

FLIGHTS TO MALAYSIA

# Flights to Penang (PEN)

It's no wonder Penang is called the Pearl of the Orient. Fly to an island rich in history, culture, and fascinating discoveries, for an experience to match Kuala Lumpur itself.

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Located on the northwest coast of Peninsular Malaysia, Penang state is a unique destination influenced by a multitude of cultures, from Chinese and Indian, to British and continental European. Penang is made up of Penang Island, and the mainland area of Butterworth. The island itself is the main tourist attraction and airport location - here you'll find Penang's capital city, George Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Navigate your way through colourful streets filled with umbrella-topped cycle rickshaws, and gaze at the striking architecture of a city teeming with street markets, local art, temples, and restaurants. At any moment, you might turn a corner and catch the unmistakable scent of Malaysia's King of Fruits - the durian.

George Town is filled with colourful quirks and rugged charm. Pose beside famous street art murals like "Kids on a Bicycle" on Armenian Street and "King Fu Girl" in Jalan Muntri; rummage through trinkets at Cecil Street Market; or sip on a traditional *kopi tiamsi* Malaysian coffee at Toh Soon Café.

Because of its rich history, Penang is filled with significant landmarks and majestic temples. Explore colonial Fort Cornwallis and the Chinese clan house Khoo Kongsi, or visit the Kapitan Keling Mosque and Sun Yat-Sen Museum. For something really special, stop by the iconic indigo-blue heritage Blue Mansion, the artistic vision of Chinese businessman Cheong Fatt Tze.

Penang's city streets are filled with food stalls offering dishes ranging from Indian rotis and Mee Goring, to Chinese-inspired noodle dishes like Char Koay Teow. If you're adventurous, try the Malaysian favourite of Nasi Lemak, containing peanuts, anchovies, chilli, and egg. Finish everything off with a Cendol dessert of green rice jelly and coconut milk. And don't forget the Penang curry!

Far from the crowds and energy of street food vendors, you'll taste the best fine dining Penang has to offer at Orinea. Spoil yourself with contemporary, creative cuisine paired with exquisite interiors and luxurious sky dining. Or why not try the best Peranakan cuisine on the island at Kebaya, where traditional recipes meet with new cooking techniques.

And there's even more to the island than city sites and culture. Known as the Isle of the Betel Nut, Penang's coastline is dotted with areca palm trees and beautiful beaches. Escape the bustle of George Town and head to Batu Feringghi, Gertak Sanggul, or Pantai Keracut Beach.

Penang also offers some of the most authentic accommodation and hotel experiences in Malaysia. Often called The Grand Dame of Penang, the Eastern Oriental Hotel is truly reminiscent of the British Colonial era and boasts a timeless hospitality. Another favourite

is the boutique yet classic Seven Terraces, located within walking distance of all the main temples and museums in George Town.

You can get around the island by bus or taxi. At Penang airport, you'll find taxis at the arrivals hall, and 3 bus routes to Georgetown - just look out for the Rapid Penang service bus counter. And if you're a curious traveller, you can take a quick ferry ride across the Penang Strait to Butterworth, and visit the Temple of Nine Emperor and equally art-filled streets.