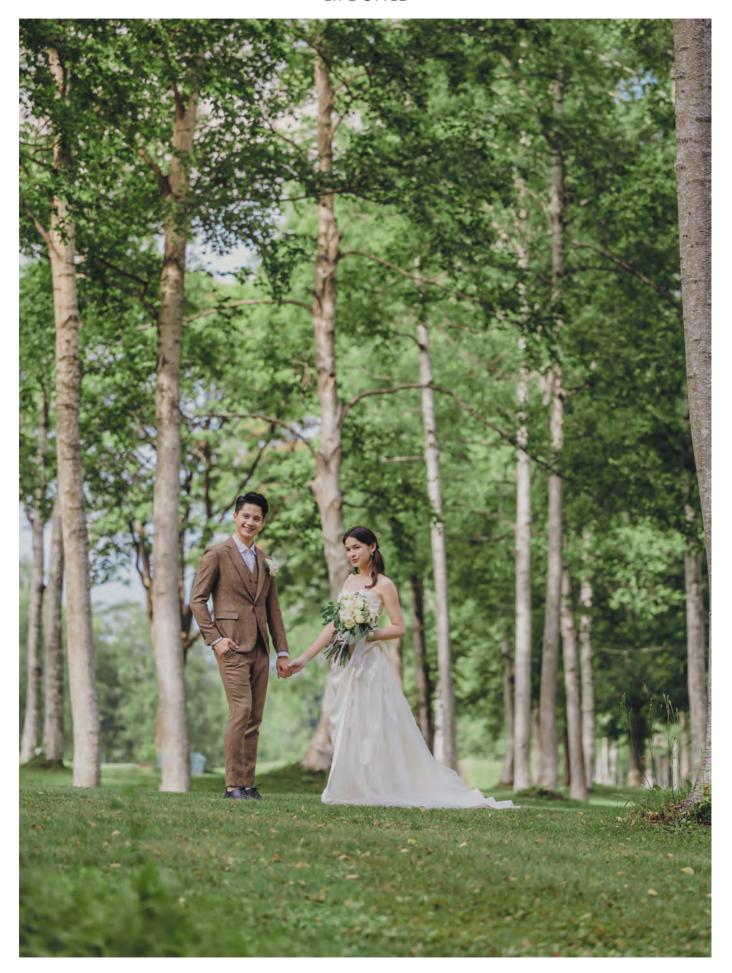
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If this slim but delightful window of opportunity in late April to early May fits a couple's plans, then a cherry blossom-themed wedding celebration or honeymoon is theirs for the taking. As the white snow melts off the landscape in Niseko and the seasons turn from winter to spring, the Sakura blossom race that began in the south of Japan arrives in Hokkaido. Say your vows with the serene Mount Yotei in the background, framed by pink cherry blossoms.

A Showa period emperor once described the spring water in Hokkaido as 'sweet dew'. It takes between 50 to 100 years to transform the melted snow into the purest spring water in Japan. These make the onsens or hot springs in Niseko an extra special wellness experience. There are indoor pools with picture-perfect window views in Higashimaya, A Ritz-Carlton Reserve and Hinode Hills, where the landscape is snowcapped in winter, lush and green in springtime. At Hilton Niseko Village, the outdoor pool is next to a special, carp-filled pond, while snow-draped pine trees and boulders frame a mineral-rich onsen experience at The Green Leaf Niseko Village in winter.

From December to April, Niseko Village is known as the Aspen of the east, offering ski runs suited to all levels. Extreme skiers also love the challenge of mind-blowing volcano crater skiing at the summit. The Niseko Village Snow School caters for both first-time skiers and snowboarders, and those needing a little refresher. Improve your all-mountain skills around Niseko United with an experienced guide on the best runs of the day. And if you're an early riser, include in some Cat Skiing at 6:45am by making first tracks on a snow cat before the lifts open for the day at 8am.











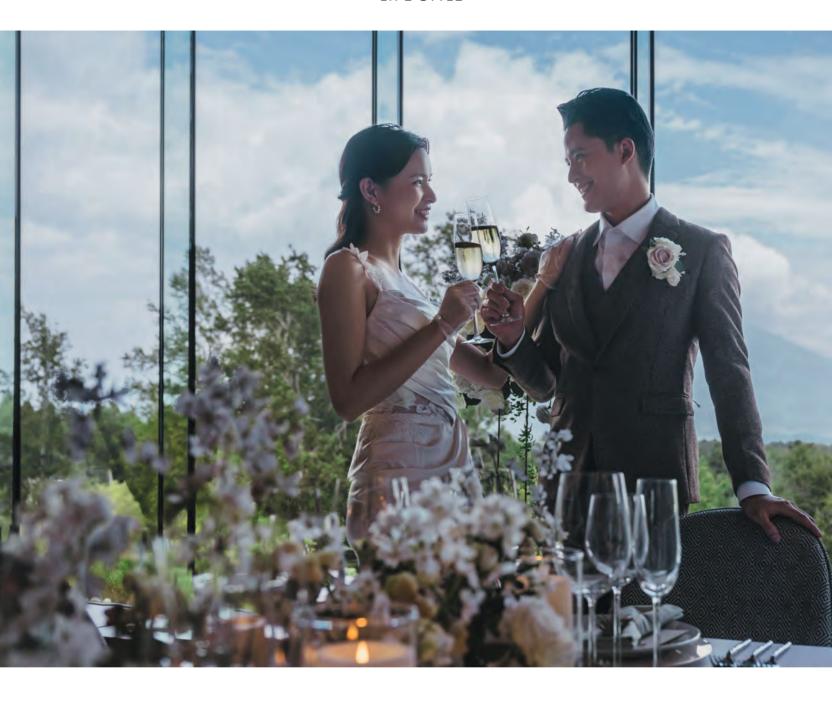




Niseko Village Golf Course offers a magnificent 18-hole experience in a beautiful forest setting, so it is no surprise it has been voted "Best Golf Course in Japan" by the World Golf Awards seven times. The Arnold Palmer-designed Niseko Golf Course offers a captivating 6,805-yard, 18-hole experience featuring white birch and pine trees, with breathtaking views of Mount Yotei and the Niseko mountains.

