

Melaka



Porta de Santiago



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PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE MEMORIAL

The Proclamation of Independence Memorial is so named because the announcement of Malaysia's impending independence was made by Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, Malaysia's first Prime Minister, at Padang Pahlawan just across the road. This former colonial building now houses an exhibition that traces the nation's journey to independence. Films that feature this historic event are regularly shown at the theatre.



2

PORTA DE SANTIAGO (A'FAMOSA FORT)

Porta de Santiago is one of the four main entrances to the A'Famosa fortress, which was built in 1511 by Alfonso d' Albuquerque, a Portuguese admiral. Even though the rest of the fortress was badly damaged during the Dutch invasion in 1641, its iconic gateway still stands to this day. The fort was saved in time from being demolished by Sir Stamford Raffles, who had a strong passion for history.



3

DUTCH SQUARE

A must-visit attraction, Dutch Square is surrounded by iconic red painted buildings. It represents the history of Melaka, from the Dutch colonisation (The Stadthuys and Christ Church), the British colonisation (Queen Victoria's Fountain), as well as the Chinese settlers of Melaka, (reflected by the Tan Beng Swee Clock Tower) which was built in honour of a generous Chinese tycoon.



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THE STADTHUYS

Characterised by salmon red walls, The Stadthuys was once the official residence of the Dutch governors and their officers. The building is a fine example of Dutch woodwork and masonry, and presently houses the History and Ethnography Museum as well as the Literature Museum. Built in 1645, The Stadthuys is the oldest remaining Dutch building in Southeast Asia.



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BUKIT MELAKA @ ST. PAUL'S HILL

Aside from a breathtaking view of the city and its coastline, a walk up St. Paul's Hill will give visitors a feel of Melaka's history. When the Portuguese captured Melaka, a fortress and a chapel were built here, named A' Famosa and Nossa Senhora respectively. St. Francis Xavier, who regularly visited the chapel, was buried here in 1553 before his remains were transferred to Goa in India.



6

BASTION MIDDLEBURG

Bastion Middleburg was built by the Dutch in 1660 to protect and fortify their stronghold. This control tower occupies a strategic location at the Melaka river mouth, which was the focal point for trade and a stopover for ships that piled the international trading route. It was also used to store cannons for the military. Bastion Middleburg is situated opposite the entrance to St. Paul's Hill.



7

JONKER STREET

Jonker Street is the vibrant heart of Melaka City, where old town houses and shophouses are transformed into cafes, pubs and boutiques. There are also antique shops offering collectables dating back hundreds of years as well as souvenir shops and hawkers food stalls. Jonker Night market is held every weekend (Friday-Sunday) from 6.00pm until midnight.



8

CHENG HOON TENG TEMPLE

Cheng Hoon Teng or Green Clouds Temple is the oldest functioning Chinese temple in the country. Dedicated to Kwan Yin, the Goddess of Mercy, it is devoted equally to the three doctrines - Taoism, Confucianism and Chinese-Buddhism. Every aspect of the temple tells a story about the Chinese in Melaka, their lives and their beliefs.



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MELAKA RIVER CRUISE

Departing from the Muara Jetty right next to the Quayside Heritage Centre and cutting right across the city of Melaka, Melaka River Cruise glides past historical buildings, old warehouses, churches, villages and mangrove stands. The accompanying live commentary provides you with interesting information on the history of the river when it was the state's main thoroughfare as well as the surrounding buildings and areas.



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MELAKA STRAITS MOSQUE (FLOATING MOSQUE)

