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# Taiping



Malaysia

Taiping is a town located in Larut, Matang and Selama District, Perak, Malaysia. With a population of 217,647, it is the second largest town in Perak after Ipoh, the state capital.

Taiping took over Kuala Kangsar's role as the state capital from 1876 to 1937, but was then replaced by Ipoh. Its growth slowed down after that, but in recent years the town has been developing rapidly again. Perak State Museum is located in the town. Taiping also receives some limelight for being the wettest town in Peninsular Malaysia. The average annual rainfall is about 4,000mm in Taiping while the peninsula's average is 2,000mm – 2,500mm. Its unusual rainfall has also led to a fertile collection of flora and century-old rain trees in the Taiping Lake Gardens.

Taiping- Standard Room  
Taiping- Private Room

 All meals included	Yes <sup>(1)</sup>	Yes <sup>(1)</sup>
 Free beverages	Yes <sup>(2)</sup>	Yes <sup>(2)</sup>
 Persons per room	4-8	1-2
 Wifi in public areas	Yes	Yes
 Laundry facilities	Yes <sup>(3)</sup>	Yes <sup>(3)</sup>
 Safety box	Yes	Yes
 Lockable rooms	Yes	Yes
 Hot shower	Yes	Yes
 Private bathroom	No	Yes
 Bed linen	Yes	Yes
 Towels	No	No
 Mosquito protection	No	No
 Fan	Yes	Yes
 Air conditioning	No	No

(1) Three meals during weekdays and only breakfast and dinner on the weekends.

(2) Water, coffee, tea at the accommodation.

(3) At extra cost in local laundrettes.



## **Accommodation & Food**

### **About the Accommodation**

Accommodation in Taiping has comfortable rooms with shared bathroom.

### **Food Arrangements**

Malaysian food is tasty and diverse and you can expect to experience a myriad of flavors and meals during your stay. Typical dishes include wanton noodles (noodles and pork dumplings either dry or soup), nasi goreng (fried rice and vegetables) or roti canai, a type of Indian influenced flatbread found in Malaysia. Breakfasts are varied and include toast, cereals, etc. Tea, coffee and purified water is available at the house. We do not recommend that you drink water straight from the tap.

## **Facilities**

The centre is surrounded by plenty of shops, banks, atms, 7-11, supermarket and a shopping mall within 5 minutes walking distance.

Supermarket, salon, Laundromat, money exchange, ATM, sim card shop, and photocopy shops are all located within 1 kilometers radius.

## **Mandatory Orientation Day**

On the Monday of your first week at this location, you will join our orientation day, to familiarize you with the surroundings as well as local culture. Your program will continue as usual from Tuesday onward throughout the rest of the week.

## Schedule

- Welcome, introduction to Malaysia, House rules, Code of Conduct and handling of documents
- Culture Lesson
- Lunch
- Project meeting and Preparation

## Activities & Events

No scheduled activities outside the program.

## Sights & Surroundings

The working week is Monday to Friday and you will have weekends off. For many people, this will be a once in a lifetime trip to Malaysia, and they generally take advantage of the weekends to explore the surrounding area.

After a tiring work, you may visit Bukit Merah Water Theme Park by the beautiful lake to enjoy sunset view and even try to taste the freshness of coconut water and also ABC (Ais Batu Campur), local dessert with local food at the stalls.

On weekends, you can try to do a visit or do some other activities such as :

- Taiping, Perak one of the oldest town in Malaysia where the first train station was built in the 19 century.
- Night market
- Wet market
- Kuala Sepetang, for eagle sighting and mangrove site visit

With ETS train service often available, it is possible to head further into the field for your weekend. Other destinations where you can go explore are:

Kuala Lumpur– Malaysia's capital city where the Petronas Twin Towers are located

Penang Island – Georgetown which was founded by British in 1786, is currently a UNESCO World Heritage Site.