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The unusual and distinctive usually catches my attention. While I'm more incline to travel local and see, experience and do things that are connected to local cultures and heritage when I'm on a holiday, I also sometimes divert and try something different. So when I heard about the "First Log Resort" in tropical Malaysia, it piqued my curiosity to find out more. I drove to Melaka, south of Kuala Lumpur and exited at Ayer Keroh. The resort is located very close to the Ayer Keroh highway exit.

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I entered the lobby, I noticed odd shaped furniture and bits and bobs of wooden wheels turned into benches, chairs and tables. I later found out that they were actually reclaimed parts from several shipwrecks off the Melaka shores. Observing other details such as the staircase and railings, I was told that 8000 pieces of disused railway sleepers for fencing and staircase were used in the resort.

I checked in and made my way to my suite, passing by an open courtyard with double storey log stacked chalets on my left and right. The chalet's exteriors are not Malaysian kampung inspired, instead it looked more like chalets you will find on the Swiss Alps or holiday homes on snow-capped mountains. Very un-Malaysian, but I guess variety somehow attracts tourists.

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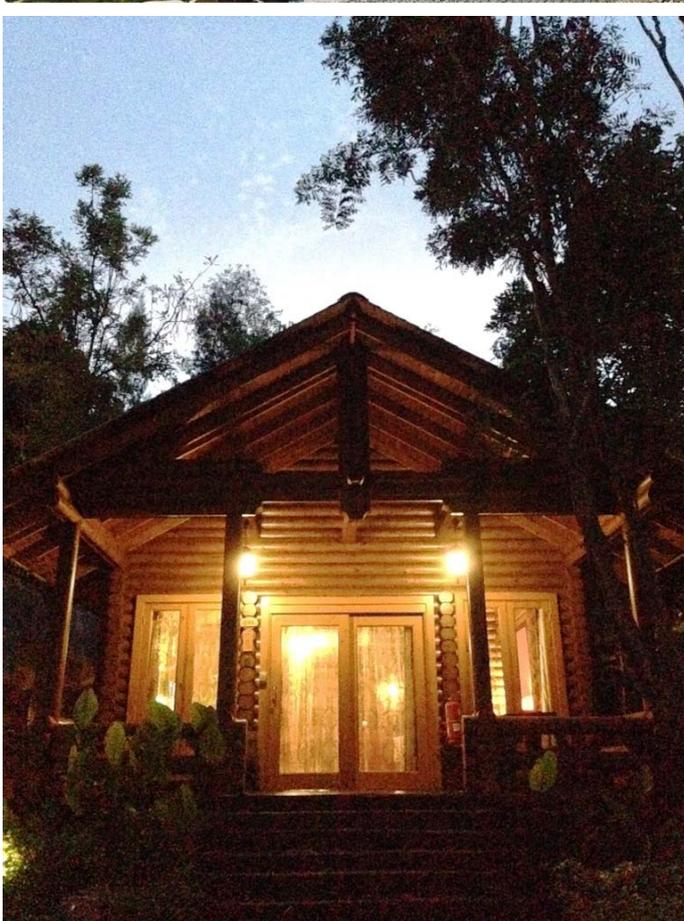
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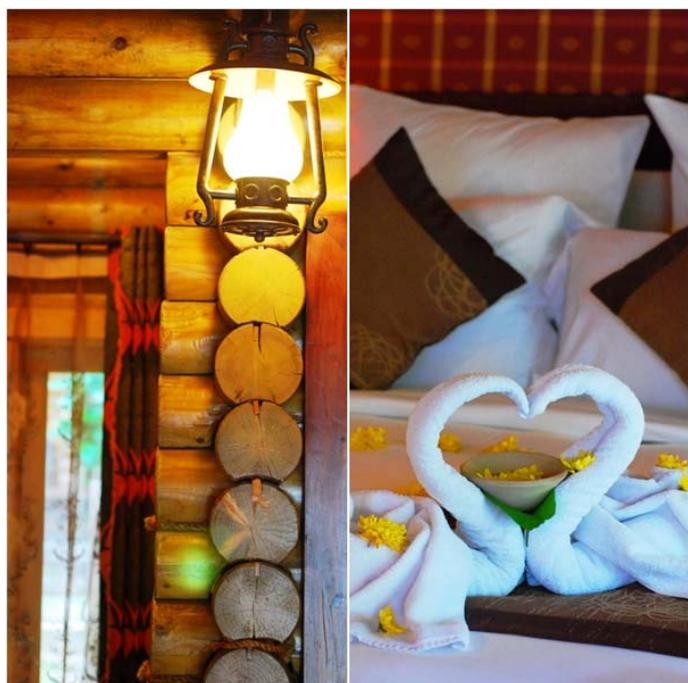
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I arrive at my suite, a single storey log cabin with an open patio at the front. Walking up the small steps leading to the heavy glass sliding doors, I heard calm showers coming from the pool, just a stones throw away. Waters from the streaming waterfall flowed into the pebble clad swimming pool that is within sight. Sun seekers were decked out on the beach chairs soaking in the glorious sun waves.



The suite is a single spacious room with a large double bed decorated with rose petals and swans twisted by towels. A large arm chair sits in one corner and a small study area on the other. The interior design takes on the local Malay inspiration with embroidered pillows, rich floral printed black out curtains and wallpaper. The room leads to a wooden sliding door and opened to an expansive bathroom with vintage shower heads, brass dials and a deep standalone bathtub.



I visited Philea with my husband and baby son and I found the resort very children and baby friendly. The pool is massive with cascading waterfalls and a children's wading pool. The resort also has an indoor play area for kiddies and a butterfly and reptile park to keep young ones occupied.

The 15 acre land is well designed with plenty of shade and cover. Upon nightfall, the resort dazzled with tiny stringed lights and paper lanterns. For safety reasons, if you leave the hotel after sun down, a buggy will come and fetch you to and from your suite upon request.

Something For Everyone: Couples, Corporate Groups And Families

This **Valentines**, Philea is offering a getaway package for couples priced at **RM2,999 nett for 3 nights at the Philea Suite**. The package includes 2 dinners, including a candlelit dinner at the suite's open patio, daily breakfast and an in-room massage for two. It comes with other fringe goodies such as sparkling juice, daily refill of the mini bar and return airport transfers to and from KLIA. It's a great retreat that is easy to get to for KL folks or international travellers looking for a different stopover from busy KL.

For **corporate companies**, Philea's 201 room capacity makes a great option for corporate events and large group functions. The resort also boasts a large pillar-less ballroom that's really popular for weddings.

And for **families** looking for a different holiday option that's not too far from KL, the Philea Villas (only two) is fantastic! The Villa has 3 rooms and sleeps up to 8 people. It has all the comforts you need including an indoor jacuzzi, coffee machine, microwave for warming

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