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USEFUL INFORMATION



CURRENCY
MALAYSIAN RINGGIT



LANGUAGE
MALAY



DISTANCE TO TOWN
AROUND A 10/ 15 MINUTES WALK

AT A GLANCE

Penang's often dubbed as the 'Pearl of the Orient' and it won't take you long to realise why. The show-stopping island offers a main course of culture with side orders of cuisine and art.

We'll be docked pretty central and the local town of George Town can be reached in walking distance. George Town's a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its well-preserved colonial architecture and historical landmarks.

OUT AND ABOUT

Kek Lok Si Temple: There's a fair few Buddhist temples dotted around Southeast Asia, but Kek Lok Si is a one-of-a-kind temple in a league of its own. The temple's a colourful explosion of statues, pagodas and pavilions and also hosts some of the best jaw-dropping panoramic views of Penang.

Penang Botanic Gardens: Smothered in over 10,000 species of plants and tropical vegetation, Penang Botanic Gardens is the ideal spot for anyone with green fingers to get their fill of flora.

Penang Hill: Peak into Penang's past and uncover the colonial-era bungalows and the iconic Penang Hill Railway, a funicular railway that has been knocking about since the 19th century. Ascend to the summit of Penang Hill and lock eyes on the postcard-like panoramic views of Penang.

George Town: Whilst getting a little more up close and personal with the historic centre of George Town, you'll find plenty of funky street art. It's like an open-air art gallery with every wall telling a story.

BEST BEACHES

Batu Ferringhi is the beach resort area of Penang, around a 30-minute drive north of George Town. It's home to biscuit-coloured sands and is an ideal spot to flake out on your beach towel. You'll also find hotels dotted along the stretch that will offer day passes if you fancy spending the day lazing around a pool.

SHOPPING

If you fancy a spot of retail therapy head down to Gurney Plaza. It's a nine-storey shopping mall and has over 380 stores under its roof. It's the perfect spot to bag some name brands from the high-street.

DO IT LIKE THE LOCALS

Fancy yourself as a bit of a foodie? The dynamic city of George Town is renowned for its diverse street food. Make tracks to hawker stalls such as Gurney Drive Hawker Centre or New Lane Hawker Centre and take your taste buds on a gastronomic rollercoaster. Don't miss out on a Char Kway Teow (stir-fried noodle dish) or a Rojak (a fruit and vegetable salad with a sweet and spicy peanut sauce).

JUST SO YOU KNOW

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