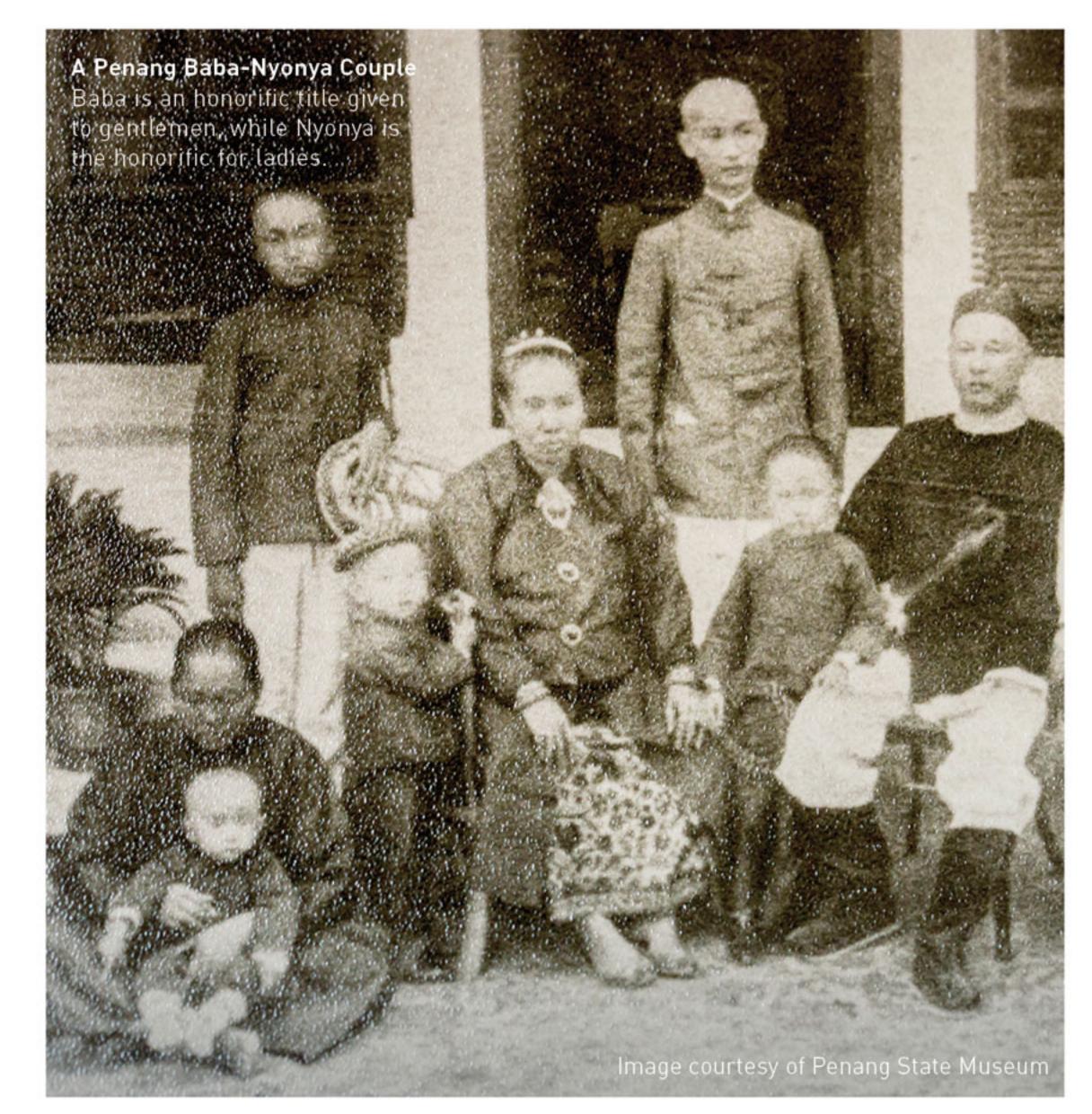
BABA-NYONYA







Although named the Straits Chinese by the British, they arrived

The term Baba-Nyonya is more closely associated with those in Penang.

