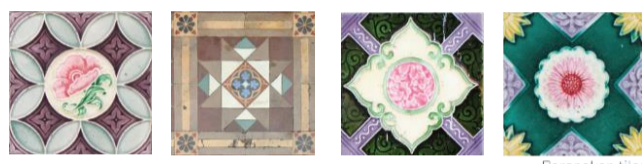
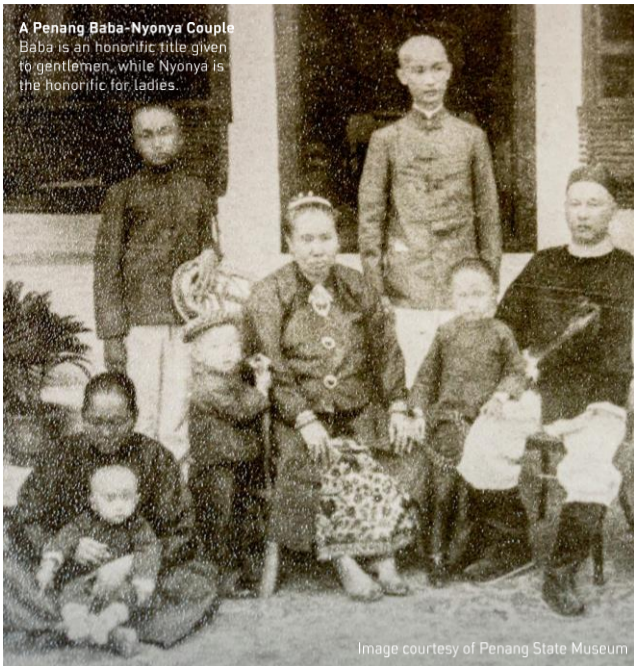


BABA-NYONYA

THE PERANAKAN HOUSE

THE CUISINE



MUNTRI STREET
Muntri Street has perhaps the best preserved rows of 19th century Straits Chinese architecture in the country, equivalent to Singapore's Emerald Hill.

Ever since the UNESCO Heritage Site listing of George Town in 2008, Muntri Street has seen the emergence of a bevy of privately-owned boutique enterprises such as the Ryokan Muntri and the Camera Museum. Peranakan tiles and Western art deco come together to create beautifully-ornate façades. It is said that "the more flamboyant the façade, the richer the owner of the house is". The majority of Peranakan Chinese who made their fortune during the tin mining boom in the 19th century built their homes here as a status symbol.

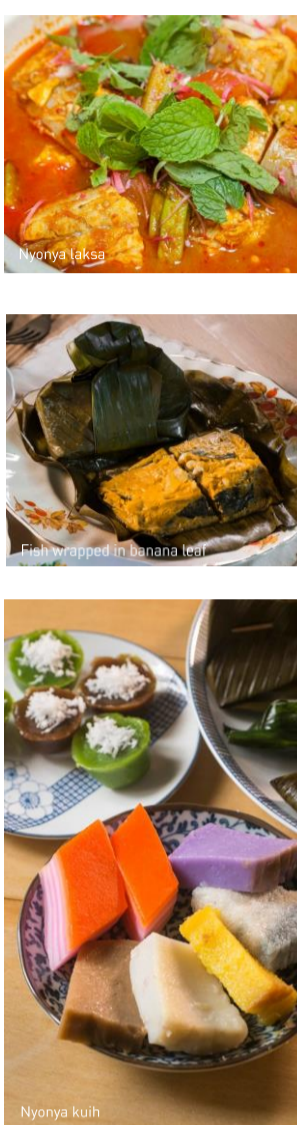
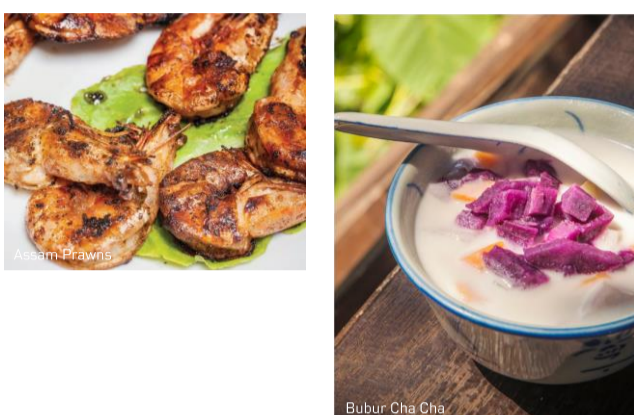
The UNESCO World Heritage Site of George Town is a living museum of architecture.

