

The MICHELIN Guide is a guide book published by the French tyre company Michelin since 1900. This guide book recognises establishments with outstanding culinary performance in related aspects and it is one of the most notable international food guides.

The first edition of the MICHELIN Guide in Malaysia was launched in Kuala Lumpur and Penang in 2023, after the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. A total of 46 food establishments in Penang were recognised in the MICHELIN Guide, including 2 restaurants with one MICHELIN Star, 17 Bib Gourmand, 27 MICHELIN Selected establishments; and the Young Chef Award.

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## BIB GOURMAND

### 7 IVY'S NYONYA CUISINE

\$\$ - Peranakan

58 Jalan Chow Thye, George Town, 10050, Malaysia  
🕒 12:00-15:00 (Wed-Sun), 18:00-21:00 (Tue-Sun)  
☎ +60 13-433 7878  
🌐 ivys-nyonya-cuisine.business.site



This simple restaurant has been run by a married couple for over 15 years; Ivy helms the kitchen while her husband waits the tables. Besides à la carte, consider ordering from the sharing set menus that include their most popular Peranakan dishes. Kapitan chicken curry exhibits balanced taste and tender flesh; Jo Ho Char, or stir-fried mixed veggies in chili paste, packs some serious heat. Reservations are recommended, especially on weekends.

### 8 MING QING CHARCOAL DUCK EGG CHAR KOAY TEOW

\$ - Noodles



This shop celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2022 and moved to this address. Here, as indicated in its name, koay teow is stir-fried with duck egg over charcoal fire that imparts exceptional wok hei. Top it up with an extra over-easy egg, or order sour spicy clams on the side to go with the rice noodles. Despite the lack of fancy décor, regulars queue up at the entrance before it opens and it can get busy into midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

Lot 29 Seksyen 5 MK 10, Jalan Betik, Off Jalan Sungai Rambai, Bukit Mertajam, Seberang Perai, 14000, Malaysia  
🕒 17:30-01:00 (closed on Mon) ☎ +60 16-401 9092

## 10 NEIGHBOURWOOD

\$\$ - European Contemporary



3427 Jalan Kulim, Taman Bukit Mas, Bukit Mertajam, Seberang Perai, 14000, Malaysia  
🕒 11:30-14:30, 18:00-22:30 (closed on Tue)



The owner lives nearby and opened this cosy spot for his neighbours to enjoy European fare with Asian influences alongside some chargrilled items. The menu changes every six weeks to keep it fresh, but three dishes great for sharing always remain - half roast chicken au jus, Berkshire pork loin, and fish en papillote. For starters, try fish croquettes, and round it out with their homemade desserts. Consider buying their sourdough bread to take home.

## 14 TAMAN BUKIT CURRY MEE

\$ - Noodles



This stall has been selling curry mee for almost 40 years and is prized for the creamy soup made with coconut milk and spicy curry paste. The half-cooked cockles in the soup taste briny-sweet and burst with juices.

Jalan Bukit Kecil, Taman Bukit, Bukit Mertajam, Seberang Perai, 14000, Malaysia  
🕒 06:00-11:00 (closed on Mon) ☎ +60 12-486 1852

## 19 WAN DAO TOU ASSAM LAKSA

\$ - Malaysian



The third-generation owner makes his famous laksa noodle soup according to his grandparents' recipe dating back 50 years ago. The soup strikes a fine balance between sweetness, sourness and spiciness, while the cucumber, shallot and pineapple cut through the heat nicely. Of course, the fish and the noodles are also satisfying. To turn down the heat further, pair the laksa with the starter platter, which includes spring rolls and chive dumplings.

1 Jalan Cottlieb, George Town, 10350, Malaysia  
🕒 12:00-17:00 (closed on Mon) ☎ +60 16-480 6558

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20 AIR ITAM SISTER CURRY MEE \$ - Noodles  
612 T, Jalan Air Itam Pekan Ayer Itam, George Town, 11500, Malaysia  
🕒 07:30-12:30 (Thu) 07:30-13:00 (Fri-Mon)  
☎ +60 12-410 8152



27 BM YAM RICE \$ - Teochew  
7 Jalan Murthy, Bukit Mertajam, Seberang Perai, 14000, Malaysia  
🕒 09:00-15:00 (closed on Wed) ☎ +60 12-564 6104



32 FLOWER MULAN \$\$ - Peranakan  
266 & 268 Jalan Burma, George Town, 10350, Malaysia  
🕒 11:30-22:30 (closed on Tue & Wed) 11:30-23:00 (Sat)  
☎ +60 12-472 3671



