

Penang, Malaysia

In 1786 Francis Light persuaded the Sultan of Kedah to cede Pulau Pinang - the "Isle of Betel nut" - to the English crown. Legend has it that Light persuaded his men to clear the overgrown island of Penang by firing a cannon filled with gold coins into the jungle as an incentive. The island was renamed Prince of Wales Island, and its major town was christened Georgetown after King George III. Whether the story is true or not, Penang quickly became a major trading port for tea, spices, china and cloth. Here European, Malaysian, Hindu, Arabic and Chinese cultures met, melded and flourished. Today Georgetown is a cosmopolitan city that has preserved its unique heritage and its exotic blend of cultures.

Georgetown is perhaps the best-preserved city in Southeast Asia. It boasts a European-style esplanade and a wealth of temples, mosques and Chinese clan houses.

Khoo Kongsi

Boasting intricate carvings, Khoo Kongsi is one of the finest examples of a traditional Clan House found outside of Mainland China. Located in the oldest part of the city, it dates back to 1906.

Penang Museum and Art Gallery

Built in 1821, this impressive Museum occupies the original Penang Free School, and its extensive collections include old photographs, maps and charts, as well as Southeast Asian art and artifacts.

Wat Chayamangkalarm (Reclining Buddha)

Reclining Buddha Temple is a traditional Thai Buddhist temple which features the fourth-largest reclining Buddha in the world. This magnificent, gold-covered statue is over one hundred feet long.

Kek Lok Si

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The Temple of Paradise sits on Penang Hill and is the largest Buddhist temple in Southeast Asia. It features a seven-story pagoda and architecture that reflects Thai. Chinese and Burmese influences.

Botanical Gardens

Established by the British in 1884, the gardens are also known as the 'Waterfall Gardens', and features native and hybrid orchids, as well as collections of cacti, ferns, bamboo and flowering trees.

Penang Butterfly Farm

A peaceful haven, Penang's butterfly farm, is home over 100 species of live butterflies. Walk through their covered aviary and the landscaped gardens that boast waterfalls, wooden bridges and ponds.

🚺 Penang Hill

Penang Hill, also known as Bukit Bendera, offers lovely views of Georgetown and is a great place to escape the heat as it's cooler than the town below. It features a canopy walk and funicular ride

Sightseeing & City Tours

Temples, Baba Nyonya Mansion & Batik PEN-100 | Penang, Malaysia

Discover the best of Penang on a day trip that takes you to two of the city's most impressive Buddhist temples, a seven-story pagoda, and the fourth largest reclining Buddha in the world. Other highlights include a butterfly farm, batik factory, and lunch at a top hotel.

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Little India, Markets, Penang Museum & Art Gallery

PEN-200 | Penang, Malaysia

Enjoy a lively tour of Georgetown's fascinating markets, starting with a stroll through a Wet Market where locals bargain for fresh fish, produce and fruits. Explore Thief's Market, a bustling flea market, and tour the wonderful Penang Museum before meandering through the streets of Little India.

from \$39 approx. 3.5 hours

approx. 7.5 hours

Batik Factory & Butterfly Farm

PEN-205 | Penang, Malaysia

Discover the beautiful beaches of Batu Ferringhi before visiting a fascinating batik factory and a colorful butterfly farm. Stop at a charming local fruit market for a look at the island's tropical fruits and exotic spices, before exploring a kampung, a traditional stilt village.

from \$59 (AUD) approx. 5 hours

Georgetown By Trishaw PEN-225 | Penang, Malaysia

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Experience Georgetown by trishaw, a bicycle-powered carriage. Explore the colorful streets of the city's Little India and Chinatown districts before visiting Khoo Kongsi, one of the finest Clan Houses found outside mainland China. Then tour a wonderful 19th century mansion, and enjoy tea at a luxury hotel.

from \$59 approx. 2.8 hours

approx. 4.5 hours

Butterfly Farm & Gardens PEN-235 | Penang, Malaysia

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