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Celebrated British broadcaster Sir David Attenborough travelled to Fraser's Hill to film its unique trapdoor spiders.





Fraser's Hill is for those who seeking rest and relaxation in refreshing rainforested retreat.



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Heritage Hideawa

Shrouded in mountain mist, Fraser's Hill's cool temperature was what attracted colonialists to Fraser's Hill, and today, this is why dedicated visitors take the long and winding road to this summit hideaway.

## **RAUB AND FRASER'S HILL -**Eco and Agro Destination

Raub's wealth was built on gold, while tin initially put the tranquil Fraser's Hill highland retreat on the map. Raub is a service town below Fraser's Hill, while many remote parts of the district are home to thrilling and adventurous activities in nature.

**Raub** is centred on the grassy expanse of Dataran Raub with several heritage buildings along its perimeter. Raub's majestic buildings reflect that it is one of the Pahang's oldest towns. The Government Rest House overlooks Dataran Raub, while the former residences of government officials overlook the town.

Some of Malaysia's finest durians are grown on surrounding farms, while favourite foods in Raub include Malay cakes, Hainanese coffee and kaya toast, the famous ikan kelapa (fish head curry) served at Ratha Raub Restaurant, Chinese pastries at Kim Fah Tea House and Sempalit peanuts.

While international brands have yet to discover Raub, there are several small local hotels. Alternatively, adventurous travellers can enjoy a glamping experience at Tanah Aina Fahad Resort in Ulu Dong that is specifically located beside a wild river, or get to enjoy village life at homestays like Kampung Sungai Pasu. Several locations around Raub are ideal for bathing in the cool water of forest-lined streams, waterfalls and rapids. Bear in mind that sites like



The bungalows and gardens of Fraser's Hill provided a nostalgic experience for the early colonialists





Berembun Waterfall are only accessible by 4 x 4 vehicles. Recreational activities around Ulu Dong attract those who enjoy camping and nature. There are waterfalls at Hutan Lipur Lata Jeram plus the opportunity to see Rafflesia, the world's largest flower that only blooms on rare occasions. Recreational river activities at Pulau Chekas appeal to thrill seekers while Jeram Besu rapids near Benta offer grade two to four whitewater rafting.

















Hill extends over seven hills ranging from 1,200m to 1,456m above sea level. The temperatures here are cooler than in the lowlands, even dropping below 20°C in the evening.

Fraser's Hill surprises many visitors with its wide range of outdoor activities, including birdwatching and jungle trekking in the cool mountain air. Archery and fun family activities are offered at MCM Outdoor Centre. Other recreation pursuits include fishing, climbing, golfing, biking and walking. Golf was an essential part of the hill's early development and a challenging nine-hole layout still appeals. Visitors can walk along eight forest trails with a maximum length of only one kilometre long, together with the trail head information and signboards. Most trails are suitable for recreational walkers, while the longest, the Pine Trail, appeals to experienced trekkers.

Mountain habitats like Fraser's Hill are important for their diverse flora and fauna. Most of Fraser's Hill is birds found on Peninsular Malaysia). Ye Olde Smokehouse is synonymous with Fraser's Hill and many regulars return for its relaxed ambiance that reflects a bygone era. Traditional English fare is served at Ye Olde Smokehouse, while the Glasshouse offers tempting cakes and coffee. Many bungalows scattered throughout the hills have lush gardens blooming with temperate flowers. Several bungalows can be rented by small groups, while boutique hotels and apartments are available, with the Tree House at MCM Outdoor Centre offering a unique stay. A car is the best way to explore Raub, Fraser's Hill and

strive to sight over 299 bird species (88% of all highland



the surrounding areas. Public buses from Kuala Lumpur and some destinations within Pahang provide services to Raub as do buses travelling to Kelantan. There is no public transport to Fraser's Hill and the nearest railway station is located at Kuala Kubu Bharu, where taxis can be hired.