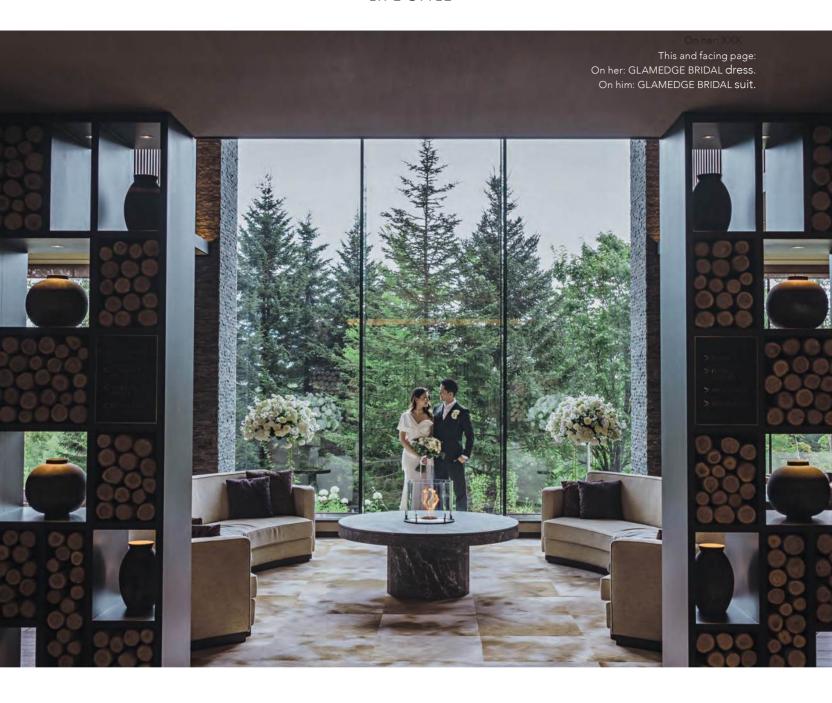
Niseko is a haven for fishing enthusiasts, providing an ideal setting for both bait fishing and fly-fishing. As the snow melt subsides around May and just before winter sets in around October, anglers can immerse themselves in the serene beauty of Niseko's crystal-clear rivers, which wind through breathtaking mountain landscapes. One in particular, the Shiribetsu River, is home to an array of freshwater fish, including prized trout and salmon. A romantic honeymoon could also be a couple's angling adventure.

The Shiribetsu River is both beautiful and versatile. It offers the adrenaline rush of spring and summer rafting along a 7km course of whitewater rapids. For those seeking a little more serenity, there is stand-up paddleboarding, or SUP, as it's known. Stable inflatable stand-up boards allow you to paddle along, soak in the serene surroundings and marvel at the majestic mountain ranges that frame the landscape.



Imagine the exquisite flavours of a wedding dinner menu that partakes of Niseko's gastronomic offerings. Book a tasting tour to discover why its dairy specialities are so famous for their rich, velvety textures. Taste the succulent tenderness of Makkari pork, known for its exceptional quality, and discover the sweet-tart burst of flavour in every bite of Haskap berries. And don't forget to savour the complex flavours of Nikka whisky.

A honeymooning couple in summertime must not miss the Summer Foodie Farm Tour. Wander through lush fields and orchards bursting with ripe fruits, vibrant vegetables and fragrant herbs, as local farmers share their passion for sustainable farming practices. Taste the crispness of freshly harvested greens and the juiciness of plump strawberries straight from the vine. Hokkaido's farm-to-table culinary scene will delight you with farm fresh products, artisanal cheeses and locally made confections.



Hokkaido is surrounded by three seas, the Sea of Japan to the west, the Sea of Okhotsk to the north, and the Pacific Ocean to the east and south. It is also home to many lakes and rivers, which accounts for the island's bountiful oceanic treasures. Book a seafood tour to explore bustling fish markets and charming coastal villages as you sample an array of delicacies, from plump scallops and briny oysters, to succulent king crabs and buttery Hokkaido uni, a highly prized sea urchin considered to be the best in the world.



THE RITZ-CARLTON, KOH SAMUI OFFERS AN EXQUISITE SETTING FOR YOU AND SPOUSE TO CREATE AN UNFORGETTABLE WEDDING.

Location: THE RITZ-CARLTON, KOH SAMUI Photography: SONG BOON KEAT, TAY ZONG HOOI







Nestled in a private bay on the north-eastern tip of the island of Koh Samui, The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui is a tropical paradise framed by crystal-clear turquoise waters, sun-kissed beaches and rainforest-covered peaks.

Celebrate your wedding the island way and create memorable experiences in unique spaces in the resort. Exchange your vows in the Sala Thai, a traditional open pavilion with a vaulted hard wood ceiling and spectacular views of the Gulf of Thailand. Host an intimate cocktail party for 30 guests at The Peak, which boasts breathtaking panoramas and superb facilities; or rejoice in a quintessentially Thai celebration at the resort's Baan Talat. Functions for up to 200 guests can be held in melded indoor-outdoor spaces, while the resort's two private beaches are ideal for barefoot gala dinners for up to 300 guests.



Let the resort's Marriott Certified Wedding Planner help design and realise the celebration of your dreams, with all the little touches that make a difference. From setting an event budget, deciding on a menu and determining table settings, to sourcing florists, photographers and entertainment for the big day, the Marriot Certified Wedding Planner makes the planning and implementation process easy and stress-free.

The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui offers thoughtfully curated wedding packages that add touches of magic to your special day. The packages include hair and makeup services for the bride, photography services during the ceremony, a dedicated wedding angel to assist the bride and groom, couple's spa treatments, romantic dinners for two under the stars, and much more.



On her: 23 WEDDING LUXE dress; BAKHACHE Chanel 'Matelassée' Baroque ring; necklace, stylist's own. On him: THE MAN SUITS suit and trousers; shoes, stylist's own.

JOYOUS MAJESTY

IN THE EXALTED HALLS AND ON THE ILLUSTRIOUS GROUNDS
OF THE MAJESTIC HOTEL KUALA LUMPUR, DISTINGUISHED
WEDDINGS BECOME BELOVED FAMILY FOLKLORE.

Location: THE MAJESTIC HOTEL KUALA LUMPUR
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Styling assistant: BUNNY LEE
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Make-up and hair assistant: GERMAINE CHIANG
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Producer: JEMMIE CHEW Words: LAE-HOON TAN

A curved driveway and covered porte cochère, tall, white classically proportioned Roman columns, and detailed cornices lend a sense of grandeur to the neo-classical and Art Deco main building of The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur. Its sumptuous interiors are hallmarked by custom designed furniture, silverware and luxurious furnishings. Built in 1932, The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur continues to be known as the place for timeless celebrations, glamorous social events, and truly exceptional and unforgettable weddings.

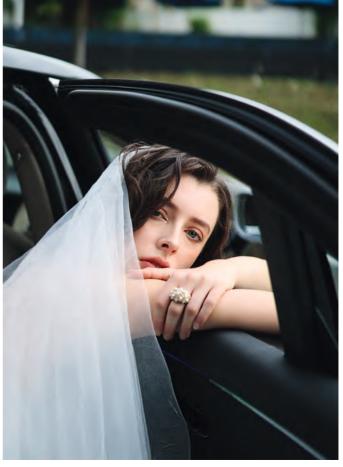
Overlooking the city's classic landmarks, The Canopy at the Roof Garden features a stunning contemporary design with elegant Art Deco-inspired interiors, fluted glass and cream tones, evoking a classic and stately air. The light-flooded venue is the perfect setting for elegant weddings, parties and gala receptions.

