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Heritage Wing Staycation @ E&O Hotel Penang



Luxury Stay Safe Promotion

There is always a sense of belonging when I return to the Pearl of the Orient. The island holds beautiful memories yesteryears and offers locals and visitors a bounteous heritage of culture and food. The recent pandemic situation had recently allowed interstate travels and so we made a short getaway to take a breather.



Checking into the **Eastern & Oriental Hotel** was a brilliant option as the hotel is currently offering a **Stay Safe Promotion** with several options. Not a first time but rather a returning one, we always look forward to our stay at this luxurious hotel. The hotel recently went through an extensive refurbishment on their heritage wing and re-opened in December 2019.



Stepping into a league of elegance, the iconic heritage wing has always been renowned for personalized service as well as the timeless historical grandeur theme of the hotel. Going through the hotel's revolving door and greeted by

the waitstaff, we quickly scanned to check-in before going through the sanitization process as encouraged by the hotel's arrangement for safety measure.



The main lobby where the famous Crazy Rich Asian was filmed had me pausing for some admiration.

STAYCATION AT THE E&O

Valid until 2 January 2021

E&O Luxury Stay

RM720+ per suite per night

Inclusions: One night stay in a Superior Suite / Georgetown Suite / Deluxe Suite
• Breakfast and set dinner for 2 persons • Evening cocktails for 2 persons •
In-suite minibar with selected premium alcoholic beverages • Personal in-suite
coffee machine • Complimentary hi-speed Wi-Fi • Seasonal fruits

Surcharge applicable during Peak Season.
(20 December 2020 to 2 January 2021)

*Applicable to Malaysian Citizens or Residents only.
Rate excludes 10% service charge, 0% service tax. Terms & conditions apply.*



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With several packages available on the hotel's Stay Safe Promotion, we checked in for the **E&O Luxury Stay** which includes breakfast and dinner for 2 persons.

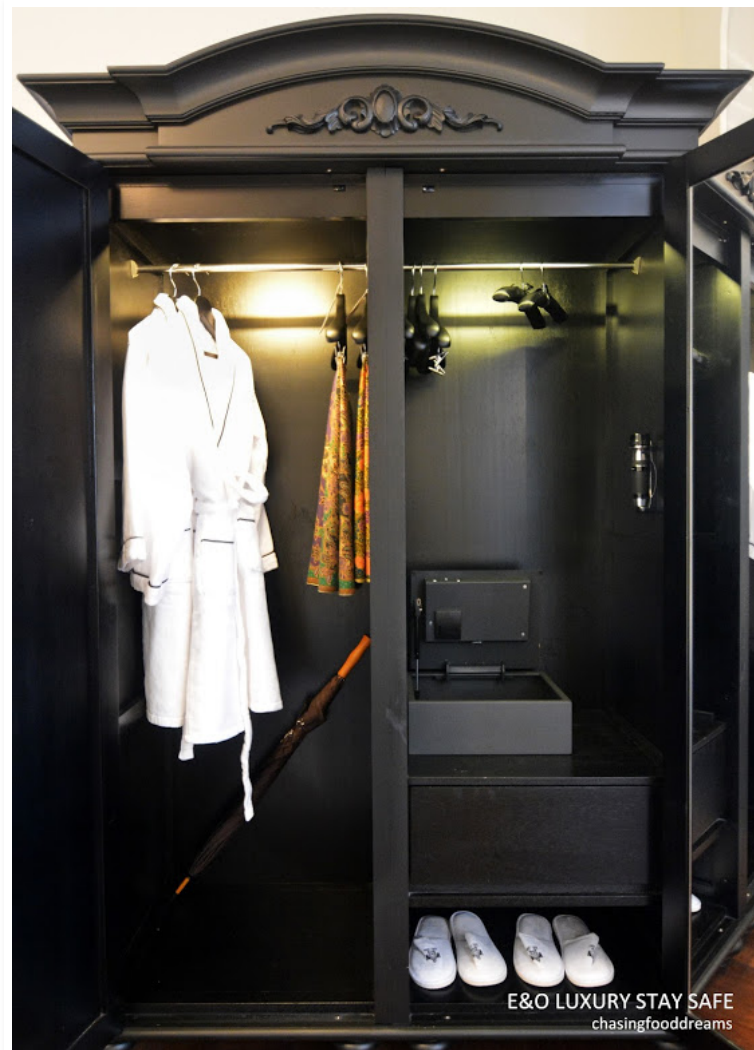




Our room was the **Premier Suite** that overlooks the sea. We were delighted at sight of the gorgeous poster king bed that looked utterly elegant. A beautiful antique chandelier graced the room, offering soft glows of warm light in



