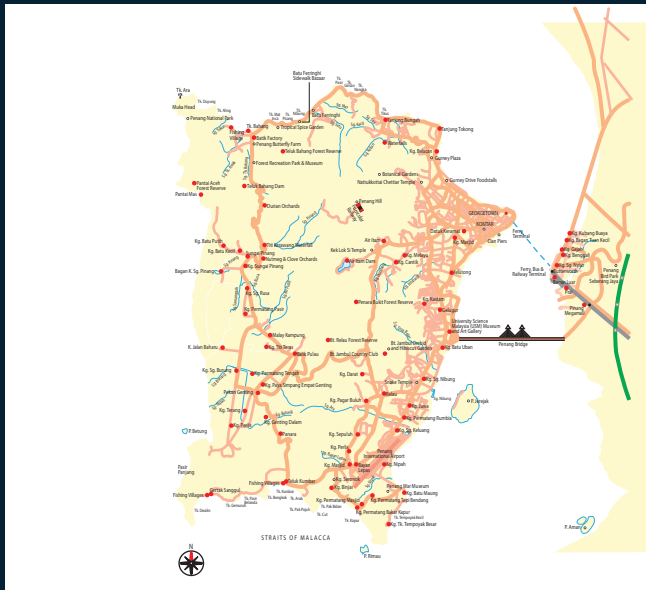


GENERAL INFORMATION : PENANG



Climate

Malaysia has a tropical climate and the weather is warm all year round. Temperature range from 21C to 32C

Currency Exchange Rates

USD 1 = MYR 2.90
EUR 1 = MYR 3.90
GBP 1 = MYR 4.60
(correct at 29 Jan 2013)

Humidity

59% - 84%

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.

Local Information

- 1) Shoes must always be removed when visiting homes or places of worship such as mosques and temples. Most mosque provide robes and scarves for ladies.
- 2) While visiting a homestay village, please be respectful of local customs and traditions.
- 3) The country's large Muslim population does not drink liquor or alcoholic beverages.
- 4) 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 house.

Time

The standard Malaysia time is 8 hours ahead of GMT and 16 hours ahead of the US Pacific Standard Time.

Religion

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

Language

Bahasa Malaysia (Malay) is the national language but English is widely spoken. Malaysian also speaks various language and dialects.

PLACES OF INTEREST



GEORGETOWN

Georgetown 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.

CHEONG FATT ZHE MANSION

This majestic mansion was built in the 1880s and belonged to the illustrious Cheong Fatt Tze.

*Opening hours : 11am - 3pm
*Entrance fee : MYR12



FORT CORNWALLIS

Erected in 1786, Fort Cornwallis was originally a wooden stockade that was subsequently replaced by a brick structure in 1804.

*Opening hours : 9am - 6pm
*Entrance fee : Adult (MYR3)
Child (MYR2)

PENANG PERANAKAN MANSION

It was built at the end of the 19th century which features Chinese carved wood panels, English floor tiles and Scottish ironworks.

* Opening hours : 9.30am - 5pm
* Entrance fee : Adult (MYR10)
Child (MYR5)



PENANG NATIONAL PARK

Nature lovers will love the Penang National Park, the latest addition to the country's family of national parks. 417 flora and 143 fauna species, 1000 plant species and a lighthouse that was built in 1883.