

## INTRODUCING AMARI JOHOR BAHRU

A brand new hotel in the heart of modern Asia



### ARRIVE

Be it for business or leisure, Amari Johor Bahru is nicely nestled in the heart of the thriving city of Johor Bahru. This oasis of comfort and service, with fresh and modern facilities, is encompassed by the iconic heritage trail, popular shopping centres, commercial buildings, traditional bakeries, museums, old kopi shops and trendy cafes. The hotel is a couple of steps from Komtar JBCC, City Square and the Persada Johor International Convention Centre. Offering easy access, it is a 30-minute drive from Senai International Airport, 80-minute drive from Singapore's Changi International Airport, and a five-minute walk from JB Sentral Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Complex and the upcoming Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) system, which will link Johor Bahru and Singapore.

The hotel interiors are by Warren Foster-Brown of Singapore based award-winning firm FBEYE International, and incorporates contemporary Malaysian and Thai touches

Located on the 6th floor, the lobby offers a warm and friendly welcome and serves as the first chapter of the Amari Johor Bahru guest experience. On arrival, guests are greeted by the subtle touches of Thai design, a nod to the origins of Amari. The design highlights here include specially commissioned panels and screen depicting the iconic Thai elephant and trees synonymous with Thai culture.

The lobby acts as the hotel's designated social hub, where guests can access Breeze Spa, Amaya Food Gallery, Amaya Café, the Ballroom and meeting venues within the same floor. Guests can also enjoy the thoughtfully designed space for meetings, relaxation, dining or working including The Library, Idea Room and lounge area.

### SLEEP

The Thai influences make way for subtle Malaysian design features which are highlighted in all 242 guest rooms and suites. Designed for both leisure and business travellers, guest rooms are appointed with highlights such as spa-inspired bathrooms, dual-frontage wardrobes, generous storage for shopping finds and ergonomic workstations. To complement a wide variety of room and suite configurations, the hotel also offers six unique Deluxe Pool Access rooms with private terraces, a first of any downtown Johor Bahru hotel.

Furnished in soothing beige hues and purple accents, rooms and suites feature subtle references to the locality with a signature bed head depicting fresh winds blowing into the surrounding mountainscapes of southern

Peninsula Malaysia and custom carpets inspired by the undulating terrain of the nearby hills. The clean and contemporary lines are balanced with traditional Thai motifs which are hand carved on the drawer panels and reinterpreted on cushions, fabrics and bathroom glass panels.

## **The Executive Lounge**

Situated on the 20th floor is the Executive Lounge, a warm and friendly space offering enhanced personalised service, privacy and amenities with a view of the transforming Johor Bahru skyline. Full executive club privileges include an exclusive buffet breakfasts, all-day refreshments and evening cocktails.

## **EAT & DRINK**

*Amaya Food Gallery:* At this signature market-style all-day restaurant, enjoy watching chefs at work in the multiple open-kitchens and experience the vibrant flavours of Asian and international cuisine inspired by the rich street food culture of the region. At Amaya Food Gallery, diners are encouraged to taste and share the flavours of modern Asia. The extensive menu features a variety of well-loved dishes from Chinese, Indian, Malay and Thai and international cuisines. Guests start off with a delectable breakfast, followed by all-day delights and when night falls, the restaurant transforms into an energetic Asian food market-style diner.



Amaya Food Gallery is located at the lobby level and is open all day for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

*Amaya Café:* With Johor Bahru welcoming numerous hip new generation cafes, Amaya Café is designed to complement the city's evolving cafe scene. Offering a soothing and relaxing atmosphere, guests are invited to sit back and unwind while enjoying freshly made beverages, cakes and pastries. Amaya Cafe also offers a wide selection of tea from TWG.

Located at the lobby level, Amaya Cafe is open daily from 06:30 to 18:30.

*Dip Bar:* Perfect for a pre-spa treat, post-workout snack or a poolside refreshment, Dip Bar is Amari's outdoor pool bar with a rooftop city view. The menu features smoothies, detox drinks, TWG Tea mocktails and fresh juices, beer and wine along with salads, sandwiches and pastas.

Located on the 8th floor, Dip Bar is open from 11:00 to 22:00.

## **Breeze Spa**

With locations across Thailand, China, the Maldives, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh, Breeze Spa offers a new wellness experience unique to Johor Bahru. Conceptualised based on the belief that happiness is one of the key foundations of wellness, Breeze Spa is ideal for all guests from lifelong spa devotees, newcomers to wellness to those wanting to simply recharge or unwind.

