



Penang

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Wonderlane

Although it is Malaysia's smallest state, Penang island (Pulau Pinang) is one of Asia's most vibrant and cosmopolitan destinations, combining the influences of half a dozen cultures. Within sight of the west coast of the Malaysian peninsula – and linked to it by road bridges – the island is the birthplace of tourism in Malaysia. With great beaches, a mellow climate, and a colourful collection of attractions – several of which claim to be the largest, tallest, longest or oldest of their kind.



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THE ISLAND



For almost 2,000 years, Penang - strategically located between the Melaka Straits and the Andaman Sea - has been a key gateway to southeast Asia, luring merchant adventurers from the Arab world, India, China and Europe. The most recent invasion has been by holidaymakers from East and West, drawn by golden sand beaches, an exotic culture, great hotels and (for most of the year) a superb climate.

Georgetown, the island's capital, is a creation of British imperialism. Founded by a swashbuckling English colonialist, Captain Francis Light, who took possession of the island for the British East India Company in 1786. He launched it on its way to becoming one of the jewels in Britain's colonial crown. Georgetown became a dazzlingly cosmopolitan melting-pot, and Hindus, Muslims, Chinese and Europeans have all left their mark on one of Malaysia's most colourful cities. A large number of its people are Peranakans - people of Chinese (mainly Hokkien) descent whose ancestors emigrated here under British rule. Others are the descendants of Indian Muslim sepoy who served in the East India Company's army, Tamils from southern India or Bumiputra Malaysians from the mainland.

DO & SEE



The city's landmarks range from the colonial-era Fort Cornwallis and the 60-foot Clock Tower on the waterfront Esplanade to the mighty Komtar Tower, and Georgetown has a fabulous choice of places to eat drink and shop.

Batu Feringgi, northwest of Georgetown, was Malaysia's first international resort area. With fine sand, accommodation to suit all budgets, nightlife, watersports and good shopping, it remains one of the region's most popular and best-equipped beach destinations. Penang Bridge, the island's road link to the mainland, was completed in 1988. Stretching 13.5 km (8.5 miles) from Gelugor on Penang to Seberang Prai, it is the longest bridge in South East Asia and is currently claimed to be the third longest bridge in the world.

Batu Feringgi

Batu Feringgi is Penang's main resort area, where a long strip of hotels, restaurants, bars and shops has grown up along the best beach on the island. This is where most visitors end up staying, as Batu Feringgi has a choice of accommodation from cheap and cheerful guesthouses to five-star luxury hotels. The resort area also has a wide choice of watersports, including water skiing, windsurfing, parasailing and scuba diving.

Address: Batu Feringgi, Penang

Bukit Bendera (Penang Hill)

For a superb view of Penang and the Straits take the funicular railway to the top of Penang Hill. The ride takes 30 minutes and the summit, 830 m (2,727 ft.) above sea level, is on average 3 degrees Celsius cooler than the steamy coast.

Address: 215 Macalister Road, Bukit Bendera, Penang

Internet: www.penanghill.gov.my

Snake Temple

Dozens of venomous pit vipers slither and coil among the urns, roof beams and potted trees within this bizarre Chinese temple, built in 1850, and sacred to the deity Chro Soo Kong. The snakes - regarded as benevolent spirits - are seen as guardians of the temple.

Address: Bayan Lepas, Penang

Penang Botanical Gardens

Hundreds of palms, tropical trees, shrubs, ferns, orchids and other flowering plants, grace the 30 hectares of grounds, glasshouses, ponds and nurseries at the Botanical Gardens. A popular picnic spot for local families.

Address: Jalan Kebun Bunga, Penang

Phone: +60 4226 4401

Internet: botanicalgardens.penang.gov.my

More Info: botani@penang.gov.my

Butterfly Farm

Penang's famous butterfly farm is the world's largest. With garden pavilions and breeding areas for more than 50 species of spectacularly colourful butterflies and moths - up to 4,000 gorgeous living specimens can be seen at any time.

