

# MALAYSIA

## NORTHERN REGION

**Perak**

**Penang**

UNESCO World Heritage City

**Kedah**

UNESCO Global Geopark

**Perlis**



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# WELCOME TO THE NORTHERN REGION

Unravel the wonders of Asia as you journey up north, traversing the lovely states of Perak, Penang, Kedah and Perlis. Discover cultures that are as diverse as the attractions – islands and beaches, rainforests and caves, temples and museums, theme parks and historic sites – complemented by a delightful *mélange* of things to experience.

Perak and Penang have enjoyed rapid development since their establishment. Nevertheless, they have retained their old-world charm and natural heritage. Kedah and Perlis, the country's main producers of rice on the other hand, are known not only for picturesque paddy fields and traditional villages but also as nature's adventure playgrounds.

The Northern Region is the destination for leisure pursuits. Within it lie the internationally famous Pangkor Laut Resort, the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage City of Georgetown, Asia's first Geopark – Langkawi and the country's only semi-deciduous rainforest at the Perlis State Park.

Wonderful surprises abound here and there are more than enough reasons to make it the perfect getaway. For a taste of intriguing cultures and exciting adventures, where else but the Northern Region?

# PERAK

*Perak is situated along the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia and covers an area of 21,000 sq km. Meaning silver in Malay, it was so named as the state is home to the Kinta Valley, which once contained the world's richest tin deposits, drawing visitors from around the globe.*

*Today, it captivates hearts with its intriguing cave temples, thriving virgin rainforests, delicious varieties of cuisine and of course, the renowned Pangkor Laut Resort. Its capital city is Ipoh, the City of Bougainvillea.*

***Come and experience the charm of this Land of Grace!***



# MAP OF PERAK



# PLACES OF INTEREST



## PULAU PANGKOR Manjung

Tucked within this idyllic tropical island are attractions such as the historic Dutch Fort, Batu Bersurat, fishing villages, traditional boatyards, places of worship and popular beaches like Pantai Puteri Dewi, Pantai Pasir Bogak and Teluk Nipah. This island can be explored on foot or by vehicle and its surrounding turquoise warm waters are ideal for swimming, snorkelling, kayaking and fishing. A short boat ride takes you to the privately-owned Pulau Pangkor Laut. Here, you will find the exclusive Pangkor Laut Resort, one of the world's top small luxury resorts.

### Must do:

- Savour fresh and delicious seafood
- Watch boats being built at the boatyards
- Sample seafood snacks
- Go for a round-island trip



*The stone foundations of the Dutch Fort at Teluk Gedung were built in 1670, making this former Dutch stronghold more than 300 years old.*



Pangkor Information Centre  
Tel: 05 685 1078

## ROYAL BELUM Gerik

The pristine Royal Belum is nestled within the protected Belum Valley in Gerik. New species of trees and insects have been discovered in this 117,500-hectare virgin rainforest, which is also one of the few places in Malaysia where you can see the rare Rafflesia. Comprising a complex ecosystem, this state park is situated in the northern part of Lake Temengor and is a haven for mammals like the *seladang*, Asian Elephant, Malaysian Tiger and the endangered Sumatran Rhinoceros as well as birds such as the hornbills.

### Must do:

- Go for jungle trekking, bird watching and wildlife sightings

Tel: 05 791 4543

(Perak State Park Corporation)

Tel: 05 7917858

(Royal Belum Information Centre)



## ZOO TAIPING & NIGHT SAFARI Taiping

Over 180 local and exotic wildlife species can be observed at the 34-acre Taiping Zoo. The country's first zoo, it features orang-utans, Malaysian Tigers, *siamangs* and many more in open-air enclosures with natural settings. The Night Safari includes a mini train ride that takes you through various parts of the zoo where you can watch nocturnal animals in action – feeding, hunting or just being playful. The lively chirpings of night creatures add to the exciting atmosphere.

### Must do:

- Hop on the train and go on a Night Safari
- Watch the animal feeding sessions

### Zoo Taiping

Opening hours: 8.30am - 6.00pm

Tel: 05 808 6577

### Night Safari

Opening hours: 8.00pm - 11.00pm

8.00pm - 12.00am

(on Fridays and Saturdays)

Tel: 05 808 6577



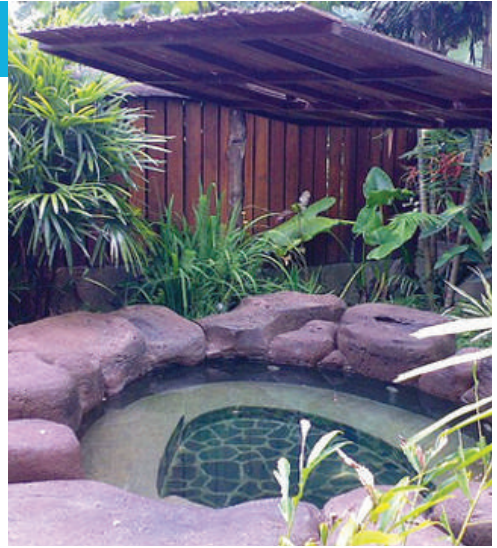
## FELDA RESIDENCE HOT SPRINGS Sungkai

Indulge in warm and relaxing sensations as you soak in the free flowing hot springs pools at FELDA Residence Hot Springs. Located at the foothill of the Titiwangsa Range in Sungkai, the hot springs are believed to have positive effects on various ailments. While you are there, you can go for the open cold and hot pools or private pools. You can also sign up for the water reflexology courses or just take a walk around the beautiful garden and reflexology path.

### Must do:

- Soak in the hot springs pools
- Enjoy a soothing reflexology massage

Opening hours: 8.00am - 9.00pm  
Tel: 05 438 8801 / 3



## GALERI SULTAN AZLAN SHAH Kuala Kangsar

The Sultan Azlan Shah Gallery was formerly known as Istana Hulu or Hulu Palace. An interesting combination of Asian and European architectural styles, the gallery mainly features the history and achievements of the Sultan of Perak, Sultan Azlan Shah. It also provides information on the history and genealogy of the Perak Sultanate and showcases replicas, photographs, automobiles as well as gifts that were given to the Sultan and his wife by Head of States from around the world. The gallery is located on Bukit Chandan about 1.5km from Kuala Kangsar town and just 500m from the famous icon, Istana Kenangan.

Opening hours: 10.00am - 5.00pm  
Monday - Thursday  
10.00am - 12.15, Friday  
2.45pm - 5.00pm

Tel: 05 777 5362



*One of the exhibits,  
the Taming Sari dagger,  
is made of 20 metal composites,  
believed to be made from bolts holding  
the Holy Ka'abah Gates in Mecca.*





## GAHARU TEA VALLEY Gopeng

The Gaharu Tea Valley's 300-acre plantation is located within the quaint little town of Gopeng. It has about 200,000 trees of the special 12-in-1 super hybrid *Aquilaria SPP* and other natural attractions that will leave you mesmerised. Gaharu, commonly known as Agarwood, has many beneficial and healing properties. Possessing an array of valuable qualities, Gaharu plays a vast and significant role in the Middle Eastern, Chinese and Ayurvedic cultures. The earliest documented use of Agarwood was in 600 AD but its existence in the medicinal world goes way beyond these records.

Opening hours: 9.00am – 6.00pm (Daily)

Tel: 05 3511 999



## GUA TEMPURUNG Gopeng

One of the largest limestone caves in Peninsular Malaysia, Gua Tempurung stretches over a kilometre from Sungai Siput to Kuala Dipang and is made up of five domes with coconut shell-like ceilings. Discover the beauty of nature as you explore its interior, admiring impressive stalactites as well as stalagmites and experiencing other unusual cave phenomena. You can select from various guided tours according to your preferences and level of fitness. This cave is in Gopeng, just 24km south of Ipoh. A 15 minutes' drive away is the Kampar River, a popular destination for white-water rafting.

Opening hours : 9.00am – 4.30pm

Closed from 12.30pm – 2.30pm on Friday

Tel : 014 220 4142

Email: [aptguatempurung@gmail.com](mailto:aptguatempurung@gmail.com)



## KUALA SEPETANG RECREATIONAL FOREST Matang

Make a point to visit the Kuala Sepetang Recreational Forest – the best managed mangrove forest in the country. An area of rich biodiversity, it shelters teeming species of trees, birds, fish and other aquatic life unique to the mangrove forest. Mangrove tree species such as the *bakau minyak* and *bakau kurap* thrive here and are commonly used to make charcoal. Some local factories still employ traditional methods to produce this substance.

### Must do:

- Visit the Eco Education Centre
- Go camping, bird watching and wildlife sighting
- Tour local charcoal factories

Opening hours: 8.00am - 5.00pm

Admission is free.

Tel: 05 857 1762



## KELLIE'S CASTLE Ipoh

Projecting an aura of mystery, Kellie's Castle is the unfinished residence of a wealthy Scottish planter, William Kellie Smith. The mansion's construction was abandoned upon his sudden demise in 1926. The castle is believed to contain hidden rooms and secret underground passages, as well as the location of several tales of the supernatural.

Opening hours : 9.00am- 6.00pm

Public holidays : 9.00am - 6.30pm

Tel : 05 365 3381 / 018 574 2732



## ORANG UTAN ISLAND / BUKIT MERAH LAKETOWN RESORT Semanggol

Come meet one of Malaysia's most endearing mascots at the 35-acre Orang Utan Island – a breeding sanctuary cum conservation, research and education centre. Observe these primates as you walk through the 100m steel 'cage tunnel'. Don't miss the opportunity to interact with the star attractions, two orang-utan babies, at the end of your visit. The island is part of the Bukit Merah Laketown Resort, which also has a water and eco park. The resort is just an hour's drive from Ipoh.

### Water Park:

Monday - Thursday: 12.00pm - 6.00pm

Friday - Sunday: 10.00am - 6.00pm

(Closed on Tuesdays except during school holidays and public holidays)

### Public holidays:

10.00pm - 6.00pm

### Eco Park:

10.00am - 6.00pm every day

Tel: 05 890 8888

Website: [www.bukitmerahresort.com.my](http://www.bukitmerahresort.com.my)



*The Orang Utan  
Island is the world's  
first and only  
rehabilitation and  
preservation facility  
where the  
orang-utans  
roam free.*



## THERE'S MUCH MORE IN PERAK

Various places of interest are interspersed within the state. While the majority of them are found in Ipoh, Kuala Kangsar and Taiping, you might discover hidden gems in its sprawling countryside.



### Ipoh

- Birch Memorial Clock Tower
- Darul Ridzuan Museum
- Geological Museum
- Gunung Lang Recreation Centre
- Ipoh Railway Station
- Lost World of Tambun
- Kinta Riverfront
- Kek Look Tong
- Ipoh Heritage Trail
- Kellie's Castle

### Kuala Kangsar

- Enggor Handicraft Centre
- Kampung Sayong (Labu Sayong)
- Malaysia's oldest rubber tree
- Royal Museum
- Ubudiah Mosque
- Ulu Kenas Waterfall
- Sultan Azlan Shah Gallery

### Manjung

- Lumut International Yacht Club
- Marina Island Jetty Complex (Pangkor)
- Marina Island Yacht Club (Pangkor)
- Navy Gallery
- Pulau Sembilan
- Segari Turtle Hatching Management
- Teluk Batik
- Teluk Senangin
- THE RAHMAT Maritime Museum
- Lumut Mangrove Park

### Taiping, Larut Matang and Selama

- Bukit Gantang Homestay
- Bukit Larut
- Matang Museum
- Matang Mangrove Swamp
- Perak Museum
- Selama Homestay
- Taiping Lake Gardens

### Batang Padang

- Kuala Woh Recreational Forest
- Lata Iskandar Waterfalls
- Lata Kinjang Waterfalls
- National Education Museum (UPSi)
- Proton City

### Kampar

- Clear Water Sanctuary Resort
- Kinta Tin Mining (Grave Pump Museum)
- Tin Dredge Heritage Museum

### Perak Tengah

- Pasir Salak Historical Complex
- Pulau Tiga Handicraft Centre
- River Terrapin Breeding Centre
- Homestay Pendiati

### Gerik

- Banding Island
- Lake Temengor

### Lenggong

- Lenggong Archaeological Museum
- Kampung Beng Homestay
- Lata Kekabu Waterfalls

### Sungkai

- Klah Homestay
- Wildlife Conservation Centre

### Gopeng

- Gopeng Homestay
- Sungai Kampar (white-water rafting)
- Gaharu Tea Valley
- Gopeng Museum
- Heritage House Gopeng

### Hilir Perak

- Leaning Clock Tower
- Bagan Datoh Homestay
- Homestay Maju Manik

### Kerian

- Kuala Gula Bird Sanctuary

# SHOPPING & DINING

## Shopping

You can look forward to diverse shopping experiences in Perak as shopping destinations here range from modern shopping complexes, night markets to simple roadside stalls. Just about everything is available here – food, fruits, clothing, foot wear, accessories and many more. Handicraft such as the *labu sayong*, a gourd shaped ceramic vessel, is unique to Perak and can be purchased from Kampung Sayong in Kuala Kangsar. Other souvenir items include golden thread embroidery, earthen ware, bamboo earrings, *keris* (Malay dagger) and handicrafts made from seashells.