While many of the Baba-Nyonya families have moved out from their ancestral homes, their houses have remained largely untouched or restored to their original splendour.

These uniquely charming houses line the quieter streets of the city. You simply have to take a walk around to see them.

Penang Nyonya food not only fuses Chinese and Malay culinary elements but also Thai influences, as a result of the island's rich multi-cultural diversity.

Young Nyonyas would have been expected to help around the kitchen, grinding spices, preparing fresh sambal belachan (chilli with toasted shrimp paste) and chopping vegetables.



The Baba-Nyonya or Peranakan Chinese is a group of very early Chinese settlers who immigrated here in northern Malaysia and over the centuries, openly adopted and absorbed local cultures, creating a new and unique culture of their own. Over time, they also married other races into their families.

Although named the Straits Chinese by the British, they arrived much earlier than the formation of the Straits Settlements.

While they kept their Taoist beliefs, they also practised local rituals such as the mandi bunga (floral baths). They infused local cuisine into their recipes, and adopted local symbolic motifs in their fashion.

Members of this community call themselves Baba-Nyonya. The term Baba-Nyonya is more closely associated with those in Penang.

THE BABA-NYONYA OF PENANG & MALACCA

The Penang and Malaccan Baba-Nyonya are two slightly different communities of different origins. It is believed that the Malaccans had arrived in the early 15th century as part of the royal entourage of the Chinese Princess Hang Li Po, who was gifted as a bride to the Sultan of Malacca. The Baba-Nyonya of Penang came as seafarers from southern Fujian.

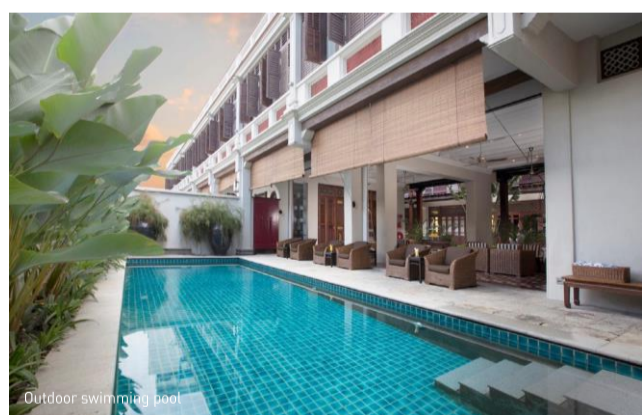
Generally, you could tell one from the other through the language that they use. In Penang, they speak mainly Hokkien with words borrowed from Malay, while the Malaccans have adopted a Malay patois, including many Hokkien words, as their mother tongue.

Through the old trade triangle of Phuket and Medan with Penang, these three cities today share the same Baba-Nyonya lineage. Similarly, Malacca Peranakan Chinese have expanded their families and influence towards the south to Singapore.



THE PINANG PERANAKAN MANSION
The Pinang Peranakan Mansion is possibly the most opulent example of an Eclectic Straits Chinese House in Penang. Built at the end of the 19th century, it was the residence and office, as well as a symbol of authority, for a famous Chinese Kapitan (head of a local Chinese community).

It features a larger-than-ordinary Baba-Nyonya courtyard, as well as other expensive details such as the Chinese wood-carved panels, English floor tiles and Scottish ironworks. Today it is a much admired Baba-Nyonya museum which houses more than 1,000 pieces of antiques and collectibles.



STEWART LANE & SEVEN TERRACES
According to the Wall Street Journal, "...no transformation matches that of Seven Terraces". Seven Terraces is an exclusive boutique hotel.

