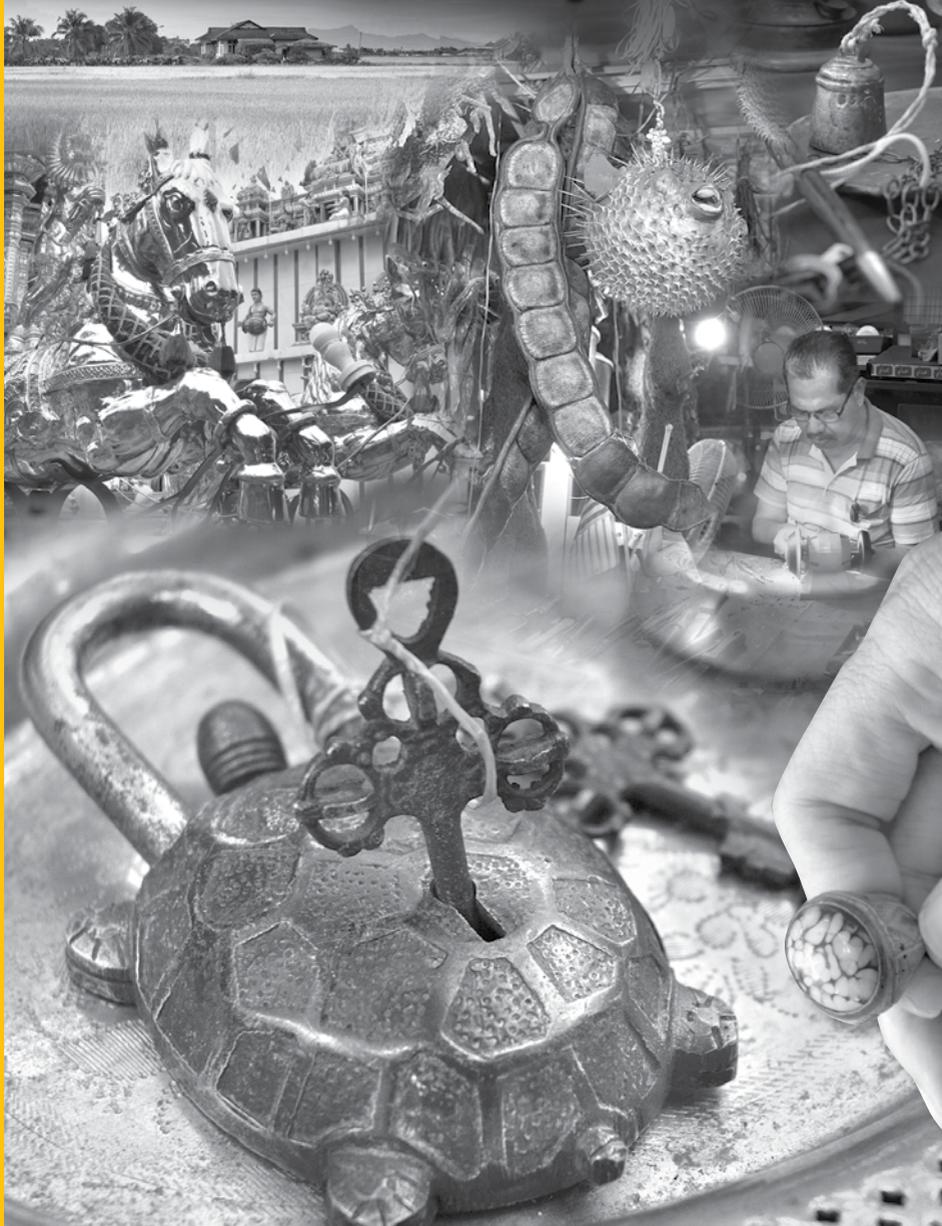


A quick guide to **Butterworth**

Unlocking a trove of surprises



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Butterworth – step across & explore



Just across the channel from George Town, this principal town of Seberang Perai (also called Province Wellesley) sits on the northern bank of the Prai River.

Flourishing gradually since its establishment in the mid-1800s – thanks to the port, the railway, sugar plantations and industries from colonial times – Butterworth has from the margins undoubtedly complemented the economic rise of the more prominent island. The town was named after William John Butterworth, Governor of the Straits Settlements from 1843 to 1855.