Popular shopping spots:

- Enggor Handicraft Centre
- Gerbang Malam
- Ipoh Parade
- Angsana Mall
- AEON Kinta City
- AEON Station 18
- Memory Lane

## Dining

Malay, Chinese, Indian, Thai, Japanese and Western – there is an endless variety of food in Perak. Delicious and definitely affordable, there's simply no excuse for not trying as many as possible. The state is famous for *sar hor fun*, *hor hee*, *dim sum*, Chicken Rice (with bean sprouts) and *rendang tok*. This beverage originates from Ipoh and is a favourite among Malaysians.

### Authentic local favourites:

#### Ikan Perkasam

Enjoy the most famous fish in town, Ikan Perkasam. Marinated in toasted rice and salt, the fish is left to ferment for two weeks in a closed urn. The process softens the fish's scales and bones and gives the traditional delicacy its distinct sharp tangy taste. Perkasam is usually eaten fried and goes very well with plain rice. It can be found at most wet markets here.

#### Nasi Kandar Vanggey

Nasi Vanggey in Ipoh is also known as Nasi Ganja in Malay, which also means 'marijuana' as it claims to get us addicted to it once we taste it. White rice is served with red spicy chicken and fiery curry. What makes the curry so special from the rest would be the 'kuah campur' or mixed gravies poured onto the heap of rice.

#### Chicken Rice

This delectable combination of braised chicken, bean sprouts and rice is an original Ipoh dish. Fresh and crunchy, the bean sprouts from the state are said to taste better as they were grown using waters from the



limestone hills.

#### Rendang Tok

*Rendang tok* is a flavoursome Malay delicacy made from an exciting combination of spices, herbs, coconut milk as well as beef and served with turmeric rice. It is normally served during special occasions such as weddings and important celebrations.



## Restaurants in Perak

### Malay

**Doli Kuey Teow Goreng**  
Taiping  
016 553 8025

**Mee Rebus Ramli Restaurant**  
Ipoh  
05 547 2026 / 012 517 3595

**Nasi Ayam Fuziah Restaurant**  
Ipoh  
017 533 5070

**Nasi Lemak Ayam Kampung Restaurant**  
Ipoh  
05 254 4318 / 016 545 9000

**Simpang Tiga Restaurant**  
Ipoh  
05 255 1220

**Tasek Raban Restaurant**  
Ipoh  
019 521 5657

### Chinese

**Foh San Restaurant**  
Ipoh  
05 254 0308  
**Horizon Garden**  
Sri Manjung  
05 688 8799

**Loh Dee Wan Ton Mee**  
Lenggong  
019 571 9507

**Onn Kee Restaurant**  
Ipoh  
016 422 8126

**Indian / Indian Muslim**  
**Ipoh Padang Curry House**  
Ipoh  
019 511 5137 / 012 524 0122

**Nasi Kandar Vanggey**  
Ipoh  
05 254 4314

**M. Salim Restaurant**  
Ipoh  
05 255 5786

### Western

**Indulgence Patisserie**  
**(fine dining)**  
Ipoh  
05 242 6297

### Seafood

**Hj. Sharin Low Seafood Restaurant**  
Ipoh  
012 685 4101 / 05 241 2472 /  
017 618 7158

**Medan Ikan Bakar Persatuan Nelayan Hilir Perak**  
Teluk Intan  
05 641 2711 / 012 410 0641

**Mee Udang Mak Jah Restaurant**  
Larut Matang  
05 858 1400 / 019 460 0649

*The above listing is not exhaustive*



# EVENTS

Be part of the fun and excitement, mark these dates!

Event	Month	Venue
Pesta Songkran Pengkalan Hulu	April	Pengkalan Hulu
Pangkor International Development Dialogue (PIDD)	July	Ipoh
Ipoh International Run	July	Stadium Indra Mulia Ipoh
Festival Puisi Dan Lagu Rakyat Antarabangsa Pangkor (Pulara)	December	Pulau Pangkor

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

### ACCOMMODATION

Perak has accommodation to suit every pocket. International standard hotels and resorts, chalets, guest houses, inns and lodges are located throughout the state. You can also opt for homestays and live with a Malaysian family for a taste of local lifestyle.

#### Ipoh

D' Eastern Hotel  
Tel: 05 254 3936

DWJ Hotel  
Tel: 05 242 8777

Fairmont Hotel\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 255 9999

Fairpark Hotel\*\*  
Tel: 05 548 8666  
www.fairparkhotel.com

French Hotel \*\*  
05 241 3030

Heritage Hotel\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 242 8888  
www.heritage.com.my

Hillcity Hotel and Condo\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 313 5555

Hotel Excelsior\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 253 6666  
www.hotelexcelsior.com.my

Hotel Grand View\*\*  
Tel: 05 243 1488

Hotel Lucky\*\*  
Tel: 05 254 7777

Hotel Seri Malaysia\*\*  
Tel: 05 241 2936

Impiana Hotel\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 255 5555  
www.impiana.com

Ipoh City Hotel  
Tel: 05 241 8282

Kinta Riverfront Hotel & Suites  
Tel : 05-245 8888

MH Hotel  
Tel : 05-545 1000  
www.mhhotels.com.my

Regalodge Hotel\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 242 5555  
www.regalodge.com.my

Ritz Garden Hotel  
Tel: 05 242 7777  
www.ritzgardenhotel.com

Tower Regency Hotel  
Tel: 05 241 8888

Sun Inns Hotel  
Tel: 05 545 1678  
www.hotelsuninns.com

Syuen Hotel Ipoh\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 253 8889  
www.syuenhotel.com.my

Sunway Lost World Hotel \*\*\*  
05 540 8888

Symphony Suites  
05 312 2288

The Banjaran Hotsprings  
Retreat\*\*\*\*\*

Tel: 05 210 7777  
www.thebanjaran.com

Tune Hotel \*  
05 241 5915

**Kampar**  
The Grand Kampar\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 466 2111  
www.grandkamparhotel.com

Rumah Rehat Kampar  
05 467 1061 / 1062

**Kuala Kangsar**  
Resort Sungai Perak  
Tel: 05 777 2020 / 1 / 2

Resort Tasek Raban  
Tel: 05 751 2799

Rumah Rehat Kuala Kangsar\*  
Tel: 05 776 4262

Rumah Rehat Lenggong  
Tel: 05 767 8702

**Kuala Kangsar**  
Syamille Agro Farm \*\*\*\*  
05 752 0209

#### Gerik

Banding Lakeside Inn Hotel & Resort  
Tel: 05 791 2214  
www.bandinglakesideinn.com

Belum Rainforest Resort  
Tel: 05 791 6800

Rumah Rehat Kerajaan Gerik  
Tel: 05 791 1454

## Lumut

Best Western Marina Island Resort  
Tel: 05 680 5811

Blue Bay Resort\*  
Tel: 05 683 6939

Lumut Country Resort\*\*  
Tel: 05 683 5109  
www.lumutcountryresort.com

Lumut Villa Inn\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 683 5982

Marina Cove Resort\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 683 6666  
www.marinacoversort.com.my

Swiss Garden Golf Resort  
& Spa Damai Laut\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 684 3333  
www.swissgarden.com

Teluk Batik Resort\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 683 8688  
www.telukbatikresort.com

Chalet Kenangan  
Tel: 05 683 5544

The Orient Star Resort\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 683 4199  
www.orientstar.com.my

Swiss Court Holiday Apartment \*\*  
05 6181 1133

Lumut Valley Resort Condominium \*\*  
05 683 4082

Yeob Bay Hotel  
05 688 0207/0208

## Pulau Pangkor

Anjungan Beach Resort  
Tel: 05 685 1500  
www.anjunganresort.com

Uptown Beach Resort  
Tel: 05 685 4510  
www.pangkor.net.my

Palma Beach Resort  
Tel: 05 685 3693  
www.palmabeachresort.com.my

Pangkor Bayview Resort\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 685 3540  
www.pangkorbayview.com

Pangkor Coral Bay Resort  
Tel: 05 685 5111  
www.pangkorcoralbay.com.my

Pangkor Island Beach Resort\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 685 1091  
www.pangkorislandbeach.com

Pangkor Laut Resort\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 699 1100  
www.pangkorlautresort.com

Pangkor Village Beach Resort\*\*  
Tel: 05 685 2227

Puteri Bayu Beach Resort  
Tel: 05 685 1929  
www.puteribayu.com

Seagull Beach Village Resort  
Tel: 05 685 2878

Sea View Hotel\*\*  
Tel: 05 685 1705  
www.seaviewpangkor.com  
Horizon Inn \*\*  
05 685 3398

Mizam Country Club & Resort \*  
05 685 3359

Sundy Beach Hotel \*\*  
05 685 3027

## Sungkai

Felda Residence Trolak  
Tel: 05 438 8687  
www.plantationresorts.com.my  
Felda Residence Hot Springs  
Tel: 05 438 8801  
www.plantationresorts.com.my

## Semanggol

Bukit Merah Laketown Resort\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 890 8888  
www.bukitmerahresort.com.my

## Sitiawan

Flamingo Hotel\*\*  
Tel: 05 692 2020  
Hotel Vilton  
Tel: 05 6912 439  
www.crystalhotelgroup.com

Ritz Garden Hotel  
Tel: 05 688 8811  
www.ritzgardenhotel.com.my

## Pengkalan Hulu

Chalet Air Panas \*  
04 477 0579

## Taiping

Flemington Hotel\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 802 7777  
www.flemingtonhotel.com.my

## Furama Hotel\*\*\*

Tel: 05 807 1077  
www.hotelfurama.com.my

Hotel Seri Malaysia\*\*  
Tel: 05 806 9502  
www.serimalaysia.com.my

Kamalodge Taiping  
Tel: 05 806 1777 / 2777

Legend Inn\*\*  
Tel: 05 806 0000  
www.legendinn.com

Panorama Hotel\*\*  
Tel: 05 808 4111

Sentosa Villa  
Tel: 05 805 1000  
www.sentosa-villa.com

Taiping Golf Resort  
Tel: 05 883 8812  
www.taipinggolfresort.com

The SSL Traders Hotel\*\*\*  
Tel: 05 808 0000  
www.sssltraders.com

Taiping Perdana Hotel  
05 808 2011

Seri Warisan Hotel  
05 805 2312

Casavilla Hotel  
05 847 1016

## Tapah

Rumah Rehat Tapah  
Tel: 05 403 2981  
www.1981rhtapah.com

Timuran Hotel  
Tel: 05 401 1092

## Teluk Intan

Angsoka Hotel  
Tel: 05 622 3756

Anson Hotel\*  
Tel: 05 622 6166

Grand Court Hotel  
Tel : 05-6226624

Sri Bandar Hotel\*  
Tel: 05 623 7534

*The above listing is not exhaustive  
\* star rating*



## TRANSPORTATION

Ipoh is connected to other major towns and cities in the peninsula by a comprehensive network of road, rail and sea transportation.

### Getting There

#### By Road

Ipoh is 165km from Penang and 205km or a one and a half hours' drive from Kuala Lumpur. Apart from air-conditioned coaches that provide direct shuttle from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport to Ipoh, there are also bus services from bus terminals in Kuala Lumpur (Pudu Sentral and Hentian Duta) and Butterworth in Penang to the Amanjaya Terminal in Ipoh. You can also take a taxi from Kota Bharu, Alor Setar, Penang, Taiping, Kuala Kangsar, Cameron Highlands, Teluk Intan, Tanjung Malim and Kuala Lumpur to Ipoh.

#### By Rail

Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB) provides train services to all major towns in Perak, namely Sungkai, Batu Gajah, Ipoh, Kuala Kangsar and Taiping. There are numerous daily express trains and Electric Train Services (ETS) between Seremban, KL Sentral and Ipoh.

#### By Air

The Sultan Azlan Shah Airport is located in Ipoh, about 6km from the city. Airlines such as Firefly operates Ipoh-Singapore-Ipoh flights twice daily.

### Getting Around

#### Taxis

You can hail a taxi at bus stations, hotels and shopping complexes. Please agree on the price for a round tour of the city before you get into the taxi.

#### Buses

Taking the local bus is an affordable way to travelling around the state and is also a good way to observe local lifestyle.

#### Cars

Driving is one of the most convenient ways of getting around the state. You can rent a car and explore the state at your own pace.

## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

### Tourism Enquiries

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Ipoh Tourist Information Centre (ITIC)	05 208 3151 / 5
Lumut Tourist Information Centre	05 683 4057
Tourist Police Unit	019 464 8667
Tourism Unit, Manjung Municipal Council, Pangkor	05 685 1078

### Transportation

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Electric Train Services (ETS)	05 254 7910
Firefly Airlines	05 311 3233 / 4782
Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB) / Malayan Railway	05 254 0479 / 81
Sultan Azlan Shah Airport	05 318 8202
Taxi	05 313 2375

### Emergencies

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Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun	05 208 5000
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### General Enquiries

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Immigration Department	05 501 7100
Customs Department	05 527 4322

# PENANG

*Witness the delightful fusion of the East and West as well as the old and new in the Pearl of the Orient, Penang. This 1,045 sq km sun-kissed state comprises the island of Penang and Seberang Perai. They are linked by the longest bridge in Asia, the Penang Bridge, as well as the oldest cross-channel ferry service in the country.*

*Elegant colonial buildings rise among modern skyscrapers in its capital, George Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, while unique flora and fauna flourish in the Penang National Park. Festivals are celebrated with much colour and gusto at this Cuisine Capital, famed for its bewildering array of mouth-watering eats.*

***Explore and discover the beauty of Penang!***



# MAP OF PENANG



## GEORGE TOWN

- P. Ramlee's House
- Chowrastra Bazaar
- Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion
- Penang State Museum
- Clan Jetties
- Street of Harmony
- Penang State Art Gallery
- Pinang Peranakan Mansion
- Fort Cornwallis
- Queen Victoria Memorial Clock Tower
- KOMTAR
- Suffolk House
- Island Plaza
- Nattukkottai Chettiar Temple

## LEGEND

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|--|-----------------------|--|----------------------------|
|  | State Capital         |  | International Border       |
|  | Major Town            |  | Division Border            |
|  | Town                  |  | Expressway                 |
|  | International Airport |  | Major Road                 |
|  | Bus Station           |  | Railway                    |
|  | Ferry Terminal        |  | River                      |
|  | Place of Interest     |  | Tourism Malaysia Office    |
|  | State Border          |  | Tourist Information Centre |

\* Map not drawn to scale

# PLACES OF INTEREST



## GEORGE TOWN UNESCO World Heritage City

George Town was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2008. This bustling capital has over 200 years of history and culture, which can be best observe in its historic core. Buildings of historical and architectural interest as well as cultural practices that have been handed down from the previous generations give George Town a uniqueness that is rarely found elsewhere in Southeast Asia.

### Must do:

- Go for the many heritage trails within the city on foot or by trishaw and observe age-old cultural practices
- Visit places of worship, museums and colonial style buildings



*George Town, the first British Straits Settlement, was established in 1786 by Captain Francis Light.*

## CHEONG FATT TZE MANSION George Town

This majestic mansion was built in the 1880s and belonged to the illustrious Cheong Fatt Tze. A traditional paradigm Chinese courtyard house with 38 rooms, it has superb Feng Shui. During the guided tour, you will have the opportunity to view exquisite bedrooms, libraries, ceremonial halls, courtyards and gardens. Also displayed are rare porcelain, sculptures, carvings, tapestries, embroideries and antiques. The five blue shophouses across the road were formerly the servants' quarters.



*In the year 2000, the Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion won the 'most excellent project' for the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Award for Culture Heritage Conservation.*

Admission fee: RM17 Adult  
Guided tour: 11.00am, 2.00pm and 3.30pm  
Tel: 04 262 0006

## KEK LOK SI Ayer Itam

Kek Lok Si or the Temple of Supreme Bliss towers atop a hill, overlooking the Ayer Itam town. It is hailed the finest and largest Buddhist Temple complex in Southeast Asia. Its main pagoda, the Pagoda of Ten Thousand Buddhas, comprises seven tiers, which combines a Chinese octagonal base with a middle tier of Thai design and a Burmese crown. This beautifully crafted temple took more than 20 years to build and continues to be expanded. It features lovely shrines, sculptures, gardens and a turtle pond.

### Must do:

- Climb to the top of the temple
- Browse at the numerous souvenir stalls along the stairway

Opening hours: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Admission is free.

Tel: 04 828 3317



*Kek Lok Si is a breathtaking sight to behold especially during Chinese New Year when it is lit for 33 consecutive nights.*

## PENANG NATIONAL PARK Teluk Bahang

Nature lovers will love the Penang National Park, the latest addition to the country's family of national parks. You will be impressed by its list of attractions – 417 flora and 143 fauna species, 1,000 plant species and a lighthouse that was built in 1883. Habitats found here include the rare meromictic lake, mangroves, mudflats and a hill dipterocarp forest. Diverse trails will take you through the lush rainforest, leading to romantic bays with lovely sunsets and secluded beaches favoured by the Green and Olive Ridley turtles. You can also get to these beachside attractions by sea.

### Must do:

- Go jungle trekking, bird watching, fishing and camping in the park
- Visit the turtle conservation centre
- Teluk Kampi is now equipped with full camping facilities.

Opening hours: 8.00am - 6.00pm

Admission is free

Tel: 04 881 3500 / 3530



*A meromictic lake contains both fresh and sea water. During dry seasons or low tide, it turns into a mudflat but when the tide rises, sea water gradually fills the lake while fresh water remains on top of the denser sea water.*

## FORT CORNWALLIS George Town

Erected in 1786, Fort Cornwallis was originally a wooden stockade that was subsequently replaced by a brick structure in 1804. The East India Company's first military and administrative base, it was built on the site of Sir Francis Light's historic landing. Relics at the fort include a chapel, gunpowder magazine and cell rooms. The famous Dutch cannon or *meriam seri rambai* is prominently displayed facing seawards. It was presented to the Sultan of Johor by the Dutch. Today, an open-air amphitheatre, a history gallery, café as well as handicraft and souvenir centre also occupy the interior.

**Opening hours:** 9.00am - 7.00pm Daily  
**Admission fee:** RM10 Adult, RM5 Child (MyKad),  
RM20 Adult, RM10 Child (without MyKad)  
**Tel:** 04 263 9855



*Fort Cornwallis was named after the  
18<sup>th</sup> century Governor-General of Bengal,  
Charles Marquis Cornwallis.*

## KHOO KONGSI George Town

As you approach Khoo Kongsi, you will be greeted by a breathtaking display of Chinese craftsmanship – intricate wood carvings and richly ornamented beams. Its hall is equally elaborate, beautifully decorated with lanterns and furnished with antique furniture. The grandest clan temple on the island, it was built by the forefathers of the Khoo family, who emigrated from South China. The building was so magnificent that upon its completion in 1898, the roof caught fire. Some believe it was due to its resemblance to the Emperor's palace in China.

**Opening hours:** 9.00am - 5.00pm  
**Admission fee:** RM10 Adult, RM1 Child  
**Tel:** 04 261 4609



## PENANG HILL Air Itam

One of Penang's main icons, Penang Hill is a popular retreat for those who wish to escape the city's blistering heat. Also known as 'Bukit Bendera' or 'Flagstaff Hill', Penang Hill soars 833m (2,723ft) above sea level. A brand new funicular train service takes visitors to the summit in less than 10 minutes, where a spectacular panoramic view of George Town and its surroundings – all the way up to the mainland – awaits at the viewing deck. Penang Hill also has many nature trails for adventurous souls to explore where it is home to many exotic flora & fauna species. Some of the plants that can be found here have been around since the Jurassic period.

### **Funicular Train Schedule & Fares:**

**Time:** 6.30 am – 11.00 pm

**Admission fee:** Adult RM10, Child RM4, Senior Citizen RM4 (MyKad) Adult RM30, Child RM15, Senior Citizen RM15 (without MyKad). Free for people with disabilities (both locals & foreigners)

**Tel:** 04 828 8880

## TROPICAL FRUIT FARM Teluk Bahang

Enjoy fruits galore at the Tropical Fruit Farm. The farm covers an area of 25 acres and is located in the hilly terrain of Teluk Bahang. Over 200 tropical and subtropical fruits are grown in this orchard. They include durians, lychees, mangoes, guavas, avocados and dragon fruits. After touring the farm, you can sample freshly cut fruits or refreshing fruit juices.

### Must do:

- Sample the wide assortment of locally grown fruits
- Tour the farm and learn about the various cultivation processes

**Opening hours:** 9.00am - 5.00pm

**Admission fee:** Tour, fruit tasting and juice  
RM40 Adult, RM30 Child,  
Student RM5,  
University/College Students RM8

**Tel:** 012 497 1931



## PINANG PERANAKAN MANSION George Town

The Pinang Peranakan Mansion was built at the end of the 19th century. A recreation of a typical residence of an affluent Penang Baba Nyonya (Straits Chinese) family, it features Chinese carved wood panels, English floor tiles and Scottish ironworks. On display are elaborate traditional costumes and accessories, lovely porcelain pieces as well as furniture and works of art brought in from China and Europe, which were specially commissioned by the Baba and Nyonya families and handed down through the generations.

**Opening hours:** 9.30am - 5.00pm

**Admission fee:** RM20 Adult,  
Free Child below six

**Tel:** 04 264 2929

*The Pinang Peranakan Mansion was once known as Hai Kee Chan, the former residence of the Chinese Kapitan, Chung Keng Kwee.*



## WAR MUSEUM Batu Maung

History comes alive at the War Museum in Batu Maung. As you explore this 20-acre museum, you get to observe the living quarters of a typical British soldier and his Asian counterparts during WWII. War relics are housed in several installations above and below ground built around the remnants of an old British fort. You can weave through a complex to view barracks, old cookhouses, lock-ups, tunnels and ventilation shafts.

**Opening hours:** 9.00am - 6.00pm & 7.00pm - 11.00pm (Night Museum)

**Admission fee:** Malaysian

RM20 Adult, RM10 Child

Non-Malaysian

RM35 Adult, RM15 Child

Tel: 04 626 5142

*The War Museum is  
the first of its kind in the country and  
the largest in Southeast Asia.*

## GURNEY DRIVE Persiaran Gurney

This breezy open air food court is the perfect place to sample Penang street food. *Asam laksa, hokkien mee, pasembor, rojak*, fried oyster and *chee cheong fun* are just a fraction of the delectable delicacies available at food stalls in this popular food haunt. After your meal, enjoy the seafront view as you walk along the promenade.

**Opening hours:** 6.00pm - Midnight

## THERE'S MUCH MORE IN PENANG

Places of interest abound in Georgetown as well as along the north coast of Penang island. For more attractions, make a trip to the mainland and enjoy the scenic journey across the channel.

### George Town

- Acheen Street Malay Mosque
- Chinatown
- Chowrasta Bazaar
- City Hall
- Dhammikarama Burmese Temple
- Goddess of Mercy Temple
- Islamic Museum
- Kapitan Keling Mosque
- Little India
- One East Museum
- P. Ramlee's House
- Penang Museum
- Sri Mariamman Temple
- St. George's Church
- State Mosque
- My Natural Crystal Museum
- Penang Street Art
- Penang 3D Trick Art Museum
- Made In Penang Interactive Museum
- Public Gold Museum
- Ghost Museum
- Camera Museum
- Penang Time Tunnel

- Asia Camera Museum
- Batik Printing Museum
- Sun Yat Sen Museum
- Rozana Batik Gallery
- Cheah Kongsi Interperative Museum
- Amazing World Studios
- Queen Victoria Clock Tower
- Wat Chayamangkalaram

### Batu Feringghi

- Batu Feringghi Sidewalk Bazaar
- Tropical Spice Garden
- Teddy Ville Museum

### Teluk Bahang

- ENTOPIA
- Forest Recreation Park Museum
- Toy Museum

### Gelugor

- Tuanku Fauziah Museum and Gallery

### Jalan Kebun Bunga

- Bee Gallery

### Tanjung Tokong

- Museum of Glass

### Bayan Lepas

- Snake Temple

### Butterworth

- Penang Bird Park

### Bukit Mertajam

- St. Anne's Church

### Seberang Perai Selatan

- Pulau Aman

### Balik Pulau

- Countryside Stable (Horse Riding)
- PRB Riding Club (Horse Riding)
- Audi Dream Farm
- Titi Kerawang Waterfall

### Ayer Itam (Bukit Bendera)

- The Owl Museum



# SHOPPING & DINING

## Shopping

Shopping in Penang is convenient as one-stop shopping malls, retail outlets, handicraft stores, flea markets, night markets and sidewalk bazaars are available in the state. Whether you are looking for mementos, branded apparel, electronic items, books, local food products, antiques and curios, or just browsing around, you will find it a pleasant experience.

