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There's a new entry in the Malaysia Book of Records. Philea Resort & Spa in Ayer Keroh, Malacca, has been recognised as the First Log Resort and the Largest Log Resort in the country. One might say this new retreat is off to a good start.

Located some 90 minutes from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport and 20 minutes from the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Malacca city, Philea Resort & Spa aims to be in a class of its own. Environmentalists are bound to fall for it at first sight. The resort was built using natural resources, such as 8,000 pieces of disused railway sleepers for staircases, more than 6,000 tons of marble from Perak as block

fencing, and recycled materials found from shipwrecks as furniture in the lobby. That's not all. More than 3,000 trees have been specially selected and planted within the resort to conserve and restore the natural resources. And to give it an additional



distinctive touch, a man-made waterfall and river have been created as well, looking right at home with the surroundings.

Spread out over 15 acres and neighbouring a forest, the eco-friendly Philea Resort & Spa offers exclusivity and privacy by way of 201 rooms, all of which are housed in Malaysian versions of European or North American utilitarian log cabins. Inside, though, it's all about modern comforts, such as flat-screen LCD TVs, wireless Internet access, in-house movie channels and safes, just to name a few. Guests have a choice of three types of rooms: the 180 Pavilion Villas

feature individual verandas in its lower rooms, while the upper rooms feature private balconies with tranquil views of the resort's landscaped gardens; the 19 Philea Suites offer a spacious built-up area, an exquisite bathtub and spectacular views of the landscaped pool and waterfall; and finally, the two Royal Villas that treat you like royalty with an extensive balcony with breathtaking views, a private pool and gazebo, in-villa arrival and departure assistance, wellness experience, a private plunge pool and a dine-in option - in short, it's where all the resort conveniences come right to your doorstep.

There's plenty to discover where fine cuisine is concerned. The resort offers five different dining experiences to satisfy all cravings. Cravo Cravo is the resort's premier restaurant, featuring a wide range of continental and Asian fare; the casual Bayu Cabana enjoys a great river-front location, making it an ideal spot for cocktails and breathtaking sunsets; Nusantara serves up a delectable variety of Asian and International dishes; Tropics Lounge is the resort's vibrant lobby lounge that invites you to sit down for coffee specialties and scrumptious snacks; and the Chill Out Bar, as the name implies, is where you'll find an exclusive selection of cocktails, wines and liquor.

The swimming pool, with the adjoining waterfall and river, is a highlight here, offering a superb spot to reflect on life and drink in the view. But if you're looking to get into some activities, there are a few things you can do; drop the kids off at the Phili Kids club and head for the gym for a good workout; book one of the private



karaoke rooms and belt your heart out; visit the serene Rumah Tanjung Spa for an unforgettable treatment, or arrange a short drive to one of three 27-hole golf courses located about 10 to 15

minutes away. There's also the Melaka International Motorsports Circuit and the Melaka International Bowling Centre, both a short driving distance away. But with so much beauty

surrounding the Philea Resort & Spa, we highly recommend making full use of your stay and just soaking in the ambiance of this rustic paradise before you head back to reality. 📍





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