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The grand elegance of the Eastern & Oriental Hotel

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The Eastern and Oriental Hotel, most commonly known as 'The E&O' is one special place with rich heritage, established by the Sarkies Brothers in 1885. It renders the grand elegance of the British Colonial era. My husband and I found this architecture and space so charming, and full of grace and character that we had our wedding here last July. The first time I brought him to the hotel, was when he fell in love with it and couldn't stop talking about how remarkable it is. The khaki-clad and pith-helmeted doormen adds to its charisma.





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Located in Georgetown, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, E&O Hotel is a short walk or trishaw ride away from all the heritage sites, food haven and entertainment in Penang. It is also situated on the seafront which makes it very attractive and luxurious. The view of the sea, palm trees surrounding the area and warm salty breeze captures the tropical senses at its best. Through its long history seeing through two World Wars, the fading British Empire on the Straits Settlement and Malaysia's independence, the E&O has welcomed the world elites including Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Hermann Hesse, Rudyard Kipling, Sun Yat Sen and many more. Most recently being featured in the Hollywood production of the Crazy Rich Asians movie.



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With the success of the Eastern & Oriental Hotel, the Sarkies Brothers went on to establish some of the world's greatest hotels including The Raffles in Singapore and The Strand in Rangoon.



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Now that you've learned more about this architecture, its heritage and my personal connection to this hotel, I hope it explains the length of how much the E&O has inspired my processes and final piece of scarf design.

 E&O Silk Scarf

Eastern & Oriental Silk Scarf design



Our wedding at E&O



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