

Experience  
**PENANG**  
MALAYSIA  
**2020**  
The Diversity of Asia

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020



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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.

A bustling city where excitements and festivities never end, whether you are drawn to the drama of a street parade, the spirituality of a prayer ritual or the beauty of an avant-garde theatre performance, there is bound to be an event around the corner waiting to be experienced. The people in Penang celebrate all year round festivals including religious, cultural and arts. These festivals happen almost every month; 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 that are seen during Thaipusam (a Hindu religious festival). Home-grown arts festivals are increasingly popular with global travellers such as the highly anticipated George Town Festival and the international award-winning George Town Literary Festival.

In addition, sports events play a large role too in putting Penang on the world map. The annual Penang Bridge International Marathon held on the First Penang Bridge is popular around the globe among marathoners and sports enthusiasts. The Penang Dragon Boat Regatta and Penang International Dragon Boat Festival are as much a display of physical strength as it is a cultural spectacle.

# CITY WALK

1 Jan 2020

The Penang City Council together with Penang Adventurers' Club is organising the annual City Walk 2020 in conjunction with Penang's 'City Day'. The walk is open to all members of the public.



🕒 Flag off: 7am

📍 Starting Point: Jalan Padang  
Kota Lama

✉ helpdesk@howei.com

🌐 [https://howei.com/event\\_details/citywalk2020](https://howei.com/event_details/citywalk2020)

👤 Penang Island City Council  
and Penang Adventurers'  
Club

# PENANG GRAND PARADE

1 Jan 2020

Penang Grand Parade is to celebrate Penang's vibrant diversity through the kaleidoscope of cultures and ethnicities which will be represented through this parade in a true showcase of Penang, The Diversity of Asia.



📍 Starting Point: Gurney Drive 🌐 [www.petach.gov.my](http://www.petach.gov.my)

☎ +604 650 5133

✉ info@petach.gov.my

👤 Penang Exco Office for  
Tourism, Arts, Culture &  
Heritage (PETACH)

# SPRING GALA FESTIVAL

3 & 4 Jan 2020

The festival will showcase an exhibition of Chinese culture, traditional games, food, calligraphy performance, dragon dance and many other stage performances.



📍 Tapak Pasar Malam, Taman Nibong Tebal Jaya

☎ +604 - 594 1163

✉ [hngmooilye@penang.gov.my](mailto:hngmooilye@penang.gov.my)

👤 Pusat Perkhidmatan  
Parlimen NibongTebal

# PONGAL CELEBRATION

15 Jan 2020

Look out for Pongal Celebrations taking place in the early hours of this day at Hindu temples around Penang where you can see rituals being carried out and sweet rice being cooked.



☎ +604-650 5215

🌐 [www.hebpenang.gov.my](http://www.hebpenang.gov.my)

## OBS CHINESE NEW YEAR RUN

19 Jan 2020

Join a 5-km fun run within the beautiful sights and sounds of George Town's heritage enclave while immersing into the spirit and joy of CNY at OBS CNY Run 2020. There will be lion dance performances on high stilts, war drum performance and all forms of mesmerising acts!



🕒 7am

☎ +6012-438 0062

📍 Occupy Beach Street

✉ obs@tlmevent.com

## KEK LOK SI DISPLAY of LIGHTS

19 Jan - 8 Feb 2020

The Kek Lok Si Temple is a crowd puller and famous tourist attraction, especially during Chinese New Year. Devotees from far and near flock to this 129-year-old temple for its annual lighting display which showcases more than 10,000 lights.



🕒 7pm - 12am

✉ email@kekloksitemple.com

📍 Kek Lok Si Temple

🌐 www.kekloksitemple.com

☎ +604-828 3317

👤 Kek Lok Si Temple



# CHINESE NEW YEAR

25 & 26 Jan 2020

Chinese New Year is celebrated on the first day of the Lunar Calendar with each year ushering in a zodiac animal ruling sign. 2020 is the year of the Rat. Celebrations start on the eve of Chinese New Year where family members gather for a Reunion Dinner.

JANUARY



# PENANG HOT AIR BALLOON FIESTA

1 & 2 Feb 2020

Offering a one-of-a-kind experience, it's the only hot air balloon fiesta on an island in Malaysia. The Penang Hot Air Balloon Fiesta will see 15 hot air balloons by international and local balloonists over the 2-day festival, together with family-friendly activities, creative workshops and more!