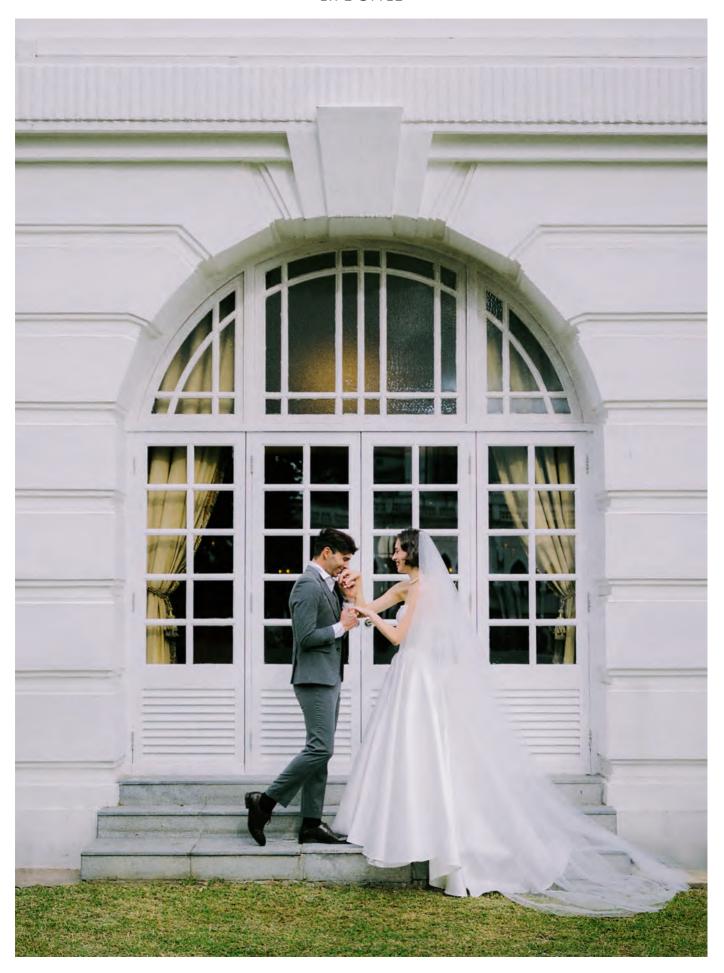
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For a space with unparalleled opulence and style, look no further than the resplendent pillar-less Majestic Ballroom. Dazzling hand-cut crystal chandeliers adorn the ornate high ceiling, plush carpeting, a custom built-in stage, state-of-the-art audio-visual facilities and the largest LED wall in any ballroom in Malaysia make for a magnificent venue for your once-in-a-lifetime wedding reception. The Majestic Ballroom seats 1,200 for a banquet or 1,500 theatre-style. The large ballroom foyer, with natural light that streams in through floor-to-ceiling windows, is ideal for pre-dinner cocktails.









Thirteen elegant function rooms, ranging in size for 20 to 120 guests, offer flexibility to create memorable experiences in a warm, inviting ambience of intimacy and exclusivity. Perfect spaces to celebrate the day of your dreams just as you imagine it to be.

Showcasing a luxuriant hanging garden and orchid-scape within a glass atrium, The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur's Orchid Conservatory is the only one of its kind in the country, and the venue for the hotel's most singular events. The Orchid Conservatory features a seasonal range of gorgeous phalaenopsis orchids, with thousands of stunning large-petaled blooms displayed in a re-creation of their natural habitat. As the seasons progress, so do the variety of orchids on display. Let this true botanical wonder work its extraordinary magic on your most significant day.



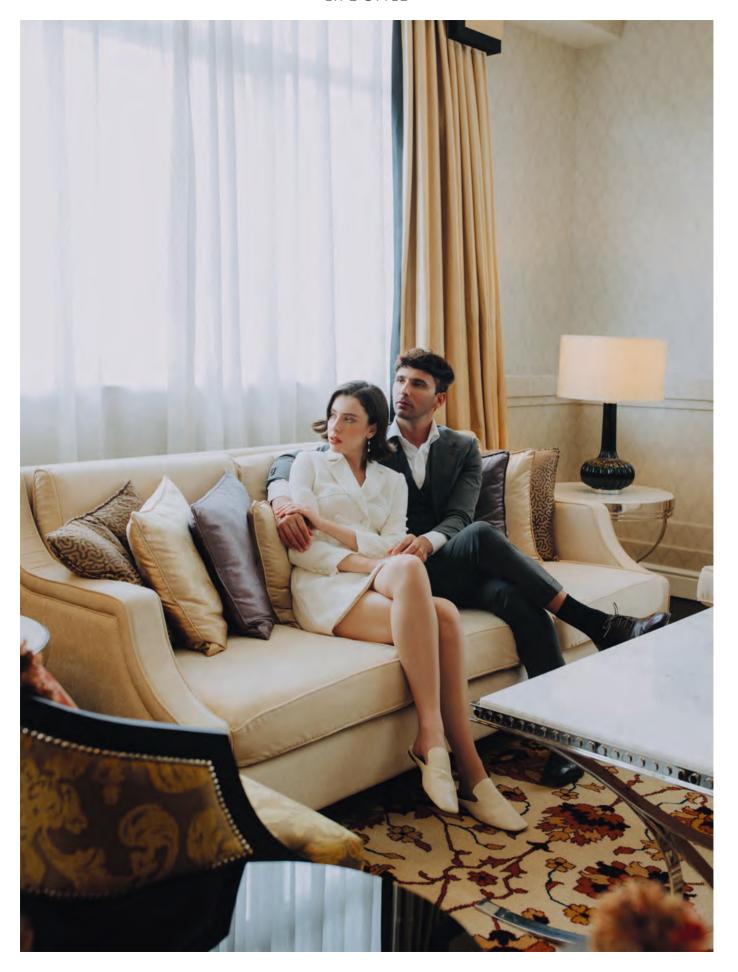


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The Roof Garden at The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur provides a picturesque outdoor setting for celebrations and receptions. Elevated pavilions and stone pathways add to the charm and stylishness of this unique setting, with unobstructed views of Kuala Lumpur's beautiful historical mile. The Roof Garden has the flexibility to accommodate 30 to 100 guests.

The team at The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur will work closely with you to create the celebration of your dreams for that momentous occasion in your life. From bespoke menus and amazing, diverse cuisines that combine creativity and gastronomic flair, to stellar service and wondrous floral creations, they will truly elevate the occasion and enchant your guests, creating memories to cherish.







In the run-up to your monumental event, luxuriate in the Bridal Services and spa treatments, including the Malaya Golden Chersonese couples experience, offered at The Majestic Spa. Here, you can experience ultimate pampering and rejuvenation in an indulgent haven.