The façades and interior have been unsurprisingly restored to their original splendour, and one of its premier suites is furnished with 19th century Baba-Nyonya furniture and collectibles.

Seven Terraces consists of seven units of the original Straits Chinese Houses, among the many others built along Stewart Lane, that have been refurbished to house boutique cafés and guesthouses.

Big and small, they have all taken the effort to preserve the original Peranakan tiles and other ornate architectural flourishes on its façades, thus keeping the colour and flamboyance of the Baba-Nyonya heritage houses alive and well.



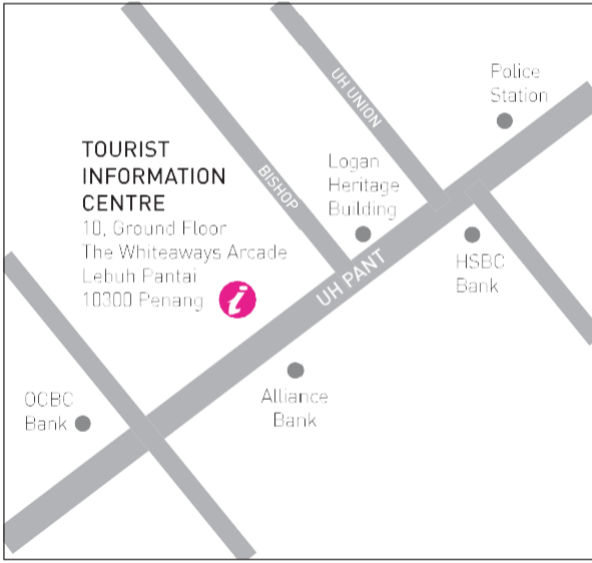
THE QUINTESSENTIAL NYONYA

Nyonyas growing up in wealthy households were expected to learn a variety of skills that ranged from preparing Nyonya dishes to embroidery and beading; all the skills traditionally required for attracting a good husband.

They dress exquisitely well, with their choice of attire as the kebaya, an elegant dress with a Malay influence, that is suitable for most occasions.

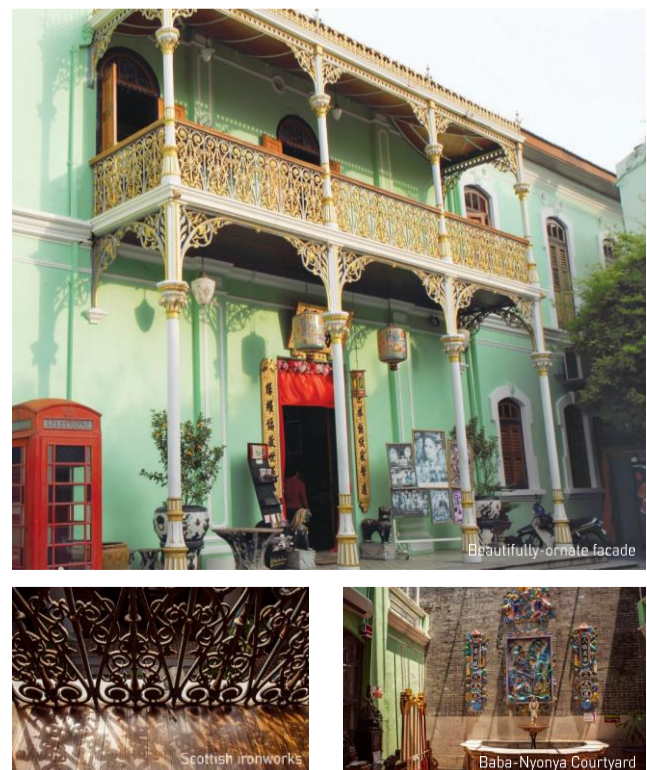


THE OBJETS D'ART
The wealthiest Peranakans would often commission various items from craftsmen in China, made to their own specifications. The Kamcheng, for example, would bear Chinese motifs such as peonies and phoenixes.