FEBRUARY



🕒 7am - 9.30pm

🌐 [penanghotairballoonfiesta.com](http://penanghotairballoonfiesta.com)

📍 Padang Polo

✉ [info@penanghotairballoonfiesta.com](mailto:info@penanghotairballoonfiesta.com)

# PAI THEE KONG CELEBRATION

1 Feb 2020

The 9th day of Chinese New Year, which is also the Jade Emperor's Birthday, is a largely significant ritual event for the Chinese community in Penang. It is believed that the Jade Emperor protected their Hokkien ancestors from being massacred while they were hiding in a sugarcane plantation. The celebration is held annually at the Chew Jetty on the night of the 8th day of Chinese New Year.



🕒 8pm - 1.30am

✉ info@gtwhi.com.my

📍 Surrounding area of Chew Jetty

🌐 www.gtwhi.com.my

☎ +604-261 6606

# PENANG CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION (MIAOHUI) 2 Feb 2020

Penang CNY Celebration is held along 10 diverse major and minor streets in the heritage precinct of George Town every year with numerous cultural booths, exhibitions and interactive workshops for all visitors.



🕒 4pm - 11pm

✉ vgotlight@gmail.com

📍 Heritage Precinct of George Town

☎ +6012- 498 0209

# THAIPUSAM

7 - 9 Feb 2020

Thaipusam, a religious festival held for the purpose of penance, prayers and fulfilling vows. During this celebration, devotees take part in a procession - bearing milk pots on their heads or kavadis, all the way up to the hilltop temple.



📍 Arulmigu Balathandayuthapani 🌐 [www.hebpenang.gov.my](http://www.hebpenang.gov.my)  
Hilltop Temple

☎ +604-650 5215

👤 Penang Hindu Endowment Board

## PENANG CELEBRATES: CHAP GOH MEH 8 Feb 2020

Celebrate Chap Goh Meh with a Bang! Also known as the Chinese Valentine's Day, join this family-friendly event filled with love, and for those singles, come join the Mandarin Tossing Ceremony and look forward to welcoming your new love and happiness.



📍 Penang Esplanade

☎ +604-650 5133

✉ [info@petach.gov.my](mailto:info@petach.gov.my)

🌐 [www.petach.gov.my](http://www.petach.gov.my)

👤 Penang Exco Office for Tourism, Arts, Culture and Heritage (PETACH)



MARCH

# ST. PATRICK'S BALL

6 Mar 2020

The annual St.Patrick's Ball celebrates the very best of Irish culture and traditions, together with the Penang Community and guests from around Malaysia. Joined by the Irish Ambassador, the St. Patrick's Ball is a sold out event in the grand Ballroom of the Eastern & Oriental hotel.



🕒 7.30pm - 1am

📍 Eastern & Oriental Hotel  
Grand Ballroom

☎ +6012-462 5596

✉ penangpia@gmail.com

🌐 penang-irish-association.com

👤 Penang Irish Association

# ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL PENANG

7 Mar 2020

The festival features an exhibition on culture, history and businesses of the Irish community in Penang. There will also be workshops, 5-km fun run, street festival and musical performances.



🕒 2pm - 12am

📍 Straits Quay

☎ +6012-462 5596

✉ penangpia@gmail.com

🌐 penang-irish-association.com

👤 Penang Irish Association

# PENANG YOSAKOI PARADE

7 Mar 2020

“Yochore Yo! Yochore Yo!” with wooden Naruko clappers in hand, the Yosakoi dancers perform their original choreography in the heart of Penang’s historical centre. Come join in the Matsuri (Japanese festival) food, fun and games.



🕒 5pm - 11pm

📍 Penang Esplanade

☎ +6012-390 9083

✉ penangyosakoiparade@gmail.com

🌐 penangyosakoiparade.org

# EXPERIENCE PENANG COASTAL RUN 15 Mar 2020

The Experience Penang Coastal Run is a running event catered to all, young and old alike. The run which will be taking place along the coastal road will be filled with different activities for runners to enjoy their time with family and friends after the run.



📍 Queensbay Mall Outdoor Carpark

☎ +604-650 5133

✉ info@petach.gov.my

🌐 www.petach.gov.my

👤 Penang Exco Office for Tourism, Arts, Culture and Heritage (PETACH)

MARCH

## EARTH HOUR - GO GREEN CAMPAIGN 28 Mar 2020

A "Go Green" event to promote a greener and healthier lifestyle. Have some fun while you do your bit for a good cause.



