

## MAYBE OF INTEREST

As you know I recently visited Penang. Things have changed in the past 50 years. This is to give everyone a bit of info in order to help them if they are going to/or planning to visit Penang.

I stayed at the LE DREAM BOUTIQUE HOTEL 139 Jalan Pintal Tali, 10100 Georgetown Malaysia. This is a four star hotel which includes a continental breakfast in the price per night. It also has a rooftop bar etc. It offers 2 free drinks per day, convenient stall and food street just behind the hotel. The Chulla food street is about 10 minute walk. It is on the outskirts of Georgetown so you get the old Georgetown feeling. Also there are a couple of shopping malls a couple of hundred yards away. The staff are extremely helpful and will willing help with any questions etc. The price is very reasonable. Taxi into the main part of Georgetown cost approx \$MR20 (old ferry terminal E&O etc). This is a good location away from the hustle etc of the skyscrapers etc. The hotel can be contacted by typing in the name on google and getting the particulars.

I employed the services of Morgan Uyappan to drive me around the island. Morgan is an Indian around 50 – 55 years old. Morgan is courteous, well dressed and knowledgeable about the history of Georgetown and Penang and can point out the whereabouts of long gone places that we knew, and if they have been demolished and/or simply had a face lift and name change. Morgan drives a modern, air conditioned vehicle and will meet you at the airport and take you to Georgetown for \$MR40 (the same price as everyone) and take you on a tour of the island for \$MR25 per hour (a minimum booking for 4 Hours required). He will also take you to Butterworth and return for an extra \$MR50. I gave Morgan an Itinerary of where I wished to go etc and he had obviously done his research/homework and took me to all the places required included old residences on the island and Butterworth even one of them was unrecognizable. Around Batta Ferangi he was able to take us to lunch at a place which bought back memories of yesteryear what with an outdoor eatery serving hawker food on the beach. I had an old fashion sizzling meat dish and the cook continued to come and ask if the meal as OK etc. A very pleasant hour.

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I hope this helps.

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