Celebrate George Town’s living legacies with the community in the city’s streets with craft workshops, heritage food, walking trails, talks, film screenings and open houses!

In true Penang style, everyone is welcome!
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6th Anniversary Celebration
GEORGE TOWN
UNESCO World Heritage Site

Celebrate the 6th anniversary of the inscription of the historic city of George Town as a UNESCO World Heritage Site with two days packed with memorable events for everyone!

Our annual Heritage Celebrations takes place right in the streets of the inner city and is a tribute to the warmth and vibrancy of the George Town communities.

Discover what makes George Town special and, for Penangites, some relic memorials of craft, food, art and architecture that are all part of your cultural heritage.

The Heritage Celebrations are organised by George Town World Heritage Incorporated, the Penang state agency for heritage management and safeguarding. To us, heritage is nothing without community, and we are grateful to present the Heritage Celebrations in collaboration with local associations, groups and cultural practitioners.

乔治市入遗六周年庆典

为欢庆乔治市入列联合国世界文化遗产名录六周年，将为各位带来两天精彩难忘的活动。

我们这项年度文化遗产庆典，将在古迹区的街道上举行，体现着乔治市社区的热情与活力。

让我们一起发现为何乔治市那么独特，槟城人请到来看看重温属于您文化遗产一部分的手工艺、美食、艺术及建筑。

文化遗产庆典由乔治市世界文化遗产机构主办。本机构是负责管理和保护文化遗产的槟城州政府单位。对我们来说，没有了社区的存在，文化遗产毫无意义。我们很荣幸与本地社团、组织及文化工作者合作呈献这项文化遗产庆典。
Wayang Kulit or shadow puppet play is a revered traditional Malay art form which chronicles the epics of the Ramayana and Mahabharata. Learn how to engrave these delicate puppets the time-honoured way from a master artisan.

For the kids and young at heart make your own kites from bamboo sticks, paper and string, and watch your creations soar!

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Wood Carving

Woven rattan products are an indispensable part of daily life in Penang thanks to the durability and versatility of rattan. This skill was introduced by artisan families who migrated to Penang from Guangdong province in China. Put your coordination to the test and weave some magic of your own!

Phetchaburi Crafts from Thailand

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Take the first step towards becoming a domestic Nyonya goddess by learning the delicate art of Nyonya beading—traditionally most celebrated in the form of the intricately beaded slippers, *kasut manik*.

The beauty of Indian Kolam decorating lies in its impermanence—a wonderful reminder of the fragility and mystery of life. These decorative patterns are made from finely-ground coloured rice flour and are thought to bring prosperity to the home.

Garlands of multi-coloured chrysanthemums, roses and jasmine are typical offerings to Hindu deities and add a splash of colour and fragrance to shrines and temples. String together your own garland to offer the deities or simply to brighten your day!

The taste and smell of piping hot ketupat is a Hari Raya Aidilfitri must! This traditional Malay rice delicacy is wrapped in coconut palm leaves and boiled to create the perfect accompaniment to satay and rich curries. For the kitchen-phobic, fret not, ketupat packets make great Raya decorations too!

Get in the mood for Hari Raya Aidilfitri by creating a twinkly star-lantern. Every Ramadan, star-lanterns in different sizes and colours light up the Muslim neighbourhood and communities gather to create giant lanterns to usher in the end of Ramadan celebrations.

The sweet scent of these roses is derived from the fragrant Pandan leaf. Pandan rose weaving is a traditional Thai art form and intricately woven roses are used as aromatic temple offerings or decorations.

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The Ma’ Betise’, the indigenous Senoi community on Carey Island off the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia, have a belief system centred on the relationship between humans and the spiritual forces of plants and animals. Dr. Wazir shares with us how plant and animal spirits are wooed through the piling and weaving of ‘spirit flowers’, and discusses the earliest known mask dances in Malaysia where dancers mimics the gestures and character of the ancestral spirits they represent.

