



RAFFLES HOTEL CELEBRATES 130 ICONIC YEARS IN SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE, 16th January 2017: The majestic Raffles Hotel Singapore, celebrates its 130th anniversary this year. Since 1887, when the doors to Raffles Hotel Singapore first opened, the luxurious five star hotel in Singapore has become an icon that epitomises the romance of the Far East – a seductive blend of luxury, history and colonial doors.

Over the years, famous patrons have walked through the ornate wrought-iron portico, among them are Somerset Maugham, Rudyard Kipling and Michael Jackson. Today, esteemed guests such as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, George Bush, Karl Lagerfeld and Christian Louboutin find themselves drawn to the hotel.

Declared a National Monument in 1987, the hotel has moved with the times while perfectly preserving its classic colonial architecture. This year, the hotel intends to embark on a sensitive restoration, as it adapts to the changing needs of today's traveller while retaining what is special about the hotel – the warm ambiance, the service, the charm and the heritage of the hotel. The undertaking, which will take a phased approach and be completed in middle of 2018, will reimagine the facilities, spaces and experiences within the hotel to delight the well-travelled and the community.

“For our 130th anniversary, it is our wish that all our guests will create their own special memories with us and rediscover what makes the hotel so special. From enjoying a staycation to dining at our world renowned dining establishments, there will be many reasons for local and international visitors alike to celebrate with us,” said Simon Hirst, General Manager, Raffles Hotel Singapore.

In line with the festivities, Raffles Hotel Singapore will host a series of events as well as curate attractive stay packages and dining offers for visitors. These include:

Walk of Fame History Tours

February-August 2017

Every first Saturday, 10.00am, 2.00pm & 5.00pm

\$20 nett per person

From February to August 2017, enter the wrought-iron portico of Raffles Hotel and follow in the footsteps of numerous luminaries in the Raffles Walk of Fame History Tour!

Conducted by guides from the Preservation of Sites and Monuments Division of the National Heritage Board, the 45-minute tours will explore the hotel and give a glimpse of its many famous guests. The tour will also highlight locations where films such as *Pretty Polly* and *Hawaii Five-O* were shot.

The tours will take place every first Saturday from February to August 2017 and conducted three times a day (10.00am, 2.00pm & 5.00pm). Tickets cost \$20 nett per person and are fully redeemable at the Raffles Gift Shop or use at hotel-operated restaurants and bars (Bar & Billiard Room, Raffles Grill, Tiffin Room and Writers Bar). For more information, email restoration.singapore@raffles.com.

130th Anniversary Vacation Packages

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the city and be transported back in time to reflect on an era long gone while making every moment count with family and friends today. From now until 31st August 2017, there is even more reason to stay at the iconic property with Raffles Hotel's exclusive 130th anniversary package.

With every booking, Singaporean and local residents will receive \$130 of complimentary credits or a selection of one of the following for their staycation:

- Choice of Lunch, Afternoon Tea or Dinner at Tiffin Room for two persons
- 30 minute foot or back massage with 50% reduction for the second treatment
- Complimentary bottle of Billecart-Salmon Brut Reserve
- Late check-out at 6pm

To make the stay at one of our elegant suites even more memorable, the package also includes:

- Welcome Singapore Slings upon check-in
- Breakfast at Tiffin Room for 2 persons
- History Tour with Resident historian
- Late check-out at 3pm
- 24-hour Raffles Butler service
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Complimentary Car Parking (limited to one per room per day)

International visitors will be able to upgrade their Raffles Experience for \$130++ for a selection of one of the following:

- Choice of Lunch, Afternoon Tea or Dinner at Tiffin Room for 2 persons
- 30 minute foot or back massage with 50% reduction for the second treatment
- Complimentary bottle of Billecart-Salmon Brut Reserve
- Late check-out at 3pm

The package also includes:

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The "130th anniversary" packages are currently available for booking and have to be redeemed by 31st August 2017.

