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### MESSAGE FROM

# **YB Wong Hon Wai**

Penang State Executive Councillor for Tourism and Creative Economy (PETACE) I am delighted to congratulate the iNPenang team on the launch of the all-new 101st edition of iNPenang magazine. With its revamped style and updated size, this edition represents a new chapter in the magazine's journey since its inception in 2006.

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I have no doubt that this new edition will continue to uphold its standard of being the premier society and tourism magazine, bringing the best and the very essence of Penang to the world.

> The Penang State Government is a firm believer in supporting initiatives that celebrate and promote our diverse community. It is with great pride that we continue to stand behind endeavours like iNPenang magazine, recognising their vital role in not only preserving our culture but also in driving forward our vision for tourism and creative economy.

> As we turn the page to this new chapter, let us celebrate the dedication and passion of the founder, Dato' Chng Huck Theng, and his iNPenang team. Their commitment to excellence has truly made iNPenang a symbol of Penang's vibrant cultural

> > and creative diversity.

Here's to the continued success of iNPenang as the premier society and tourism magazine, inspiring readers near and far, sharing stories of our rich heritage, achievements, and aspirations of our beloved Penang.

Happy Reading!





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As THE BEST business and travel magazine, iNPenang continues to showcase and position Penang as the ultimate destination to Visit, Invest, Live, and for Education and Healthcare.

It is with great pride and honour that we present to our readers the NEW LOOK of iNPenang magazine with this 101st Special Edition. This milestone issue marks a new journey for our publication, featuring a smaller and more handy size that allows readers to carry it with them conveniently.

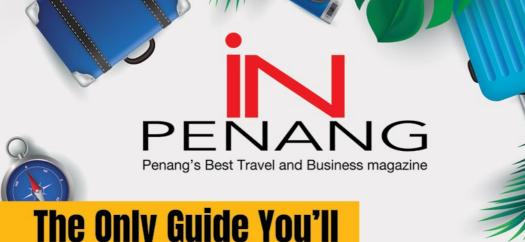
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I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to the Penang State Government, especially YB Wong Hon Wai, the Penang State Executive Councillor for Tourism and Creative Economy (PETACE), for the trust and support towards iNPenang magazine. Their support has been instrumental in our efforts to showcase the best of Penang, positioning it as the ultimate destination for those considering to Visit, Invest, Live, and for Education and Healthcare.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our readers, contributors, advertisers, and supporters for being part of this incredible journey. Your continued support inspires us to strive for excellence and deliver quality content that truly represents the essence of Penang.

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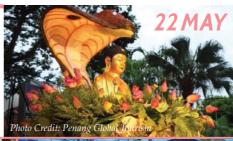


# **Event** Calendar

All dates are correct at the time of printing, and are subject to change.

# Wesak Day

Wesak Day honours Buddha's birth, enlightenment, and attainment of Nirvana. This day promotes spiritual reflection by emphasising the virtues of compassion and enlightenment in Buddhist teachings.







# Hari Raya Aidil Adha

Also known as Hari Raya Haji, it is the secondmost important Muslim celebration in Malaysia. It falls on the tenth day of Zulhijjah, the twelfth month of the Muslim calendar and is celebrated with the pilgrimage of Muslims to the holy land of Mecca.

## Penang International Food Festival

This is a must-visit event for foodies looking to explore Penang's distinct and vibrant culinary culture, from delectable street food to exquisite gourmet specialties.



### **Durian Festival**

The durian is an exotic fruit treasured by Penangites and Malaysians alike, drawing enthusiasts from across Malaysia and other countries. Experience the allure of this exotic fruit, renowned for its unique and delectable taste.



#### Awal Muharram

Awal Muharram, or Maal Hijrah, is the first month of the Islamic calendar and one of the two holiest months for Muslims, commemorating the hijrah migration from Mecca to Madinah by Prophet Muhammad.

# World Heritage City Day

This state public holiday commemorates the inscription of George Town as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2008, enabling residents and visitors to celebrate the culture, buildings, heritage and history of the city.



# Penang Hill Festival

The fifth Penang Hill Festival is set for 19 - 21 July 2024, aiming to promote Penang Hill's natural beauty, rich history, and cultural significance through various educational activities and events. Don't miss its signature 'Music on the Hill - East Meets West' event on 21 July!



# **George Town Festival**

The George Town Festival is an annual event held in July to celebrate the city's UNESCO World Heritage Site status. Established in 2010, it has become a flagship regional event, drawing participants and performers from around the globe.



# **National Day**

Every year, Malaysians celebrate its National Day with pomp and grandeur. The annual National Day Parade, organised by the Penang State Government, features contingents from different government agencies participating in the occasion at the Penang Esplanade.

#### **IMPORTANCE NOTICE**

The **Penang Hill Funicular Service** will be temporarily closed for the 2nd biannual scheduled maintenance for year 2024 from 5 to 11 June 2024 and will resume its service on 12 June 2024.