Address: No. 830, Jalan Teluk Bahang, Penang

Phone: +60 4885 1253

Internet: www.butterfly-insect.com

Email: info@butterfly-insect.com

Kek Lok Si (Temple Of Paradise)

Claimed to be the largest Buddhist temple complex in southeast Asia, Kek Lok Si is dominated by the Ten Thousand Buddha Pagoda and a statue of Kuan Yin, the Goddess of Mercy. A newer temple to the Goddess was built in 2001-2002.

Address: Ayer Hitam, Penang

Teluk Duyung (Monkey Beach) and Taman Negara Pulau Penang (Penang National Park)

Monkey Beach, with its calm water, fine sand, picnic tables and troop of half-tame macaques, is an attractive destination for a 2-3 hour walk through the tropical woodland of the Penang National Park. Check-in at park office before setting off.

Address: Taman Negara Pulau Pinang, Jalan Hassan

Abas, Teluk Bahang, Penang

Phone: +60 4881 3530

More Info: tnpp@streamyx.com

Fort Cornwallis

Fort Cornwallis is Georgetown's most prominent historical landmark. Its star-shaped 18th-century ramparts on the waterfront enclose an array of British colonial buildings including prison cells, a powder magazine, chapel and harbour beacon, and bronze cannons are still mounted on the battlements.

Address: Padang Kota Lama, Georgetown, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 9am - 6.30pm

Phone: +602 61 0262

Kuan Yin Temple

The Kuan Yin (Goddess of Mercy) Temple, built during the 19th century by Chinese settlers of Hokkien descent. It is the oldest Chinese temple

in Georgetown, named in honour of a devout Buddhist sage.

Address: Jalan Masjid Kapitan Kling, Georgetown, Penang

Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion

Cheong Fatt Tze was one of the wealthiest merchants of the 19th century. Penang Straits Settlement imported artisans from China to build this opulent 38-room mansion. With its five courtyards, carved woodwork, Gothic louvered windows and cast iron, the mansion is a fascinating fusion of East and West. The building was restored at a cost of 7.6 million ringgit and is crammed with sculptures, antique furniture and tapestries, and is now a unique boutique hotel. It is also open for non-residents for guided tours.

Address: Lebu Leith, Georgetown, Penang

Phone: +60 4262 0006

Internet: www.cheongfattzemansion.com

Email: resv.cftm@gmail.com

Khoo Kongsi

Khoo Kongsi was built just over a century ago and is the finest example of a Hokkien Chinese 'clan house' complex in Georgetown. Its grand hall is replete with decorative carvings and ornamented columns. The red tiled roof is crowned with extravagant carvings of demons, dragons and other creatures from Chinese mythology. The hall is surrounded by a complex of shops, houses and other buildings, within a rectangle of defensive walls.

Address: 18 Cannon Square, Georgetown, Penang

Opening hours: Daily, including Sundays and Public Holidays: 9am to 5pm.

Phone: +60 4261 4609

Internet: www.khookongsi.com.my

Email: info@khookongsi.com.my

Sri Mariamman Temple

The dazzlingly colourful Sri Mariamman Temple is the cultural and religious hub of Georgetown's 'Little India' quarter, home to immigrants from the sub-continent for more than a century. Encrusted with garishly painted statues of deities, demons and mythical creatures, the Sri Mariamman is the oldest of the city's Hindu temples and is still in daily use. Within is a valuable statue of the Hindu deity Lord Subramaniam, lavishly embellished with gold and precious stones.

Address: Jalan Masjid Kapitan Kling, Penang

More Info: Corner of Lebu Chulia and Lebu Queen

Penang Museum And Art Gallery

A statue of Captain Francis Light, the English adventurer who founded the Penang Straits Settlement (later Georgetown), presides over this collection of maps, prints, photographs, paintings, traditional costumes and antiques.