At the end of your special day, retreat into one of the 47 luxurious suites in the private and serene Majestic Wing that exudes Old World grace and elegance. Dark timber floors of the generously sized rooms are overlaid with tufted carpets in warm colours, while luxurious Art Deco furnishings feature throughout.

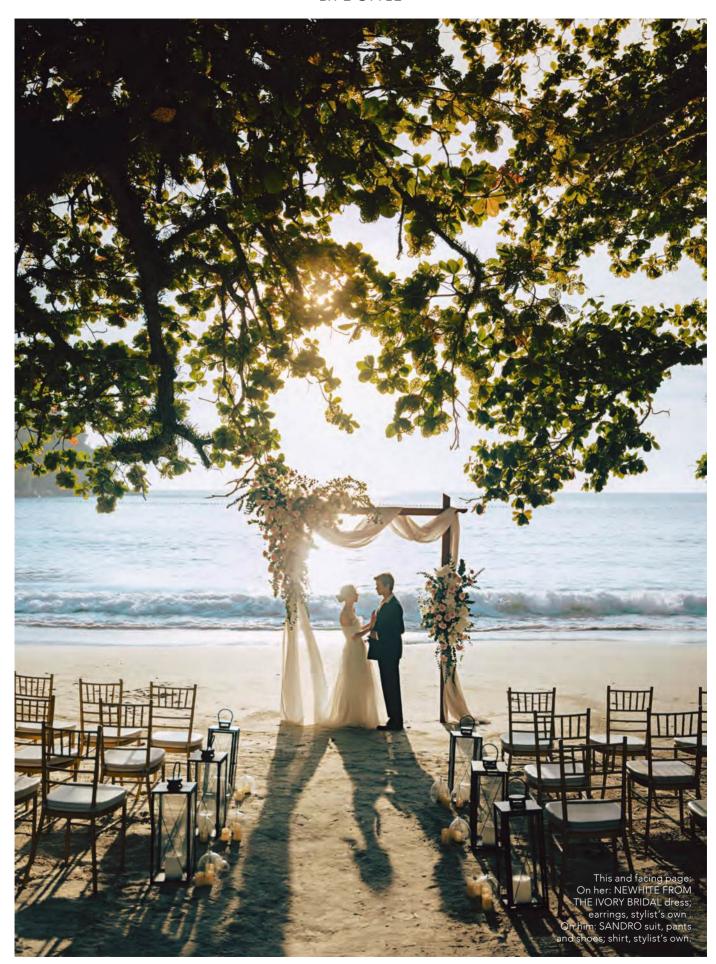


SUN, SAND AND SPOUSE

WHAT BETTER WAY TO KICKSTART A NEW LIFE TOGETHER THAN WITH A SUBLIME DESTINATION WEDDING IN THE BUCOLIC ENVIRONMENT OF PANGKOR LAUT RESORT?

Location: PANGKOR LAUT RESORT
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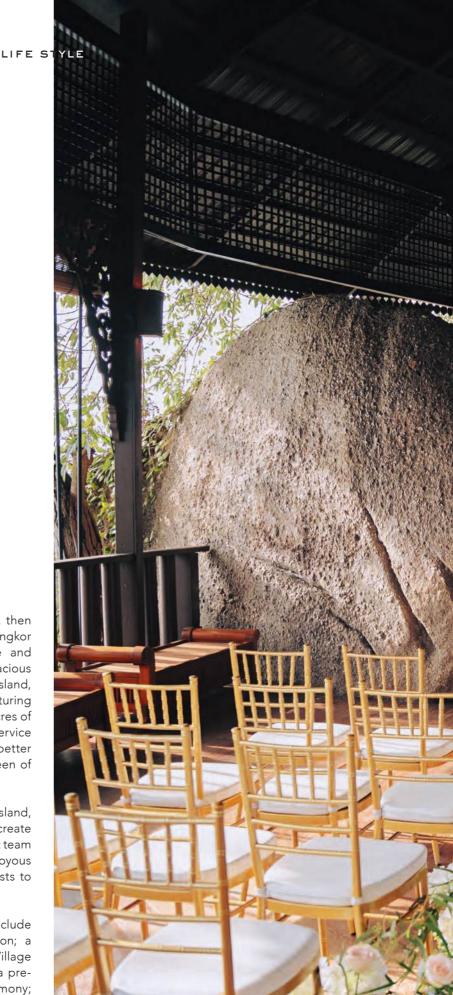
Weddings at Pangkor Laut Resort offer the ideal mix of tranquillity, romance and celebration. A luxury one-of-a kind resort nestled amidst an ancient rainforest on a private island in the Straits of Malacca, its dreamy tropical setting is the perfect place to bring family and friends together to celebrate your union. Here, pristine beaches segue into crystalline emerald waters, walls curve around foliage, and roofs open up to allow trees to continue their journey upwards to the sky.

Imagine walking down a shell-lined, petal-strewn aisle towards a luxuriant floral arch and a spectacular sunset in the horizon. The powder-soft sand of the award-winning Emerald Bay is bathed in a light orange hue. A gentle sea breeze blows as you exchange your vows, while the waves lap rhythmically in the background.

Say "I do" in a lantern-lit courtyard, beneath a garden pavilion bedecked with elaborate floral creations, surrounded by breathtaking views of a tropical paradise.







If absolute privacy and exclusivity are what you seek, then consider hosting your wedding at The Estates at Pangkor Laut Resort, a sanctuary of understated elegance and privilege, conjuring an atmosphere that recalls the gracious era of old Malaya. Situated on the northern part of the island, The Estates comprise eight private residences featuring luxurious comforts and dramatic views, all set across acres of pristine rainforest, and complemented by exquisite service and hospitality that are in a class of their own. Where better than The Estates to be treated like the King and Queen of the Day?

Weddings at Pangkor Laut Resort are unique, One Island, One Resort experiences, meticulously curated to create cherished memories. The resort's professional banquet team will take care of every detail to ensure a seamless, joyous event, with treasured moments for you and your guests to remember it by.

Crafted wedding experiences at Pangkor Laut Resort include stays in beautifully appointed luxury accommodation; a couple's spa experience at the award-winning Spa Village Pangkor Laut Resort; a wedding celebrant blessing; a prewedding reception; a symbolic tree-planting ceremony; exclusive wedding keepsakes, and more.







SUMPTUOUS NUPTIALS

RICH IN CULTURE AND SURROUNDED BY GLORIOUS NATURE,
TANJONG JARA RESORT WILL HOST A WEDDING EVENT OR
MARRIAGE CEREMONY UNLIKE ANYWHERE ELSE.