22 BALI HAI SEAFOOD MARKET \$\$ - Seafood  
90 Persiaran Gurney, George Town, 10250, Malaysia  
🕒 16:00-00:00 (Mon), 08:00-14:30, 16:00-00:00 (Thu-Sun)  
☎ +60 4-228 1272



30 FATTY LOH CHICKEN RICE \$ - Street Food  
21 Jalan Fettes, Tanjung Bungah, 11200, Malaysia  
🕒 09:00-17:00 daily ☎ +60 4-899 0888  
🌐 fattylohchickenrice.com



40 LAO SAN TONG BAH KUT TEH \$ - Malaysian  
1 Lorong Perniagaan Melur, Jalan Raja Uda, Butterworth, Seberang Perai, 12300, Malaysia  
🕒 16:00-22:00 (closed on Wed) ☎ +60 12-551 5767



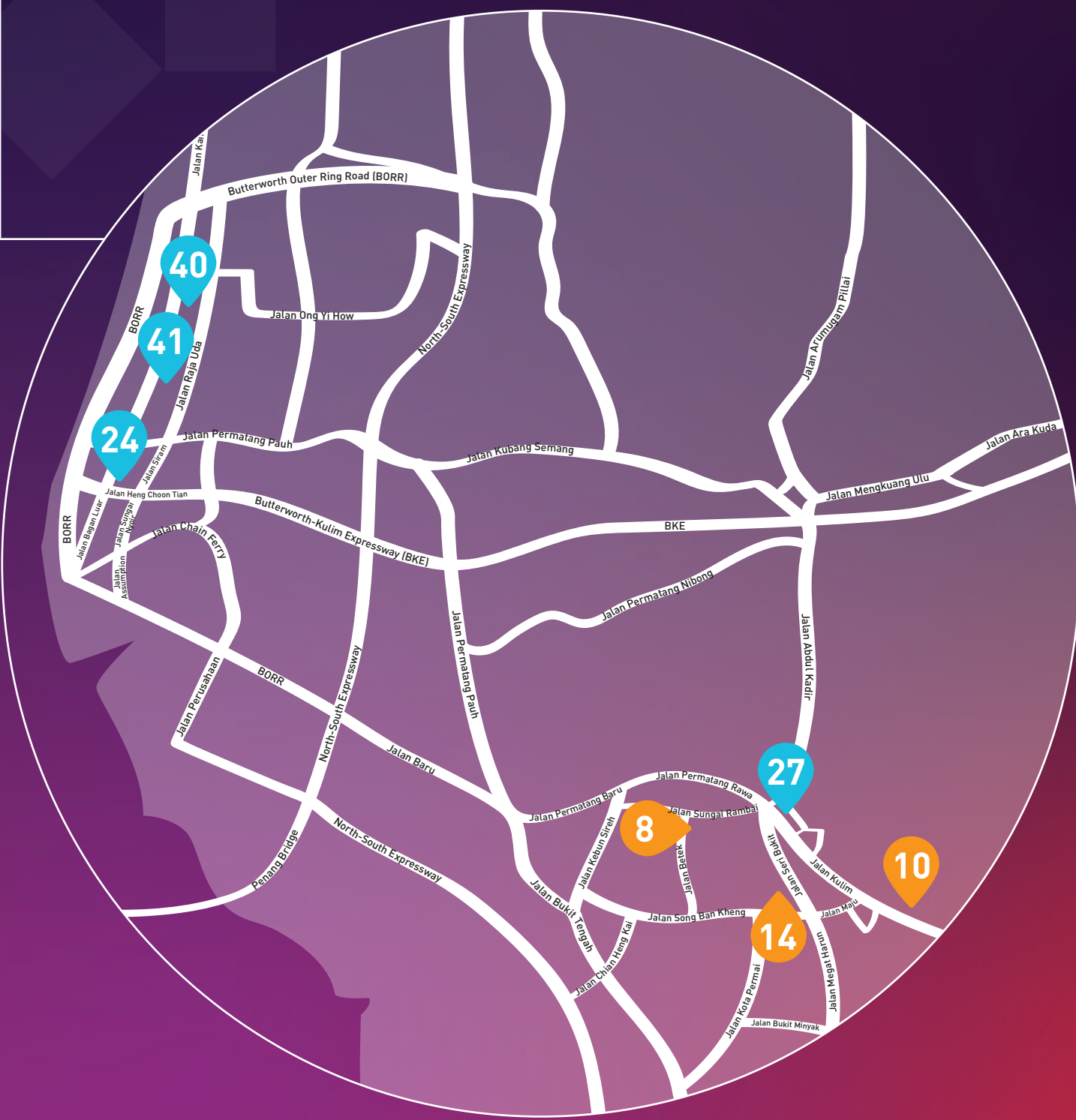
26 BEE SEE HEONG \$ - Malaysian  
4166 Jalan Kampung Benggali, Butterworth, Seberang Perai, 12200, Malaysia  
🕒 11:30-14:30, 18:00-20:30 daily ☎ +60 4-323 8701