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PERANAKAN PLACES OF INTEREST

MUSEUMS

- 1. Pinang Peranakan Mansion**
29 Lebuhraya
10200 George Town, Penang
☎ +604 264 2727
✉ rnhbaba@gmail.com
pinangperanakanmansion.com.my
🕒 Mon-Sun, 9am-5pm

- 2. Cheong Fatt Tze - The Blue Mansion**
14 Lebuhraya
10200 George Town, Penang
☎ +604 262 0006
✉ reservations@cheongfattzemansion.com
cheongfattzemansion.com
🕒 Thu-Sun, Guided Tours at 11am & 2pm

- 3. House of Yeap Chor Ee**
4 Lebuhraya
10200 George Town, Penang
☎ +604 226 1997 / +6012 428 5191
✉ houseyce.com
🕒 Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm
(Closed on Sat, Sun & PH)

NYONYA EATERIES

- 4. Ivy's Nyonya Cuisine (Pork Free)**
58 Jalan Chow Thye
10050 George Town, Penang
☎ +6013 433 7878
🕒 Tue, 6pm-9pm;
Wed-Sun, 12pm-3pm; 4pm-9pm (Closed on Mon)

- 5. Mum's Nyonya Cuisine**
31-D Lorong Abu Sidi
10400 George Town, Penang
☎ +604 229 1318 / +6012 669 1318
🕒 Tue-Sun, 11.00am-2.30pm;
6.00pm-9.30pm (Closed on Mon)

- 6. Nyonya Breeze Desire**
3A-1-7 Straits Quay
Jalan Seri Tanjung Pinang
10470 Tanjung Tokong, Penang
☎ +604 892 9056, +6019 988 7104
🕒 Mon-Sun, 11.30am-2.30pm; 5.30pm-8.30pm

- 7. The Little Nyonya Cuisine @ Gurney Plaza**
170-B1-32B Gurney Plaza
Persiaran Gurney
10250 George Town, Penang
☎ +604 227 0694, +604 295 8092
🕒 Mon-Sun, 11am-10pm

- 8. The Little Nyonya Cuisine @ Queensbay Mall**
LG-111B, 116 & 117 Queensbay Mall
Persiaran Bayan Indah
11900 Bayan Lepas, Penang
☎ +604 443 7496, +604 611 5183
🕒 Mon-Sun, 11am-10pm

- 9. Kebaya Dining Room**
Seven Terraces
14A Lorong Stewart
10200 George Town, Penang
☎ +604 264 2333 / +6011 1403 3310
✉ kebaya@7terracess.com
kebaya.com.my
🕒 Mon-Sun, 12pm-2.30pm; 6pm-10pm

- 10. Auntie Galk Lean's Old School Eatery (Pork Free)**
1 Lebuhraya
10200 George Town, Penang
☎ +6017 434 4398
🕒 Tue-Sun, 12.00pm-2.00pm; 6.00pm-9.30pm
(Closed on Mon)

- 11. Moh Teng Pheow Nyonya Koay & Canteen**
346 Jalan Masjid [Off Lebuhraya]
10200 George Town, Penang
☎ +604 261 5892
✉ @penangnyonyakuih
🕒 Tue-Sun, 10.30am-5pm (Closed on Mon)

- 12. Heritage Artisans**
53 Jalan Padang Victoria
10400 George Town, Penang
☎ +6016 410 6116
✉ heritageartisans.com
🕒 Mon-Sun, 6pm-9.30pm
(Reservation Required)

- 13. Jason Nyonya House**
10B Lebuhraya
10200 George Town, Penang
☎ +6018-356 0515
✉ @JasonNyonyaHousePenang
🕒 Mon-Sun, 11am-2.30pm; 4pm-8.30pm
(Closed on Wed)

- 14. Little Kitchen @ Nyonya**
179 Lebuhraya
10300 George Town, Penang
☎ +604 261 6731
🕒 Mon-Sun, 6.30pm-8.30pm
(Reservation Required)