Address: Farquhar Street, Georgetown, Penang

Opening hours: Saturday-Thursday 9am to 5pm Closed: Friday and Public Holiday

Phone: +60 4226 1462

Internet: www.penangmuseum.gov.my

Email: enquiries@penangmuseum.gov.my

Masjid Kapitan Keling (Kapitan Keling Mosque)

Muslim Indian sepoy (soldiers) of the British East India Company's Penang garrison built this mosque in 1801, and it has been extensively restored and expanded in the two centuries since. A tall minaret stands above the yellow domes and turrets of the mosque compound.

Address: Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling, Penang

More Info: Dress modestly, and remove shoes before entering

Penang Toy Museum

Penang's newest visitor attraction includes more

than 100,000 dolls, models and toys, ranging from film, cartoon and anime characters to china dolls and toy soldiers.

Address: 1370, MK2, Teluk Bahang, Penang
Opening hours: Daily 9am - 9pm
Phone: +60 12 460 2096
Internet: www.toymuseum-heritagegarden.com

DINING



Cuisine in Penang shows typical signs, as the rest of Malaysian food, of multicultural influences. Several specialties originate from multiple ethnic touches. Expect plenty of herbs and spices.

The 1885

The Eastern and Oriental Hotel's fine-dining restaurant is the swankiest spot on the island, with a splendid wine list and a menu of classic and contemporary dishes. Reservations recommended.

Address: 10 Lebuhr Farquhar Street, Georgetown, Penang
Opening hours: Dinner is served from 7pm - 10.30pm
Phone: +60 4222 200
Internet: www.eohotels.com
Email: luxury@eohotels.com
More Info: Located inside The Eastern & Oriental Hotel

The Islander

The restaurant is located at Traders Hotel Penang and serves a blend of authentic local flavours with international cuisine in elegant surroundings. The atmosphere is soothing and

relaxing.

Address: Magazine Road, George Town, Penang
Opening hours: Open daily 6am - 11pm
Phone: +60 4262 2622
Internet: www.hoteljen.com
Email: hjp@hoteljen.com
More Info: Located inside Hotel Jen Penang

Marco Polo Euro Oriental Restaurant

Mistral Euro Oriental is a good quality hotel restaurant and grill. It is serving European standards - steak, grills, pasta and pizza - and Chinese dishes. You will find this restaurant at the Bayview Beach Resort.

Address: Batu Ferringhi Beach, 11100 Batu Ferringhi, Penang
Opening hours: Open from 6pm - 10.30pm, Closed on Monday
Phone: +60 4881 2123
Internet: www.bayviewhotels.com
Email: reservations.bbr@bayviewhotels.com
More Info: Located inside the Bayview Beach Resort

The Esplanade, Georgetown

There are lots of food stalls beside the sea open until well after midnight. Good for Malay halal dishes such as nasi goreng and satay, as well as fresh seafood, soft drinks and cold beer.

Address: The Esplanade, Georgetown, Penang

Gurney Drive, Georgetown

The stalls here are open all day and until midnight, serving Malay, Indian and Chinese rice and noodle dishes, burgers, beer and soft drinks.

Address: Gurney Drive, Georgetown, Penang

Feringgi Walk, Batu Feringgi

Feringgi Walk, a scene of Batu Feringgi's nightly bazaar, is also lined with hawker stalls selling Malay, Tamil, northern Indian, and Chinese

meals and snacks are perfect for travellers on a budget.

Address: Feringgi Walk, Batu Feringgi, Penang
Opening hours: Open from around 7pm-11pm

Via Pre

Via Pre is an Italian restaurant which is set in an old warehouse. The restaurant can be a bit hard to find but it is located opposite the ferry to the mainland. The interior is cosy and relaxing which creates a great ambiance. The staff serves pizza and pasta dishes and mouth-watering desserts like tiramisu.

Address: 5 weld quay, Georgetown, Penang
Phone: +60 4261 9800
Internet: www.via-pre.com
Email: info@via-pre.com

Tree Monkey

Tree Monkey is nestled right in the lush tropical foliage and overlooking the amazing coastline. The restaurant offers you a unique jungle dining experience unlike any others. On the menu you will find mouth-watering Thai food and Thai Tapas with lots of flavours. The spice garden is conveniently close to the restaurant which allows the chefs to have access to the finest herbs and aromatics.