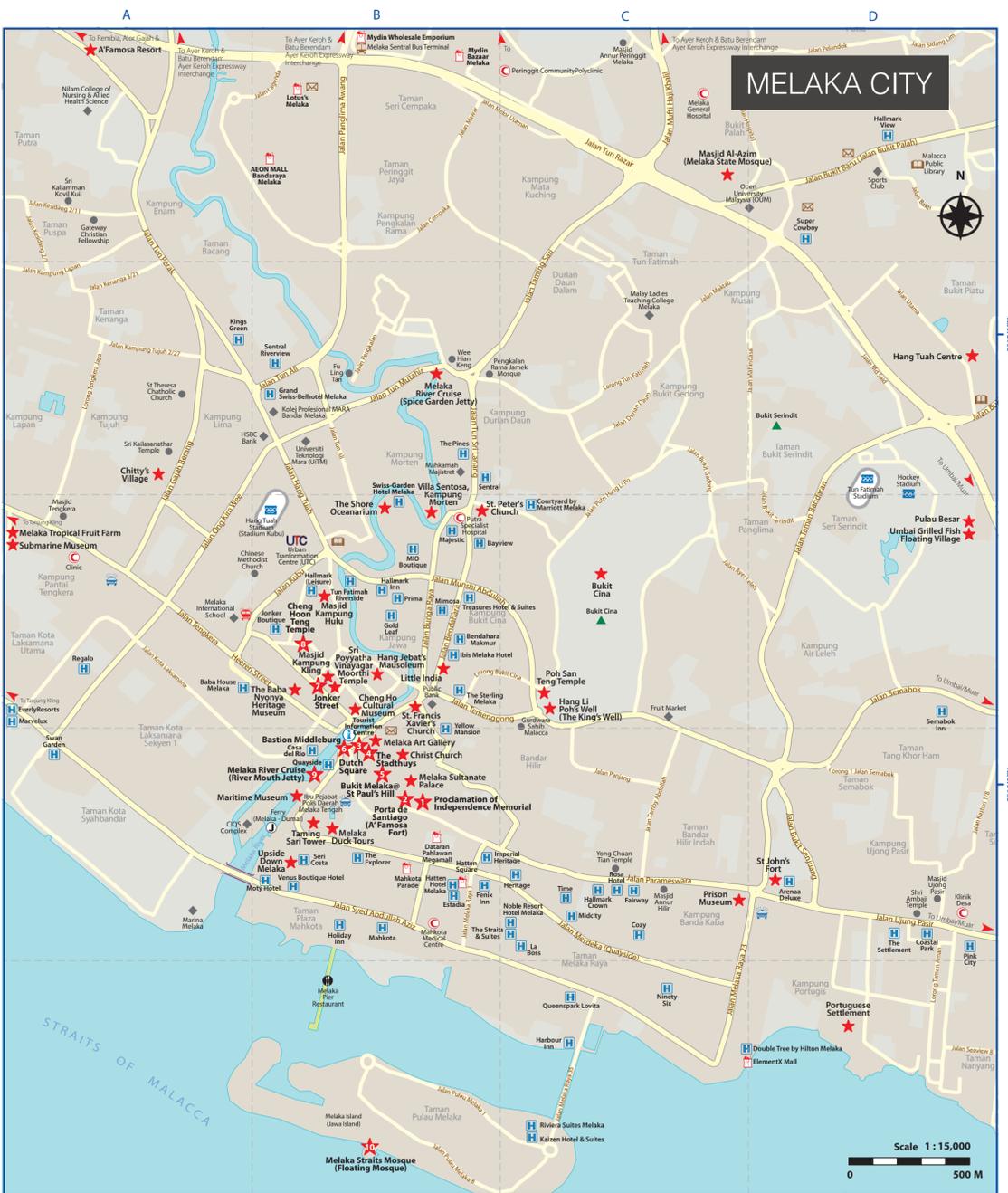
Located on Pulau Melaka, a man-made island, this mosque is built on stilts above the Straits of Malacca. The respondent mosque was officiated by His Majesty the King of Malaysia in 2006. It boasts golden-coloured domes and a graceful archway. The mosque looks like it is floating beautifully on water when the tide is high, hence the name Floating Mosque.