Dr. Salwa bt. Ayob sheds light on two Malay traditional crafts which originated in Kedah. Craftsmen were forced to move to Seberang Perai after the outbreak of war between Kedah and Siar, where they provided commissioned weapons for the Sultan of Kedah’s troops between 1821 and 1842. The Malay Ironsmith industry still exists today, however, the Malay pottery tradition eventually came to an end in the 1990s.

Lillian Tong, the Museum Director of the Penang Peranakan Mansion and the Straits Chinese Jewellery Museum in Malacca, discusses the background of Nyonya crafts, including cooking, embroidery and beading. Traditional Nyonya crafts are a fascinating blend of ideas that skilfully weave together European, Anglo-Indian, Arab, Malay, Asian and Chinese influences.

Reita Rahim, founder of 'Gerai Oa', describes how the volunteer-run initiatives that have emerged over the last 5 years to promote traditional crafts in Malaysia. She elaborates on the need for sustainability, training, upgrading of design, colour management and quality control; and methods of income generation.

The dragon is an auspicious animal to the Chinese which embodies strength and virtue. It is an important decorative feature of many heritage buildings in Penang, seen on pillars, roofs, doors, windows and timber beams. Penang-based architect and author, Tan Yeow Woow, discusses the significance of the dragon and its presence, touching on the popular craft techniques used by traditional artisans, such as wood carving, plaster, burnt clay, or the chien nien cut and paste porcelain technique.
Each year over 500 folk beliefs and festivals are celebrated in George Town alone! Learn about these on this three-hour guided tour and 30-minute talk which brings you to the city’s important houses of worship, where legends, symbolism and philosophy will be revealed.

Organized by GTWHI & PHT | 乔治市世遗机构及槟城古迹信托会主办
6 July, Sun
7:30am (English) / 9:30am (Chinese)
1 Free event 入场免费

"MY ISLAND'S BEST KEPT SECRET" Kaki Lima Short Film Screening
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Organized by GTWHI 乔治市世遗机构主办
6 July, Sun
7:30pm: University and College Students Category / 9:00pm: Open Category
1 Free event 入场免费

Handmade with Love Unique Arts & Crafts
支持本地手工艺人，选购各种精美手工艺品，包括瓷器手工艺品、纸制、陶制品、竹制品、彩绘石头、再生材料制作的手工艺品，以及陶器。禅茶和国内原住民的传统手工艺品，都为您的生活增添一份文化韵味。喜欢手工艺品的您不容错过！

Organized by GTWHI 乔治市世遗机构主办
6 July, Sun
5:00pm - 9:00pm
1 Free event 入场免费

Delicious Penang Delights Traditional Food Stalls
品嚐地道美食

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Majlis Kapitan Keling
Kapitan Keling Mosque
Kapitan Keling, Pulau Pinang

Masjid Melayu Lebuh Acheh
Organised by Daerah Perbandaran Pulau Pinang
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From dusk to dawn, the Little India enclave is a pulsating neighbourhood bursting with vibrant colours, friendly crowds, loud music and amazing food. Join the party, stuff yourself with traditional Indian treats and enjoy craft decorations.

小印度从早到晚都生气蓬勃，行人络绎不绝，充满丰富的色彩，音乐，气氛，以及各式各样的美食。来热闹的小印度，您可品尝到印度传统糕点的美味，并欣赏到印度传统手艺装置。

This elaborate celebration along one of the city's most atmospheric streets presents a wide range of traditional Chinese craft demonstrations, rituals and heritage food. Among the many highlights are the dough figurine making workshops specially organised by the Meng Eng Soo Temple.

整条文武街届时将摇身一变，成为展示华人传统文化的舞台。除了传统手工、民俗仪式及传统美食，名厨们还将特别举办面人工作坊，让民众学习面人传统手艺的技巧。

The stunning grounds of the Teochew Association (awarded a UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Award for Culture Heritage Conservation) provides a dramatic backdrop for a remarkable evening of Teochew culture, including opera, Kung Fu tea, rattan making and traditional food.