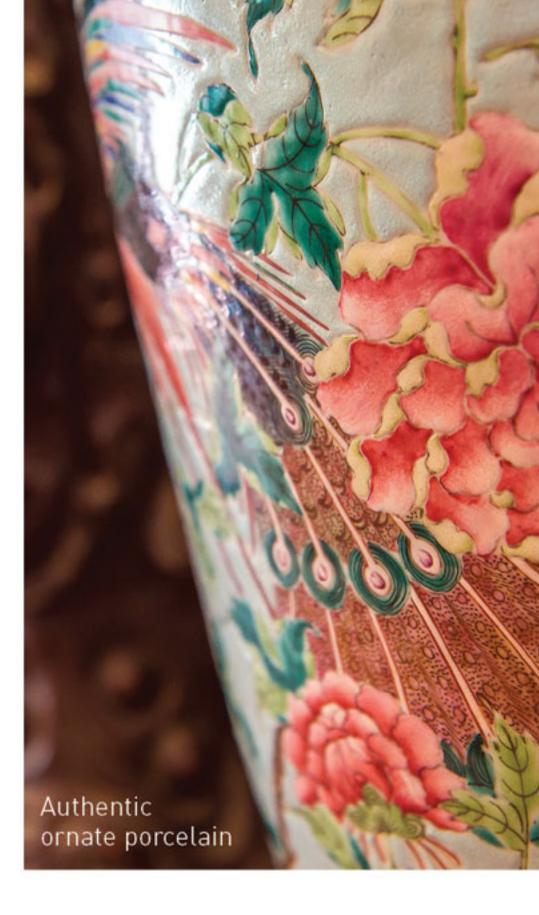
THE BABA-NYONYA OF PENANG & MALACCA

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







THE PERANAKAN HOUSE





nels under the external windows of aits Eclectic Shophouses in Penang.

Chinese wood-carved pane

Site of George Town is a living

houses have remained largely original splendour.

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



MUNTRI STREET

Emerald Hill.

Muntri Street has perhaps

the best preserved rows of

architecture in the country,

equivalent to Singapore's

Ever since the UNESCO

Heritage Site listing of George

Town in 2008, Muntri Street

of a bevy of privately-owned

has seen the emergence

19th century Straits Chinese







boutique enterprises such 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.



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.

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















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.

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 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

and influence towards the south to Singapore.



