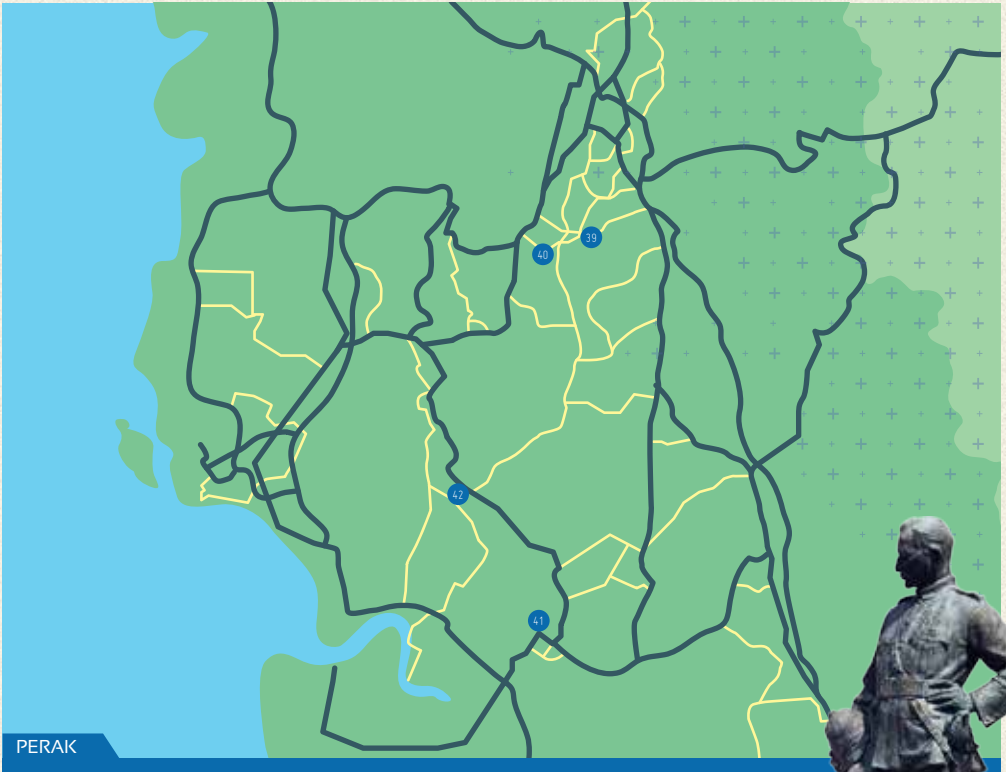
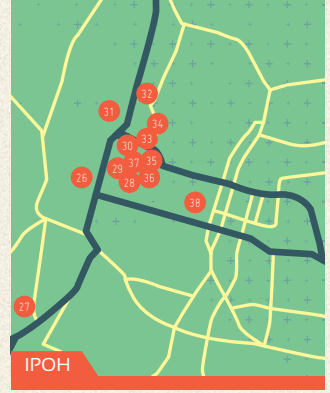
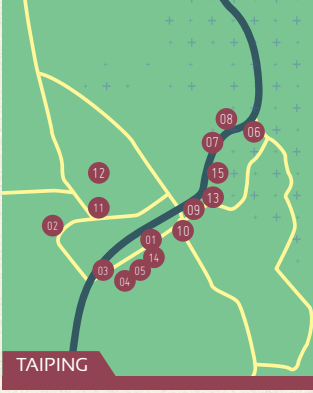




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Preserving Perak's Architecture

Perak is filled with old charm encapsulated perfectly in architectural heritage, in this booklet we'll be featuring the top three cities with the best heritage buildings, preserved so well for this generation and the ones to come. We'll also share our top picks of must-see heritage masterpieces that you'll definitely want to check during your next visit to Perak. Be a part of this fascinating journey as we go back in time to witness how these architectural marvels of the past were built.



