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# AVILLION PORT DICKSON

## A Tranquil Escapade

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Sprawling over 23 acres of coast scenery and the Straits of Malacca is an award-winning, five-star beach resort, Avillion Port Dickson. Not only does it pose 240 exquisitely designed rooms ranging from chalets to villas, it offers a chance to break free from the mundane antics of the city. The architecture of this resort captures the charm of an Old World Malay fishing village while merging it with modern opulence, allowing guests to revel in in comfort and splendour. Located an hour away from KL, it acts as a sanctuary, rendering guests an escapade or a honeymoon destination.

This huge estate caters to honeymooners and families alike, boasting various categories of chalets and villas from the premium water chalet to a two-bedroom

water villa as well as a host of activities that ensures a fun-filled vacation. Walking into the heart of this resort, one can discern that it purveys guests an escapade into nature. Besides the sea, the estate is covered in verdant flora and fauna. During our stay, we encountered peahens and peacock roaming about the area in their glory, squirrels jumping about from tree to tree and a huge monitor lizard perusing the shore.

### PREMIUM WATER CHALET

We stayed in the premium water chalet and we can honestly say it broke our hearts when it was time to leave. While its aesthetics emanated a kampong feel, the interior said otherwise. The chalet is a fusion of old meets new with contemporary

amenities such as a Pangkin day bed, a four poster bed, and a bathtub to dust the cobwebs of the day. The open shower on the other hand is a romantic experience of its own, allowing guests to bathe under the open skies and be one with mother nature.

The acme of the room however, is undoubtedly the breath taking sweeping view of the Straits of Melaka and contrary to popular belief, the water is clean and clear. When dusk loomed, we sat at the private balcony and basked in the salt water air and watched the sun dip into the horizon. It was the perfect end to a perfect day. Alternatively, fishing enthusiasts would be happy to know that they can rent a fishing rod with bait and fish from the comforts of their own room.

### ACTIVITIES

Complemented by a karaoke and bar, as well as back-to-the-nature recreational facilities like Pet Farm, Orchid Hut, Spice Garden and Plant-a-Tree corner, Avillion Port Dickson is a family-friendly resort. Besides a family pool with Jacuzzi that adjoins the kids' wading pool, there is also an enclosed adults-only pool for privacy and quiet relaxation.

Alternatively, guests can have fun with beach and water sports activities on Riau beach. Catch the sunset in the beautiful cabanas placed around the resort. We work hard every day so it's essential that we pamper ourselves on vacation at aVi Spa, Malaysia's first floating spa built on a glass-and-timber pavilion. At this spa, rejuvenate yourselves with their high-touch-low-technology Peranakan-inspired spa treatments that guarantees you walk on cloud nine after.

### DINING

One can never go hungry at Avillion Port Dickson as they host three restaurants under

their roof. Should you get hungry at 2am, fret not because this hotel's resident 24-hour dining restaurant, Village Court will satiate your hunger. Like a child, we were in awe and excited at the prospect of an abundant spread that awaited us, featuring a variety of cuisines.

### THE VERTE

Be it Sunday brunch or dinner, The Verte is a casual, laid-back eatery that offers scrumptious food and an array of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages against a view of the resort and sea. We highly recommend the Portuguese Baked Sea Bass with Blue Pea Rice. P/S: It's a great spot to catch a game of football or any sports for the matter.

### CROW'S NEST

Set in a contemporary design featuring special timber and rattan furniture with high teak wood ceiling, the design of this dual-level restaurant is a reflection of the rich Malaysian culture. It connects back to the architecture that inspired its

name, Crow's Nest, the highest watch point of a ship. Helmed by assistant manager, Ema and her team of esteemed chefs and servers, you can expect a gastronomic experience like none other. We left our palates in the hands of Ema who recommended their infamous Caesar salad with smoked salmon, nasi goreng kampong, sea white prawn fried with chilli paste with anchovies and finally, for dessert, Phyllo Cannoli a traditional Italian dessert.

### AVI LOUNGE

It comes as no surprise that Avi Lounge has won architectural awards as it stands magnificent, with a Minangkabau-like roof and a circular lounge that overlooks the sea. This spot not only offers serenity, but it grants you a spectacular setting for picture taking. Premium Water Chalet guests are granted free access to the lounge so we took it upon ourselves to bask in the milieu with a libation in hand while indulging in a plethora of canapes while waiting for the sun to paint the skies orange.