Today, the idyllic pace of Butterworth is a welcome relief from the bustle of metropolitan city life. With the exception of a handful of new buildings in the core area that have sprouted over the terrain, much of the streetscape, sensibility and architecture have remained.

But it may not remain thus for long. Construction for Penang Sentral – a multi-billion Ringgit integrated transportation hub – has already begun near the ferry terminal, fanning anticipation over a wave of new development to be spurred in the rest of the town.

This quick guide is designed to provide a friendly record and compendium of the significant sites that exist here. Many of them are well-suited to visit in a drive-about. The brochure focuses on the most traditional and familiar thoroughfares in the core part of town. The principal emphasis is on Jalan Bagan Luar – the first avenue that one touches upon disembarking from the ferry that arrives from Penang island. The road runs from south to north before intersecting with Jalan Telaga Air.

Beyond this artery, the guide includes neighbouring sites selected for their uniqueness and relevance such as places at Jalan New Ferry in the south and Jalan Raja Uda in the north.

As a town that quietly played a pivotal role in Malaysian history Butterworth certainly has many treasures that are simply waiting to be discovered.

Take a journey today and unlock the trove of surprises in the rich cultural landmarks, delicious fuss-free food, vibrant flea market and forgotten places that hold secrets of Butterworth's past. You may be pleasantly surprised that Butterworth is indeed worth your while to explore.

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HARBOURFRONT QUARTER

H1. Penang Ferry service

The famous heritage ride across the Penang Channel

Probably the most cherished and well-known icon of Penang, this ferry service which carries motor vehicles and foot passengers became operational in 1925, linking Butterworth on the mainland to George Town on the island. Prior to that, the ferries in the form of large boats were meant for goods and people only.



Many locals and visitors find the scenic breezy journey of about fifteen minutes a most endearing experience.

Built in the form of a huge barge which opens at both ends, the ferry generally accommodates vehicles on the lower deck and foot passengers on the upper deck. The eight ferries in the current fleet and nine retired ones are named after islands in Malaysia.

The terminal at Butterworth called Sultan Abdul Halim Ferry Terminal is located next to the railway station. A bus terminal for coaches to local and outstation destinations is sited next to the railway station.

The first ferry departs from the ferry terminal in Butterworth at 5:20am and the last at 12:40 midnight. On the island side, the first ferry departs at 5:40am and the last at 1:00am. | T: +604-2102 363

H2. Penang Port

Southeast Asia's oldest port from the British colonial era



The port, established soon after English sea captain Francis Light landed on Penang island in 1786 to establish the colonial settlement there, is strategically located off the northern end of the Straits of Malacca, one of the world's busiest shipping routes.

While the port has bases both on the island and the mainland, the Butterworth side deals mainly with cargo. It includes the North Butterworth Container Terminal (NBCT), the Butterworth Deep Water Wharves and the Prai Bulk Cargo Terminal.



Today the port handles about 30 million tonnes of cargo annually. A new 'floating' mosque built on the waters beside the NBCT is scenically set against the backdrop of the distant buildings of George Town and the emerald hills of Penang island.

H3. Butterworth Railway Station

Upgraded with modern facilities for the comfort of today's travellers



Operated by Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB), the current station is a newly built complex to replace an older one that had existed from the early 1900s till 2011.

The rail services operate mainly along two lines – one to the south with the main city destinations being Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur and Johor Baru, and the other to the north towards Hat Yai and Bangkok in Thailand. Intriguingly, the station was assigned the milestone '0' or zero when the railway system began in Malaya, thus assuming it to be the "start" of the railway tracks in both the northern and southern directions. This measurement is still used till today.

It also features a new double track system with modern electric trains which travel between Butterworth and Kuala Lumpur in just three hours.



KTMB: 1300 88 5862 | www.ktmb.com.my



H4. Malaysia Smelting Corporation plant

One of the most important tin smelting bases in the world



The Straits Trading Company (STC) built this plant in 1902 to complement its other tin smelting site in Pulau Brani, Singapore. The company became so big that by 1912 it was supplying one-third of the tin being purchased around the world.