Popular shopping spots:

- 1st Avenue Mall
- TESCO Jaya Jusco, ALMA, Bukit Mertajam
- Batu Feringghi Sidewalk Bazaar
- Carrefour Hypermarket
- Chowrasta Bazaar
- Gurney Plaza
- Giant Hypermarket
- Island Plaza
- Jalan Penang
- Kompleks Bukit Jambul
- Lebuah Campbell
- Lebuah Kapitan Keling (Gold Bazaar)
- Lorong Kulit Flea Market
- Little Penang Street Market at Upper Penang Road (Only operates on the last Sunday of the month)
- Megamall Penang
- Midlands Park Centre
- Prangin Mall
- Penang Times Square
- Queensbay Mall
- Straits Quay Mall
- Sunshine Square
- Sunway Carnival Mall, Seberang Jaya
- Tesco Jelutong & Tesco Seri Tanjung Pinang
- The Summit Bukit Mertajam
- Gurney Paragon
- Precinct 10
- Road Walk Bagan, Taman Selat, Butterworth
- Auto-City, Juru

## Dining

One of the main highlights of a trip to Penang is the food. You will be amazed at the sheer variety of Chinese, Malay, Indian and Nyonya cuisine vying for your attention. Don't miss delicious street food like *asam laksa*, *hokkien mee*, *chee cheong fun*, *char koay teow*, *pasembor* and *mee goreng*. You can also try delicious Peranakan or Nyonya food such as *mee siam*, *otak-otak*, *kerabu*, *enche kabin* and *curry kapitan*. Equally delicious is *nasi kandar*, an Indian Muslim dish. Seafood restaurants offering a wide variety of scrumptious dishes are found in abundance along the coastal areas on the island as well as the mainland.



## Authentic local favourites:

### Asam Laksa

*Asam laksa* is one of the most popular street food in Penang. This delicious combination of rice noodles and spicy fish gravy can be sour and sweet or savoury depending on the variety.

### Nasi Kandar

Enjoy a meal of rice with a tantalising choice of beef, chicken, mutton, fish, prawn or squid curry, accompanied by side dishes and *papadam* crackers. *Nasi kandar*, a speciality of the Indian Muslim community, originates from Penang.

### Char Koay Teow

The aromatic *char koay teow* is made from flat rice noodles stir fried with dark and light soy sauce as well as prawns, cockles, chilli, bean sprouts and Chinese chives. Duck egg and crab meat are usually added for that extra flavour.

### Pasembor

Similar to dressed salads, the *pasembor* is a mix of shredded turnip and cucumber, dough fritters, fried bean curd as well as boiled potatoes topped with a sweet and spicy sauce.

### Rojak

*Rojak* comprises of a wide variety of refreshing local fruits, cuttlefish slices and fritters that are stirred into a bowl of pungent prawn paste dressing and sprinkled with ground peanuts before it is served.

### Hokkien Mee

Unlike its namesake in Kuala Lumpur, the Penang *hokkien mee* comprises flavoursome prawn soup as well as noodles garnished with prawns, fish cake, vegetable and fried shallots.

## Restaurants in Penang

### Malay

#### Pen Mutiara

Bayan Lepas  
04 626 4615 / 626 1084

#### Taman Selat

04 310 1759

#### D'Dapor Express

Lebu Union, George Town  
04 262 9323

#### Puncak Mutiara

Kubang Semang  
04 522 8502

#### Restoran Nasi Bersila Lahar Kepar

Kepala Batas  
012 455 7899

### Chinese

#### Dragon-I

Bayan Lepas  
04 646 6888

### Tang Dynasty

#### Imperial Noodle Restaurant

Jalan Zainal Abidin, George Town  
04 227 2088

#### The Forum Chinese Cuisine

Jalan Tokong  
04 899 0088

### Indian

#### Palace D'India

Jalan Tanjung Tokong  
04 899 9715

#### Karaikudi Restaurant

Market Street, George Town  
04 263 1345

#### Sri Ananda Bahwan

Penang Street, George atown  
04 264 4204

### Indian Muslim

#### Hameediyah Restaurant

George Town

04 261 1095

#### Kapitan Restaurant

George Town  
04 264 1191

#### Kassim Mustafa

George Town  
04 263 4592

### Nyonya

#### Hai Nan Town Restaurant

Pengkalan Weld, George Town  
04 263 8633

#### Mama's

Lorong Abu Siti, George Town  
04 229 1318

#### Nyonya Breeze

Lorong Abu Siti, George Town  
04 227 9646

*The above listing is not exhaustive*

## EVENTS

Head for these events for a first-hand experience of Penang!

Event	Month	Venue
World Curry Festival	January	SPiCe
Penang International Fashion Week	April	Gurney Paragon Mall
Penang Anime Matsuri Summer Party	May	Esplanade
Penang International Dragon Boat Festival	May	Teluk Bahang (Dam)
Autocity Carnival	June	Autocity
George Town World Heritage Day	July	George Town
Penang Bon Odori Festival	July	Esplanade
Penang Durian Festival	July / August	Balik Pulau / George Town
George Town Festival	August	George Town
Penang International Bridge Marathon	November	Penang Bridge
Pesta Pulau Pinang	November / December	Tapak Pesta Sg. Nibong
Pesta Chingay Parade	December	Esplanade
Penang Island Jazz Festival	December	Bayview Beach Resort

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

### ACCOMMODATION

A wide range of hotels, beach resorts, serviced apartments, budget and Homestay accommodation are available throughout Penang. You can choose to stay by the beach or within the city.

#### George Town

Georgetown City Hotel\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 227 7111  
www.georgetowncityhotel.com

#### Cititel Penang\*\*\*\*

Tel: 04 291 1188  
www.cititelpenang.com

#### Bayview Hotel Georgetown\*\*\*\*

Tel: 04 263 3161  
www.bayviewhotels.com

#### Eastern & Oriental

Hotel Penang\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 222 2000  
www.e-o-hotel.com

#### Evergreen Laurel Hotel\*\*\*\*\*

Tel: 04 226 9988  
www.evergreen-hotels.com

#### G-Hotel\*\*\*\*\*

Tel: 04 238 0000  
www.ghotel.com.my

#### Grand Paradise\*\*\*

Tel: 04 226 0084  
www.paradisehotel.com.my

#### Glow Hotel Penang

Tel: 04 226 0084

#### 1926 Heritage Hotel\*\*\*

Tel: 04 227 1926  
www.1926heritagehotel.com

Hotel Continental\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 263 6388  
www.hotelcontinental.com.my

Neo+ Hotel\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 255 1000

Hotel Malaysia\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 263 3311  
www.hotelmalaysia.com.my

Hotel Royal\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 226 7888

Hutton Lodge  
Tel: 04 263 6003  
www.huttonlodge.com

Penaga Hotel  
Tel: 04 261 1891  
www.hotelpenaga.com

Red Rock Hotel\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 226 6060  
www.redrockhotel-pg.com

Residence of Ku Din Ku Meh  
Tel: 04 226 8748

Sunway Hotel Georgetown\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 229 9988  
www.sunwayhotels.com

The Gurney Resort Hotel  
& Residences\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 370 7000  
www.gurney-hotel.com.my

The Northam All Suite\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 370 1111  
www.northam-hotel.com.my

Traders Hotel Penang by  
Shangri-La\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 262 2622  
www.tradershotels.com

St. Giles Wembley \*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 259 8000

Citel Express\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 259 1188

Armenian Street Heritage Hotel  
Tel: 04 262 3883

Tune Hotel Downtown Penang\*\*  
Tel: 1300 88 8863 / 04 227 5807  
www.tunehotels.com

**Bukit Jambul**  
B-Suite\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 646 7777  
www.b-suite.com.my

Equatorial Penang\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 643 8111  
www.equatorial.com

The Krystal Suite Penang  
Tel: 04 613 3333  
www.thekrystalsuites.com

Vistana Hotel\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 646 8000  
www.vistanahotels.com

**Tanjung Bungah**  
Cophorne Orchid Penang\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 892 3333  
www.cophorne.com.my

Flamingo By The Beach Hotel\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 892 7111  
www.flamingo.com.my

Naza Talya Hotel\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 890 9300  
www.nazahotel.com.my

Rainbow Paradise Beach  
Resort\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 899 9999  
www.paradisehotel.com

Tanjung Bungah Beach Hotel\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 890 8808  
www.tanjungbungahbeachhotel.  
com

**Teluk Bahang**  
Homestay Teluk Bahang  
Tel: 019 412 4729

**Batu Feringghi**  
Sunshine Bayu Emas Apartments  
Tel: 013 730 8572

Golden Sands Resort By  
Shangri-La\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 886 1911  
www.shangri-la.com

Parkroyal Penang \*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 881 1133  
www.parkroyalhotels.com

Hard Rock Hotel\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 881 1711  
www.hardrockhotels.net

Holiday Inn Resort \*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 881 1601  
www.holidayinnpenang.com

Lone Pine Hotel\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 881 1511  
www.lonepinehotel.com

Mar Vista Resort\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 890 3388

Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang  
Resort & Spa\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 888 8888  
www.shangri-la.com

Sri Sayang Resort  
Service Apartments  
Tel: 04 881 1113

The Bayview Beach Resort\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 881 2123  
www.bayviewhotels.com

**Balik Pulau**  
Homestay Jalan Baru  
Tel: 016 461 8553

Homestay Pulau Betong  
Tel: 012 493 9770

**Bayan Baru**  
Hotel Seri Malaysia\*\*  
Tel: 04 642 9452  
www.serimalaysia.com.my

Eastin Hotel  
Tel: 04 612 1111  
www.eastin.com

**Jelutong**  
Stallions Apartment  
Tel: 04 656 0118

**Seberang Jaya**  
Sunway Hotel Seberang Jaya\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 370 7788  
www.sunwayhotels.com

The Light Hotel  
Tel: 04 382 1111

**Butterworth**  
De' Garden Hotel  
Tel: 04 332 2000  
www.degardenhotel.com.my

Palm Inn Hotel  
Tel: 04 331 7532

Pearl View Hotel \*\*\*  
Tel: 04 398 9888  
www.pearlview.com.my

The Ixora Hotel  
Tel: 04 380 1380

**Bukit Mertajam**  
Homestay Mengkuang Titi  
Tel: 019 412 7095

Homestay Sungai Semilang/Juru  
Tel: 019 427 9860

The Summit Hotel \*\*\*  
Tel: 04 538 6666  
www.summithotelbm.com

Nasmir Hotel \*\*\*  
Tel: 04 507 7755

**Kepala Batas**  
Hotel Seri Malaysia\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 575 6700

Homestay Kota Aur  
Tel: 019 218 3507

**Simpang Ampat**  
Homestay Pulau Aman  
Tel: 013 459 0330

**Nibong Tebal**  
Homestay Sungai Chenaam  
Tel: 012 509 4368

Homestay Sungai Duri  
Tel: 012 452 9084

Homestay Sungai Setar  
Tel: 013 489 5636

*The above listing is not exhaustive  
\* star rating*

## TRANSPORTATION

Penang has a long history as a trading port. It boasts a comprehensive network of air, sea, road and rail transportation and is easily accessible.

### Getting There

#### By Air

Penang has air links with major capitals of the region such as Singapore, Bangkok, Phuket, Medan, Banda Aceh, Macau, Hong Kong, Xiamen and Taipei. Its airport, the Penang International Airport, is about 16km from George Town. You can purchase taxi coupons at the airport before leaving for various destinations in the state or hire limousines, which cost slightly higher. The Rapid Penang bus no. 401E stops at the airport and the Weld Quay Jetty where you can make a transit to your destination.

#### By Road

You can drive to Penang via the Penang Bridge and enjoy the beautiful scenery along the way.

#### By Sea

You can get to Penang Island from Butterworth by ferry, which caters for both passengers and vehicles. Fares for passengers and vehicles are collected at the Butterworth terminal and no payment is required for the return journey.

#### By Rail

Enjoy views of the picturesque countryside when you make a train journey from Kuala Lumpur to Butterworth. Select from comfortable air-conditioned first and second class coaches as well as sleeping berths that are available at reasonable rates. Malayan Railway or Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB) also operates regular services to Alor Setar, Padang Besar,

Haadyai and Bangkok from Butterworth. Electric Train Service (ETS) is also available to and from Butterworth. For enquiries regarding train services or fares, call the KTMB ticket counter (04 331 2796 / 261 0290) at the ferry terminal in Penang.

### Getting Around

Getting around Penang is easy. You can hop on public transport and explore the state by taxis, buses or trishaws.

#### Taxis

Please ensure that the meter is switched on or agree on the price before you begin your ride.

#### Buses

The Hop On Free Central Area Transit (CAT) takes visitors to George Town for free. This bus service is available every 15 minutes from 6.00am till midnight. It plies between the Weld Quay Jetty and KOMTAR, taking you to 19 stops within this UNESCO World Heritage City. The main bus terminals are at Weld Quay Jetty (ferry terminal) and KOMTAR (ground floor). Most buses use coin machines to collect fares.

#### Trishaws

Travel the old fashion way. Get on a trishaw, a unique three-wheeled vehicle, and take in the sights at your own pace. You can stop at any point to snap pictures or buy souvenirs. As there is no standard fare, it would be wise to agree on the price before getting on the trishaw. For extended sightseeing, it is advisable to hire them by the hour.

## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

### Tourism Enquiries

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Ministry of Tourism & Culture, Penang	04 262 0202
Penang Heritage Centre	04 261 6606
Tourism Malaysia, Penang Office	04 261 0058
Tourist Information Centre, Jalan Tun Syed Sheh Barakbah	04 262 2093
Tourist Information Centre (Penang Global Tourism)	04 263 1166

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### Emergencies

Directory Enquiry Service	103
Emergency	999
General Hospital	04 222 5333
Operator Assisted Calls (Domestic and International)	101
Tourist Police, George Town	04 222 1728
Tourist Police, Tanjung Bungah	04 899 3222

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### Transportation

Malaysia Airport Berhad (George Town)	04 252 0252
Penang International Airport	04 252 0252

Air Asia	03 2171 9333
Cathay Pacific Airways	04 226 0411
China Airlines	04 228 9227
China Southern Airlines	04 227 8177 / 641 4800
Firefly	04 630 6665
Jet Star	03 2148 6020
Malaysia Airlines	1 300 88 3000 / 04 217 6323
Silk Air	04 643 7911
Sri Wijaya Air	04 641 0767
Thai Airways	04 226 7000
Tiger Airways	04 653 8457
Lion Air / Wings Air	04 641 4144
Analusia Rent-A-Car	04 644 5121
Avis Malaysia	04 643 9633
Hawk Rent-A-Car	04 881 3886 / 1885
Hertz Sime Darby Rent-A-Car	04 263 5914
Kasina Rent-A-Car	04 228 2641 / 644 7893 / 1842
Mayflower Car Rental	04 641 1191
New Bob Rent-A-Car	04 642 1111 / 229 1111
Orix Car Rental	04 644 4772
Prac Pacific Rent-A-Car	04 643 8891
Seraya Rent-A-Car	04 644 8313
Syarikat Ruhanmas	04 881 1071 / 760
CT Radio Taxi Service (George Town)	04 229 9467
Taxi Drivers' Cooperative (Bayan Baru)	04 642 5961
Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB) / Malayan Railway	
Butterworth	04 331 2796
Weld Quay Jetty	04 261 0290

#### **Foreign Consulate**

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Australia	04 645 8285
Austria	04 657 2525
Bangladesh	04 262 1085
Britain	04 227 5336
Canada	04 389 3300
Denmark	04 284 3445
Finland	04 229 4300
France	04 642 2611
Germany	04 647 1288
Hungary	04 643 3901
India	04 250 5000
Indonesia	04 227 4686
Japan	04 226 3030
Pakistan	04 282 9800
Russia	04 262 0127
Sweden and Norway	04 226 3459
Thailand	04 226 8029

#### **General Enquiries**

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Customs Department	04 262 2300
Immigration Department	04 250 3410

# KEDAH

*Kedah is the most ancient state in Malaysia, boasting a history that dates back to the 5th century AD.*

*The country's main rice producer, it occupies an area of 9,425 sq km in the north of the peninsula and borders Thailand.*

*The state is home to Asia's first Geopark, and the popular island resort of Langkawi where you can enjoy carefree days by the beach, snorkelling at the marine park or eagle feeding at the mangrove swamp. Mainland offerings include the world's longest tree top walk at Sedim and the ancient Bujang Valley archaeological site. Its capital city, Alor Setar, is dotted with historic buildings.*

***For a memorable holiday, make Kedah your tropical getaway!***



# MAP OF KEDAH



**LANGKAWI**

- Pulau Rebak Besar
- Pulau Dayang Bunting
- Pulau Singa Besar

**Pulau Payar Marine Park**

**ALOR SETAR**

- Balai Besar
- Balai Nobat
- Kedah State Art Gallery
- Kedah State Museum
- Masjid Al-Bukhary
- Pekan Rabu
- Rumah Merdeka
- Rumah Seri Banai & Rumah Tok Su
- Big Clock Building
- Sultan Abdul Halim Muadzam Shah Gallery
- Muzium Diraja (Royal Museum)
- Tun Dr. Mahathir's Birth Place

**LEGEND**

	State Capital		Hospital
	Major Town		Sport
	Town		Expressway
	Airport		Major Road
	Jetty		Railway Line
	Ferry Terminal		International Border
	Hill		State Border
	Hotel		Place of Interest

\* Map not drawn to scale

# PLACES OF INTEREST



## LANGKAWI

Langkawi is the jewel in the crown of Kedah. A part of the 99-island Langkawi Archipelago, this charming tropical isle boasts some of the region's best natural attractions. It is home to Southeast Asia's first Geopark – a status accorded by UNESCO for its geological formations, and is blessed with emerald waters and stretches of white sandy beaches. Myths and legends shroud many of the island's attractions, the most famous being the legend of *mahsuri*, a beautiful maiden who was unjustly accused of adultery and sentenced to death. This duty-free island has an international airport, five-star beach resorts, picturesque golf courses and well-equipped marinas.

### Must do:

- Visit all three geoforest parks in Langkawi
- Take a cable car to the peak of Gunung Machincang
- Go for cruises to the Dayang Bunting and Beras Basah Islands

*Langkawi has a geological history dating back 550 million odd years and is dubbed the 'birthplace' of the region.*



*The 919.5m long Langkawi Cable Car is the longest free span single rope cable car in Malaysia.*





## BUJANG VALLEY ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM Merbok

Welcome to the richest archaeological site in the country. Bujang Valley was a thriving Hindu-Buddhist civilisation and Southeast Asian trading centre from the 3rd to 12th century AD. Nearly 1,000 artefacts have been recovered from this buried civilisation and exhibited in the Bujang Valley Archaeology Museum. They include earthen ware, beads, ceramics and photographs. More than 50 Candis or ancient temples have been unearthed since 1997.

**Opening hours: 9.00am - 5.00pm**  
Closed on Hari Raya Aidilfitri and  
Hari Raya Aidiladha

Admission is free.  
Tel: 04 457 2005



## TREE TOP WALK / SUNGAI SEDIM Kulim

Appreciate the beauty of nature as you walk among towering trees and lush canopies in Sedim at the Gunung Inas Forest Reserve. Observant visitors may see birds, butterflies, hornbills and gibbons during the walk that begins at an elevation of 5,100mm above forest level. The highest platform of this 925m steel walkway stands at 50m above ground. Below the walkway is the fast-flowing Sedim River, a popular spot for white-water rafting.

### Must do:

- White-water rafting, tubing and kayaking along Sedim River

**Opening hours: 8.30am - 5.30pm**  
Closed during bad weather

Admission fee: RM10 Adult, RM6 Child  
Tel: 04 490 1588 / 491 0641



*The Tree Top Walk in Sedim is  
the world's longest.*

## MASJID ZAHIR Alor Setar

A famous landmark in Alor Setar, Masjid Zahir features distinctive black domes – one main dome and five smaller domes, which represent the five tenets of Islam. The exquisite Moorish architecture of this mosque is similar to mosques in Langkat, North Sumatera. It was built in 1912 by the Sultan of Kedah and is one of the oldest in Malaysia.



## SULTAN ABDUL HALIM GALLERY Alor Setar

The Sultan Abdul Halim Gallery is housed in the 87 years old, former Alor Setar high court. It features over 2,000 items from the personal collection of the Sultan of Kedah. On display are official documents, palace attire and accessories as well as charts depicting the 1,200-year lineage of the Kedah royal family beginning from 1136 to the present. After visiting this gallery, you can walk to nearby attractions like the Balai Nobat, Balai Besar, Masjid Zahir, Balai Seni Negeri, Pekan Rabu, Rumah Merdeka and the Alor Setar Tower.

**Opening hours: 10.00am - 5.00pm**  
Sunday - Thursday

**Admission fee: RM5 Adult, RM2 Child**

## TUN DR. MAHATHIR'S BIRTH PLACE Alor Setar

Malaysia's fourth and longest-serving Prime Minister, Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, was born in this traditional, one-room wooden house in 1925. Here, you can read about his life as well as achievements. Items on display include furniture, documents on family genealogy and school photographs. Within the grounds are two exhibition halls, an auditorium and office, a souvenir shop and the first ice factory in Alor Setar.

**Opening hours: 10.00am - 5.00pm**  
Monday - Thursday  
10.00am - 12.00 noon, Friday  
3.00pm - 5.00pm  
Closed on Monday except during school and public holidays.

**Admission is free.**  
Tel: 04 772 2301

## ALOR SETAR TOWER Alor Setar

A prominent landmark in the city, Alor Setar Tower soars above the city skyline at a height of 165.5m. This state-of-the-art communications tower is the 19th tallest in the world, and the second highest in Malaysia after the Kuala Lumpur Tower. From afar, the design resembles a huge bunch of paddy stalks that are tied together.

### Must do:

- Visit the Observation Deck at 88m above ground level to enjoy a panoramic view
- Dine at the Seri Angkasa Revolving Restaurant

**Opening hours: 9.00am - 10.00pm**  
**Admission fee: RM6 Adult, RM3 Child**  
Tel: 04 720 2234



## PADDY MUSEUM

### Kota Setar

The Paddy Museum is situated at the foothills of Gunung Keriang. The only one of its kind in the country, it resembles bushels of harvested rice stalks and has an interesting collection of paddy-related exhibits – from the tools that are used, to information on cultivation and harvesting as well as legends and taboos. A must-visit here is the observatory on the first floor, where a huge three-dimensional mural depicts amazingly life-like images of an agrarian community. The rotating platform here gives a breathtaking 360° view.

**Opening hours:** 9.00am - 5.00pm  
9.00am - 12.30pm,  
2.30pm - 5.00pm Friday

**Admission fee:** RM3 Adult, RM1 Child  
RM2 Camera

**Tel:** 04 733 1162 / 735 1315



*The Paddy Museum is the fourth of its kind in the world after Japan, Germany and the Philippines.*

## GUNUNG KERIANG CAVES

### Kota Setar

The Gunung Keriang Caves – Gua Terus, Gua Pelamin, Gua Seribu Bayur plus several unnamed ones feature attractive limestone formations that will appeal to cavers. The caves are about 8km from Alor Setar.



## ULU LEGONG HOT SPRINGS

### Baling

The Ulu Legong natural hot springs offer pools with temperatures ranging from 38°C - 49°C. Although it is open during the day, the cooler temperatures at night make it the best time for a visit. Many stay on until the early hours of the morning. Facilities include accommodation, changing rooms, seating areas, showers, restrooms and a 24-hour cafeteria. There is also a pool exclusively for ladies. Ulu Legong is two hours away from Alor Setar and 30 minutes away from Baling town by car.

**Opening hours:** 24 hours  
Pool maintenance is usually done in the mornings.

**Admission fee:** RM3 Adult, RM1 Child  
**Tel:** 04 473 2283 / 4



## ULU MUDA ECO PARK Sik

The Ulu Muda Eco Park is a wildlife sanctuary for over 109 species of mammals, 54 species of reptiles and 33 species of fish. Nestled within the vast 120,000-hectare Ulu Muda Forest, it is a safe haven for animals such as elephants, tigers, rhinoceros, *seladang*, sun bears and tapirs. The park is among the best places for bird watching as it shelters some 200 bird species including the Red-crowned Barbet, Large Wren Babblers and Hooded Pitta.



## THERE'S MUCH MORE IN KEDAH

More sightseeing, shopping and dining opportunities are available in Langkawi, Alor Setar and other towns in the state. The Kedah countryside is ideal for those who love the great outdoors.



### Alor Setar

- Alor Setar Tower
- Balai Besar
- Balai Nobat
- Kedah State Museum
- Kompleks Al Bukhari
- Kota Kuala Kedah
- Pekan Rabu
- Royal Museum
- Rumah Merdeka
- Rumah Seri Banai and Rumah Tok Su
- Taman Jubli
- Tunku Abdul Rahman Memorial

### Kubang Pasu

- Bukit Wang Recreational Park
- Darul Aman Theme Park
- DXN Farm
- Lye Huat Garden

### Sungai Petani / Kuala Muda

- Lembah Bujang Archaeology Museum
- Pantai Merdeka
- Sungai Merbok

- Tanjung Dawai
- The Carnivall Cinta Sayang Theme Park

### Baling

- Hutan Lipur Bukit Hijau
- Lasor Eco Park

### Kulim / Bandar Baharu

- Hutan Lipur Air Terjun Junjung
- Hutan Lipur Sungai Sedim
- Hutan Lipur Ulu Paip

### Yan

- Air Terjun Seri Perigi
- Gunung Jerai
- Hutan Lipur Batu Hampar
- Pantai Murni
- Rekreasi Titi Hayun

### Sik

- Hutan Lipur Lata Bayu
- Hutan Lipur Lata Mengkuang
- Hutan Lipur Peranginan Sik
- Ladang Anggur Tasik Beris
- Ulu Muda Eco Park

### Pendang

- Hutan Lipur Sungai Rambai
- Pendang Lake Resort
- Puncak Janing

### Bukit Kayu Hitam

- Duty Free Zone

### Langkawi

- Buffalo Park
- Eagle Square
- Galeria Perdana
- Geopark
- Kompleks Kraf
- Kota Mahsuri
- Kuah Town
- Laman Padi
- Langkawi Cable Car
- Langkawi Duck Tours
- Oriental Village
- Pulau Payar Marine Park
- Seven Wells Waterfall
- Sungai Kilim
- Tasik Dayang Bunting
- Underwater World
- Wildlife Park

# SHOPPING & DINING

## Shopping

Kedah is a firm favourite among Malaysian shoppers. Go duty-free shopping in Langkawi and stock up on imported confectionery, crockery, apparel, cigarettes as well as alcoholic beverages. Duty-free outlets are not only found on the island but at the border town of Bukit Kayu Hitam as well. You can also head for shopping malls, department stores, retail outlets, boutiques and bazaars such as Pekan Rabu where you can purchase handicrafts and foodstuffs.

