

## Perak's WEST COAST EXPRESSWAY

Are you ready for a journey through the west? Make sure you're all packed cause this is going to be a wild journey down magnificent hillside terrain, windy roads and greenery like you've never seen before. Of course we'll be passing by Perak's famous towns and cities so be sure to bring your appetite too to savour the taste of all Perak has to offer.

Upon completion in 2022, the expressway will run between Changkat Jering in Perak to Banting in Selangor, making sure the travel time for everyone is cut short. So let's continue our journey as we highlight the must-see spots and some must-savour cuisine that you can pitstop along the way during your journey down the West Coast Expressway.



### Larut, Matang & Salama District TAIPIING



Famed for being a historical town, Taiping is a picturesque city where the past is preserved in colonial architecture coupled with natural landscapes that seem to transport you back in time. Lotus ponds, angsa trees, heavy rainfall, museums, historical landmarks and delicious food are just some of things you'll find in this quaint and sustainable city.



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## THE LAND OF GRACE perak West Coast Expressway

### JOURNEY THROUGH THE WEST

Let's embark on a journey through Perak's latest expressway, the West Coast Expressway, also known as the WCE E32 and is an interstate controlled-access highway route that curves along the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia.

#### 1 TAIPIING LAKE GARDENS D2

Known for its scenic lakes, Japanese gardens, rain trees and more, Taiping Lake Gardens is a community hot-spot, especially during the wee hours of the morning and in the evenings for recreational and leisure purposes, townsfolk from all walks of life gather together to play sports, run around with their kids and living a healthy life in this little emerald sanctuary in this little emerald sanctuary that's the perfect home to both man and all creatures alike.



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#### 2 ZOO TAIPIING & NIGHT SAFARI D2

Not far from the Lake Gardens, you'll find Taiping Zoo, home to more than 160 species of animals such as tigers, elephants, hippos, orang utans and more. What makes this zoo unique is its night safari that lets you see how animals survive in nocturnal delight. At 36 acres in total, the zoo is constantly looking to expand so as to modify its animal enclosures making them more naturally habitable for each and every animal found here.



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#### 4 BUKIT LARUT D2

Once known as Maxwell Hill, was founded in 1884, making it the oldest hill resort in Malaysia. At roughly 1,250m above sea level, this hill receives the highest rainfall in Malaysia. There is a certain charm to this hill as it still retains its colonial atmosphere with English gardens and British bungalows from a bygone era. Rent a landrover and get to the top in about 30 minutes or trek up, but be warned, it can take anything between 3 to 5 hours before you reach the resort. If you love nature, then this is a must-see during your journey.



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#### 3 ANTONG COFFEE FACTORY D2

Antong Coffee Factory isn't just famous for its delicious coffee but for its historical significance as well. Once the above of Chen Cui-fen who was known as the "Forgotten Revolutionary Female" and "The first revolution partner" of Sun Yat-sen. Chen remained there till she died. In the 1930s, Tiah Ee Mooi, the founder of Antong Coffee rented the villa then proceeded to purchase it a few years later. Antong Coffee Factory is the oldest coffee mill in Malaysia, which still operates till this day.



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#### 5 PERAK MUSEUM D2

Located in Taiping, Perak Museum is the oldest museum in Malaysia. It seems so many sight and places in this area are dedicated to the past. Founded by Sir Hugh Low in 1883, the museum initially housed the findings on natural history and was Neo-classical in design. As the collection of exhibits grew so did the galleries, added to showcase the past for present generations to discover.

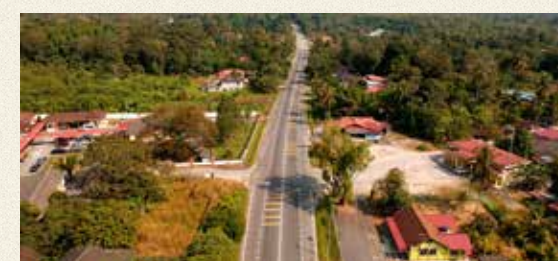


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Larut, Matang & Salama District

## CHANGKAT JERING

A tiny town in the Larut, Matang and Selama District, Perak, Changkat Jering connects Taiping to the North-South Expressway via the southern exit. So, what makes Changkat Jering stand out? There's a slew of fun sights to see including Kota Nghah Ibrahim, the scenic Ulu Tupai Waterfall Nature Reserve, a Buddhist Sanctuary and even a Museum. As the first stop on our journey down the coast, there is definitely lots to see even right at the beginning.



