

## Getting Out and About

By now, you may want to consult a copy of the International Women's Association *Penang Pointers* book. Remember, NEVER hesitate to ask questions. There is no way people will think to tell you everything, so don't be timid . . .



### Shopping Malls (on north end of Georgetown)

- Island Plaza on Tanjung Tokong
- Midlands Mall on Jalan Burmah
- Gurney Plaza on Jalan Kelawei (Midlands and Gurney are actually only a few blocks apart, reasonable to walk between the two)
- Prangin Mall and Komtar are side-by-side in the center of town, worth going to at some point, easy when you take the bus (Komtar is a bus terminal), Komtar has the large Super department store and Prangin has a beautiful multi-plex movie theater

### Family Entertainment

- Jaya Bowl (226-3933) - 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Midlands Mall, RM\$2.50/person, last two lanes have option of gutter guards so children can bowl easily, also has arcade and snack shop, go early before bowling leagues arrive (around 7:00 p.m.)
- Movie Theaters: call between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. seven days a week or check the *Star* newspaper in the library for listings - 4<sup>th</sup> floor, top floor, Prangin Mall (261-1888)
- Great World Park (642-8190), Bukit Jambul Mall, Jalan Rumbia in Bayan Lepas - children's play land, booking for birthday parties (Mr. SK Pang 012-402-7999 or Ms. Pat Lim 012-478-8633)

### Sightseeing/Tourist Stops

- Temple Shops - get someone to drive you there the first time, small clothing and curio shops line the steps up to the large Buddhist Kek Lok Si temple, fun activity with children (especially the giant gold fish at the top), take your camera and wear cool clothes, you can buy cold water along the way
- Butterfly Farm (885-1253) - drive west past the resort area and then south a short distance along the west end of the island, RM\$10/adult and RM\$5/child, well-kept, beautiful butterflies and interesting bugs (you can even opt to have a giant stick bug climb up your shirt!), guided tours and scheduled programs, small museum, artist gallery, snack shop is expensive, open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sleeping Buddha and Burmese Temple near Gurney Plaza - no cost, interesting architecture, be sure to remove your shoes before entering temple
- Botanical Gardens (229-0428) - free admission, open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Youth Park, entrance at Jesselton Crescent - large playground area, bike paths
- Batu Ferringhi - neighborhood of resort hotels on northern part of island, after 7:00 p.m. little street shops open up for a night market, fun to stroll along the

sidewalk and see the wares, bartering is recommended and expected (start at ½ the price)

- Sam's Batik House (262-1095), 159 Jalan Penang - dealers in Batik shirts, blouses, dresses, skirts, scarves, and handbags
- Asia Company (262-9135), 314 Jalan Penang - wide variety of souvenirs and art including Batik clothing and paintings, pewter ware, handbags, and novelties

### **Restaurants that cater to Westerners**

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- Nando's (Gurney Plaza, Batu Ferringhi) – moderately priced, option for degree of spiciness
- Mario's (Batu Ferringhi, 881-3775) – lovely pasta and seafood selection
- Coffee Bean (Island Plaza, Gurney Plaza, Pulau Tikas) – sandwiches with choices of bread, desserts, tea and coffee, and cold drinks
- Gloria Jeans (Gurney Plaza, near E&O Hotel) – similar to Coffee Bean
- Starbucks (Island Plaza, Gurney Plaza, Midlands Mall) – similar to Coffee Bean
- The Dome (Island Plaza, Gurney Plaza) – trendy soups and sandwiches
- Southeast Asian food – Mogul Arch (881-2891), Tandoori House (261-9105), Eden Seafood Village (881-1852), Tappanyaki Junction (899-0800), Palace of India (899-9715).

### **Photo Developing/Professional Portraits**

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Most places offer 1 hr. developing for same price as regular. Choose between 3R, 4R and other sizes. The 4R size is equivalent to 4x6" and costs about 60 sen. You can go to any number of places. The following are ones used often and are in convenient locations:

- Syarikat Color Foto President, ground floor Island Plaza (890-6361) - good for Kodak film
- Syarikat Color Foto President, basement floor Gurney Plaza (227-3316) - good for Fuji film, gives you photo index
- KY Digital Photo, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Gurney Plaza (219-2477) - digital portrait packages, touch-up work
- Kingdom Photo, Tanjung Bunga – passport and driver's license photos

### **Barbers/Hair Salons**

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- Kimmy's Hair Salon on Hillside (899-1098) – will do perms
- Ray 'n Mun, Mogul Arch next to Pulau Tikas market (228-1636) – extensive experience with Westerners' hair types
- Jantzen Salon (227-2700) and other salons located 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Gurney Plaza

### **Pots/Plants/Gardening**

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- Tanjung Bungah Horticultural Centre on Sea Home Road next to school – will give advice for where to plant and how much to water, etc., open noon to 6:00 p.m. and closed on Mondays
- Gardening tools available at Gama, Makro, Mekio, Parkson, Cheapside, etc.