- 15. Bibik's Kitchen Nyonya Cuisine**
73 Jalan Sri Bahari,
10050 George Town, Penang
☎ +6012 469 7488
🕒 Tue-Sun, 11.30am-3pm; 6pm-9pm
(Closed on Mon)

- 16. Indigo Restaurant @ The Blue Mansion**
14 Lebuhraya
10200 George Town, Penang
☎ +604 262 0006
✉ cheongfattzemansion.com/restaurants
@Indigoatthebluemansion
🕒 Mon-Sun, 12pm-3pm; 6.30pm-10pm
(Reservation Required)

- 17. Richard Rivalee Nyonya Cuisine Restaurant**
62 & 64 Lorong Macalister
10400 George Town, Penang
☎ +604 227 4888 /
+6012 494 9567 / +6012 421 2511
✉ @richardrivaleedesignerandchef
🕒 Wed-Mon, 11.30am-3pm; 6pm-9.30pm
(Closed on Tuesday)

- 18. CEKI Nyonya Restaurant**
11-A Jalan Sri Bahari
10050 George Town, Penang
☎ +6011 1051 7976
✉ CEKINyonyaRestaurant
🕒 Wed-Mon, 11.30am-3pm; 5.30pm-10pm
(Closed on Tuesday)

- 19. Nyonya Palazzo**
29 Church Street
10200 George Town, Penang
☎ +604 228 0194 / +6017 222 6178
✉ @nyonyapalazzo
🕒 Mon-Sun, 10am-6.00pm

- 20. Blue Bellvine**
27 Lebuhraya
10300 George Town, Penang
☎ +6012-416 8901
✉ elaine.bluebellvine@gmail.com
@bluebellvinepg
🕒 Mon-Sun, 11am-3pm
Tue-Thu, 6pm-9pm
Fri-Sun, 4pm-10pm

- 21. Penang Homecooking School**
85 Taman Berjaya
10350 Pulau Tikus, Penang
☎ +6016 437 4380
✉ penanghomecookingsschool.com
🕒 Mon-Sat, 9am-2pm (Closed on Sun)
* For booking, Min.2pax required

- 22. Tropical Spice Garden Cooking School**
Lot 595 Mukim 2, Jalan Teluk Bahang
11050, Penang
☎ +6012 482 7797 /
+6012 423 6797 (WhatsApp only)
✉ info@tropicalspicegarden.com
tsgcookingsschool.com
🕒 Mon-Sun (Reservation Required)

- 23. Jade Collection**
170-04-76 Gurney Plaza
Persiaran Gurney
10250 George Town, Penang
☎ +604 226 1153, +6016 425 6165
✉ islandgallery2010@gmail.com
🕒 Mon-Sun, 10am-8pm

- 24. Kenny Loh Couture**
No.24 Solok Mono
10250 George Town, Penang
☎ +6016 202 9977
✉ marketing@kennylohcouture.com
www.kennylohcouture.com
@kennylohcouture
🕒 10am-6pm (Appointment Required)

- 25. County Fair Boutique**
Level 2, 30, 2, 33 Prangin Mall
Jalan Dr Lim Chwee Leong,
10000 George Town, Penang
☎ +6016 704 4909 / +6019 449 1905
✉ @countyfairboutique
🕒 Mon-Sun, 12pm-8pm

- 26. Nyonya Beaded Shoe Maker**
4 Lebuhraya
10200 George Town, Penang
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🕒 Mon-Sun, 1pm-6pm (Closed on Tue)

