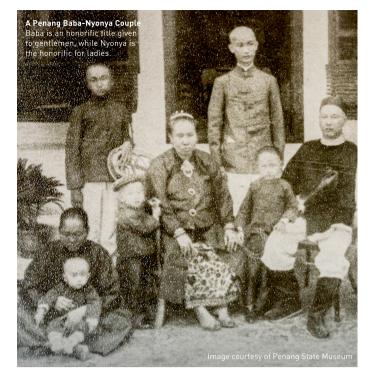
BABA-NYONYA







The Baba-Nyonya or Peranakan Chinese is a group of very early Chinese settlers who immigrated here in northern Malaysia and over the centuries, openly adopted and absorbed local cultures, creating a new and unique culture of their own. Over time, they also married other races into their families.

Although named the Straits Chinese by the British, they arrived much earlier than the formation of the Straits Settlements.

While they kept their Taoist beliefs, they also practised local rituals such as the mandi bunga (floral baths). They infused local cuisine into their recipes, and adopted local symbolic motifs in their fashion.

Members of this community call themselves Baba-Nyonya. The term Baba-Nyonya is more closely associated with those

THE BABA-NYONYA OF PENANG & MALACCA

The Penang and Malaccan Baba-Nyonya are two slightly different communities of different origins. It is believed that the Malaccans had arrived in the early 15th century as part of the royal entourage of the Chinese Princess Hang Li Po, who was gifted as a bride to the Sultan of Malacca. The Baba-Nyonya of Penang came as seafarers from southern Fujian.

Generally, you could tell one from the other through the language that they use. In Penang, they speak mainly Hokkien with words borrowed from Malay, while the Malaccans have adopted a Malay patois, including many Hokkien words, as their mother tongue.

Through the old trade triangle of Phuket and Medan with Penang, these three cities today share the same Baba-Nyonya lineage. Similarly, Malacca Peranakan Chinese have expanded their families and influence towards the south to Singapore.





THE QUINTESSENTIAL NYONYA

Nyonyas growing up in wealthy households were expected to learn a variety of skills that ranged from preparing Nyonya dishes to embroidery and beading; all the skills traditionally required for attracting a good husband.

They dress exquisitely well; with their choice of attire as the kebaya, an elegant dress with a Malay influence, that is suitable for most occasions





for example, would bear Chinese motifs such as peonies and phoenixes. Kasut Manek eaded slipper epitomises Nyonya rtistry, as these beautiful shoes would ften have been created by their wearer rself. Each pair would have taken

nonths to complete and involved the

titching and stringing of miniscule

lass beads - a true labour of love.

THE OBJETS D'ART The wealthiest Peranakans would often commission various items from craftsmen in China, made to their own specifications. The Kamcheng,



THE CUISINE

Penang Nyonya food not only fuses Chinese and Malay culinary elements but also Thai influences, as a result of the island's rich multi-cultural diversity.

Young Nyonyas would have been expected to help around the kitchen,





Bubur Cha Cha











THE PERANAKAN HOUSE



The UNESCO World Heritage Site of George Town is a living museum of architecture.

While many of the Baba-Nyonya families have moved out from their ancestral homes, their houses have remained largely untouched or restored to their original splendour.

These uniquely charming houses line the quieter streets of the city. You simply have to take a walk around to see them.

STEWART LANE

boutique hotel.

& SEVEN TERRACES

According to the Wall Street

Journal, "...no transformation

matches that of Seven Terraces".

Seven Terraces is an exclusive

The façades and interior

have been unsparingly

restored to their original

splendour, and one of its

furniture and collectibles. Seven Terraces consists

premier suites is furnished

with 19th century Baba-Nyonya

of seven units of the original

Straits Chinese Houses, among

Stewart Lane, that have been

the many others built along



Big and small, they have all

taken the effort to preserve

the original Peranakan tiles

flourishes on its façades,

flamboyance of the Baba-

thus keeping the colour and

Nyonya heritage houses alive

and other ornate architectural



Muntri Street has perhaps the best preserved rows of 19th century Straits Chinese architecture in the country, equivalent to Singapore's Emerald Hill.