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- PLACES OF INTEREST**
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 - Cheng Ho Cultural Museum B3
 - Cheng Hoon Teng Temple B3
 - Chitty's Village A2
 - Hang Jebat's Mausoleum B3
 - Hang Li Poh's Well (The King's Well) C3
 - Hang Tuah Centre D2
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 - Harmony Street B3
 - Jonker Street B3
 - Villa Sentosa, Kg. Morten B3
 - Masjid Al-Azim (Melaka State Mosque) C1
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 - Melaka Duck Tours B4
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 - Melaka Sultanate Palace Museum B4
 - Poh San Teng Temple C3
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 - Baba Nyonya Heritage Museum B3
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Legend

- Built-up Area
- Field / Recreation
- River / Lake
- Expressway
- Major Road
- Secondary Road
- Melaka River Cruise Route
- Place of Interest
- Tourist Information Centre
- Hotel
- Shopping
- Hospital / Clinic
- Police Station
- Fire Station
- Bus Station
- Taxi Station
- Post Office
- Library
- Sport Complex
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Malaysia

Situated in the heart of Southeast Asia, Malaysia is a vibrant destination with a diversity of cultures and traditions. This tropical paradise boasts pristine jungles and verdant national parks that are teeming with numerous species of birds and wildlife.

Malaysia's sun-drenched islands and beaches are home to a stunning range of marine life. Its natural wealth is complemented by magnificent modern landmarks and heritage buildings. There is something to charm every visitor, be it a history-lover, nature-enthusiast, sun-seeker or an avid shopper. Explore the length and breadth of the country to discover the many attractions of Malaysia!



Melaka

Strategically located along the Straits of Malacca, Melaka was once the epicentre of an important trading empire which attracted thousands of traders from all over the world. Historical buildings and sites abound in Melaka, the birthplace of the nation's historical and cultural heritage.

Remnants of its long and illustrious past under the successive rule of the Portuguese, Dutch and British are well-preserved and can still be seen today, earning it the prestigious title of a UNESCO World Heritage City in 2008. Beyond the historical crowd-pullers are scenic rustic settlements and a rich cultural landscape.

GT GETTING THERE

Melaka is situated approximately 144km from Kuala Lumpur, 90km from Port Dickson and 224km from Johor Bahru. Melaka International Airport is located in Batu Berendam, approximately 10km from Melaka City (State Capital). If you're driving, the North-South Expressway runs through the state and provides easy access to its attractions, which are located near the Simpang Ampat, Ayer Keroh and Lipat Kajang exits. Melaka Sentral, the new bus and taxi terminal in Peringgit, is roughly 6km from the city.

Malaysian Railway or Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB) operates regular train services from various parts of the country to Tampin and vice-versa. KTMB's Tampin / Pulau Sebang Station is situated approximately 38km from Melaka City.

Melaka is accessible by sea from Dumai, Indonesia. Visitors arriving by sea will disembark at the Melaka International Ferry Terminal in Taman Kota Laksamana. The journey from Dumai takes about 2 1/2 hours.

GA GETTING AROUND

You can hail a taxi at bus stations, hotels and shopping complexes. E-hailing services are also available through smartphone apps. Another option is to hire a car and travel at your own pace. To get to attractions within and around the city, take the local buses or the Panorama Melaka tourist bus.



S SHOPPING

Jonker Street (Jalan Hang Jebat) and Jalan Tun Tan Cheng Lock are known for great antique finds. The charming rows of Peranakan (Straits Chinese) shop houses that line these roads are said to contain some of the best antiques in the country such as furniture, ceramics, crockery, jewellery, trinkets, old currencies, costumes and paintings, among others.

Visitors can also find a variety of souvenirs such as T-shirts, mugs, keychains, pottery, traditional Peranakan footwear, clothing and other handcrafted items – some of which can be personalised to your liking in the Jonker Street area (Jalan Tun Tan Cheng Lock, Lorong Hang Jebat, Jalan Hang Lekir). To try making your own clay products, join the clay workshop at the Clay House located at Jalan Tukang Emas. To shop for popular brands, head to malls such as Dataran Pahlawan, Melaka Megamall, Malacca Parade, AEON Melaka Shopping Centre, Elements Mall, AEON Mall Bandaraya Melaka, The Shore Shopping Gallery and Freeport A' Famosa Outlet.



D DINING

Melaka's unique cultures are reflected in its cuisine. Stalls selling all types of local specialities – Malay, Nyonya, Chinese, Portuguese and Chitty fare – line Jonker Street at night with their mouth-watering offerings. Other popular places where one can find a good selection of local specialities include Melaka Raya, Bandar Hilir and Jalan Munshi Abdullah. Among the must-try local dishes include Asam Pedas Melaka, Satay Celup, Chicken Rice Balls and Kembuli Rice.



