

Philea Resort, Malacca

Melaka (or Malacca) has geared itself to catering to families with a range of museums and

kid-friendly activities such as a nature park, mini Malaysia, zoo, planetarium (the domed space theatre is amazing) and a huge bowling alley as well as the historic UNESCO World Heritage Site of the old downtown port area. While the latter may appeal more to adults, there are numerous museums that will capture the imagination of kids from topics as diverse as maritime matters to beauty. While Malacca State is small, travelling times can be deceptive and the attractions are split between the historic downtown to Ayer Keroh some 40 minutes' drive away near the main highway to Kuala Lumpur. Philea Resort is near the highway and its log cabins with plush, contemporary interiors, pool with cascading falls will appeal to all family members. In addition, Philea has many essential facilities and services such as the Tanjung Wellness Spa, gymnasium and kids' games room as well as other recreational facilities. The adjoining Butterfly and Reptile Sanctuary with a small but fascinating collection of insects, birds, reptiles (snakes, lizards and crocodiles) and some Malaysian wildlife is well worth visiting.