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TAIPING

No place in Malaysia screams heritage like Taiping. Taiping is where you'll find plenty of Malaysian firsts, more than 30 in total, as it was one of the first places where the British settled in Malaysia and have left their architectural imprints and elevated this little town into the heritage landmark it is today.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Said to be the oldest Christian Church in Malaysia, All Saints Church is an Anglican Church founded in 1886 and is the first church in the Federated Malay States. This gothic church is surrounded by the tombstones of European settlers and servicemen that never made it back to their homeland. Did you know the church has a beautiful stained glass that withstood World War II and is one of the few churches in Malaysia to still use a pipe organ till this day? It truly is a historical marvel.

📍 Jalan Taming Sari, Taman Tasik Taiping, 34000 Taiping, Perak
☎ +6016-534 1964



TAIPING WET MARKET

The famous wet market is divided into two sections, separated by Jalan Kota. The older half of the market was built in 1884 as previously mentioned while the newer extension was built in 1885. Did you know that the market has its own natural ventilation system? The morning wind blows down Larut Hills and the evening wind from the Matang / Kuala Sepetang coast ensuring the market is cool all day long.

📍 21, Halaman Pasar, 34000 Taiping, Perak



TAIPING RAILWAY STATION

Opened in 1885, Taiping Railway Station was the eastern terminus of the Taiping-Port Weld Railways Line and is Malaysia's first railway line. It was rebuilt and relocated to the Jalan Stesen between the 1890s to early 1900s and was in operation till it was replaced by the latest station which is now being used as a KTM, ETS Transit station just northeast of the second station.

📍 Jalan Stesen, 34000 Taiping, Perak



THE HOKKIEN ASSOCIATION

Established long before the building was built, after the first president of the association, Ng Boo Bee donated the piece of land in 1904. It was Lim San Kip, the second president of the association who went on to build it much later, his name was Lim San Kip. Be sure to visit right before sunset for some amazing shots of the association against the light of dusk.

📍 290, Jalan Kota, Kampung Jambu, 34000 Taiping, Perak

☎ +605-807 3636



PEKING HOTEL

Built in 1929, Peking Hotel is said to have Anglo-Indian architecture that has been passed down through generations from one owner to the next and wasn't always a hotel. Did you know that it was once the home of a business man, used by the Japanese military during the occupation and was even the headquarters for a Taiping Rubber Association? So, if you're looking for a blast from the past then visit the hotel as it hasn't been updated since the good old days and some say it might even be haunted.

📍 Jalan Idris, 34000 Taiping, Perak

☎ +605-807 2975



PEACE HOTEL

Built in 1928 in the typical eclectic straits' architecture style, the Peace Hotel was once the home of Toh Kay Beng, a wealthy rice wine brewer. It was converted into the headquarters of Lee Rubber after World War II and right when the year 1959 passed by, the lower half of the hotel was turned into a coffee shop while the upper floor was converted into a hotel.

📍 32, Jalan Iskandar, 34000 Taiping, Perak

☎ +605-808 2171



TAIPING PRISON

The oldest modern prison complex in Malaysia, Taiping Prison is a medium-security prison built in 1879. At its prime, it was the largest prison complex and in the early 1880s, Sikh warders were brought in to assist the Malaysian warders while Hong Kong vocational trainers were later brought in to introduce useful industry such as printing, cloth product, sewing, rattan weaving and iron work to prison inmates. The prison, located right in the middle of Taiping is in operation till this day.

📍 Jalan Taming Sari, Taman Tasik Taiping, 34000 Taiping, Perak

☎ +605-807 2177



THE PERAK MUSEUM

The Perak Museum is a marvel of Victorian and Moorish architecture and is the first and oldest museum in Malaysia highlighting the history of Perak through its culture, costumes, handicrafts and games. Founded in 1883 by Sir Hugh Low, the museum initially showcased natural history particularly ethnography, zoology, botany and geology, all key areas of interest of its founder Sir Hugh Low. Be sure to check out more than 8000 pieces of amazing historical and anthropological artefacts.

