

Malaysia Welcomes The World



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Little India



Malaysia Truly Asia



Welcome to Penang

Penang, the Pearl of the Orient, is a fascinating fusion of the East and West. The state embraces modernity while retaining its traditions and old world charm, which are reflected in its harmonious multiracial populace and well-preserved heritage buildings. Long regarded as the food capital of Malaysia, it also entices visitors with its beautiful coasts and scrumptious cuisines.

Comprising the island of Penang and Seberang Perai, its seat of government is located in the bustling city of Georgetown. Travellers can select their accommodation from among various well-appointed hotels, five-star resorts and budget inns located throughout the state.

Places of Interest

Khuo Kongsi Khuo Kongsi is one of the grandest clan temples in the country. Clustered in its square are an elaborately embellished temple, association building, a traditional theatre as well as several 19th century row houses.

Kek Lok Si Temple Reputed to be the biggest Buddhist temple complex in Southeast Asia, the temple stands majestically on a hill in Air Itam. It boasts the beautiful "Pagoda of Ten Thousand Buddhas" which blends Chinese, Myanmarese and Thai architecture.

Snake Temple Built in 1850 and dedicated to the deity, Chor Soo Kong, the temple is a sanctuary for pit vipers said to be "servants" of the deity.

Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion Featuring 18th and 19th century Chinese architecture, this stately mansion comprises beautiful bedrooms, libraries, ceremonial halls, courtyards and gardens. It also houses a rare porcelain collection, sculptures, carvings, tapestries, embroideries and antiques.

Fort Cornwallis The fort was built on the site of Sir Francis Light's historic landing in 1786. Originally a wooden stockade, it is now a concrete structure and currently houses cannons, a history gallery, café, handicraft and souvenir centre as well as an open-air amphitheatre.

War Museum Built around the remnants of a British fort, this 20-acre museum contains several installations above and below ground where old war relics are stored. Visitors can weave through a complex to view barracks, old cookhouses, lock-ups, tunnels and ventilation shafts.

Penang Museum Hundreds of old prints, paintings, clay, stone and porcelain ware as well as other historical artefacts that highlight the important periods in Penang's development can be found here.

Kapitan Keling Mosque Built in early 19th century, the mosque features an ochre yellow façade and a dome-shaped minaret reflecting Moorish Islamic influence.

Acheen Street Malay Mosque This vernacular-style mosque, also known as Masjid Melayu, features an octagonal minaret and a Moorish arcade. It was built in 1820 on land donated by Syed Sheriff Tengku Syed Hussain Aidid.

Chinatown Large and well-preserved, its numerous clan houses, shophouses and temples provide a fascinating insight into the lifestyle of early Chinese immigrant settlers who came here in the 1800s.

Little India This quaint Indian town dates back over two centuries and boasts the 167 years old Sri Mahamariamman Temple. Worth browsing here are the unique pre-war terrace buildings.

Pinang Peranakan Mansion Contained in this mansion are elaborate traditional costumes and accessories, lovely porcelain pieces, furniture, works of art brought in from China and Europe as well as artefacts related to the history and colourful lifestyle of the Baba Nyonya people of Penang.

St. George's Church The church is one of the oldest landmarks in the city and was named after the patron saint of England. It features a memorial canopy dedicated to Captain Francis Light.

Wat Chaiya Mangkalaram A unique Buddhist temple with Thai, Myanmarese and Chinese architecture, it houses a 33-metre gold-plated reclining Buddha said to be one of the longest in the world.

P. Ramlee's House Originally built in 1926 to commemorate the late Tan Sri P. Ramlee, Malaysia's foremost entertainer, the house features the life history of the late singer, actor, composer and film director. The various exhibits include his personal memorabilia and also items belonging to his family.

Penang Hill Malaysia's first hill station, Penang Hill is 830m above sea level. Ascend to the top by hiking up or by travelling in the funicular train which has been operational since 1922 and enjoy the cool climate as well as the fantastic view at the summit.

Toy Museum The Toy Museum showcases an impressive collection of over 100,000 toys, models, collectibles and dollhouses. It is the first of its kind in Asia and the largest in the world.