📍 Queensbay Mall

✉ [talk2us@queensbaymall.my](mailto:talk2us@queensbaymall.my)

☎ +604-646 8888

👤 Queensbay Mall

🌐 [queensbaymallmalaysia.com](http://queensbaymallmalaysia.com)

APRIL

## PENANG INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL 4 - 19 Apr 2020

The Penang International Food Festival is an annual 16-day event, offering you 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.



📍 Around Penang

🌐 [www.piff.com.my](http://www.piff.com.my)

✉ [info@piff.com.my](mailto:info@piff.com.my)

# THAI WATER FESTIVAL (SONGKRAN) 13 Apr 2020

Songkran or Water Festival is a traditional festival celebrated by Thai and Burmese devotees to wash away bad luck by liberally splashing water on each other.

APRIL



📍 Wat Chayamangkalarn  
Thai Buddhist Temple &  
Dharmikarama Burmese  
Buddhist Temple

# KBJ RAYA FASHION WEEK 17 - 19 Apr 2020

KBJ Raya Fashion Week will showcase the best and latest Raya clothing designs from Kompleks Bukit Jambul's fashion outlets that also include impressive accessories like bags, shoes and sunglasses for the Raya festive season.



🕒 11am - 10pm

📍 Kompleks Bukit Jambul

☎ +604-645 6788

✉ admin@kbj.com.my

🌐 www.kbj.com.my

👤 Kompleks Bukit Jambul

## KBJ MAN HUNT

18 Apr 2020

Manhunt is a male model contest organised, to promote new faces for the male modeling and fashion industry. The men that enter Manhunt are also encouraged to become role models and good corporate citizens for the youth to look up to.



🕒 7pm - 10pm

✉ admin@kbj.com.my

📍 Kompleks Bukit Jambul

🌐 www.kbj.com.my

☎ +604-645 6788

👤 Kompleks Bukit Jambul

## TRASH FREE HILL

19 Apr 2020

TFH2020 is a plogging event that aims to help protect and preserve Penang Hill, and to increase public awareness towards the importance of not littering and keeping Penang Hill clean from rubbish. Penang Hill Corporation welcomes hiking enthusiasts to join in this call for action!



🕒 7am - 1pm

✉ inquiries@penanghill.gov.my

📍 Penang Hill

🌐 www.penanghill.gov.my

☎ +604-828 8880

👤 Penang Hill Corporation



# RAMADAN BAZAAR

24 Apr - 23 May 2020

During the Muslim fasting month, a sumptuous array of food, local delicacies, festive cookies, clothing and religious items will be sold at a month-long evening Ramadan Bazaar.



🕒 4pm - 7.30pm

📍 KOMTAR Pedestrian Walk  
& along many streets of  
Penang

# KBJ RAMADAN BAZAAR

24 Apr - 23 May 2020

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



🕒 11am - 10pm

📍 Promenade Area,  
Kompleks Bukit Jambul

☎ +604-645 6788

✉ admin@kbj.com.my

🌐 www.kbj.com.my

👤 Kompleks Bukit Jambul

APRIL

## PENANG STATE VASAKHI OPEN HOUSE 25 Apr 2020

The Sikh feast marks the harvest festival and the religious Khalsa Janam Divas. The open house gives visitors a rare glimpse of insight into the beliefs, customs and practices that are sacredly practiced by the Sikhs to this day.



🕒 6.30pm - 10.30pm

📍 Fort Cornwallis

☎ +6012-430 0497

✉ waddagurdwarasahibpen@gmail.com

👤 Wadda Gurdwara Sahib Penang

## VOGUE FOR VIRTUE: MAKING FASHION CHARITABLE 25 Apr 2020

Making fashion charitable in conjunction with Fashion Month. Major highlight: Fashion Show with Celebrities.



📍 Queensbay Mall

☎ +604-646 8888

🌐 queensbaymallmalaysia.com

✉ talk2us@queensbaymall.my

👤 Queensbay Mall

# WESAK DAY

7 May 2020

Wesak Day is observed by devotees to celebrate Buddha's birthday, enlightenment and achievement of Nirvana. From very early in the morning, devotees flock to temples to offer prayers as well as participate in candle-lit processions.



📍 Malaysian Buddhist Association

👤 Malaysian Buddhist Association

☎ +604-226 2690

# NUZUL AL-QURAN

10 May 2020

On the 17th day of the holy Ramadan month, a national-level celebration called the 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

24 & 25 May 2020

In Malaysia, the Muslims celebrate the start of the month of Syawal by having open houses for their families and friends. Guests can enjoy a variety of traditional Malay cuisine and mouth-watering local delicacies.