📍 Jalan Taming Sari, 34000 Taiping, Perak

☎ +605-807 2057



LARUT MATANG & SELAMA LAND & DISTRICT OFFICE

Designed by senior engineer, Francis Caulfield, this Neo-Classical masterpiece was purposefully built in the shape of the letter "C" for, you guessed it, Caulfield! Declared a natural heritage site in 2012, the building is famed for its heart shaped décor, which makes for a great photo opportunity.

📍 Larut Matang & Selama Land & District Office, 34000 Taiping, Perak

☎ +605-829 8100



THE CLOCK TOWER

A famous tourist hot spot, the main must-see clock tower was built in 1881 with timber and later rebuilt in brick in 1891. Once used as a police station, the tower is now used as a tourist center for visitors to get maps and information of Taiping.

📍 55, Jalan Kota, 34000 Taiping, Perak



ST GEORGE'S INSTITUTION

One of the oldest schools in Taiping, St George's Institution was founded by a group of La Salle brothers from Penang. This architectural masterpiece was constructed in 1915 and was designed by a colonial architect from Penang. It is a mixture of Neo-Grec and Neo-Romanesque architecture and has two wings and a main porch in front, facing Station Road. If you want to be transported to Hogwarts right here in Taiping then this school is definitely worth a visit. Be sure to get the right permission before waltzing in!

📍 Jalan Stesen, 34000 Taiping, Perak

☎ +605-807 2408



KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL

Built in 1883, King Edward VII School was moved to its current location in 1905. Some of the main architectural features of the school include the magnificent gate that guard the entrance along with the colonial architecture of the main school building. The rain trees that were planted in 1910 also adds to the impeccable ambience of this beautiful school.

📍 Jalan Muzium Hulu, 34000 Taiping, Perak
 📞 +605-807 3191



THE MUNICIPAL & SANITARY BOARD BUILDING

Erected in 1891, this Anglo-Indian building was fashioned mainly using brick and timber but what makes this building stands out even more is the vintage train just outside of the building which is perfect for your Instagram feed. Make sure you catch a glimpse of the street lamps, imported from the UK and still standing till this day from its initial erection from more than 117 years ago.

📍 105, Jalan Stesen, Taman Jambu, 34000 Taiping, Perak



MASJID MELAYU

Built in a hexagon formation, this Dutch-English inspired architecture of the mosque makes it truly stand out amidst all the other architectural wonders around Taiping. Built in 1897, this mosque is also known as the old Malay Mosque or Masjid Lama Bandar Taiping.

📍 Jalan Kota, 34000 Taiping, Perak



OFFICERS' MESS

Looking over Taiping padang stands the old British Mess, an alabaster emblem, standing tall till this day. Built in 1906, one of the last remains of the army garrison town that we all know and love, Taiping. This obviously British colonial building stands just outside of the Barracks and across the Anglican Church. Do drop by when you're in the area which is a hot spot of aged architecture preserved to perfection.

📍 Jalan Kelab Baru, 34000 Taiping, Perak



KUALA KANGSAR

The royal capital of Perak, Kuala Kangsar boasts architectural heritage with royal flair. From the grand Istana Iskandariah to the Ubudiah Mosque, these architectural masterpieces are steeped in royal heritage and rich in culture. History and culture intertwine and that makes the architectural buildings amazing and trip-worthy.

MALAY COLLEGE KUALA KANGSAR

Dubbed the Eton College of the east, the Kuala Kangsar's all Malay boy's school was established by the British in 1905. Apart from its rich history and legacy it is the pseudo Greco-Roman architecture of the school. Wings, a pavilion and hostel blocks, amongst a few, have been added through the years all keeping as close to the original Big School features.

