

Malay recipes for that taste of nostalgia



The Jamuan Berbuka Puasa include (clockwise from lower right) Nasi Lemak Cake, Kambing Bakar Berempah, Sayur Lodeh, Kerabu Udang Pucuk Selom, Sambal Udang Petai, Kurma Kambing, Ayam Tandoori and Kerabu Nanas.

TRADITIONAL Malay delicacies are ripe for feasting at the Jamuan Berbuka Puasa of Sarkies restaurant at Eastern and Oriental (E&O) Hotel in Penang.

From festive must-haves to special family recipes by the establishment's chefs, they give the buffet dinner, served from May 27 to June 24, a taste of nostalgia.

The Ulam Corner, with an array of local greens to go with several types of *sambal*, is a wholesome yet mouth-watering place to start after a day of fasting.

Get the appetite going further with *Kerabu Ayam Mangga Muda*, *Kerabu Udang Pucuk Selom*, *Kerabu Sotong Betik Muda*, among others.

A heartwarming bowl of *Bubur Lambuk* or *Soto Ayam Berempah* should follow.

Next, help yourselves to *Nasi Briyani Ayam* and some curries.

Awaiting inside clay pots could be *Daging Rendang*, *Ayam Masak Merah*, *Kurma Kambing*, *Sambal Udang Petai*, *Ikan Masin Masak Lemak*, *Sotong Masak Kicap* or *Sayur Lodeh*, to name a few.

The assortment of ulam and kerabu at the Ulam Corner.



Look out for the house specialty *Nasi Lemak Cake*, which reimagines the Malaysian classic as a multi-layered treat, and the *Pulut Kuning dengan Serunding Ayam*.

Over at the grilling stations, the chefs could be serving up succulent *Ayam Tandoori*, *Kambing Bakar Berempah*, *Daging Panggang Kuah Percik*, *Ikan Asam Pedas* or *Shawarma Ayam*, depending on the day.

For desserts are local sweets like *Bubur Pulut Hitam*, *Kuih-Muih Melayu* and an assortment of dates.

But these are just a portion of the spread.

The buffet, served from 7pm to 10.30pm, also includes a vast spread of international treats that has long drawn crowds to the eatery, located at the hotel's Victory Annexe.

One would also find fresh sashimi, sushi, seafood on ice, cheeses, gratin oyster of the day, local noodles and soups, deep fried snacks, pastries, several flavours of ice cream and a chocolate fountain.

The feast is priced at RM143.30

for adults and RM70.95 for children aged six to 12.

Advance reservations are recommended as the place is packed on most nights.

For the 1st and 2nd days of Hari Raya (June 25 and 26), Sarkies also offers the Balik Kampung Buffet Lunch with a similar menu line up, priced at RM98.30 adults and RM49.15 kids.

Prices are nett. Visit www.eohotels.com for more information, or call 04-2222000 ext 3139/3151 for reservations.