The ultimate selfie, transform yourself into a Chinese opera star complete with theatrical make-up and flamboyant costumes!

荣获2006年联合国教科文组织亚太区文化遗产保护奖的潮州会馆将成为绝佳的舞台，展现潮剧、功夫茶、编藤、传统美食等潮州文化遗产之美。除了欣赏潮州文化，您还可画上脸谱穿上戏服，将自己扮成潮剧人物拍照留念！

Navaratri is a ten-day festival held in the middle of October every year. The temple's main deity, Mahamariamman, is the embodiment of three goddesses - Durga the Goddess of Valour, Lakshmi the Goddess of Wealth, and Saraswathy the Goddess of Wisdom, and all are worshipped elaborately. The culmination of this colourful festival sees Mahamariamman paraded in a decorated wooden chariot through the crowded streets of Little India.

斯里马哈马里安曼兴都庙每年10月中旬庆祝的9天节，是兴都教的传统节庆，前后长达10天。这晚兴都教民众的马哈马里安曼，是力量女神Durga、财富女神Lakshmi和智慧女神Saraswathy的结合体。在9天节最盛大的游行活动中，马哈马里安曼神像被安放在装饰华丽的牛车上，穿过拥挤的小印度街道。

Laalautul Qadar is a special night for Muslims that takes place on one of the odd days of the last 10 days of Ramadan — many believe the 27th night of Ramadan, and that it is the night of the Revelation of the first verses of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad. On this night, mosque-goers come together to pray and share a meal around a large taim or platter.

“力量之夜”Laalautul Qadar是穆斯林在每一次的最后10天中的某一个夜晚，许多人相信是在斋月的第27天。这天，信徒们到清真寺祈祷，然后围坐在大圆桌前共进晚餐。
The third day of the third lunar month marks the birthday of the Teochew Association’s patron deity, Xuan Tian Shang Di, the Supreme Emperor of the Dark Heaven. Learn more about this protector-god and the annual rituals carried out in his honour.

The Church of the Assumption was once the Cathedral of the Penang Diocese. Every Sunday, Catholic worshippers gather for Mass which is also known as the celebration of the Eucharist. Learn more about the different elements of the Eucharist which together constitute this single act of worship.

The Meng Eng Soo Temple, also known as the memorial hall for the leaders and members of the Ghee Hin Kongs (previously a secret society), holds an annual gathering to commemorate their ancestors. On this day, they worship their forefathers as a sign of respect and appreciation for their contributions.

Each year, the Festival of the Nine Emperor Gods begins on the eve of the ninth lunar month and lasts for nine days and nine nights. The Chinese community believe this celebration brings health, prosperity and recalibrates yin and yang. Don’t miss the chance to observe the complex rituals that culminate in the sending-off procession of the Emperor Gods to sea.

Learn more about Anglican rites of worship in Southeast Asia’s oldest Anglican Church which traces its roots back to 1817.

Mosque elders will share the importance and origins of the Muslim Holy Month, as well as anecdotes of their yearly observances of Ramadan and Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

The Carpenters’ Guild in Penang is home to Lo Pan, the patron deity of carpenters and other building artisans. During the early 19th century, rowing Cantonese carpenters and builders travelling from China would first call at the Guild to worship Lo Pan before proceeding to other parts of Malaya to seek work.

Learn more about Ma Cho Por, the goddess of sailors and the patron deity of the Hainan Association, and experience a rare opportunity to taste unique Hainanese thanksgiving dishes prepared by the Association’s members.

Penang Teochew Association

Church of the Assumption

Meng Eng Soo Temple

St. George’s Church

Masjid Malayu Lebuh Acheh

Carpenters’ Guild

Penang Hainan Association
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