

SUGGESTED ITINERARIES



8 WORLD WONDERS OF PENANG

- DAY 1**
- WORLD'S FIRST TROPICAL BUTTERFLY & INSECT SANCTUARY**
ENTOPIA by Penang Butterfly Farm
 - WORLD'S LONGEST WATER SLIDE**
WITH A GUINNESS WORLD RECORD
ESCAPE Penang
 - WORLD'S LONGEST ZIP COASTER**
WITH A GUINNESS WORLD RECORD
ESCAPE Penang
 - WORLD'S STEEPEST TUNNEL TRACK**
Penang Hill

- DAY 2**
- WORLD'S HIGHEST ALTITUDE STRESSED RIBBON BRIDGE**
The Habitat Penang Hill
 - WORLD'S FIRST FREE STANDING VERTICAL DROP SLIDE**
Tech Dome Penang
 - WORLD'S HIGHEST ROPES COURSE CHALLENGE**
The Gravitiz
 - WORLD'S FIRST TOWER CURVED SKYWALK**
The TOP's Rainbow Skywalk



EDUCATIONAL TOURS

- DAY 1: GEORGE TOWN**
- CHEONG FATT TZE MANSION
 - PINANG PERANAKAN MANSION
 - HOUSE OF YEAP CHOR EE
 - PENANG HOUSE OF MUSIC
- DAY 2: TELUK BAHANG – PENANG HILL**
- TROPICAL SPICE GARDEN
 - TROPICAL FRUIT FARM
 - NATURE TRAILS / HERITAGE WALK AT PENANG HILL
 - PENANG HILL NIGHT EXPLORATION

* The tourist attraction provides in-house tours at different times. Do call ahead to check the tour schedule and to book your slot.



GEORGE TOWN CULTURE & HERITAGE TRAIL

- FROM KOMTAR**
- STREET OF HARMONY
(ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, GODDESS OF MERCY TEMPLE, SRI MAHA MARIAMMAN TEMPLE, MASJID KAPITAN KELING)
 - PINANG PERANAKAN MANSION
 - KHOO KONGSI
 - "BOY ON A CHAIR" STREET ART
 - CHEAH KONGSI
 - "CAT & HUMAN HAPPILY LIVING TOGETHER" STREET ART
 - CLAN JETTY

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THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE ISLAND - SEBERANG PERAI

- DAY 1: SEBERANG PERAI UTARA**
- FROG HILL
 - AIR HITAM DALAM EDUCATIONAL FOREST
 - KAMPUNG AGONG
 - GALERI WARISAN ARKEOLOGI GUAR KEPAH
 - CAPAL JAGO
 - BUTTERWORTH ART WALK
 - SRI MAHA MARIAMMAN TEMPLE

- DAY 2: SEBERANG PERAI TENGAH**
- TAMAN RIMBA BUKIT MERTAJAM
 - BUKIT MERTAJAM CHARMING OLD TOWN
 - CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
 - PENANG BIRD PARK
 - MINOR BASILICA OF ST. ANNE
 - BATU BERSURAT CHEROK TOKUN
 - JURU AUTO CITY

- DAY 3: SEBERANG PERAI SELATAN**
- BUKIT PANCHOR STATE PARK
 - BUKIT TAMBUN FISHING VILLAGE
 - PULAU AMAN
 - DESIGN VILLAGE OUTLET MALL
 - IKEA BATU KAWAN



THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISLAND - BALIK PULAU

- FROM TERMINAL BUS BALIK PULAU**
- CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS
 - STREET ART
 - BALIK PULAU ROUNDAABOUT
 - AUDI DREAM FARM
 - SILA STUDIO CERAMIC
 - LEAN SENG COOLING FACE POWDER
 - HUTAN PAYA LAUT
 - PANTAI MALINDO



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HALAL STREET FOOD TRAILS

- DAY 1: GEORGE TOWN TO AIR ITAM**
- BREAKFAST** NASI LEMAK
Ali Nasi Lemak Daun Pisang, George Town
- POST BREAKFAST** BUBUR KACANG
Ali Bubur Kacang, Lebuah Pasar, George Town
- LUNCH** BANANA LEAF RICE
Muthu Banana Leaf, George Town
- TEA** MEE SOTONG
Hameed Pata Mee Sotong, George Town
- DINNER** NASI KANDAR
Nasi Kandar Kampung Melayu, Air Itam
- SUPPER** ROASTED & PIPA DUCK RICE
Air Itam



