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Although it is Malaysia's smallest state, Penang Island (Pulau Pinang) is one of Asia's most vibrant and cosmopolitan destinations, reflecting the influences of half a dozen cultures. Located off the west coast of the Malaysian peninsula and connected by road bridges, the island is the birthplace of tourism in Malaysia. Come for great beaches, a mellow climate, and a colourful collection of attractions, many claiming to be the largest, tallest, longest, or oldest of their kind.

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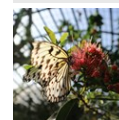
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THE ISLAND



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For almost 2,000 years, Penang — strategically located between the Strait of Malacca and the Andaman Sea — has been a key gateway to Southeast Asia, attracting merchant adventurers from the Middle East, India, China, and Europe. The most recent influx has been holidaymakers from the East and West, drawn by the golden sand beaches, exotic culture, great hotels, and superb climate almost year-round.

George Town, the island's capital, is a creation of British imperialism, founded by the swashbuckling English colonialist Captain Francis Light, who took possession of the island for the British East India Company in 1786, launching it on its way to becoming one of the jewels in Britain's colonial crown. George Town became a dazzlingly cosmopolitan melting pot, where Hindus, Muslims, Chinese, and Europeans have all left their mark on one of Malaysia's most colourful cities. Many of its people are Peranakans, of Chinese (mainly Hokkien) descent, whose ancestors emigrated under British rule. Others are 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



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The city's landmarks range from the colonial-era Fort Cornwallis and the 30-metre Jubilee Clock Tower on the waterfront Esplanade to the mighty Komtar Tower. George Town offers a fabulous choice of places to eat, drink, and shop.

Batu Ferringhi, northwest of George Town, 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 kilometres from Gelugor on Penang to Seberang Perai on the Malaysian Peninsula, it is the longest bridge in Southeast Asia.

Batu Ferringhi



Batu Ferringhi is Penang's main resort area, featuring a long strip of hotels, restaurants, bars, and shops along the island's best beach. Most visitors end up staying here, as Batu Ferringhi offers a range of accommodation from cheap and cheerful guesthouses to five-star luxury hotels. The resort area also provides a wide variety of watersports, including water

skiing, windsurfing, parasailing and scuba diving.

Photo: Chris Howey/shutterstock
Address: Batu Ferringhi, Penang

Penang Hill



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

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Address: Jalan Stesen, Bukit Bendera, Penang
Internet: www.penanghill.gov.my
Email: inquiries@penanghill.gov.my

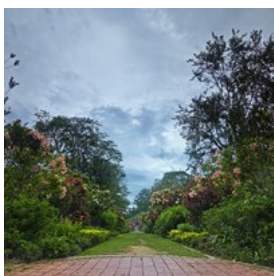
Snake Temple



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.

Photo: Byelikova Oksana/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jalan Tokong Ular, Bayan Lepas, Penang

Penang Botanical Gardens

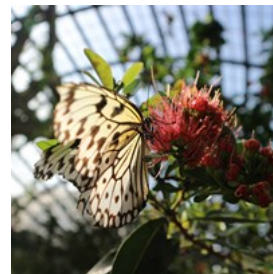


Hundreds of palms, tropical trees, shrubs, ferns, orchids and other flowering plants grace the 30 hectares of grounds, glasshouses,

ponds and nurseries at the Botanical Gardens. A popular picnic spot for local families, as well as for tourists stopping by for having a break from sightseeing.

Photo: Hafizzuddin/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jalan Kebun Bunga, George Town, Penang
Opening hours: Daily 5am-8pm
Phone: +60 4 226 440 1
Internet: botanicalgardens.penang.gov.my
Email: botani@penang.gov.my

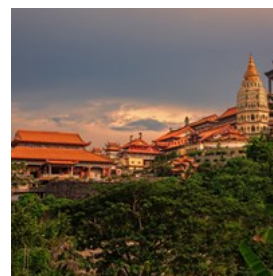
Entopia Butterfly Farm



Penang's famous butterfly farm at Entopia Natureland is the world's largest. With garden pavilions and breeding areas for more than 50 species of spectacularly colourful butterflies and insects, which all the same share this ecological space with a variety of other animal species such as invertebrates and small reptiles, up to 4,000 gorgeous living specimens can be seen at any time.