For more information, please visit https://www.penanghill.gov.my



'Tis the season that crowns the Durian as the ultimate fruit royalty! This June and July, the island transforms into a haven for these prickly treasures, ripe and ready. Revered by locals in Penang and throughout Malaysia, the durian's allure also draws enthusiasts and connoisseurs globally to savour its distinctive flavour.

While visiting, do seize the opportunity to taste this captivating fruit. Yet, a word of caution: its unique texture and flavour have sparked debates among visitors, leading to its ban in numerous accommodations and public spaces.

> Only the adventurous can truly appreciate why the durian earns its regal title.

#### **MAO SHAN WANG**

(a.k.a. MUSANG KING)

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aficionados.

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(a.k.a. JIN FENG)

For those who prefer a bitter edge! This variant is lighter and subtly scented, offering a creamy yet bitter taste with a softer consistency.

### **RED PRAWN**

(a.k.a. ANG HEA)

A sweet delight! This variety, with its orangey-reddish hue, offers a sweet finish and a sticky, creamy texture that's unlike any other.

# **D24**

(a.k.a. SULTAN)

A symbol of Penang's pride!
Celebrated for its dense,
succulent flesh and a
perfect mix of sweet
and bitter, the D24
is a must-try.









Since 2010, the George
Town Festival has been
regarded as a regional
flagship event, celebrating
the city's diverse arts,
culture and heritage.





What began as a series of arts and cultural events held to commemorate George Town's inscription as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and its Outstanding Universal Value in 2008, the George Town Festival (GTF) has morphed into one of the region's flagship cultural events, attracting participants and performers locally and from around the globe. This annual event takes place every July, in conjunction with George Town World Heritage Day.

As a platform that encourages development of the arts while rejuvenating both used and unused spaces in the George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site, GTF also seeks to actively engage the local community in making meaningful connections to the heritage site, helping to preserve and revitalise both living heritage and built heritage.

It also celebrates the city's richness and diversity in arts, culture, and heritage with each year's programme through world-class performances and installations with collaborations and partnerships from international and local artists, local businesses and communities.

The festival has earned strong brand recognition and international media attention, putting George Town on the map for all art enthusiasts, promoters, and patrons, allowing them to discover, explore, and appreciate this city's cultural heritage which has been more than 200 years in the making.

This year sees the fifteenth edition of the GTF, spanning ten days from 19 to 28 July 2024, and will be managed and curated by Kerson Media Global Sdn. Bhd, focusing on the theme "HERE & NOW".











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Spanning 24.28 hectares of reclaimed land, this milestone project is a Penang State Government initiative, valued at RM247.8 million. Envisioned as a prominent waterfront destination for Penang, it is designed with four distinct recreational zones - a beach, a coastal grove, a water garden and a lifestyle area.

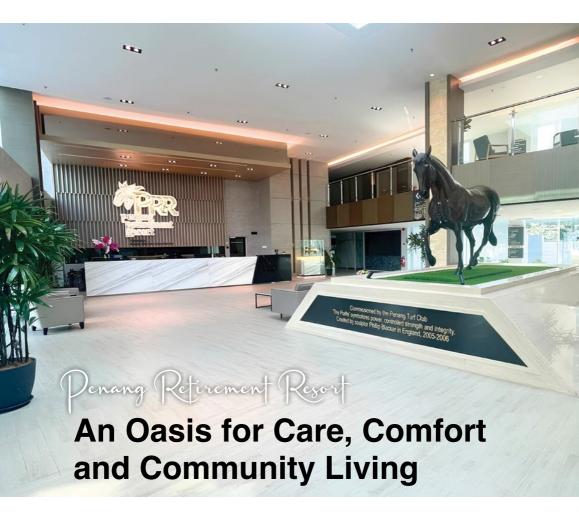
Phase One, also known as Priority 1, recently opened to the public, offering a 27.70-acre expanse of attractions including a children's play area, skate park, public toilets, pedestrian promenade, hawker stalls, retail areas, recreation park, hawker kiosks, open car park space, and a south water body reclamation area. A standout feature is its sea-fronting promenade, providing visitors panoramic views of the Penang coastline. Phase One has been enhanced with the planting of 1,500 trees and approximately 10,000 shrubs.



## More to Come

Priority 2, covering 74.10 acres, will further enrich Gurney Bay with additional amenities such as a hawker centre, retail area, convenience stores, north viewing deck, public toilets, hawker kiosks, multi-storey and open car park areas, lush gardens, landscaped water garden, surau, water taxis jetty, man-made beach and boardwalk, refuse centre, and north water body reclamation area. An additional 3,041 trees are planned for planting.

Upon completion, Gurney Bay will transform Gurney Drive into a premier waterfront destination, offering a harmonious blend of natural beauty, green spaces, and modern amenities for both locals and tourists. The park is slated for completion by 2025.



### One of the kind

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# Specials From



The Association of Tourism Attractions, Penang (ATAP) has been a pivotal force in fostering the growth and development of tourism in Penang since its inception in 2005. Over the years, ATAP has evolved into a dynamic consortium comprising 65 esteemed members, playing a significant role in shaping Penang's tourism landscape.