- DAY 2: GELUGOR, BALIK PULAU, BAYAN LEPAS**
- BREAKFAST** NASI LEMUNI
Astaka Taman Tun Sardon, Gelugor
- POST BREAKFAST** ROTI CANAI SARANG BURUNG
Gerai Roti Canai Abah, Balik Pulau
- LUNCH** NASI CAMPUR
Mak Ngah Gulai Warisan, Balik Pulau
- TEA** LAKSA
Laksa Janggus, Balik Pulau
- DINNER** ORIGINAL PENANG KAYU NASI KANDAR
Bukit Jambut
- SUPPER** SATAY
Jalan Tokong Ular, Bayan Baru



- DAY 3: BUTTERWORTH, KEPALA BATAS, BUKIT MERTAJAM**
- BREAKFAST** NASI KANDAR
Nasi Kandar Jeti, Butterworth
- POST BREAKFAST** MEE BANDUNG
Restoran Mee Bandung Noor, Butterworth
- LUNCH** IKAN BAKAR
Restoran Ikan Bakar Din, Kepala Batas
- TEA** CUCUR UDANG
Restoran Shahul Hamid, Kepala Batas
- DINNER** MEE UDANG
Warung Paksu Mee Udang, Bukit Mertajam
- SUPPER** CHAR KOAY TEOW
Key's Char Koay Teow, Bukit Mertajam



STREET FOOD TRAILS

DAY 1: AIR ITAM TO GEORGE TOWN

- BREAKFAST** CURRY MEE
Sister Curry Mee, Air Itam
- POST BREAKFAST** ASSAM LAKSA
Bisu Laksa, Air Itam
- LUNCH** BIRYANI RICE
Hameediyah Restaurant, George Town
- TEA** NYONYA KUIH
Mah Teng Piew Nyonya Koay & Canteen, George Town
- DINNER** CHAR KOAY TEOW
Ah Shen Famous Char Koay Teow, Lebuah Presgrave
- SUPPER** LOK-LOK
Lebuah Carnarvon, George Town

DAY 2: BAYAN LEPAS, BALIK PULAU, BATU FERRINGHI, PULAU TIKUS

- BREAKFAST** ROTI BAKAR AND BUTTER COFFEE
Bee Ghan Coffee Shop, Teluk Kumbar
- POST BREAKFAST** HOKKIEN MEE
Jalan Sungai Ara 1, Sungai Ara
- LUNCH** SIAM LAKSA
Nam Guang Coffee Shop, Balik Pulau
- TEA** BROWN SUGAR BAO (STEAMED BUNS)
Balik Pulau
- DINNER** LONG BEACH FOOD COURT
Batu Ferringhi
- SUPPER** OH CHEN
Bee Hooi Restaurant, Pulau Tikus

DAY 3: SUNGAI BAKAP, BUTTERWORTH, BUKIT MERTAJAM

- BREAKFAST** CHAI KUEH
Soon Lee Hou Restaurant, Sungai Bakap
- POST BREAKFAST** LAKSA
Wan Li Laksa (Jawi Laksa), Sungai Bakap
- LUNCH** LOH MEE
Ah Khoun Lah Mee, Butterworth
- TEA** ROJAK
Chiam-Chiam Rojak, Butterworth
- DINNER** CUP RICE
BM Cup Rice, Bukit Mertajam
- SUPPER** CHAR KOAY TEOW
Duck Egg Char Koay Teow, Bukit Mertajam

Welcome to Penang!



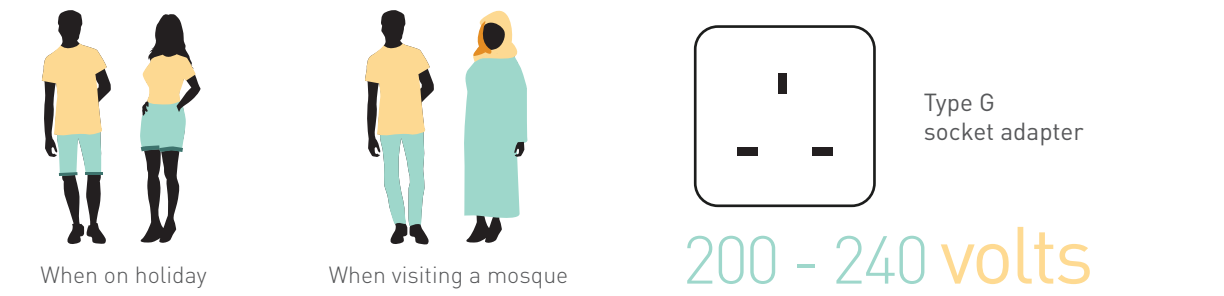
Penang is a vibrant state with its capital, George Town, having the rare distinction of being a UNESCO World Heritage Site and its iconic Penang Hill being a UNESCO Biosphere reserve. It is a true melting pot of cultures with its blend of Eastern and Western influences. Retaining many of the values adopted during the era of British rule, Penang has a charm that is unique to itself.



