

Penang (Georgetown), Malaysia

A UNESCO World Heritage city served straight off the ship — Georgetown's colonial streets are alive with iron-rod murals, Hokkien clan houses, and some of the best street food in Southeast Asia.

Docked (Swettenham Pier, Georgetown) Typical call: 8–10 hrs Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) Malay · English · Hokkien

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Swettenham Pier, Georgetown

Walk to center: 5–10 min on foot

Best For: Street food · Heritage · Street art

Don't Miss: Chew Jetty & Boy on a Bicycle mural

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ RM 9–12 (~USD 2–3) · **Rideshare** ✓ **Grab** · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Georgetown Street Art & Clan Jetties** — Hunt down Ernest Zacharevic's famous murals — 'Boy on a Bicycle', 'Children on a Longboat' — then walk the century-old Chew Jetty, a clan village of...
- **Khoo Kongsi & Heritage Quarter** — The lavishly restored Khoo Kongsi clan house — one of the grandest in Malaysia — anchors a dense historic quarter of shophouses, temples, and...
- **Kek Lok Si Temple & Penang Hill** — Kek Lok Si is one of the largest Buddhist temples in Southeast Asia, with a towering pagoda and a bronze Goddess of Mercy statue.
- **Penang Hawker Food Tour** — Penang is Malaysia's hawker-food capital.
- **Tropical Spice Garden** — A beautifully landscaped hillside garden on the northwest coast showcasing over 500 tropical spice and herb plants, with guided walks explaining...

BEST WALKS

- **Street Art & Clan Jetty Loop** ~4 km · 2–2.5 hrs · easy — From the pier, walk to the waterfront Chew Jetty clan village, then loop through the UNESCO core past Armenian Street murals ('Boy on a Bicycle'), Love Lane, and the...
- **Little India & Kapitan Keling** ~2 km · 1–1.5 hrs · easy — A short sensory loop through Penang's Little India — garland sellers, banana-leaf restaurants, sari shops — to the grand Kapitan Keling Mosque, the Sri Mahamariamman...
- **Cheong Fatt Tze Blue Mansion** ~1.5 km · 45 min · easy — A short walk from the pier to the meticulously restored Blue Mansion — a Qing-dynasty indigo townhouse featured in the film 'Indochine'.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:11AM–7:25PM · Jun 7:06AM–7:32PM · Aug 7:14AM–7:31PM · Sep 7:09AM–7:18PM · Oct 7:04AM–7:04PM	
Apr	83°	77°	22d	Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (Asia/Kuala_Lumpur). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.	
Jun	82°	76°	29d		
Aug	85°	77°	25d		
Sep	86°	78°	20d		
Oct	86°	78°	20d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Eat everything. Penang is widely considered Malaysia's hawker-food capital. Char kway teow, assam laksa, and cendol at the street stalls will be the highlight of your day — and cost almost nothing.
- Download Grab before you arrive. Grab (Southeast Asia's Uber) works flawlessly in Penang and is far cheaper and easier than negotiating tuk-tuks. You'll need it for Kek Lok Si and Penang Hill.
- Bring MYR cash for hawker stalls. Street food vendors and small market stalls rarely accept cards. ATMs are available near the terminal and throughout Georgetown.
- It's hot and humid. Penang is equatorial — expect 30–34 °C year-round with high humidity. Wear light, breathable clothing, carry water, and duck into air-conditioned cafes when needed.
- Cover up for temples and mosques. You'll pass active places of worship on every walk. Carry a light scarf or sarong; shoulders and knees should be covered when entering.
- This port is genuinely walk-off. The street art, clan jetties, Khoo Kongsi, and Fort Cornwallis are all within easy walking distance of the pier — no tour or taxi required for a full, rich half-day.

Penang (Georgetown), Malaysia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Chew Jetty A historic clan jetty village built on stilts.

3 Church of Our Lady Of Sorrows (1888) A beautiful historic Catholic church from 1888.

5 Sun Yat Sen Museum Penang Historic house where Sun Yat Sen planned revolutions.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Fort Cornwallis Historic 18th-century British fort with cannons and lighthouse.

4 Penang Bird Park Malaysia's first and largest bird park.

6 Leong San Tong Khoo Kongsai An elaborate, ornate Chinese clan house and temple.