Address: Lone Crag Villa, Lot 595 Mukim 2, Jalan Teluk Bahang, Penang
Opening hours: Open Daily from 9am - 11pm
Phone: +60 4881 34934
Internet: www.treemonkey.com.my

Sri Ananda Bahwan

If you would like to eat great Indian food, head over to this vibrant restaurant Sri Ananda Bahwan in Georgetown. Here you can enjoy tasteful food for a reasonable price. This restaurant has a few outlets across Penang and the menu offers a wide variety of Indian food,

both vegetarian and non-vegetarian.

Address: 55 Penang Street, Georgetown, Penang
Phone: +60 4264 4204
Internet: www.srianandabahwan.com.my
Email: ananda_bahwan@yahoo.com

Dining Room - Macalister Mansion

At this restaurant you can enjoy a dining experience that is out of the ordinary. This high class restaurant offers modern French cuisine with an Asian touch in a luxurious setting. The attentive staff serves quality food such as smoked and confit duck breast with duck jus, spring vegetable and Parisian mash or why not have Pan seared miso cod with braised shimeji. Bon appétit!

Address: 228 Macalister Road, 10400 George Town, Penang
Opening hours: Daily 7pm - 11pm
Phone: +60 4228 3888
Internet: www.macalistermansion.com
Email: contactus@macalistermansion.com
More Info: Located inside Hotel Macalister Mansion

No Eyed Deer

This popular family restaurant provides great variety of food since year 2000. The restaurant is famous for its signature dish Laotian Laksa (rice noodle in a spicy and piquant soup with beef or chicken). The staff also serves other mouth-watering dishes such as tender ribeye steaks, fresh fish and chicken parmigiana.

Address: 98-1-26 Prima Tanjung, Jalan Fettes, Tanjung Tokong, Penang
Phone: +60 4899 0488
Internet: www.noeyeddeer.com

Kebaya

Kebaya is an Asian Fusion restaurant with impeccable service and it gives a refined and elegant feeling but yet simple at the same time. The chefs are using French cooking techniques and innovative produce to create new twists on

the menu. The quality food is well presented with lots of amazing flavours.

Address: 2-16 Stewart Lane, Georgetown, Penang
Opening hours: Open daily for dinner 7pm - 10pm
Phone: +60 4264 2333
Internet: www.7terraces.com
Email: info@7terraces.com
More Info: Located inside Hotel Seven Terraces

Lily's Vegetarian Kitchen

If you prefer vegetarian food, you should head over to Lily's Vegetarian Kitchen. Here you will find an array of vegetarian dishes ranging from Nyonya, Oriental, Fusion to Western and for a good price too. Most of the ingredients that are used in the kitchen are organically grown and brought in fresh from organic farms in Cameron Highland.

Address: 98 Noble House, Madras Lane, Georgetown, Penang
Opening hours: Open daily from 8am - 9.30pm, Closed on Mondays
Phone: +60 4226 3810
Internet: www.lilysvegekitchen.com

Healy Mac's Irish Bar And Restaurant

The restaurant opened its door in 2011 and it is owned by an Irish. You can find this place in the heart of the Stait's Quay Marina which means amazing sea and sunset views. At this authentic Irish venue you can eat dishes such as pork knuckle, spare ribs and traditional Irish lamb stew. It also provides regular live Irish music.

Address: Straits Quay, Jalan Seri Tanjung Pinang, Tanjung Tokong, Penang
Phone: +60 4890 3475
Internet: www.healymacspg.com
More Info: Ground floor, 3A-G-9,

Tamarind Brasserie

At this open-air brasserie you can enjoy authentic delights from Asia as well as Western food. This restaurant serves a fabulous dinner

buffet, in fact it has over 40 favourites to make sure to satisfy every taste. Saturday is seafood day with lobsters and oysters.