A work desk and a large wardrobe faced the bed along with a tv. The room is very spacious, evoking much relaxation pleasures. The work desk is beautiful. Paired with a leather studded chair, the British Colonial wooden desk provided a solid space for some work to be done.



The wardrobe revealed two plush embroidered bathrobes with pieces of batik sarong as well as a mini safe box, room slippers and an umbrella. Such details provided to ensure guests are at comfort with their needs during a staycation.





The suite has its own living room, a space filled with sofa, a mini bar and table for dining as well as tv for entertainment. Needless to say, Sonny is stoked that he gets to watch his own tv rather while I watch mine.



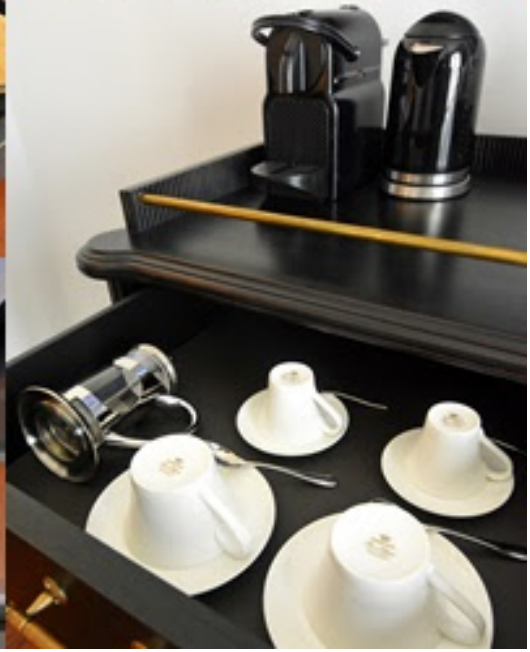
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A balcony that over looks the sea beckons our presence...



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The mini bar is set with glass decanters filled with various liquor and glassware. Coffee machine, French pressed, nuts & nibbles and a well-stocked mini fridge added further pleasures of a perfect staycation.





One of the most room that I look forward to is the bathroom. Echoing the signature theme of black and white tile with the long bathtub set against a mirror backdrop. The beautiful white and silver faucet and shower head make one want to take relaxing bath right away.





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There is also a glass-door enclosed shower room as well as all the essential bathroom amenities that add much luxurious elements to the staycation.





After a while, we took a stroll to enjoy some sun and sea. The hotel's gorgeous swimming pool looked perfect for every corner. Glistening water flowing softly from the gentle breeze that swayed the trees tempted me to take a dive right there and then. Then a light snooze by the pool with a cocktail as well as sunglasses would have completed the picture-perfect moment for some serious relaxation.



Situated along the hallway outside The Cornwallis is the new art colonnade showcasing artworks by local artists.







Cocktail hours are held at **Palm Court** while I was there as other eateries are not in operation for the moment. As we sat down and enjoy an array of mini bites along with some drinks, all is well as the sun slowly set for the evening.



We also went down for cocktail hours the next day and was pleased with a different variety of snacks and bites.



Dinner was also held in **Palm Court**. As our room package comes with dinner for two, the evening was made even better with a three-course dinner from the a la carte menu.



The ambiance at **Palm Court** turned dark and soft, allowing diners to dine discreetly and comfortably. Spaciously set, the room was almost romantic, creating a warm and soft mood for dining.



Dinner commenced with the first course of **Butternut Squash Soup** and **Tomato with Mozzarella**. Soup for me and salad for him. Creamy and earthy sweetness from spoonful sips of the soup warmed up the tummy for the next course to come.



Generous slices of fresh and creamy milky mozzarella along with vine-ripened tomatoes are finished with housemade pesto and drizzle of balsamic vinegar with a mound of crisp greens and parmesan.



