

## PEN 01

### **TRADITIONAL TRADERS & LIVING CULTURE IN GEORGE TOWN TOUR (4 hours)**

1. Wet Market
2. Kapitan Kling Mosque
3. Sri Maha Mariamman Temple
4. Little India
5. Kuan Yin Temple
6. St George Church

The tour will take you to the Wet Market. The first market is Chowrasta Market, where the early Indian migrants use to sell their wares here along the street. So 'Chowrasta' is a Tamil word. At this place you will get to see the Spring Roll Skin maker doing his trades who is the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation in this business. Is a paper-thin crepes for wrapping spring rolls. Other things to see will be Yu Char Kuih, fried economy noodles, vegetables sellers, fish sellers and many more along the walk. As you enter into Campbell Street, walk towards the direction of Kapitan Kling Mosque. Along the way, you will see some old Tim Sum Restaurant, sundry shops, goldsmith shops and many more. The mosque is located at Buckingham Street, built in 1804 by the Indian Muslim traders. As we cross into Chulia Street, drop into the Teochew Ancestral Temple to see the culture and belief of the Chinese. Along the route, we are able to admire the craft done by the early Chinese migrants. Next stop will be the oldest Indian Temple built in 1833, the Sri Maha Mariamman Temple. This is also Little India where we get to see the Spices run by the Indian Muslim, teh tarik stalls where people will have their breakfast, Indian Goldsmith, Samosa (is a kind of pastry with fillings inside and deep fried), Indian florist, songkok maker and it goes on non-stop. Next will be the oldest Chinese temple, Kuan Yin Temple built in 1800 by the Cantonese and Hokkien people. If possible, we will visit the Joss stick maker (he is a very old man so sometimes if he is not feeling well he would not work). The last stop will be the oldest Anglican Church and the St. George Church built in 1816. On the compound is also the Memorial of Francis Light.

(Walking tour will be conducted by a Heritage Tour Guide. Start at 0800 hours. There will be break of teh tarik and some light Indian snack at one of the Indian eating outlet.)



## PEN 02

### ✚ WALKING TRAIL OF THE PAST (5 hours)

1. Hainan Temple
2. Old Pre-War Houses
3. Carpenter Guilds
4. Kapital Kling Mosque
5. Khoo Kongsi
6. Little India
7. Sri Maha Mariamman Temple

The tour will take you to Muntri Street where the Hainan Temple (or Temple of Heavenly Queen), dates back to 1895. The present building was rebuilt in the 1990's. The road leading to our next stop will be narrow and along the way the old pre-war houses used to be homes for the local Chinese have now become budget hotels and restaurants. This is because of the Rent Control Acts in the 1980's where rentals increased by more than a 100%. The walk will take you to the Carpenter Guilds – Centre for the Cantonese carpenters who contribute their skills to the present Heritage building. Kapital Kling Mosque was built at the start of the 19<sup>th</sup> century by the Indian Muslim traders. You walk towards Armenian Street where Dr. Sun Yat Sen used to stay for a while when he was in Penang trying to get the support from the Chinese here to help him to take down the Manchu. Cannon Square is where the Khoo Kongsi is located. Khoo Kongsi represents the opulence and prosperity of the "Khoo Clan". Teochew Temple is the Ancestral Temple for the early Teochew migrants built in 1870. Next, you will walk along Little India with a stop at the oldest Indian temple, Sri Maha Mariamman Temple built in 1833, dedicated to the Hindu deity Sri Muthu Mariamman. The walk along the Grid of Francis Light will bring you to roads like King Street, Queen Street, Market Street and end up at Church Street where Peranakan Mansion was built in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century for the Kapitan Chung Keng Kwee who was in charge of tin mining in Taiping. The present building is now a museum housing a lot of the Peranakan history and art effect.

(Along the way there will be a few more heritage Buildings. The tour is conducted by a Heritage Tour Guide. Along the walk, there are breaks for some good Penang Street food.)



**Batik Factory**  
A Malaysian handicraft which stretches back 2000 years ago.  
Known to exist in Persia and Egypt.



**Fishing Village**  
Where boats or trawlers go to the big sea and comes back with  
fresh seafood for the dinner table.



## PEN 03

### + COUNTRY SIDE TOUR (5 hours)

1. Batik Cottage Industry
2. Fishing Village
3. Fruit and Spice Stall
4. Malay Village
5. Snake Temple
6. View Penang Bridge

Explore Penang, the "Pearl of the Orient" from its sandy shores to the quaint countryside. Visit the Batik Cottage Industry to experience the traditional technique of batik printing, using wax and dyes. Drive through the country-side passing through the fruits and spice plantation which made a bee-line of traders coming to the Island century ago. Stop at the stall to get a closer look at the spices and tropical fruits. Stop to visit a Malay Village before visiting the legendary Snake Temple, where Pit Vipers adorn the altars. View the longest bridge in the Southeast Asia, which links the island to the mainland before returning to the hotel.