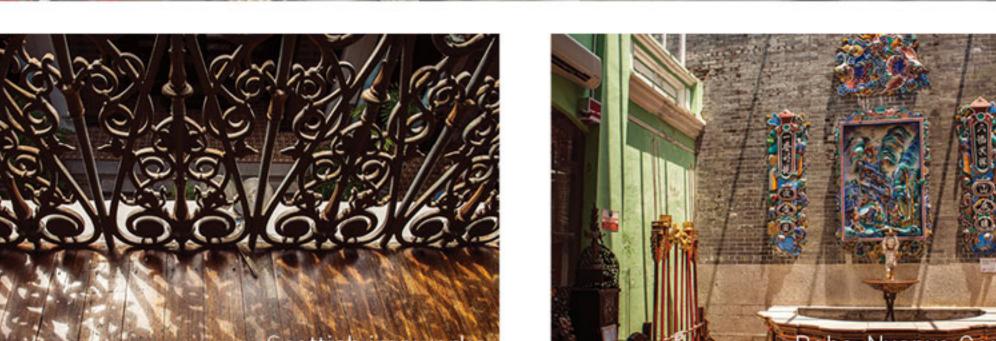


THE PINANG PERANAKAN MANSION

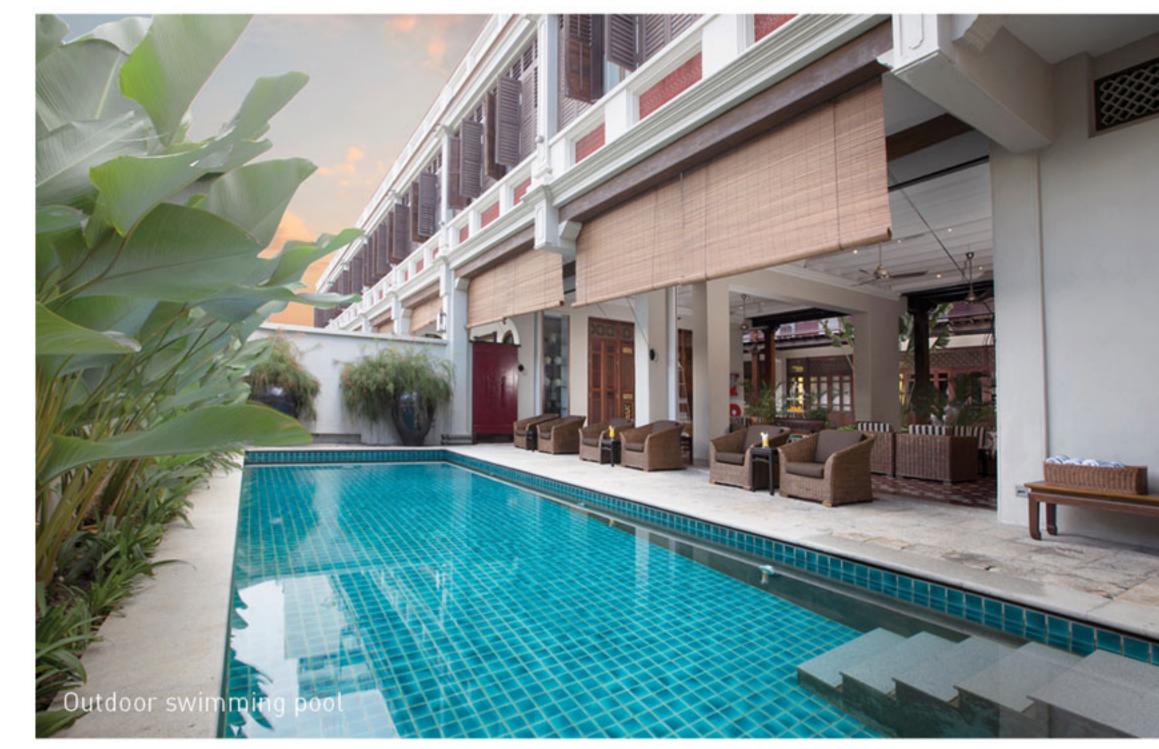
The Pinang Peranakan Mansion is possibly the most opulent example of an Eclectic Straits Chinese House in Penang. Built at the end of the 19th century, it was the residence and office, as well as a symbol of authority, for a famous Chinese Kapitan (head of a local Chinese community).

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 intiques and collectibles.









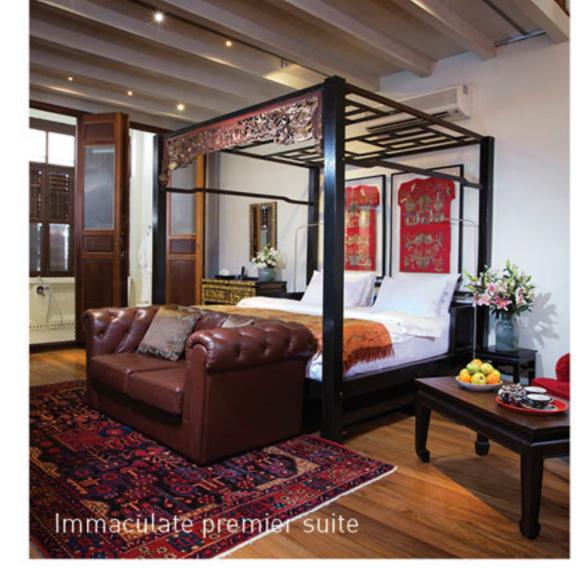
STEWART LANE & SEVEN TERRACES

According to the Wall Street Journal, "...no transformation matches that of Seven Terraces". Seven Terraces is an exclusive boutique hotel.

The façades and interior have been unsparingly restored to their original splendour, and one of its premier suites is furnished with 19th century Baba-Nyonya furniture and collectibles.

Seven Terraces consists of seven units of the original Straits Chinese Houses, among the many others built along Stewart Lane, that have been refurbished to house boutique cafés and guesthouses.

Big and small, they have all taken the effort to preserve the original Peranakan tiles and other ornate architectural flourishes on its façades, thus keeping the colour and flamboyance of the Baba-Nyonya heritage houses alive and well.



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.