Popular shopping spots:

### Alor Setar

- Aman Central Mall
- Alor Setar Mall
- City Plaza
- Giant
- Pekan Rabu
- Souq Albukhari
- Star Parade
- Tesco Alor Setar
- Tesco Stargate
- Ukir Mall

### Bukit Kayu Hitam

- Duty Free Zone

### Sungai Petani

- Amanjaya Mall
- Billion
- Central Square
- Econsave
- Giant
- Lagenda Height Tesco
- Parkson Ria
- SP Plaza
- SP South Tesco
- Village Mall

### Langkawi

- Haji Ismail Group
- Idaman Suri Sdn. Bhd.
- Kompleks Jeti Point
- Langkawi Fair
- Langkawi Mall
- Langkawi Parade
- Oriental Village
- Padang Matsirat
- Pantai Chenang

## Dining

Try the delicious northern delicacies of Kedah and sample traditional delicacies like the *laksa kuala kedah*,



local coffee shops as well as western and fast food restaurants aplenty in major towns where you can also try vegetarian food at the Chinese restaurants. In the evenings, you can head towards Tanjung Dawai and enjoy the popular *ikan bakar* (grilled fish) as well as other seafood dishes. Kedah also offers delectable Thai food.

## Authentic local favourites:

### Laksa Kuala Kedah

Tickle your tastebuds with this local speciality – a delightful dish made from rice vermicelli noodles and aromatic fish gravy. It is garnished with cucumber, onion and herbs. Unlike other types of *laksa*, *laksa kuala kedah* has additional ingredients like eels, spicy shredded coconut and boiled eggs.

### Pekasam

This pungent delicacy is made from fish preserved with salt, rice and tamarind slices. The longer it keeps, the better it is said to taste. Fried *pekasam* can be served with fresh chilli as well as shallots and eaten with rice or glutinous rice. It can also be curried. *Pekasam* is sold at Pekan Rabu in Alor Setar.

### Nasi Ulam

A vegetarian's delight, the *nasi ulam* is a healthy combination of rice, fresh herbs and spices. It is very popular during the fasting month of Ramadhan. *Gulai rebung* or stir-fried bamboo shoot is another delicacy in Kedah.

## Restaurants in Kedah

### Malay

#### Din Laksa Teluk Kechai

Alor Setar  
04 762 7032

#### D'Pumpong

Alor Setar  
019 519 9666

#### Haji Ramli Nasi Kandar

Alor Setar  
019 450 4550 / 014 435 0036

#### Pak Ya Nasi Ayam

Langkawi  
019 563 8320

#### Restoran Berputar Seri Angkasa

Alor Setar  
04 720 2234

#### Restoran Bunga Naga

Jitra  
019 474 7150

#### Restoran Old Village

Alor Setar  
04 733 6835

#### Restoran Siti Fatimah

Langkawi  
04 955 2754

#### Village D'Samudera

Alor Setar  
017 508 0040

#### Zakaria Laksa Teluk Kechai

Alor Setar  
04 762 1071

### Chinese

#### Bali-bali Hai Restaurant

Alor Setar  
04 777 5777

#### Bungalow Cafe

Alor Setar  
012 442 7868

#### City Garden Seafood Restaurant

Alor Setar  
04 772 5059

#### Jade Garden Seafood Restaurant

Sungai Petani  
04 441 2395

#### Hainan Orkid Tropika Cafe

Alor Setar  
019 576 8699

#### Riverbank Restaurant

Alor Setar  
04 733 6831

### Indian Muslim

#### Mee Abu

Alor Setar  
05 731 3716

#### Nasi Kandar Nashmir

Alor Setar  
04 501 2244

#### Nasi Kandar Pelita

Sungai Petani  
04 425 5532

#### Nasi Lemak Royale

Alor Setar  
04 772 0210 / 773 2740

#### Restoran Ahmediah

Alor Setar  
04 733 8891 / 016 402 7786

#### Restoran Nasi Kandar Yasmeen

Alor Setar, Jitra, Changlun  
04 732 4146 / 916 3648 /  
017 448 8411

### Western

#### Damira's Grill Restaurant & Coffee

Alor Setar  
04 777 6555  
016 449 0054

#### Puncak Mutiara Cafe'

Kulim  
012 206 5003 / 04-522 8502

#### Gemilang Burger

Alor Setar  
014 255 8881 / 019 578 7482

#### Mum's Cafe

Alor Setar  
04 772 0332

### Japanese

#### Kaede Japanese Restaurant

Alor Setar  
04 735 1260

### Thai

#### Restoran Redzha

Bukit Kayu Hitam  
04 922 1592

#### Restoran Wan Thai

Langkawi  
04 967 1214 / 012 430 8014

#### Sala Classic Restaurant

Alor Setar  
04 735 5273 / 012 541 7914

### Seafood

#### Le' Boss Cafe

Sg. Petani  
012 409 0446

#### Oasis Seafood Restaurant

Kuala Kedah  
04 762 1976

#### Restoran Nelayan

Kuala Kedah  
04 762 1592 / 389

#### Restoran Shrimpz

Langkawi  
04 966 3211

*The above listing is not exhaustive*

## EVENTS

Get a slice of the action, make your way to Langkawi !

Event	Month	Venue
Royal Langkawi International Regatta	January	Langkawi
Langkawi Ironman Triathlon *	February	Langkawi
Malaysia Water Festival *	April	Langkawi
Langkawi International Maritime & Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA)	March 2017	Langkawi

\* The above listing are subject to change

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

## ACCOMMODATION

Whether you are travelling for business or leisure, you will be spoilt for choice in Kedah. Select from a wide variety of accommodation ranging from luxury resorts and international standard hotels to serviced apartments and guesthouses.

### **Alor Setar**

ASRC Hotel  
Tel: 04 732 8313

Fuller Hotel  
Tel: 04-733 3999  
www.fullerhotel.com.my

Grand Jubilee Hotel\*\*  
Tel: 04 733 0055

Grand Alora Hotel\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 770 8888

Holiday Villa\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 734 9999  
www.holidayvillahotels.com

Hotel Grand Crystal\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 731 3333  
www.ghihotels.com.my

Hotel Seri Malaysia\*\*  
Tel: 04 730 8737  
www.srimalaysia.com.my

Miramar Hotel  
Tel: 04 733 8144

Regent Hotel\*  
Tel: 04 731 1900  
www.regentalorstar.com

Royale Hotel\*  
Tel: 04 733 0922

Sentosa Regency Hotel\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 730 3999  
www.sentosaregencyhotel.com

Samila Hotel  
Tel: 04 731 8888

Star City Hotel\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 735 5888 / 999

The Regency Hotel\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 733 5917  
www.theregency.com.my

**Sungai Petani**  
Cinta Sayang Golf  
& Country Club\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 441 4666

Damai Park Resort  
Tel: 04 457 3340

Emerald Puteri Hotel\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 431 5555  
www.emeraldputerihotel.com.my

Hotel Seri Malaysia\*\*  
Tel: 04 423 4060  
www.serimalaysia.com.my

Harvard Suasana Hotel\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 458 8888  
www.harvardhotel.com.my

Northern Lodge  
Tel: 04 431 2323  
www.parkavenue.com.my

Park Avenue Hotel\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 431 7777  
www.parkavenue.com.my

Pantai Merdeka Resort\*  
Tel: 04 437 7555

Amanpura Hotel\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 421 3411

Swiss Inn Hotel\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 422 3333

**Pendang**  
Pendang Lake Resort  
Tel: 04 758 3220  
http://pendanglakeresort.com

**Baling**  
Sri Baling Inn  
Tel: 04 470 5970

Ulu Legong Hot Springs  
Tel: 04 473 2284

**Kuala Nerang**  
Dusun Minda Resort  
Tel: 04 786 4377 / 012 447 4682

Mutiara Golf & Resort  
Pedu Lake\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 786 4888

Muda Resort  
Tel: 04 752 1779

**Kubang Pasu**  
Bustani Hotel  
04-917 7777

EDC Hotel  
Tel: 04 928 8888  
www.adcuum.gov.my

The Regency Darul Aman  
Golf Resort\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 917 2008  
www.theregency.com.my

Hotel PJ2  
Tel: 04 917 6288

Seri Kedah Gardenia Resort  
Tel: 04 916 1977  
www.gardeniaa.com.my

University Inn\*\*  
Tel: 04 924 4545

**Sik**  
Projek Agrotourism Bendang Man  
Tel: 04 469 3771

Sik Inn  
Tel: 04 469 4288

**Kulim**  
Hotel Seri Malaysia Kulim\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 495 7355  
www.hotelserimalaysiaikulim.com.my

Kulim Inn  
Tel: 04 490 0420

**Langkawi**  
Aseania Resort Langkawi\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 955 2020  
www.aseaniaresort.com.my

Adya Hotel\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 960 8000

Kenang Plaza Beach Hotel  
Tel: 04 955 8228

Langgura Baron Resort  
Tel: 04 955 8880

Fave Hotel  
Tel: 04 955 6600

Dayang Bay Serviced Apartment &  
Resort  
Tel: 04 966 5515

Geopark Inn, Kuah  
Tel: 04 966 5757

HIG Hotel Langkawi  
Tel: 04 966 8001

Awana Porto Malai\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 955 5111  
www.aseaniaresort.com.my

Berjaya Langkawi Beach  
& Spa Resort\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 959 1888  
www.berjayaresort.com.my

Bella Vista Langkawi\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 966 2800  
www.bellavista-langkaw.com.my

Bayview Hotel Langkawi\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 966 1818  
www.bayviewhotels.com/Langkawi

Casa Del Mar\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 955 2388  
www.casadelmar-langkawi.com.my

Eagle Bay Hotel\*\*  
Tel: 04 966 8585  
www.eaglebay.com.my

Four Seasons Resort  
Langkawi\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 950 8888  
www.fourseasons.com/langkawi

Federal Villa Beach Resort  
Langkawi\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 952 9999  
www.holidayvillahotellangkawi.com

Geopark Hotel\*\*  
Tel: 04 959 2300  
www.geoparkhotel.com

Holiday Villa Beach Resort  
& Spa\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 952 9999  
www.holidayvillahotellangkawi.com

Hotel Grand Continental\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 966 0333  
www.hotelgrand.com.my

Century Helang\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 955 3030  
www.centuryhotelgroup.com  
Kampung Tok Senik Resort\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 955 7288  
www.kampungtoksenikresort.com

Kondo Istana\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 966 1118  
Langkawi Lagoon Resort\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 955 8181  
www.langkawilagoonresort.com

Century Langkasuka Resort\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 955 6888  
www.centuryhotelgroup.com

Langkawi Baron Hotel\*\*  
Tel: 04 966 2000 / 3000

Langkawi Seaview Hotel\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 966 0600  
www.lseaview.com

Nadiah Hotel Cenang\*\*  
Tel: 04 955 1401  
www.nadiahotel.com.my

Meritus Pelangi Beach  
Resort & Spa\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 952 8888  
www.meritushotel.com

Panorama Hotel  
Langkawi Resort\*\*  
Tel: 04 955 2721

Vivanta by Taj, Rebek Marina\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 966 5566  
www.tajhotels.com

Century Langkawi Beach  
Resort\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 952 8000  
www.centuryhotelgroup.com

The Westin\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 960 8888  
www.westin.com/langkawi

Tanjung Rhu Resort\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 959 1033  
www.tanjungrhuresort.com.my

The Andaman Langkawi\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 959 1088  
www.theandaman.com

The Datai Langkawi\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 959 2500  
www.ghmhotels.com

Tanjung Sanctuary Langkawi\*\*\*\*\*  
Tel: 04 952 0222  
www.tanjungsanctuary.com.my

Twin Peaks Island Resort\*\*  
Tel: 04 966 8255  
www.mofaz.com.my

*The above listing is not exhaustive  
\* star rating*

## TRANSPORTATION

Kedah, one of the country's northern gateway, is 450km from Kuala Lumpur and shares a border with Thailand. To get here, you can travel using air, road, rail or sea transportation.

### Getting to Kedah

#### By Air

Both Malaysia Airlines and AirAsia operate daily direct flights to Kedah. You can board your flights at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) or the Low Cost Carrier Terminal (LCCT) in Sepang. The Sultan Abdul Halim Airport in Kepala Batas is a 20 minutes' drive from Alor Setar.

