

A STEP INTO HISTORY WITH THE BABA NYONYA HERITAGE

Come along as we take a dive into the history of intriguing concoction features Melaka has to offer.

Melaka city, capital of the coastal state in Melaka is situated in southwestern Malaysia where visitors are welcome to uncover a blend of historical cultural sites and modern state-of-the-art attractions while indulging in Malaysia's well attributed cuisines. Introducing the Baba Nyonya heritage, the origins can be traced back to centuries ago when the Chinese emigrated to the British Straits Settlement of Melaka, Singapore, Penang as well as Java of Indonesia. The Chinese then married the local females and their distinct background, cultures and customs blended harmoniously establishing Baba Nyonya in "Peranakan" culture.



Baba Chan Cheng Siew
(1865-1919)

Baba & Nyonya Heritage Museum

To fully immerse oneself in thorough understanding of the everlasting history in East Asia, we welcome you on a journey into the late 19th century and early 20th century of Malaya. Meander through the home of Baba Chan Cheng Siew (1865-1919), the Heritage Museum was home to four generations of the Peranakan family before turned into a museum. Still run by the family to this date, the building with eclectic taste offers a glimpse into the richness of the culture and opulence that was fashionable in many pre-World War II Peranakan homes located in the old district of UNESCO Heritage area of Melaka town.

Baba Nyonya Cuisine

Strolling down the bustling streets of Jonker, or better known as the Jonker Walk, it shall greet you with a myriad of flavourful and scrumptious Nyonya cuisine that should be given a taste. Peranakan dishes are a fusion of Malaysian or Indonesian spices and herbs mixed with Chinese ingredients and cooking style. The three authentic Asian elements featured in Nyonya cuisines include lemongrass, coconut milk and laksa leaves. The delicacy of Baba Nyonya hybrid cuisines is a testament to unity dated in the historical days and is preserved for the future generations to devour. Nyonya cooking simultaneously tastes sweet, sour, salty and spicy, all of which makes Asia a showstopping destination for the love of food.



Melaka is a city that holds Malaysia's long dated memoir and the journey of the previous ancestors forming the culture adapted by the city. A destination with rich cultural heritage, subsequent to the colonial rule of Portuguese, Dutch and British, the city invites you to a step into ancient history immersing in the married roots of China meets Malaysia.