

KOMTAR

Named after the second Prime Minister of Malaysia, the circular Kompleks Tun Abdul Razak building or popularly known as KOMTAR, which was built in 1978, is one of the most easily recognisable landmarks in Georgetown. Standing at 65 stories and 232 metres high (761 feet), this prominent building houses various Government departments as well as commercial offices, department stores, supermarkets, shops and restaurants.

Besides that, this complex also contains theatres, squash courts and a geodesic dome which serves as a multi-purpose hall. KOMTAR is a focal point for business, meetings and conventions, shows and sports events. The Penang Tour Guide Association can also be found here, at the Tourist information Centre at Level 3.

If you happen to be there, do visit the observation floor located on the 55th floor. There, one can have a breathtaking view of the city and Gunung Jerai in Kedah.

Travel Advice

KOMTAR also happens to be one of the main bus stops in Georgetown. Nearly all busses that pass through the city will make a stop here. So its a great place to use as a meeting point if you travel in groups.

For more information, please contact:

Penang Tourist Centre

Penang Port Commission Building

(Ground Floor Arcade)

Pesara King Edward

10300 Pulau Pinang

Tel: +604-2616663

Opening Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, from 8.30am to 4.30pm (Lunch break from 1pm to 2pm). Fridays from 8.30am to 4.30pm (Lunch from 12.30pm to 2.30pm)

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Getting There By Bus

Express buses ply the route from Penang to / from Kuala Lumpur and major cities in the country. Please visit (<http://www.plusliner.com/>) for more info. The main bus terminal in Penang is located next to the Ferry Terminal.

By Taxi

To get to Penang Island, long distance taxi service can be hired at Weld Quay, Penang. Tel: +604-2625721.

By Plane

Daily flights via Malaysia Airlines (www.malaysiaairlines.com, tel:1 300 88 3000) and AirAsia (www.airasia.com, tel: 1-300-88 9933) to / from Penang to major cities in Malaysia. Penang's Bayan lepas International Airport is roughly 20km (45-minute drive) from the Georgetown city centre.

By Rail

You can take the train from Kuala Lumpur to Penang, where it stops at the Penang Railway Station, close to the ferry terminal. For more information, visit www.ktmb.com.my or call their call centre at +603-22671200.

By Boat

Ferries can be boarded at Butterworth, in the mainland portion of Penang. Among Ferry Services available are:

Langkawi Ferry Services (Tel: +604-2643088)

Ekspress Bahagia (Tel: +604-2636255)

From the Ferry Terminal you can easily get a taxi ride into Georgetown city centre.

Located at Jalan Penang, in the heart of Georgetown City, KOMTAR is accessible from Jalan MacAlister, Jalan Magazine, Jalan Gurdwara and Jalan Dato' Keramat. All public buses congregate at KOMTAR so you can basically take any bus to come

here and to go anywhere.