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Ramadan buffets and dinners to break fast at in Kuala Lumpur

Break fast or buka puasa at some of the city's best restaurants

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The holy month of Ramadan is a time of prayer and reflection for Muslims. Fasting from sunrise to sunset is a sacred obligation during Ramadan – which begins on March 2 this year, and culminates with the celebration of Hari Raya Puasa on March 31. Come dusk, the daily Ramadan fast is broken with a gathering of family and friends over a good meal.

From traditional Malaysian delicacies to Middle Eastern flavours, here are some hotels and restaurants to visit during Ramadan for impressive buffet spreads and delectable dinners. As always, be sure to book early to avoid disappointment.

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Where to break fast this Ramadan

Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur

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Feb 28 to March 30

You're in for a treat with *Citra Selera Timur & Barat*. Enjoy tender, spice-infused meats, aromatic *biryanis*, and Malaysian classics as Mosaic, Lounge on the Park, and the Diamond Ballroom all serve up a culinary feast of local and Middle Eastern flavours. Highlights include *udang galah lemak asam nenas*, *daging bakar berempah*, and *gulai ayam* Siam *terung pipit*; alongside Middle Eastern specialties like *tabbouleh*, *kabsa* lamb, *haydari*, and *baklava*. The hotel's décor and ambience capture the vibrant spirit of Arabian souks and local bazaars.

Price: RM308 (adult); RM188 (child) from February 28 to March 16 and RM328 (adult); RM196 (child) from March 17 to 30

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March 6 to 28

The EQ recreates timeless recipes and classic Raya dishes, paying homage to the food of our childhoods. Citarasa Nipah at the Nipah Restaurant brings to the table such dishes as *kerabu betik muda*, *urap pucuk manis*, *bubur lambuk*, Malay smoked meats (*salai*) with *masak lemak chili api*, and desserts like *cendol* and ice *kacang*, *durian* crème brulée and *durian* pancakes. There's more. The EQ Bazaar on Level 1 is sure to please the whole family – browse food stalls for street food favourites like *ayam golek*, *satay*, *roti* John, *murtabak*, *roti canai*, chicken rice, and fish head curry.

Price: RM238+ (adult); RM114+ (child) for Citarasa Nipah and RM178+ (adult); RM89+ (child) at EQ Bazaar

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Bijan Bar & Restaurants, a stalwart in the dining scene renowned for elevating simple *kampung* recipes, exudes warmth and style. This Ramadan, it takes a trip down memory lane with the Jejak Warisan Melayu buffet that showcases the country's rich culinary evolution from the '50s to the present day. Besides dishes like *nasi tomato*, *telur masin* and *rendang* Tok, the restaurant puts a creative spin on familiar favourites. Think *rendang* made with jackfruit instead of the usual beef or chicken; Johor *laksa* served with spaghetti; and crème brulée drizzled with palm sugar.

Price: MYR150+ (adult); MYR75+ (child)

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The flavour-packed *roti* John lobster is the thing. Imagine perfectly seasoned and spiced lobster meat sandwiched between toasted buns. Then again, you'll find everything at Flock's *Bazaar Malam* buffet, which blends Pan Asian, Middle Eastern, and local flavours, delicious and expertly prepared. Try lamb and pomegranate mint salad, chicken chickpeas couscous salad paired with house-made *hummus*, slow-cooked lamb *ouzi* with spiced *basmathi* rice, beef *koobideh*, and local classics like *curry laksa udang galah*.

Price: MYR278+ (adult); MYR139+ (child)

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De.Wan 1958 by Chef Wan

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March 5 to 29

Owned by renowned Malaysian Chef Wan, De.Wan 1958 is a popular choice for breaking fast thanks to its endless array of Malay dishes. There are over 180 varieties – popular items include *nasi dagang*, *gulai itik*, *murtabak*, classic *kuih-muih* (cakes), and *cendol gula* Endau. At its heart, the cooking reflects Chef Wan's vivacious personality as he imparts a modern touch to each dish. The whole place is elegantly designed in a riot of colours – an ode to Malay culture and cuisine.

Price: MYR195 (adult); MYR92 (child)

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The Ritz-Carlton Kuala Lumpur

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March 1 to 31

Thai food lovers can rejoice with the Cobalt Room's Ramadan feast, which offers a taste of Southern Thailand close to home. The buffet is a mix of beloved Thai classics like stir-fried beef with chilli garlic and Thai basil, green curry chicken, shrimp in red curry with *kaffir* lime leaves, *tom yum goong, phad tai*, and local Malay specialties. Thai Chef Rasikan's pride and joy for her culinary roots are evident in each dish.

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March 2 to 30

Butter chicken may seem like an unlikely choice for your Ramadan buffet but at Luca, hearty Indian cuisine is done well and features heavily at the buffet table. Think rich, creamy tomato gravy that's delicious when paired with naan. Some of the other coveted dishes include chicken *vindaloo*, mutton *rogan josh*, Hirwa fish curry, and mango prawn curry. But what's more, Luca's buffet menu comes with a variety of food options – guests also have the choice of indulging in both European and Malay fare.

Price: MYR149+ (adult); MYR68+ (child)

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