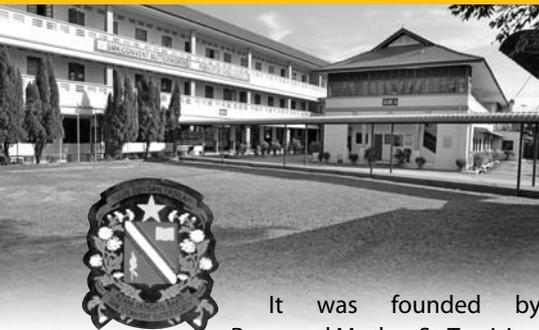
Butterworth emerged at the forefront in processing for the demand, particularly due to the massive canning industry in the West, which had spurred the growth of tin mines in Perak and other parts of Malaya since the 1860s. With help of the railway line which reached the town, the port here also became a major point for tin exports.

Malaysia Smelting Corporation took over STC's tin smelting business with a majority stake in 1982. Using latest technology such as the high-tech reverberatory furnace, the facility today undertakes advanced processes like refining tin-bearing ores into pure tin metal.

H5. SMK Convent Butterworth

A school that lived through pivotal moments of Penang's history

Formerly known as St. Teresa's Convent, this old school has educated tens of thousands of residents from Seberang Prai, making it one of the most significant institutions in the area.



It was founded by Reverend Mother St. Tarcisius, who headed the Infant Jesus Sisters (IJS) order in the province, at a rented house in Jalan Kampung Gajah in 1930 with an enrolment of forty pupils. As the student population grew, the school was moved to a new building at the junction of Jalan Bagan Luar and Mitchell Pier (renamed Sultan Abdul Halim Terminal after independence) in August 1941.

Normal classes were interrupted following the Japanese invasion later that year, and the school became a *Nippon-go* school (to teach Japanese language). It was later used as Japanese military quarters.

The school resumed classes after the Japanese were defeated and the Second World War ended in 1945. Over the next few decades additional blocks were built as the student population expanded.

Today, Convent Butterworth is at the same site with more than a thousand students, having already nurtured many successful Penangites of the mainland.

FOR YOUR TASTE BUDS: For a unique epicurean experience, one can drive eastward from the ferry terminal, underneath the flyover, towards the Prai River where built on a mangrove swamp is the famous **Restoran Nelayan Terapung Ujong** which serves pure Malay village-style seafood, a truly delicious *kampung* treat.

FAITHS AT NEW FERRY

F6. Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A humble and enduring Catholic icon of Malaysia



Passing by Jalan New Ferry, one cannot help but be struck by the charming sight of a humble wooden church building which has existed here since the parish's inception in 1935. The first Rev Father J.B. Souhait, priest of the Church of the Assumption in George Town, oversaw its construction to provide spiritual support for Catholics and educational facilities for all on the mainland.

Juxtaposing this iconic heritage structure is a newer modern church building behind that was completed in 1969 and which features a semi-circular design with the main altar at the epicentre. Also of interest is an enchanting grotto of Mother Mary in the compound of the church complex.

The church, which celebrated its Diamond Jubilee in 2010, observes its Feast Day on September 8 with a nine-day Novena devotion.

Sunday masses are at 7:00am in Tamil, 8:30am in English and 5:00pm in Mandarin (on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays).

F7. Gurdwara Sahib Butterworth

The temple that carries the Sikhs' legacy in Seberang Prai



This Gurdwara, as a Sikh place of worship is called, serves 200-odd families around Butterworth and Bukit Mertajam towns.

Most Sikhs are ethnic Punjabis. Among the colourful events observed here is the annual Punjabi harvest festival of Vaisakhi, which falls around May. It also marks the founding of the Sikh order of the Khalsa.

The Gurdwara has its origins in the 1920s, when the Straits Trading Company reserved a place of worship among the

quarters of its Sikh workers, who were mostly watchmen, along Jalan Pantai. The community later bought a plot along Jalan New Ferry (then known as Chain Ferry Road) and built a single-storey brick temple there in 1934.

The current bigger building was constructed over it and opened in 1971. The Gurdwara committee is now building an even larger temple complex at Jalan Todak in Seberang Jaya for future generations.



Weekly prayers are observed on Sunday mornings followed by lunch-time serving of Guru ka Langgar (vegetarian food cooked in the temple) for worshippers and visitors of whatever faith, religion or background.

This is one of two Sikh temples in Seberang Prai, the other being Gurdwara Sahib Prai along Jalan Kikik in Taman Indrawasih. It is known for keeping a rare antique in the form of a copy of the Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh holy book, printed in 1904 and brought to British Malaya by early migrants from Punjab, India.



