



Pahang & Tioman Island

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Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Swiss Cottage Resort (p255)
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Why Go?

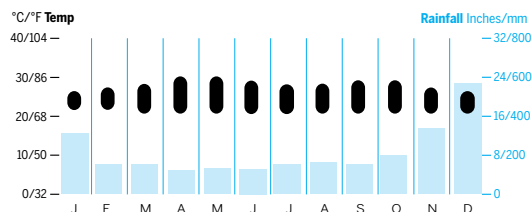
For many visitors, a journey to Peninsular Malaysia's largest state begins and ends on the enchanted isle of Pulau Tioman. Between its exhilarating diving, brilliant beaches, gnarly jungle treks and spirited villages, its tropical-island allure is impossible to resist.

Pahang's other big ticket – the primordial jungles of Taman Negara National Park – lies tucked up in the state's north. Its virgin tracts of rainforest, home to a howling, twittering, trumpeting (and occasionally roaring) rabble of elusive wildlife, offer a direct connection with nature as nature intended it: wild, unrelenting, raw.

Between these big acts, you'll find reggae beach parties at the surf-bum centre Cherating, royal splendour in Pekan, wild jungle nights outside Kuala Lipis and Tasik Chini, and plenty of culinary delights, colonial architecture and cultural insights.

When to Go

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Jan–Apr The weather is at its warmest and driest. Crowds are at their peak.

May–Dec Prepare to sweat: the thermometer hovers between 21°C and 32°C, and humidity exceeds 82%.

Nov–Feb Monsoon season. Some places close, the surf is up in Cherating, and discounts abound.



Pahang & Tioman Island Highlights

- ① Village hopping, diving, snorkelling and jungle hiking on **Pulau Tioman** (p251).
- ② Getting wet, muddy and covered in bug bites in deep, dark and undeniably adventurous **Taman Negara** (p277).
- ③ Leaving the tourist track for an expedition from Kuala Lipis to **Kenong Rimba State Park** (p278).
- ④ Being stared at by curious **Pekan** (p260) locals, who find visitors as interesting as we find their regal architecture and charming *kampung* houses.
- ⑤ Enjoying amazing food and day trips to nearby beaches and natural areas in **Kuantan** (p262).
- ⑥ Surfing, snorkelling and sand-floored beach-partying in footloose **Cherating** (p265).

PULAU TIOMAN

Sitting like an emerald dragon guarding the translucent waters of the South China Sea, Tioman Island offers every possible shade of paradise. There are cascading waterfalls, rigorous jungle hikes that take you past orange blossoms under an evergreen canopy, and a wide sampling of laid-back villages that present a tapestry of cultures and curiosities.

And then there's the sea. That gorgeous sea of greens, blues and chartreuse swirls that beckons you to paddle, snorkel, dive and sail.

At 20km long and 11km wide, the island is so spacious that your ideal holiday spot is surely here somewhere. And despite its growing popularity, Tioman retains an unspoiled feel, with pristine wilderness and friendly, authentic village life.