

Jentayu

As local Malay legend would have it, there once existed a bird of colossal proportions that battled against evil, ultimately sacrificing itself to bring together a mythical prince and his fair maiden.

This magnificent creature was called Jentayu.

Many legends surround the mystical island of Langkawi. As such, it seems only befitting that we name our lounge after one of the heroes of local folklore.

A legend in herself, Malaysia's undisputed first lady of song Dato' Sheila Majid sang of this remarkable bird. An extract from the 1995-released "Jentayu" sums up the tenacity and nobility of the Jentayu.

Jentayu...

*When your wings fail, you lean on your beak,
When beak breaks, your elbows await,
When your elbows crush, you lean on your chin,
When your chin fails, you rise from your claws.*

*Lend your magnanimous heart to all;
Lend us you magnificent tranquility.*

Fable also has it that the Jentayu possesses the magical powers to beckon the rain. You may notice a small dish of water placed by our Jentayu. It is local belief that when there is water nearby, this wonderful creature is deluded into believing that there is no longer a need to summon the showers.

We wish you many days of sunshine during your stay at The Andaman.