

PEXMT-05 5D4N PERAK HERITAGE TRAILS

Ex KL City Hotel

Day 01 IPOH - Pick up at your hotel at 0900hrs and depart for Ipoh - the capital of Perak were the city that boomed after tin was discovered in the 19th century. Malaya was then the world's largest tin and rubber producer. Visit Ipoh's colonial heart and its historic quarter to appreciate how tin enriched the city-the railway station, HSBC Building and St.Michael's Institution are such examples. The playing field or padang is surrounded by various architectural styles including the Royal Ipoh Club, City Hall and Masjid India. Another interesting feature of the town are Buddhist temples set amongst limestone hills such as Sam Poh Tong. Ipoh is reputedly one of the best places to sample local Chinese delicacies. Check in hotel and free time. Overnight. (-/-)



Day 02 IPOH / TAIPING - In the morning after breakfast, check out and proceed for an hour journey to Taiping - a heritage town which was emerged with booming of tin mining in 19th century. Taiping was not only one of the pioneers in municipal government in the Federated Malay States. She was chosen by the Straits Governor as the capital of government, during British colonial era. The heritage town has many of the 1st in Malayan historic records, such as the first magistrate court in 1874, the first English school in 1878, the first railway station in 1881 and the first museum in 1883 to name but a few. Stroll around the Lake Garden - the first public garden established during the British rule in Malaysia was originally a mining ground before established as a public garden. Visit the Kuala Sepetang Recreational Forest - the best managed mangrove forest in the country and some says in the world, an area of rich biodiversity - it shelters teeming species of trees, birds, fish and other aquatic life unique to the mangrove forest. A visit to Taiping will not be complete with a visit to the charcoal factory which started in 1930's and until today the same method of production continues. Overnight. (ABF/-)



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Day 03 TAIPING - KUALA KANGSAR / SUKA SUKA LAKE RETREAT - Proceed your journey to Kuala Kangsar - the royal town of Perak. Located at the downstream of Kangsar River where it flows into the Perak River, it is the main town in the administrative district of Kuala Kangsar. This charming small town has a lot of history, culture and heritage to pass down to the younger generation. The most iconic landmark is the Ubudiah Mosque and Istana Kenangan. Labu Sayong is a traditional earthenware container made from clay - named after village called Sayong located on the opposite bank of the river. Go and visit these makers especially those who are still resorting to the traditional way of moulding and shaping with bare hands. The most interesting handicraft the keris making which is indeed a living heritage and there are left only few highly respected craftsmen with good knowledge in the history, origin and occult of the keris. 20 minutes drive from Kuala Kangsar brings you to an authentic homestay with real hospitality from Aziz family. SukaSuka Lake Retreat - a village concept located by the lake that was created with the relocation of some old wooden houses to give you the village ambience but without sacrificing your privacy. Settings of a traditional Malay kampong, they love to share this with their visitors – to enjoy the ambience of calmness and serenity of the environment, live the local custom and values, and thus keep the place unblemished for our future generations to enjoy. Overnight. (ABF/-/D)



Day 04 SUKA SUKA LAKE RETREAT - Wake up to the natural alarm clock of the roosters. After a delicious breakfast prepared by Mak Asiah, Pak Aziz will bring you for a walk around the village to have the first hand experience mingle with the locals and see the things which you could not see in the city. Cooking class in the afternoon with Mak Asiah is another experience that you shouldn't miss out. Fresh fish from the lake and local spices and herbs around the house, what else to say? Overnight. (ABF/L/D)



Day 05 SUKA SUKA LAKE RETREAT / ONWARDS - We are not rushing today so take your time to still laze around the “village” unless you have an early flight to catch. Check out and continue for your onwards destination. (ABF/-/-)



Important note : We at People Express Travel are doing our part in promoting responsible tourism by working closely with the small/medium village enterprises. Also with Suka Suka Lake Retreat, we avoid mass tourism to preserve the uniqueness of this village. Therefore, we accept only small group maximum of 10 pax for tailor made program. Please contact us to request.

Note : Prices stated below based on English speaking driver only. To have an English speaking Tour Guide for further explanation of the tour (or other language), please email us for additional charges.

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