Address: Batu Ferringhi Beach, Penang
Opening hours: Open daily 6am to 12am
Phone: +60 4881 1133
Internet: www.parkroyalhotels.com
Email: restaurant.prpen@parkroyalhotels.com
More Info: ParkRoyal Penang Resort

CAFES



Being as close to the beach as it is, grabbing a coffee in Penang might just as well mean an ice-cold one. Otherwise there are coffee shops dotted across the city that offers hot beverages and tasty desserts.

Sarkies Corner

The coffee shop of the Eastern and Oriental Hotel serves teas, coffee, cakes, snacks and offers all-day dining with an excellent buffet. Here you can expect high quality food.

Address: 10 Farquhar Street, Georgetown, Penang
Opening hours: Open daily 10am - 11pm
Phone: +60 4222 200
Internet: www.eohotels.com
More Info: Located inside Eastern and Oriental Hotel

Crepes Cottage

Billed as 'the first and only cr erie in sunny Penang,' this caf  dishes up sweet and savoury pancakes, long and short coffees (with or without syrup shots) and other favourites.

Address: 77-A, Pesiaran Gurney, Penang
Opening hours: Monday 6.15pm - 12am Wednesday - Sunday
6.15pm - 12am
Phone: +60 1 9448 1680

siTigun

siTigun landed in Penang after the owner searched all around the world for the right place to open up. His vision was to create an oasis where people could take a break and find some peace of mind.

-"A cup of coffee is a cup of culture. A cup of respect. A cup of love."

Address: 30 Jalan Nagore, Penang
Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday 8.00am - 10pm, Closed Monday
Phone: +60 4 228 7108
Internet: www.sitigun.com

Old Town White Coffee

OldT own is all about taking your time and savouring the precious moments that make up pur lives. White coffee in Malaysia refers to a drink of coffee beans roasted in margarine and then served with condensed milk. The result is a tasty coffee drink with a caramelized flavor.

Address: 102 Jalan Burma, Penang
Opening hours: Monday-Sunday 8am - 12am
Phone: +60 4227 7080
Internet: www.oldtown.com.my
More Info: 102-E-1 and 102-E-1A, New World Park

Lighthouse Coffee

Lighthouse Coffee serves a wide variety of gourmet coffee beans and a number of different drinks. This is the place to go to have your coffee dreams fulfilled.

Address: Bishop Street, Georgetown, Penang
Opening hours: Open daily 8.30am - 8.30pm
Phone: +60 4228 8628
Internet: www.lighthouse-coffee.com.my

More Info: 4 Logan Heritage Building

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Nightlife in Penang is hot and happening. Weekends mean nightclubs, pubs, bars, and karaoke and there are many places to go if you want to dance. Georgetown is the party hub with many party options.

The Bed Café And Lounge

It is Penang's premier spot for jazz and house music. This is the perfect place to meet and hang out with friends. There are a few Bed outlets across the city; one is located at Bellisa Row.

Address: 368-01-08 Bellisa Row, Jalan Burma, Penang
Opening hours: 10.30am - 3pm
Phone: +60 4227 2725
Internet: www.bed.com.my

Bora Bora By Sunset

What better way to spend an evening than to hang out on the beach, sipping exotic cocktails? Bora Bora by Sunset has barbeque cuisine to satisfy your hunger and Tiger beer to quench your thirst. Don't miss Happy Hour at 4pm -7pm.

Address: 415 Batu Ferringhi, Penang
Opening hours: Monday-Thursday 12pm-1am,
Friday-Saturday 12pm - 3am, Sunday 12pm - 1am
Phone: +60 4885 1313
More Info: Lot 415

SoHo Free House

SoHo Free House is situated in the heart of

Penang's nightlife scene and is known for its slogan - " Happy Hour, Every Hour, Everyday NOW!". The atmosphere and interior is like an English pub and the place serves good English lager. Late in the evening the DJ gets the crowd going with party tunes.