Ever since the UNESCO Heritage Site listing of George Town in 2008, Muntri Street has seen the emergence of a bevy of privately-owned



as the Ryokan Muntri and the Camera Museum. Peranakan tiles and Western art deco come together to create beautifully-ornate façades. It is said that "the more flamboyant the façade, the richer the owner of the house is". The majority of Peranakan Chinese who made their fortune during the tin mining boom in the 19th century built their homes here as a status symbol.



AYNOYN Heritage



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Sunday & Certain Public Holidays 9.00am to 1.00pm

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grinding spices, preparing fresh sambal belachan (chilli with toasted shrimp paste) and chopping vegetables.











PERANAKAN MANSION The Pinang Peranakan Mansion is possibly the most opulent example of an Eclectic Straits Chinese House in Penang. Built at the end of the 19th century, it was the residence and office, as well as a symbol of authority, for a famous Chinese Kapitan (head of a local Chinese community).

It features a larger-thanordinary Baba-Nyonya courtyard, as well as other expensive details such as the Chinese wood-carved panels, English floor tiles and Scottish ironworks. Today it is a much admired Baba-Nyonya museum which houses more than 1,000 pieces of antiques and collectibles.







TELUK BAHANG

PERANAKAN PLACES OF INTEREST

MUSEUMS

1. Pinang Peranakan Mansion

- 29 Lebuh Gereja
- 10200 George Town, Penang
- +604 264 2929
- pinangperanakanmansion.com.myMon-Sun, 9.30am-5pm

2. Cheong Fatt Tze - The Blue Mansion

- 10200 George Town, Penang +604 262 0006
- ☑ reservations@cheongfatttzemansion.com
- cheongfatttzemansion.com Daily tours at 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm

3. House of Yeap Chor Ee

- 4 Lebuh Penang
- 10200 George Town, Penang
- +604 261 0190
- □ houseyce@gmail.com
- Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm (Closed on Sat & Sun)

NYONYA EATERIES

4. Ivy's Nyonya Cuisine (Pork free)

- 58 Jalan Chow Thye
- 10050 George Town, Penang +6013 433 7878
- Tues, 6pm-9pm;
 Wed-Sun, 12pm-3pm; 6pm-9pm (Closed on Mon)

5. Mum's Nyonya Cuisine

- 31-D Lorong Abu Siti
- 10400 George Town, Penang +604 229 1318
- Tues-Sun, 11.30am-2.30pm;
- 6.30pm-9.30 (Closed on Mon)
- 6. Nyonya Breeze Desire
- 3A-1-7 Straits Quay
- Jalan Seri Tanjung Pinang 10470 Tanjung Tokong, Penang
- +604 899 9058

Mon-Sun, 11am-10pm

7. The Little Nyonya Cuisine @ Gurney Plaza 170-B1-32B Gurney Plaza

- Persiaran Gurney
- 10250 George Town, Penang
- +604 227 0694 Mon-Sun, 10am-10pm

- 8. The Little Nyonya Cuisine @ Queensbay Mall LG-111B, 116 &117 Queensbay Mall Persiaran Bayan Indah
- 11900 Bayan Lepas, Penang
- +604 643 7496

Mon-Sun, 10am-10pm

9. Kebaya Dining Room Seven Terraces

- Lorong Stewart
- 200 George Town, Penang
- **L** +604 264 2333 / +604 261 2862 kebaya@7terraces.com
- kebaya.com.myMon-Sun, 6pm-10pm

10. Auntie Gaik Lean's

- Old School Eatery (Pork Free) 1 Lebuh Bishop
- 10200 George Town, Penang
- +604 263 8121
- ▼ Tues-Sun, 12pm-2.30pm; 6pm-9.30pm (Closed on Mon)

- 11. The Legend Nyonya House 2 Gat Lebuh Chulia
- 10200 George Town, Penang +604 251 9598
- enquiry@thelegendnyonyahouse.com facebook.com/thelegendnyonyahouse
- Mon-Sun, 12pm-10pm

12. Perut Rumah Nyonya Cuisine 8 Jalan Bawasah

10050 George Town, Penang Mon-Sun, 11am-3pm; 6pm-10pm

13. Moh Teng Pheow Nyonya Koay & Canteen

- Jalan Masjid 10200 George Town, Penang
- +604 261 5832
- f facebook.com/penangnyonyakuih
 Tues-Sun, 10.30am-5pm (Closed on Mon)

14. Baba Jerry and Nyonya Su Pei's

- **Private Dining** 2 Lebuhraya Bodhi
- 10400 George Town, Penang +6016 414 1416 / +6016 410 6116
- f facebook.com/nyonyasupei
 *Available upon booking only.

