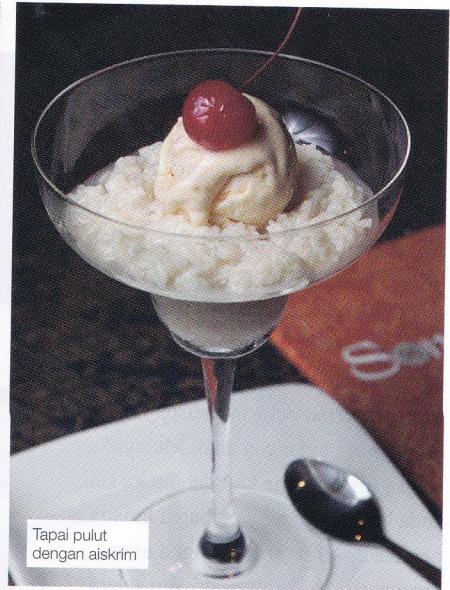




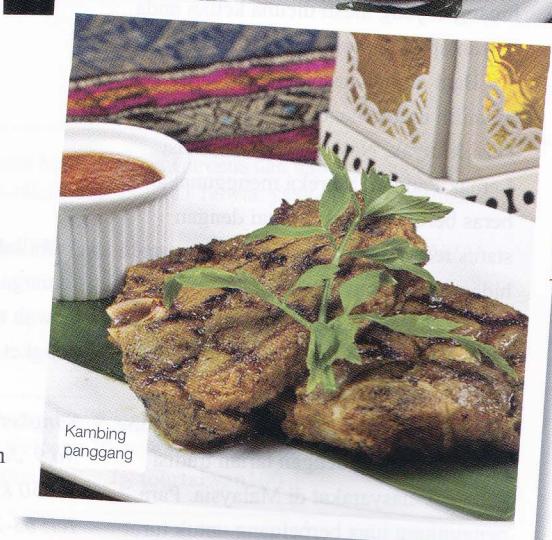
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SANTAPAN MEWAH TRADISI MELAYU DI SONGKET

Tiada yang lebih istimewa selain dapat menikmati hidangan tradisi Melayu di ibu kota. Sekiranya anda masih tercari-cari restoran yang menyediakan makanan Melayu; Restoran Songket pasti mampu menyempurnakan selera anda.

Terletak di Jalan Yap Kwan Seng, Kuala Lumpur restoran ini bukan sahaja menyediakan hidangan Melayu malah dekorasinya juga diilhamkan dari rumah kampung dengan kemasan hiasan yang sungguh teliti. Walaupun terletak di kawasan yang sibuk, ianya langsung tidak memberi kesan kerana restoran ini di kelilingi dengan pokok-pokok yang memisahkanya dengan dunia luar.



Pelbagai hidangan enak yang disajikan di sini antaranya Masak Lemak Ulam Tempoyak dengan Udang, Kambing Panggang, Rusuk Panggang dan lain-lain lagi. Uniknya restoran ini bukan sahaja menyediakan hidangan tradisi melayu malah ada juga hidangan yang direka mengikut kesesuaian cita rasa masyarakat di Malaysia.

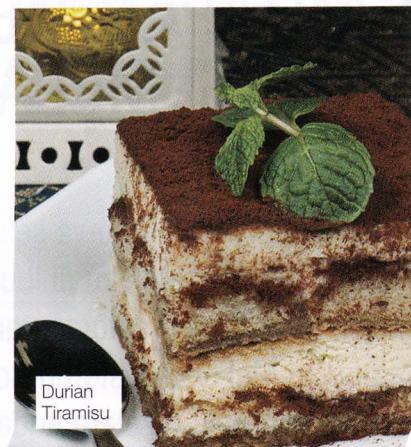
Restoran Songket di antara restoran yang terkenal dengan konsep *fine dining* bagi hidangan enak Melayu. Bagi yang pertama kali datang ke sini anda boleh mencuba pelbagai hidangan pembuka selera dan hidangan utama yang pastinya membangkitkan selera anda. Untuk hidangan pembuka selera, para pelanggan akan dihidangkan dengan Aneka Pembuka Selera yang terdiri daripada cucur udang, popiah goreng, kepek ayam dan tauhu sumbat. Manakala untuk hidangan utama pula; mereka bakal menikmati Masak Lemak Udang Nenas, Rusuk Panggang, Ikan Bakar Kuah Percik, Asparagus Goreng dengan Ikan Masin, Kerabu Mangga dan macam-macam lagi. Rusuk Panggang antara hidangan yang mesti dicuba ketika anda bersantap di Restoran Songket.

Bagi pilihan nasi, anda boleh memilih untuk mencuba Nasi Putih, Nasi Minyak, Nasi Kerabu atau Nasi Lemak Pandan. Mereka menggunakan beras bermutu tinggi sesuai dengan status restoran ini. Tidak lengkap sesuatu hidangan tanpa pencuci mulut. Antara yang mesti dicuba ialah Durian Tiramisu, Puding Pandan, Sagu Gula Melaka, Kek keju Mangga dan Tapai.