📍 Jalan Tun Razak, 33000 Kuala Kangsar, Perak
☎️ +605-776 1400



IDRIS CLUB

A recreational sports club, Idris Club was said to be the prominent place to be and the place to see the who's who of Kuala Kangsar back in its glory days. Named after Sultan Idris I, the club was originally a rest house and has since transformed over the years. The British inspired colonial cottage like features of the club are still open for visitors.

📍 JKRIII, Jalan Raja Chulan, 33000 Kuala Kangsar, Perak
☎️ +605-776 1809



SULTAN AZLAN SHAH GALLERY

The Sultan Azlan Shah Gallery was originally completed in 1903 and was the home of Sultan Idris Shah I. The gallery was opened to public a hundred years later in 2003 and is made from wood carving inspired by the plants found within the region as well as rock carvings and has similar features to that of the National Palace, Ipoh High Court and the Ipoh Railway Station.

📍 Sultan Azlan Shah Gallery, 33000 Kuala Kangsar, Perak
☎️ +605-777 5362



AL-GHUFRAN ROYAL MAUSOLEUM

Built in 1915, the royal mausoleum of Perak is inspired by Moghul styled architecture, quite similar to the Taj Mahal of India. It truly is a magnificent piece of architecture. Here's a fun fact, first Sultan of Perak buried at the mausoleum is Sultan Idris Murshidul Azzam Shah I in 1916.

📍 Jalan Istana, 33000 Kuala Kangsar, Perak



UBUDIAH MOSQUE

Looking like a piece of architecture straight out of a fairy tale, Ubudiah Mosque is definitely one of Malaysia if not the world's most beautiful mosques. Featuring Indo-Saracenic styled architecture with a central golden dome and four golden minarets and Italian marble, the mosque was designed by Arthur Benison Hubback who also designed both Ipoh & Kuala Lumpur Railway Stations.

📍 Jalan Istana, 33000 Kuala Kangsar, Perak

☎ +6011-1769 6364



ISTANA ISKANDARIAH

The royal palace of the Perak Sultanate and the residence of the Sultan of Perak since 1933. The palace is a mix of colonial European architecture and Middle Eastern and Central Asia styled architecture. The roof consists of a single main dome and four other domes like pillars in each corner.

📍 Taman Lerista, 33000 Kuala Kangsar, Perak

☎ +6011-2607 9350



ISTANA KENANGAN

Istana Kenangan also known as the Perak Royal Museum was once a royal residence. The double storey heritage building with the top half housing the bedchamber, family rooms and dining area, while the ground floor was used as the official royal office. The building is made of solid wood and the floors once wooden have been replaced with marble.

📍 Istana Lama Bukit Chandan, 33000 Kuala Kangsar, Perak

☎ +605-776 5500



TSUNG WAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Built in 1911, the school stands till today and still operates as a school. It was closed for a brief time during the Japanese occupation but was then reopened in 1945. The architecture is typically colonial, featuring oriental elements.

📍 Jalan Kangsar, Bandar Baru, 33000 Kuala Kangsar, Perak
☎ +605-776 1390



CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

With its distinct red roof, the Church of the Resurrection is an Anglican Church built in 1908. Small in stature and simplistic in build but old in age, this wooden church can be visited most Sundays after mass.

📍 Jalan Raja Bendahara, 33000 Kuala Kangsar, Perak
☎ +6012-289 1650



CLIFFORD SCHOOL

Built in 1897, Clifford School is one of the oldest schools in Malaysia and can be found not far from the Malay College. Colonial in style with a classic black and white exterior parallel with the school motto, "The Ship is More than the Crew".

📍 Bandar Baru, 33000 Kuala Kangsar, Perak
☎ +605-577 3131



IPOH

Just like Taiping, Ipoh's British past is still alive and well in its architecture amidst its cultural heritage and is preserved and conserved well for generations to come. Hipsters delight in all things vintage and this has turned Ipoh into the destination for hip youngsters who have a much deeper appreciation for heritage, local culture, and its architecture that continues to entice visually and transport visitors to a bygone era.