Photo: Sarah Alice Bailey/Shutterstock.com
Address: 830 Jalan Teluk Bahang, Pulau Pinang, Penang
Opening hours: Daily 9am-6pm
Phone: +60 4 888 811 1
Internet: www.butterfly-insect.com
Email: info@butterfly-insect.com

Kek Lok Si Temple



Claimed as the largest Buddhist temple complex in southeast Asia, Kek Lok Si - the Temple of Paradise - is marked 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.

Photo: Mike Fuchslocher/Shutterstock.com
Address: Ayer Hitam, Pulau Pinang, Penang

Monkey Beach & Penang National Park



Monkey Beach, also known as Teluk Duyung, is popular for its calm water, fine sand, picnic tables, and a troop of half-tame macaques. It is

an attractive destination for a 2-3 hour walk through the tropical woodland of Penang National Park, Taman Negara Pulau Pinang. Be sure to check in at the park office before setting off.

Photo: Robert Haandrikman/shutterstock
Address: Jalan Hassan Abas, Teluk Bahang, Penang
Opening hours: Daily from 8am
Phone: +60 4 881 3530

Fort Cornwallis



Fort Cornwallis is George Town'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, a chapel, a harbour beacon, and bronze cannons still mounted on the battlements.

Photo: Chris Jenner/shutterstock
Address: Jalan Tun Syed Sheh Barakbah, George Town, Penang
Opening hours: Daily 8am-11pm
Phone: +60 16 411 0000
Internet:
mypenang.gov.my/culture-heritage/directory/399/?lg=en

Kuan Yin Temple



Kuan Yin, the Goddess of Mercy Temple, was 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.

Photo: Jordan Lye/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jalan Masjid Kapitan Kling, George Town, Penang

Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion



Cheong Fatt Tze, the Blue Mansion, was one of the wealthiest merchants of the 19th century, and 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 culture. The building was restored at a cost of 7.6 million ringgit, and it is crammed with sculptures, antique furniture and tapestries, while now being a unique boutique hotel. However, it is also open for non-residents during guided tours, so book one ahead.

Photo: bigfatcat/Shutterstock.com
Address: 14 Lebu Leith, George Town, Penang
Phone: +60 4 262 000 6
Internet: www.cheongfattzemansion.com
Email: reservations@cheongfattzemansion.com

Khoo Kongsi Association



Khoo Kongsi was built just over a century ago, and it is the finest example of a Hokkien Chinese 'clan house' complex in Georgetown.

Its grand hall is replete with decorative carvings and ornamented columns, and 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.

Photo: Nattee Chalermtiragool/Shutterstock.com

Address: 18 Cannon Square, George Town, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +60 4 261 460 9

Internet: www.khookongsi.com.my

Email: info@khookongsi.com.my

Sri Mahamariamman Temple



The dazzlingly colourful Sri Mahamariamman Temple is the cultural and religious hub of George Town's 'Little India' quarter, home to

immigrants from the subcontinent for more than a century. Encrusted with garishly painted statues of deities, demons, and mythical creatures, the Sri Mahamariamman is the oldest of the city's Hindu temples and is still in daily use. Inside stands a valuable statue of the Hindu deity Lord Subramanya, lavishly embellished with gold and precious stones.

Photo: Elizaveta Galitckaia/shutterstock

Address: Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling, Lebuq Queen, Georgetown, George Town

Phone: +60 4 263 8916

Internet: penang.attractionsinmalaysia.com/Sri-Mahamariam

man-Temple.php

Kapitan Keling Mosque



Muslim Indian sepoy's (soldiers) of the British East India Company's Penang garrison built Masjid Kapitan Keling in 1801. It has been

extensively restored and expanded in the two centuries since. Above the yellow domes and turrets of the mosque compound towers a tall minaret.

Photo: Lukiyanova Natalia frenta/shutterstock

Address: Masjid Kapitan Keling, 14 Jalan Buckingham, Georgetown, George Town

Internet: www.instagram.com/masjidkapitankeling

More Info: Dress modestly and remove shoes before entering.

DINING



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Penang's cuisine, like the rest of Malaysian food, is marked by multicultural influences and a huge variety. Several specialities originate from multiple ethnic traditions, but you can expect plenty of herbs and spices.

