



Royal Town
Pahang, MALAYSIA
PEKAN
The Essential Guide



Royal Display

The Sultan Abu Bakar Museum has a rich and very impressive collection of historical items including ancient Chinese pottery and glass items, as well as various other artifacts related to history, archaeology, ethnology and royalty.



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Task Chini was recognised as Malaysia's first UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 2009. These reserves promote solutions reconciling the conservation of biodiversity with its sustainable use. They are learning areas for sustainable development in diverse ecological, social, and economic contexts.



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Heritage Precinct

The centre of the royal town of Pekan is the Royal Mausoleum that adjoins the Sultan Abu Bakar Mosque.



Task Chini

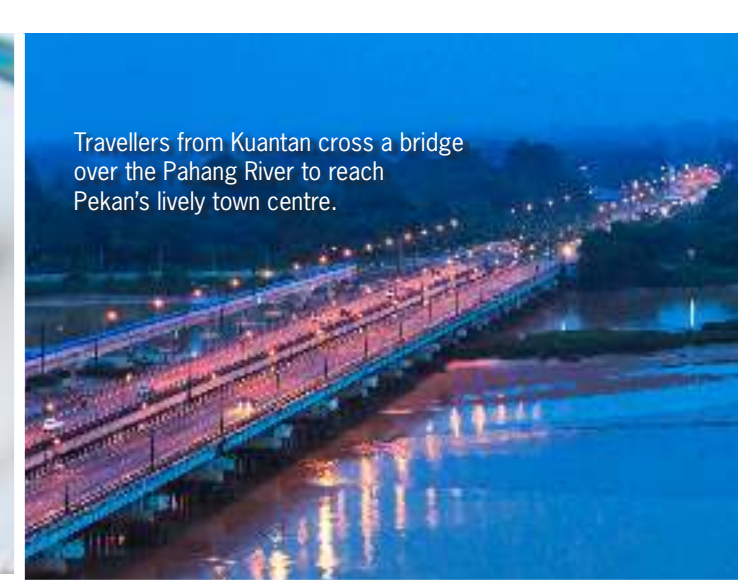
Task, or Lake Chini, is an important wetland with economic, cultural, and ecological significance to the Jakun Orang Asli, who live around the lake and fish in its waters.



Situated close to the mouth of the Pahang River, Pekan is home to the Pahang Sultanate. The royal town was once a strategic port for trading goods from the region and the interior.



Murtabak Mengkasar Haji Din is one of the tasty treats available in this part of Pahang.



Travellers from Kuantan cross a bridge over the Pahang River to reach Pekan's lively town centre.



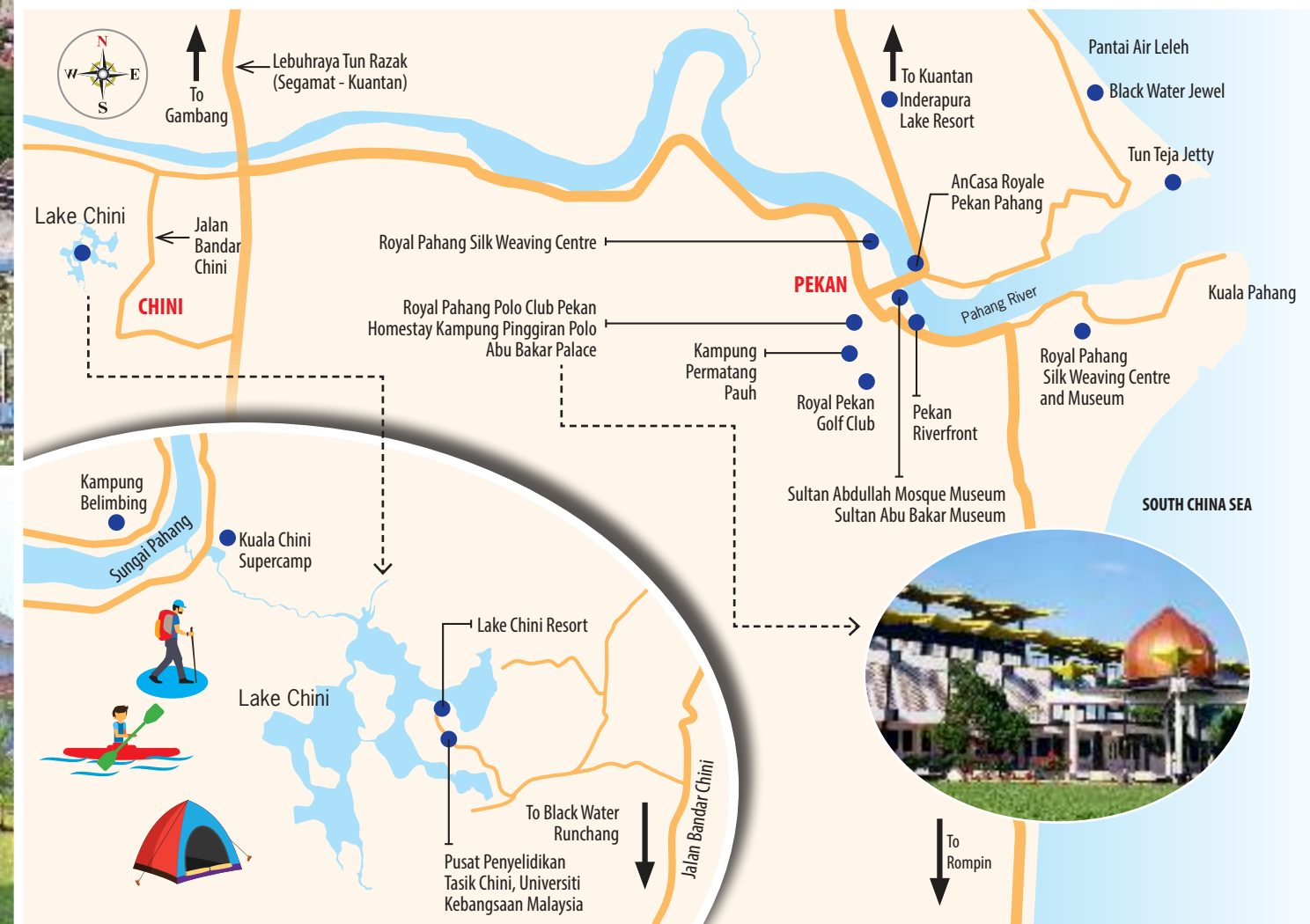
University Kebangsaan Malaysia Tasik Chini Research Centre was established to conduct research and Integrated Water Research Management programmes at Tasik Chini.



