

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022



Penang is a vibrant state with its capital, George Town, having the rare distinction of being a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is a true melting pot of cultures, with its blend of Eastern and Western influences. Retaining many of the values adopted during its era of British rule, Penang bears a charm that is unique to itself.

This is the place where boundless excitement surrounding countless festivities never ends, such as the acrobatic lion dances during Chinese New Year, the intricate weaving of Ketupat (rice dumplings) during Hari Raya Aidilfitri (Eid Mubarak), and the unbelievable body piercings seen on devotees during Thaipusam (a Hindu religious festival). These festivals happen almost every month as the people in Penang celebrate all year-round festivals including religious, cultural, and arts.

Homegrown festivals such as the George Town Festival and the international award-winning George Town Literary Festival have also put Penang on the world map. In addition, sports events such as the annual Penang Bridge International Marathon is popular around the globe among marathoners and sports enthusiasts.

However, with the recent Covid-19 pandemic, many have decided to opt for a virtual/ hybrid platform to showcase these festivals and celebrations. Meanwhile, all physical events will adhere to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) set by the government.

Whether you are drawn to the drama of a street parade, the spirituality of a prayer ritual, the beauty of an avant-garde theatre performance, or the thrills of running on the state's iconic bridge, there is bound to be an event around the corner waiting to be experienced, physically or virtually.



## Penang CNY Celebration 2022 (Miao Hui) 1 Jan - 15 Feb



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- 📍 Virtual Event
- ✉ pgcny@inheritors.org.my
- 🌐 www.pgcny.my
- 📘 Penang CNY Celebration

Penang CNY Celebration (Miao Hui) is an annual event held during CNY to showcase and promote Chinese traditional culture. This year, the celebration is held on both online and offline platforms for all to participate.

## Pongal Celebration 14 Jan



- ☎ +604-650 5125
- 🌐 www.hebpenang.gov.my

Pongal is a harvest festival celebrated by Hindus, usually in January or February, when crops like paddy and sugarcane are harvested.

## Penang Art Open Jan 2022



- ☎ +604-226 1646  
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- 📍 Penang State Art Gallery,  
3rd Floor of Dewan Sri Pinang,  
George Town, Pulau Pinang
- ✉ psm\_enquiries@  
penangmuseum.gov.my
- 🌐 penangmuseum.gov.my
- 📘 PenangStateMuseumArtGallery

Penang Art Open Competition is a contemporary art competition that is open to all visual artists, novice to professional artist, aged 18 years of age or older in fields of painting, drawing, photography, sculpture and more.

## Little Areca Market Every last Saturday's & Sunday's of the month



- ☎ +604-589 9209
- 📍 Taman Areca, Lebuh  
Sungai Pinang 7, Jelutong
- ✉ scos.penang@gmail.com

Little Areca Market offers activities such as selling handicrafts, light snacks and potted flowers and plants.

## Kek Lok Si Display of Lights

28 Jan - 28 Feb



-  +604-828 3317
-  Kek Lok Si Temple, 11500, Air Itam, Penang
-  kekloksitemple@gmail.com
-  www.kekloksitemple.com

The Kek Lok Si temple is a famous tourist attraction, especially during Chinese New Year. The 130-year-old temple, which is annually lit up, showcases more than 10,000 lights and Chinese lanterns.

## Chinese New Year

1 & 2 Feb



Chinese New Year is celebrated on the first day of the Lunar Calendar with each year ushering in a zodiac animal ruling sign.

The year 2022 is the year of the Tiger. Celebrations start on the eve of Chinese New Year where family members gather for a Reunion Dinner.

## KBJ Bazaar Ramadan

3 Apr - 2 May




-  +604-645 6788
-  3pm - 10pm
-  Promenade Area & Summer Wing Concourse, Kompleks Bukit Jambul
-  admin@kbj.com.my
-  <http://www.kbj.com.my/>
-  Kompleks Bukit Jambul

In Kompleks Bukit Jambul (KBJ), Ramadhan is greeted with a riot of colourful and tasty food. Set up at the Promenade Area of Kompleks Bukit Jambul, the Ramadhan Bazaar will have stalls selling various delicious delicacies and drinks for "buka puasa" (breaking of fast).

