

Penang National Park

Nature lovers will love the Penang National Park, the latest addition to the country's family of national parks.

You will be impressed by its list of attractions – 417 flora and 143 fauna species, 1,000 plant species and a lighthouse that was built in 1883.

Habitats found here include the rare meromictic lake, mangroves, mudflats and a hill dipterocarp forest. Diverse trails will take you through the lush rainforest, leading to romantic bays with lovely sunsets and secluded beaches favoured by the Green and Olive Ridley turtles. You can also get to these beachside attractions by sea.

Must do:

- Go jungle trekking, bird watching, fishing and camping in the park
- Visit the turtle conservation centre
- Try the Canopy Walk and experience

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Tucked within this idyllic tropical island are attractions such as the historic Dutch Fort, Batu Bersurat, fishing villages, traditional boatyards, places of worship and popular beaches like Pantai Puteri Dewi, Pantai Pasir Bogak and Teluk Nipah. This island can be explored on foot or by vehicle and its surrounding turquoise warm waters are ideal for swimming, snorkelling, kayaking and fishing. A short boat ride takes you to the privately-owned Pulau Pangkor Laut. Here, you will find the exclusive Pangkor Laut Resort, one of the world's top small luxury resorts.

Must do:

- Savour fresh and delicious seafood
 - Watch boats being built at the boatyards
 - Sample seafood snacks
 - Go for a round-island trip
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Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park

Just a 20-minute boat ride away from the mainland, this marine park is a vibrant playground for sunseekers. Tunku Abdul Rahman Park consists of five islands; Gaya, Sapi, Sulug, Manukan and Mamutik. This cluster of tropical islands is ideal for day trips. Accommodation is available at Gaya (the largest island) as well as Manukan. The staging point to the islands is from the Jesselton Point Ferry Terminal.

Must do:

- Go swimming, snorkelling or diving
- Camp out at the islands of Sapi and Mamutik
- Enjoy the thrill of parasailing above the emerald waters
- Go island-hopping or ride on a banana boat
- Get a gorgeous sun tan!

Perhentian Island





A dream come true for sun-seekers, Pulau Perhentian Besar and Kecil offer amazing views of sparkling white sands and clear blue waters. The excellent visibility makes these islands a firm favourite among divers and snorkellers.

Visitors have a choice of staying at Perhentian Besar (the larger island) or Perhentian Kecil (the smaller one). A 10-minute boat ride is all it takes to get from one island to the other.

While Perhentian Kecil has a lively, upbeat atmosphere with plenty of chalets and chic beach cafes, its neighbour has a quieter ambience with comparatively larger resorts and restaurants.

Access to the islands is via a 45-minute boat ride from Kuala Besut Jetty on the mainland.

Must do:

- try island-hopping
- go diving at Tokong Laut to see bamboo sharks
- go on a banana boat ride or try canoeing
- enjoy the sun and sea breeze

Redang Island

Redang archipelago comprises 9 islands. Redang Island which is approximately 7km in length 6km in width, is the largest of all other islands in the Marine Park. This archipelago is abundant with marvelous marine fishes, turtles and coral reefs, ensuring a great snorkelling and scuba-diving experience.

The Redang archipelago has been designated as Marine Parks

Malaysia as to conserve the islands' unique ecosystem. There are 500 species of live corals, more than a thousand species of invertebrates and almost 3000 species of fishes which includes manta rays, stingrays, sharks and whale sharks, all living in harmony in the reefs fringing the islands. It is a real heaven for divers.

Diving enthusiasts and underwater photographers will definitely be entranced by the sights of the islands, which are ranked among the best coral reef in the world. Redang waters also contains two historic shipwrecks. The H.M.S Prince of Wales and H.M.S. Repulse were sunk here during the WWII, setting the stage for the Japanese occupation of Malaya.

Tioman Island

Like a giant sleeping dragon, the dark green ridges of Tioman Island rise up above the waters of the South China Sea. On closer inspection, it becomes clear that the dragon's dark green scales are in fact giant trees and impenetrable jungle; that the grey claws are giant granite boulders and that the dragon's horns are twin peaks with smooth, straight cliffs, surrounded with swirls of mist.

The dragon-like appearance of Tioman Island is at the root of a legend surrounding its origin: A dragon princess from China was flying to her prince in Singapore and stopped to rest in these calm, warm waters. Enamoured by the beauty of the area, and the waves lapping at her sides, she discontinued her journey and took the form of an island.

The natural beauty of the island is its biggest attraction. Lush tropical jungle covers about 12,000 hectares of the

island and countless mountain streams and waterfalls sustain the many protected species of mammals and birds. The waters around the island are filled with corals of all shapes and colours and home to a vast diversity of sea creatures, including two species of marine turtle. There are a few excellent beaches on Tioman, and these curves of golden sand are usually tucked away at the edges of villages or fronting one of the many resorts.

Tioman has options for every kind of holiday-maker: families with small children, honeymooners, scuba divers, backpackers, adventurers and even those looking for a slice of exclusivity and luxury. Most places to stay are clustered around the villages that are dotted along Tioman's coastline while there are a few small resorts that are built around private beach coves.

Tioman is the largest in a volcanic group of islands off the east coast of peninsular Malaysia. Getting there is simple as there is both a ferry service from Mersing on the mainland and an airport on the island itself.

Tioman is a beautiful, popular and affordable holiday destination!

[Negeri Sembilan](#)

Negeri Sembilan is situated in the west of Peninsular Malaysia. It is about 50km south of Kuala Lumpur and spreads over an area of 6,645 sq km. Its name literally means nine states as the state once consisted of nine districts.

