

GENERAL INFORMATION : PERAK



Climate

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

Currency Exchange

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



SULTAN AZLAN SHAH GALLERY

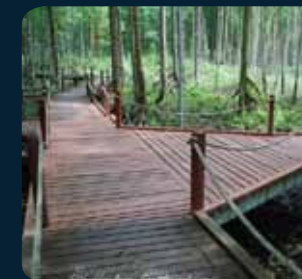
Formerly known as Hulu Palace. The gallery mainly features the history and achievements of the Sultan Perak, Sultan Azlan Shah.

* Opening hours : 10am - 5pm (Sat-Thu)
9am - 5pm (Fri)

GUA TEMPURUNG

One of the largest limestone caves in Peninsular Malaysia and is made up of five domes with coconut shell-like ceilings.

* Opening hours : 9am - 4pm



KUALA SEPETANG NATIONAL PARK

Make a point to visit the Kuala Sepetang Recreational Forest - the best mangrove forest in the country.

*Opening hours : 8am - 5pm
*Entrance fee : free

KEK LOK TONG TEMPLE

One of the most visited temples in Perak. The cave has been used as a place of worship since the 1920's but during the 1960's the area was engaged in iron ore mining and parts of the cave were excavated for this activity.

*Opening hours : 7am - 6pm
*Entrance fee : free



UBUDIAH MOSQUE

Masjid Ubudiah is Perak's royal mosque, and is located in the royal town of Kuala Kangsar, Malaysia. Masjid Ubudiah stands proudly in Kuala Kangsar, with its golden dome and minarets creating a spellbinding sight, from near and a far.

*Opening hours : 10am - 5pm
*Entrance fee : free