

Staycation Spotlight: The Clan Hotel

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Grand Premier Room

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The warm hospitality of The Clan Hotel can be felt even when kilometres away from the building. A limousine service will whisk guests straight from their doorstep (or airport gates when travel borders reopen) and ferry them directly to the property's discreet entrance. There, a traditional tea ceremony awaits – where a tea master brews up an aromatic blend of oolong to soothe the senses.

Such attention to detail is all put in place to help inspire a sense of belonging and make hotel-goers feel welcomed. Inspired by the many clans that were once found in the area, the hotel seeks to provide the same genial spirit that these close-knitted communities were famously known for.

And everything is best experienced through a stay at a Master series room – upgraded categories of Premier and Grand Premier – that comes with added benefits that make for an unforgettable experience.

Where nostalgia meets new-age

The charm of yesteryear extends beyond just the service, and into the physical space. Relics and chinoiserie elements are weaved into every nook and cranny of the 30-storey building. Artefacts line the display shelves at the impressive lobby, complete with floor-to-ceiling windows that look out to views of shophouses and skyscrapers. This is a spot best enjoyed during sunset hours, while sipping on warm cups of tea.

But not everything is rooted in tradition. Rooms come designed with sleek lines and modern furnishings; bay windows and workstations look out to scenes of the buzzing city, while modern gizmos of smart television and portable ultraviolet disinfecting box add convenience – and peace of mind.

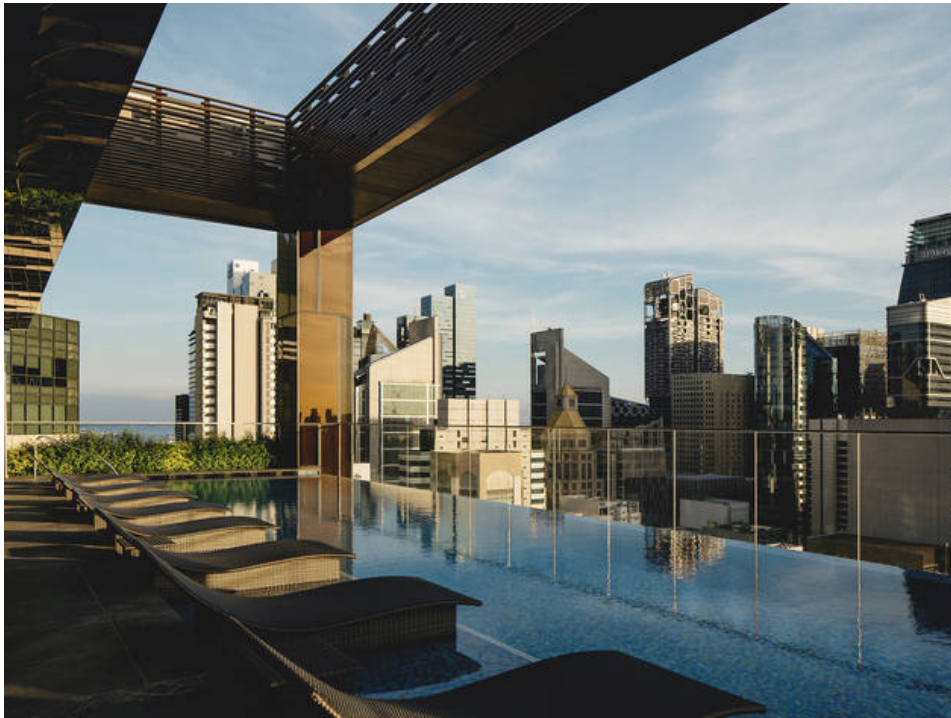


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Be spoilt for choice

Generic, cookie-cutter offerings are a thing of the past. At Master series rooms, look forward to customising and choosing from a range of features and amenities. Put together an in-room refreshment basket – choose from options that range from healthy sea salt-dusted nuts to the exclusive Orient Brew, a white chrysanthemum lager, made in collaboration with The 1925 Brewing Co.

Tired of the too-soft hotel pillows? Before going to bed, be sure to browse the pillow menu that offers some four different options to rest the head on. Snag the latex version that boasts better shape retention, or snooze on the comfortable micro-gel fibre-stuffed option. A turn-down service of relaxing lavender-infused essential oil ensures a restful sleep till morning.



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Views from the top

The view is certainly better from the top, and particularly so at The Clan Hotel. Remember to pack along a set of exercise gear to check out the rooftop swimming pool and gymnasium. Head up to the infinity pool to soak in the panoramic sights, or have a dip in the heated jacuzzi and watch the town come aglow with the setting sun. Swimming under the stars is an equally attractive option, too.

Adjacent to the outdoor pool is the well-stocked gym. Treadmills and cycling bikes look out to the sweeping views (there is even a Wing Chun wooden dummy sitting at a corner), and a large screen projects a healthy selection of pre-recorded exercises to follow along.



Photograph: Qin

Special feasts

Fuel up and swing by contemporary Chinese restaurant Qin for plates of inventive fare. The all-day diner provides breakfast that ranges from fruit-laced pancakes to comforting porridge paired with dough fritters, pickled mustard vegetables, and century egg. Meals also come complete with local kaya toast and fruit bowls suffused with elderflower syrup.

At lunch, expect an elevated take on classic Chinese fare. Crispy roti prata might come showered with truffle and eggs (\$12), while the lesser-seen pork jelly (\$18) makes an appearance on the menu. Save space for the Canton Crisp (\$38), where gravy reminiscent of beef stroganoff is ladled over crispy vermicelli before serving.

Those lazy to head out during dinner can consider The Clan Daily Special, where famed hawker grub is packed in tiffin carriers and served in-room. Skip the queues and enjoy winning dishes from Legendary Bak Kut Teh, Janggut Laksa, Punggol Nasi Lemak, and more.



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Crossroads of culture and commerce

Its unique address – in between Telok Ayer and Chinatown – means that there is plenty to see and do in the vicinity. Heritage finds of Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Nagore Dargah Indian Muslim Heritage Centre are just a walk away from hip joints of Park Bench Deli, Burnt Ends, and Anthony the Spice Maker.

Those lazy to plan an itinerary can leave the day's activities to the friendly staff. Those in Master series rooms can check out the complimentary local precinct tour that takes place at 4pm every Wednesday and Friday, while other curated activities can be booked at a separate cost. Try making a pair of sandals from scratch with Shoe Artistry; explore the grounds of local brewery The 1925 Brewing Co; or get acquainted with tin-type image-making at Hip Xiong Photo Studio.



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Worth a stay?

Hiding behind the discreet entrance of The Clan Hotel is a zen-like oasis that offers a peaceful escape in the middle of the bustling city. Get acquainted with history and heritage, without compromising on style and convenience. As part of its [opening promotion](#) (now till May 31), stays in the Master series Premier room (\$588) comes with a complimentary second-night stay, as well as a \$100 return voucher to be used at Oasis Hotel Downtown, Orchard Rendezvous Hotel, or The Barracks Hotel.

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