ROPE WALK

R8. Rope Walk at Taman Selat Curios, novelties and everyday items in one flea market



Cosy, colourful and full of surprises, this is a truly unique flea market.

Hidden within the commercial complex of Taman Selat, some 600m north of the ferry terminal, Rope Walk reveals a fascinating spectrum of offerings, both mundane and exotic.

Scores of petty traders like silversmiths, cobblers, watch repairers and foot massage therapists ply patiently next to stalls teeming with a rich variety of wares – antiques, costume jewellery, jeans, perfumes, handicrafts, mobile phones, traditional medicines and supplements, and many other goods both imported and local.

Though little known to the outside world, this flea market seems to be a secret haunt for many people from Butterworth and the surrounding villages and townships. Hundreds of folks patronise the shops here every weekend and during public holidays.

Indeed, Rope Walk, which is managed by a cooperative, features many novelty products that are rare and unique, and available at few other places in Penang.

One remarkable example is Wahab Herbs which features dozens of rare medicinal roots – many of which are obtained from jungles in Kelantan and Terengganu with the help of the aboriginal Orang Asli – with varieties of the famous Tongkat Ali which is said to provide boost for health and physical energy.





Antique shops like Encik Makmur's are also fascinating, as they abound with curios like old swords, lanterns, clocks, antique deco, paintings, historic coins and currency notes from the British and Japanese colonial eras, and many other items.

Rope Walk, Pasar Aneka Taman Selat, Butterworth
 Opens: 11:00am to 3:00pm daily | T: +604-323 3788



FOR YOUR TASTE BUDS: Besides shopping, Rope Walk also offers a culinary encounter with famous Malay dishes like Curry Fish Head at the **Restoran Pen-Mutiara** and Chicken Rice at the **Kedai Kopi Bee Hin**.



■ GLORIES OF THE PAST

G9. Jalan Pantai Colonial bungalows and memories of a shorefront



Extending northward from Rope Walk is the narrow and isolated

Jalan Pantai (which in Malay means 'Beach Road') where the shoreline once was before being reclaimed. A number of colonial bungalows and quarters still exist here till today, although their appearances reflect the loss of their former glory.

At the beginning of the 1900s a section of the road was called Sikh Lines as this was where the Straits Trading Company set up living quarters for its Sikh workers and their families.

The Japanese imperial army later set up a major police outpost at the **Taman Pantai** park on the northern side of the road during its occupation in the Second World War.

The park is due for an extensive upgrade in 2016 through a collaboration between Think City and the Seberang Perai Municipal Council (MPSP).

Other public spots nearby include parks like **Taman Jawa** at Kampung Jawa off Jalan Bagan Luar and **Taman Tugu Demokrasi** along Jalan Permatang Pauh (120m from Hotel Aroma).

Also close by is the **New Town Public Market** on Jalan Bagan Baru 1, which is a wet and dry market accompanied by hawker fare and restaurant cuisine including Dim Sum.



G10. St. Mark's Church

The landmark first Anglican church of Seberang Prai

When originally consecrated in January 1885 as a small wooden church near the police headquarters in Jalan Bagan Luar, the mod-

est St. Mark's emerged as the first Anglican church in Province Wellesley.

In 1929 it was moved to its present site whose road was later named after the church in recognition of its legacy and contribution. The new brick church building managed to escape damage and looting during the Second World War and exists till today.

Also still in place is a magnificent 120-year old stain glass window which looms as an inspiring backdrop behind the altar. The church underwent a restoration in 2015 funded by a Think City grant.

Among the major events held here is the St. Mark's Feast which is celebrated on April 25. A religious procession on foot is also organised in conjunction with Palm Sunday, a week before Easter, every year.



English service commences every Sunday at 8:30am while Tamil service is at 11:00am. Visiting the church on any other day is possible by appointment.

G11. Dataran Pemuda Merdeka

Historic venue of nationalist and patriotic fervour



At the heart of Butterworth is the majestic Dewan Dato Haji Ahmad Badawi building which is serenely fronted by a large open field named **Dataran Pemuda Merdeka**. While the building, which has a hall within, was built recently in 2007, the field has seen historic events in the more distant past.



