

# George Town · Penang

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE CITY

## THE HISTORIC CITY OF GEORGE TOWN

On 7th July 2008, George Town was awarded UNESCO World Heritage status. Founded 200 years ago, the city has an impressive collection of historic buildings representing the cultural heritage of Penang's various ethnicities: Chinese, Indians, Arabs, Malays, Achenehse, Siamese, Burmese, and Europeans.

## ZONE IDENTIFICATION

### Core Zone - 109.38 ha

The Historic City of George Town covers an area of 109.38 hectares bounded by the Straits of Malacca on the north-eastern cape of Penang Island, Jonning Love Lane to the south, and the Gurney Drive to the west and east and also 100m inland to the south-west corner. There are more than 1700 historic buildings within this Core Zone alone plus many more outside the boundaries of the Core Zone, including the Kapitan Keling and Jonning Love and several peripheral streets of Jalan Tun Sng, Jalan Sultan Ahmad Shah, Jalan Light, Jalan Sabtu, Jalan Barat, Jalan Selatan, Jalan Utara, Jalan Dato' Keramat, Jalan Chulia, Jalan Armenian and Jalan Adam.

### Buffer Zone - 190.04 ha

The Core Zone is being protected by 190.04 hectare buffer zones which include sea buffer, bounded by stretch of sea areas around the harbour, alien Penang to the south-west corner and Jereh Transfer to the north-east corner.

## FREE Shuttle Bus Service by Penang State Government



### CITY HALL

Built in 1903, this is the headquarters of the Penang Island Municipal Council. A War Memorial is located for fallen soldiers who also located here.



### ESPLANADE

The Esplanade is a prominent promenade along an open field where festivals and events are often held. Located along the coast, it is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the surrounding architecture, a hawkers food court and the ancient Fort Cornwallis.



### CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Church was established by Father Gauci along Church Street. It moved to its present site in 1861. In 1955, it was awarded the status of a Cathedral.



### MAHAMARIAMMAN TEMPLE

Built in 1883, it is the oldest Hindu temple in George Town. It began as a humble Hindu shrine built by a local Tamil Muslim Maranam. A distinctive feature of the temple is its ornate gopuram with its exquisitely carved Hindu deities.



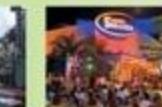
### KHOO KONGSI

Completed around 1908, the temple features traditional Chinese architecture and craftsmanship. Visiting hours are from 8am-5pm daily.



### LITTLE INDIA

This little quarter of South Indian culture is a vibrant melting pot of cultures centered here to make Penang their home. It is the island's epicentre of Indian music, sensory scents, sweets, spices and authentic goods.



### UPPER PENANG ROAD

A bustling street enclave comprising of numerous traditional Chinese shophouses and public restrooms, handcraft and natural stone, clothing shops, hotels and much more!



Campbell Street is well known for its traditional Chinese medicine shops, Indian grocery stores, and a variety of food and merchandise. The famous Campbell Street Market, built in 1908, is where you could procure fresh fruits, seafood and meat.



### TOWN HALL

This was the previous social venue for Penangites after the British took over the leadership for a scene in the movie, *Avengers and the King*. Located ready to an ornate tourist which was presented by the Queen of Penang for King George V in 1935.



### PORT CORNWALLIS

Built when Captain Francis Lycett first landed on Penang, this ancient sentinel of George Town stands guard over the port. Almost destroyed in World War II bombing, this building houses a plethora of Penang historic artefacts.



### PENANG STATE MUSEUM

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### TEOCHEW TEMPLE

A prime example of Teochew architecture, this temple was built in 1850 and moved to its present site in 1875. In 2004, the temple received the Award of Merit from the UNESCO Asia-Pacific for Culture Heritage Conservation. The temple is also known as the Hain-Jeng Teochow Ancestral Temple.



### MASJID MELAKA LELUH ACEH

The mosque was founded by Tempur Syed Mussoen bin Syed Ali Al-Achmed in 1803 for the early Malaccan Arab settlers. To this day, the mosque is still used by these families live in the 18th century Sungai Gangga. 16-acres surround the mosque.