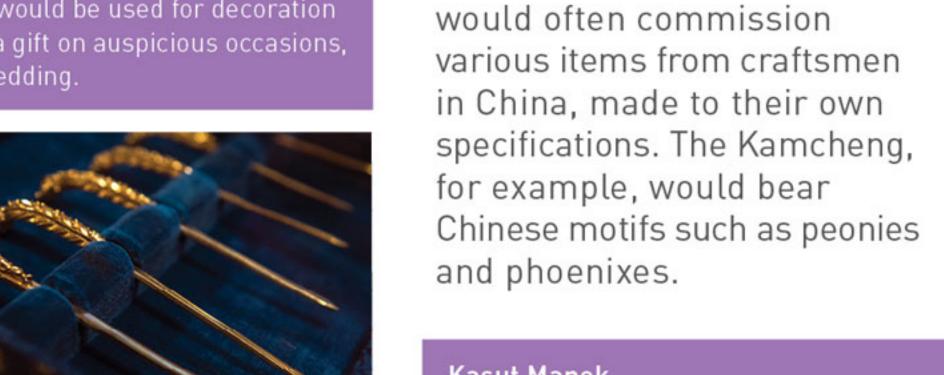
They dress exquisitely well; with their choice of attire as the kebaya, an elegant dress with a Malay influence, that is suitable for most occasions.



ike their eclectic fusion of food, Nyonya fashion adopted styles from the Malay (the Saro nd the Chinese (embroidery motifs), among others.



The Mysterious Kamcheng chly-decorated Kamcheng or cove like this would be used for decora jiven as a gift on auspicious occasio



tional hairpins, often arranged ve a garland of fragrant Bunga ur or Jasmine buds.

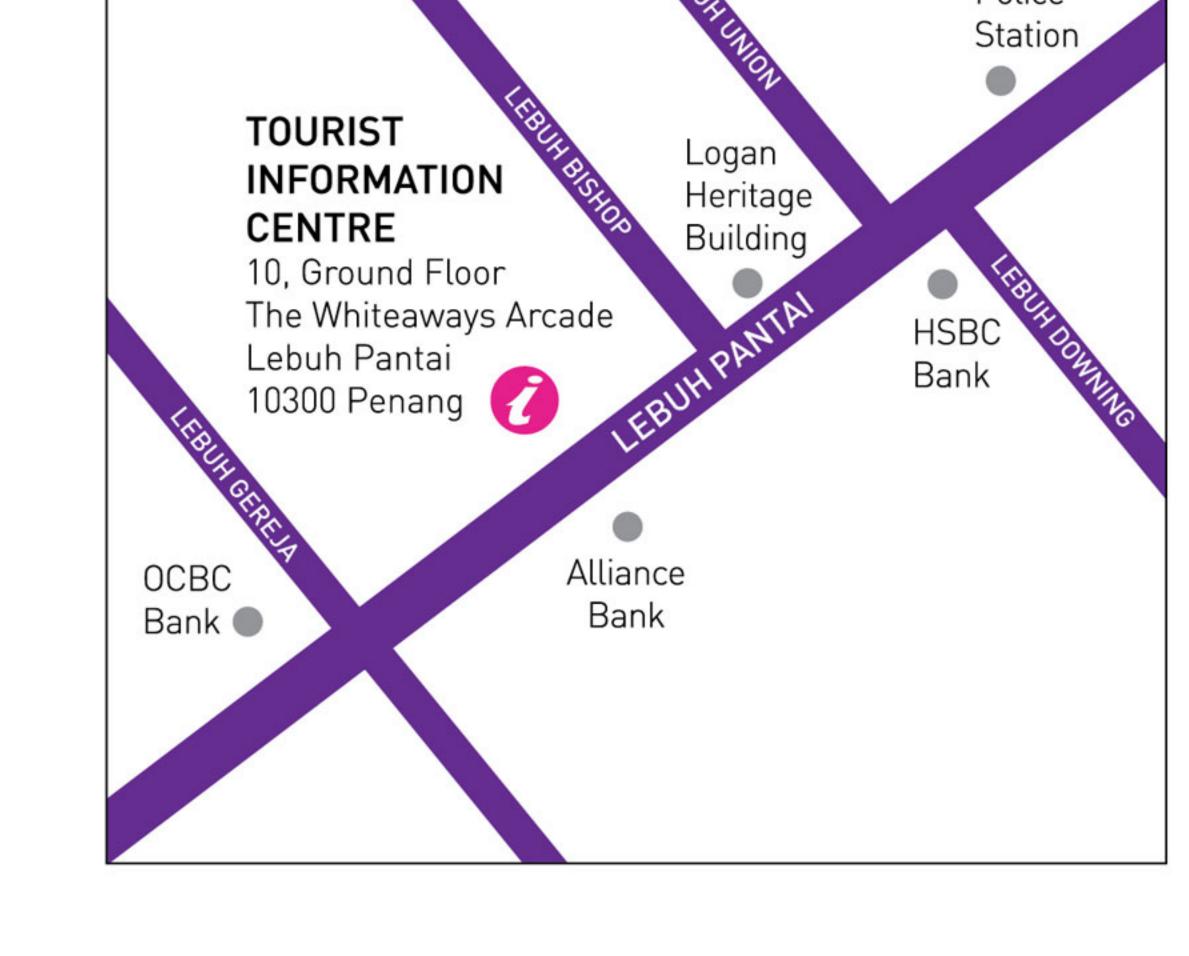
e delicate beadwork of the tradition ded slipper epitomises Nyonya stry, as these beautiful shoes would have been created by their weare elf. Each pair would have taken hs to complete and involved the ing and stringing of miniscule

