

#JOM! REVIEW: Oasis Beach Bistro, Pahang

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KIJAL, that small town located along the Kemaman-Dungun coastal road in Terengganu, has always been known as the address for the area's one of the exclusive resorts, Resorts World Kijal.

Well, most people would book a stay here, especially families with children as the resort offers an amazing swimming pool, complete with waterpark slides for the kiddies. It's huge!

Our little family are just on our way to Cherating and we've heard about one of its F&B outlets which is definitely worth stopping by.

So, here we are, having dinner at Oasis Beach Bistro, a beautiful beach-side restaurant, offering delicious fresh catches at an amazing sea-side atmosphere.



EAT

You're at the beach, I highly recommend any of the 'From The Sea' options - either Salmon Steak which is served with mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, and lemon capers sauce (RM58), or the Ocean Bass Fillet (RM48) which is served with mushroom, mashed potatoes and Miso sauce on the sides.

There's plenty of seafood items for starter too, you can start off with Seafood Caprese Salad (RM38) which is an amazing mix of seafood, tomato, mozzarella and balsamic vinegar, or simply go for the Seafood Bisque soup (RM28) which is served with prawn skewer on the side and warm sliced baguette.

The staff says that guests often come here to chill and try out the OBB Snack while enjoying the view over a drink, or two.

If you're a light eater, or simply need extra space for the appetiser, the restaurant serves amazing 'bites' dishes such as Peri-peri Chicken Wings (RM35), deep-fried Breaded Mushroom served with tartar sauce (RM28), Salt Pepper Squid (RM30) served with spicy salted egg sauce and many more.

There's also the OBB Nacho (RM25) which is topped with chunky tomato salsa and cheese as well as the OBB Chips (RM18) sprinkled with grated parmesan cheese.

For dessert, it offers a few options - honestly quite simple. You can go for the rich flavour like the Chocolate Brownies served with strawberries and vanilla ice cream, or the Fruits Tartlet for a sweet treat that is served with vanilla ice cream.

Just want ice cream? Opt for the OBB Sundae, a mixture of vanilla, chocolate and strawberry ice cream. These delicious desserts are priced at RM18 each.



PICK

Like I said earlier, seafood is a must here as everything is giant-sized and fresh!

This evening, I order the Seafood Aglio Olio (RM35) which is a simple but delicious dish.

The portion is huge with plenty of seafood toppings such as mussels, prawns and squids, and plenty of cherry tomatoes too.

However, a simple dish like this is sometimes a difficult dish to make. However, the aglio olio pasta is perfectly done - as spaghetti is done al-dante, not too dry, and it's not too oily.

The aglio olio is originally done spicy, but of course you can request it less spicy (or not at all) for your kids.

For my 15-month old toddler, I order the Salmon Bite's (RM30) which is a deep fried salmon fillet served with tartar sauce. The salmon is quite crispy on the outside but really moist on the inside, and it goes well with the sauce, although Aamina enjoys having it just like that.

My husband, on the other hand, opts for the Rack of Lamb (RM88) which is the most pricey dish on the menu.

For the price, it is not too bad! The chef has prepared three tastefully marinated racks, cooked perfectly tender and really juicy, the meal is served with fries, seasoned vegetables and a seriously good mint sauce that compliments the lamb racks!



MOOD

Since we are there in the evening at around six-ish, it's actually a perfect timing to watch the sky turning colours. The mood is definitely relaxing, and it's so breezy and windy at this hour.

There are two seating arrangements, one under the roof and the other is alfresco style with a stunning setup complete with lines of round night lights (great for picture-taking, I promise you!).

We opt to be seated at the alfresco area where the tables are set on the sandy beach. I personally enjoy feeling the sand with my toes and feet while dining.

While waiting for our food, my husband takes our daughter to play by the beach. She loves looking at the waves as they hit the shores.

Although the restaurant tunes in an amazing playlist of mostly 90's songs, my mind is mostly focused on the beach-waves, oh it's so soothing!

VERDICTS

SERVICE Very chill, cool guys donning the Aloha shirt, definitely give us that beach-vibe. Staff are very friendly and helpful.

However, waiting time to be served is a bit too long if you are in a rush. But hey, you're at the beach, enjoy it!

You can also request for a romantic set up to surprise your loved ones too!

I SAY A romantic (and family-friendly) beach-front dining experience with breezy ambience and amazing view, so go for it!

FAST FACTS

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