* Map not drawn to scale

POI PLACES OF INTEREST



MELAKA SULTANATE PALACE MUSEUM
The replica of Sultan Mansur Shah's palace at the foot of St. Paul's Hill was built based on the information and data obtained from the Malay Annals. The architectural style follows the original structure where no nails were used. The museum is a great place to learn about Melaka's long and illustrious past with more than 1,300 historical items on display.
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MARITIME MUSEUM
Also known as Flor de la Mar, the museum is fashioned after the Portuguese ship that sank off the coast of Melaka. With paintings and exhibits detailing the maritime history of Melaka, the museum also displays porcelain, textiles, spices and even sunken treasures taken off Diana, another shipwreck.
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CHRIST CHURCH
Built by the Dutch in 1753, this is one of Melaka's most iconic buildings. It stands beside The Stadthuys. The cathedral has a Brass Bible, 200-year-old handmade pews, decorative fanlights and plaques that honour Dutch soldiers and locals. Christ Church is one of the oldest functioning churches in Southeast Asia, and continues to conduct weekly services.



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
Completed in 1856, the church was named in honour of St. Francis Xavier who was famed throughout Asia for his tireless efforts in propagating the Roman Catholic faith. He was based in Melaka on and off for several years from 1545. St. Francis died in 1552 as he was travelling to China. His body was brought to Melaka before being laid to rest at the Basilica of Bom Jesus in Goa.



VILLA SENTOSA, KAMPUNG MORTEN
Kampung Morten, with its beautiful traditional Malaccan houses, is a visual feast. The most prominent abode in this village is Villa Sentosa, which was built in the 1920s. The house is a museum of sorts with a varied collection of artefacts including Ming dynasty ceramics and a 100-year-old copy of the Quran. Situated along the Melaka River, Kampung Morten can be reached via a bridge just opposite the Majestic Hotel.
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BABA & NYONYA HERITAGE MUSEUM
Once the ancestral home of three generations of a Baba Nyonya family, the Baba and Nyonya Heritage Museum offers a glimpse into the life of a wealthy Straits Chinese family, otherwise known as the Peranakan people, who are descendants of the earliest Chinese migrants to Melaka.
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TAMING SARI TOWER
Malaysia's gyro tower stands at a height of 110m and revolves 360 degrees, providing a panoramic view of Bandar Melaka. Its name is inspired by Keris Taming Sari, the mythical weapon belonging to the legendary Malay warrior, Hang Tuah. Attached to the tower are five commercial outlets including a restaurant, café and souvenir outlets.
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MELAKA DUCK TOURS
This tour takes visitors around Melaka's coastline by land and sea on an amphibian. This is also the first and the only such tour in Malaysia. Passengers (called 'duckies') get to sail the Straits of Malacca up to Pulau Melaka (Melaka Island) and enjoy impressive views of the Floating Mosque and the Melaka Marina.



PRISON MUSEUM
Housed in an actual former prison, this museum chronicles the beginning of a prison system in the country and its development over the years. It also creates awareness on the prisoners' role in rehabilitating offenders. The museum was set up after the Banda Hilir Prison was vacated in 2010. A visit here gives the rare opportunity of entering prison cells and viewing objects such as inmates' uniforms, canes and the hangman's noose. Particularly interesting is the façade of Pudu Jail, relocated from Kuala Lumpur, after the jail was demolished.
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ENCORE MELAKA
A showcase of Melaka's heritage and culture, Encore Melaka presents fascinating performances through a series of touching local life stories. The 70-minute show chronicles the historic city, from the stories of the early voyagers to the birth of modern Melaka, through songs and performances. Encore Melaka is touted to be Southeast Asia's largest permanent show theater that boasts innovative and stunning video projection mapping with a multi-stage hydraulic set with advance lighting. It also features a 360-degree rotating audience platform.