Café Jen



This restaurant at JEN Penang Georgetown by Shangri-La sets up its own signature by serving a blend of authentic local flavours and international influences. The multicultural heritage combined with a modern fusion kitchen rewards guests with a gourmet experience within a quite elegant surrounding that still is soothing and relaxing as well.

Photo: images.etc/Shutterstock.com

Address: JEN Penang Georgetown by Shangri-La, Magazine Road, George Town, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 6am-10pm

Phone: +60 4 262 2622

Internet:

www.shangri-la.com/en/hotels/jen/penang/georgetown/eat

Marco Polo



Marco Polo at the Bayview Beach Resort Penang is a high-quality restaurant that serves both European fare like steak, grills, pasta and pizza, and traditional Chinese dishes. Enjoy the elegant surroundings and a sophisticated atmosphere.

Photo: Andrey Bayda/shutterstock

Address: Bayview Beach Resort, 339 Jalan Teluk Bahang, Batu Ferringhi Beach, Batu Ferringhi, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 6pm-10:30pm

Phone: +60 4 886 1111

Internet: bbr.bayviewhotels.com/restaurants-bars/marco-polo

The Esplanade

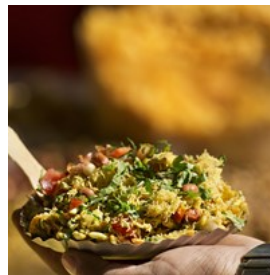


At the Esplanade in Georgetown, many food stalls right next to the sea are open until well after midnight - they offer fresh seafood and cold drinks as well as great Malay halal dishes such as Nasi Goreng and Satay.

Photo: scalino/Shutterstock.com

Address: Jalan Padang Kota Lama, George Town, Penang

Gurney Drive



At Gurney Drive in Georgetown, the food stalls are open all day and until midnight, serving Malay, Indian, and Chinese dishes: while rice and noodles are basic, burgers and different drinks are served here as well.

Photo: India Picture/Shutterstock.com

Address: Persiaran Gurney, George Town, Penang

Ferringhi Walk



Ferringhi Walk, the scene of Batu Ferringhi's nightly bazaar, is lined with hawker stalls selling Malay, Tamil, Northern Indian, and Chinese meals and snacks, perfect for travellers on a budget.

Photo: Melimey/shutterstock

Address: Ferringhi Walk, Batu Ferringhi, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 8am-midnight

Phone: +60 19 416 9229

Via Pre



Via Pre, an Italian restaurant, is located in an old warehouse right opposite to the ferries and, thus, somehow hard to find. While serving pizza and pasta dishes as well mouth-watering desserts like tiramisu, the interior is cosy and relaxing, providing a wonderful ambiance and a great stay.

Photo: Elena Yakusheva/Shutterstock.com

Address: 20E Lebu Penang, George Town, Penang

Phone: +60 4 261 980 0

Internet: www.via-pre.com

Email: info@via-pre.com

Sri Ananda Bahwan



If you are into great Indian food, head over to the vibrant restaurant Sri Ananda Bahwan in Georgetown, as here, you can enjoy tasteful food for a reasonable price. This restaurant has a few shops across Penang, and the menu offers a wide variety of Indian food, both vegetarian and non-vegetarian.

Photo: Joe Gough/Shutterstock.com

Address: 53 & 55 Penang Street, George Town, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 8am-8pm

Phone: +60 4 331 0781

Internet: sabgroup.com.my

Blanc



At this restaurant inside the historic Hotel Macalister Mansion, you can enjoy a dining experience that is out of the ordinary. The high

class restaurant offers modern French cuisine with an Asian touch in a luxurious setting and, thus, 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!

Photo: Rawpixel dot com/shutterstock

Address: Macalister Mansion, 228 Jalan Macalister, George Town, Penang

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 7pm-10pm, Mon closed

Phone: +60 19 239 9818

Internet: restaurantblanc.com.my

No Eyed Deer



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

Photo: KYTan/Shutterstock.com

Address: 98-1-26 Prima Tanjung, Tanjung Tokong, Penang

Phone: +60 4 899 048 8

Kebaya Dining Room



Kebaya at Hotel Seven Terraces is an Asian Fusion restaurant with an impeccable service, and a refined and elegant, yet simple atmosphere. The chefs are using French cooking techniques and innovative produce to create new twists on the menu, and the quality food is well presented with lots of amazing flavours.