# ARTS PENANG

30 May - 14 June 2020

Known as an arts hub and a city with bustling art affairs, Penang is beyond graffiti and street art. Arts Penang especially brings together a showcase of works by undiscovered artists.



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info@petach.gov.my

www.petach.gov.my

Penang Exco Office for  
Tourism, Arts, Culture  
and Heritage (PETACH)

# PENANG DURIAN FESTIVAL

1 June - 31 July 2020

Durian is one of the most popular fruits in Penang and it is a must try for all visitors. During this fruit season, there will be ample of local fruits displayed to satisfy your appetite. There are many award winning durians in Penang - Ang Hae, D16, Ang Bak, Ang Jin, D700 etc.



📍 Jalan Burma, Jalan Macalister, Jalan Anson, Anjung Indah Balik Pulau, Bao Sheng Durian Farm

# MALAYSIA INTERNATIONAL MINIATURE HOBBY SHOW

6 & 7 June 2020

Malaysia International Miniature Hobby Show is the 5th annual Southeast Asia Hobby Show. It is a trade show featuring renowned international Hobby Manufacturers from over 15 countries.



🕒 10am - 6pm

🌐 [www.worldhobbyminiatures.com](http://www.worldhobbyminiatures.com)

☎ +6012-497 7712

👤 World Hobby Miniatures

✉ [worldhobbyminiatures@gmail.com](mailto:worldhobbyminiatures@gmail.com)



## PENANG ANIME MATSURI

6 & 7 June 2020

Dive into the anime world at Penang Anime Matsuri. The 2-day event features fascinating anime characters, anisong artists, cosplayers, guests, stage activities and collectible items.



🕒 9am - 9pm

📍 Setia SPICE Arena

## PENANG DRAGON BOAT REGATTA

13 & 14 June 2020

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



📍 Teluk Bahang Dam

☎ +604-650 5133

✉ secretarypidbf@hotmail.com

🌐 [www.petach.gov.my](http://www.petach.gov.my)

👤 Penang Exco Office for  
Tourism, Arts, Culture  
and Heritage (PETACH)

## KBJ PENANG MINI SCOOTER DAY

### 4 July 2020

More than 400 old Scooter bikes from all over Malaysia, and the neighbouring countries like Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia will convene to compete. Among the winning titles are the 'Best Classic Vespa', 'Best Lambretta & Scomadi', 'Best Modern Vespa', 'Best Scooter Open' and many more.



🕒 11am - 10pm

✉ admin@kbj.com.my

📍 Kompleks Bukit Jambul

🌐 www.kbj.com.my

☎ +604-645 6788

👤 Kompleks Bukit Jambul

## MITM TRAVEL FAIR

### 4 & 5 July 2020

All under one roof, MITM brings you over 50 exhibitors with an extensive lineup of fantastic local and international travel deals, as well as travel-related products and services to satisfy the travel bug in you.



🕒 10am - 9pm

✉ mcta.penang@gmail.com

📍 Setia SPICE Arena

🌐 www.mcta.com.my

☎ +604-262 8333

👤 Malaysian Chinese Tourism Association

## GEORGE TOWN HERITAGE CELEBRATIONS 7 July 2020

George Town Heritage Celebrations is an annual event. It celebrates the living heritage of George Town and highlights interactive, educational programmes such as workshops and performances. It also raises awareness on the importance of safeguarding our shared cultural heritage.



📍 George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site 🌐 [www.gtwhi.com](http://www.gtwhi.com)

☎ +604-261 6606

✉ [info@gtwhi.com.my](mailto:info@gtwhi.com.my)

👤 George Town World Heritage Incorporated (GTWHI)

## GEORGE TOWN FESTIVAL 11 - 26 July 2020

George Town Festival (GTF) celebrates George Town as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, showcasing the richness and diversity of our arts, culture and heritage. Featuring local and international artists, performers, musicians and the local communities, GTF is a festival for everyone to indulge in the arts and multicultural heritage through free and ticketed events.



📍 George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site ✉ [ask@georgetownfestival.com](mailto:ask@georgetownfestival.com)

☎ +6012-664 6251

🌐 [georgetownfestival.com/2020/](http://georgetownfestival.com/2020/)

👤 TLM Event Sdn Bhd

# PENANG HILL FESTIVAL

16 - 19 July 2020

It is the time of the year again to celebrate the flourishing nature, history and culture of Penang Hill. With more than 20 exciting events and activities lined up, PHC invites everyone to celebrate this wonderful conglomeration amid a 130-million-year-old tropical rainforest.



