

Batu Ferringhi .my

The quick one-page guide to Penang's most famous beach — beaches, hotels, the night market, food and how to get here. The full guide lives at batuferringhi.my.

At a glance

Where: North coast of Penang Island, ~11 km NW of George Town.

Beach: ~4 km of north-facing sand; calm, family-friendly swimming.

Known for: Beach resorts, sunsets, water sports, a nightly market.

Best time: Dec–Apr is driest; Sep–Nov is wettest. 2–3 nights is ideal.

Chinese name: 峇都丁宜 · Means "Foreigner's Rock".

Getting here

- **From George Town:** Rapid Penang bus 101 (every 10–20 min, ~45–60 min) or Grab (~25–40 min).
- **From the airport:** Grab/taxi (~45–75 min) or bus 102 (hourly) via George Town.
- One coastal road (Jalan Batu Ferringhi); the strip is walkable.

The night market

- Along Jalan Batu Ferringhi, ~7pm till late, most nights.
- Buy: T-shirts, watches, leather, shell craft. Bargain gently; bring cash.
- Eat: satay, char kway teow, cendol, grilled seafood.

Where to stay

- **Luxury:** Shangri-La Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa.
- **Families:** Hard Rock, Golden Sands, Holiday Inn.
- **Best value (big hotel):** Bayview Beach Resort.
- **Boutique / character:** Lone Pine Hotel (since 1948).
- **Also:** PARKROYAL, DoubleTree by Hilton; plus homestays & apartments behind the beach.

Things to do

- Water sports: parasailing, jet-ski, banana boat.
- Entopia butterfly farm & the Tropical Spice Garden (Teluk Bahang).
- Tropical Fruit Farm, ESCAPE theme park, Teddyville Museum.
- Sunset drinks at a beach bar; horse rides on the sand.

A perfect 3 days

- **Day 1:** Beach, then the night market.
- **Day 2:** Water sports, seafood lunch, sunset.
- **Day 3:** Butterfly farm & spice garden (or ESCAPE).