Photo: Mike Dexter/Shutterstock.com

Address: 14A Stewart Lane, George Town, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 6pm-10pm

Phone: +60 4 264 233 3

Internet: kebaya.com.my

Email: info@7terraces.com

Lily's Vegetarian Kitchen



If you prefer vegetarian food, head over to Lily's Vegetarian Kitchen, where you'll find an array of vegetarian dishes at good prices, ranging from Nyonya (Peranakan Chinese) to Asian Fusion and Western cuisine. Most of the ingredients are organically grown and brought in fresh from farms in the Cameron Highlands.

Photo: Magdanatka/shutterstock

Address: 98 Noble House, George Town, Penang

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8am-7:45pm, Mon closed

Phone: +60 4 226 3810

Internet: www.lilysvegekitchen.com

Gustoso By The Beach



At this beachfront restaurant at Parkroyal Penang Resort, you can enjoy authentic delights from Asia as well as Italian menu items. With over 40 different dishes, it caters to almost every taste.

Photo: BlueOrange Studio/shutterstock

Address: PARKROYAL Penang Resort, Batu Ferringhi Beach, Batu Ferringhi, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 6:30pm-10:30pm

Phone: +60 4 886 2288

Internet: panpacific.com/en/hotels-and-resorts/pr-penang/dining/gustoso-by-the-beach.html

CAFES



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With sunny weather nearly all year long and close proximity to the beach, grabbing a coffee in Penang often means enjoying an ice-cold one. However, coffee shops dotted across the city also offer hot beverages, tasty desserts, and smaller refreshments.

Sarkies



The coffee shop of the Eastern and Oriental Hotel serves tea, coffee, cakes and snacks nearly all day long, while also offering a great breakfast menu in the morning as well as lunch and dinner buffets during special operating hours. Here, you can expect high quality food and a great service.

Photo: Kite_rin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Eastern & Oriental Hotel, 10 Lebuhraya, George Town, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 6:30am-10:30pm

Phone: +60 4 222 200

Internet: www.eohotels.com/dining/sarkies

Email: luxury@eohotels.com

Crepe 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 and without syrup shots) and other favourites that will sweeten your day.

Photo: zjuzjaka/Shutterstock.com

Address: 77-A, Persiaran Gurney, George Town, Penang

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 6pm-midnight, Tue closed

Phone: +60 19 448 1680

Internet: www.instagram.com/crepecottage99

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, as "A cup of coffee is a cup of culture. A cup of respect. A cup of love."

Photo: Art_Photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nagore Square, 28 Jalan Nagor, George Town, Penang

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8am-10pm, Mon closed

Phone: +60 4 228 7108

Internet: www.sitigun.com

Hard Rock Cafe Penang



This famous establishment is a great place to visit, and it is located at the popular beach of Batu Feringghi, at the ground floor of the Hard Rock Hotel. The cafe offers food and drink, and it also hosts live music.

Photo: Kate Muki/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hard Rock Hotel Penang, Batu Ferringhi Beach, Batu Ferringhi, Penang

Opening hours: Daily from noon

Phone: +60 4 881 1711

Internet: cafe.hardrock.com/penang

China House



China House is a traditional complex of three buildings that house 14 different spaces, including shops, galleries, and great cafes and restaurants where you can savour food, music, and art all day long. Be sure to check out their cafe counter, which displays more than 30 types of cake.

Photo: Kzenon/shutterstock

Address: 153 & 155 Beach Street, George Town, Penang

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 9am-midnight, Fri & Sat 9am-1am

Phone: +60 4 263 7299

Internet: www.chinahouse.com.my

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Nightlife in Penang is vibrant and lively: weekends mean nightclubs, pubs, bars, and karaoke, with many places to dance the night away. George Town is the party hub, offering numerous party options.

BoraBora in Batu Ferringhi



Is there any better way to spend the evening than hanging out at the beach while sipping colourful cocktails? BoraBora offers not only this but also delicious barbecue cuisine to satisfy your hunger and Tiger beer to quench your thirst. Don't miss their Happy Hour from 4 pm to 7 pm.