#### 1 RANTING WATERFALL D2

Ranting Waterfall is a six-storey high waterfall set amidst the historical town of Taiping. If you're up for an adventure, then this waterfall is perfect for you as it is hidden by a ravine, making the waterfall only visible from Taman Lake View residence. The waterfall doesn't really have a name but is known to many as Ranting Waterfall after Sungai Ranting that runs over a 60 to 80 degree granite rock face.



Ranting Waterfall, 34000 Kamunting

#### 2 SASANARAKKHA BUDDHIST SANCTUARY D2

A Buddhist monastery located in Taiping, Sasanarakkha Buddhist Sanctuary was founded in January 2000 by Ven. Aggacitta. It is a training centre for Malaysian Theravada Buddhist monks, a place where they deepen their knowledge and understanding as well as practicing Buddha's teachings as a way of life. Those who would like a glimpse into the life of a Buddhist monk are welcome to get first-hand experience of the monastic life.



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#### 3 ULU TUPAI WATERFALL NATURE RESERVE D2

Keen to experience nature? Take a brief stopover at Ulu Tupai Waterfall Nature Reserve for some fresh air and a splash of cool water to freshen up. Surrounded by lush green jungles and gushing waterfalls, it's the perfect afternoon hangout to cool off from the midday sun. To get to the top, you'll need a 4x4 ride up, but fret not, Pak Man of the local retreat will drive you up. Two chalets can be found in the retreat and you can even get food delivered. Book now for a chance to spend the night before you continue your drive.



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#### 4 MATANG MUSEUM D2

Matang Museum was once a home that belonged to Nghah Ibrahim, a statesman in Perak, the fort was built in the 1870s and was used as a court for the murder trial of J.W.W. Birch, the first British Resident in Perak at Pasir Salak. It was later converted into the Teachers' Training College for Malay teachers, known as the Matang College, followed by a primary school and was then turned into the headquarters of the Japanese occupation in 1941. After the Japanese surrendered, the fort was turned into a primary school once again before Perak Museum turned it into a historical site.



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#### 5 BUKIT ARANG PARA D2

Nestled within Kuala Kangsar district, Bukit Arang Para can be found in the Bubu Forest Reserve and stands at a height of about 3,245 feet. A fairly easy trek, the terrain is mostly muddy with lots of leeches. You need to be careful as it can be quite slippery. So, it is advisable to wear the right footwear. Along the trek you'll find a couple of streams to cool off, at 6km both ways, the entire trail will take you about 3 hours to get to the top.



33000 Kuala Kangsar

## Larut, Matang & Salama District TERONG

Known for its waterfalls, pristine water and mines that were later demolished in the 1980s, Terong, also known as eggplant in Malay is a small town, almost village like, surrounded today by rubber and oil palm plantations. The community here consists of Malaysia, Chinese and Indians. Though many have left to move to larger cities, this little eggplant town still has a few places worth checking out as you pass by.



#### 1 TRONG LEISURE FARM D3

If you happen to have kids, then the Trong Leisure Farm is definitely worth stopping for. Tractor rides, a spot of fishing, boating and ducks as far as the eye can see (just kidding) are just some of the things you'll find here. The entrance fee might be on the pricier side, despite its lack of facilities, but if you're looking to have some nice roasted duck then it's worth the experience.



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#### 2 TRONG WATERFALLS D3

Walk past beautiful jungles, orchards and settlements and you'll see a trail heading upstream by a river. There is a steep gorge but rails will help you up the stairs so you can keep your balance while climbing up this steep terrain. After the strenuous part comes the scenic bit, a large pool measuring 80 metres in diameter awaits, this pool cascades downstream into a stream of rapids. It's quite secluded so we don't recommend camping but if you are up for an adventure before continuing your journey, it sure is worth exploring.



34800 Terong

Manjung District

# BERUAS

Known for its windy roads pass plantations galore, Beruas is often passed through and not pondered upon long enough. If you decide to take a break for some time, you'll realise there's so much to discover in this small town in the Manjung District.



## 1 ULU LICIN WATERFALLS D3

If there is ever a name served as a warning, this waterfall would be it. Ulu Licin Waterfalls or Deserted Slippery Waterfalls can be found at Hutan Lipur Ulu Licin in Beruas, which is an unspoilt recreational forest park with picnic areas amidst fresh air and clean running water. If you're planning to spend the night camping, go right ahead but do get permission from the Perak Forestry Department first @ 05 3661 228, Pejabat Hutan Daerah Kinta/Manjung.



32700 Beruas

## 2 BERUAS MUSEUM D3

About 20 km away from Sitiawan, Beruas Museum might not be very large but there are quite a few well documented exhibits and artifacts worth checking out. The artifacts found here mostly prove the existence of the ancient Hindu-Malay Kingdom of Gangga Negara and the King of Beruas.



