



POPULAR TOURS



The Penang Grand Tour

Penang has long been a favoured destination for travellers with its heritage trail sites and diverse places of worship. We take your guests on this trail to learn the history and experience the people's culture. Our first encounter with old Penang charm would be at an authentic Malay fishing village to get an insight of the daily lives of fishermen, local cottage industries and unique spices and local fruits with medicinal value. Move on to a short visit at the Snake Temple, Temple of Azure Cloud. Lunch will be at a typical Baba Nyonya (Malay and Straits people) restaurant to sample delicious, home-cooked dishes.

A trip to Georgetown to reveal the stark contrast between the old and the new quarters. The first experience starts with a visit to the Khoo Kongsi clan house. Then take a short walk to discover the many colonial heritage buildings, the lovely square at the Temple of Goddess of Mercy, where it is always busy with temple hawkers, burning of joss papers and the feeding of pigeons. Walk along Little India area and you will encounter friendly faces and wide smiles of street peddlers and hawkers along the way. Plus, you won't miss Dr Sun Yat Sen's (founder of Taiwan) Penang base at Armenian Street, a house with a lime-washed indigo blue façade. Next stop is the waterfront clan villages where you will see wooden houses on wooden stilts and your guide will explain how this community lives. Last but not least, you will be brought to see the world's third largest reclining Buddha in Wat Chayamangkalaram.

ENHANCEMENTS

1. Batik ornaments.
2. Attractive locally crafted hand fan for guests.
3. Cool coconut drink.

Duration: 7 hours
Capacity: Unlimited



Snake Temple



A Trail Of Botany & Spirituality

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of city tours, and enter the serene world of Penang's native flora. Popularly known as the "Waterfall Gardens", the Penang Botanical Gardens is a little piece of magic nestled in a valley of lush tropical rainforest. Your guests join the regulars who frequent this gem of a garden to appreciate the spacious and blissfully relaxing setting. Then, en route to the finest Buddhist temple in South East Asia, your guests will be fascinated by the colourful and bustling activities of the famous Ayer Itam wet market. Upon arrival at the temple, the scent of calming incense and the sound of rhythmic chanting greets your guests. See the famous Pagoda of Ten Thousand Buddhas, a combination of a Chinese octagonal base, tiers in the middle influenced by Thai architecture and topped off with a Burmese crown. The temple also features gardens, a turtle pond, shrines and beautiful sculptures. As it is one of Penang's more popular attractions, your guests will be also encounter sidewalk peddlers selling trinkets and souvenirs, a great chance to practice their bargaining skills!

ENHANCEMENTS

1. Packets of peanuts to feed resident monkeys.
2. Attractive locally crafted hand fan on hot days.
3. Vegetarian lunch at a local restaurant (2 hours) including a special feature on the ingredients used to prepare a vegetarian meal and a demonstration on the art of brewing and drinking Chinese tea.

Duration: 4 .5 hours (tour only)

Capacity: Unlimited



Waterfall Gardens



Singapore Shopping Spree

A trip to the East will not be complete without a visit to Malaysia's neighbouring island nation. At sunrise, your guests will board a coach to the Penang International Airport to catch the first flight of the day to Singapore, the Lion City of Asia. Only 70 minutes south of Penang, Singapore may be one of the smallest countries in size but it is certainly big on shopping and entertainment! Your guests will be taken on an interesting and educational city orientation tour of this cosmopolitan city. From the gleaming shopping malls on Orchard Road to the bustling hawker centres and dozens of discos, pubs and restaurants, there is plenty to do all year round. Lunch will be organised at Compass Rose Restaurant & Bar in The Westin Stamford & Westin Plaza. Perched on the 70th floor of the tallest hotel in the world, the Compass Rose has established itself as a fine dining landmark in Singapore. After lunch, your guests are at liberty to "shop till they drop" in this shopping paradise. They will be Penang-bound again by nightfall.

ENHANCEMENTS

1. A survival kit with map, guidebook and general information of Singapore.
2. Recycled canvas shopping bag with corporate logo.

Duration: 13 hours
Capacity: Unlimited



Singapore Shopping!



Kuala Lumpur – The New Malaysia

A day trip to Malaysia's capital city Kuala Lumpur will provide your guests a memorable tour experience as they discover the immense variety of artistic, natural and historical treasures at a pace that is guaranteed to be comfortable and enjoyable. The flight to Kuala Lumpur is only 40 minutes away from Penang. Kuala Lumpur has since the glory days of tin mining settlements, blossomed into a lively city with modern trappings. Yet, amid the skyscrapers (including the tallest towers in the world - Petronas Twin Towers), shopping malls, hotels and busy streets, Kuala Lumpur's rustic flavour is retained in its historical monuments and buildings which your guests will tour. A typical Malaysian curry tiffin buffet lunch follows at the stately Carcosa Seri Negara. Considered the most historical colonial hotel in Kuala Lumpur, the Carcosa is over 100 years old now. After lunch, your guests may proceed to explore Kuala Lumpur on their own or go on a shopping spree at any of the shopping malls in the city. They will return to Penang by air in the evening.

ENHANCEMENTS

1. Light afternoon tea reception at a deluxe-class hotel before catching the flight back to Penang.
2. Side trip in the afternoon to rural Kuala Lumpur. Visit Batu Caves and nearby home cottage industries.

Duration: 12 hours

Capacity: Unlimited



Kuala Lumpur



Gurney Drive By Night

Penang's infamous Gurney Drive is best viewed in the evening when it bursts to life with hawker stalls and night time activities. Incidentally, some of the best hawker food in town is found along this 2-km promenade. Strolling along the pedestrian walkway, your guests will get to see The City of Living Culture through Gurney Drive's noisy, crowded and delightful conglomeration of people, goods, pushcarts and colonial sea-facing buildings. Vintage trishaws share the roads with modern automobiles. Quaint old buildings stand proud next to taller, more sophisticated structures. Your guests will be able to take in the beautiful sunset before they are ushered to a local Chinese restaurant for a superb 8-course Chinese or seafood dinner.

ENHANCEMENTS

1. String music entertainment during dinner.
2. Lion dance welcome at the restaurant.
3. Mock coach "breakdown" scene topped-off with trishaws coming to the rescue.

Duration: 3 1/2 hours

Capacity: 300 persons



Gurney Drive



Coral Island

Whether it will be an island-hopping adventure, a visit to some of the historical local coastal ports, a spot of light recreational fishing, snorkelling among the wonder of the coral fringed reefs, or simply some time-out to truly relax and enjoy the delicacies freshly prepared while watching the sun set over our tropical paradise, we guarantee a stress-free experience. A stroll through the cool rainforest or lazing on the white coral sands will do wonders for the body, mind and soul. Your guests' day of complete solitude begins and ends on Coral Island, transported there and back by local fishing boats.

SPECIAL NOTES

1. Limited to a maximum of 10 persons per boat.
2. Only basic toilet facilities.

ENHANCEMENTS

1. Barbecue or picnic lunch on the beach.
2. Sunshine Bag (with a towel, beach mat and a bottle of sunscreen or suntan lotion).

Duration: 7 hours
Capacity: Unlimited



Coral Island