

BALIK PULAU



Balik Pulau Roundabout
Small in size yet big in history, this must-see landmark was the town's public pump as well as water trough for elephants and horses in the 18th century. The monument was built in 1882 by a wealthy farmer, Koh Seang Tatt to commemorate the visit of the Governor of Melaka, Sir Frederick Weld to Balik Pulau. The roundabout marks the convergence of three main roads from different parts of the island.

Surrounded by scenic landscape, Balik Pulau is a township at the southwest of Penang island. Its name in Bahasa Malaysia translates to "the other side of the island" which reflects its geographical position on the island.

With numerous natural attractions such as farms, orchards and paddy fields dotted throughout Balik Pulau, picturesque views are aplenty. The one and only Balik Pulau Roundabout is a must-see landmark as it is small in size yet big in history. Built in 1882 to commemorate the visit of Sir Frederick Weld (Governor of Melaka), this is where three main roads converge.



Another prominent landmark is the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus. Built in 1854, it is one of the oldest churches in Penang. Over the years, this Roman Catholic church underwent a series of renovations comprising the nave, sanctuary, two wings, stained-glass windows, bell tower and tenor bell. Today, it has a splendid architectural design.

Balik Pulau Market is a must-visit spot where there are food stalls as well as a wet market and dry goods section. Breakfast delicacies, fresh fruits, preserved fruits, meat and sundry goods are readily available here. Among the most sought after products are nutmegs, cloves, fish crackers, juice and coconut. Meanwhile, the food court serves local favourites such as assam laksa, char koay teow, pasembur and wan tan mee.

These attractions combined with the colonial era buildings, traditional fishing villages and Malay houses contribute to the rich historical charm of this quaint township. The emergence of modern developments can be seen with more coming up in the future. As such, Balik Pulau gives visitors a taste of old school Penang charm without compromising a slower and more relaxing pace of life.

DELICIOUS & DIVERSE FLAVOURS



Laksa
The noodles are served with various ingredients such as shredded fish, cucumbers and onions. Steaming hot spicy soup is added to this mixture, giving it a delectable taste that will linger long after the last spoonful.



With freshly grown fruits, vegetables and spices widely available year-round, Balik Pulau contributes to Penang's reputation as the food capital of Malaysia. These produce enhance the delightful taste of popular traditional dishes. Whether you're in the mood for some local favourites or delicious seafood, it's all here for your indulgence!

If you're looking to get a taste of local flavour, be sure to have some laksa! This famous Penang noodle soup delivers an irresistible mix of sweet, sour and spicy flavours that will make you come back for more. Soft and chewy, the flavoured laksa is complemented by savoury broth and vegetable garnishes such as shallots and lettuces. Kim Seng Kopitiam and Laksa Pokok Janggus are some of the places that serve the best laksa. Want a light snack? Try the black sugar buns in Balik Pulau!

LEISURE & PLEASURE

Enjoy a laidback walk or ride along the tree-lined roads and pathways. It's the perfect place to relax your mind as you breathe in crisp fresh air and take in the awe-inspiring views. With so much to see and discover, Balik Pulau is an ideal getaway for nature sightseeing and outdoor activities.



Malay Kampung at Balik Pulau provides bicycle rentals which allow you to experience rural life such as paddy fields, river estuaries and mangroves as well as watching fishing boats and villagers planting vegetables. Most importantly, you can witness the gorgeous sunset at Pantai Malindo. All these can be experienced within a 4km trail (to and fro). Bicycle rental costs RM10 while a tour guide is available for RM50 per group. Visitors touring on bicycles are recommended to leave at 8am or 6pm for the sunset view.



A favourite among children of all ages, pedal boats can be rented at RM5 (20 minutes) and RM8 (20 minutes) for adult-sized boats.



Embark on a wonderful vacation with a dash of fun in the sun at the picturesque beaches! As you relax your mind and body at Pantai Pasir Panjang, you can soak up the sweeping views of the long stretch of golden sand leading to the vast expanse of the sea.

Malay Kampung
Known as "kampung" in Bahasa Malaysia, these Malay villages have traditional architectural forms that are preserved from several generations. They are detached and usually have no fences. Designed for comfort and practicality, these homes are elevated by stilts that protect them from flood and have many windows for good air ventilation.



Interested to learn more about Malay culture? Savour lots of Malay food at dinner with the host family and even play popular traditional Malay games such as congkak and gasing. Furthermore, you can also gain first-hand experience of Malay weddings by attending one or the family will create a Malay wedding ceremony specially for you!



Embrace an authentic Malay village lifestyle at **Home Stay Jalan Bharu**. Ideal for outdoor enthusiasts, it offers a multitude of activities ranging from mountain bike riding on three trails to visiting fisherman villages and houses reflecting the 19th century of Penang. You can unwind at the end of the day with a traditional massage and herbal steam bath.