IPOH RAILWAY STATION

A marvel of colonial architecture, this Moorish designed alabaster beauty was completed in 1917 and was designed by the famous British architect, A.B Hubback, who is responsible for building Kuala Lumpur's Railway Station as well. Within Railway Station, you'll find Majestic Station Hotel, referred by locals as the Taj Mahal of Ipoh.

📍 Stesen KTM, 30000 Ipoh, Perak



IPOH TOWN HALL & OLD POST OFFICE

Built in 1917, what makes these two buildings stand out are its Neo-Renaissance, Victorian and even Moorish style, wrapped in white, the concrete construction boasts colonial inspiration. Due to its vastness, you'll find it hard to get a picture encompassing the whole structure. So, here's a pro tip, grab your camera and head to Ipoh Railway Station for the perfect camera angle.

📍 Ipoh Town Hall & Old Post Office, 31450 Ipoh, Perak



BIRCH MEMORIAL CLOCK TOWER

Built to commemorate JWW Birch, the first British Resident of Perak in 1909, Birch Memorial Clock Tower can be found in Ipoh square with a portrait bust and four panels illustrating the growth of civilisation. The clock tower has a mother bell and four smaller bells which used to strike the chimes.

📍 Birch Memorial Clock Tower, 31650 Ipoh, Perak



IPOH HIGH COURT

Built in 1928, Ipoh High Court is neo-classical in design and was designed by a British Architect, A.B Hubbuck as well and was completed 14 years later, long after he left Malaysia to join the British Army to fight World War I.

📍 Jalan Panglima Bukit Gantang Wahab, 31650 Ipoh, Perak



ROYAL IPOH CLUB

Said to be built in 1895 as a colonial British Club, Royal Ipoh Club is still standing and operating till this day, overlooking Ipoh padang. It is the oldest social club in Ipoh, so if you're craving for some afternoon lunch surrounded by history, be sure to check before you walk in as it is a private club. The club is under the patronage of H.R.H. Sultan of Perak and H.R.H. Raja Muda of Perak.

📍 P.O. Box 3, Jalan Panglima Bukit Gantang Wahab, 30000 Ipoh, Perak
☎ +605-254 2212



THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Completed in 1912, the Church of St. John The Divine was at its time the largest church in Malaya. Here's a fun fact, did you know that its bricks were cemented with coconut fibre, sugar and egg whites among other things? Despite being a strange combination, it must have been the right concoction as it is still intact until today.

📍 Jalan St. John, 30200 Ipoh, Perak
☎ +605-254 8146



DARUL RIDZUAN MUSEUM

Built in 1926 as the residence of tin miner Foo Choong Kit, the building was inspired by various architectural styles. The house was sold to Perak in 1950 and used as an administrative centre before being converted into a museum in 1992. Inside you'll find information and collection on Ipoh's tin mining and agricultural history. If you're keen to take a peek, make a visit around 9:00am to 5:00pm. The museum is open every day except Fridays.

📍 Jalan Panglima Bukit Gantang Wahab, 30000 Ipoh, Perak
☎ +605-241 0048



ST. MICHAEL'S INSTITUTION

Gothic styled in structure, the school is designed perfectly for students, keeping the sun glares out of their eyes as they learn, St Michael's Institution is part of the La Sallian worldwide community of schools and has been designated as a historical landmark in Ipoh. Said to produce some of the best students in Malaysia, it has even received a five-star rating from the Perak Education Ministry.

📍 Jalan S.P Seenivasagam, 30000 Ipoh, Perak
 📞 +605-254 0418



TOWN PADANG MOSQUE

Built in 1908, Town Padang Mosque or Masjid India Muslim Ipoh has architecture in Moghul style and even has designs similar to that found in the Red Fort, Delhi. The mosque is said to have been funded by a wealthy Muslim Tamil businessman, Shaik Adam. If you ever get to venture inside, be sure to gaze on the iron spiral staircase that looks like something out of the movie Aladdin with its mustard and green combo paired with pistachio green tiles and peach painted arches.