#### By Road

You can take a five-hour drive from Kuala Lumpur to Kedah using the North-South Expressway. Air-conditioned express buses to Kedah can be boarded at the Jalan Duta Bus Terminal and Puduraya Bus Terminal in Kuala Lumpur. These buses provide services to Alor Setar, Sungai Petani, Gurun, Jitra, Kulim and Bukit Kayu Hitam. Express buses and taxis are also available from all other states in Malaysia to Kedah and vice versa.

#### By Rail

The Senandung Langkawi express train departs from KL Sentral in Kuala Lumpur daily and stops

at major towns in Kedah such as Alor Setar, Sungai Petani and Gurun before proceeding to Haadyai in Thailand. Visitors heading for Langkawi should disembark at Alor Setar or Arau in Perlis and proceed to the respective jetty terminals to arrange their transfers. The border town of Bukit Kayu Hitam is the entry point for visitors who are driving from Sadao, Thailand. There is an Immigration Office and checkpoint at the border crossing that is open from 6.00am to midnight (Malaysian time).

### Getting to Langkawi

#### By Air

Malaysia Airlines provides daily direct air services to Langkawi from Kuala Lumpur and Penang, while its subsidiary, Firefly, operates daily flights to Langkawi from the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang and Penang. Additionally, AirAsia operates daily flights to Langkawi from Kuala Lumpur. If you are in Singapore, you can get here via Silk Air.



## By Sea

Express ferries provide regular services to Langkawi from Kuala Kedah in mainland Kedah and Kuala Perlis in the neighbouring state of Perlis. The ride from Kuala Kedah takes about 1 hour 15 minutes. Ferry services to Langkawi are also available from Penang as well as Satun, Thailand.

## Getting Around

### Self-drive

You can rent a car at the airport and explore Kedah via the comprehensive network of roads around the state.

## Buses and Taxis

The main terminal for local buses, outstation buses and taxis is known as Shahab Perdana in Jalan Langgar, Alor Setar. You can get to various towns in Kedah and other major destinations in Malaysia such as Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Melaka, Kuantan and Johor Bahru by bus or taxi. Tickets must be booked in advance during festive and holiday seasons. In Sungai Petani, the bus and taxi terminals are situated in Jalan Kuala Ketil.

## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

### Tourism Enquiries

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Tourist Information Centre	
Alor Setar	04 731 2322
Langkawi International Airport	04 955 7155
Langkawi (Kuah)	04 966 7789 / 5271
Ministry of Tourism, Kedah Office	04 735 1030
Langkawi Development Authority (LADA)	04 9600 600

### Transportation

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AirAsia	1600 85 8888
Firefly Airlines	03 7845 4543
Langkawi International Airport	04 955 1311
Malaysia Airlines	1 300 88 3000 / 03 7843 3000
Silk Air	04 955 9771
Sultan Abdul Halim Airport	04 714 2994

Alor Setar Railway Station	04 731 4045
Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB) Railway Call Centre	03 2267 1200
Sungai Petani Railway Station	04 421 2604

Cepat Express	04 730 3110
Konsortium Express Bus	04 735 8298
Plusliner	04 732 5842
City Express	04 733 3855
Triton Express	04 730 5853
Utama Express	04 735 3258

Airport Taxi (Alor Setar)	04 714 5876
National Car Rental	04 714 1622
Perkasa Taxi	04 731 7464
Pertek Taxi	04 733 6843
Sime Darby Rent-A-Car	04 714 4959

Langkawi Ferry Line Venture	04 966 3988 / 8988 / 5889 (Langkawi)
(Ferry Services to Langkawi)	04 762 6295 / 6 (Kuala Kedah)

### Emergencies

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Alor Setar Police Station	04 732 1222
Fire and Rescue Department	994
Langkawi Police Station	04 966 6222
Police	999

### General Enquiries

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Bukit Kayu Hitam Immigration Office	04 922 1621
Kedah Immigration Office	04 733 3302
Langkawi Immigration Office	04 956 1400

# PERLIS

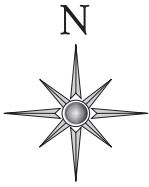
*Perlis has a history dating back to 1800. The northern gateway to Malaysia, it is flanked by Kedah in the south and Thailand in the north. It covers 795 sq km and features a sprawling countryside characterised by paddy plains and interspersed with rustic villages, limestone outcrops and serene lakes.*

*Multiracial and blessed with numerous natural attractions, it lays claim to the country's only semi-deciduous forest and fascinating caves. Visits to fruit farms and plantations are not to be missed as mango, grape, and paddy thrive on the fertile Perlis soil. Sample a pace of life that is unhurried in Kangar, the state capital. Here, you will find historical buildings such as the 97 year-old Syed Alwi Mosque. Close by is Arau, the royal town.*

**Visit Perlis and experience the uniqueness of this northern gem!**



# MAP OF PERLIS



\* Map not drawn to scale

STRAITS OF MALACCA

# PLACES OF INTEREST

## PERLIS STATE PARK Wang Kelian

Come experience 'autumn' in the tropics. This 5,000-hectare White Meranti-Gerutu Seasonal Forest is semi-deciduous – it sheds its leaves during the long dry season, and is the only one of its kind in the country. A combination of the Mata Ayer and Wang Mu permanent forest reserves, it is located along the state's western border and straddles the Nakawan Range. The state's section of the range is not only the longest continuous range of limestone hills in the country but also part of the 500 million years old Setul formation. Also known as the Pearl of Perlis, it has caves of different sizes and levels of difficulty.

### Must do:

- Day and night trekking along the Prince of Denmark and Rainforest trails
- Explore the labyrinthine routes of the Wang Burma Cave
- Bird watching, jungle trekking and camping in the park

### Park Visitor Centre

Opening hours: 8.00am - 12.00 noon  
2.00pm - 5.00pm Monday - Friday

Admission fee: RM2 Adult, RM1 Child

Tel: 04 945 7898

Visitors must be accompanied by a Ranger or Tour Guide.

*The park is home to rare and endemic species of ginger, fern and balsam.*



*The park shelters animals such as panthers, hornbills, mountain goats and is the only place in Malaysia where the rare Stump-tailed macaque can be found.*



## GUA KELAM RECREATIONAL PARK Kaki Bukit

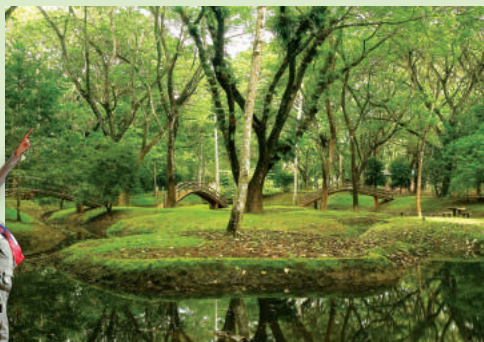
Gua Kelam or the Cave of Darkness is not only filled with interesting limestone formations such as flowstones, straws, gour pools and fossils but also cave dwelling bats. The hanging bridge that leads through this 370-metre cave used to be a means of transporting ore and other supplies to the tin mine at Wang Tangga. It was also the main access route for villagers staying in the remote Kampung Kelian.

You can still find traces of storage and cooking areas belonging to the tin mining era at the shady landscaped park just outside the cave. This tranquil green lung is ideal for camps, picnics, walks and bird watching. Not far away is Gua Kelam II, the longest cave system in Peninsular Malaysia. This recreational park is located in the Kaki Bukit town.

**Opening hours:** 9.00am - 6.00pm

**Admission fee:** RM1 Adult, RM0.50 Child

**Tel:** 04 945 6917



## RIMBA HERBA Bukit Air

*Tongkat ali, kacip fatimah, cekor, mengkudu, selasih* and *kayu manis* are among the plants species that flourish in the distinct wet and dry seasons in Perlis. They are grown semi-wild with over 1,000 plants of local and foreign origins in this verdant 12-hectare herbal garden. Don't miss the informative guided tour. The guide will take you around the garden, pointing out plants with medicinal and culinary properties. You may sample or purchase herbal drinks after the tour. The Bukit Air Recreational Park is within a stone's throw from here.

**Opening hours:** Daily 8.00am - 5.00pm

**Admission fee:** RM1 Adult, RM0.50 Child

**Tel:** 04 976 5966 / 977 6626



## SNAKE AND REPTILE FARM Sungai Batu Pahat

The Snake and Reptile Farm was formerly a research facility set up by the Institute for Medical Research in 1981 to study snakes and to develop antivenom for snakebites. Pythons, cobras and pit vipers are among the 20 local and foreign snake species, both poisonous and non-poisonous, found at the farm. You can request to have your pictures taken with one of the pythons. Definitely a memorable experience! The farm also houses crocodiles, tortoises, iguanas, monitor lizards and macaques.

**Opening hours:** 9.00am - 5.00pm  
Open on public holidays  
**Admission fee:** RM5 Adult, RM2 Child  
**Tel:** 04 976 8511



## KOTA KAYANG MUSEUM Kuala Perlis

Learn about the history of Perlis at the Kota Kayang Museum. Start your tour at the display section and pore over archaeological relics and historical artefacts like royal regalia, Neolithic stone tools, document replicas, royal genealogical charts, weapons, brassware and coins. After that, explore the museum grounds where once stood the ancient Indera Kayangan Fort, a palace and ceremonial hall. The limestone hills that form a beautiful backdrop to the museum once acted as a barrier against enemy attacks while the canal within it allowed boat passages between the fort, Kuala Perlis and Alor Setar.

**Opening hours:** 9.00am - 5.00pm  
Closed on Hari Raya Puasa and  
Hari Raya Haji  
**Admission is free.**  
**Tel:** 04 977 0027



## GALERI DIRAJA Arau

The elegant Galeri Diraja is located next to Istana Arau, the royal palace. It showcases an impressive collection of royal regalia, portraits, ceremonial court items, ancient weapons and state gifts belonging to the Perlis royalty. Among them is the Kiswah, the black cloth that covers the Kaabah. A part of it was presented to Al - Marhum Tuanku Syed Putra Ibni Al - Marhum Syed Hassan Jamalullail by King Faisal bin Abdul Aziz Al-Saud, the third king of Saudi Arabia, during his visit to Mecca in 1965 (please obtain written permission from the gallery management before you visit).

Admission is free.  
Tel: 04 986 4835



## HARUMANIS MANGO PLANTATION Sungai Batu Pahat

The 65-hectare Bukit Bintang Agriculture Centre is famous for the *harumanis* mango, a variety that is much sought after for its fragrant, sweet and thick succulent flesh. Other varieties available here include *mas indera*, *mas muda*, *chok anan* and *sala* mangoes. The mangoes are harvested between April and June.

### Must do:

- Savour *harumanis* mangoes with *pulut* (glutinous rice) and sweetened coconut milk
- Pick your own mangoes

Admission fee: RM3 Adult, RM1 Child  
Opening hours: 10am – 6pm  
Kompleks Pertanian Bukit Temiang  
Jabatan Pertanian Negeri Perlis, Jalan Kaki Bukit,  
01000 Kangar, Perlis  
Tel: 04 938 4466 / 976 8901



## PADANG BESAR

Padang Besar is a popular shopping destination. This laidback and quaint border town draws bargain hunters with the two-storey Padang Besar Arcade and the duty-free Emas Kerajang Complex. The arcade is where you'll find reasonably priced clothing, handicrafts, household items and food products, while the complex is where you can stock up on duty-free items ranging from imported chocolates, perfumes, cigarettes, liquor to souvenir items.

Opening hours: 9.00am - 6.00pm

Padang Besar Arcade

Tel: 04 976 1088

Emas Kerajang Duty Free Complex

Tel: 04 949 0550



## THERE'S MUCH MORE IN PERLIS

The attractions in Perlis are spread throughout the state and are easily accessible by road. Make a trip to the countryside and experience the pastoral charm as well as the relaxing atmosphere.



### Bintong

- Homestay Kampung Ujung Bukit

### Sungai Batu Pahat

- Bukit Ayer Recreational Park
- Putra Golf Club
- Equestrian Club

### Kuala Perlis

- Kuala Perlis
- Masjid Al-Hussain
- Kota Kayang Museum
- Handicraft Complex
- Laman Brasmana (Food Court)
- Kompleks Makanan Laut (KOMALAUT)

### Beseri

- Tasik Melati
- Pusat Agro Pelancongan Bukit Temiang

### Kuala Sanglang

- Ladang Nipah Kipli



# SHOPPING & DINING

## Shopping

Enjoy value-for-money shopping at this northernmost state. Head for the duty-free complexes at the border and select from a wide variety of perfumes, confectionery, cigarettes, liquor, clothing, cookware and dinnerware. You can also make a trip to the farmer's markets and night markets found throughout the state.

Popular shopping spots:

- Emas Kerajang Complex
- Padang Besar Arcade
- Pasar Tani / farmer's market and night markets statewide

## Dining

A huge array of northern delicacies awaits adventurous foodies. Choose from a delicious spread of flavoursome rice dishes, noodle soups, traditional salads and fresh seafood. Tasty and affordable, you can find them at the numerous hotels, restaurants, coffee shops and food stalls in Perlis. Those fringing the coastline also offer superb views.