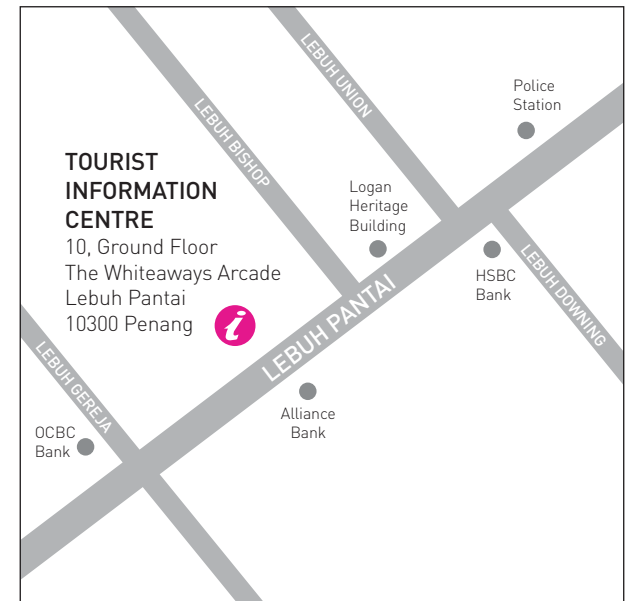
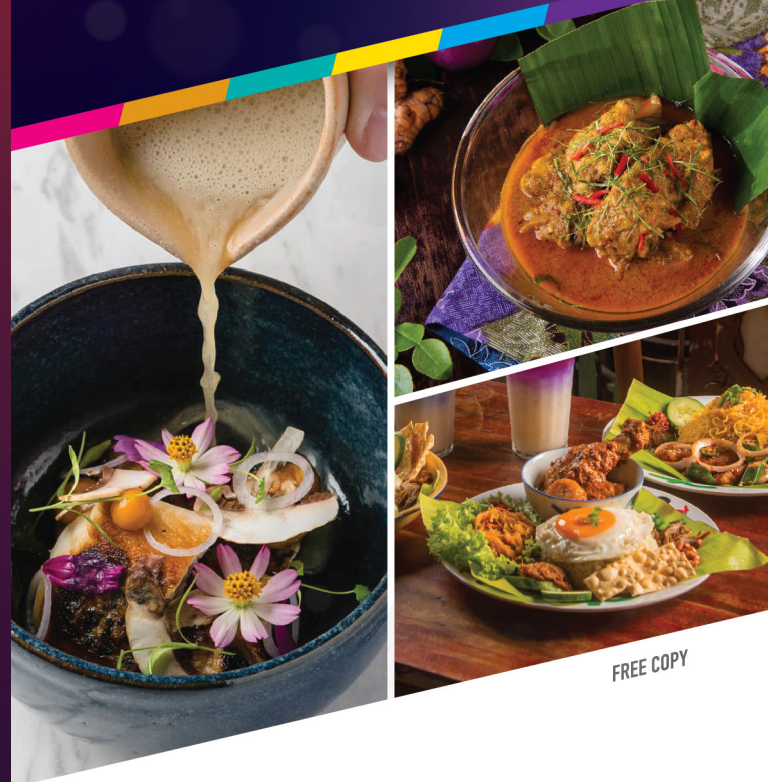
31 FERINGGI GRILL \$\$\$ - European Contemporary  
Mezzanine Level, Rasa Wing Lobby, Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang Resort and Spa, Batu Feringgi Beach, George Town, 11100, Malaysia  
🕒 07:00-10:30, 17:00-22:00 daily ☎ +60 4-888 8888  
🌐 shangri-la.com/penang/rasasayangresort/dining/restaurants/feringgi-grill



41 MISAI MEE JAWA (BUTTERWORTH) \$ - Street Food  
6794 Jalan Raja Uda, Taman Aman Jaya, Butterworth, Seberang Perai, 12300, Malaysia  
🕒 12:00-18:00 (closed on Wed) ☎ +60 12-538 3242



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**1 AU JARDIN** by Kim Hock Su  
\$\$\$ · European Contemporary



Inside a bus depot-turned art space sits this distressed building clad in corrugated metal panels. However, the interior is miles apart from the exterior, boasting a modern and sleek look. The menu changes monthly and showcases sophisticated European fare with subtle local twists. Every item served has been well thought out - the homemade sourdough with tomato butter is always a highlight. Even the palate cleanser surprises in pleasant ways.