### TANJUNG CITY MARINA

Malaysia's first river city marina is open to the public. Spanning 1.8ha, the marina, which is built on stilts, is a hub for water sports and recreation. It is adjacent to the Penang Ferry terminal.



### CHEONG FATT TZE MANSION

The Blue Mansion, former home of Penang's richest man, is a former residence to the Chinese tycoon. The mansion's rooms are available daily for rent and tours are available daily at 11am and 3pm.



### KOMTAR

Built in 1978, Komtar is the tallest building in Penang. It is the tallest building in Southeast Asia and the second tallest in Malaysia. The building is owned by the state government and is located in the heart of George Town.



### DEWAN SRI PINANG

This building has a unique name for local and international arts including those from Japan and Thailand.



### QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL CLOCK TOWER

The 60-foot clock tower, commissioned by the Queen Victoria, was built in 1887 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Each foot represents a year in the Queen's reign.



### ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

Built between 1817 and 1818, it is said to be the oldest Anglican church in Southeast Asia.



### KAPITAN KELING MOSQUE

Founded in 1801, it is the largest Moslem mosque in George Town. Designed in Moghul architecture, it features beautiful minarets and domes.



### ISLAMIC MUSEUM (SYED AL-ATTAQ MANSIONS)

Formerly the residence of Syed Mohamed Ali Al-Attak, this building was a well-known Achanehse merchant who was a stalwart supporter of the anti-slavery movement against the Dutch. The home has been converted into a museum to educate about the heritage of the Penang's Muslim community. Visiting hours are from 5.30pm daily, closed on Tuesdays.



### PENANG FERRY SERVICE

Penang Ferry began operations in 1905, making it the oldest ferry service in Malaysia. These iconic ferries plies between the Seberang Perai mainland and Penang Island, carrying both passengers and vehicles.



### RAFFLES HOTEL

The hotel was founded in 1884, is dedicated to the penang's list of seafarers, the goddess May Choo. The present building was built in 1925, restored in 1986. Visiting hours are from 10am to 5pm daily.



### GURNEY DRIVE

Named after Sir Henry Gurney, a High Commissioner of Malaya, this asphalt promenade is famous for its open air restaurants and bars, and its proximity to the Gurney Plaza.



### PELANGKONG PENANG

The Penang Art Gallery was officially opened in 1986. It is a multi-functional hall for local and international arts including those from Japan and Thailand.



### STATE ASSEMBLY BUILDING

This exquisite 19th century buildings were built in 1885. The original building was burnt down in 1905 and was replaced by the current building which was completed in 1908.



### GODDESS OF MERCY TEMPLE

This popular temple is dedicated to Kuan Yin. The temple was built in 1798 by Chinese settlers and completed in 1800.



### CHEAH KONGSI

This clan temple features classic Chinese architecture with the surprising addition of a lion's head on the temple. The lions symbolise loyalty to the British colonial power. The Cheah Kongsi is one of the most famous clan temples in Penang. The temple was completed in 1880. Visiting hours are from 8am-5pm daily.



### PERANAKAN MANSION

This old mansion, former home of the Tan family, is now a museum. The house is a three-story building with over 200 antiques and artifacts depicting the life of the Chinese Peranakan people when they were locally known as Baba Nyonya.



### CLAN JETTIES

Located along the West Quay are Penang's historic clan jetties. Home to ten temples, the clan jetties are built on stilts and are connected by wooden walkways.



### HAW PAR VILLA

The temple, built in 1949, is dedicated to the penang's list of seafarers, the goddess May Choo. The present building was built in 1985, restored in 1986. Visiting hours are from 10am to 5pm daily.



### VISIT PENANG

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Visitors must possess a national passport or other internationally recognized travel documents such as a diplomatic passport, International Identity Card or Emergency Certificate of Travelers. For more information visit [www.mmo.gov](http://www.mmo.gov).

Malaysian ports provide the death penalty for drug trafficking. Other prohibited items include pornography, firearms, broadcast receivers, goods from listed and dangerous animals. For more information visit [www.economist.com](http://www.economist.com).

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