

# Penang Beach & Heritage Short Escape

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Destination  
**Malaysia**



Duration  
**3 Nights 4 Days**



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## ITINERARY ROUTE

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## Overview

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Penang pairs a proper beach base at Batu Ferringhi with the UNESCO-listed streets of George Town, which makes it a good pick for travellers who want sand without giving up food and sightseeing. You stay three nights on the northern coast, where the beach runs for about three kilometres with jet ski and parasailing operators, horse rides in the evening and a night market along the main road. Days cover the Penang Hill funicular, Kek Lok Si temple, the Sri Mahamariamman temple in Little India, the street art lanes of Armenian Street and Chulia Street, and Penang's hawker food, which includes plenty of vegetarian Indian options in Little India. Ideal from December to March. Flights connect to Penang from Chennai and Kuala Lumpur, so this suits a long weekend well.

### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ 3 nights stay at a Batu Ferringhi beach area hotel with daily breakfast
- ✓ Penang airport arrival and departure transfers by private vehicle
- ✓ Half day George Town heritage and street art tour
- ✓ Penang Hill funicular train tickets and Kek Lok Si temple visit
- ✓ Batu Ferringhi beach and night market evening
- ✓ Tropical Spice Garden or Botanical Garden visit as per itinerary
- ✓ Taxes and service charges

### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ Flights to and from Penang
- ✗ Malaysia eVisa or visa charges
- ✗ Lunches and dinners
- ✗ Water sports, horse riding and optional activities at Batu Ferringhi
- ✗ Camera fees where applicable, tips, insurance and personal expenses

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

**1**

### **Arrive Penang & Batu Ferringhi Beach Evening**

Arrive at Penang International Airport and drive about an hour across the island to Batu Ferringhi on the north coast. Check in and head straight to the beach for the afternoon. The water here is calm enough for a swim and the shore is lined with operators offering jet ski and parasailing rides. After sunset, walk the Batu Ferringhi night market for souvenirs, sarongs and cheap electronics, and eat at one of the roadside seafood or Indian Muslim restaurants nearby.

Day

**2**

### **George Town Heritage, Street Art & Kek Lok Si**

After breakfast, drive to George Town for a guided walk through the UNESCO heritage core. See the Khoo Kongsi clan house, Armenian Street with Ernest Zacharevic's Kids on a Bicycle mural, Chulia Street, the Sri Mahamariamman temple in Little India and the Kapitan Keling Mosque. Break for laksa or vegetarian thali in Little India. In the afternoon, visit Kek Lok Si, the large hillside Buddhist temple complex with its Pagoda of Ten Thousand Buddhas and the Kuan Yin statue at the upper level. Return to Batu Ferringhi by evening.

Day

**3**

### **Penang Hill, Spice Garden & Beach Time**

Ride the funicular train up Penang Hill to Bukit Bendera, where the temperature drops a few degrees and you get a wide view over the Penang Bridge and the Straits. Come down and stop at the Tropical Spice Garden on the coastal road near Teluk Bahang, a shaded walk through nutmeg, pepper and ginger plantings. Afternoon free on Batu Ferringhi beach for swimming, a beach massage or a hotel pool session. Optional evening trishaw ride or Gurney Drive hawker dinner at your own cost.

Day

**4**

### **Departure from Penang**

Morning at leisure on the beach or for last-minute shopping at Gurney Plaza or the Batu Ferringhi stalls. Check out and transfer to Penang International Airport for your flight. Travellers connecting through Kuala Lumpur can use the short domestic hop and still reach India the same night. Pick up Penang nutmeg products and dried spices as take-home gifts before leaving.

## Frequently Asked Questions

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## ? What is the best time to visit Malaysia from India?

December to February is the most reliable window, with drier weather in Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Langkawi and daytime temperatures around 31–33°C. March to May stays warm and works well if you want lower crowds. The west coast (Langkawi, Penang) gets heavy rain from September to early November, while the east coast islands like Perhentian and Redang shut down roughly from November to February during the northeast monsoon. If you are heading to Borneo for Sabah's diving or Mount Kinabalu, aim for March to September. Chinese New Year (January or February) and Hari Raya bring festive energy but also higher hotel rates and packed transport.