The Warehouse @ Hin Bus Depot  
125 Jalan Timah, George Town, 10150, Malaysia  
⌚ 11:30-14:30, 17:00-22:00 (Thu-Sun)  
☎ +60 12-428 9594  
🌐 restaurant-aujardin.com



**2 AUNTIE GAIK LEAN'S OLD SCHOOL EATERY** by Auntie Gaik Lean  
\$\$ · Peranakan



Memorabilia in show windows, vintage ceiling fans and a 60s soundtrack exude the charm of a bygone era. Chef Gaik Lean has been guarding her secret recipes for decades and she makes no compromises in terms of food quality. Many items are made from scratch, including her heavenly pie tee and gulai tumis that uses over eight ingredients in the curry paste, such as fresh saffron. Also try nasi ulam, an old-time recipe.

1 Lebu Bishop, George Town, 10200, Malaysia  
⌚ 12:00-14:30, 18:00-21:30 (Wed-Sun)  
☎ +60 17-434 4398



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**3 BRIDGE STREET PRAWN NOODLE**  
\$ · Noodles



This third generation family business with 60+ years of history has helped many Penangites kick-start their day with hearty Hokkien mee. The signature prawn mee features yellow noodles and rice vermicelli in a spicy prawn broth that is loaded with deep flavours. The small shop has indoor and outdoor seating. For an authentic local experience, sit on the covered patio and order an iced drink to go with the noodles. Closes every 1st and 15th of the Chinese calendar.

533 Lebu Pantai, George Town, 10300, Malaysia  
⌚ 07:00-14:30 (closed on Mon)  
☎ +60 10-566 2217

**4 COMMUNAL TABLE BY GËN**  
\$\$ · Malaysian



This casual, relaxing place sports an open kitchen, a long counter table and floor-to-ceiling windows. At dinner, it serves a small à la carte menu of modern dishes made with local ingredients, melding Peranakan and Malaysian cuisines. The signature aged duck breast in a steamed bun appeals to the palate with its crispy skin and a secret sauce. Homemade gelato sees some interesting local twists, with flavours like nutmeg harumanis, and hor ka sai.

68 Lebu Presgrave, George Town, 10300, Malaysia  
⌚ 17:00-23:00 (closed on Mon)  
☎ +60 12-578 3323

**5 DUCK BLOOD CURRY MEE**  
\$ · Noodles



Hidden in a Malaysian-style café, this shop serves mee in a savoury-sweet white curry base made with coconut milk. Among the various toppings offered, roasted pork is phenomenal. Make sure you try the homemade chilli sauce.

223B Jalan Burma, George Town, 10050, Malaysia  
⌚ 12:00-23:15 daily  
☎ +60 12-438 2149

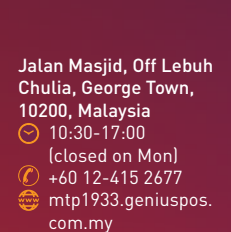
**6 GREEN HOUSE PRAWN MEE & LOH MEE**  
\$ · Noodles



This stall has attracted a loyal fanbase for over 30 years. Their signature Hokkien prawn mee and loh mee are best enjoyed with additional toppings like crispy roast pork or fish balls. Their prawn soup boasts deep umami.

223 Jalan Burma, George Town, 10050, Malaysia  
⌚ 09:00-00:30 (Mon-Sat)  
11:30-00:30 (Sun)

**9 MOH TENG PHEOW NYONYA KOAY**  
\$ · Small eats



Jalan Masjid, Off Lebu Chulia, George Town, 10200, Malaysia  
⌚ 10:30-17:00 (closed on Mon)  
☎ +60 12-415 2677  
🌐 mtp1923.geniuspos.com.my



In 1933, the owner's father founded a factory specialising in kuih, a broad term referring to various local cakes, dumplings, pudding and pastries. In 2016, the owner opened a sit-down restaurant behind the factory for guests to try their freshly made kuih, such as kuih lapis, kuih talam, ang koo, and Nyonya chang, alongside a few Nyonya dishes. Head to the rustic patio with exposed brick walls and a vine-covered pergola for some al fresco fun.