Formerly known as the British Recreation Club, the field was the venue of nationalist rallies prior to independence in 1957. Personages like the late Tunku Abdul Rahman, the first prime minister, are known to have delivered speeches here. The Penang government occasionally organises its state-level Hari Merdeka (Independence Day) celebrations with a grand parade here.



KAMPUNG BENGGALI ENCLAVE

B12. Shops and marketplace

From flower garlands to gold bracelets and fresh water spinach

About two kilometres north of the Butterworth ferry terminal, around the main traffic artery of Jalan Bagan Luar, is a sprawling hub of street shops and terrace shophouses. Here one finds the highest concentration of shops in this old town.

The Kampung Benggali area got its name from a village where there were many Punjabis ('Benggali' was a loose, though inaccurate, local reference to Punjabis) which is no longer here. The street named Jalan Kampung Benggali today features a number of

restaurants, cafes and hotels.

A small but growing 'Little India' commercial quarter is sited before the junction of Jalan Bagan Luar and Jalan Telaga Air, featuring several south Indian restaurants and stores. The old Cathay



cinema here, which now features Tamil films, is the only operational movie theatre to survive in Penang today.

The junction itself teems with an array of traditional trades amid the ageing low-rise shophouses – old jewellery shops, colourful Indian florist stalls, Chinese medicine halls and others.



West of the enclave along Jalan Pasar is the **Old Butterworth Public Market** which is now a wholesale market selling meat, vegetables, fish and spices. Beyond that is a short isolated line of abandoned but picturesque Straits Eclectic terrace shophouses at Jalan Tokong, near the Maha Mariamman Temple.



FOR YOUR TASTE BUDS: Food connoisseurs will not be disappointed at Kampung Benggali. The enclave teems with a diversity of cuisine, both at the street stalls and in restaurants.

Lorong Bagan Luar 3 has several exciting eateries. The **Sin Bee Chew Restaurant** offers authentic Hailam dishes, such as Lam Mee and the much sought after Chicken Chop.



Meng Chai Kopitiam popularly serves Sup Lembu Hailam (clear soup and herbal soup). Next to it is **Luan Fong Restaurant** which also offers delicious Sup Lembu Hailam (clear soup) in addition to sandwiches.

The biggest restaurant along Jalan Bagan Luar is the **Sri Ananda Bahwan** in the 'Little India' area which serves Indian cuisine and various Malaysian dishes. Incidentally, this is where the Sri Ananda Bahwan chain of restaurants, now with outlets nationwide, began about two decades ago.



On the ground floor of the nostalgic **Hotel Ambassadors** one finds Claypot Chicken Rice and other hawkers' fare. The old hotel has a vintage feel as it has been serving in this same setting for more than fifty years. The legendary late actor Tan Sri P. Ramlee



and the Perak royalty are known to have stayed here in the 1960s when the Ambassadors was the leading hotel to check in to in Butterworth.

Other notable food outlets along Jalan Bagan Luar are **Kenny Haus Coffee** with classic-style western dishes and coffee, and **Restoran Lucky** which serves hundreds of bowls of delectable Loh Mee daily and stewed chicken feet which is a favourite side-dish.



Jalan Kampung Benggali is certainly an enticing place for food lovers as it packs a variety of goodies within its short span. For Nasi Kandar fare visit **Nasi Kandar Jamal Mohd**, and for savoury Indian delicacies head for **Saravana's Restaurant**. After a hearty meal, stop at **Miko Food Enterprise** for a bowl of silky-smooth Soya Bean Curd sweetened with aromatic Gula Melaka or a tall glass of soya bean drink topped with Cincau. Add to the list of palatable items is Koay Teow Th'ng (flat rice noodles in clear broth) topped with roasted pork served at the **Xio Bak Koay Teow Th'ng**. Also along the road, **Restoran Hui Kee** is another fine option to visit for lunch, with its Curry Fish Head and Chinese dishes. And for a good plate of Chicken Rice and bowl of tasty Koay Teow Th'ng, go to **Restoran May Fong**.

Bee See Heong in the lane behind Hotel Ambassadors also woks up delectable Chinese dishes including succulent curry prawns. Across it along the same lane, under a huge shady tree, **Kasilinggam's tea stall** serves rich, frothy teh tarik, curry puffs and an assortment of *kuihs* (local Malay cakes).