LOCATION

Penang Island is a 20-minute ferry ride from Butterworth. Two bridges connect the island to the mainland: Penang Bridge and the Second Penang Bridge (Jambatan Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah). Penang International Airport sees incoming international flights from many countries such as China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Taiwan, Vietnam and Qatar.

Langkawi Island is a 2 hours 45 minute ferry ride away, or a short 35-minute flight. Malaysia's capital Kuala Lumpur is a 50-minute flight away, or can alternatively be reached by a four-hour train or car ride.



LANGUAGE

Most signs are written in Malay and English, with some in Chinese as well. Although English is widely spoken in many areas, it would be helpful to know basic Malay too, as road signs and main destinations are in Malay.

PENANG HOKKIEN

Thank you Kamsiah
You're welcome Mien kek khi
How much is it? Gui lui
It's delicious Hochiak

MALAY

Good morning Selamat pagi
Good afternoon Selamat tengah hari
Good evening Selamat petang
Good night Selamat malam
Good bye Selamat tinggal
Thank you Terima kasih
You're welcome Sama-sama
Road Jalan
Lane Lorong

Street Lebuah
I'm sorry Minta maaf
How much is it? Berapa harga
It's expensive Mahalnya
Check, please / I'd like to pay Tolong kira
Please give me a receipt Tolong bagi resit
It's delicious Sedapnya
Food court Medan Selera

TELECOMMUNICATION

A local SIM card can be purchased upon arrival at the airport. Simply choose from the different choices of telecommunication operators available. The retail stands are located at the arrival hall, after you exit from the baggage claim area. Most convenience shops offer credit top-up services when your SIM card credit runs out.