**11 PENANG ROAD FAMOUS LAKSA**  
\$ · Noodles



This famous laksa shop serves lai fun noodles in a sardine broth with exceptional depth and flavours alongside an array of condiments. For those with bigger appetites, order char koay teow with duck egg to go with the laksa.

5 Lebu Keng Kwee, George Town, 10100, Malaysia  
⌚ 09:00-17:30 (closed on Wed)  
☎ +60 16-446 0543  
🌐 penang-road-famous-laksa.business.site

**12 RASA-RASA**  
\$ · Peranakan



59 Gat Lebu Chulia, George Town, 10300, Malaysia  
⌚ 08:30-15:00 (Mon-Fri, closed on Wed)  
09:00-15:00 (Sat-Sun)  
☎ +60 12-442 2570

Potted plants are set nicely against a background of exposed brick walls and industrial accents here. On top of the short à la carte menu, the Nyonya combo set built around pandan nasi lemak with your choice of toppings is especially popular. The rice is plated on a banana leaf and topped with mildly hot homemade sambal. Another speciality is Siam bihun - turmeric rice vermicelli with shredded omelette and sauces. Round out the meal with tub tim krob.

**13 SARDAARJI**  
\$\$ · Indian



6 Lebu China, George Town, 10200, Malaysia  
⌚ 11:30-15:00, 16:00-21:30 daily  
☎ +60 4-263 7069

Colourful drapes add a cheerful vibe while live performances of Indian instruments creates a vibrant ambience. This restaurant in Little India serves authentic Northern Indian dishes, such as the must-order fish amritsari made with red snapper in a thick, spicy curry of balanced flavours. Dal makhani, or black lentil soup, is best enjoyed with an extra serving of plain chapatti. Lastly, save room for gulab jamun that bursts with milky goodness.

**15 TEKSEN**  
\$\$ · Cantonese



18 & 20 Lebu Carnarvon, George Town, 10100, Malaysia  
⌚ 12:00-14:30, 18:00-21:00 (Wed-Mon), 12:00-14:30, 18:00-22:00 (Sun)  
☎ +60 12 981-5117

Chinese couplets on the wall and red table cloths give the clean, simple room a festive vibe. This no-frills joint has won the hearts of serious foodies since 1965 with its well-made traditional Cantonese fare and fusion creations with a local twist. Deep-fried homemade tofu in an egg white glaze with prawns and dried scallops is a must. Dishes seasoned with assam tumis or sambal are also worth trying. Expect a long queue at peak hours.

**16 THARA**  
\$ · Thai



5 Lorong Prangin, George Town, 10300, Malaysia  
⌚ 12:00 - 15:00, 17:00 - 22:00 (closed on Thu)  
☎ +60 14-9901400

The high-ceilinged, comfortable room's green colour scheme has a soothing effect. The Thai kitchen team makes authentic Thai food with the freshest ingredients, especially seafood. Miang kam is a must - the fresh betel leaves with seven condiments and sweet miang kam sauce make for a great appetiser. The aromatic tom yum seafood soup is equally unmissable, and you can choose between creamy and clear versions.

**17 THEENI PANDARAMS**  
\$ · Indian



47 Lebu Penang, George Town, 10200, Malaysia  
⌚ 07:00-22:00 daily  
☎ +60 16 885-1755

In a heritage circa 1940s building stands this tiny gem selling biryani on banana leaf. This space used to be a Chinese clinic and that slice of history is vividly retained in the décor. The name means "a good eater" and they promise to feed you well. The menu may look overwhelming, but you can't go wrong with ordering your favourite biryani first. Then consider trying the fish served in claypot - choose between stingray, shark and king mackerel.

**18 THO YUEN**  
\$\$ · Cantonese



92 Lebu Campbell, George Town, 10100, Malaysia  
⌚ 06:00-15:00 (closed on Tue)  
☎ +60 4-261 4672

The history of this teahouse spans eight decades but the décor and the tableware haven't changed much - it's always reassuring to see the tea set with the image of a rooster. Cantonese dim sum are made the traditional way every morning at 3:30 am and tend to run out quickly. Come early and enjoy the bite-size morsels with Pu'er tea. If dim sum is sold out, go for fried noodles, bee hoon or the fish balls, which are also delicious.