📍 Penang Hill

🌐 [www.penanghill.gov.my](http://www.penanghill.gov.my)

☎ +604-8288 880

👤 Penang Hill Corporation

✉ [inquiries@penanghill.gov.my](mailto:inquiries@penanghill.gov.my)

# ST. ANNE'S FESTIVAL

17 - 26 July 2020

A 10-day prayer ritual that draws many believers from all walks of life. In conjunction with the annual St. Anne's Feast, a candlelight procession is usually conducted at the church grounds during the night.



📍 St. Anne's Church, Bukit Mertajam

🌐 [www.stannebm.org](http://www.stannebm.org)

☎ +604-538 6405

👤 St. Anne's Church

✉ [stanne@stannebm.org](mailto:stanne@stannebm.org)

## PENANG BON ODORI FESTIVAL

25 July 2020

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.



🕒 6pm - 10.30pm

☎ +604-650 5133

✉ info@petach.gov.my

🌐 [www.petach.gov.my](http://www.petach.gov.my)

👤 Penang Exco Office for  
Tourism, Arts, Culture &  
Heritage (PETACH) &  
Consul office of Japan

## PENANG ORCHID SHOW

25 July - 2 August 2020

The Penang Orchid Show 2020 is a festival for orchid lovers and enthusiasts. It is a week-long event focusing on competitions and sale of orchids. Orchid judges from all states of Malaysia and Singapore convene at this grand event.



📍 Penang Botanic Gardens

☎ +6012-489 1577

✉ [kimlean1229@gmail.com](mailto:kimlean1229@gmail.com)

👤 Federation of Malaya Orchid  
Society (FOMOS)



## PENANG COFFEE & DESSERTS FESTIVAL

Inspired by the rapid growth of specialty coffee and confectioneries in Penang, the Penang Coffee & Desserts Festival is designed distinctively to celebrate the wide varieties of coffee and desserts in this great city. The 3-day festival brings together over 50 exhibitors, showcasing the urban coffee and desserts scene in Penang.



🕒 10am - 10pm

✉ [info@tlmevent.com](mailto:info@tlmevent.com)

📍 Gurney Paragon Mall

👤 TLM Event Sdn Bhd

☎ +604-281 4469

## PENANG INTERNATIONAL TOURISM SUMMIT 3 - 5 August 2020

Notable speakers and participants from various backgrounds including the government and private sectors as well as secondary and tertiary school students will gather to partake in fruitful discussions on the development of sustainable tourism.



📍 Around Penang

🌐 [www.petach.gov.my](http://www.petach.gov.my)

☎ +604-650 5133

👤 Penang Exco Office for Tourism, Arts, Culture & Heritage (PETACH)

✉ [info@petach.gov.my](mailto:info@petach.gov.my)

## PENANG INTERNATIONAL PADDY FESTIVAL 3.0 14 - 16 August 2020

The annual Penang International Paddy Festival will take place over three days in Permatang Pauh. There'll be a showcase on past triumphs of the paddy farmers through storytelling, music, traditional rice planting and traditional games. Also, various rice-related products and local arts & crafts will be exhibited.



📍 Kg Terus, Permatang Pauh

☎ +604 - 538 2871

👤 Pusat Khidmat Adun Penanti

## AWAL MUHARRAM 19 Aug 2020

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.



# HUNGRY GHOST FESTIVAL

19 Aug - 16 Sep 2020

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 is offered. Staged operas are also conducted for the entertainment of ghosts, spirits and the public on a nightly basis.



🕒 7pm onwards

☎ +604-281 8413

📍 George Town & Around Penang

👤 Persatuan Teong Guan

# 11<sup>TH</sup> PENANG INTERNATIONAL HALAL EXPO & CONFERENCE (PIHEC) 21 - 23 August 2020

PIHEC 2020 will play host to a total of more than 350 booths represented by local and international industry players from Southern Asia, West Asia and Europe creating an opportunity to establish potential businesses with global halal industry players.



🕒 10am - 8pm

✉ pihec@halalpenang.com

📍 SPICE Arena

🌐 www.pihec.com.my

☎ +604-262 5444

👤 PIHH Development Sdn Bhd

AUGUST

## KBJ RATU KEBAYA

22 Aug 2020

'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 an International platform.



🕒 7pm - 11pm

🌐 [www.kbj.com.my](http://www.kbj.com.my)

☎ +604-645 6788

📍 Kompleks Bukit Jambul

✉ [admin@kbj.com.my](mailto:admin@kbj.com.my)

## PENANG HILL HERITAGE FOREST CHALLENGE 23 August 2020

Best known for its 15.5km challenge and picturesque nature view of the rainforest, PHHFC is back for the 7th year. Adventurous seekers and runners are encouraged to join this exhilarating race that aims to raise awareness towards environment conservation and heritage preservation at Penang Hill.