SUBMARINE MUSEUM
Located at Dataran 1Malaysia in Klebang, Melaka's Submarine Museum is the first and only submarine museum in Malaysia. The 'museum' is actually a decommissioned Agosta 70 class submarine named SMID Quessant from France. Measuring 67.57 m in length, it was previously used to train submarine crew in Malaysia. In its heyday, it was widely regarded as a formidable weapon.
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HANG TUAH CENTRE
Hang Tuah Centre chronicles the life of Hang Tuah, the legendary Malay warrior, as told by the Malay Annals and Hikayat Hang Tuah. The complex comprises a cluster of five traditional Malaccan Malay houses representing the five famous warriors during the era of Sultan Mansur Shah – Hang Tuah, Hang Jebat, Hang Kasturi, Hang Lekir and Hang Lekiu. The centre is located in Kampung Sungai Duyong, where Hang Tuah was born.
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THE SHORE SKY TOWER
Situated in the vicinity of tourist attractions such as Kampung Morten, this is a great place to enjoy the view of Melaka city by day and night. Standing 163 m high, Sky Tower is the tallest building in Melaka. Visitors can enjoy a panoramic view from the observation deck situated on the 43rd floor. The glass-bottomed deck is not for the faint-hearted and provides a thrilling experience. Sky Tower is located at The Shore, a development consisting of hotels, a shopping mall and residential towers.



MELAKA TROPICAL FRUIT FARM
Try out a huge variety of fresh tropical fruits including the durian, rambutan and mangosteen at the Melaka Tropical Fruit Farm. Sprawling over 173 acres of land in Sungai Udang, the farm caters to family visits with facilities for cycling, kayaking and fishing. A mini zoo with camels, ostriches, deer and various other animals can also be found here.
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MELAKA ZOO
Covering a land area of 21 hectares, Melaka Zoo is the second largest after the National Zoo in Kuala Lumpur. The zoo houses more than 200 species of wildlife in an open, lush and natural environment. Located in Ayer Keroh, it also has scheduled animal shows as well as a night safari where visitors can observe nocturnal wildlife in action.
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MALAYSIA HERITAGE STUDIOS
Dubbed the 'magical cultural theme park', this newly revamped studio gives you the chance to experience the unique heritage of Malaysia in a fun and fashionable way. The park has 13 Malaysian houses that have been restored according to the state's identity or its elements of culture and heritage. The outstanding factor here is that it goes beyond the ordinary with special effects, light displays and props. Definitely the place to slay your OOTD shots!
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MELAKA BUTTERFLY FARM & REPTILE SANCTUARY
The Melaka Butterfly Farm & Reptile Sanctuary sits on an 11-acre verdant forest site in Ayer Keroh. Stroll around the Butterfly Aviary and see thousands of these glorious winged beauties fluttering about, before continuing on to the Reptile Sanctuary to see up-close its many fascinating inhabitants including crocodiles, lizards and snakes.
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BUKIT BATU ECO-PARK
A green zone covering over 1,612 hectares, this eco park packs a punch for adventure seekers with its hiking trails and caves. The park is currently the state's only caving site with four caves:- Gua Kelambu, Gua Reban, Gua Tiga Tingkat and Gua Batu Serunyk. The recreational forest is also the site of a unique rock formation said to be Hang Tuah's ship. Jungle lodges are available for overnight stays. Bukit Batu Lebah is located about 16km from Jasin town.
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FREEPORT A' FAMOSA OUTLET
Freeport A'Famosa Outlet houses over 70 fashion, sport and accessories brands within its 180,000 sq. ft. premises. The outlet is situated in an open air mall set amidst a pond, fountains, carousel and windmill in line with Melaka's Dutch heritage. Shoppers will find brands such as Nike, Cotton On, Esprit, Puma, G2000, Carlo Rino, Clarks, Samsonte, Parkson Lifestyle and many more.
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A'FAMOSA RESORT
Sprawled over 530 hectares of land, the A' Famosa Resort is a fantastic getaway for families with its Water Theme Park and Safari Wonderland. Shoppers can find the best deals at the Freeport A'Famosa shopping mall. For golfers, the 27-hole golf course offers exciting challenges. Accommodation facilities at the resort comprise a hotel, condotel and villas.
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