Address: Penang Road, Penang
Phone: +60 4263 3331
Internet: www.sohopenang.com
More Info: 50, Ground and Upper Floor

Hard Rock Cafe Penang

This famous establishment is a great place to visit for food and drink and is located on the popular beach Batu Feringghi. You will find Hard Rock Cafe on the ground floor of the Hard Rock Hotel. This place also hosts live music.

Address: Jalan Batu Feringghi, Penang
Phone: +60 4399 8285
Internet: www.hardrock.com

Three Sixty Revolving Restaurant And Sky Bar

This open air bar is boasting panoramic view of Georgetown and located on the top floor of Bayview Hotels. Here you can chill and listen to hip music in a cosy and breezy atmosphere.

Address: 25-A Farquhar Street, Penang
Phone: + 60 4263 3161
Internet: www.bayviewhotels.com
More Info: Bayview Hotels

M2 Club

M2 Club offers the ultimate club experience to those who love a good night out. Here you can dance the night away to house and Asian tunes. Both domestic and international DJ are playing great music here.

Address: B2, Entertainment City, Penang
Phone: +60 16417 6711
Internet: www.saju.com.my
More Info: Penang Times Square

Soju Room

This music club features a futuristic circular stage as well as an ultra-modern bar where you can have a tasty cocktail. Soju Room has become a popular spot among the town's trendsetters and provides DJs and music events to entertain the crowd till the wee hours of the morning.

Address: B2, Entertainment City, Penang
Phone: +60 4210 3082
Internet: www.saju.com.my
More Info: Times Square

Feringgi Bar

With its stylish and intimate setting, the Feringgi Bar makes an ideal place to relax before or after dinner with a tasty cocktail or a glass of champagne. The bar also features live entertainment and can be found inside Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa.

Address: Batu Feringgi Beach, Penang
Phone: +60 4888 8888
Internet: www.shangri-la.com/penang
More Info: Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa

Cuvée

Claimed to be one of the top clubbing venue in Penang and features live djs who are spinning electronic, RnB and Hip Hop music. This award-winning Cuvee Club is listed as one of the top clubs in Penang year 2014.

Address: 10470 Tanjong Tokong, Pulau Pinang, Penang
Phone: +60 12421 8486

Farquhar's Bar

You will find Farquhar's Bar inside Eastern & Oriental Hotel and is considered by some to be the best bar in Georgetown. This colonial-style hotel bar is serving beer, cocktails, a selection of non-alcoholic drinks and delicious pub meals. Do not miss their signature drink, the Eastern & Oriental Sling.

Address: 10 Lebuhr Farquhar, Penang
Phone: +60 4222 2000
Internet: www.e-o-hotel.com
More Info: Located inside Eastern & Oriental Hotel

SHOPPING



Penang has everything from antique stores selling Chinese and colonial relics to air-conditioned malls and night markets where you can buy designer brands, cheap clothes and colourful beach wear.

Komtar

Georgetown's shopping landmark is the 65-storey Komtar shopping centre in the heart of the city. Here you will find boutiques selling incredibly reasonably-priced items and there are also some few shops specialising in digital products like cameras, hand phones and computers.

Address: South Georgetown, Penang
More Info: Next to Traders Hotel

Prangin Mall

Prangin Mall is Georgetown's largest shopping mall and considered as one of the most popular malls in Penang. This shopping complex with six levels features brand-name stores, dining and entertainment outlets, a supermarket and a cinema. Here you can buy clothes for a good price.

Address: Jalan Dr Lim Chwee Leong, Penang

Phone: +60 4262 2233
Internet: www.prangin-mall.com

Penang Road

Penang Road is lined with shops selling duty-free cameras, watches and electronic goods, batik textiles, beachwear, jewellery and antiques.

Address: Penang Road, Penang

Island Plaza

Island Plaza, at Tanjung Tokong (midway between Georgetown and Batu Feringgi) is an air-conditioned shopping complex with a range of shops selling brands such as Versace, Nike, Guess and Giordano.