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**21 ALI NASI LEMAK DAUN PISANG**  
\$ · Street Food  
Sri Weld Food Court, Lebu Pantai, George Town, 10300, Malaysia  
⌚ 07:00-14:00 (closed on Sun)  
☎ +60 16-407 0717



**36 JAWI HOUSE** \$ · Indian  
85 Lebu Armenian, George Town, 10200, Malaysia  
⌚ 11:00 - 21:30 (closed on Tue)  
☎ +60 4-261 3680  
🌐 jawihouse.com



**23 BAO TECK TEA HOUSE**  
\$\$ · Dim Sum  
25 Lebu Melayu, George Town, 10300, Malaysia  
⌚ 08:00-15:00 (Mon-Thu), 17:00-22:00 (Fri-Sun), 08:00-17:00 (Fri-Sun)  
☎ +60 4-263 1100



**37 KEBAYA DINING ROOM** \$ · Peranakan  
14A Lorang Stewart, George Town, 10200, Malaysia  
⌚ 18:00-22:30 (closed on Tue)  
☎ +60 4-264 2333  
🌐 kebaya.com.my



**25 BIBIK'S KITCHEN** \$ · Peranakan  
73 Jalan Sri Bahari, George Town, 10050, Malaysia  
⌚ 11:30-15:00, 18:00-21:00 (closed on Mon)



**38 KOTA DINE & COFFEE** \$ · Peranakan  
Fort Cornwallis, Jalan Tun Syed Sheh Barakbah, George Town, 10200, Malaysia  
⌚ 11:00-16:00, 18:00-22:00 (closed on Tue)  
☎ +60 4-371 4929



**26 BITE N EAT DINDIGUL BIRIYANI** \$ · Indian  
3 Lebu Penang, George Town, 10200, Malaysia  
⌚ 10:30-22:00 daily  
☎ +60 4-261 453



**39 LA VIE** \$ · European Contemporary  
Le Dream Boutique Hotel, 139 Jalan Pintal Tali, George Town, 10100, Malaysia  
⌚ 18:30-23:30 (closed on Mon)  
☎ +60 12-402 1342



**28 CHAO XUAN** \$ · Teochew  
90 Lebu Melayu, George Town, 10300, Malaysia  
⌚ 09:30-15:00 (closed on Mon)  
☎ +60 12-561 9171



**42 PITT STREET KOAY TEOW SOUP** \$ · Noodles  
183 Lebu Carnarvon, George Town, 10200, Malaysia  
⌚ 08:00-13:00 (Tue-Fri), 08:00-12:00 (Sat-Sun)  
☎ +60 17-479 3208



**29 CURIOS-CITY** \$\$\$ · Innovative  
144A-B Lebu Victoria, George Town, 10300, Malaysia  
⌚ 18:00 - 00:00 (Wed-Sun)  
☎ +60 14-210 5236



**43 THE PINN** \$ · Small eats  
58, Pengkalang Weld, George Town, 10300, Malaysia  
⌚ 11:00-22:00 (closed on Tue)  
☎ +60 12-761 4316



**33 GËN** \$\$\$ · Innovative  
Unit 6, 8 Gat Lebu Gereja, George Town, 10300, Malaysia  
⌚ 12:00-15:00 (Thu-Sun), 18:00-23:00 (Wed-Sun)  
☎ +60 12-511 3323  
🌐 genpenang.com



**44 TOK TOK MEE BAMBOO NOODLE** \$ · Noodles  
37 Lebu Campbell, George Town, 10100, Malaysia  
⌚ 09:00-19:30 (closed on Thu)  
☎ +60 4-261 9875



**34 GOH THEW CHIK HAINAN CHICKEN RICE** \$ · Street Food  
340 Lebu Chulia, George Town, 10200, Malaysia  
⌚ 10:30-17:00 (Thu-Tue), 10:30-14:00 (Wed)



**45 WHATSAEB BOAT NOODLES** \$ · Noodles  
173 Lebu Carnarvon, George Town, 10100, Malaysia  
⌚ 12:00-22:00 (closed on Tue)



**35 IL BACARO** \$ · Italian  
Campbell House, 106 Lebu Campbell, George Town, 10100, Malaysia  
⌚ 12:00-22:30 daily  
☎ +60 11-6399 7580  
🌐 campbellhousepenang.com/il-bacaro



**46 WOODLANDS** \$ · Vegetarian  
60 Lebu Penang, George Town, 10200, Malaysia  
⌚ 08:30-21:00 daily  
☎ +60 4-263 9764