Photo: Lux Blue/shutterstock

Address: 72d, Jalan Batu Ferringhi, Pulau Pinang

Phone: +60 4 885 1313

Internet: www.borabora.com.my

Email: manager@borabora.com.my

Healy Mac's Irish Bar & Restaurant



This Irish-owned restaurant is located in the heart of the Strait's Quay Marina, offering amazing sea views and sunset experiences. At this authentic venue, you can enjoy traditional dishes such as pork knuckle, spare ribs, and stew, while occasionally listening to live Irish music.

Photo: avs/shutterstock

Address: Straits Quay Retail Marina, Seri Tanjung Pinang, Tanjung Tokong, Penang

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-12:30am, Fri & Sat 11am-1am, Sun 10am-midnight

Phone: +60 4 890 3477

Internet: www.instagram.com/healymacsirishbar

Three Sixty Revolving Restaurant & Rooftop Bar



This open-air rooftop bar and restaurant offers a panoramic view of George Town that is unmatched. Located on the top floor of Bayview Hotel, you can chill and listen to hip music in a cosy and breezy atmosphere while savouring a drink.

Photo: Nick Starichenko/shutterstock

Address: Bayview Hotel Georgetown Penang, 25-A Lebuhraya Farquhar, George Town, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 4pm-midnight

Phone: +60 4 261 3540

Internet: www.360rooftop.com.my

Feringgi Bar at Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa



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

Photo: g-stockstudio/shutterstock

Address: Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa, Jalan Batu Ferringhi, Kampung Tanjung Huma, Batu Ferringhi, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-midnight

Phone: +60 4 888 8788

Internet: www.shangri-la.com/penang/rasasayangresort/dining/bars-lounges/feringgi-bar

Email: penangrasasayang@shangri-la.com

Farquhar's Bar



Farquhar's Bar is considered by many to be the best bar in George Town. Located inside the Eastern & Oriental Hotel, this colonial-style bar

serves beer, cocktails, a selection of non-alcoholic drinks, and delicious pub meals. Don't miss their signature drink, the Eastern & Oriental Sling.

Photo: Maksim Fesenko/shutterstock

Address: Eastern & Oriental Hotel, Penang, 10 Lebuh

Farquhar, Georgetown, George Town, Penang

Opening hours: Daily noon-midnight

Phone: +60 4 222 2000

Internet: www.eohotels.com/dining/faquhars-bar-2

SHOPPING



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Penang offers 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 beachwear. Let these markets surprise you.

Komtar



Georgetown's shopping landmark is the 65-storey Komtar shopping centre in the heart of the city. Here you will find boutiques selling

reasonably-priced items and also some shops specialising in digital products like cameras, hand phones and computers.

Photo: NaiyanaB/Shutterstock.com

Address: South George Town, Penang

Prangin Mall



Prangin Mall is Georgetown's largest shopping mall and also considered as one of the most popular ones in Penang. The shopping

complex with six levels features brand-name stores, dining and entertainment outlets as well as a supermarket and a cinema.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Jalan Dr Lim Chwee Leong, George Town, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +60 4 262 2233

Internet: prangin-mall.com

Penang Road



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

antiques. Go here to find both good quality and bargains.

Photo: TZIDO SUN/Shutterstock.com

Address: Jalan Penang, George Town, Penang

Island88



Island88 at Tanjung Tokong, located midway between George Town and Batu Ferringhi, is an air-conditioned shopping complex with a range of shops selling international brands. You will also find cafes and restaurants here.

Photo: nd3000/shutterstock

Address: 118 Jalan Tanjong Tokong, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +60 4 890 8228

Internet: island88.com

Batu Ferringhi Night Market



In Batu Ferringhi, local salesmen set up their stalls along Ferringhi Walk, while craft workers demonstrate skills such as batik painting. There are also plenty of vendors selling knock-off big-brand watches, bootleg CDs, and software. Colourful paintings, masks, wood carvings, t-shirts and souvenirs are also easy to find.

Photo: Topphy/shutterstock

Address: Pasar Malam Batu Ferringhi, Jalan Batu Ferringhi, Batu Ferringhi, Penang

Internet: www.mypenang.gov.my/all/directory/1108/?lg=en

Queensbay Mall



Queensbay Mall is one of the largest shopping centre in Penang, and it 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.

