

Fairmont Mumbai hosts a Malaysian food festival in collaboration with Tourism Malaysia

Fairmont Mumbai, in collaboration with Tourism Malaysia, presents a refined Malaysian Food Festival at The Merchants from 30th January to 8th February 2026, inviting Mumbai to experience a vibrant celebration of culture and cuisine.

Staged at The Merchants — Fairmont Mumbai's signature New Wave foodhall — the festival transforms the venue into an immersive Malaysian culinary showcase. Renowned for its six theatrical kitchens and dynamic dining format, the space will come alive with bold aromas, time-honoured techniques and ritual-led preparations that define Malaysia's rich gastronomic heritage.

Celebrated Malaysian Chefs at the Helm

The collaboration unites Fairmont Mumbai's culinary brigade with two distinguished ambassadors of Malaysian cuisine — Chef Irwan, Corporate Executive Chef at Adabi Consumer Industries, and Chef Faridul Ataras Ab Razak, Executive Chef at Ibis Hotel Kuala Lumpur City Centre.

With decades of global hospitality experience and deep-rooted advocacy for Malaysia's food traditions, the chefs bring an authentic perspective to a cuisine shaped by Malay, Chinese, Indian and regional influences — resulting in flavours that are layered, nuanced and unmistakably vibrant.

A Philosophy of Authenticity and Reinterpretation

Led by Chef Prasad Metrani, Executive Assistant Manager – Food & Beverage, the festival is grounded in a shared vision: honour authenticity while thoughtfully reinterpreting flavours for the modern palate.

Through live stations and interactive kitchens, guests are invited into an engaging gastronomic dialogue — where culinary storytelling meets experiential dining.

“At Fairmont Mumbai, we view food as an expression of culture, connection and craft. Partnering with Tourism Malaysia allows us to present Malaysian cuisine in its most authentic form while elevating it through our immersive dining philosophy,” says Chef Prasad Metrani.

Celebrating Visit Malaysia Year 2026

As part of the Visit Malaysia Year 2026 celebrations, Tourism Malaysia’s Mumbai office joins hands with Fairmont Mumbai to bring this cultural showcase to India.

Noriah Jaafar, Director, Tourism Malaysia Mumbai, shared, “We are delighted to collaborate with Fairmont Mumbai for the Malaysia Food & Cultural Festival. We warmly invite Mumbaikars and guests from across India to discover the diverse and dynamic flavours of Malaysia.”

A Thoughtfully Curated Culinary Journey

Designed as an elegant lunch and dinner buffet, the ten-day festival unfolds as a sensory journey through Malaysia’s regional flavours. The experience begins with traditional refreshments such as Teh Ais Limau, setting the tone for a meal layered with warmth, spice and depth. Adding to the immersive ambience, the Fairmont Mumbai team will don Malaysian cultural attire.

From Classic Starters to Soulful Mains

The menu opens with favourites like Pandan Ayam, Udang Goreng, Bakwan Sayur and Tauhu Sumbat. Fresh salads including Kerabu Ayam, Kerabu Udang, and Acar Jelatah highlight balance and brightness, while comforting soups such as Laksa Lemak and Sup Ayam Bersama Kentang reflect deeply rooted culinary traditions.

The main course selection features Ayam Masak Berlado, Gulai Lemak Udang Dengan Rebung, Rendang Tauhu, and Fried Meehoon, showcasing Malaysia’s signature interplay of spice, coconut richness and aromatic herbs.

A Sweet Finale and Signature Sips

Desserts offer a fitting conclusion with Cucur Badak, Kueh Sri Puteri Ayu, Kuih Bakar, and Serawa Durian. Complementing the spread is a curated beverage programme featuring Teh Tarik, Cendol, Luwak coffee, and bespoke cocktails inspired by Malaysian ingredients and rituals.

The Malaysian Food Festival at Fairmont Mumbai promises an immersive celebration of culinary heritage — where culture, craftsmanship and contemporary hospitality converge in one unforgettable dining experience.