### Authentic local favourites:

#### Laksa Perlis

Don't leave Perlis without trying *laksa perlis*, one of the state's specialities. A combination of rice noodles and fish gravy topped with boiled egg, cucumber, onion and herbs, this dish is savoury as it is spicy. It is sometimes complemented by *pulut udang*, a glutinous rice snack with *sambal* prawn filling.

## Grilled Catfish

An enticing smoky aroma accompanies the succulent flesh of the catfish. Dipped in a sauce made from tamarind, chilli and sugar, it is eaten with rice and herb salad.

## Seafood

The coastal town of Kuala Perlis is famous for seafood fresh from the sea. The seafood eateries come to life at night, serving mouth-watering lobster, fish, crab, prawn, cockle, octopus and squid dishes that are cooked in a variety of styles.



## Restaurants in Perlis

### Malay

#### Anjung Keli

Kangar  
019 443 3384 / 04 976 5368 /  
017 474 8834

#### Laksa Beras Asli dan Segar Kak Su

Kuala Perlis  
019 466 7700 / 012 550 0365

#### Linda Ikan Bakar

Kuala Perlis  
012 427 9066 / 012 401 0966 /  
016 448 4700

#### D' Adna Laksa House

Kuala Perlis  
017 480 5871 / 017 595 5080  
019 563 4273

### Suri Corner

Kangar  
017 577 9232 / 012 477 9232

### Restoran Pokok Sawa

Kangar  
04 938 1778 / 019 622 7516

### Tok Mek Restaurant

Padang Besar  
019 477 5999 / 019 540 3993

### Chinese

#### Hai Thien Seafood Restaurant

Kuala Perlis  
012 469 9778

### Sri Padani Seafood Restaurant

Kangar  
04 977 4296

### Western

#### Mai Cafe Western Kopitiam

Kangar  
012 419 9772 / 019 478 9891

### Thai

#### Teratai Putih Restaurant

Padang Besar  
04 949 3549

#### Blackwood@sd28 Gallery

019 6307579 / 016 668 2744

*The above listing is not exhaustive*

# EVENTS

Don't miss these exciting events!

Event	Month	Venue
Pesta Angin Timur	March	Simpang Empat
Harumanis Festival	April / May	Bukit Bintang Harumanis Plantations, Sungai Batu Pahat
Perlis Water Sports Regatta	April	Timah Tasoh Complex, Kuala Perlis
Perlis Marathon	May	Kangar



## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

### ACCOMMODATION

Book your accommodation at the various hotels, inns, motels, homestays, hostels and park lodges at diverse locations statewide. If you don't mind roughing it, you can also opt for campsites at the Perlis State Park.

#### Kangar

Ayu Villa Hotel

Tel: 04 976 2434 / 019 454 0373

Ban Cheong Hotel

Tel: 04 976 1184

Hotel Federal

Tel: 04 976 6288

Hotel Kangar

Tel: 04 976 7225

Hotel Seri Malaysia Kangar\*\*

Tel: 04 977 1777

Hotel Sri Garden\*

Tel: 04 977 3188 / 4188

Putra Regency\*\*\*\*

Tel: 04 976 7755

Ventura

Tel: 04 976 6277 / 976 1752

Fyna Motel

Tel: 04 976 6175

Homestay Kampung Ujong Bukit

Tel: 04 967 2491

History Hotel

Tel: 04 976 1366

#### Padang Besar

Teratai Putih Restaurant and Resort

Tel: 04 949 3549

Homestay Felda Mata Ayer

Tel: 04 949 0909

#### Arau

Soo Guan Villa Motel

Tel: 04 977 2250 / 2231

Homestay Kampung Paya Guring

Tel: 019 548 8519

Metro Inn

Tel: 04 986 6555 / 4308 / 1001

#### Kuala Perlis

Putra Brasmana Hotel\*\*\*

Tel: 04 985 5900

T Hotel

Tel: 04 985 2888

Seaview Hotel\*

Tel: 04 985 2171 / 985 2148

The Sun Hotel

04 985 5155

Q Hotel

Tel : 04 985 1770

#### Kaki Bukit

Tasoh Lake Resort

Tel: 04 938 7186

#### Wang Kelian

Perlis State Park (Chalet)

Tel: 012 430 7139 / 012 458 0787

*The above listing is not exhaustive  
\* star rating*

## TRANSPORTATION

Perlis is the country's northern gateway and shares a border with Thailand. It is connected by a comprehensive road and railway network and is accessible via air and sea.

### Getting Here

#### By Air

Kangar is a 45 minute's drive from the Sultan Abdul Halim Airport in Kepala Batas, Kedah. Flights to and from Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Johor Bahru are available at the airport. From there, you can take taxis and buses to Perlis.

#### By Road

Driving to Perlis is convenient as it is accessible via the North-South Highway. You can also take a bus or taxi from Johor, Terengganu, Kelantan, Melaka, Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Kedah. Buses to other states depart from both the Kangar and Kuala Perlis bus stations.

#### By Sea

Hourly ferry services between Langkawi and Kuala Perlis are available from 6.00am to 7.00pm. Tickets for

the one-hour journey can be purchased at the ferry terminals in Langkawi and Kuala Perlis.

#### By Rail

Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB) or Malayan Railways operates regular and Electric train services (ETS) from Kuala Lumpur, Alor Setar, Haadyai and Singapore to Arau and Padang Besar.

#### Getting Around

The Kangar Bus Station also offers regular shuttle services to Kangar, Padang Besar, Arau, Kuala Perlis, Pauh, Alor Setar, Jitra, Kodingan, Simpang Empat, Padang Melangit, Chuping and Kaki Bukit. Another convenient and affordable way to get around Perlis is by taxi.

## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

### Tourism Enquiries

Tourism Malaysia Perlis

04 978 1235 / 1213

### General Enquiries

Directory Enquiry Services

103

Immigration Department of Malaysia

04 976 2636

Padang Besar Police Headquarters

04 949 0824

Royal Customs Department

04 976 1420

### Emergencies

Emergency Number

999

Kangar Police Headquarters

04 976 2222

Tuanku Fauziah General Hospital

04 9738000



# TIPS FOR TOURISTS

## Saying it in Malay

Welcome	<i>Selamat datang</i>	Vegetables	<i>Sayur</i>	Bus	<i>Bas</i>
Good morning	<i>Selamat pagi</i>	Meat	<i>Daging</i>	Taxi	<i>Teksi</i>
Good night	<i>Selamat malam</i>	Fish	<i>Ikan</i>	Train	<i>Keretapi/Tren</i>
Thank you	<i>Terima kasih</i>	Beach	<i>Pantai</i>	Flight	<i>Kapal terbang</i>
You are welcome	<i>Sama sama</i>	Sea	<i>Laut</i>	Please	<i>Sila / Tolong</i>
Goodbye	<i>Selamat jalan</i>	Mountain	<i>Gunung</i>	Help	<i>Tolong</i>
How are you?	<i>Apa khabar?</i>	Hill	<i>Bukit</i>	Caution	<i>Awas</i>
I'm fine	<i>Khabar baik</i>	Cave	<i>Gua</i>	Entrance	<i>Masuk</i>
I'm sorry	<i>Minta maaf</i>	Lake	<i>Tasik</i>	Exit	<i>Keluar</i>
Rice	<i>Nasi</i>	Road	<i>Jalan</i>	Restroom	<i>Tandas</i>

## Local Information

- Shoes must always be removed when visiting homes or places of worship such as mosques and temples. Most mosques provide robes and scarves for ladies.
- While visiting a homestay village, please be respectful of local customs and traditions.
- When sitting on the floor, men sit cross-legged while women normally sit with their legs tucked to the side.
- When pointing, it is preferable to use the thumb with the four fingers folded under, rather than the forefinger.
- To give or receive something, try to use the right hand.
- Always ask for permission before taking photographs when you are in someone's home.
- The country's large Muslim population does not drink liquor or alcoholic beverages.
- The weather is generally warm with occasional torrential showers. Cotton clothes, rubber shoes and sun hats are the best. Always ask for permission before taking photographs when you are in someone's home.

# MALAYSIA AT A GLANCE

## COUNTRY

The federation of Malaysia comprises Peninsular Malaysia, which is made up of 11 states, three Federal Territories as well as the states of Sabah and Sarawak situated in Borneo.

## CAPITAL CITY

Kuala Lumpur

## GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Lying 2° to 7° north of the Equator, Peninsular Malaysia is separated from Sabah and Sarawak by the South China Sea. The Peninsular shares a common border with Thailand in the north, while its southern neighbour is Singapore. Sabah and Sarawak share a common border with Indonesia while Sarawak also shares a border with Brunei Darussalam.

## AREA

329,758 sq km

## POPULATION

28 million

## PEOPLE

Malays make up about 57% of the population, with Chinese, Indians and other ethnic groups making up the rest.

## LANGUAGE

Bahasa Malaysia (Malay) is the national language but English is widely spoken. Malaysians also speak various languages and dialects.

## RELIGION

Islam is the official religion but all other religions are practised freely.

## **GOVERNMENT**

Malaysia practices parliamentary democracy and constitutional monarchy. The Head of State is the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Head of Government is the Prime Minister. The country has a bicameral legislative system.

## **CLIMATE**

Malaysia has a tropical climate and the weather is warm all year round. Temperatures range from 21°C to 32°C and the annual rainfall varies from 2,000mm to 2,500mm.

## **ECONOMIC PROFILE**

Manufacturing constitutes the largest component of Malaysia's economy while tourism and primary commodities such as petroleum, palm oil, natural rubber and timber are major contributors to its economy.

## **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Visitors must be in possession of a valid passport or travel document with a minimum validity of six months beyond the intended visiting period. Citizens of most countries do not require visas for social or business visits. For further information, please visit or call the nearest Malaysian diplomatic mission or Tourism Malaysia office.

## **CURRENCY**

The unit of currency is the Malaysian Ringgit, which is denoted as RM. Foreign currencies can be converted at banks and money changers.

## **BANKING HOURS**

In most states, banks are open from Monday to Friday from 9.15 am to 4.30 pm. In Kelantan and Terengganu, banks are closed on Friday and Saturday. Check the websites of the relevant banks for details on operating hours and rest days. Online banking services are available.

## **POST OFFICES**

Post offices are open from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm daily except on Sunday and public holidays. They are open for half-a-day on Saturday (until 1.00 pm). Post offices that are located in shopping malls have extended operating hours. In the states of Johor, Kedah, Kelantan and Terengganu, post offices are closed on Friday and Saturday.

## **WORKING DAYS**

Most states observe Monday to Friday as working days while Saturday and Sunday are rest days. In the states of Johor, Kedah, Kelantan and Terengganu, working days are from Sunday to Thursday. Friday and Saturday are observed as rest days. This applies to government offices and many private establishments.

## **TIME**

The standard Malaysian time is eight hours ahead of GMT and 16 hours ahead of the U.S. Pacific Standard Time.

## **ELECTRICITY**

The voltage used throughout Malaysia is 220 - 240 volts AC, at 50 cycles per second. Standard 3-pin square plugs and sockets are used.

## **MEASUREMENT SYSTEM**

Malaysia uses the metric system.

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

Malaysia is linked nationally and internationally by telephone, facsimile and via the Internet. Most hotels provide International Direct Dial (IDD) telephone services and Wi-fi Internet connection.

## **GETTING TO MALAYSIA**

The main gateway to Malaysia is through the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) in Sepang. It is located about 50 km south of Kuala Lumpur. Over 40 international airlines fly into the country while the national carrier, Malaysia Airlines, has a global network that spans six continents. The airline is a full-fledged member of oneworld, one of the world's top three airline alliances. The national carrier is complemented by Firefly, AirAsia and Malindo Air. The new KLIA 2, situated about 1.5 km away from the main terminal of KLIA, is the world's largest purpose-built terminal dedicated to low-cost carriers. Airlines that operate from KLIA2 include AirAsia and AirAsia X. Other major international airports that serve as entry points are situated in Penang, Johor Bahru, Kuching, Kota Kinabalu and the island of Langkawi. The main entry point to Malaysia by sea is Port Klang, about 50 km away from Kuala Lumpur. Malaysia is also accessible by rail and road from Singapore and Thailand.

## **GETTING AROUND**

Malaysia has excellent domestic air links serviced by Malaysia Airlines as well as carriers such as AirAsia and Firefly. The country has a well-developed and efficient public transportation system served by buses, taxis as well as trains.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Malaysia has a wide range of accommodation with competitive rates. International star-rated hotels, boutique hotels, beach resorts, chalets, youth hostels and timeshare apartments are among the types of accommodation available.

## HEAD OFFICE

Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board (Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia)

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E-mail: [enquiries@tourism.gov.my](mailto:enquiries@tourism.gov.my) • Website: [www.malaysia.travel](http://www.malaysia.travel)

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#### MELAKA

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Jalan Merdeka, 75000 Melaka  
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Fax: 06-286 9804  
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### TERENGGANU

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20000 Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu  
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