B13. Sree Maha Mariamman Devasthanam Temple

Aesthetic masterpiece and solace for thousands



Instantly drawing attention with its spectacularly ornate *gopuram* or tall entrance tower, this 19th century Hindu temple, the oldest in Butterworth, has a history that is as intriguing and colourful as its architecture.

It is said that the temple originated in 1853 when someone found the idol of the principal deity Amman, or the divine mother in Hinduism, by the seaside. This was then taken and placed in a specially built hut, before a

temple building was constructed to house it in 1903.

The temple provided spiritual solace for tens of thousands of workers who were away from their families in India, while being employed at the port, railway and plantations in and around Butterworth.

There are multitudes of picturesque sculptures adorning the interior and exterior of the complex, each representing significant scenes from ancient Hindu mythology. Indeed, perched at the very front of the temple is an imposing sculpture of the sun-god Surya riding his sky-chariot driven by seven horses.

The temple is located at the junction of Jalan Jeti Lama and Jalan Pasar. The Theemithi festival which features fire-walking and chariot processions is observed over a week around June.

Note that Hindu temples generally close after noon and reopen at 5:30pm.



B14. Sri Sithi Vinayagar Temple

A colourful and tranquil temple

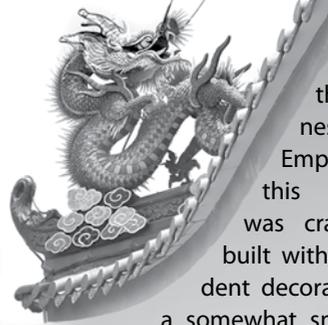


Entering this temple along the hectic Jalan Bagan Luar – across from the glitzy Cathay cinema – one is surrounded by a myriad of pleasant hues and sculptures depicting images from Hindu epics and scriptures, all packed within a cosy interior.

The temple was established in the early 1900s and rebuilt in 1964. The last consecration ceremony in November 2014 saw the unveiling of a grand beautification project on the premise. The temple is dedicated to the Hindu god Ganesh, also known as Vinayagar. A chariot procession takes place every year in conjunction with the deity's holy day of Ganesh Chaturthi which falls around the month of September.

B15. Tian Gong Tan Temple

Quaint religious architecture in a secluded corner of Butterworth



Dedicated to the Chinese Jade Emperor God, this temple was craftily rebuilt with resplendent decorations on a somewhat small land space in 2008. It is located at the quiet corner of Lintang Kampung Benggali, a short distance away from the busy Jalan Kampung Benggali.

The temple was originally established in nearby Jalan Pa' Abu about a hundred years ago by the early Hokkien and Cantonese communities of Butterworth. It was later moved to its current site at Lintang Kampung Benggali in the 1980s.



The Jade Emperor God is venerated by the Chinese with special prayers on the 8th and 9th days of the

first lunar month of the Chinese calendar.



MOSQUES OF TELAGA AIR

M16. Masjid Abdul Kadir

A historic mosque that port workers of the past built



Believed to be about a century old, the peach-coloured mosque with a simple nostalgic appearance lies just ten minutes' walk from where the shoreline used to be before being reclaimed for the port's container terminal.

The mosque was in fact built by Indian Muslims who worked at the port during the British colonial era. Hence the Tamil Muslim name of Abdul Kadir. It was also once known as Masjid Kling ('Kling' was an informal local reference to Tamil Muslims).

The mosque's other name is Masjid Bagan Tuan Kecil. 'Tuan kecil' in Malay means 'small sir'. It is said that the name is derived from the local label for William John Butterworth, Governor of the Straits Settlements in the mid-1800s, who was short in height.

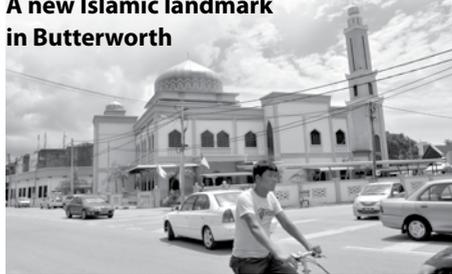


While the exterior is somewhat austere in architecture, the interior was recently elegantly renovated with carpeting and a mosaic of elaborate wall tiles from the Middle East.

Another old mosque, Masjid Kubang Buaya, which is smaller in size, lies along Jalan Kampung Gajah, further north of the Kampung Benggali area.