Location: TANJONG JARA RESORT
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Stylist: BIRDY LEE

Lighting: HERRY CHIA EE

Make-up and hair: DIANA TANG

Make-up and hair assistant: CHEW THENG

Models: KEN E AND OLESIA P (ATTITUDE MODELS KL)

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Located in Terengganu on the East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia, Tanjong Jara Resort is a sanctuary of luxury and well-being, fringed by sprawling powder-fine beaches and the crystal-clear waters of the South China Sea. Winner of the prestigious Aga Khan Award for Architecture, the luxurious seaside resort is designed to reflect the elegance and grandeur of 17th century Malay palaces. Local timber, rich fabrics and traditional decorative elements crafted by local artisans are incorporated into the interiors of the light and airy rooms, while wide terraces and balconies offer stunning views of tropical landscaped gardens or the clear blue waters of the South China Sea.

At Tanjong Jara Resort, a variety of lavish wedding experiences steeped in age-old Malay customs and traditions await couples seeking to celebrate their nuptials in unique memorable ways amidst stunning surroundings of verdant gardens and shimmering azure seas. These signature experiences include highly fitting royal spa treatments based on ancient Malay traditions for a warrior (Panji Alam) and his princess (Dandan Puteri Tujuh); a wedding celebrant blessing; live traditional music accompaniment; celebratory cocktails and receptions; and a symbolic tree-planting ceremony, among others.







Malay wedding ceremonies are known for their pomp, pageantry and traditional preparations lavished on those that are to be married. On the day of their wedding, the couple is viewed as King and Queen of the Day (*Raja Sehari*, in Malay).

The energetic, joyful beats of the *kompang* (traditional handheld drum) herald the arrival of the bride and groom, walking under the shade of the colourful *bunga manggar* held aloft by local men and women clad in traditional Malay attire. The wedding procession makes its way down a petal-strewn pathway towards a wooden gazebo, set on the crescent-shaped beach of golden sand and bedecked with exotic tropical flora.

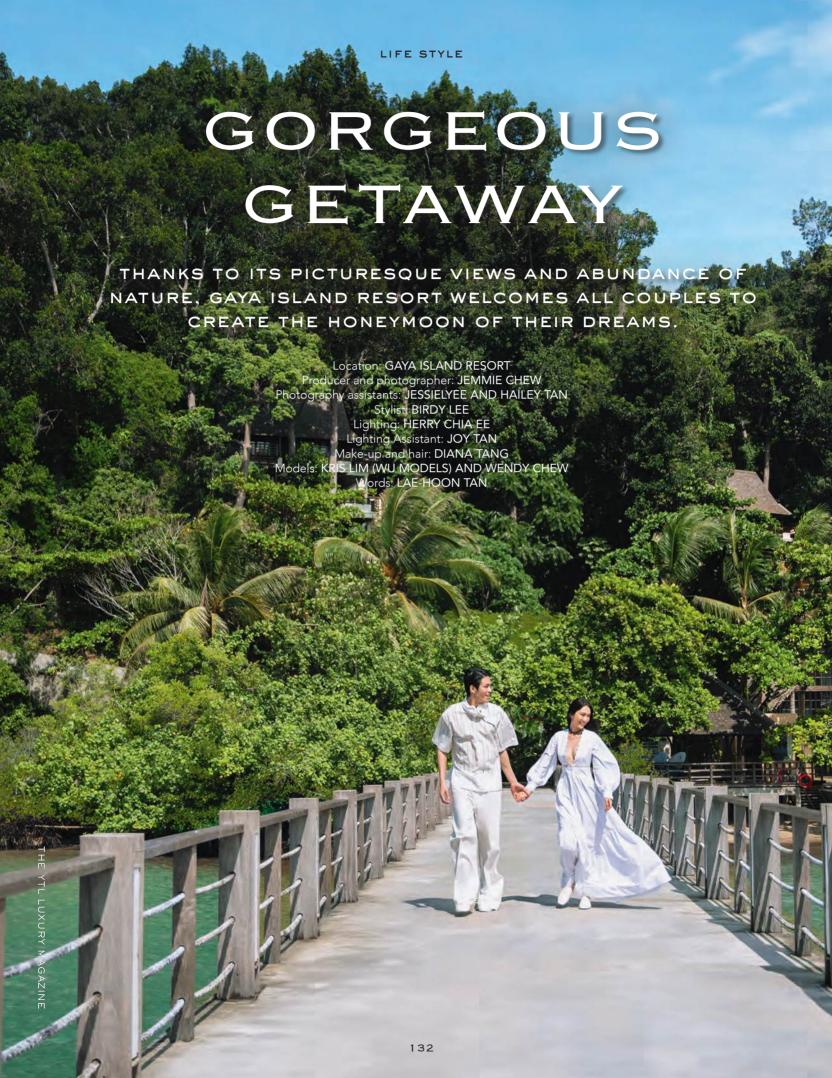






Vows are exchanged against a landscape of tall palms rustling in the breeze, turquoise waters and a breathtaking sunset. The union is celebrated with cocktails and canapés, followed by a sumptuous dinner served from authentic wooden huts illuminated by hurricane lamps, as the gentle hypnotic beats of the *gamelan*, a traditional Malay percussion ensemble, play in the background.

Tanjong Jara Resort is also the quintessential honeymoon retreat for newlyweds. Here, you may enjoy romantic strolls along the beach; visit the morning market with its bounty of freshly caught seafood, seasonal produce, spices and fresh herbs; gain insights into the wonders of traditional Malay home cooking as you prepare authentic dishes together under the guidance of a local culinary master; indulge in a blissful couple's spa treatment; or savour a delectable dinner on the rocks, looking out to the moonlit waters of the South China Sea, in an exclusive private setting just for two.







Gaya Island Resort is tucked amidst verdant rainforests, protected mangroves and sheltered coral reefs, with a pristine stretch of sandy beach separating it from the waters of Malohom Bay. On the horizon is a spectacular view of the soaring peaks of Mount Kinabalu. Blending harmoniously with its natural environment, this beachfront resort offers couples celebrating their union authentic experiences, breathtaking moments and lifelong memories that are distinctively Borneo.

A choice of two private beaches at the resort is the perfect setting for a memorable wedding ceremony, serenaded by the rustling of trees in the sea breeze. As the sun sinks beneath the horizon, casting golden glows against the majestic Mount Kinabalu, toast to your status as newlyweds and enjoy a delectable five-course contemporary Asian dinner.

For a uniquely traditional ceremony inspired by the rituals of the indigenous Kadazan people, don the elaborate black and gold wedding attire of the vibrant Borneo tribe and exchange vows on the golden sands before a Kadazan priest, before feasting on a sumptuous dinner beneath a starlit sky. Prior to the ceremony, partake in the Tadau Kaamatan (also known as A Couple's Celebration of Rice), a spa journey that pays tribute to local legends and the honoured element of rice in Kadazandusun culture.