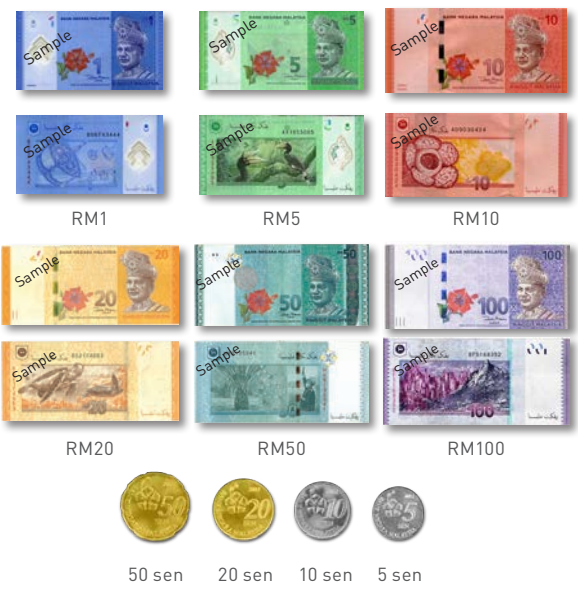
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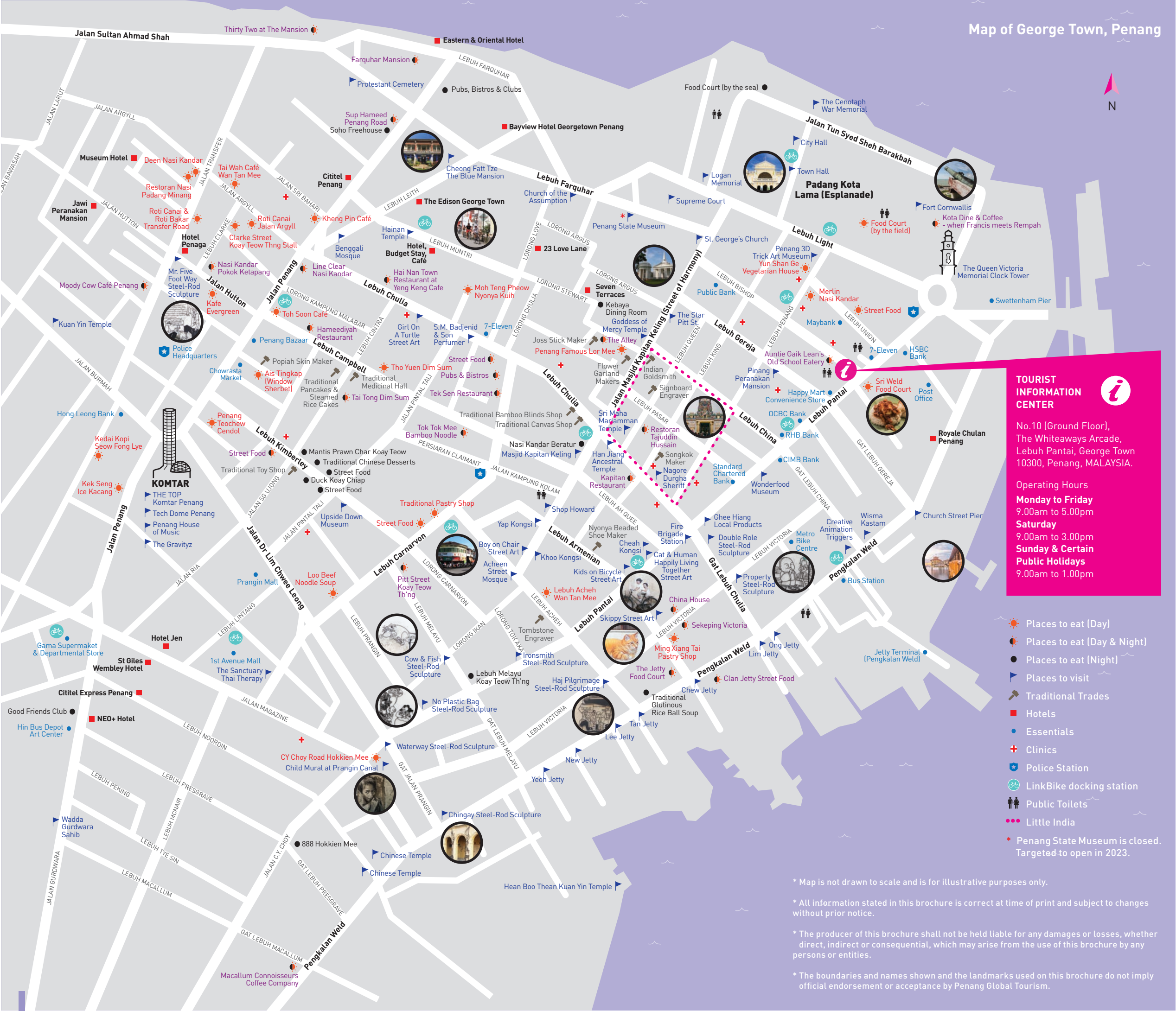
Penang has Wi-Fi networks befitting a tourist-friendly city. Wi-Fi is provided at the majority of the hotels and is available in most areas of the city.

There are 1,550 Wi-Fi spots at tourist attractions and public places throughout George Town. Most cafes also offer free Wi-Fi. For convenience, you may purchase a local SIM card with a data package to access the internet at all times.

CURRENCY

The Malaysian currency is the Ringgit, written as RM. There are six denominations: RM1, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100.





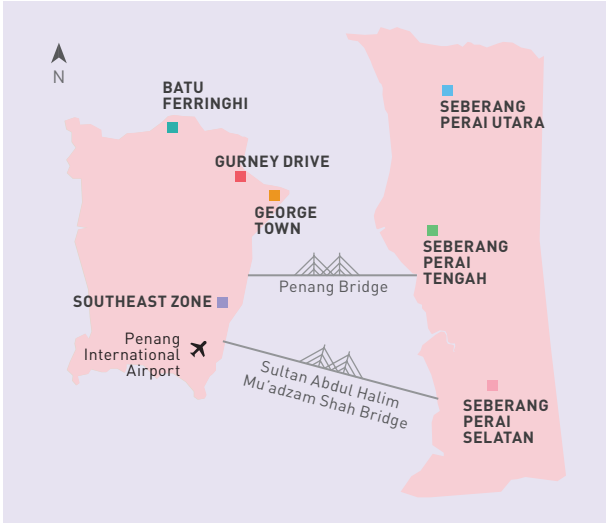
STAY & RELAX

Penang offers a fantastic choice of accommodation to suit different needs and budgets, from luxury hotels, boutique hotels and serviced apartments, to budget hostels, beachfront guest houses, and exciting homestays.