### **Bicycle Shops/Sports Equipment**

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- Aik Huat & Co., 391 Jalan Burmah (227-0069) – will mix and match options until you have what you want (i.e. equip bike with different tires, seat, etc. according to your price range)
- Hobi-Sports on Penang Road (264-2171) – snorkeling and scuba gear, scooters, fishing equipment, etc.

- Young Ones, 50 Jalan Burmah (229-9555) – balls, nets, specialty tennis shoes, racket re-stringing – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Syarikat Chiang Motor, 244 Jalan Burmah (226-6894) – motorcycles, helmets
- Lee Hoe, bottom of Komtar (ask for Ricky) – sports shoes, racket re-stringing
- Cheng Lee, Jalan McAlister near Komtar – golf and other sports equipment

## **Toys**

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The places with the best selection are probably the larger department stores like Super and Parkson Grand. There is a Toys 'R Us on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and ToyCity on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Gurney Plaza. You can find less expensive toys at Gama.

## **Art/Framing**

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- You'll find a nice variety of inexpensive artwork in Batu Ferringhi and the Temple Shops.
- Framing is relatively inexpensive compared to North America. Ask for non-glare glass and you have a choice of matting and frames. Talk to Sarah at Sin Nam Guan (261-4992), Kedai Cermin Kembangan (264-3421), or Tutt Book Co. frame shop (261-9684). All are downtown on Lebu Chulia. There is also a framing shop in Midlands Mall.

## **Crafts/Fabric**

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- Sin Soon Lee, 5-D Jalan Rangoon behind Lai Lai's (227-6184) – large selection of thread, embroidery floss, beads, buttons, sequins, felt, tulle, ribbon, etc., if you need help ask for manager who speaks good English
- Young Ones, 50 Jalan Burmah (229-9555) – craft paint, brushes, art supplies
- Nanyang Book Co., 202 & 204 Lebu Carnavon (261-5986) – art supplies
- Kamdar, 14 Jalan Burmah (227-7089) – four floors of fabric (clothing, curtains, upholstery, seasonal including small selection Christmas prints), can purchase curtain tape and hooks of various sizes
- Teh Brothers Décor, 219 Jalan Burmah (227-0470) – large selection of curtain and upholstery fabric, books and samples of wallpaper, mini-blinds, and carpet, will do custom work including on-site measurements, delivery and installment

## **Lessons**

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- Yamaha Music Centre (229-3818) near Sunrise Circle – Yamaha keyboards, music lessons, introductory music appreciation classes for children
- Noreen Khoo (229-9700) – gives piano lessons on the Dalat campus
- Jason Selvayanagam (016-418-9911) – guitar lessons
- Mr. Jak (890-6167) – guitar lessons
- Crestar Educational Group (898-2116, 890-3116), Prima Tanjung across from Island Plaza – literacy/speech tuition, ballet lessons, and tap dance
- Kickboxing – Prima Tanjung across from Island Plaza
- Swimming – inquire at the Chinese Swimming Club
- Horseback Riding – inquire at the Tanjung Club next to Copthorne Hotel
- Mr. Tan (899-0552, 012-493-9566) – tennis lessons, [cheongheng@gmail.com](mailto:cheongheng@gmail.com)

- Mr. Woon Wan Kin (228-0980) 44 Jalan Chow Tai, Burma Road – orchestra

#### **Pets/Vets**

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- Midlands Pets Centre near Midlands Mall (227-7030) – offers variety of pure-bred animals
- Vets - Dr. Gill (226-2517) on Jalan Bagan Jermal between Sunrise Circle and Midlands Mall or Hillside Animal Clinic on Jalan Utara Gelugor (657-8080)

Have fun, and welcome to Penang!