For avid diver Hidy Yu, a guest who held her wedding and honeymoon on the island, choosing Gaya Island Resort was an easy decision. "I simply love the sea, the beach and the sunshine," she said. "I remember waking up to sunshine every day and seeing the sea first thing in the morning. The resort's staff had also filled the room with my favourite sunflowers. I thought everything was just perfect – blue skies, the beach, sunshine, sunflowers and my husband."





Share your mutual love for the deep blue sea and each other by tying the knot beneath the cerulean waters of the Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park, witnessed by the abundant marine life around. Raise a toast in celebration surface-side and enjoy a contemporary multi-course dinner back on land. Indulge in the Deru Laut spa treatment that combines the therapeutic properties of the ocean's bounty and the healing practices of the Bajau sea nomads, delivering a singular, authentic experience.

For an unforgettable wedding ceremony, set sail aboard the resort's 64ft private luxury motor yacht and exchange your vows against the golden sunset hued sky. Toast your nuptials during the exhilarating voyage before returning to the resort for a celebratory dinner together as husband and wife.

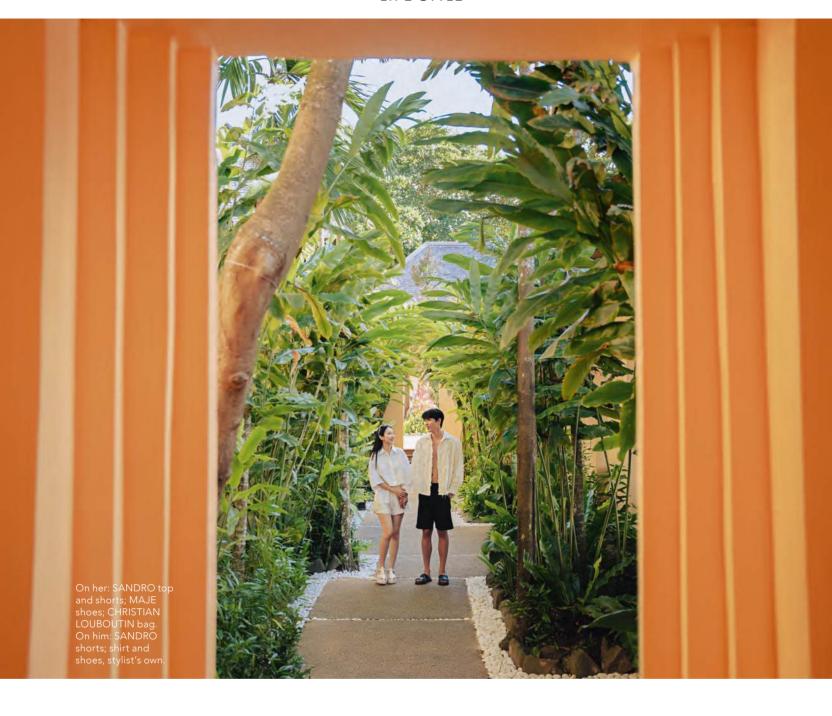
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The resort also offers newlyweds opportunities for shared experiences and couple bonding through a variety of thoughtfully curated nature, cultural and wellness activities. Enjoy romantic strolls along the beach and watch the sun rise over Mount Kinabalu; connect with nature on a kayak ride through the tropical mangroves; or enjoy a personalised gourmet picnic on the private Tavajun Bay. Indulge in a signature couple's spa treatment that pays tribute to indigenous tribal legends and the honoured element of rice. Experience the romance and exhilaration of sailing over sparkling emerald seas on a luxury yacht, manned by the resort's experienced crew, and mooring in a quiet, tranquil bay, or exploring the surrounding islands of the marine park. Or simply savour a romantic candlelight dinner on a private beach under a blanket of stars.









Set 1,500m above sea level amidst tranquil lush greenery, mist-covered rolling hills and crisp highlands air, the stately Cameron Highlands Resort provides a magnificent stage for the classic highland wedding celebration. Its elegant interiors of timber-beamed ceilings, fireplaces, tall French doors and plantation shutters exude Old World charm and romance, while bespoke teak furniture, combined with the beauty of Jim Thompson's finest quality silks and fabrics, create an environment that is both luxurious and sumptuous.

Walk down a rose petal-strewn aisle and exchange your vows under an arch decorated with colourful blooms in the Classic Colonial Wedding, with rolling hills and verdant greenery in the background. Follow this with a traditional fireplace lighting ritual, signifying a radiant beginning to your journey as newlyweds.

For an Oriental Spring Wedding experience, say "I do" in a private garden, beneath a gazebo surrounded by delicate paper lanterns, exquisite paper cranes and lush highland blossoms. Then, participate in a traditional Chinese tea ceremony as a mark of respect to honour your parents and relatives, signify your newlywed status and be welcomed into your respective families.

Honeymoons in Cameron Highlands Resort are a perfect blend of luxury and intimacy. Treasured moments include an indulgent Rose Garden Couple's Experience at Spa Village Cameron Highlands; a fireplace lighting ceremony; a romantic dinner served in a private gazebo; and other exclusive, unique experiences just for two.

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On her: LANA MARINENKO
FROM GELLY WEE
WEDDING GOWN gown;
earrings, stylist's own.
On him: THE MAN
SUITS suit and bow tie;
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sunglasses.



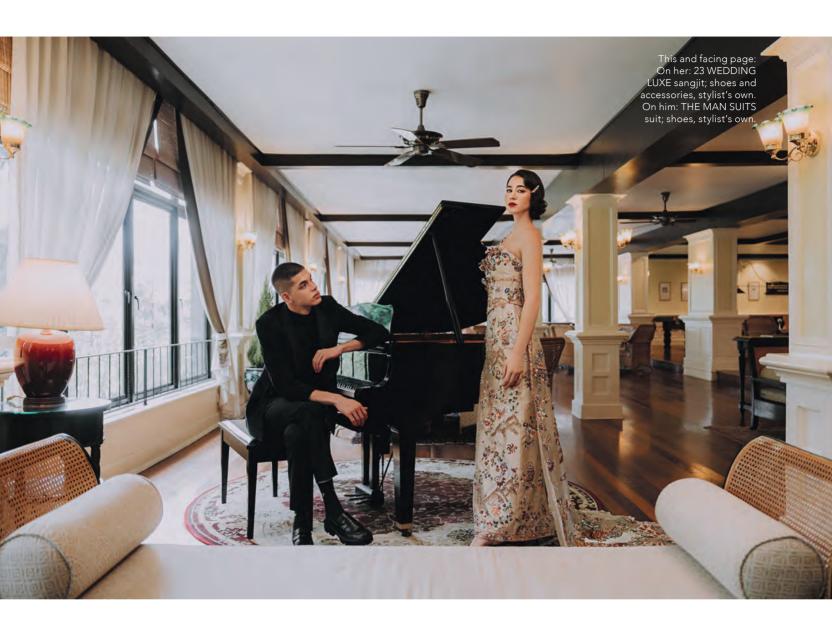




Accommodation at Cameron Highlands Resort captures the nostalgic elegance of an age where quality and care were a way of life. There are 56 well-appointed rooms and spacious suites, all of which enjoy a beautiful view of the golf course against a backdrop of rolling hills and lush green forest.