ss beads - a true labour of love.

THE OBJETS D'ART

The wealthiest Peranakans





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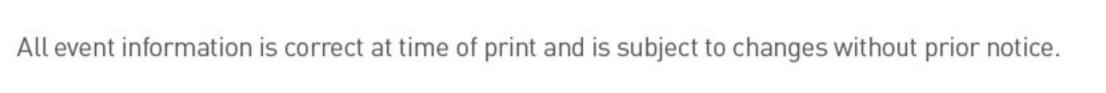
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PERANAKAN PLACES OF INTEREST

MUSEUMS

1. Pinang Peranakan Mansion

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

2. Cheong Fatt Tze - The Blue Mansion

- 14 Lebuh Leith
- 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
- ☐ houseyce@gmail.com
- houseyce.com
- Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm (Closed on Sat, Sun & PH)
- NYONYA EATERIES

4. Ivy's Nyonya Cuisine (Pork free)

- 58 Jalan Chow Thye 10050 George Town, Penang
- 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, 11.00am-2.30pm;
- 6.00pm-9.30pm (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-2.30pm; 6pm-9.30pm

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, 10.30am-10.30pm

9. Kebaya Dining Room

- Seven Terraces Lorong Stewart
- 10200 George Town, Penang
- +604 264 2333 / +604 261 2862
- ☑ kebaya@7terraces.com
- kebaya.com.my Mon-Sun, 6pm-10pm

10. Auntie Gaik Lean's

- Old School Eatery (Pork Free) 1 Lebuh Bishop
- 10200 George Town, Penang
- +604 263 8121 Tue, 6.00pm-9.30pm Wed-Sun, 12.00pm-2.30pm, 6.00pm-9.30pm

11. The Legend Nyonya House

(Closed on Mon)

- 2 Gat Lebuh Chulia
- 10200 George Town, Penang +604 251 9598
- enquiry@thelegendnyonyahouse.com facebook.com/thelegendnyonyahouse
- Mon-Sun, 12pm-3pm; 6pm-10pm

12. Perut Rumah Nyonya Cuisine

- 4, 6 & 8 Jalan Bawasah
- 10050 George Town, Penang
- +604 227 9917 Mon-Sun, 11am-3pm; 6pm-10pm (Closed on Tue)

TANJUNG BUNGAH

13. Moh Teng Pheow Nyonya Koay & Canteen

f facebook.com/penangnyonyakuih

Fri-Sun, 10.30am-10.30pm (Closed on Mon)

facebook.com/JasonNyonyaHousePenang

Mon-Sat, 11am-2.30pm /6pm-8.30pm

Mon-Fri, 7am-9pm (Closed on Sat & Sun)

Mon-Sun, 11.30am-3pm; 6.30pm-10pm

facebook.com/yunshuigevegetarianhouse

Tues-Sun, 9am-7pm (Closed on Mon)

10200 George Town, Penang

Tues-Thur, 10.30am-5pm

14. Baba Jerry and Nyonya Su Pei's

10400 George Town, Penang

10200 George Town, Penang

10300 George Town, Penang

10300 George Town, Penang

18. Yun Shui Ge Vegetarian House

□ hainantown333@hotmail.com

www.nyonyasupei.com

Private Dining

2 Lebuhraya Bodhi

+6016 410 6116

15. Jason Nyonya House

+6018-356 0515

(Closed on Sun)