M17. Masjid Telaga Air

A new Islamic landmark in Butterworth



Able to accommodate as many as 1,500 worshippers, the mosque was opened in July 2012, to provide a major landmark and a spacious prayer venue for the large Muslim population of Butterworth. It stands out with its distinctive Islamic architecture topped with the striking onion dome on the roof.

FOR YOUR TASTE BUDS: Among the lip-smacking treats one can find near the mosques of Telaga Air is the **Noor Mohamed Mee Sotong** eatery which locals swear is the best around, as well as outlets serving Nasi Kandar and Ais Kacang.



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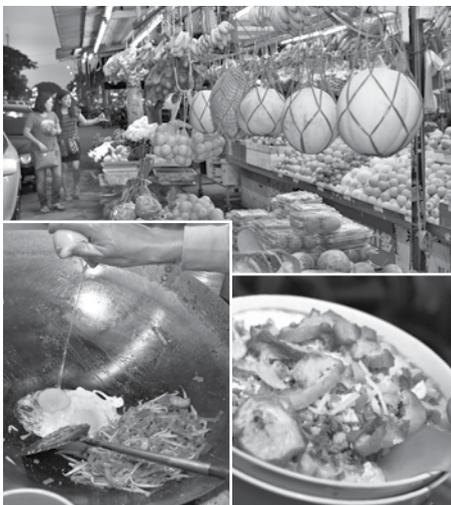
S18. Pulsating Raja Uda

The veritable 'Chinatown' of Butterworth

The lengthy avenue of Jalan Raja Uda is a vibrant 3.5 km artery of culture and commerce, with an array of shops old and new skirting all along.



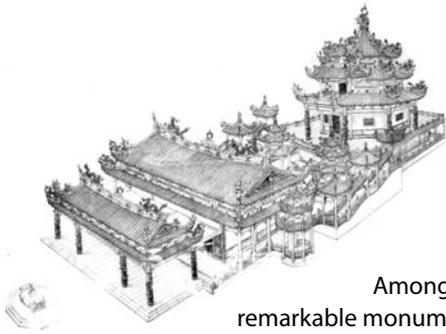
At its heart is the **Apollo Market**, the largest open public market in Penang. It is so huge that within its vicinity alone there are more than 500 vendors including stalls selling fresh market produce and food stalls (over three shifts for breakfast, lunch and dinner). Just a short distance south,



the **Sin Tatt Garden Hawker Centre** is another dynamic and throbbing site with some sixty food and beverage stalls open for dinner till midnight. Whether it be the tossing of the Apom, the energetic stirring of Char Koay Teow over a flaming wok, or the rapid dexterous movements of "Popiah aunties", the fluid and almost acrobatic culinary actions before one's eyes will certainly leave visitors entertained. Indeed, such titillating spectacles amid exotic gastronomic atmospheres are prevalent across Penang, earning the state its reputation as a food haven of the world.

While the traditional shopping hub is concentrated around the centre of the Raja Uda route, there is also a number of appetising outlets near the road's southern entrance. These include trendy cafes serving gourmet coffee and cakes, like **Coffee Venture** and **Marlons & Co.**





Among the remarkable monuments at Raja Uda is the newly built **Guan Yin Ting Dou Mu Gong Temple** dedicated to the Goddess of Mercy known as Kuan Yin. Designed by expert craftsmen from Fuchien province in China, the temple stands on 24 pillars with scintillating dragon designs carved on them. It features three halls, with a striking 24 metre high pagoda in the middle.

The most famous place of worship in the vicinity is the magnificent **Tow Boo Kong Temple** in honour of the Nine Emperor Gods. The complex boasts an overwhelmingly intricate assortment of murals, paintings, sculptures and stuccos, with figures like dragons, mythical lions and heavenly warriors. Beyond its monumental entrance archway, the complex's elaborate passageway system features a front prayer hall, an inner



courtyard, an interior prayer sanctuary and the main sanctum where the central deities are seated.

Because of the sanctified nature of the temples which advocate non-violence, meat and alcohol are prohibited at the premises. There are also a good number of vegetarian restaurants in the area.