Alison Elfwing, a fomer Lite FM deejay, chose the resort as the venue for her wedding with chef Michael Elfwing. She and her bridal party prepared for her wedding ceremony in the Jim Thompson Suite, one of the two signature suites in the resort. Taking up a spacious floor area of 76 sq m, the suite has two bedrooms – one with a king four-poster bed and the other, twin beds, a common lounge furnished with comfortable settees, and French doors that open onto a balcony with panoramic views.

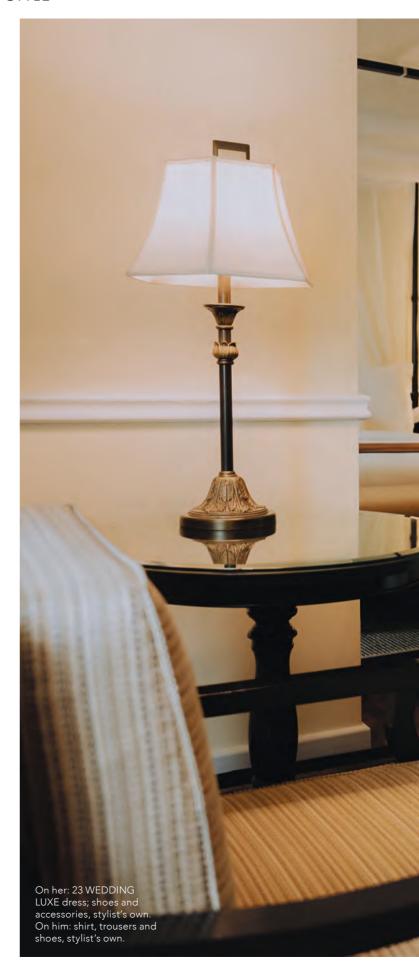




Inspired by the resort's traditional fireplace lighting ritual, Alison requested for her veiling to be carried out by the fireplace. There, in the presence of family and friends, her father made a heart-warming toast before her mother gently lowered her veil in place.

Meanwhile, the 51 sq m Junior Suite, with a studio-style bedroom and an adjacent lounge area that opens onto a balcony overlooking the golf course, provided spacious comfort for Michael and his entourage as they got ready for the ceremony.

"The grand colonial feel, with its intimate, high-ceilinged ballroom, sweeping staircase, four-poster beds, elegant touches and attention to detail – it was all so romantic," Alison said.



The resort's professional banquet and meeting planners will work closely with you to set the stage for your moment of a lifetime. Wedding packages offered by the resort include a signature couple's spa treatment based on roses, the Queen of Flowers, and tea leaves; a wedding celebrant blessing; a traditional fireplace lighting ritual or a traditional tea ceremony; celebratory cocktails, canapes and banquets; exclusive wedding keepsakes; and a complimentary twonight honeymoon stay in a YTL Hotels luxury collection property in Malaysia, among others.







FROM MILESTONES TO MEMORIES

AT THE RITZ-CARLTON, KUALA LUMPUR, THE BANQUET HALL ACTS AS THE PERFECT SETTING TO CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES WITH CULINARY CLASSICS BY LI YEN, COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGES AND EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS.

Words by ALICIA CHOO Photos by LAW SOO PHYE



nside the grand arches of The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur, banquet festivities are heightened to a grandiose affair – serving up authentic Chinese classics by Li Yen in an intimate backdrop of ornate chandeliers and glimmers of gold. The Banquet Hall accommodates up to 300 guests, and offers flexible arrangements that are ideal for familial unity and symbolic rituals such as custom furnishings, antecedent ceremonies, made-to-order menus and varied seating setups.

For milestone birthdays and full moon rites for children, the banquet exclusive combines age-old practices and contemporary preferences. Guests can enjoy cultural delicacies such as red eggs, longevity noodles and buns, coupled with modern amenities such as cutting-edge features, champagne and bespoke gifts. Extensive set packages are also available to helps guests curate their desirable celebration, backed by complete services for decorations, delivery and personalised additions.

Over the past 20 years, Li Yen has been delighting diners with Chinese fine dining and currently taking the reins is Hong Kong native Chef Alex Au Ka Wah. Under Chef Au's stewardship, time-honoured recipes have been reimagined while preserving the essence of Chinese culinary traditions. Noteworthy dishes in this special banquet menu include cod fish with spicy sauce and squid ink sago, double-boiled

chicken soup with fish maw and fragrant young coconut, signature golden prawns, baked spareribs with infused Chinese tea leaves, and a flavourful slow-cooked soft bone ribs with black sugar that acts as a caramelised glaze. A main highlight is the roasted suckling pig, skilfully prepared in an aromatic roast. Additionally, the stir-fried wagyu offers slices of premium Japanese beef complemented by sweet pearl onions, while the signature house-crafted bean curd with Shimeji mushrooms and spinach is cooked in a tantalising savoury sauce.

Whether you're welcoming a new life, commemorating love, or celebrating a momentous chapter, the beautifully appointed banquet hall sets the stage for any special occasion. Its opulent design, complete with gleaming embellishments and polished finishes, serves as the perfect canvas for every jubilant affair. With tailored services that cater to your preferences and a well-rounded menu crafted by Li Yen's seasoned culinary team at the centre of your celebration, The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur offers more than just a venue – it provides a holistic, all-encompassing experience that honours life's joyous moments with dignity and decorum.

For more information, visit www.ritzcarlton.com/kualalumpur







This page: The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur offers a wide variety of event spaces and private rooms for all bridal parties and celebrations.







TYING THE KNOT, THE KRISTANG WAY

THE MAJESTIC MALACCA HARKS BACK TO AN AGE OF A
TIMELESS ROMANCE, AND ACTS AS THE PERFECT BACKDROP
FOR TRADITIONAL KRISTANG WEDDING CEREMONIES.

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alacca is a charming city that offers a unique blend of history, culture and romance, and it is also home to a tight-knit Portuguese-Eurasian community known as the Kristang. Often overshadowed by the Venice of the East's other ethnic communities, they are not to be confused with the Peranakans or the Baba-Nyonyas. A Creole ethnic group of people of mixed European and Malaccan descent, the Kristang community largely originated during the age of Portuguese exploration and their culture is unique to Malacca.

Predominantly Roman Catholic, the Kristangs speak Papiá Kristang, a Creole language that blends Portuguese with Malay and other local languages, and they are heavily influenced by Portuguese customs.

CULTURES GROW ON THE VINE OF TRADITION

This naturally extends to their traditional engagement and marriage customs, which have similarities to Malay weddings, but are, unfortunately, dying off due to Western influences.

