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THE Penang State Tourism has recently launched JOM! Experience Penang campaign, a one-of-its-kind initiative to establish confidence in travellers to visit Penang as well as to boost domestic tourism post-MCO. Organised by the Penang State EXCO for Tourism, Arts, Culture and Heritage (PETACH), the campaign focused on attracting domestic travellers to Penang by offering value-for-money promotions. There will be various deals that are up for grab at the campaign's website penangtraveldeals.com. Among them are Best Hotel Deals, Best Attraction Deals, Best Tour Packages as well as Thank You Frontliners, a special package for frontliners as an appreciation for their sacrifices during the pandemic. Besides Penang's heritage sights, street arts, and delicious food, the campaign is also highlighting the seven World Wonders of Penang.

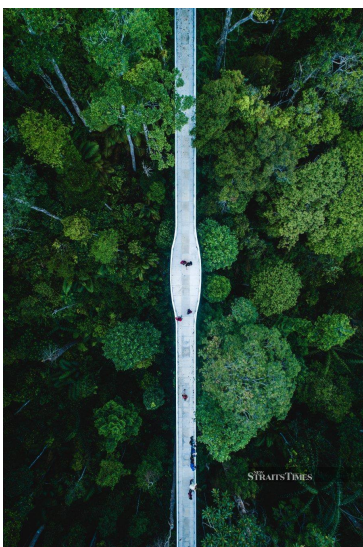
WORLD'S STEEPEST TUNNEL TRACK

Penang Hill, also known as Bukit Bendera is one of the best lookouts in Penang Island, which offers panoramic view of the island and mainland peninsular.

With a total of six peaks, the highest ones is standing at 833 meters above sea level and one of the ways to reach the hill is to take the funicular train ride. Well, if the train is too easy for you, you can take on one of the hiking trails.

The funicular track is actually one of the steepest tunnel track in the world, and one of the oldest funicular system too! The rides takes about 15 minutes to reach the summit and along the way, you could see the scenic views of the surrounding.

There's a few attractions up on the hill which includes Little Village, Owl Museum, Dinosaur & Aviary Garden, Photography Museum and many more.



WORLD'D HIGHEST ALTITUDE STRESSED RIBBON BRIDGE

Want to reconnect with nature? Head to The Habitat where you can immerse yourself in the 130-million year old virgin rainforest.

Also located in Penang Hill, The Habitat boasts the Langur Way Canopy Walk which is the World's Highest Altitude Stressed Ribbon Bridge at 700m above sea level.

Each span of the canopy walk measures 115m making a total span of 230m, while standing 30m above the forest floor.

You can also go on a walking tour with local naturalists who will take you on a journey along the nature trail exploring the myriad of flora and fauna.



TROPICAL WORLD'S FIRST BUTTERFLY AND INSECT SANCTUARY

Do you know that the tropical first live butterfly and insect sanctuary in the world is the Penang Butterfly Farm?

Located in Batu Ferringhi, on the north part of the island, the Penang Butterfly Farm was established on March 29 in 1986.

Also known as Entopia, the farm is more than just an attraction for tourists but it is set up as a living museum and research centre to educate the public about butterfly breeding development. There are over 4000 Malaysian butterflies of 120 various species available at the farm, including the rare Indian Leaf and the endangered Yellow Bird wing.

WORLD'S LONGEST WATER SLIDE

The adventure junkie, you should check out the Escape Penang in Teluk Bahang, a 29-acres of land offering Adventureplay, Waterplay, and Gravityplay!

Unlike any other theme parks, the Escape Penang is quite unique as it offers adventurous and challenging activities hosted in the natural environment, which doesn't rely on technology. Don't expect any roller coaster, or spinning rides at the Adventureplay or Gravityplay!

However, at the Waterplay zone, there's a number of fun thrilling slides and one of it is the world's longest tube water slide stretching at a whopping 1,111 meters long! In fact, the ride will take you on almost three minutes. To ride the slide, you will also have to take the 420-m-long chair lift that is elevated 70 m from the bottom of the hill, which is by the way, one of the first in the country.



WORLD'S FIRST TOWER CURVED SKYWALK

Located at George Town's highest point is the open-air Rainbow Walk of The Top, a theme park located at Level 68 of the Komtar tower rooftop.

The skywalk is the world's first tower curved skywalk, offering a thrilling experience as if you are walking on air at nearly 250 metres above ground. Established in 2016, the skywalk is actually the highest outdoor glass sky walk in Malaysia. The 16 metre-long glass walkway offers visitors an unimpeded panoramic view of the cityscape.

There's also the Observatory Deck located at Level 65 which also features a glass walkway.



WORLD'S HIGHEST ROPES COURSE CHALLENGE

Also located at The Top is the World's Highest Ropes Course Challenge, The Gravityz. The ropes course stand at the height of 239 meters! It features six different obstacle challenges designed to challenge one's fear of heights which includes Confidence Path, High Bench, A Great Bridge, X-Point, ZWire and G-Rocky.

Typically, it will take you at least an hour to complete the full course.

Psst, I should remind you that this is only for the brave heart! Those who want to conquer their greatest fear and step out of the comfort zone, this is definitely the place to be!

With the tagline Beyond Confidence, The Gravityz encourages you to build your confidence and take a leap of faith when in Penang.



WORLD'S FIRST FREE STANDING VERTICAL DROP SLIDE

Still at The Top in Komtar. Check out another cool attraction - the Tech-Dome, which houses over 120 interactive science and technology exhibits spread across 3716 square meter of floor space.

The gallery exhibits interesting stuff on Information Technology, Life Tech, Robotics, Optics, Electro-Magnetism, Forces and Motion, Children's Exploration Zone, Penang Transformation Story and an astronomy observatory.

It is presented in an immersive and experiential way to inspire future generations. The attraction is the first science centre in Penang which boasts the world's first free-standing vertical drop slide, G-Drop. Yep, you heard me right, you can now experience free falling drop! Don't worry, it's safe. Dare to try?

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