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# Orchard Santika Homestay Hulu Langat, Selangor

December 22, 2015



1. welcome to Orchard Santika Homestay

As part of the delegation of <u>Eat Travel Write Selangor 2.0</u> where we were on a quest to discover the hidden gems of Hulu Langat, I had the opportunity to spend a night at Orchard Santika Homestay.



2. the green garden of Orchard Santika Homestay



3. a traditional house

If you have been following my blog, you would know that I definitely prefer hotel stay, rather than budget or homestay.



4. playing sepak raga



5. angklung performance

Nevertheless, I was open to try new offers and am glad to say that Orchard Santika Homestay is one of the better homestays that I have experienced.



6. Kompang presentation by award-winning troupe, AJAS



7. mock wedding

Coincidentally, when I was there, Orchard Santika Homestay Hulu Langat was the venue for the Selangor Mini Craft Carnival (Mini Kraf Karnival Selangor) 2015, so there were plenty of chances for me to get hands-on in various traditional crafts.



8. frying tumpi



9. cooking dodol

I'm quite embarrassed to admit that this was where I finally figured out how angklung, the traditional musical instrument, works. Oh-oh, I didn't figure out, I was taught. LOL



10. making the green jelly for cendol



11. rubber-tapping demonstration

We also witnessed the "cukur jambul" ceremony, an important rite of passage for a Muslim baby, usually held at the end of the new mother's period of abstinence (pantang).



12. visitors learn how to play angklung



13. Cukur Jambul ceremony

This was also where I had my second Nasi Ambeng. I remember the first time I tasted this speciality was in Terengganu. This time around, it was of a different variety, Javanese-style.



14. a demonstration on how nasi ambeng is shared



15....and wrapped

Nasi Ambeng is a huge rice-dish with four portions of food. It is eaten together to promote unity among family members (or friends). I find it to be a really meaningful custom, unless someone takes double share.



16. there you go...

# **Orchard Santika Homestay Hulu Langat**

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14 thoughts on "Orchard Santika Homestay Hulu Langat, Selangor"

# pamela yeoh says:

<u>December 22, 2015 at 7:42 am</u> looks like it is a great event though,

#### **Ayue Idris** says:

December 22, 2015 at 7:44 am nice homestay. so much activities to be done. do you like the nasi ambeng?

# **Hui Ying** says:

December 22, 2015 at 8:54 am
Malaysia really have so many interesting homestay...And have many activities to join!!

#### **Shini Lola** says:

December 22, 2015 at 9:31 am Seem you had a lot of fun there. It's good know their culture. =D

#### **Leona** says:

<u>December 22, 2015 at 9:57 am</u> so full of community spirit, my kids would love to join such an event too

#### **Emily** says:

December 22, 2015 at 10:16 am Oh yes, I did, Ayue.

### **Sharon Lee** says:

December 22, 2015 at 10:47 pm
Looks likes a great stay to stay
overnight at! The community is
so friendly and giving their
best warm welcome they can
=D

#### **Isaac Tan** says:

December 23, 2015 at 1:04 am wonderful experience. you get to see in-depth into another culture different from your own.

#### Ivy Kam says:

December 23, 2015 at 8:34 am
Didn't know about Orchard
Santika Homestay until I read
your post, I love the greenary,

will bookmark this for m	ıy
travel reference □	

#### **Betty Liew** says:

December 23, 2015 at 8:55 am

Wow. meaningful experience as you get to know our culture more closely.

### **Hanniz** says:

December 23, 2015 at 9:50 am
I'm not a fan of homestays
either but I think there might
be some new ones which are
well maintained. Interesting
activities they had there and
yummy food. I've not tried any
of them except the cendol
green jelly!

#### Wendy Pua says:

December 23, 2015 at 11:22 am oh, i miss the nasi ambeng with sambal goreng!

#### Arisa says:

December 23, 2015 at 5:14 pm wow, such a large packet lol! So did you eat using your hands too like the rest of them?:D

#### Sin Yee says:

<u>December 24, 2015 at 10:53 pm</u> i heard of this homestay. Great that you enjoy it.

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