Apa yang lebih menarik, pengunjung turut dihiburkan dengan tarian tradisi pelbagai masyarakat di Malaysia. Para pengunjung juga berpeluang untuk turut serta menari bersama-sama mereka.



Nasi lemak pandan dengan pelbagai pilihan lauk-pauk



Ambillah peluang bersantap bersama keluarga sambil menikmati hidangan mewah tradisi Melayu di Restoran Songket.

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the menu. The *Aneka Pembuka Selera* (RM30) offers a selection of four appetisers – fried spring rolls, tofu stuffed with vegetables, fried chicken wings and prawn fritters – to start the meal with. While these were fair enough, we recommend the lean, yet tender, charcoal-grilled beef and chicken satay served with a smooth peanut sauce (RM18), or the *otak-otak* (RM12) – a rich, fragrant coconut cream custard with chunks of fish, and redolent of *kaduk* leaves. Another worthy nibble is the *pegedil* (RM10). The deep-fried mashed potato patty with minced chicken was sweet, savoury, and lightly spiced, making for a most agreeable snack or side dish.

For mains, the *Rusuk Panggang* (RM60) is a must-have. Fork-tender succulent short ribs marinated and braised with spices before being char-grilled, the caramelised beef is mouth-wateringly good, served with a sweet, slightly spicy dark soy sauce and *sambal belacan*, and a side of *pegedil*.

Other noteworthy mains include the sea-bass simmered in a tangy, tamarind chilli sauce (*ikan siakap asam pedas*, RM60), prawn and pineapple with spiced coconut milk gravy (*masak lemak udang nenas*, RM45), and the char-grilled red snapper fillet with coconut gravy perfumed with turmeric and ginger (*ikan bakar kuah percik*, RM36), as well as the *ayam lemak asam gelugur* (RM23).

For vegetables, try the tangy shredded green mango salad (*Kerabu Mangga*, RM12) or the wild fern shoots, here served two ways as a salad (*Kerabu Pucuk Paku*, RM12) or stir-fried with garlic, shallots and chilli (*Pucuk Paku Goreng*, RM15). For something very good that is out of the Malay restaurant-norm, order the Asparagus Goreng *Ikan Masin* (RM15). The asparagus were really skinny, but were tender

and had great crunch, stir-fried over high heat with garlic, shallots, salted fish and chillies.

To go with all that, you really should have a large plate of rice – choose from plain (RM3), *pandan nasi lemak* (RM6), *nasi minyak* (RM6) or *nasi kerabu* (RM6).

For dessert, the *Durian Tiramisu* is a Songket signature (RM15). The soft sponge is light and layered with fresh durian cream, finished with a dusting of cocoa powder. There may be way too many restaurants in town serving tiramisu, but this one deserves its spot on the menu. The creamy Pandan Pudding (RM10) with *gula Melaka* syrup and the *Tapai Pulut* with ice cream (RM15) also received the thumbs up.

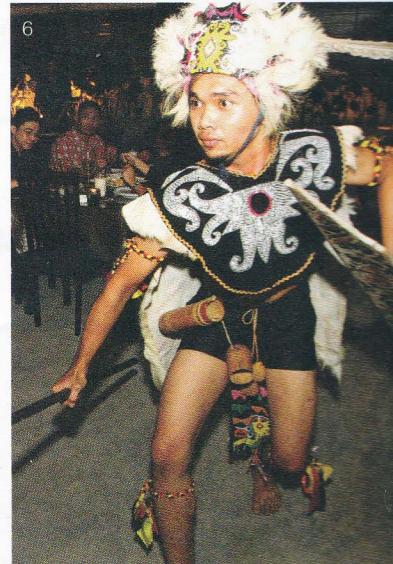
The kitchen is halal, but alcohol is served on the premises. From the mix of alcoholic and virgin drinks menu, the exotic-sounding White Hibiscus (RM15) is often recommended. It did not disappoint, as the soursop and lemongrass drink with lime cordial and soda was a refreshing palate cleanser that complemented the rich meal beautifully.

While some may lament the prices at Songket when comparing it to more readily available and cheaper warung fare, it's good to bear in mind that the quality of food, service and ambience at Songket is at a different level.

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1. The al fresco dining area on the porch has a casual, relaxed vibe. 2. Inside, the space has a cosy feel. 3. A typical spread of dishes to go with fragrant pandan coconut rice makes a great introduction to Malay food. 4. The *Rusuk Panggang* with *pegedil* will have you coming back for more. 5. Pandan pudding with *gula Melaka*. 6. Enjoy your meal at Songket with a side of entertainment: traditional Malaysian dance performances start at 9pm.