## Thai Water Festival (Songkran)

13 Apr



-  Wat Chayamangkalaram Thai Buddhist Temple & Dharmikarama Burmese Buddhist Temple

Songkran or Water Festival is a traditional festival celebrated by Thai and Burmese devotees to mark the beginning of a New Year. It is celebrated by liberally splashing water on each other.

## Vaisakhi

14 Apr



📍 Wadda Gurdwara Penang

Vaisakhi marks the harvest festival and the start of the Punjabi New Year. The occasion is observed by the Sikh community with prayers in Sikh temples.

## Nurul Al-Quran

19 Apr



On the 17th day of the holy Ramadan month, a national-level celebration called Nuzul Al-Quran is held to commemorate the day Prophet Muhammad S.A.W. first received the revelation from heaven. It is observed as a public holiday in most states of Malaysia.

## Hari Raya Aidilfitri

3 & 4 May



In Malaysia, the Muslims celebrate the start of the month of Syawal with their families and friends. It marks the end of a month-long fasting during Ramadan.

## Wesak Day

15 May

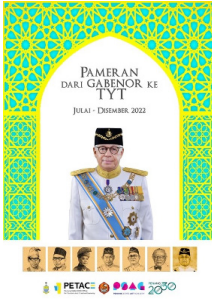


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📍 Malaysian Buddhist Association

Wesak Day is observed by devotees to celebrate Buddha's birthday, enlightenment and achievement of Nirvana. The occasion is observed by devotees with prayers in temples.

## Pameran dari Gabenor ke TYT Jul - Dec 2022



- ☎ +604-226 16466  
+604-226 1439
- 🕒 9am - 5pm
- 📍 Perkarangan Ruang Legar  
di 5 Daerah di Pulau Pinang
- ✉ psm\_enquiries@  
penangmuseum.gov.my
- 🌐 penangmuseum.gov.my
- 📘 PenangStateMuseumArtGallery

"Dari Gabenor ke TYT." is an exhibition showcasing stories of Gabenors of Penang from the past to the recent in July 2022, coinciding with the 73rd Birthday of the Yang Di-Pertua Negeri of Penang (TYT), which will be celebrated in the same month.

## Malaysia International Travel Mart (MITM) Penang 2022 2 & 3 July



- ☎ +6012-9577113
- 🕒 10am - 9pm
- 📍 SPICE
- ✉ admin@mctapenang.com.my
- 🌐 www.mctapenang.com.my

KBJ Durian Charity Fest offers all durian lovers a chance to feast upon the most delicious durians and award winning durians in Penang - Ang Hae, D16, Ang Bak, Ang Jin, D700 and more which are fresh from the orchard at Kompleks Bukit Jambul.

## George Town Heritage Celebrations 2022 7 July



- ☎ +604-261 6606
- 📍 George Town  
UNESCO World Heritage Site
- ✉ info@gtwhi.com.my
- 🌐 gtwhi.com.my

George Town Heritage Celebrations is an annual community-powered event that commemorates the inscription of George Town as a UNESCO World Heritage Site on 7 July 2008. It celebrates the living heritage of George Town - its multicultural practices, food, arts, and crafts, as well as cultural festivities that highlight the history and local cultural pride.

## George Town Festival (GTF 2022) 9 - 24 July



- ☎ +6012 664 6251
- 📍 George Town, Penang
- ✉ ask@georgetownfestival.com
- 🌐 georgetownfestival.com
- 📘 George Town Festival

George Town Festival (GTF) is an annual festival held in Penang, in honour of the city's designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2008. This year's Festival is reimagined and curated as a hybrid festival, integrating traditional forms of on-site entertainment with modern virtual elements.

## Hungry Ghost Festival

29 July - 12 Aug



- 📍 7pm onwards
- 📍 George Town & Around Penang

It is believed to be when the Gates of Hell are opened for spirits and ghosts to roam freely. Makeshift altars are erected at roadsides where giant joss sticks are lit and food offered. Staged operas are also conducted for the entertainment of ghosts, spirits, and the public on a nightly basis.

