

# DO YOU KNOW

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## WHERE TO STAY



# Gaharu

**W**e have heard of Kayu Gaharu or Gaharu tree and that it is used for incense and scents. Gaharu is botanically known as *Aquilaria Malaccensis*. *Aquilaria* is a genus of eight species of trees in the Thymelaeaceae and native to Southeast Asian countries like Malaysia.

They also thrive in the rainforests of Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, and Northern India.

The trees grow up to twenty metres tall and they produce yellowish green flowers which later develop into fruits.

Gaharu is the main producer of the resin-impregnated agarwood.

Agarwood is the resinous heartwood from the *Aquilaria* trees. The trees occasionally become infected with a parasite mould and begin to produce an aromatic resin in response to this attack.

As the fungus grows, the tree produces a very rich, dark resin within the heartwood. It is this precious resinous wood that is treasured around the world.

The resin is commonly called Jinko, Aloeswood, Agarwood or Oud and is valued in many cultures for its distinctive fragrance, thus it is used for incense and perfumes.

In the past, the Peninsula Malaysia which was formerly known as Malaya, was a popular spot for traders to seek perfumes. The native perfumes produced from real woods and petals from Malaya were the main attractions for traders from all over the world, especially from Portugal and Britain.

After Malacca was colonised, however, the popularity of agarwood sank to oblivion.

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### TABIN WILDLIFE PHOTO HUNT

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