## PEN 04

### ✚ ECO TOURISM (7 Hours)

1. Tropical Spice Garden ( E )
2. Entopia ( E )
3. Tropical Fruit Farm ( E )

The day is filled with back to nature activities for adventures to the Tropical Spice Garden, Entopia and Tropical Fruit Farm. Penang's award winning Tropical Spice Garden spread over 8 acres of jungle valley, next to the sea. The garden takes you through tropical rainforest, lavish foliage, and exotic species of flowers, spices and herbs from around the world.

Next visit Entopia, mainly different species of butterflies, insects and some reptiles. The Natureland which is a living garden vivarium, is a shared ecological space for a variety of invertebrates to small reptiles living in their re-created natural habitat. This will be the largest butterfly in Malaysia. The living garden features more than 200 species. It has an educational area to get to know the life cycles of butterflies also know as metamorphosis. At times, you get a chance to see the release of baby butterflies in the open.

The tour continues to the 25-acre Tropical Fruit Farm, situated about 800 feet above sea level on the hilly terrain of Teluk Bahang in Penang is an ideal location for cultivation of tropical and sub-tropical fruit trees. Seasonal fruits, like the "King of Fruits" the durian. You have a chance to try the fruits and some fresh fruit juice, before heading back. Seasonal fruits are in the month June to August only.



## PEN 05

### GEORGETOWN HERITAGE TOUR (5 Hours)

1. Photo stop at Fort Cornwallis
2. Clan Jetty
3. Peranakan Mansion ( E )
4. Khoo Kongsi ( E )
5. Walk along Little India

#### **FortCornwallis**

Named after the Governor General in India, Charles Cornwallis, Fort Cornwallis is one of the most well-known landmarks in Penang. This is where Francis Light raise up the union Jack for the East India Company, is one of the first heritage site in Penang.

#### **Clan Jetty**

These are where some of the early Chinese settlers build their homes above sea water on stilts near to the city centre. They were boatmen and traders. The other reason is to avoid paying taxes.

#### **Peranakan Mansion**

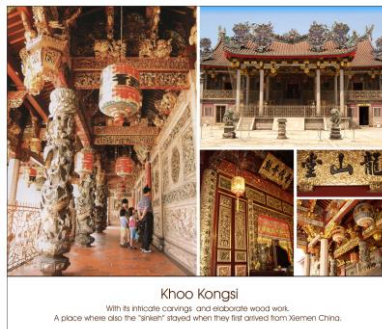
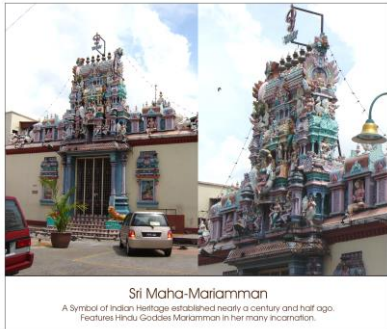
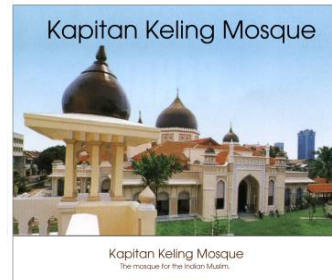
This house cum temple was previously own by one of the Kapitan China of Perak. In 1895 became his Mansion and in 1899 a temple was built. Now it houses some priceless antique collections of the Straits Settlements era. Peranakan or Nyonya is a cross culture between the Malays and the early Chinese settlers.

#### **KhooKongsi**

One of the most prominent Chinese lineages in Malaysia, Leong San Tong Khoo Kongsi, or Khoo Kongsi for short, dates back to some 650 years ago. Khoo Kongsi, together with Cheah, Yeoh, Lim and Tan Kongsi, were the 'Goh Tai Seh' (Five Big Clans) that had formed the backbone of the Hokkien community in olden-day Penang

#### **LittleIndia**

Little India is another great spot to explore during your Penang tour. Street vendors and money-swappers sell a dizzying variety of goods and offer some of the best shopping in the vicinity. The vividness of many different religions can be seen along Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling, or Pitt Street as it was first called.