## Awal Muharram

30 July



Also known as Maal Hijrah, it marks the first day in the Islamic Calendar (Hijrah Calendar). It is equivalent to the 1st of January in the Gregorian Calendar. In most states, it is gazetted as a public holiday.

## Penang Bon Odori Festival

30 July



- 📍 5pm - 11pm
- 📍 Penang Esplanade

This festival is a Japanese Buddhist observance that honours the spirit of ancestors who return once a year to visit their families. The carnival-like atmosphere is made even merrier with food stalls, fireworks display, Japanese souvenirs, lively performances and games.

## Penang Hill Festival 2022 (PHF2022)

5 - 7 Aug



- ☎ +6014-249 0069 (Nazira)  
+6019-223 3099 (Nandhini)  
+6016-895 8311 (Sherry)
- 🕒 6:30am - 10:00pm
- 📍 At various locations in Penang Hill / Online (Virtual)
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[nandhini@penanghill.gov.my](mailto:nandhini@penanghill.gov.my)  
[mloui@penanghill.gov.my](mailto:mloui@penanghill.gov.my)
- 📍 Penang Hill

With the theme "See the Nature, Feel the History", Penang Hill Festival 2022 is a three-day event that aims to offer educational sessions and opportunity to public to enjoy the beauty of Penang Hill and its culture and history while celebrating Penang Hill's latest designation as a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Program.

## Penang International Food Festival (PIFF 2022) 20 - 28 Aug








-  [info@piff.com.my](mailto:info@piff.com.my)
-  [piff.com.my](http://piff.com.my)
-  Penang International Food Festival

The Penang International Food Festival (PIFF) is an annual event offering visitors an exciting experience to indulge in Penang's famed Food. Presenting endless delectable choices, PIFF is the place for food, stories, experience, culture and traditions.

## KBJ Ratu Kebaya Grand Final 27 Aug





-  +604-645 6788
-  7pm - 11pm
-  TBC
-  [admin@kbj.com.my](mailto:admin@kbj.com.my)
-  [kbj.com.my](http://kbj.com.my)
-  Kompleks Bukit Jambul

KBJ Ratu Kebaya is a beauty pageant that aims to promote & preserve the art of Nyonya Kebaya culture. It creates opportunities for young ladies to represent Malaysia on International platforms such as Miss Face of Beauty International and Miss Super Globe.

## Merdeka Day 31 Aug



-  8:30am - 11:30am
-  Penang Esplanade

To commemorate Malaysia's Independence Day, an annual Merdeka Parade will be organised by the Penang State Government where contingents representing various government agencies will be taking part in the occasion.

## Mid-Autumn Festival 10 Sept





-  Penang Esplanade

The Lantern Festival or Mid-Autumn Festival is celebrated widely by the Chinese community in Penang and is a time when family and friends gather together to admire the full moon while savouring Moon Cakes, Chinese Tea and parading around with colourful Chinese Lanterns.

## Miss Asia Global International Pageant 10 - 18 Sept



-  [missasiaglobal@pegasusindia.org](mailto:missasiaglobal@pegasusindia.org)
-  Miss Asia Global

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## Penang Pet Lovers Fiesta 16 - 18 Sept







-  +604-645 6788
-  11am - 10pm
-  Summer Wing Concourse & Promenade Area, Kompleks Bukit Jambul
-  [admin@kbj.com.my](mailto:admin@kbj.com.my)
-  <http://www.kbj.com.my/>
-  Kompleks Bukit Jambul

Penang Pet Lovers Fiesta is a two-day event where pampered pets especially local and international cats will be showcased along with attractive activities and contests during the event.

## World Congress on Information Technology 2022 13 - 15 Sept



-  9am - 7pm
-  SPICE
-  [hello@wcit2022.com](mailto:hello@wcit2022.com)
-  [wcit2022.com](http://wcit2022.com)

The 26th edition of World Congress on Information Technology returns with a consumer exhibition of tomorrow with more than 200 international and local speakers and panelists who will present and discuss the latest trends, issues and innovation in technology across various industries. There will also be business networking sessions and Award recognition ceremony for selected global companies by World Information Technology And Services Alliance (WITSA).

