

WELCOME

**Package Purchased: - Unesco Heritage Tour of Ipoh
6 days / 5 nights (Package 42)**

Itinerary: -

Day 1 Home - Kuala Lumpur

Arrive at Kuala Lumpur airport (please advise flight number), meet up our representative and transfer to hotel in a private vehicle. We will assist your check in for one night in the hotel with breakfast. Free at leisure. Overnight 4-star city hotel in Kuala Lumpur.

Day 2 Kuala Lumpur – Ipoh: A day in the Rainforest

Depart for Forest Research Institute Malaysia to enjoy a day in the tropical rainforest. Founded in 1926 as a reserve for research purposes. This rainforest, is the world's oldest tropical rain forest, an outstanding centre of tropical biodiversity, and a superb example of scientific effort. It has contributed greatly to global knowledge of the growth and development of tropical rain forest.

Follow a nature trail to see the dipterocarp forests which are known as the tallest and most diverse rainforest in the world. They form a very large proportion of the rainforest canopy and takes about 100 years to grow to this height.

Beneath the canopy are covered by many forest shrubs, bamboo, rattan and medicinal plants. The ground is covered by foliage like ginger, ferns, orchids, aroids, mosses, algae and fungi, a vital component of the forest ecosystem.

Rainforest provides the best opportunity for birdwatching and sighting wildlife like squirrels, reptiles, insects and monkey. It also provides human to find peace, tranquility and solace, a form of therapic joy, happiness and to ponder and reflect on many things. Rainforest plays an important role to regulate the weather and climate change.

This forest has a rich diversity of birds (with a quarter of total birds in Malaysia), mammals, reptiles, frogs, fresh water fish and butterflies, many of which are endangered and are protected.

After lunch, drive north for 2.5 hours to Ipoh, the state of Perak known for tin mining in the past and today it has a thriving economy based on services, agriculture and manufacturing sectors, such as electrical and electronic products, non-metallic mineral products, shipbuilding, machinery and foundry, automotive and transport equipment as well as oil and gas fabrication industries.

Check in and overnight 4-star city hotel in Ipoh. (Breakfast/Lunch included)

Day 3 Ipoh: - Lenggong Archaeological Museum / Taiping / Ipoh

After breakfast, proceed for a 1.5 hours (88km) drive to Lenggong Valley where the oldest known human activity in South East Asia can be traced to this area.

Upon arrival, visit Lenggong Archaeological Museum to see the remains of the 11,000-year-old Perak Man, the region's best-preserved Stone Age skeleton, whose ancestors had settled in the Lenggong Valley after migrating out of Africa and crossing the Middle East and South Asia on foot for thousands of years.

The only one found with a genetic disorder. The skeleton's foetal position, surrounded by a cornucopia of objects, suggested to archaeologist that his deformity had elevated him to a well-respected shaman.

This discovery was made at a nearby burial cave in 1991 and was so significant that in 2012 the Lenggong Valley was named the fourth Unesco World Heritage site in Malaysia – yet amazingly few people know about this lost world – and even fewer get to see it.

Lenggong Valley has four archaeological sites in 2 clusters that span all periods of hominid history from the Paleolithic era to Neolithic and Bronze Age up to 1700 years ago. Hand axes were found at the site of a 1.83 million years ago Meteorite impact, are among the oldest outside of Africa, and suggest that the Lenggong Valley was an extremely early site of hominids presence in South East Asia. This could perhaps explain the existence of Orang Utan in South East Asia.

The remains of bronze tools, pots and 11 skeletons were found in the 1980s and 90, convincing archaeologists that Lenggong Valley was not only a burial ground some 5,000 years ago, but also the proof of an early Bronze tradition in West Malaysia which could have resulted in the biggest tin mining industry in Perak.

After lunch, proceed to Taiping. In 1874, Colonial rule under a British Resident was established in Penang, Perak, Selangor and Malacca from its base in Taiping and later moved to Ipoh in 1937. This was to enhance the production of tin and later rubber plantations. The number of historical buildings and heritage landmarks in Taiping, Ipoh, Penang and KL still functioning today is a testimonial to this occupation which laid the foundation for present day Malaysia.