- GEORGE TOWN**
George Town has become a favourite with visitors because of its eclectic range of boutique accommodation, which includes beautifully restored traditional shophouses and hip, trendy hotels with hints of local flavours. A stay in the George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site is perfect for exploring George Town on foot, bicycle, motorcycle or trishaw.
- GURNEY DRIVE**
Strategically located between the city and the beach, Gurney Drive's high-rise hotels offer breathtaking panoramas of the sea and city. For delightful street food, world-class shopping and nightlife, this iconic waterfront boulevard is where the action takes place.
- TELUK BAHANG, BATU FERRINGHI, TANJUNG BUNGAH**
Penang's famous coastal strip up north, from Tanjung Bungah to Batu Ferringhi, is home to a range of 3 to 5-star beach resorts, with plenty of shopping, nightlife and eco-tourism activities close at hand. For an unforgettable kampung experience, there are homestays available in the smaller fishing villages close by.

- SOUTHEAST ZONE**
The southeast zone is a stone's throw from the island's high-tech parks, the international airport, golf clubs, the two Penang bridges that connect the island to the mainland, and one of Penang's largest shopping malls. There is a wide variety of business-class hotels to choose from, as well as convention centres, including the Setia SPICE Convention Centre and the Penang Waterfront Convention Centre, which is scheduled for completion in a few years.
- SEBERANG PERAI UTARA**
If you're looking to visit nearby attractions such as Butterworth Art Walk, these hotels will make Seberang Perai Utara your home away from home.
- SEBERANG PERAI TENGAH**
This is the bustling side of Seberang Perai with a number of shopping malls. The Penang Bird Park – the first and largest bird park of its kind in Malaysia – is located here. The famous St Anne's Church is located in Bukit Mertajam; the Cherok Tokun relics can be found within the compounds of the church. There are more hotels in this area of Seberang Perai.
- SEBERANG PERAI SELATAN**
Visit Nibong Tebal and the Bukit Panchor Recreational Forest, where you can experience the mangrove ecosystem, explore the surrounding bat caves and take a stroll on the wetland boardwalk.



HOMESTAYS

Homestays in Penang provide an alternative to conventional hotels by offering affordable and comfortable accommodation for tourists who wish to stay with locals, or away from the city's hustle and bustle. Holiday-makers will get the chance to experience local cultures and lifestyles in a laid-back atmosphere. Participate in typically rural activities such as fishing, rubber-tapping, fruit-picking, craft-making and so on. Exchange stories with the locals, savour home-cooked meals and even possibly be part of a traditional wedding celebration, or get one organised for yourself!

Penang's homestay programme encompasses 11 areas across the northern region, each uniquely with its own special features that promise tourists a memorable and eventful time. These include:

- Balik Pulau Homestay
- Kota Aur
- Pulau Betong
- Pulau Aman
- Sungai Chenaam
- Mengkuang Tili
- Sungai Duri
- Teluk Bahang
- Sungai Semilang
- Sungai Setar
- Lahar Yool

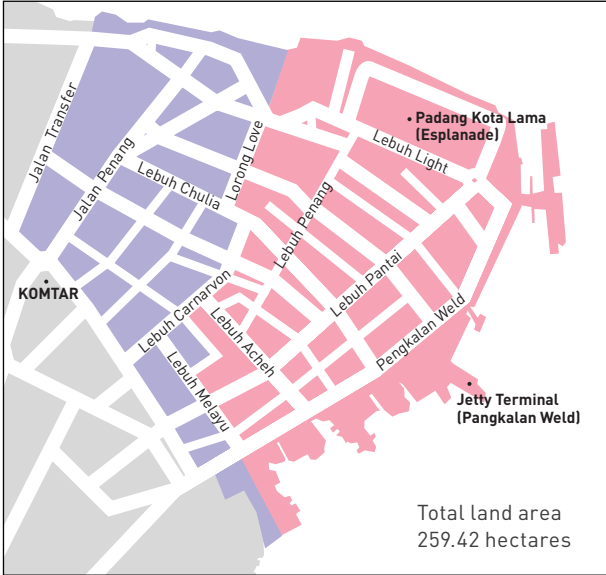


YACHT AND SUNSET CRUISE

Yachts and cruises in Penang are the ideal options to relax and unwind at day's end and witness a legendary Penang sunset over the Straits of Malacca. One can easily opt to charter a yacht or hop on a cruise offered by selected hotels to enjoy a sunset cruise.