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## ? How much does a Malaysia trip cost from India per person?

A 6-night Malaysia package from India typically costs Rs 65,000 to Rs 95,000 per person on twin sharing, covering return flights, 3–4 star hotels, airport transfers, breakfast and key sightseeing. Budget travellers doing it independently can manage Rs 45,000 to Rs 55,000 by booking AirAsia or Batik Air fares early and staying in Bukit Bintang budget hotels. Mid-range daily spend runs about Rs 3,500–5,000 covering meals, Grab rides and entry tickets. Genting cable car, Petronas Twin Towers observation deck and Langkawi Sky Bridge each cost roughly Rs 700–1,900. Luxury island resorts in Langkawi push the total past Rs 1.5 lakh per person.

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## ? Do Indians need a visa for Malaysia?

Indian passport holders currently enjoy visa-free entry to Malaysia for stays up to 30 days, a facility Malaysia extended for Indian and Chinese nationals from December 2023. You must complete the Malaysia Digital Arrival Card (MDAC) online within three days before arrival, which is free. Carry proof of return or onward ticket, confirmed hotel bookings and sufficient funds, as immigration officers do check these. Your passport should have at least six months validity. Policy extensions are announced periodically, so verify the current status on the Immigration Department of Malaysia website or with your tour operator before booking non-refundable flights.

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## ? How do I reach Malaysia from India?

Direct flights to Kuala Lumpur International Airport operate from Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram, Kolkata and Ahmedabad on Malaysia Airlines, AirAsia X, Batik Air Malaysia, IndiGo and Air India Express. Flying time is around 4 hours 30 minutes from Chennai and Bengaluru, and about 5 hours 30 minutes from Delhi. Return fares usually sit between Rs 18,000 and Rs 32,000 depending on season. Penang has direct connections from Chennai on some carriers. For Langkawi, Kota Kinabalu or Kuching, take a domestic hop from KLIA, which takes an hour or so and costs Rs 3,000–6,000 when booked in advance.

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## ❓ How many days are enough for a Malaysia trip?

Six to seven nights suits most first-time Indian travellers. A practical split is three nights in Kuala Lumpur covering Petronas Twin Towers, Batu Caves, Merdeka Square and a day trip to Genting Highlands or Putrajaya, followed by three nights in Langkawi for the cable car, island hopping and beaches. If you prefer heritage and food, swap Langkawi for Penang and spend two nights exploring George Town, Kek Lok Si and Penang Hill. Adding Malacca needs one extra night. Sabah or Sarawak for orangutans and diving deserves a separate four-night extension. Anything under five nights leaves you rushing between airports rather than enjoying the destinations.

## ❓ Is Malaysia safe for Indian tourists and solo travellers?

Malaysia is among the safer Southeast Asian destinations for Indian travellers, including women and solo visitors. Violent crime against tourists is uncommon; the practical risks are pickpocketing and bag snatching in crowded areas like Petaling Street, Bukit Bintang and Chow Kit, and occasional taxi overcharging, which you avoid by using the Grab app. Malaysia has strict drug laws with severe penalties, so never carry parcels for anyone. Dress modestly when visiting mosques and in conservative states like Kelantan and Terengganu. Tap water is treated but stick to bottled water. Save the tourist police number 03-2149 6590 and keep digital copies of your passport and MDAC confirmation.

## ❓ Is vegetarian and Indian food easily available in Malaysia?

Yes, easily. Malaysia has a large Indian-origin population, and Kuala Lumpur's Brickfields (Little India) is packed with South Indian vegetarian restaurants serving banana leaf meals, dosa and thali for Rs 250–500. Jalan Masjid India and Bangsar have more options, including Gujarati and North Indian places. Penang's Little India in George Town and Ipoh also serve familiar food. Halal certification is widespread, so Muslim travellers from India have no difficulty. Do try local vegetarian-friendly dishes like roti canai with dal, nasi lemak (ask without anchovies), cendol and Nyonya kuih. In Langkawi and island resorts, Indian food is limited, so inform your hotel about dietary needs at booking.

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