🕒 7am - 1pm

✉ [inquiries@penanghill.gov.my](mailto:inquiries@penanghill.gov.my)

📍 Taman Rekreasi Kuari,  
Penang Botanic Gardens-  
Dataran, Penang Hill.

🌐 [www.penanghill.gov.my](http://www.penanghill.gov.my)

📍 Penang Hill Corporation

☎ +604-8288 880

# MERDEKA DAY

31 Aug 2020

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



🕒 8.30am - 11.30am

👤 Penang State Government

📍 Penang Esplanade

# PENANG TECHFEST

11 - 20 Sept 2020

TECHFEST2020 is a Penang-wide immersive festival that works to reframe, renew and reimagine different perspectives of technology by experiencing cutting-edge technologies such as business innovation, lifestyle choices, discoveries in science and medicines as well as challenging the viewpoints of culture and reality.



📍 George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site (Core Zone) 🌐 [techfest.my](http://techfest.my)

☎ +6012-250 1877

👤 PIKOM & Penang Island City Council

✉ [hello@wcit2020.org](mailto:hello@wcit2020.org)



SEPTEMBER

# MISS ASIA GLOBAL - GRAND CORONATION DINNER

12 - 20 Sept 2020

Miss Asia Global is one of the finest beauty pageants from the house of Pegasus in search of the most beautiful and talented women from all over the globe. For the very first time, Penang will host the pageant's World Finale.



📍 SPICE Convention Centre

☎ +604-650 5133

🌐 [www.petach.gov.my](http://www.petach.gov.my)

👤 Penang Exco Office for Tourism, Arts, Culture & Heritage (PETACH)

# PENANG TOP INTERNATIONAL TOWER RUN 13 Sept 2020

Penang celebrates its annual tower run at The Top Penang. Gear up and take on the challenge of conquering 1,381 steps vertically and be named the champion of the run.



📍 The Top Penang

☎ +604-262 3800

✉ [sales@thetop.com.my](mailto:sales@thetop.com.my)

🌐 [www.thetop.com.my](http://www.thetop.com.my)

👤 The Top Penang

# MALAYSIA DAY

16 Sept 2020

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



# PENANG PET LOVERS FIESTA

19 & 20 Sept 2020

Penang Pet Lovers Fiesta is an annual event that showcases many attractive activities and contests, held at Kompleks Bukit Jambul over two days.



🕒 11am - 10pm

📍 Kompleks Bukit Jambul

☎ +604-645 6788

✉ admin@kbj.com.my

🌐 www.kbj.com.my

👤 Kompleks Bukit Jambul

SEPTEMBER

## MATTA FAIR PENANG

25 - 27 Sept 2020

MATTA Fair is the biggest travel fair featuring licensed travel agencies and all other travel related companies in Malaysia. It provides visitors with a host of exciting and value for money travel options, with excellent business and travel opportunities as well.



🕒 10am -9pm

📍 Setia SPICE Arena

☎ +603-9222 1155

✉ mfpenang@matta.org.my

🌐 www.mattafair.org.my

👤 Malaysian Association of  
Tour and Travel Agents  
(MATTA)

## MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL: REUNION UNDER THE MOON

26 Sept 2020

Unleash your creativity and join in the fun to design your very own lantern and parade it around the mall!



🕒 6pm

📍 Queensbay Mall

✉ talk2us@queensbaymall.my

🌐 queensbaymallmalaysia.com

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# KARNIVAL PESTA TANGLUNG BUKIT MERTAJAM NEGERI PULAU PINANG 26 Sept 2020

A Mid-Autumn Festival celebration at Penang's Bukit Mertajam, where traditional Chinese lanterns of all shapes are beautifully lit and paraded by young children. There will also be competitions and street performances.



🕒 10am - 11pm

📍 Insa Dunia, Kampung Baru, Bukit Mertajam

☎ +6012-422 5855

✉ pestatanglungbm@yahoo.com

👤 Persatuan Keturunan Kwong Wai Siew Seberang Perai, Persatuan Hainan Seberang Perai, Pertubuhan Hakka Seberang Perai, Hung Kung Association Bukit Mertajam and Hokkien Hoay Kuan Seberang Perai Youth Division

# PENANG INTERNATIONAL LION DANCE ON STILTS CHAMPIONSHIP 26 & 27 Sept 2020

An action packed and exhilarating competition with teams from all over Malaysia, Vietnam, China and more battle it out for the championship title with their most creative and original lion dance performances.