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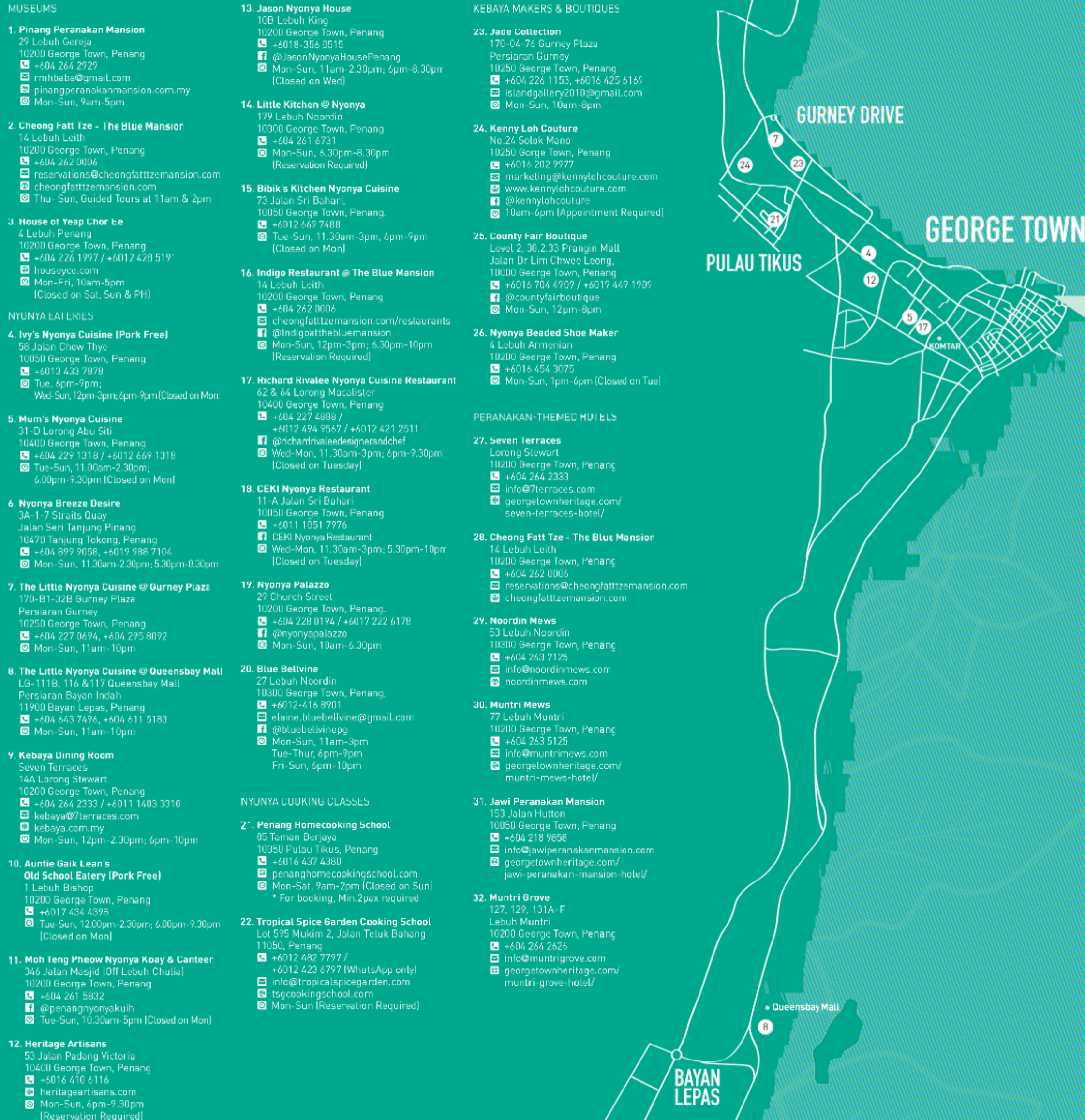
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- 29. Noordin Mews**
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☎ +604 263 7125
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noordinmews.com

- 30. Muntri Mews**
77 Lebuhraya
10200 George Town, Penang
☎ +604 263 5125
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georgetownheritage.com/
muntri-mews-hotel/

- 31. Jawi Peranakan Mansion**
153 Jalan Hutton
10050 George Town, Penang
☎ +604 218 9858
✉ info@jawi-peranakanmansion.com
georgetownheritage.com/
jawi-peranakan-mansion-hotel/

- 32. Muntri Grove**
127, 129, 131A-F
Lebuhraya
10200 George Town, Penang
☎ +604 264 2625
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georgetownheritage.com/
muntri-grove-hotel/



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