15. Nyonya Baba Cuisine

- 10050 George Town, Penang +604-227 8035
- Wed-Mon 11.30am-3pm; 6pm-9.45pm (Closed on Tues)

16. Jason Nyonya House

- 10B Lebuh King 10200 George Town, Penang
- f facebook.com/JasonNyonyaHousePenang Tues-Mon, 11am-2.30pm; 6pm-9.30pm (Closed on Wed)

17. Little Kitchen @ Nyonya

- 179 Lebuh Noordir
- 10300 George Town, Penang +604 261 6731
- Mon-Fri, 7am-9pm (Closed on Sun&Sat)

18. Peranakan Passion Nyonya Restaurant

- 70-1-19 D'Piazza Mall Jalan Mahsuri
- 11950 Bayan Baru, Penang
- facebook.com/peranakanpassion/ ▼ Tues-Fri, 11am-2pm; 5pm-9.30pm Sun&Sat, 5pm-9.30pm (Closed on Mon)

19. Hai Nan Town Restaurant

- 10300 George Town, Penang
- +604 263 8633
- 💆 hainantown333@hotmail.com
- hainantown.com
- Mon-Sun, 11.30am-10pm; 6.30pm-10pm

20. Yun Shui Ge Vegetarian House 12 Lebuh Armenian

- +6011 1095 2151
- facebook.com/yunshuigevegetarianhouse
 Tues-Sun, 10.30am-7pm (Closed on Mon)

NYONYA COOKING CLASSES

21. Penang Homecooking School

- 85 Taman Berjaya
- 10350 Pulau Tikus, Penang +6016 437 4380
- penanghomecookingschool.com

22. Tropical Spice Garden Cooking School

- Lot 595 Mukim 2 Jalan Teluk Bahang
- ☐ info@tropicalspicegarden.com
- tsgcookingschool.com
- Mon-Sun, 9am-6pm

KEBAYA MAKERS & BOUTIQUES

23. Kim Fashion Penang

- 170-04-77 Gurney Plaza Persiaran Gurney
- 10250 George Town, Penang +604 226 6110
- facebook.com/kimskebaya Mon-Sun, 10am-10pm

24. Jade Collection

- 170-04-76 Gurney Plaza Persiaran Gurney 10250 George Town, Penang
- +604 226 1153 Mon-Sun, 10am-10pm

TANJUNG BUNGAH

TANJUNG TOKONG

25. Penang Nyonya Culture by Kenny

- Hotel Jen Penang, Lobby Arcade, Jalan Magazine, 10300 Gorge Town, Penang
- +6016 202 9977
- □ penang.nyonya.culture@gmail.com facebook.com/penang.nyonya.culture
 Wed-Mon, 10.30am-6.00pm

26. County Fair Boutique

Level 2, Lot 33.2.36 Prangin Mall Jalan Dr Lim Chwee Leong,

(Closed on Tues)

10000 George Town, Penang Mon-Sun, 11am-7pm

27. Nyonya Beaded Shoe Maker

- 4 Lebuh Armenian 10200 George Town, Penang
- ☑ Mon-Sat, 9.30am-6pm *Workshops by appointment only.