📍 Jalan Seenivasagam, 30450 Ipoh, Perak
 📞 +605-254 1978



FMS BAR & RESTAURANT

Founded in 1906 by a Hainanese immigrant, the FMS Bar & Restaurant was a typical watering hole for European miners and planters. If you'd like to travel back in time then visit this time portal for a taste of life back in Ipoh's glory days with antique timber furnishings, classic light fixtures and vintage ceiling fans surrounded by a pre-war photography display.

📍 2, Jalan Sultan Idris Shah, 30000 Ipoh, Perak
 📞 +605-210 5115



HONG KONG SHANGHAI BANK

Built in 1931, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's Ipoh branch is an elegant and beautifully constructed neo-classical ivory wonder that will transport you straight to the streets of London.

📍 138, Jalan Sultan Yusof, 30000 Ipoh, Perak
 📞 1-300-88-0181



PERAK HYDRO BUILDING

Formed in London in 1926, the Perak Hydro Building was the location for the Perak River Hydro-Electric Power Company, formed in London in 1926. For many years after, it was the largest power supplier in Malaya. The company is responsible for building the hydro electric power station at Chenderdoh dam on the Perak River in 1930.

📍 2, Jalan Dato Maharajalela, 30000 Ipoh, Perak



HAN CHIN PET SOO

Established in 1929 as a Hakka tin-miners' club, Han Chin Pet Soo is one of Ipoh's most famous landmark architectures, known for its formidable structural design, which showcases Chinese style and design with a bay window topped with the typical Moorish style half-dome and decorated with vibrant tiles throughout.

📍 3, Jalan Bijeh Timah, 30100 Ipoh, Perak

☎ +605-241 4541



MUST-SEE HERITAGE ARCHITECTURE OF PERAK

If you manage to get through the top three states for architectural heritage and still craving for more, then continue onwards further south and you'll come across our other picks of must-see heritage architecture in Perak.

KELLIES CASTLE

An actual castle built by a Scotsman, Kellies Castle is a symbol of love, much like the Taj Mahal once was, built for his wife, sadly he never saw the completion of his masterpiece as he died at the age of 56. The castle is inspired by Scottish, Moorish, and Tamilvanan Indian architecture. He even brought 70 craftsmen from Madras, India and imported bricks and marble from India as well. The castle is home to Malaysia's first elevator, an indoor tennis court and a rooftop courtyard for entertaining guests.

📍 Kellies Castle, 31000 Batu Gajah, Perak



ROYAL ENGLISH SCHOOL


Also, in Batu Gajah, you'll find Dato' Sulaiman Residence, which was built in 1916, from gazing upon it alone, you can imagine what it looked like back in its glory days. The property was later turned into the Royal English School, built in 1916. It's owned by Dato' Amar Di-Raja of Perak and most of the history records of the house have been lost over the years, it is rather run down and is private property and we hope that it will be restored to its original glory.

 Dato' Sulaiman Residence, 30200 Batu Gajah, Perak



LEANING TOWER OF TELUK INTAN


Built under the guidance of contractor Leong Choon Chong in 1885, the Leaning Tower of Teluk Intan is a pagoda styled structure influenced heavily by oriental architecture. Every storey within the tower is 5 metres in height and in total there are 110 steps from the ground floor to the top of the tower.


 Lot 162, Komplek Menara Condong, Jalan Bandar, Pekan Teluk Intan, 36000 Teluk Intan, Perak



PASIR SALAK HISTORICAL COMPLEX

Pasir Salak Historical Complex is an architectural beauty showcasing the designs and architecture of Perak's culture and heritage. The building pays homage to warriors who led the Perakians against the forces of the British colonial administration.

 Pasir Salak Historical Complex, 36800 Kampung Gajah, Perak

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