ATAP was founded with the aim primary of catalyzing the advancement of tourism attractions, products, and services across Penang. Its core mission is to facilitate collaboration among stakeholders, both public and private, to enhance the vitality of Penang's tourism and leisure Additionally, **ATAP** sector. serves as a crucial advocate, championing policies at both state and national levels that impact Penang's tourism industry.

As ATAP celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, it proudly stands as a cornerstone of Penang's tourism ecosystem. Its 65 members collectively contribute an estimated annual revenue of RM1 billion, providing employment opportunities for over 10,000 individuals. Among its esteemed members are iconic attractions such as Entopia, The Habitat Penang Hill, Tropical Spice Garden, The Top Penang, Khoo Kongsi, the Blue Mansion and the Pinang Peranakan Mansion, alongside key public sector entities like the Penang Hill Corporation and Penang National Park.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, ATAP has demonstrated resilience and adaptability. Under the leadership of Dato' Ch'ng Huck Theng, the current chairman, and its dedicated general committee members, ATAP has spearheaded initiatives to navigate the unprecedented challenges facing the travel and tourism industry. By fostering coordination and cooperation within the sector, ATAP is actively preparing for the new normal and post-pandemic era of travel.





As Penang continues to strive towards becoming a premier tourism destination, ATAP remains committed to its mission. By collaborating with industry partners and stakeholders, ATAP aims to elevate Penang's profile on the global stage, ensuring its position as a worldclass tourism destination. Together, with unwavering dedication and collective effort, ATAP and its members will continue to shape the future of Penang's tourism industry.

ATAP's journey over the past two decades exemplifies its pivotal role in propelling Penang's tourism sector forward. As it embarks on its next chapter, ATAP remains

steadfast in its commitment collaboration, to fostering driving innovation, championing Penang's unique offerings on the global tourism stage. With a rich tapestry of attractions and a shared vision for excellence, ATAP and its members are poised to chart a course towards a vibrant and sustainable future for tourism in Penang







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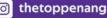
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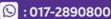




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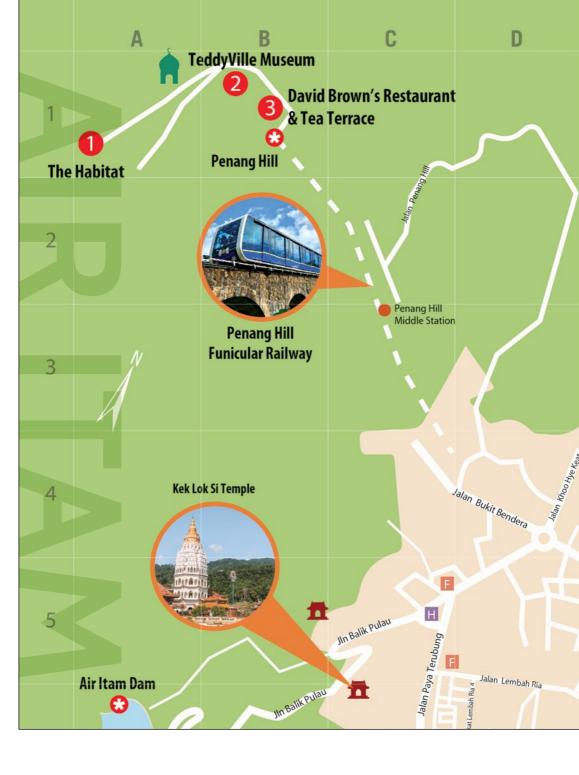
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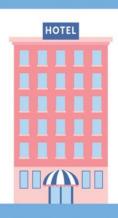
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With approximately half of Malaysia's medical tourism receipts coming from Penang, the state has positioned itself as a "Good Health, Great Holidays" destination. This reputation is not unfounded, as Penang is home to six of the top 30 global medical device companies by sales. It has also successfully cultivated a mature medical device ecosystem over the years, with its MedTech manufacturing capabilities



focused on high-value medical devices, and its commitment to excellence in healthcare.

The Penang Centre of Medical Tourism (PMED), established in 2015, has been instrumental in showcasing Penang's appeal as a premier healthcare destination. With 15 member hospitals and 16 associate members (and growing), PMED members offer a wide range of healthcare services, from specialist medical treatments to dermatology, and dental services to resort retirement living.

Dr. Mary Ann Harris, the executive director of PMED, notes that its members have been proactive in expanding their infrastructure,

services and facilities to meet the growing demand for medical care in recent years. In addition to enhancing their services, these healthcare providers are driven to promote Penang as a medical hub through roadshows and exhibitions in the region.

Penang's healthcare sector is not only affordable but also of high quality, making it an attractive option for medical tourists. Whether you're seeking medical treatment or simply looking to combine healthcare with a holiday, Penang offers a compelling proposition that is hard to resist.



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