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✉ info.penangtourism@gmail.com

# NINE EMPEROR GODS FESTIVAL

16 - 25 Oct 2020

The Nine Emperor Gods Festival is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> till the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 through a procession leading to the sea accompanied by many other colourful floats.



🕒 7pm onwards

☎ +604-331 8717

📍 Tow Boo Kong Temple, 894 & 896, MK14, Jalan Raja Uda, Butterworth

🌐 <http://www.towbookong.org.my/>

👤 Tow Boo Kong Association

# NAVRATRI FESTIVAL

17 - 26 Oct 2020

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



🕒 7pm onwards

📍 Main Hindu Temples



# LASIK CARNIVAL

18 Oct 2020

With the tagline "New Vision, New Life!™" LASIK Carnival is held to engage people from all walks of life towards freedom in vision through LASIK.



🕒 9am - 1pm

✉ [soolee@optimax.com.my](mailto:soolee@optimax.com.my)

📍 Optimax Eye Specialist Hospital (Penang)

🌐 [www.optimax2u.com](http://www.optimax2u.com)

☎ +6019-750 7101

👤 Lim Soo Lee

# HALLOWEEN - ITS GHOSTLY WORLD

31 Oct 2020

An interesting and fun-filled workshop organised in conjunction with Halloween - Halloween themed cupcake decorating workshop.



📍 Queensbay Mall

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OCTOBER

## PENANG'S LARGEST HALLOWEEN PARTY 31 Oct 2020

Come in the spookiest costume to experience the Penang's Largest Halloween Party at The Top Penang. At Level 5 'graveyard', scream your lungs out and run for your life or stay back and join the 'bloody' characters for an unforgettable time.



📍 The Top Penang

🌐 [www.thetop.com.my](http://www.thetop.com.my)

☎ +604-262 3800

👤 The Top Penang

✉ [sales@thetop.com.my](mailto:sales@thetop.com.my)

## KBJ CAR AUDIO & BODY KIT SHOW 31 Oct 2020

Be in awe of the many modified cars on display at this annual event which showcases some of the most creative car modifications.



🕒 11am - 10pm

✉ [admin@kbj.com.my](mailto:admin@kbj.com.my)

📍 Kompleks Bukit Jambul

🌐 [www.kbj.com.my](http://www.kbj.com.my)

☎ +604-645 6788

👤 Kompleks Bukit Jambul

# DEEPAVALI

14 Nov 2020

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.



# PENANG BRIDGE INTERNATIONAL MARATHON 22 Nov 2020

The Penang Bridge International Marathon has been re-branded and will be known as “The Asian Challenge”. The event will be held at the First Penang Bridge catering for full and half marathons.



📍 First Penang Bridge

☎ +604-650 5133

✉ info@penangmarathon.gov.my

🌐 [www.petach.gov.my](http://www.petach.gov.my)

👤 Penang Exco Office for  
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and Heritage (PETACH)

NOVEMBER

# GEORGE TOWN LITERARY FESTIVAL

26 - 29 Nov 2020

George Town Literary Festival is the largest international literary festival in Malaysia. Held annually in the UNESCO World 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.



🕒 All day

📍 Around George Town

☎ +604-261 6161

✉ info@georgetownlitfest.com

🌐 www.georgetownlitfest.com

👤 Penang Convention Exhibition Bureau (PCEB)

## 2020 WDC PROFESSIONAL 10<sup>TH</sup> DANCE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP & 27<sup>TH</sup> PENANG INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP 28 Nov 2020

Two championships held in one day with world best competitors from 30 countries participating and judged by a panel of WDC former World Champions. This event has been organised in Penang for the past 20 years.



🕒 8.00am - 11.30pm

📍 SPICE Convention Centre

☎ +604-261 6495/  
+6016-410 0797

✉ mda-my@hotmail.com

👤 Malaysia Ballroom Dancers' Association (MBDA)

## PENANG OPEN BEACH KABBADI

Organised for the second year, this sport, Kabbadi is played between two teams of seven players. The players are taken out of the game if they are tagged or tackled, but will be brought back in for each point scored by their team from a tag or tackle.