## Malaysia Day 16 Sept



A significant date in the history of Malaysia as it marks the joining together of Malaya, Sabah and Sarawak to form Malaysia in 1963.



## Trash Free Hill 2022 (TFH2022)

25 Sept



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+6019-223 3099 (Nandhini)  
+6016-895 8311 (Sherry)

6:30am - 2:30pm

At various locations in  
Penang Hill / Online (Virtual)

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Penang Hill

Trash Free Hill 2022, which is Penang Hill Corporation's signature event is back for the 3rd time on 25 September 2022 (Sunday) from 6.30am to 1.00pm. The program combines hiking and picking up litter, also known as "plogging", at various hiking trails in Penang Hill that aims to increase the public's awareness of the importance of keeping the hills clean from rubbish.

## Navratri Festival

26 Sept - 5 Oct



7pm onwards

Main Hindu Temples

The Navratri Festival is a Hindu religious festival. For 9 days, devotees pray to the Goddess Durga, Goddess Lakshimi and Goddess Saraswathy in hopes of being bestowed with power, wealth, and education.

## Nine Emperor Gods Temple

26 Sept - 4 Oct



The Nine Emperor Gods Festival is celebrated on the 1st till 9th day of the ninth month in the lunar calendar. Throughout this festival, rituals such as skewering and fire walking ceremonies are carried out. On the last day, the Gods are sent off to the sea accompanied by many other colourful floats.

## KBJ Car Audio and Body Kit Show

15 & 16 Oct



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11am - 10pm

Promenade Area &  
Summer Wing Concourse,  
Kompleks Bukit Jambul

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Kompleks Bukit Jambul

KBJ Car Audio and Body Kit Show offers car enthusiasts and lovers an opportunity to watch and enjoy spectacular car audio systems, modified cars and sports cars. Be amazed with modified cars on display during the event which features some of the most creative car modifications.

## World City Day

31 Oct



-  +604-589 9209
-  Dewan Milenium, Kepala Batas
-  scos.penang@gmail.com

World City Day 2022 is a one-day conference and followed by technical visits and pocket events to a few places.

## Deepavali

24 Oct






This colourful festival is also known as "The Festival of Lights" and is celebrated by Hindus all around the world. Oil lamps are lit and decorated in their homes on Deepavali morning as a way of thanking the Gods for happiness, knowledge, peace, and wealth.

## Georgetown Literal Festival (GTLF)

25-28 Nov





-  +604-261 6161
-  Around George Town
-  [georgetownlitfest.com](http://georgetownlitfest.com)

Held annually in the World UNESCO Heritage Site of George Town, GTLF is the most prominent literary platform of free speech in Malaysia and has a specific focus on world literature.

## Penang International Dragon Boat Festival

27 Nov



-  +604 650 5133
-  Teluk Bahang Dam

Enjoy a weekend of pulsating thrills and spills to the tune of the vigorous beating of drums, strong thrust of oars and various stage performances as the dragon boat teams battle it out to become the champions.

# Penang Bridge International Marathon 11 Dec



- +604 650 5133
- 1.30am - 8.30am
- First Penang Bridge
- info@penangmarathon.gov.my
- penangmarathon.gov.my

The Penang Bridge International Marathon or Penang Bridge Marathon is an annual marathon event held at Penang Bridge in Penang, Malaysia, since 1984. It is organised by Penang State Tourism Development office and fully supported by the Penang State Government. It is known as the biggest run in the country.



The Tourist Information Centre in George Town handles enquiries, provides brochures and directional maps as well as highlights the latest events and happenings in Penang.

## TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

**Monday-Friday**  
9.00am to 5.00pm

**Saturdays**  
9.00am to 1.00pm

- Web** : mypenang.gov.my
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- Instagram** : penang.experience
- Twitter** : PenangXperience
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