Located at the lobby level and accessed through a contemporary Thai teak panelled walkway, Breeze Spa at Amari Johor Bahru offers a wide range of treatments including signature mood-based scrubs and massages, Thai therapeutic experiences, body treatments and facial and salon services. As a nod to the evolving local coffee scene, the Johor Bahru-exclusive 150-minute Energy Boost Package begins with a full body signature coffee and citrus body scrub, combining fresh coffee and a special blend of citrus essential oils to help detoxify

and re-energize the skin.

Breeze Spa is open from 10:00 to 22:00 and offers three single rooms, as well as a couples' treatment suite with Jacuzzi. Other facilities include manicure and pedicure spa, and a retail boutique allowing you to continue your spa experience at home.

## Business

Boasting some of the finest conference and meeting venues in town, Amari Johor Bahru offers a Ballroom which can be divided into two function rooms, which are called Rex and Lido, named after the former cinema that used to sit on Jalan Trus where the hotel now stands. All rooms, including the pre-function foyer, are equipped with high quality audio visual equipment, video conferencing capabilities and high-speed internet access.



The Ballroom is ideal for dinner functions for up to 300 guests, while the Lido and Rex can each accommodate sit down events for up to 140 persons. The more intimate Idea Room is perfect for smaller creative meetings.

Ideal for meetings, gatherings and celebrations, the venues at Amari Johor Bahru are supported by a range of all-inclusive conference and meeting packages, and expertise

from professional culinary and events planning team.

## Weddings

Amari Johor Bahru is committed to making your fairy-tale wedding come true. Venue options include the outdoor Terrace which can host cocktail receptions for up to 600 guests or sit down dinners for up to 200 guests. Grand and opulent weddings can be hosted in the Ballroom, which is perfect for 400 guests cocktail style or a formal sit down dinner for 300 guests.

The Amari Johor Bahru weddings team has expertise in arranging traditional Malay, Chinese, Western and Indian weddings, and offers a range of packages that suit varying requirements.

## PLAY

Unwind under the sun or cool off in the outdoor swimming pool while watching the little ones have a splash in the children's pool. To keep in shape, guests can enjoy the fully-equipped FIT Centre. Simply relax and bring balance back to body and soul at Breeze Spa, where a diverse array of treatments are on offer.

## DESTINATION AMARI

There are several old-style coffee shops and restaurants surrounding the hotel which serve the authentic local cuisine which Johor has become known for. For local snacks, our Amari Host recommends a stall in Sungai Chat reputed to serve the best 'Pisang Mawar' (banana fritters with a special homemade sauce). If you are game for wild boar curry, visit Ah Lee Kampung Chicken Rice Shop in Taman Sri Tebrau. Craving for fish balls? Check out the seafood dishes and handmade fish balls at the nearby JB Botak Asam Fish restaurant.

For shopping, check out the Malay Cultural Village. You can try your hand at batik painting, or purchase premium pewter gifts for your loved ones. For lovely handmade baskets made of rattan, visit JARO, the centre that sells various handicrafts made by the physically challenged.



The Nature Fruit Farm offers a fruit fiesta while riding around the farm on a 4X4, learning about Malaysia's fruit harvesting. When durian season arrives, you can indulge in the "king of fruits" to your heart's content. For a sweet escape, the Nictar Bee Farm is just around the corner where you can see the harvesting of honey straight from the hives.

Head over to the Canopy Tribes in Ulu Sungai to experience nature at its best. The 100-acre Zenxin Organic Farm in Kluang is both an educational and recreational facility. Dare to ride an ostrich? At the Desaru Ostrich Farm, you can watch the ostriches lay their eggs and you can even ride them.

The very fact that an island as pristinely beautiful as Pulau Rawa managed to slip under the radar is proof that there is still much to see and explore in Johor. Breathtaking scenery, clear crystal waters and gentle sea breeze all make Pulau Rawa a top island getaway destination.

Johor has a lot to offer and we invite you to approach our warm and friendly Amari Hosts for assistance and tips on how to make the best of your stay.



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## About Amari

The Amari collection of hotels and resorts by ONYX Hospitality Group brings to life a contemporary re-imagining of Thailand's rich cultural roots and the influence of its dynamic creativity to locations both near and far. Each property in the Amari portfolio highlights the textures and flavours of its unique setting through architecture, design, art, cuisine and service complemented by touches of contemporary Thai-ness. Amari's network of properties spans Thailand and beyond, from scenic seaside locations to vibrant urban settings, including Hua Hin, Pattaya, Phuket, Krabi, Koh Samui, Bangkok, Buriram, Dhaka, Maldives, Johor Bahru, Galle, Vang Vieng and Yangshuo. Visit [www.amari.com](http://www.amari.com)

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