📍 Batu Ferringhi Beach

✉ kumar.harapan35@gmail.com

☎ +604-668 1062

👤 Pusat Khidmat Adun  
Batu Uban

## BUTTERWORTH FRINGE FESTIVAL 5 & 6 Dec 2020

The Butterworth Fringe Festival (BFF) is a vibrant and free public street event celebrating the arts, culture and heritage of the classic enclave of mainland Penang. The annual street festival aims to unearth local creative talents while showcasing jaw-dropping international acts at the same time.



🕒 5pm - 11pm

🌐 [www.mpsp.gov.my](http://www.mpsp.gov.my)

📍 Padang Pemuda Merdeka,  
Butterworth

👤 City Council of Seberang Perai  
(MBSP)



DECEMBER

## PENANG INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 5 & 6 Dec 2020

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.



📍 Teluk Bahang Dam

☎ +604-650 5133

✉ secretarypidbf@hotmail.com

🌐 [www.petach.gov.my](http://www.petach.gov.my)

👤 Penang Exco Office for  
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Heritage (PETACH)

## PENANG PESTA CHINGAY FESTIVAL 12 Dec 2020

The Chingay and Lion Dance troupe members will display their skills in balancing stilt poles during this annual street parade. There will be giant colourful flags and floats, lion and also dragon dance performances.



🕒 7pm - 11pm

📍 Padang Brown, Jalan  
Dato Keramat to Penang  
Esplanade

☎ +604-650 5133

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👤 Penang Exco Office for  
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Heritage (PETACH)

## SEBERANG PERAI CHINGAY PARADE 19 Dec 2020

Following the Pesta Chingay Parade on the island, this cultural and colourful parade consists of a mix of Chingay groups, Lion and Dragon Dance teams, Lion Dance on stilts, colourful floats, traditional drums, martial arts team and school marching bands.



🕒 7.30pm - 11.30pm

✉ info@petach.gov.my

📍 MBSP Field at Jalan Bagan Luar

🌐 www.petach.gov.my

☎ +604-650 5133

👤 Penang Exco Office for Tourism, Arts, Culture & Heritage (PETACH)

## OBS CHRISTMAS RUN 20 Dec 2020

OBS Christmas Run 2020 is the largest Christmas fun run in Malaysia to celebrate the joyous festive season of Christmas, in conjunction with the 7th anniversary of OBS. Brace yourself as you can expect an explosion of snow and the appearance of Santa Claus to lighten up your Sunday!



🕒 7am

✉ obs@tlmevent.com

📍 Occupy Beach Street

👤 Occupy Beach Street

☎ +6012-438 0062

DECEMBER

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S EVE COUNTDOWN PARTY 31 Dec 2020

Celebrate the festivity with your family and loved ones on Christmas day and countdown to year 2021 at The Top Penang. There will be exciting shows and entertainment lined-up and a grand fireworks display.



📍 The Top Penang

☎ +604-262 3800

✉ sales@thetop.com.my

🌐 [www.thetop.com.my](http://www.thetop.com.my)

👤 The Top Penang

## NEW YEAR COUNTDOWN

### 31 Dec 2020

The much-anticipated party of the year complete with dazzling fireworks lighting up the skyline of Queensbay Mall's seafront when the clock strikes midnight.



📍 Queensbay Mall

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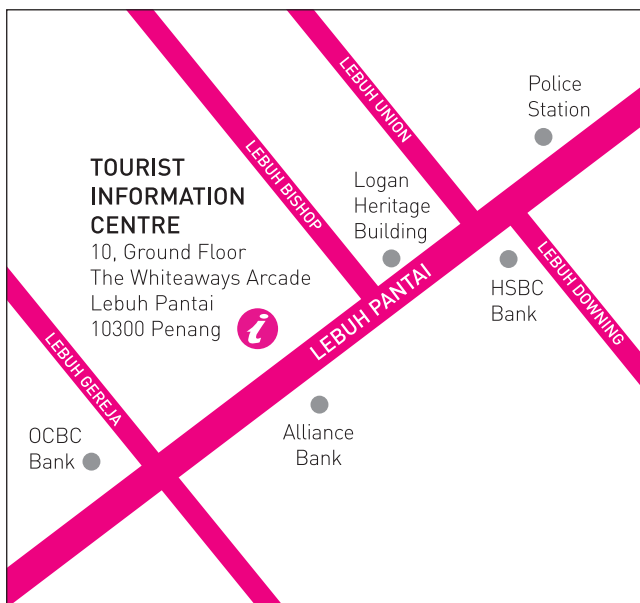


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## TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

### Monday-Friday

9.00am to 5.00pm

### Saturdays

9.00am to 3.00pm

### Sundays & Certain Public Holidays

9.00am to 1.00pm

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