PERANAKAN-THEMED HOTELS

- 28. Seven Terraces Lorong Stewart
- 10200 George Town, Penang
- info@7terraces.com

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- georgetownheritage.com/ seven-terraces-hotel/
- 29. Cheong Fatt Tze The Blue Mansion
- 14 Lebuh Leith 10200 George Town, Penang
- +604 262 0006 reservations@cheongfatttzemansion.com
 cheongfatttzemansion.com
- 53 Lebuh Noordin
- 10300 George Town, Penang
- +604 263 7125
- ☐ info@noordinmews.com noordinmews.com
- 31. Muntri Mews
- 77 Lebuh Muntri
- 10200 George Town, Penang
- +604 263 5125 info@muntrimews.com

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muntri-mews-hotel/

- 32. Jawi Peranakan Mansion
- 153 Jalan Hutton 10050 George Town, Penang

georgetownheritage.com/

+604 218 9858 georgetownheritage.com/

jawi-peranakan-mansion-hotel/

- 33. Muntri Grove 127, 129, 131A-F
- Lebuh Muntri 10200 George Town, Penang
- +604 264 2626
- ☐ info@muntrigrove.com georgetownheritage.com/ muntri-grove-hotel/

BAYAN LEPAS

Queensbay Mall

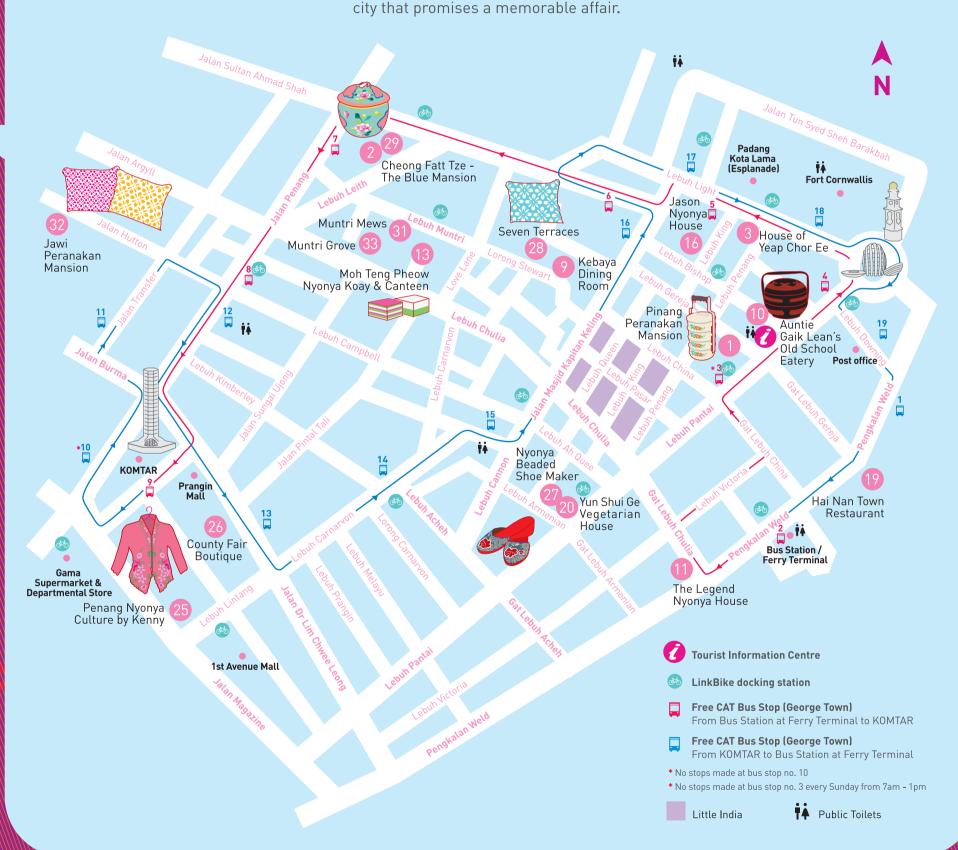
GEORGE TOWN PULAU TIKUS

Straits Quay Marina Mall

GURNEY DRIVE

Indulge in the nostalgia of a bygone era...

A day in the life of a Nyonya! Try out the exquisite kebaya, learn a Nyonya dish or dine at one of the many restaurants opened by local Baba-Nyonyas. For in-depth history, pick up a book and read about their daily lives and be charmed by rhymes passed down through generations. Complete the experience with a night's stay at a luxurious Peranakan suite. If the time is right, attend a rare and regal Baba-Nyonya wedding for an eye-opening experience, or better yet, plan a party of your own at this heritage



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