In Taiping, 1897 was the name and also the year the British Administrative Headquarter was built. It is well maintained and today is the Land and Survey Department of Taiping.

Visit the British Commonwealth War Memorial. It was created by the British Army after the defeat of Japan in 1945.

Continue our tour to Taiping Lake Gardens which have been in use since 1884. This beautifully landscaped park, had been modelled on London's Kensington Park and other royal parks in Britain, was created from abandoned tin mines.

Return to Ipoh and visit the historical monuments in Ipoh. Under the British Colonial rule, palatial architecture sprouted in Ipoh, as it did across Malaysia.

Amongst the monument to colonial extravagance is the 20th century Railway Station with its gleaming white domes. Facing it is 1916 Town Hall. A few minutes' walk down the road is a rather controversial monument, the Birch Memorial Clock Tower. Decorated with friezes featuring luminaries from Buddha to Charles Darwin, the tower was built in 1909 in memory of the deeply unpopular James W.W. Birch, the first British Resident of Perak, who was murdered by one of the locals.

Overnight 4-star city hotel in Ipoh. (Breakfast/Lunch included)

Day 4 Ipoh: - Cameron Highlands Day Tour

0900 hours depart Ipoh for a 2.5 hours' drive (90 km) up the highlands in Pahang. In the 19th century the Cameron Highland was a popular spot for the British colonialists to retreat to from the heat and humidity of the lowlands. Much of the colonial character remains in the architecture of the highlands and resembles the English countryside more than tropical Malaysia.

Your next visit is to visit BOH Tea Plantation. Situated on numerous hills where the slopes are covered by nothing else but tea trees.

The highland was first founded in 1885 by Mr. William Cameron, a British Government surveyor while on a mapping expedition. The cool temperature and undulating hills provide perfect conditions for growing strawberries and tea. Many hill slopes are covered with iconic tea plantations with their distinctive pattern. The beautifully manicured tea plantations look like a carpet that stretches for miles into the distance.

See how tea is grown, harvested and take a walk in the plantation and get a feel of the natural environment filled with fresh air and green scenery around you. Visit the nearby factory where harvested tea is processed immediately. See the process to turn from green tea leaves to processed tea ready for your tea pot.

After lunch, transfer back to Ipoh. Overnight 4-star city hotel in Ipoh. (Breakfast/Lunch included)

Day 5 Ipoh - Penang: - Orang Utan Island

After breakfast, depart Ipoh for an hour's drive to Bukit Merah (88km) and then by boat for 20 minutes to Orang Utan Island at Semanggol, Perak.

While most of Malaysia's orang-utan rehabilitation efforts are focused in east Malaysia, such as the Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre in Sabah, other initiatives are also forming in Peninsular Malaysia toward this goal. One fundamental hub that contributes to these efforts is the Orang Utan Island situated within the Bukit Merah Laketown at Semanggol, Perak. The Orang Utan Island is a research institution dedicated to the preservation and research of the orang-utan. The Island is a rehabilitation and conservation facility where Orang Utan are able to roam freely. This unique island serves as a research and educational centre to better understand this endangered species. The island sits in the middle of a very large expanse of water so that the Orang Utan will stay within the jungle on the island of 4000 hectares.

On arrival visitors are greeted by guides who explain what the research facility is all about.

Visitors are then introduced to the babies at the quarantine area behind glass so as to maintain no human contact possible. Visitors are then taken to a 200 metres walkthrough cage tunnel, where they are able to come up close with the Orang Utan while observing the primates roaming freely in their natural habitat.

After this wonderful experience, we continue on to Penang and check in to our hotel for one night. Overnight 4-star Beach Resort in Penang. (Breakfast/Lunch included)

Day 6 Penang – Home

After breakfast. Free at leisure till transfer to Penang airport (please advise flight number). Meet up our representative and transfer to the airport in a private vehicle. We will assist you with your luggages, flight check in and walk you to your departure gate. (breakfast included)

Include – Accommodation, transfer, entrance fee, tour guide and meal as stated.

Exclude – Airfare, meals not stated, expenses of personal nature.

What to bring – Swim suit, insect repellent, sun block, hat/cap, raincoat, cotton shirts, good walking shoe, flip flops, long pants recommended.

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