



# Introduction Week

Malaysia, Taiping

## Quick Overview

Taiping being one of the oldest towns in Malaysia created many 1<sup>st</sup>, such as 1<sup>st</sup> railway built by British, 1<sup>st</sup> Anglican church, 1<sup>st</sup> museum...the list goes on. You will get to experience a unique journey in Taiping where you visit museum, fishing village, traditional charcoal factory, taste the local food, royal town of Perak, a gallery showcases the royal life and many more.

## Pricing

Since 2016-01-01: 6 points

## Program Characteristics

Culture:	3
Learning:	3
Leisure:	3
Community engagement:	1
Physical demand:	1

## Program Duration & Availability

Min duration (weeks):	1
Max duration (weeks):	1
Available from:	2016-01-01
Available until:	2018-08-29
Bookable until:	-

**Confirm availability:** -

## Program Description

This program will give you an overview of Perak, first day of the week will explore the historical town of Taiping. You will visit Kuala Kangsar the royal town of Perak, visiting one of the traditional palaces and a gallery showcasing the royal artifacts. You will visit Ipoh, capital of Perak, which was named as the 6th best in Asia by Lonely Planet in 2016. You will also visit Han Chin Pet Soo Museum which showcases the old day lifestyle during tin mining under British Colony. After that you will visit train station, one of the most beautiful stations built more than 100 years ago by the British. On the final day, you will set off to Kuala Sepetang, which is a coastal town located in Pera. It is a thriving fishing village, and the main jumping-off point to the river mouth community of Kuala Sangga. The Port Weld railway station was located at the centre of town.

## Add-on: +Learning

There is no +Learning add-on available for this program.

## Aims & Objectives

The aim & objective is to get familiar with the local cultures and customs before commencement of your community engagement project.

## Schedule

### Monday

In the morning after having breakfast, you will be participating in the orientation program where you learn about Taiping and Do(s) & Don't(s) during your stay here. On this tour, you will get to know the neighborhood and where the local supermarkets, ATMs, Banks and laundries are.

After that you will visit a museum and the Taiping Lake Garden in the historical town Taiping. After you return from your excursion in Taiping, you will join a Bahasa class where you will get a basic knowledge about the local language which will help you to communicate with the local people while you are in Malaysia.

### Tuesday

After the breakfast you will visit Kuala Kangsar, the Royal Town of Perak. This is the town where the Royal Family of Perak resides. There you will visit the Gallery Sultan Azlan Shah. This gallery building was originally built in 1898 and completed in 1903 to be used as the residence

of Perak Sultan Idris Shah I which provides an insight of Royal Family. In the evening you will visit the local market in Kuala Kangsar.

## **Wednesday**

After having the breakfast you will visit Ipoh, capital of Perak. Perak was named as the 6th best place in Asia by Lonely Planet in 2016. You will also visit Han Chin Pet Soo Museum which showcases the old day lifestyle during tin mining under British Colony. After that you will visit train station, one of the most beautiful stations built more than 100 years ago by the British.

## **Thursday**

Penang has long served as the link between Asia's great kingdoms and an important outlet to the markets of Europe and the Middle East. At its heart is diverse, cosmopolitan George Town, Penang Island's main city and an urban centre that delivers old world Asia in spades; think trishaws pedalling past watermarked Chinese shophouses and blue joss smoke perfuming the air. The freshest aspects of modern culture are present, too, in an exceptional art scene and free-spirited carnivals, all fed by an infectious local enthusiasm for Penang's long history and kaleidoscope of cultures.

The places you will visit during your visit to Penang are as below,

- Chew Jetty
- Street Arts
- Anglican Church
- 2 Chinese Temple
- Kapitan Keling Mosque
- India street (Little India)
- Harmony Street (Historical Trail)

## **Friday**

After breakfast, you will set off to Kuala Sepetang, which is a coastal town located in Pera. It is a thriving fishing village, and the main jumping-off point to the river mouth community of Kuala Sangga, which is a Chinese fishing community at the river mouth. The Port Weld railway station was located at the centre of town. The whole railway line from here to Taiping, which was the first railway line in the Peninsular, is now dismantled, and now only the ticketing booth and the Port Weld railway signboard remain. After visiting these sites, you will return to your accommodation for a well deserved rest.

**\*\*\*This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Please note: The introduction week is the first program of any projects and is mandatory for all the participants.\*\*\***

## Starting Dates

### During 2018

Jan 1st	Jan 15th	Feb 5th	Feb 19th	Mar 5th	Mar 19th	Apr 2nd
Apr 16th	May 7th	May 21st	Jun 4th	Jun 18th	Jul 2nd	Jul 9th
Jul 16th	Jul 23rd	Aug 6th	Aug 20th	Sep 3rd	Sep 17th	Oct 1st
Oct 15th	Nov 5th	Nov 19th	Dec 3rd	Dec 17th		

### During 2019

This program starts every week.

## Participant Criteria & Requirements

### Standard Requirements

Minimum age:	18
Maximum age:	-
Minimum English level:	Basic
CRB required:	On Signup
Passport copy required:	On Signup
Resume copy required:	No
Required qualification:	None

### Additional Requirements

No additional requirements.

## Additional Equipment

- First Aid Kit
- Small padlock to secure valuables
- Tidy clean clothes for temple visits
- Umbrella/raincoat

## On Social Media

Facebook: -

## Tags

<b>Adventure:</b>	No
<b>Agriculture:</b>	No
<b>Archeology:</b>	No
<b>Art and Craft:</b>	No
<b>Beach:</b>	Yes
<b>Camping:</b>	No
<b>Community:</b>	No
<b>Conservation:</b>	No
<b>Construction:</b>	No
<b>Cultural:</b>	Yes
<b>Cycling:</b>	No
<b>Environmental:</b>	No
<b>Internship:</b>	No
<b>Language Learning:</b>	Yes
<b>Marine Life:</b>	No
<b>Medical and Healthcare:</b>	No
<b>Outdoor:</b>	No
<b>Rail Journey:</b>	No
<b>Renovation:</b>	No

<b>Road Trip:</b>	No
<b>Safari:</b>	No
<b>Sports:</b>	No
<b>OK for Groups:</b>	Yes
<b>OK for Young Families:</b>	Yes
<b>Teaching:</b>	No
<b>Walking:</b>	Yes
<b>Wildlife:</b>	No
<b>Work with Adults:</b>	No
<b>Work with Elderly:</b>	No
<b>Work with Kids:</b>	No
<b>Work with Disabled:</b>	No
<b>Yoga and Meditation:</b>	No