## PEN 06

### PLACES OF WORSHIP (4 Hours)

1. St. George Church
2. Kuan Yin Temple (Goddess of Mercy Temple)
3. Sri Maha Mariamman Temple
4. Kapitan Kling Mosque
5. Tea Pen Kong Temple
6. Khoo Kongsi

Start from the Cathedral of Assumption built for the Catholic. Proceed to an Anglican Church, St George Church built in 1816. This part which is almost near to the seafront is where most of the Europeans leave in the olden days. Next is the Kuan Yin Temple, built in 1800's. Along the way are many flower stalls where both the Chinese and Hindu will purchase for their prayers. Built in 1833, the Sri Maha Mariamman Temple will be your next stop. Then proceed to the Teochew Association where intricate carving on the pillars and wood are done by hand in the early days by the Chinese artisans. Pass through many money changers and goldsmith shop run by the Indian Muslim. This is where you will also find the Kapitan Kling Mosque built in 1804. The Tea Pen Kong Temple was used in the olden days as one of the escape route for the Secret Society. The last stop will be the Khoo Kongsi, one of the 5 main Kongsi built during the influx of the Chinese immigrants.

**(Walking tour conducted by a Heritage Tour Guide. Stop at some good Penang food either Indian or Chinese at one of the local eating outlet. Include entrance.)**

## PEN 07

### + TEMPLE & PENANG HILL TOUR (5 Hours)

1. Kek Lok Si Temple (E)
2. Penang Hill ( E )

Walk up the steps to Southeast Asia's largest Chinese Buddhist temple, Kek Lok Si, perched against a hill slope in Air Itam. Marvel at the statue of the Goddess of Mercy and the 30 meter high Pagoda. See the "Pond of Longevity", home for hundreds of tortoises.



Ascend to Penang Hill approximately 830 meters above sea level by means of funicular railway. Enjoy the bird eye's view of Penang and appreciate the rich collection of Malaysian flora and fauna.



## PEN 08

### + MONKEY BEACH

1. Boat ride to Monkey Beach
2. Line Fishing
3. BBQ Lunch Provided



Take a boat ride from your hotel if you are staying along the beach hotels to the Monkey Beach. Journey will be around 30 minutes. Go fishing if you enjoy doing them. Climbing can also be done around the hill near the beach. Later BBQ lunch will be served. While eating be careful of the monkeys, they know when to come out for their hiding place.

## PEN 09

### + PENANG NATIONAL PARK (7 Hours)

1. Transfer to National Park entrance
2. 2 hours jungle trekking from Teluk Bahang to Pantai Kerachut
3. Visit the Meromictic Lake
4. Turtle Conservation Centre
5. Boat departure from Pantai Kerachut to Teluk Tukun
6. Boat arrival at National Park Entrance
7. Light lunch provided

(Trekking tour conducted by a Nature Tour Guide. Person with health problem is advisable not to participate.)



## PEN 10

### + MANGROVE FOREST & ORONG UTAN ISLAND (8 Hours)

1. Orang Utan Island at Bukit Merah Laketown ( E )
2. Mangrove Forest and charcoal factory ( E )
3. Lunch provided





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### **2. Reservation**

- Date and Time
- Tour Preference
- Number of passengers and nationality
- Hotel name & location
- Contact name, e-mail and hand-phone number

### **3. Payments**

- All bookings are based on prepayment

### **4. Minimum passenger per tour**

- A minimum of 2 adults per booking is required

### **5. Included**

- Hotel/Port pick-up and drop-off in Georgetown & Northern side of Penang Island
- Professional Licensed Tourist Guide

### **6. Excluded**

- Gratuities (optional)

### **7. Additional Information**

- Please book and pay at least two week in advance
- Children must be accompanied by an adult
- Refunds will not be issued if tour/activity is missed due to late or non-arrival of cruise ship
- Dress code is casual T-Shirts, Sun Cap, Comfortable Shoes and/or umbrella

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- Half Day or Full Day Tours
- On Disposal from 4 hours to 12 hours or more than a day
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**Absolute Vacation & Adventure Sdn Bhd's** aim is to help local Malaysian as well as international holidaymakers to customized, personalized and localized the best Penang tour packages that meet their need. Penang is a nice place to take a break. The island's alluring beaches and old-world charm had made Penang a popular tourist destination.

The historic city of George Town with more than two centuries of unique history alive, legacy preserved and cultures magnified, makes George Town a worthy recipient as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site on 07<sup>th</sup> July 2008. Walking through George Town with its eclectic blend of colonial, Moorish, Indian and Chinese architecture is a sensory journey of fascinating sights, sounds and aromas. Relax and take a trishaw to discover George Town heart and soul.

The Pearl of Orient has eco tourism and as well as being a food paradise. Both of their local and traditional foods are loved by local people as well as foreign tourists. The most popular street food in Penang is Penang Laksa, Char Kway Teow, Popiah, Oh Chien, Hokkien Mee, Assam Laksa and many more.

Our agency is established as a one stop centre. We are able to help you to plan from booking hotel room, transportation, street (hawker) food as well as Nyonya, Chinese, Indian and Malay restaurant food and guided tour.

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