16. Little Kitchen @ Nyonya

179 Lebuh Noordin

+604 261 6731

17. Hai Nan Town Restaurant

8A Pengkalan Weld

+604 263 8633

hainantown.com

12 Lebuh Armenian

+6010 469 1098

59A, Lebuh Kimberly,

+6011 5628 2889

10100 George Town, Penang.

19. Kuih Culture

10200 Penang, Malaysia

10B Lebuh King

TANJUNG TOKONG/

KEBAYA MAKERS & BOUTIQUES

25. Jade Collection

- 170-04-76 Gurney Plaza Persiaran Gurney 10250 George Town, Penang
- +604 226 1153 Mon-Sun, 10am-10pm
- No. 25 Lebuh Armenian, 10300 Gorge Town, Penang
- +6016 202 9977
- 10am-7pm (Closed on Tue)

- Jalan Dr Lim Chwee Leong,
- 10000 George Town, Penang
- Mon-Sun, 11am-7pm
- +6016 454 3075
- Tues-Thur, 10am-2.30pm (Closed on Wed) *Workshops by appointment only.

Couture)

- 10100 George Town, Penang.
- f Penang Nyonya Culture
- 10am-6pm (Closed on Wed)
- (Whatsapp for appointment)

PERANAKAN-THEMED HOTELS

30. Seven Terraces

- +604 264 2333
- ☐ info@7terraces.com Thu-Tue, 10am-7pm (Closed on Wed)
 - georgetownheritage.com/
- 20. Bibik's Kitchen Nyonya Cuisine 73, Jalan Sri Bahari,
- 10050 George Town, Penang. +6012 669 7488
- Tue-Sun, 12pm-3pm, 6pm-9pm
- (Closed on Mon)

21. Sushi & Nyonya Grab n Go 49, Lebuh Bishop,

- 10200 George Town, Penang.
- +6014 600 3757
- Sun-Fri, 11am-3pm, 6pm-10pm (Closed on Sat)

22. Indigo Restaurant @ The Blue Mansion

- 14, Lebuh Leith, George Town, 10200 George Town, Pulau Pinang.
- +604 262 0006
- cheongfatttzemansion.com/restaurants
- f facebook.com/Indigoatthebluemansion Mon-Sun, 12pm-2.30pm, 6.30pm-9.30pm

NYONYA COOKING CLASSES

- 23. Penang Homecooking School 85 Taman Berjaya
- 10350 Pulau Tikus, Penang
- +6016 437 4380
- penanghomecookingschool.com Mon-Sat, 9am-2pm (Closed on Sun)

24. Tropical Spice Garden Cooking School

* For booking, Min.2pax required

- Lot 595 Mukim 2 Jalan Teluk Bahang
- 11050, Penang **L** +604 881 1797 / +6012 430 7795
- ☐ info@tropicalspicegarden.com tsgcookingschool.com
- info@muntrigrove.com Mon-Sun, 9am-6pm georgetownheritage.com/ /

26. Penang Nyonya Culture by Kenny Loh **GURNEY DRIVE**

PULAU TIKUS

- penang.nyonya.culture@gmail.com f Penang Nyonya Culture
- 27. County Fair Boutique Level 2, Lot 33.2.36 Prangin Mall
- +604 262 1593
- 28. Nyonya Beaded Shoe Maker 4 Lebuh Armenian
- 10200 George Town, Penang
- Fri-Mon, 10am-7pm
- 29. Nyonya House by Kenny Loh (Kenny Loh
- No.100 Lebuh Kimberley,
- +6016 202 9977
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- Lorong Stewart
- 10200 George Town, Penang
- seven-terraces-hotel/
- 31. Cheong Fatt Tze The Blue Mansion 14 Lebuh Leith
- 10200 George Town, Penang +604 262 0006
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- 32. Noordin Mews 53 Lebuh Noordin 10300 George Town, Penang
- +604 263 7125 info@noordinmews.com
- noordinmews.com

33. Muntri Mews

- 77 Lebuh Muntri 10200 George Town, Penang
- +604 263 5125 ☐ info@muntrimews.com georgetownheritage.com/

muntri-mews-hotel/

- 34. Jawi Peranakan Mansion 153 Jalan Hutton 10050 George Town, Penang
- +604 218 9858 /+604 261 8888 info@jawiperanakanmansion.com booking@georgetownheritage.com
- (enquires /booking) georgetownheritage.com/ jawi-peranakan-mansion-hotel/

35. Muntri Grove 127, 129, 131A-F Lebuh Muntri

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