SPECTACULAR SPECIALTIES



Interested in Balik Pulau's unique specialties? Discover them all as you make your way around here. With agriculture playing a significant role in the town's economy, Balik Pulau's specialties are largely derived from fresh produce that are available at a myriad of well-frequented places.

If you love eating durians, don't pass up the opportunity to visit Bao Sheng Durian Farm. More than just an orchard, it offers accommodation options for an unforgettable durian experience. During your stay, you will be among the first to taste the special flavour of the newly dropped durians. Durian season starts from May to July. Call to confirm and reserve.



Belacan
Keen on trying shrimps? Be sure to visit Chop Kim Hoa Belacan Factory! You can buy fermented shrimp paste and add this condiment to your favourite food.

Chop Kim Hoa Belacan Factory is a third-generation family business which makes shrimp paste from krill to block. The company takes six to twelve months to complete the entire process in order to ensure high quality in terms of taste, scent and colour.



Nuts about nutmeg? Head over to Ghee Hup Nutmeg Factory! You can find many products at its store such as pickled nutmeg, candied nutmeg, jam, concentrated juice, nutmeg balm and so much more. This educational factory also gives you the opportunity to learn about the nutmeg-making process as well as the nutritional value and uses of nutmeg.

Nutmeg
Did you know that nutmeg has many health benefits? Nutmeg juice helps relieve cough and throat irritation while nutmeg oil alleviates minor sprains and arthritic pain. This spice also detoxifies the body and promotes digestion.



Rice is not just food; it is a key ingredient used to make a traditional beauty product known as cooling face powder (bedak sejuk). It is believed to help remove skin blemishes, improve the appearance of skin and relieve itchiness. At Lean Seng Cooling Face Powder, you can buy quality face powder and get a hands-on experience of making this product. Requiring only rice and water, the process takes up to a month for proper fermentation, grinding, filtering and drying.

ARTISTIC & CULTURAL MASTERPIECES



Get your camera ready to capture many unique and timeless works of art! A hub for budding and established artists alike, Balik Pulau is home to a variety of art ranging from traditional handicrafts to street murals. These aesthetically pleasing creations are mostly inspired by Penang's colourful historical and cultural background.

For a glimpse into some of the best handicrafts in town, visit Stepping Stone Work Centre. A part of Asia Community Service's Support Centre for Community Living project, it provides opportunities to people with special needs. Products such as scarves, batik, candles, soaps and pottery, along with paper making, batik painting, hand weaving and soap making courses are available. Contact the centre for more information.



Discover a world of art like no other at Balik Pulau International Artist Village (Artopia). Founded by Artopia Education Trust, the art village serves as a platform for all artists to express their creativity and showcase their outstanding talent. Featuring an array of works of art and culture, it is the ideal place for artists and art lovers alike.

FLORA & FAUNA

A beautiful rural landscape awaits you at this idyllic dream destination. Enjoy the serene atmosphere and fresh air as you feast your eyes on the amazing views of animal farms and stables.



Audi Dream Farm
Love animals? This well-maintained farm has abundant livestock ranging from fish to pigeons. Combined with a tranquil environment and wide open spaces, this is a fun-filled destination for both adults and children.

Want a fun and authentic farm experience? Come over to Audi Dream Farm! This family-friendly destination has a chemical-free vegetable garden and a mini petting zoo. Designed for easy exploration, the stone pathways wind around various animals such as goats, horses, camels, geese and rabbits. Besides feeding the animals, you can get upclose and interact with them.



Saenen Dairy Goat Farm is a family-run farm housing Saenen goats imported from Australia and New Zealand. You can opt to participate in a guided tour for a minimum of 20 people and maximum of 60 people, inclusive of a bottle of goat's milk. Goat's milk is a better alternative to cow's milk as it is high in calcium and fatty acids but low in cholesterol as well as easier to digest.



Countryside Stables
Did you know that there are many different breeds of horses with varying sizes and colours? Here, you can discover various breeds such as miniature and pure bred Arabian horses as well as Shetland, polo, Thai, Myanmar and Malaysian ponies!

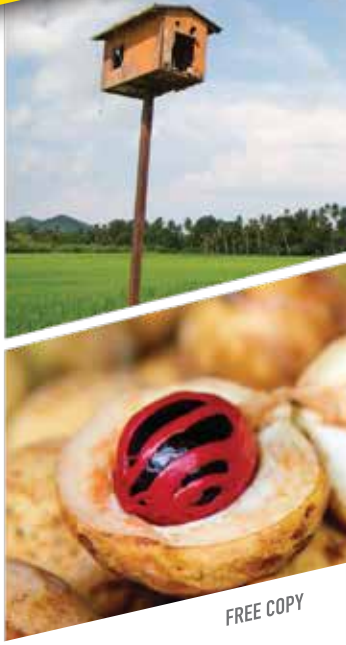


Love adventures and the outdoors? Sign up for the Matahari Cycle tours! You can enjoy mountain biking on dirt tracks via the tours - Beautiful Balik Pulau Countryside Tour (maximum of 8 persons), The Twist (maximum of 8 persons) and The Penang Highlands Premier Ride (private outing). Whether rain or shine, you can stay active and experience adrenaline-pumping thrills in every ride!