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For mains, we opted for **Beef Burger** and **Australian Black Angus Rib Eye**. Both classic Western fare that has withstood the test of time. Sonny gave his thumbs up on the juicy burger with a generous Australian beef patty with the usual suspects of condiments.



My 200gm of grass-fed beef was nicely chargrilled, served with buttered vegetables, baked potato and a trio of sauces. Tender and moist, the steak is very enjoyable along with the sauces and vegetables.



By then, we were full from the two courses but as soon as we saw the pretty dessert of **Kuih Ketayap with Mango and Fruit Coulis**, our sweet tooth cravings had us tucking into the dessert with gusto!



A full dinner and we turned into our room.





The staff has kindly prepared our bed to be turned in. Water is set by the bed. I made hot tea with the French press as it was tea leaves provided. Along with a book, the evening took its toll slowly as I dozed off in slumberland...

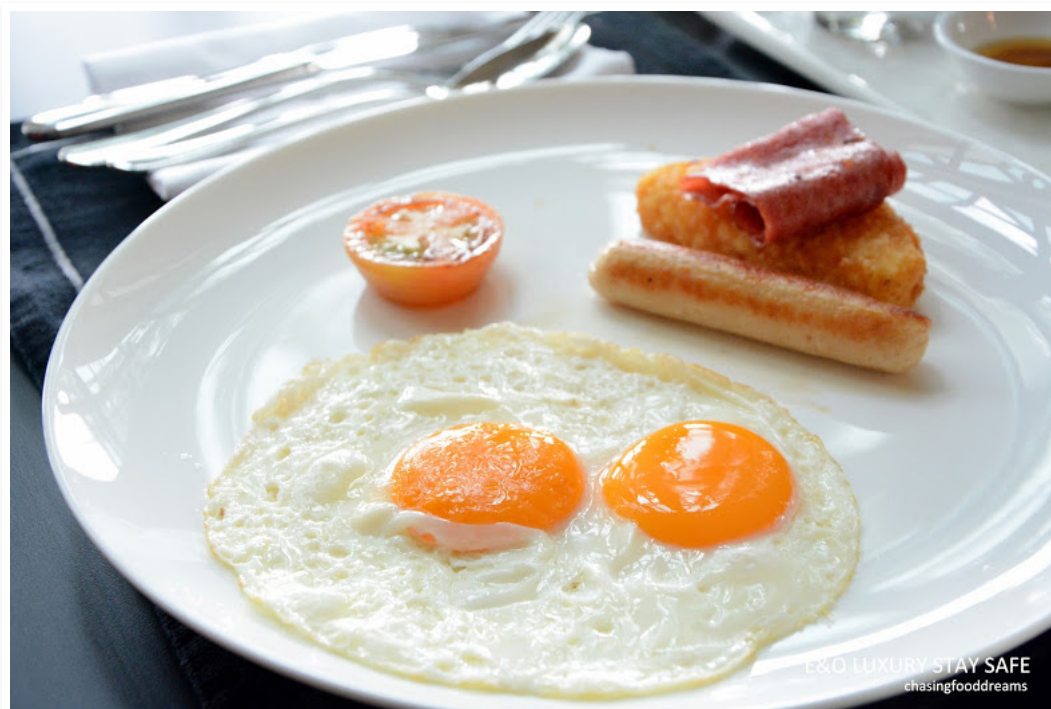


The next morning, breakfast was in planned as we took our seats at Palm Court again. In lieu of the situation, breakfast was a la carte, which honestly, we didn't mind at all. The restaurant made sure there were some local ar Western options on the menu.





Breakfast, both mornings, were really prepared well and deliciously satisfying. Porridge with various condiments ar
Nasi Lemak with Curry Chicken never fails to please, especially its prepared well.



Sonny had **Sunny Side Ups with Sausages, Beef Bacon, Hashbrown** and an order of **French Toast with Apple Compote and Berry Coulis**.



The next day, the **Eggs Benedict** was exceptionally yummy with that gorgeous soft molten yolk. Pancakes and more Western fare really made our staycation a lovely one indeed.



E&O Hotel is where you want to be for a luxury getaway on the island. It has one of the best views of the sea in city location. Coupled with the excellent service and newly refurbished rooms as well as the promotions, a **Cuti Malaysia** staycation may just be what most of us need right now...

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