Create an evocative feature article capturing the essence of Raffles Hotel Singapore, exploring how this colonial-era icon maintains its position as a bastion of luxury while preserving its rich historical legacy. Weave together stories of literary giants, master craftsmen, and dedicated staff to show how the hotel balances tradition with modern expectations. Use rich sensory details to immerse readers in the hotel's unique atmosphere while examining its role in Singapore's cultural landscape.

Have you ever imagined stepping foot into history at the iconic 19th century Raffles Hotel in Singapore? This renowned and historical landmark was opened in 1887 with only ten rooms by the Armenian Sarkies brothers. Raffles Hotel is one of the very few remaining 19th century hotels in the world. The taxi drives around the green roundabout and pulls up in front of the hotel. The door is opened by the fancy Sikh doorman dressed in a white turban, a white navy shirt and black pants. As you step out of the you are greeted with a warm smile and bow. "Welcome to Raffles Hotel Singapore."

You are overwhelmed by the breathtaking view of the grand white facade of the hotel. The minute you step into the grand lobby you feel the cool breeze of the air conditioned hotel sweep through your body. There is polished white marble flooring and a large chandelier hanging down from the high ceiling.

To the right I see a sign to the world famous Writer's Bar which begs for me to go inside. This place was visited by many literary giants including W. Somerset Maugham, Rudyard Kipling and John Le Carre. The Writer's Bar is dimly lit and you can feel the creativity in the atmosphere left behind by the famous writers. I sit myself at one of the round glass tables in a soft, cushion seat. Against the wall are tall brown arched book shelves lined up with antique books.

Raffles Hotel is more than just a luxury hotel, but one where you can step back in time and experience the history of Singapore. The historical Raffles Hotel is a must visit when you are in Singapore.