Mangroves
There is a stretch of mangrove forest reserve located at the western shore of Balik Pulau. Open to the public, it has wooden boardwalks whereby you can partake in a quiet walk and explore the natural surroundings.



THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISLAND BALIK PULAU



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The Tourist Information Centre in George Town handles enquiries, provides brochures and directional maps as well as highlights the latest events and happenings in Penang.

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

Mondays - Fridays (except Public Holidays)
9.00am to 5.00pm

Web : mypenang.gov.my
Facebook : Penang Global Tourism
Instagram : penang_experience
LinkedIn : Penang Global Tourism
TikTok : experiencepenang
Douyin : 檳城环球旅游机构
Weibo : 檳城旅游局
Weixin : 檳城环球旅游机构
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* All visitors must adhere to the rules and regulations of the featured events and exercise caution at all times.

PEOPLE’S CHOICES & RECOMMENDATIONS

TASTY FOOD, GOOD MOOD

1.

Balik Pulau Food Court
Jalan Tun Sardon, Kompleks Pasar Awam,
Taman Balik Pulau, 11000 Balik Pulau
🕒 7am - 3pm daily
2.

Nan Guang Kopitiam
Serves assam laksa.
67, Main Road, 11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +6017-446 4959
🕒 10am - 4.30pm (Wed to Sun)
Closed on Mon & Tue except public holidays
3.

Muzium Cafe Balik Pulau
No. 8A Ground Floor, Unit 8, Kompleks, Jalan Quah Sin
Kheng, 11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +6019-600 6435
🕒 10am - 6pm daily
4.

The Farm (Lake Cafe Pantai Acheh)
Fresh products from its organic farm to dining table.
465, Pantai Acheh, Mk1, 11010 Balik Pulau
☎ +6012-228 1827
📌 The Farm (Lake Cafe Pantai Acheh)
🕒 10.30am - 6pm (Mon, Wed to Fri)
9am - 6.30pm (Sat, Sun & Public Holidays)
Closed on Tue
5.

2 Acres Cafe
A family- friendly cafe built in the middle of a durian orchard.
Lot 313, Jalan Teluk Bahang, Kampung Sungai Pinang,
11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +6017-200 6128
📌 2 Acres Cafe
🕒 10am - 6pm (Mon, Wed to Fri)
9am - 6pm (Sat, Sun & Public Holidays)
Closed on Tue
6.

Bahulu Balik Pulau
No. 3, Ruang Niaga Perda, Jalan Kuala Sungai
Pinang, Taman Nelayan, 11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +6019-481 5948
📌 Bahulu Balik Pulau
🕒 10am - 7.30pm (Mon to Fri)
Closed on Sat and Sun
7.

Kim Seng Kopitiam
[Original Khoo Laksa]
20, Jalan Sungai Air Putih, Bandar Baru Air Putih,
11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +6012-428 6235
🕒 10.30am - 4pm (Wed to Sun)
Closed on Mon and Tue
8.

Yeh Lin Seafood Steamboat
Home-cooked and delicious Chinese seafood restaurant
with reasonable prices.
274 Hadapan 465, Mk 4, Jalan Air Putih,
11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +6012-569 3103
🕒 11am - 10pm (Wed to Mon)
Closed on Tue
9.

Garamgula Balik Pulau
60 & 62, Taman Prestij III, Jln Kuala Jalan Baru, Jalan Bharu,
11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +604-869 2242
🕒 12pm - 12am daily
10.

Kedai Kopi Lok Khoon
Enjoy river view to go with famous noodle dish - crispy hor fun.
656 Mukim-D, Kuala Jalan Baru, 11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +6019-455 4699
📌 LOK KHOON 樂群茶室
🕒 8am - 3pm & 5pm - 9pm
Closed on Mondays, except on Public Holidays
11.

Balik Kampung Cafe
Balik kampung at, Kampung Jalan Baru, 11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +6010-907 2977
🕒 7am - 2.30pm (Thu - Tue)
Closed on Wed
12.

Laksa Janggus Kak Timah
Serves delicious Malay-style laksa as well as other Malay
food such as ice kacang, pisang goreng and rojak.
338 Mk 1, Kampung Perlis, 11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +6019-566 7061
🕒 3.30pm - 8pm (Thu - Tue)
Closed on Wed
13.