SPA & WELLNESS

Experience real Penang indulgence at luxury spas or seek out traditional Asian medicine practitioners to melt those worries away. After a tiring day touring Penang, treat yourself to an indulgent evening.



Buffer Zone (150.04 hectares)
The Core Zone is protected by 150.04 hectares of Buffer Zone (not including the sea buffer), bounded by a stretch of sea area around the harbour, Jalan Dr Lim Chwee Leong and Gat Jalan Prangin to the south-west, and Jalan Transfer to the north-west.

Core Zone (109.38 hectares)
The Historic City of George Town covers an area of 109.38 hectares bounded by the Straits of Malacca on the north-eastern cape of Penang Island, Lorong Love (Love Lane) to the north-west, and Gat Lebuh Malayu, Lorong Carnarvon and Lebuh Carnarvon to the south-west.

There are more than 1,700 historic buildings within the Core Zone, aligned on four main streets – Pengkalen Weld, Lebuh Pantai, Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling and Lorong Love – as well as several perpendicular streets: Jalan Tun Syed Sheh Barakbah, Lebuh Light, Lebuh Bishop, Lebuh Gereja, Lebuh China, Lebuh Pasar, Lebuh Chulia, Lebuh Armenian and Lebuh Aceh.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Downtown Penang is small enough in size for walking around, especially George Town and its surroundings. One can take in the sights in a trishaw or on a Link Bike. Alternatively, a free shuttle bus service, the Central Area Transit (CAT) bus, provides a convenient way of moving around town.

To get to attractions outside George Town – such as Kek Lok Si Temple, Penang Hill, Batu Ferringhi and Teluk Bahang – standard city buses and taxis are available, including e-hailing services. Always check schedules and fares before deciding on your preferred mode of transportation. Alternatively, you can also rent a car so you can get around at your own convenience.

Trishaw

A great and breezy way of getting around George Town is by trishaw. Be sure to agree on a price before starting your journey – the average rate is RM50 per hour for two persons, depending on the distance between the start and end points.

Ferry

There are two types of ferry services: fast ferries (for pedestrians only) and vehicle ferries (for motorcycles and bicycles). The air-conditioned fast ferries serve the Pengkalen Sultan Abdul Halim (Butterworth) to Swettenham Pier Cruise Terminal (George Town) route while the vehicle ferries serve the Pengkalen Sultan Abdul Halim (Butterworth) to Pengkalen Raja Tun Uda (George Town) route. If you are taking a train to Penang from Kuala Lumpur or other cities, you may board the ferry to the island from Pengkalen Sultan Abdul Halim at Butterworth, located just next to the train station.

Operating hours: 6.30am-10.30pm

Operating intervals: 30 minutes

Taxi

Taxis are commonly available around the island. It is an easy means of getting around by visitors. Be sure to agree on a price before boarding the taxi. Start by asking how much it is to get to your destination; you can negotiate on the pricing if you feel that it is too high.

Average Fare

From George Town to Penang International Airport: RM45
From George Town to Penang Hill or Kek Lok Si: RM30

E-Hailing Services

Ridesharing apps such as Grab and AirAsia Ride are available in Penang. Simply download the apps to start booking your trips. Payment is either by cash or credit card.

Car Rental Services

Renting a car offers great flexibility and convenience. Rental rate is charged on a daily basis. Just pay a deposit, and you are free to go anywhere on your own! Car rentals are available at the airport and around town. Most hotels can hook you up with one, too.

LinkBike

Link Bike is a bike-sharing system that allows users to pick up a bicycle at any of the 25 self-serve bike stations strategically located on the island and return it to any bike station at their convenience. Download the app and scan the QR code to release the bicycle. Users also can use the LinkBike Card instead of downloading the mobile app to use the service.

Public Bus

The state's public bus service is provided by Rapid Penang and covers an extensive area, both on the island and mainland. It also offers a free Central Area Transit (CAT) bus service within George Town. The terminal at KOMTAR is the central transfer terminal for buses that ply the whole of Penang Island. Simply ask around or look out for signboards to find out which bus route serves you best. Upon boarding the Rapid Penang bus, inform the driver of your destination, pay the amount required and receive a ticket for your trip. Remember to prepare the exact change as all buses do not carry change for safety reasons.