The state is known for its Minangkabau culture, which is preserved by the Adat Perpatih, an age-old matrilineal social system. It is also synonymous with the unique Minangkabau architecture, which features unique upswept roof designs. A flourishing urban centre, it has several historical and cultural landmarks that are easily accessible from its capital, Seremban.

Discover the beauty of Negeri Sembilan, the home of ancient traditions!

Places of Interest:

- Port Dickson – popular getaway has one of the longest beaches in Malaysia. Sun-kissed and fringed by swaying coconut trees and casuarinas, the Teluk Kemang and Blue Lagoon beaches are ideal for a wide spectrum of beach activities and water sports like parasailing, canoeing, yachting and speed boat rides. Relaxing spa treatments can be enjoyed at larger resorts nearby. Before you leave, enjoy a lovely meal of seafood as you watch the sun set against the Straits of Malacca.
- The Royal Museum Seri Menanti – Witness the ingenuity and creativity of ancient craftsmen in this architectural masterpiece, which was built without the use of nails or screws. Constructed at the turn of the 20th century, it was the official residence of the royal family until 1931. This former palace has 99 pillars, each soaring 65 feet, representing the 99 warriors of various clans. In 1992, it was turned into a museum, which showcases the regalia of the Negeri Sembilan Royal Family as well as exhibits such as costumes, ceremonial weaponry, bed chambers and documents on the Royal Lineage.
- Rembau Museum
- State Museum

- Lukut Museum – History enthusiasts should make a trip to the historical town of Lukut and visit its main attractions, the Lukut Museum and Fort. Here, you can read about Lukut’s golden era as the capital of the tin trade or pore over artefacts from the Nassau shipwreck, a Dutch East India battleship, which sank off the coast of Port Dickson in 1606. Further away, are the ruins of the Lukut Fort. It was built in 1847 to protect the town’s booming tin trade. Other attractions here include the legendary ‘poisoned well’ that is believed to be used to punish criminals in the ancient days.
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Pahang

Pahang is the largest state in Peninsular Malaysia. Nearly two-thirds of the state is enveloped in verdant rainforest, making it a magnificent enclave of lush greenery, exotic wildlife and natural treasures.

Its magnificent natural attractions include Taman Negara, a 130-million-year-old rainforest as well as animal sanctuaries, parks, lakes and waterfalls. Other natural gems include Endau-Rompin State Park and Tioman, an idyllic island.

Pahang’s capital city is Kuantan, a bustling township with interesting sights.

Come, enjoy this Gift of Nature today!

Places of Interest:

- [Taman Negara \(National Park\)](#)

- [Tioman Island](#)
- [Cameron Highlands](#)
- [Genting Highlands](#)
- [Bukit Tinggi \(Berjaya Hills\)](#)
- Endau Rompin State Park – The untouched wilderness at the Endau-Rompin State Park is one of the country's last remaining lowland dipterocarp forests. This is the second-largest national park in the peninsula and it straddles across the states of Pahang and Johor (in the southern region). Spread over 80,000ha, the park is home to a plethora of exotic plants and animals. Within the area, the nearly-extinct Sumatran rhinoceros, tigers, elephants and tapirs roam free. To protect the environment, only certain areas of the huge park are open to tourists. Permits must be obtained before entering this nature reserve. Trekkers are advised to get the services of forest rangers.
- National Elephant Conservation Centre – One of the best attractions in the state, this centre offers a chance for visitors to come up close with Malaysian elephants (*Elephas maximus*). Established in 1989, the centre is dedicated towards rescuing and translocating elephants. The centre is the only one of its kind in the country and it aims to educate the public on the importance of conservation and protection. The best times for a visit are when the elephants are fed or taken to the nearby stream for a bath. Activities are held from 2.00pm to 3.45pm. Kuala Gandah is situated about 40km from Bentong.
- Deeland Park Lanchang – Adorable deer, ostriches and peacocks are among the 'stars' at this delightful park. The 4.5ha park is a sanctuary for these animals that

roam freely amidst the tropical vegetation. Similar to a petting zoo, visitors can feed the animals with sweet potatoes and food given by the staff. Much of Malaysia's herbs and medicinal plants are also found here and a walk along the Herb Trail gives visitors a chance to take a closer look. Accommodation is available at the Bukit Rengit Institute of Conservation Biodiversity.

- Fraser's Hill – Nestled prettily amidst the Pahang rainforest is the little hamlet of Fraser's Hill. Akin to a little Scottish village, Fraser's Hill is characterised by granite coloured mock-Tudor houses and colonial-style buildings. The hill resort exudes a nostalgic charm, almost as if visitors have been taken back in time, to a bygone era. At 1,524m above sea level, the highland resort is a naturalists' paradise boasting a wide range of plants, birds and animals. Fraser's Hill is ideal for visitors who are interested in gentler pursuits.
- Cherating Beach – Fringed by the waters of the South China Sea, Cherating Beach offers a quiet holiday amidst a rustic atmosphere. The shore is lined by hotels and resorts catering to all budgets, from backpacker's inns to luxury beach resorts. Just nearby is Kampung Cherating, a tranquil Malay village that sits prettily amidst swaying palms and tropical vegetation. Cherating Beach is about 47km north of Kuantan. Other popular beaches in the vicinity are Chendor, Teluk Chempedak and Balok.
- Premium Outlets Genting Highlands
- Twentieth Century Fox World Genting Highlands (Coming in 2016)
- The Royal Town Of Pekan
- Sungai Lembing Museum
- Chendor Turtle Hatchery and Conservation Centre