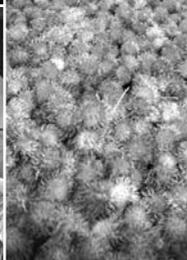
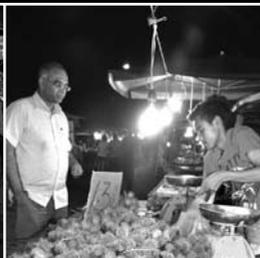
In fact, vegetarianism is a central tenet during the biggest festival here – the Nine Emperor Gods festival – which is celebrated with pomp over nine straight days in September or October. The festival features parades, street opera and

countless vegetarian food stalls, as well as spectacular acts of worship such as fire-walking and even piercing of spears and hooks on devotees and religious mediums. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims, tourists and locals swarm Raja Uda towards the temples during this celebration of epic proportions.

PASAR MALAM (NIGHT MARKET) IN BUTTERWORTH

This makeshift open-air market moves from one place to another selling vegetables, fish, household items, clothing, preserved fruits, toys and various paraphernalia. Hundreds throng the markets at Taman Bagan on Tuesday; opposite Kwong Wah

Primary School at Jalan Raja Uda on Wednesday; Pantai Bersih on Thursday; Taman Chai Leng, Prai on Friday; and Taman Inderawasih, Prai on Saturday. The night markets start operating at around 5:00pm and ends about 9:00pm.



S19. Idyllic Pantai Bersih

Scenic beach for “makan angin” and tasty seafood

This is a recreational beach with seafront eateries and a placid shoreline where people enjoy strolling, fishing and searching for clams. Locals come here to “makan angin” (literally in Malay, to “eat” the outdoor air) as it also offers a pleasant view of the sea and the distant vistas on Penang island.



Inshore fishermen can be seen returning to the Pantai Bersih beach on their boats in the late afternoons with their bounty. The catch is sold directly to the waterfront restaurants here which serve mainly Chinese seafood dishes, Steamboat



and noodles in the evenings. Meanwhile, Malay seafood hawkers dot the path along the beach northwards, serving treats like Ikan Masak Merah, Kerang Rebus (blanched cockles) and seafood Tom Yam.

Nearby along Jalan Pantai Bersih is the **Thean Hock Keong Temple**, famously known as the Dragon Temple. Founded in 1888, the present building, with two ornate pavilions on its raised front court,



was completed in January 1997. The popular **Bagan Ayam Public Market** is also a short distance away and teems with fresh groceries, hawker fare and restaurants.

The beauty and rustic tranquillity to be found at Pantai Bersih typify the simple yet delightful essence of daily life in Butterworth. It is such charms that remind us of the myriad sights and sounds that are waiting to be explored and celebrated in this historic – and highly promising – part of Penang.

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- S19.** Pantai Bersih

● Eateries (refer to text for details)



Rapid Penang bus routes

Jalan Bagan Luar	601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 608
Jalan Telaga Air	605, 702
Jalan Raja Uda	604
Jalan New Ferry	701, 703, 709, 801

Notable attractions in and around **Butterworth**



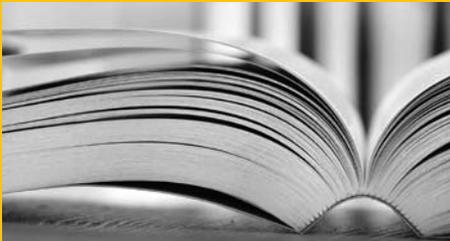
Penang Bird Park, Seberang Jaya

*A 5-acre park with more than 300 species, and which includes 2 geodesic domes and 2 giant walk-in aviaries.
T: +604-399 1899*



Sunway Carnival Mall, Seberang Jaya

A four-storey shopping mall with specialty outlets, including shops, restaurant, cafes, a cineplex and an amusement centre.



Penang Public Library, Seberang Jaya

Offers a vast selection for reading plus a Lincoln Corner with special Americana collections. | Tel: +604-3902387



Bagan Ajam R&R offers a panoramic view of the Penang Channel and the island. It lies along the Butterworth Outer Ring Road with food stalls beside the beach.



Seafood at Pantai Bersih

A paradise for food lovers. The seafood eateries offer the bountiful catch of the sea, cooked in both Chinese and Malay styles.

Take a scenic drive north past the historic air force base and travel towards Jalan Butterworth to enjoy rural landscapes complete with paddy fields and Malay villages.

