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All reviews are ordered in our authors' preference, starting with their most preferred option. Additionally:

Sights are arranged in the geographic order that we suggest you visit them and, within this order, by author preference.

Eating and Sleeping reviews are ordered by price range (budget, midrange, top end) and, within these ranges, by author preference.

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Must-visit recommendation



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Telephone number



English-language menu



Opening hours



Family-friendly



Parking



Pet-friendly



Nonsmoking



Bus



Air-conditioning



Ferry



Internet access



Tram



Wi-fi access



Train



Swimming pool



Vegetarian selection

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George Town

☉ Sights (p161)

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- 6 Fort Cornwallis G2
- 7 Hainan Temple C2
- 8 House of Yeap Chor Ee F2
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- 11 Masjid Kapitan Keling E4
- 12 Padang G2
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- 15 Protestant Cemetery C1
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Museum F4
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- 30 Kebaya E3
- 31 Kheng Pin C2
- 32 Leaf Healthy House F3
- 33 Madras New Woodlands
Restaurant F3
- 34 Quay Café G4
- 35 Red Garden Food Paradise &
Night Market C2
- 36 Sky Hotel D3
- 37 Sri Ananda Bahwan F4
- 38 Sup Hameed C1
- 39 Teksen D3
- 40 Tho Yuen Restaurant C3
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☎ Drinking & Nightlife (p169)

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- 58 China Joe's D4
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- 60 Komtar A4
- 61 Little Penang Street Market D1
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- 63 Rozanas Batik D5
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- 66 Unique Penang D3

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- 72 Moon Tree 47 D3
- 73 Muntri Mews D3
- 74 New Asia Heritage Hotel C4
- 75 PG Chew Jetty Homestay F6
- 76 Red Inn Court E3
- 77 Reggae Penang D3
- 78 Ren i Tang F4
- 79 Roommates E3
- 80 Ryokan D2
- 81 Seven Terraces E3
- 82 Straits Collection D4

The nine rooms have an elegant minimalist vibe, with each room boasting an inviting lounge area and a retro black-and-white tiled bathroom, but conspicuously at this price range, no wardrobe, minibar or safe.

CHULIA HERITAGE

BOUTIQUE HOTEL \$\$

(☎263 3380; www.chuliaheritagehotel.com; 380 Lebuhr Chulia; r RM90-280; ㊟㊟) The White House would probably be a more apt name for this recently opened hotel. It's housed in an all-white former mansion, with smallish rooms also decked out in virginal white, with, of course, white furnishings and amenities. It's all very pure and clean-looking, if somewhat lacking in atmosphere (and colour). The cheapest rooms lack windows and share bathrooms.

CAMPBELL HOUSE

HISTORIC HOTEL \$\$

(☎261 8290; www.campbellhousepenang.com; 106 Lebuhr Campbell; r incl breakfast RM270-550; ㊟㊟㊟) This former hotel, dating back to 1903, is seeing a new life as a thoughtful, sumptuous boutique. The European owners have employed their extensive experience in the luxury world to include amenities such as locally sourced, organic toiletries, beautiful Peranakan tiles in the bathrooms, Nespresso machines and high-quality mattresses.

★ 23 LOVE LANE

HISTORIC HOTEL \$\$\$

(☎262 1323; www.23lovelane.com; 23 Love Lane; r incl breakfast 800-1200; ㊟㊟㊟) The 10 rooms here, which are found both in the main structure (a former mansion) or the surrounding buildings (former kitchen and stables), tastefully combine antique furniture and fixtures with modern design touches and artsy accents. There are lots of open spaces and high ceilings to catch the breezes, inviting communal areas, a peaceful aura, and service that complements the casual, homey vibe.

STRAITS COLLECTION

APARTMENTS \$\$\$

(☎262 7299; www.straitscollection.com; 89-95 Lebuhr Armenia; ste from RM450; ㊟㊟㊟) If you've dreamed of living in a retro-chic restored Chinese shophouse, head here. Each residence is essentially a house (but no cooking facilities), artfully decorated with regional antiques, bright-coloured cushions and high-design rugs. Each is different but all have some sort of unforgettable detail such as light-well courtyards, wooden Japanese bathtubs or ancient sliding doors.

EASTERN & ORIENTAL

HOTEL

LUXURY HOTEL \$\$\$

(E&O; ☎222 2000; www.eohotels.com; 10 Lebuhr Farquhar; ste incl breakfast RM350-2480; ㊟㊟㊟) One of the rare hotels in the world where historic opulence has gracefully moved into the present day. Originally established by the Sarkies brothers in 1885, today the hotel comprises the Heritage Wing, which includes the original domed lobby, and additional new wings including the tower extension that opened in 2013. The suites seamlessly blend European comfort with Malaysian style. Rooms with a sea view are worth the extra outlay.

SEVEN TERRACES

LUXURY HOTEL \$\$\$

(☎264 2333; www.7terraces.com; Lg Stewart; ste incl breakfast RM550-2200; ㊟㊟㊟) Crafted from a row of seven shophouses, this is one of the more luxurious places to stay in central George Town. The 18 two-storey suites (including three even larger multiroom 'apartments') have been decorated with an eclectic mix of original antiques, reproductions and contemporary pieces, and surround a central courtyard. A restaurant and bar (open to the public) face the main street.

CHEONG FATT TZE MANSION

HISTORIC HOTEL

(☎262 5289; www.cheongfattzemansion.com; 14 Lebuhr Leith; r incl breakfast RM420-800; ㊟㊟㊟) Stay in the Blue Mansion, an 'heirloom with rooms', for the ultimate Eastern colonial experience. The house is arranged around a plant-filled central courtyard from which the greatest *chi* energy emanates. Each room is uniquely themed and has a dreamy name like 'fragrant poem' or 'jolie', and represents a moment of Cheong Fatt Tze's life. A delicious courtyard breakfast is included in the price. Some guests say they have trouble sleeping here despite the wonderful energy, peace and quiet; old folks say it's the ghosts. The mansion is also a tourist attraction and is gay-friendly.

Colonial District & Little India

RED INN COURT

HOSTEL \$

(☎261 1144; www.redinncourt.com; 35B & 35C Lebuhr Pitt; incl breakfast dm RM28-35, r RM88-108; ㊟㊟㊟) A low-key, newish backpackers with lots of services and communal amenities. Service here is friendly and