130th Anniversary Gala and more!

From commemorative menus to unique dining experiences and special spa packages, Raffles Hotel will be presenting an array of attractive events in celebration of their 130th anniversary for guests to enjoy their favourite activities as they celebrate and reflect on the heritage and splendour of the hotel.

A grand 130th Anniversary Gala will also take place in the third quarter of 2017 as the hotel celebrates its birthday in style. Guests can expect a night of glitz and glamour, complete with entertaining performances, chilled champagne and followed by a sumptuous dinner. More details to follow.

For high resolution images of Raffles Hotel Singapore, please visit our online photo gallery [here](#).

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Editor's notes:

Raffles Hotel Restoration Programme

From 2017, Raffles Hotel Singapore will embark on a careful and sensitive restoration programme which will be carried out in three phases. Phase One begins in middle of February 2017 and will see the Raffles Hotel Arcade undergo restoration works. This includes the Long Bar, the banqueting facilities and the retail arcade. The Singapore Sling will continue to be served at the hotel's Bar & Billiard room. The other areas of the property operate as normal - all suites at Raffles Hotel remain available and other dining establishments including Tiffin Room, Raffles Grill, Writers Bar and Bar & Billiard Room will also continue to be available to guests.

Phase Two will commence in middle August 2017 which will involve restoration works on some of the hotel suites. Phase Three will start end of 2017 with the hotel fully closed. A grand reopening is planned for middle of 2018.

The restoration of Raffles Hotel Singapore is designed to ensure that we retain what is so special about Raffles – the ambiance, the service, the charm and the heritage of the hotel. It is also designed for Raffles Singapore to stay relevant and distinctive by moving with the times and with its guests and adapting to the changing needs of the well-travelled and Singapore's community.

ABOUT RAFFLES HOTEL SINGAPORE: Opened in 1887, Raffles Singapore is one of the few remaining great 19th century hotels in the world. Till today, its architecture is perfectly preserved both inside and out, giving it an intoxicating blend of luxury, history and classic colonial design. Within its walls are 103 expansive suites, framed by polished teak verandas and white marble colonnades, clustered around lush tropical gardens. Each is serviced by the legendary Raffles butlers and offers every modern convenience necessary.

Distinctive restaurants and bars dot the Raffles, recalling the atmosphere of an elegant age. Among the most well-loved include the elegant Raffles Grill; Long Bar, where the famous Singapore Sling was created; and Writers Bar, a tribute to the novelists and travel writers, the likes of Somerset Maugham, Rudyard Kipling and James Michener just to name a few, who have become part of the hotel's legend. Adjoining the hotel is the Raffles Hotel Arcade, which offers a broad range of facilities for visitors to enjoy. These include 40 specialty boutiques, indoor and outdoor private event spaces – The Ballroom and The Lawn – and 388-seat theatre venue Jubilee Hall. For more information or reservations, please visit our [website](#).

ABOUT RAFFLES HOTELS & RESORTS: Raffles Hotels & Resorts is a luxury brand with an illustrious history dating back to 1887 when the world-renowned Raffles hotel first opened its doors in Singapore. Today, the remarkable collection includes twelve extraordinary properties in many of the world's best cities and top holiday destinations including favourites such as Paris, Istanbul, and the Seychelles. Many more exciting locations are also on the horizon with new hotels being developed in destinations such as Warsaw and Jeddah. Whether it's a secluded resort or a lively city-centre, each Raffles promises an oasis of calm and charm and a compelling mix of cultures and styles, and has its very own story to tell. Part of [AccorHotels](#), a world-leading travel & lifestyle group and digital innovator offering unique experiences in more than 4,000 hotels, resorts and residences around the globe, Raffles is proud to draw on the timeless essence of Raffles – to deliver thoughtful, personal and discreet service to well-travelled guests. For more information or reservations, please visit [raffles.com](#).