Photo: Kagai19927/Shutterstock.com

Address: Queensbay Mall, 100 Persiaran Bayan Indah, Bayan Lepas, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-10:30pm

Phone: +60 4 646 8888

Internet: www.queensbaymallmalaysia.com

Gurney Plaza



Gurney Plaza is strategically situated in the famous Gurney Drive promenade in Penang. This shopping and entertainment destination

is serving both family and tourists alike, and it 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.

Photo: Ivanko80/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaza Gurney, Persiaran Gurney, Pulau Tikus, George Town, Penang

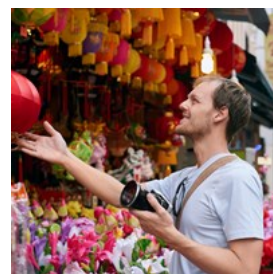
Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +60 4 222 8222

Internet:

www.mypenang.gov.my/food-lifestyle/directory/1134/?lg=en

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.

Photo: Daxiao Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lebuhr Campbell, Georgetown, George Town,

Penang

Internet: www.chinatownology.com/chinatown_penang.html

Little India



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

Photo: Daniele RUSSO/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lebuh Pasar (Market Street), Georgetown, George Town, Penang

1st Avenue Mall



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

Photo: samritphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Jalan Magazine, George Town, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +60 4 261 1121

Internet: www.1st-avenuepenang.com.my

Lorong Kulit Flea Market



Lorong Kulit Flea Market is a must-visit when in Penang, and the only one that operates daily. The market is full with life and colour, and it is a

great place to grab a bargain on anything and everything, as the stalls are selling second hand items such as antiques, watches, shoes, clothes, textiles and household goods.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com

Address: 625 Jalan Dato Keramat, Georgetown, George Town, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 6am-1pm

Internet:

www.mypenang.gov.my/food-lifestyle/directory/1158/?lg=en

Penang Batik Factory



Penang Batik Factory, established in 1973 and operating since, shows off the manufacturing of traditional and handmade batik. Here, you can not only buy beautiful sarongs, scarves and accessories but also join a guided tour for getting to know the production process of those colourful goods itself.

Photo: Arch MerciGod/Shutterstock.com

Address: Teluk Bahang, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5:30pm

Phone: +60 4 885 1284

Internet: penangbatik.com.my

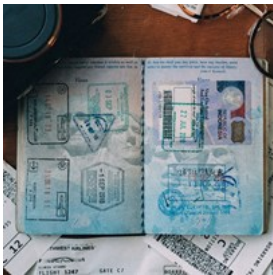
Email: guah@penangbatik.com.my

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Passport / Visa

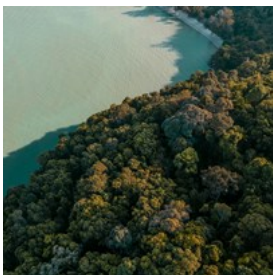


Travellers need a passport or an internationally recognised travel document in order to enter Malaysia. The documents must be valid for more than six months from the date of departure. Furthermore, certain nationals require a visa, while others are granted one upon arrival (VOA, Visa on arrival).

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Internet: www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/main-services/visa/visa-requirement-by-country

Best Time to Visit

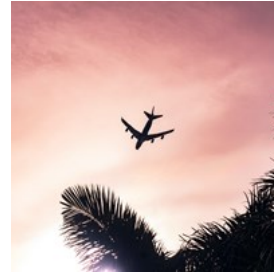


Penang is a great place to visit nearly all year long. However, the season between November and January might be the best, as the weather is very pleasant and the atmosphere is lively due to celebrations like Christmas and New Year, when restaurants and bars are full of people. The period from February to April is less crowded, while the season from May to October is the

wettest and, thus, also the most deserted when it comes to tourism.

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Penang International Airport (PEN)



Penang International Airport, sometimes abbreviated as PIA, is located 16 kilometres (10 miles) from George Town city centre. The most cost effective way of travelling from the airport to George Town and surrounding areas is to take one of the bus services that leave every 30 minutes. The bus operator is called The Rapid Penang, and they have their own ticket counter on the ground floor of the arrival hall.