Address: 118 Jalan Tanjung Tokong, Penang
Phone: +60 4890 8228

Little Penang Street Market

Little Penang Street Market (Farquhar St/Light St) is held on the last Sunday of every month and showcases crafts, clothes, accessories and jewellery created by Penang's finest new designers, as well as antiques and collectables.

Address: Upper Penang Road, Georgetown, Penang
Internet: www.littlepenang.com.my
Email: littlepenang@gmail.com

Batu Ferringhi Night Market

In Batu Ferringgi, local salesmen set out their stalls along Feringgi Walk from around 7pm until around 11pm. Craft workers demonstrate skills such as batik-painting, and there are plenty of spivs selling knock-off big-brand watches (Rolex and Breitling imitations are popular), bootleg CDs and software. Colourful paintings, masks and wood carvings, t-shirts and souvenirs are also easy to find.

Address: Jalan Batu Ferringghi, Penang
More Info: Along Jalan Batu Ferringghi, from Shangri-La's

Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa to Shangri-La's Golden Sands Resort

Queensbay Mall

Queensbay Mall is one of the largest shopping centre in Penang and is home to mid-level restaurants, branded clothing stores, electronics shops and even a huge Golden Screen Cinemas complex. Here you can stroll around in stores like D.O.R, Guess Kids, Elle, Forever 21, Nike, Swatch and Scholl.

Address: Queensbay Mall, 100, Persiaran Bayan Indah, Queens Bay, Penang
Phone: +60 4619 8989
Internet: www.queensbaymallmalaysia.com

Gurney Plaza

Gurney Plaza is strategically situated in the famous Gurney Drive promanade in Penang. This shopping and entertainment destination is catering to both family and tourists alike and houses various well-known brands for shopping and dining. Rolex, A|X Armani Exchange, Mark & Spencer, TopMan, TopShop, H.E. by Mango, Calvin Klein Jeans are some of the brands you will find here.

Address: 170-06-01, Plaza Gurney, Persiaran Gurney, Penang
Phone: +60 4222 8111
Email: www.gurneyplaza.com.my

Chinatown

Chinatown is a unique shopping zone, with goods such as jade, traditional costumes, crystals, herbs, traditional Chinese medicines and antiques. Around the area you will also find early-morning markets, stalls selling all kinds of culinary delights, traditional temples and antique shops.

Address: Lebu Campbell, Penang
More Info: Along Lebu Campbell, Lebu Chulia, Lebu King, Lebu Stewart and Lebu Muntri.

H&M

This Swedish chain, that you nowadays find almost everywhere in the world, provides high street fashion for both men and women at prices suiting everyone.

Address: 1st Avenue, 182 Jalan Magazine, Penang
Phone: +60 4261 1448
Internet: www.hm.com

Mango

At Mango, the urban young woman finds everything from sleek work-wear to the fabulous cocktail dress to reasonable prices. Match your new outfit with the perfect shoes and accessories that you also find here. There are two shops across the city and one of them is located on:

Address: 118, Jalan Tanjung Tokong, Penang
Phone: +61 4 229 7660
Internet: www.mango.com
More Info: Gurney Plaza

Little India

Little India is centred around Lebu Pasar and is a colourful district filled with rows of shops selling Indian delicacies, spices, saree, gold jewellery and Indian entertainment. This is the perfect place for those seeking a different kind of shopping experience.

Address: Lebu Pasar, Penang
More Info: Along Lebu Queen, Lebu King, Lebu Penang, Lebu Chulia, Lebu Pasar and Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling.

1st Avenue Mall

This is a seven-storey shopping mall set beside Prangin Mall and Komtar on Jalan Magazine. 1st Avenue Mall opened its doors in 2010 and is a bright and clean complex with a range of high-end fashion stores such as Coach and Victoria's Secret. They also provide affordable mid-range labels such as H&M and Sketchers.