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Manjung District

# CHANGKAT CERMIN

A village located in Manjung, Changkat Cermin translates to Small Hill Mirror. There's really not much to see or do here but if you're looking to have some traditional Malay cuisine and get some go-to-Ging Piang pastries then it's definitely worth stopping by before continuing your journey.



## 1 RESTORAN SALAI BERAPI EA

If you're a smoked meat or fish lover then you will love this restaurant. Smoked duck, smoked catfish, smoked chicken, smoked meat also known as salai berapi styled cooking is what you'll find here. Traditional Malay dishes can be found as well. So, if you're looking for something to fill your tummy up before the next stop, then this restaurant is a great treat.



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## 2 CHANGKAT KRUING GONG PIANG DA

A 26-minute drive from Changkat Cermin and you'll stumble on the little town of Changkat Keruing, and within it you'll find the legendary Changkat Kruing Gong Piang. There's nothing more delightful than a mouthful of these pastries with its sticky sweet onion medley fresh from the oven. Each bite is crispy and chewy all at once. With a recipe that has been passed down generations, it's no wonder these puffed perfectioners are so very delicious.



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Manjung District

# AYER TAWAR

Located in the Manjung District, Ayer Tawar which translates to "fresh water", is about 60 km away from Ipoh and is a tiny town with good food and a humble community. Surrounded by oil palm plantations and a couple of durian orchards, this mostly Chinese populated town is the perfect stopover for lunch time cravings.



## 2 NINE EMPEROR TEMPLE D4

With its annual celebration held in October for about a week, this particular temple lit up so brightly at night that taking photos here would be so Instagram-worthy. Other highlights include, an array of food stalls open in the evening till late night, street parades, Hoch-Chew descendants gatherings and an amazing cultural concert. There's so much to see so plan your trip well in advances to catch a day in the week of the Nine Emperor God Festival.

Ayer Tawar To Mo Koon  
29, Lorong Mahtmur 2/1, Taman Mahtmur 1, 32400 Ayer Tawar



Manjung District

# SITIAWAN

Sitiawan is such a lovely town. Its name is derived from two Malay words, Setia and Kawan which means loyal friend. If you every have the chance to live of visit Sitiawan we're pretty sure that by the end of your journey no matter how long your visit that you'll feel like you've definitely met a loyal friend.



## 2 TUA PEK KONG TEMPLE D5

Journey out of Sitiawan town and go pass some windy roads and you'll eventually get to Tua Pek Kong Temple, a stunning white marble temple located right by the sea. Trust me guys, you're not going to want to leave your camera behind. With a total of 98 statues of deities and animals from the lunar calendar and the largest statue of Tua Pek Kong, this temple is a marvel for the eyes and is landscaped to perfection. So, no matter your cultural background if you enjoy beauty in all cultures, the Tua Pek Kong Temple is a must-visit.

Jalan Pasir Panjang, 32000 Sitiawan



## 1 LANDSCAPED GARDEN WITH DINOSAUR REPLICA D4

Dinosaurs in Perak? Who would have known, this lovely park has dinosaur replicas for you and your kids to run around and take some memorable photos with. The park also features plenty of foliage and greenery for you and loved ones to have a picnic in the park and admire the general splendour of a well curated garden-like atmosphere.



Jalan Kampung Jering, 32400 Ayer Tawar

## 3 AYER TAWAR FOOD COURT D4

Ayer Tawar Food Court, also known as Rong Chern Food Court is a great spot to satisfy your breakfast cravings with some local fusion favourites ranging from curry noodles to want tan mee with dumplings and Ayer Tawar's own take on lahsa. All this and more await you for a savoury and sublimely satisfying start to your day. Lunch options are also available if you're looking to get takeaway for your journey.



Rong Chern Food Court  
Kampung Baru Ayer Tawar, 32400 Ayer Tawar

## 4 RESTORAN SUN HON SIONG D4

If you're looking to go back in time and walk down Ayer Tawar's memory lane, Sun Hon Siong restaurant moves at its own pace but offers delicious lunchtime dishes. Be sure to ask the waitress for what to order and sip on classic thirst quenchers such as chrysanthemum, dried longan and herbal tea, hot or iced to cool down from the hot sun.



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## 1 SALOMA VINEYARD & NURSERY D5

Did you know that there's an actual vineyard in Perak? Bet you didn't but if you're looking for some fresh grapes, head down to Saloma's Vineyard and Nursery. Tucked away in Lekir, Sitiawan, Perak's only grape farm owned by Mrs Siti Saloma Saad has a variety types of grapes planted across an acre of land. What's even better is that you can take home some seeds and try growing them at home long after you leave.