On the eve of a Kristang wedding, guests are invited to dinner termed the *Dar comi noibo*, or 'the bachelor's

dinner'. Weddings were traditionally solemnised on a Tuesday in the past, with a simple ceremony taking place where the couple seek blessings from parents and elder relatives before departing for the church. These are held separately at their respective houses in a simple ceremony called *larga noiba* for the bride and *larga noibo* for the groom.

On the wedding day, the bride is dressed resplendently in a long white kebaya and a long silk saia. She is bedecked with jewellery and her plaited coiffure is studded with semi-precious stone pins. Meanwhile, the bridegroom dresses handsomely in a suit and wears a 'bowler' or top hat. The two then return to the bride's house, where the bridesmaids and best men simultaneously sprinkle scented flowers and perfumed water over their heads, and then on the guests during a ceremony called recebe noiba or 'welcoming the bride'.

Following this and other ceremonies, one of the main events is the wedding reception. Dinner is announced at 5pm, following the arrival of the groom and his entourage. During dinner, toasts are proposed and honoured, which usually takes up much time, followed by dancing and drinking until the first flush of the morning.





This page: the Majestic Malacca offers a wide variety of traditional Kristang elements for your wedding, from the cuisine served to dances performed. Facing page: snapshots of Kristang weddings, both past and present.

Early the next morning, the bride's mother goes around and invites the groom's parents and relatives for lunch and dinner for what is called the *noiba quarta fera*. After lunch, the guests adjourn for card parties. Another round of dinner follows in the evening with the bride and groom, who are not allowed to sit at the table but are, instead, required to wait on the guests. Then, the guests are invited to join the *branyo*, with drinks flowing freely until midnight. This day's celebration is dubbed the *branyo quarta fera*.

SPLENDID SETTINGS

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This is further marked by the fact that traditional Kristang dishes, such as Aros Fretu Keluak and Kari Seccu, take place

of pride in the hotel's culinary menu as much of the Kristang identity lies in their colourful cuisine.

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The couple can also prepare for their special day by indulging in one-of-a-kind therapies at the Spa Village Malacca, such as a pre-spa experience inspired by the vibrant 12-day Peranakan Wedding Ceremony. After the formalities, the couple may head upstairs to one of the sumptuously appointed rooms with silk drapes, a rich teak four-poster bed and a clawfoot bathtub.

The Majestic Malacca promises a beautiful start to any marriage and, as the Kristang saying goes, 'Assi di commenco teng alegria nos confia nos logo teng alegria ate fing' or 'We hope there is happiness from beginning to the end'.

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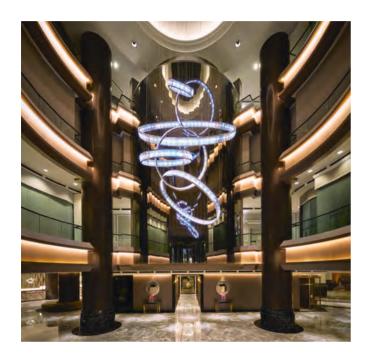
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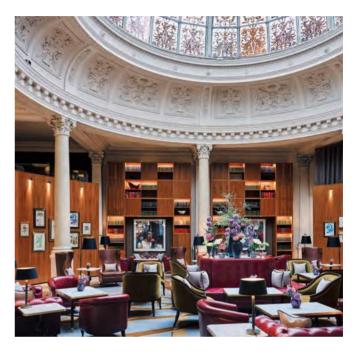


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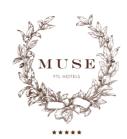
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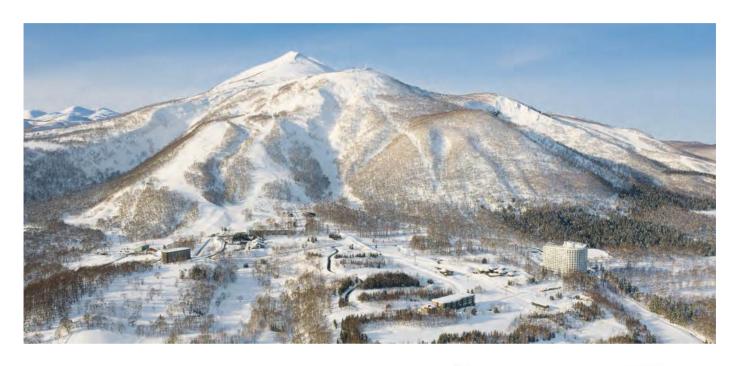
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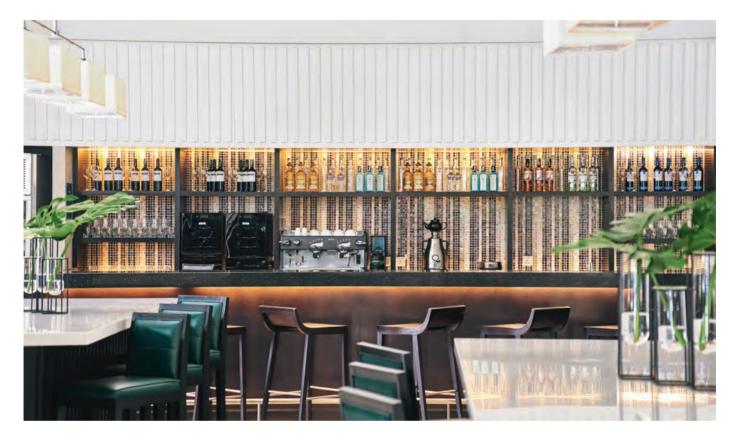


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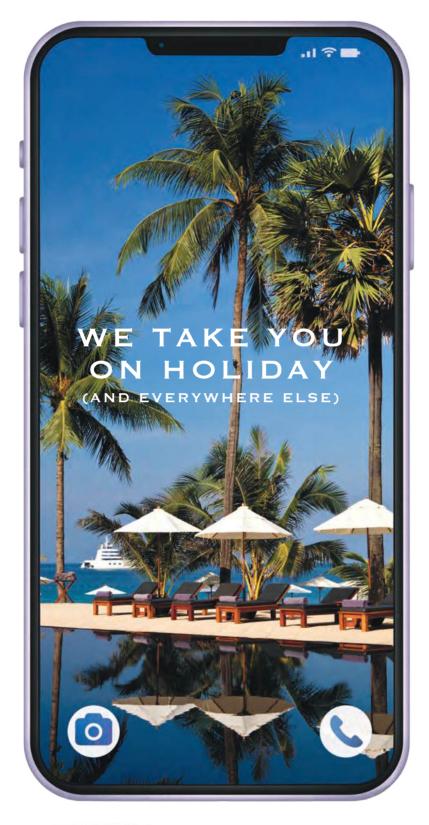


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