Address: Jalan Magazine, Georgetown, Penang
Phone: +60 4261 1121
Internet: www.1st-avenue-mall.com.my

Lorong Kulit Flea Market

Lorong Kulit Flea Market is a must-visit when in Penang and the only one that operates daily. This market is full with life and colour and is a great place to grab a bargain on anything and everything. The stalls are selling second hand items such as antiques, watches, shoes, clothes, textiles and household goods.

Address: Jalan Dato Keramat, Penang

Penang Batik Factory

Penang Batik Factory is situated in Teluk Bahang, near the Butterfly farm. Not only you can buy beautiful sarongs, scarves and accessories here but also take a guided tour where they demonstrate on how batik is made.

Address: 651 Teluk Bahang, Penang
Phone: +60 4885 1284
Internet: www.penangbatik.com.my

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



Airport

Penang International Airport is located 20 km (13 miles) from the Georgetown city centre.

The most cost effective way of travelling from

Penang International Airport to George Town and surrounding areas is to take one of the bus services (bus line 102, 306,U401,401, 401A and 401E) that leave the airport every 30 minutes. The bus operator is called The Rapid Penang and they have their own ticket counter on the ground floor level of the arrival hall.

Taxis operate on a fixed price coupon system: purchase coupon at taxi desk inside arrival hall. The price depends which zone you are going to.

Be aware taxi drivers often try to cheat foreigners and refuse to use the meter, so make sure that the meters is always on if not a fixed price.

Address: Penang International Airport
Internet: www.penangairport.com

Public transport

To take the bus is probably one of the easiest ways to get around in Penang and surrounding areas. The main bus terminals are located in Georgetown's Weld Quay and KOMTAR buildings. Buses use pay on boarding coin machines and are the cheapest way to get around the island.

Bus services around the island include Rapid Penang Bus. It has an extensive route covering the island and mainland. If you are travelling frequently you can save money by buying a travel card 'rapid Preferred' - offers unlimited travel around Penang.

If any enquiries, head over to information counters (Rapid Kiosk):
Lorong Kulit, Rapid Penang Headquarters
Weld Quay & Komtar
Penang Sentral & Bukit Jambul

Phone: +604 238 1212
Internet: www.rapidpg.com.my

Taxi

Taxis are numerous and can be flagged down on the street, picked up at ranks or booked by phone. You can also book taxi from the hotel reception. Standard (red) taxis are more numerous and are not air conditioned. Taxi drivers are usually reluctant to turn on the meter (or to admit to speaking much English): insist on the meter being turned on, or bargain over the fare before boarding.

Air conditioned taxis are much more comfortable, but also more expensive. Shared taxis are also used for longer journeys (including trips to the mainland).

Trishaws

A pedal trishaw is a great way of getting around Georgetown or Batu Ferrnggi for those who are not in a hurry. They move at not much more than walking speed, allowing passengers to stop anywhere along the way to shop or take photos or videos. There is no set fare, so you must agree a price before setting off - it is easier to bargain for a price by the hour than for a specific journey from point to point.

Post

The main post office for Penang (for poste restante and other international postal requirements) is the General Post Office (GPO), located within Bangunan Tuanku Syed Putra, along Downing Street in George Town.

The post boxes in Malaysia are painted red and some of them date back to the British era. Occasionally, there is a second post box with yellow colour. These are for express mails.

Address: Downing Street, Georgetown, Penang

Telephone

Country code: +60

Island code: 04

Electricity

220-240V AC 50CPS. Three-pin plug.

Population

Penang State 1.6 million

Currency

Malaysian Ringgit (RM) 1 ringgit = 100 cents

Opening hours

Banks and offices are open Monday-Friday 9.15am-4.30pm, closed Saturday and Sunday. Post offices are open Monday-Saturday 8.30am-5pm (closed first Saturday of each month and Sundays). Large shopping malls and department stores are open from 10am till 9 or 10pm.

Newspapers

The Star

Emergency numbers

Police and ambulance: 999

Fire: 994

Mobile (all emergencies): 112

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