DIVE ADVENTURES & TURTLE HATCHERY EXPERIENCES RETURN TO TANJONG JARA RESORT







Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – **18 February 2025** – At <u>Tanjong Jara Resort</u>, a distinguished coastal haven embodying the opulence of 17th-century Malay palaces, the much-anticipated **dive season returns**, alongside the **reopening of the turtle hatchery** for another enchanting season from **March to mid-October**.

Dive into pristine waters for an unforgettable snorkeling and diving adventure

Tenggol Island beckons with its crystal-clear waters, thriving coral gardens, and vibrant marine life, offering an underwater paradise like no other. A hidden gem in the South China Sea, this unspoiled haven promises breathtaking dives and unforgettable encounters beneath the waves.

Your journey begins with a scenic 50-minute private boat ride from Tanjong Jara Resort, where the salty sea breeze and charming coastal villages set the tone for an extraordinary adventure. Nestled within the protected Terengganu Marine Park, Tenggol Island is home to some of Malaysia's most spectacular dive sites. Beneath the surface, a dazzling marine world unfolds—schools of iridescent fish shimmer among the corals, while graceful sea turtles, eagle rays, yellowtail fusiliers, barracudas, and the striking double-headed parrotfish glide effortlessly through the depths. And for the truly fortunate, the elusive whale shark may make a rare and awe-inspiring appearance.

A certified PADI Dive Resort, Tanjong Jara Resort ensures every guest enjoys a flawless and exhilarating diving experience, offering expert-led courses, curated dive programmes, and top-tier dive gear. Whether drifting along coral-laden reef walls or exploring legendary wreck sites, the Tenggol Divers Retreat (from MYR 1,350 +++ per room for 2, nightly, minimum three-night stay) delivers a thrilling yet indulgent escape. The package includes elegant accommodations infused with traditional Malay charm, daily gourmet breakfasts and dinners, two dive excursions per day over two days, a wholesome island lunch on each dive day, and complimentary use of dive gear. With seasoned local boatmen guiding each excursion, divers and snorkelers can revel in the beauty of Tenggol's underwater world with complete peace of mind.



Witness sea turtle hatchlings make their journey to the sea!

Beyond the deep blue, the reopening of the Turtle Hatchery at Tanjong Jara Resort's presents an extraordinary opportunity to witness nature's most touching spectacle. In partnership with PULIHARA, a dedicated marine conservation organisation, the resort has created a safe sanctuary for nesting turtles beside the iconic Nelayan Restaurant. Designed with a simple wooden lattice frame, the hatchery allows guests to observe delicate nests up close while ensuring their protection from predators.

Guests can delve into the captivating world of sea turtles, learning about their life cycle, the challenges they face, and the conservation efforts that help safeguard their future. With informative talks, engaging nest inspections (subject to availability), and, for the lucky ones, the magical sight of hatchlings making their way to the sea under the moonlight, this experience is truly unforgettable.

For those wishing to make a lasting impact, the Nest Adoption Programme offers guests the chance to protect turtle nests from poachers, ensuring that eggs remain untouched and hatchlings reach the ocean safely. Nest adopters will receive exclusive updates with photos and an invitation to return and witness the hatchlings' release firsthand—a heartwarming and deeply meaningful moment.

In 2024, conservation efforts continue to flourish, with 1,045 eggs protected, 15 nests rescued, and 764 hatchlings successfully released. Thanks to the unwavering dedication of PULIHARA, the Turtle Hatchery at Tanjong Jara Resort has achieved an impressive hatching success rate of 79.96% and an emergence success rate of 78.01%. These remarkable results underscore the resort's steadfast commitment to marine conservation.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of our Turtle Hatchery. Over the past nine years, we have rescued 1,326 nests, protected 110,965 eggs, and successfully released 83,772 hatchlings into the wild.

By choosing Tanjong Jara Resort, guests don't just escape to a secluded coastal paradise—they become part of a greater movement toward sustainable tourism and marine preservation. Dive into adventure, witness the miracle of new life, and leave with memories that will last a lifetime.

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About Tanjong Jara Resort

Tanjong Jara Resort is located on the pristine East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia. Explore a sanctuary of traditional luxury and well-being steeped in age-old Malay traditions. Designed to reflect the elegance of 17th-century Malay palaces, this tranquil resort offers a genuine taste of the region's spirit and its rich natural heritage. Based on the Malay concept of Sucimurni, which emphasises purity of spirit, health and well-being, this secluded hideaway encourages true rejuvenation of both body and spirit.

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Authentic in architecture and attitude, always warm and welcoming, here is an environment to let go, relax deeply and take time to rediscover yourself, your family or your friends; surrounded by the resort's staff drawn from the local villages, who truly embody the gentle Malay art of service and hospitality. Discover a wide variety of possible experiences – lazy and languid, energetic and outdoors, indulgent and regenerative, cultural and enlightening. www.tanjongjararesort.com.

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YTL Hotels owns and manages a prestigious collection of award-winning resorts, hotels, boutique experiences, and Spa Villages, with a hospitality footprint across Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, Australia, France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. Notable properties include Pangkor Laut Resort, voted the World's Best Resort in 2003 by Condé Nast Traveller UK and ranked among the Top 20 Best Resorts in Asia in the 2023 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards US. The Gainsborough Bath Spa, part of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World's prestigious collection, was ranked the 6th Best Hotel in the UK in the 2024 Condé Nast Traveller Awards. It has also been consistently listed as one of the Top Destination Spa Resorts in the World in both the 2022 and 2023 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards US.

Additionally, both The Gainsborough Bath Spa in the UK and Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve in Japan, have earned the prestigious Michelin Key. The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui was recognised in the 2023 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards US as one of the Top 15 Best Resorts in Thailand. Furthermore, Monkey Island Estate, Gaya Island Resort, and The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui have been named in the 2025 edition of Fodor's Finest as some of the Most Incredible Hotels in the World.

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The collaboration further features prominent hotels like The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui, and Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, which was named one of TIME's World's Greatest Places 2021. As Japan's first Ritz-Carlton Reserve, it plays a key role in YTL Hotels' master plan for Niseko Village. Visit ytlhotels.com for more information and follow us on our social media platforms for #YTLTravels.

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