Bukit Genting Hill Leisure Park and Restaurant
A breezy place on a hill to enjoy delicious Thai food with the
best view of the Southern side of the island.
Summit of Bukit Genting, 11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +6016-492 8778
🕒 11.30am - 3pm & 5pm - 10pm daily

FUN-FILLED ATTRACTIONS

14.

Church of the Holy Name of Jesus
Jalan Balik Pulau, 11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +604-866 8545
🌐 www.hnjpenang1854.org
15.

Saanen Dairy Goat Farm
298 Mk 1, Sungai Pinang, 11010 Balik Pulau
☎ +6019-516 3017
📌 Saanen Dairy Goat Farm
🕒 10am - 5pm (Mon to Fri)
10am - 6pm (Sat to Sun and Public Holidays)
16.

Bao Sheng Durian Farm
150, Mk 2 Sungai Pinang, 11010 Balik Pulau
☎ +6012-411 0600 / +6012-401 0800
🌐 www.durian.com.my
🕒 Available for stay only during off durian season,
reservation required.
17.

Ghee Hup Nutmeg Factory
202-A, Mk 3, Sungai Pinang, 11010 Balik Pulau
☎ +6016-433 6303
🕒 9am - 5pm daily
18.

Audi Dream Farm
145, Mk B, Sg. Rusa, 11010 Balik Pulau
☎ +6012-406 9099 / +6012-499 9099
🌐 www.audipenang.com
🕒 9am - 6pm daily
19.

Seramitha Studio Kraftangan Balik Pulau
Kampung Sungai Rusa, 11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +6016-245 4946
📌 Seramitha Studio - thaneshart
🕒 9am-5pm daily
20.

SILA Studio
Pusat Incubator Kraftangan Balik Pulau, Jalan Sungai Rusa,
11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +6018-942 3788
📌 Sila Studio
🕒 9am-5pm (Mon to Fri)
Closed on Sat and Sun
21.

Balik Kampung at Balik Pulau
Other than bicycle rentals, Balik Kampung is famous for
local food and fresh seafood.
278, Jalan Bharu, 11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +6013-323 7777
📌 Balik Kampung at Balik Pulau
🕒 Call for reservations
22.

Lean Seng Cooling Face Powder
No. 160, Mukim-D, Kuala Jalan Bharu,
11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +6016-428 4896 / +6019-474 4684 / +6019-481 1810
🕒 8am - 8pm daily
23.

Countryside Stables Penang
Lot 10050, Jalan Sungai Burung, Kampung Burung, 11000
Balik Pulau
☎ +6012-408 0678
📌 Countryside Stables Penang
🕒 1.30pm - 6pm daily
24.

Loveuu Farm
H Sungai Burung, Lot 165, Mukim, Kampung Sungai Burung,
11010 Balik Pulau
☎ +6011-7279 5377
📌 Love Uu Garden Cafe
🕒 8am - 8pm daily
25.

Penang ATV Eco Tour Balik Pulau
Get on an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and explore Balik Pulau
nature beauty on road.
298 Mk 1, Kampung Perlis, 11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +6013-480 3866
🌐 penangatv.com
🕒 9am - 6pm daily
26.

Stepping Stone Work Centre
53 Jalan Baru, Mk I Pulau Betong, 11000 Balik Pulau
☎ +604 - 866 5349
🌐 www.asiacommunityservice.org
🕒 9am - 4pm (Mon to Thu) | 9am - 1pm (Fri)
* Pre-appointments required.
(by call/email at acspenang@gmail.com)
27.

Chop Kim Hoa Belacan Factory
No. 390, Mk. 7, Pulau Betong, 11020 Balik Pulau
☎ +604-866 8245
🕒 11am - 6pm daily (except on rainy days)
* Closed on uncertain days in a month, recommended
to call before visit.
28.

Pantai Pasir Panjang
Pulau Betong, 11000 Balik Pulau



GETTING AROUND BALIK PULAU

It's best to travel on foot at the town centre and ride a bicycle around the countryside. If you're going towards the north of Jalan Teluk Bahang, make sure you're on a motorised transport as the road is mountainous.

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Via Terminal Balik Pulau
Jetty to Balik Pulau via LCE (401E)
Terminal Balik Pulau to Pulau Betong (403)
Terminal Balik Pulau to Pantai Acheh (404)
Jetty to Balik Pulau via Paya Terubong (502)

TIMELESS ART FROM THE HEART

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Fisherman
by Julia Volchkova
GPS 5.351530, 100.235550
- B

The Silat Master
by Julia Volchkova
GPS 5.349484, 100.233740
- C

Rubber Tapping
by Julia Volchkova
GPS 5.351241, 100.232687

* Map is not drawn to scale and is for illustrative purposes only.