Note: Fares are based on distance travelled. For more info, visit www.rapidpg.com.my.

Free CAT Bus Route (George Town)

This is a free shuttle bus service that operates within George Town. It is the most common means of transportation for travelers to get around the city and to get to popular local attractions for free. Look out for Rapid Penang buses that bear a "Free CAT Bus" sign.



PENANG TRAVEL DEALS

Find the best deals at penangtraveldeals.com for an enjoyable and memorable stay in Penang. From hotels, attractions, tours, food, lifestyles, weddings, and more, these deals offer different experiences but give you substantial savings.



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION



CRUISE TOURISM

The Swettenham Pier Cruise Terminal is Penang Port's latest and most significant addition after a major rebuild in 2010. The new pier accommodates Quantumclass cruise ships, with the main berth capable of handling larger cruise vessels. Among the huge liners that have called at the port are Quantum of The Seas and Ovation of The Seas by the Royal Caribbean Cruisers, and the luxury liner Queen Elizabeth. In addition, other notable cruise operators such as Costa Crociere, Princess Cruises and Celebrity Cruises have also been frequenting Penang Port. The total number of international calls to the port by the end of 2018 was 176, with a passenger load of more than 341,000.



PENANG WEDDING TOURISM

Warm sunny beaches, lush tropical forests, awe-inspiring architecture – these provide the ideal setting to say "I do" for life. The state boasts a mélange of multicultural traditions where Malay, Chinese, Indian and European influences coexist. That's why Penang has a wide range of themed weddings from contemporary to traditional Peranakan, Chinese, Malay and Indian. Coupled with these, the breathtaking sights and unique locations in Penang offer a memorable, once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Visit www.penangweddingtourism.gov.my for details.

PREWEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY

There's just something about Penang's old-world charm, iconic landmarks, ancient rainforests, scenic beaches, vibrant murals, and unrivaled man-made marvels that gets our hearts fluttering. Photographs taken at these scenic beauties look like they're straight out of a dream. Furthermore, Penang's compact size and good road networks allow photographers to capture the contrast between the state's bustling UNESCO Heritage Site of George Town and the serene 130-million-year-old rainforest, along with its gorgeous shorelines, charming villages, and hidden gems in a matter of days.



MEETINGS, INCENTIVES, CONFERENCES & EXHIBITIONS (MICE)

Penang's unique blend of modernity and Asian traditions, coupled with a well-established hospitality industry, have marked it out as a popular MICE destination. Penang offers business travellers a range of modern, state-of-the-art convention centres, including its largest indoor venue, the Subterranean Penang International Convention and Exhibition Centre (ISPICE), with a maximum capacity of 13,000 people, and the Straits Quay Convention Centre (SQCC) which seats 2,500 people and affords breathtaking views of the sea. The Penang Waterfront Convention Centre (PWCC) and the Penang World City (PWCC) convention centre to be located in the island's south-east zone are in the pipeline. PICCA Convention Centre @ Butterworth Arena is the largest convention centre in Malaysia's northern region, offering an elevated experience in a world-class venue that caters to both the local and international markets. Penang also offers a range of unique venues that include historical buildings, iconic landmarks and ecotourism parks, all offering the promise of a memorable backdrop for the perfect event.



PENANG MEDICAL TOURISM (PMED)

Malaysia is currently ranked among the world's top medical tourism destinations. Many medical tourists choose Penang as their preferred destination due to its affordable and high-quality medical facilities. The Malaysian Ministry of Health and Ministry of Tourism closely monitor medical tourism in Penang to ensure that visiting patients receive the best level of care. Penang's leading private healthcare institutions meet the Malaysian Society for Quality in Health (MSQH) standards. In addition, many hospitals are also ISO 9001 accredited for Quality Management Systems and have Joint Commission International (JCI) accreditation.

For more information, visit pmed.my.



StudyPENANG

Penang is evolving into a world-class educational hub, offering professional learning experiences for students worldwide. With its variety of courses provided in top-class internationally recognised colleges and universities, Penang has become a prime choice to pursue higher education. Many public schools in Penang are among the best and oldest in the country and the region, with a history that stretches back to the early days of the British administration. Building on this illustrious history and widely spoken English, Penang is well-poised to become a centre of educational excellence.

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