Sungai Bebar, or Black Water Jewel, is a developing ecotourism project with water flowing from South East Asia's largest peat swamp forest.



Tun Abdul Razak's birthplace.



Istana Mangga Tunggal, those interested in Malay architecture can admire many examples close to the centre of Pekan.



Kuala Pahang.



Kafé Belibis, a cafe with a unique concept, gives visitors the opportunity to dine especially traditional Pahang cuisine in a real train carriage while enjoying the beauty of the surrounding scenery.



Food provides a good reason to visit Pekan.

Royal Pudding.

Rendang Opor Pekan.

PEKAN - Royal Town

Situated at the mouth of the Pahang River, the royal town of Pekan is home to the Pahang Sultanate with its majestic palaces, mosques and mausoleum. Pekan has been a strategic port for goods imported from the region and products exported from the interior. The Abu Bakar Bridge extends over the river near the town centre to provide a link for north-south traffic. Before Kuantan, Pekan was the Pahang capital after Kuala Lipis. Now, it is known as Auto City for its vehicle assembly plants and related infrastructure.

Two-storeyed shophouses dating to the 1950s line the town's riverfront. Each layer of paint offers a tale from Pekan's colourful past. The walls of some of these buildings and adjoining alleyways are decorated with artistic murals. Pekan's Heritage Route weaves through the town centre, along the riverfront and esplanade. Pekan's heritage precinct includes an impressive mosque, Royal Mausoleum and Sultan Abu Bakar Museum.

Displays are dedicated to the royal family, natural history, tin mining and ceramics.

Nearby, the setting changes to village life with traditional houses, gardens and a relaxed ambience. Here, the Istana Abu Bakar Royal Residence adjoins the Royal Sports Field including the Royal Pahang Polo Club. Istana Mangga Tunggal is a modest wooden building located opposite of the Chief's Rest House. The Royal Pahang Silk Weaving Centre and Museum that is located at Pulau Keladi is also known as the birthplace of our 2nd Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak.

Accommodation options range from the deluxe AnCasa Royale Pekan overlooking the river to welcoming homestays. Inderapura Lake Resort is located beside a lake to the north of the town. The Chief's Rest House, built in 1929, with its open-sided verandahs appeals to those who love heritage and nostalgia. Local hospitality is also available at suburban residences like Homestay Pinggir Polo.

The locals are proud of the specialty dishes served in Pekan's restaurants. *Puding Raja* (Royal Pudding), a favourite of Pahang royalty, is a combination of fried bananas, custard, dried fruits and egg floss. Other popular dishes include *ikan bakar*, *nasi dagang ubai*, *durian cendol* and *murtabak*. Murtabak Mengkasar Haji Din has a reputation that surpasses its modest roadside setting. Sumpit-Sumpit Restaurant offers a rustic setting perched over the ponds, in which, the fishes can swim freely. Its special dishes include *ikan bakar pepes petai* and *nasi ayam bakar kicap* expertly grilled over charcoal. Elsewhere, *nasi dagang ubai* is a well-loved rice dish, with the shoplot at Ubai Perdana has been specialised in this since 1958.

Further afield, Tasik Chini is a significant wetland with economic, cultural and ecological value for the Jakun Orang Asli who live around the lake and fish its waters. Visitors can rent a boat to explore Malaysia's second largest freshwater lake. Tasik Chini comprises a total of 12 lakes and flooded forests. It is famous for its lotus and lily flowers and the pandanus-lined foreshore. Activities include hiking to the

summit of Bukit Chini, fishing, birdwatching, photography and boating. Legend has it that the lakes are home to a mythical serpent, Naga Seri Gumum and possibly an ancient Khmer village. Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia conducts fieldwork and research here at the Tasik Chini Research Centre.

Visitors arrive by boat from Kampung Belimbing across the Pahang River and then via a lock that 'raises' the boat into Sungai Chini. Acacia royal honey is harvested from the forests around the village.

A chalet and campsite located at the Tourism Complex Lake Chini in Mukim Penyor is a base for adventurous activities including a rope course, abseiling, jungle trekking, off-roading and a flying fox.

Pekan is located 46 km south of Kuantan, 276 km from Kuala Lumpur and 296 km from Singapore. Tasik Chini is located 50 km west of Pekan.



The Sultan Abu Bakar Museum in Pekan has many fascinating features, both in the museum and in the adjoining landscaped gardens.



AnCasa Royale Pekan.



Admire artisans crafting traditional textiles at the Royal Pahang Silk Weaving Centre and Museum.



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