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## 3 SITIAWAN SETTLEMENT MUSEUM D4

Located in Koh Village, the Sitiawan Settlement Museum built in 1935, the museum was once a house owned by a Pioneer Methodist Church pastor. Today, the museum showcases artifacts of community life back in the tin mining era and houses history of the Fuzhou Clan till this day. Plenty of antiques and memorabilia from a bygone decade can also be found for those who'd like to take a stroll into the past.



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## 4 PANGKOR ISLAND D4

A resort island, Pangkor Island used to be a fishing village and now depends on tourism to float its economy. Not only do tourists flock to the island but neighbours from surrounding towns also escape to the island on weekends, although it's packed with people there are still so many beach spots where you can relax and spend time with your family or friends. Visit the hornbill sanctuary and spend the night if you've spent the day lounging by the beach and can't be bothered to drive home before you continue on your journey.



Pangkor Island, 32300 Perak

Hilir Perak District

# BATAK RABIT

Located in the Manjung District, Ayer Tawar which translates to "fresh water", Batak Rabbit is about 60 km away from Ipoh and is a tiny town with good food and a humble community. Surrounded by oil palm plantations and a couple of durian orchards, this mostly Chinese populated town is the perfect stopover for lunch time cravings.



## 1 GIANT FRESHWATER PRAWN FISHING ES

Have you ever savoured giant freshwater prawns? Known as lenggo in these parts, these river shrimp are famous around these parts and beyond. It is recommended for you to go fishing at Batak Rabbit and you might catch some of the largest freshwater prawns in Malaysia. Restaurants in the area cook these prawns in all kinds of styles so be sure to stop by as you pass through for a bite or even try your hand at fishing for them if you have time!



Perak River @ Batak Rabbit

Hilir Perak District

# TELUK INTAN

Once known as Teluk Mak Intan, after a female Mandailing trader, and then subsequently as Teluk Anson during the British protectorate era, Teluk Intan got its name in 1982 from the Sultan of Perak, which means Diamond Bay. Known for its history and delicious food, there's plenty to see on this bay by the river.



## 1 M. GULAM RASUL ES

Nasi Kandar at its best, M. Gulam Rasul has been filling up bellies and making people happy for decades. Opening with a single stall, the brand today has branched out across Teluk Intan and beyond, serving up delicious curry based dishes with appetising add-ons and side dishes.

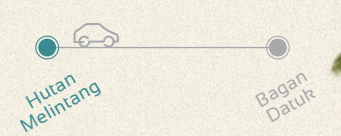


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Bagan Datuk District

# HUTAN MELINTANG

Located by the Straits of Malacca, Hutan Melintang is a fishing town and Jenderata Estate is located nearby, an oil palm plantation that has been operating since 1906. It was the first estate to have a football club enter the professionals.



## 1 BERNAM BAKERY E6

Originally started by the original owners of Jenderata Estate, Bernam Bakery is a Danish bakery that supplies the area with fresh bread and pastries. Locals were thought by one of the largest bakery proprietors in Denmark, Holstebro, to make delicious Danish bakery products. From eclairs to buns, there's nothing you can't find in this living piece of history that continues to produce amazing pastries for the Perak population.

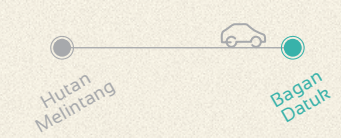


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Bagan Datuk District

# BAGAN DATUK

The most southwest district of Perak, Bagan Datuk or Bagan Datoh was once known by a completely different name, Sungai Keling. Today, venture on to this sub-district for some interesting gems you never thought you'd find here!



## 1 BAGAN DATUK SKY MIRROR D5

Keen to get the camera out, Sky Mirror Bagan Datuk is going to make your social media followers think you're in another country and not just in Perak. The mirror like effect is only available a few times a year but if you fancy some amazing photos for your lifetime collection then head on down and don't worry, seafood hotpot for dinner is also available.



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## 2 BLUE TEARS D5

Also in the vicinity you'll find blue tears a.k.a luminescent plankton or algae which is reminiscent of something out of the movie Avatar. Who knew there was so much beauty off the beaten track, right here in Perak? Take note on recommendations and you might be able to see magic unfold right in the palm of your hands. The best time to visit for vivid blue bioluminescence is around June and November.



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### LEGEND

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- North South Expressway
- Perak Boundary
- Main Road

### Larut, Matang & Salama District

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- 3 Leaning Tower of Teluk Intan
- 4 Restaurant M.Gulam Rasul

### Bagan Datuk District

- 1 Bernam Bakery
- 2 Bagan Datuk Sky Mirror
- 3 Blue Tears

