

jam! stay



Rosa's meeting room right beside the courtyard.

Simply picture-perfect



The spacious Family Suite.

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The beautiful lighted courtyard at night.



The waiting lounge at the ground floor of the hotel.

Laveda Charles is captivated by the instagram-worthy decor of this chic boutique hotel in Melaka

FOR our short family road trip to Melaka, we decide to stay in Rosa Melaka, a chic boutique hotel with a tasteful and contemporary industrial facade.

Located in the heart of the historic city at Jalan Parameswara, the hotel boasts European architecture. For the decor, you will find raw cement, red bricks, factory wooden floors, visible duct work and pipes.

Complementing the interior is a fresh aroma the moment we enter the lounge to the hallways that lead to our room.

We take a family suite which comes with two king-sized beds on a slightly raised platform.

The chic and classy room is not only spacious but has modern fittings with evident colours of grey, brown, white with warm yellow lighting and large windows that allow natural lighting during the day.

You will even find funky customised pillow cases, hangers, lamps and wall frames as part of the room's decor.

I also love how each room comes with a personalised touch, with the room number sprayed on one side of the wall.

The room has a generous supply of plug points that makes it very convenient for the four of us to charge our handphones.

The polished white-and-black tiled bathroom is large and comes with two sinks, rain shower and normal shower.

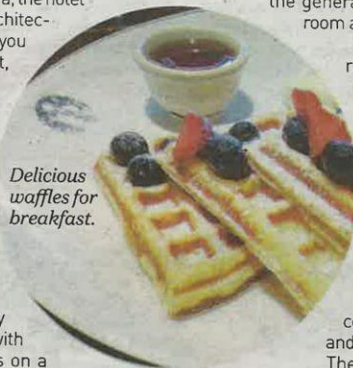
There are double sets of soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, shaving kit, toothbrush, shower cap and cotton bud.

Other room amenities include a mini

fridge, iron/ironing board, electronic in-room safe, coffee/tea and an LCD TV.

HEALTHY EATING

Healthy but tasty meals are available at the cafe on the first floor where the reception, the general store and meeting room are located.



Delicious waffles for breakfast.

This beautifully decorated cafe has a very calm aura which makes it perfect for quiet and relaxing meals.

I pick a dish from the a la carte breakfast menu and head to the corner serving fresh juices or milk, four varieties of cereal, a variety of nuts and dried fruits.

The a la carte selection for breakfast include "big breakfast set", eggs benedict, pancakes and waffles.

Whether it's for breakfast, lunch or dinner, most of the dishes here are prepared using the sous vide technique (water-based vacuum cooking).

It apparently makes the food tastier and healthier low fat, low sugar. There are even moist and flavourful cakes. For lunch, check out the poultry dishes as the meat is fresh and juicy.

What I love most about this cafe is its vintage courtyard with high glass ceiling, marble tables and a large window that brings in natural lighting.

At night, it looks even more beautiful with the beaming yellow lights that are hung all along the courtyard.

It's perfect for small gatherings and pre-wedding shoots. In fact, every part of the hotel is perfect for instagram shots.



FAST FACTS

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STAY

60 rooms — Deluxe Twins, Deluxe King, Premier King and Family Suites. (Every part of the chic yet industrial-styled spacious family suite is perfect for selfies).

EAT

Only one outlet — Bica & Co Courtyard Cafe serving Western and fusion dishes.

DO

Shop at the RS General Store and head to the rooftop gym.

GO

Malls, eateries and tourist attractions

HIGHS

The beautiful decor, pleasurable stay, healthy food, nearby tourist attractions, a quiet location and good transportation services (hotel has partnered with Uber). Its location in the heart of the city puts it within 10 minutes radius of tourists attractions.

LOWS

Since it's located along other shop houses, it may seem quieter during the nights, so just be cautious if you choose to go out.

ACTIVE MEETING

This hotel doesn't only suit lifestyle guests but also business travellers. The hotel offers this active meeting programme that comes with healthy meals option, which keep participants alert due to the low fat and low sugar contents. The meeting room also overlooks the lovely courtyard.

Do take time to check out the lounge. It looks classy with big beige sofas and clocks showing different time zones.