Taxis operate on a fixed price coupon system: purchase coupon at taxi desk inside arrival hall, and the price depends which zone you are going to. However, be aware that taxi drivers often try to cheat foreigners and refuse to use the meter, so make sure that the meters is always turned on if not a fixed price is already set.

Photo: Eduardo Velazco Guart/unsplash

Address: Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Bayan Lepas, Bayan Lepas, Penang

Phone: +60 4 252 0252

Internet: penangairport.com

Public Transport



Taking the bus is probably the easiest and cheapest way to get around in Penang and surrounding areas. The main bus terminals are located in George Town's Weld Quay and KOMTAR building. Bus services around the

island include Rapid Penang Bus, and it has an extensive route covering both island and mainland. If you are travelling frequently, you can save money by buying the travel card Rapid Preferred, as it offers unlimited travel around Penang.

Photo: Marie Sjödin/pixabay

Address: Bus Rapid Penang Komtar Kiosk, Prangin Mall, Lebu Tek Soon, George Town

Phone: +604 238 121 2

Internet:

myrapid.com.my/bus-train/rapid-penang/rapid-pg-bus

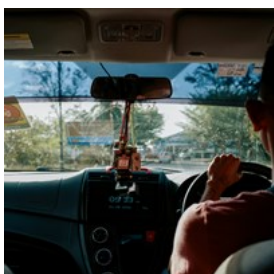
Trishaws



A pedal trishaw is a great way of getting around in George Town or Batu Ferringhi for those who are not in a hurry, as they move not much faster than walking speed, but allow passengers to stop anywhere along the way to shop or take photos or videos. There is no set fare, so you must agree on 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.

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Taxi



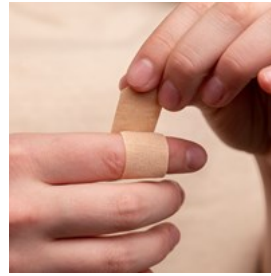
Taxis are numerous and can be flagged down on the street, picked up at ranks, or booked by phone or from hotel receptions. Taxi drivers are usually reluctant to turn on the meter (or to admit to speaking English). Insist on the meter, or agree on the fare before boarding.

Standard (red) taxis are more common but not

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

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Pharmacy



Pharmacies can be found in George Town and nearly every suburb, township, and neighbourhood in Penang. While some operate independently, there are also a few chains: Guardian Pharmacy, Georgetown Pharmacy, and Eu Yan Sang (specialising in Chinese medicine). A branch of Guardian Pharmacy is centrally located near the shopping area of 1st Avenue. Most chain pharmacies are open from 10 am to 10 pm, including Sundays.

Photo: Diana Polekhina/unsplash

Address: Guardian 1st Avenue Mall, 1st Avenue, Jalan Magazine, George Town, Penang

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +60 4 261 0025

Internet: www.guardian.com.my

Post



The main post office for Penang 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, and these are for express mails.

Photo: Simona Sergi/unsplash

Address: Lebuhr Downing, George Town, Penang

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5:30pm, Sat 8:30am-1pm,
Sun closed

Phone: +60 4 261 9222

Internet: www.pos.com.my

Telephone



Country code: +60 Area
code: 4

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Electricity



Electrical appliances are connected to Malaysia's power supply using a three-pin plug known as plug type G. It is the same plug used in the

UK. Expect 220-240V at 50Hz.

Photo: Idyshah/pixabay

Population

Penang State: 1.74 million Penangites

George Town (state capital): 794,313

Currency

Malaysian Ringgit (RM or MYR), plural: ringgit

Opening hours

Banks and offices are open Monday-Friday 9:15am-4:30pm, and closed on Saturday and Sunday. Post offices are open Monday-Saturday 8:30am-5pm, and closed on the first Saturday of each month and Sundays. Large shopping malls and department stores are daily open from 10am till 9 or 10pm.

Internet

mypenang.gov.my

Newspapers

The Star: www.thestar.com.my

Emergency numbers

Police and ambulance: 999

Fire brigade: 994

Mobile (all emergencies): 112

Tourist information

Tourist Information Centre

4 Jalan Tun Syed Sheh Barakbah, George Town, Pulau Pinang

Tourist Information Centre (Pusat Penerangan Pelancongan)

Pesara King Edward, Jalan Tun Syed Sheh Barakbah, George

Town, Penang

www.penang360.my

