



Marking George Town

Take an amazing tour around George Town to discover the unique wrought-iron caricatures with anecdotal descriptions of the streets that they adorn.



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started off as a competition initiated by the Penang State Government to physically brand George Town as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On 7 September 2009, an international competition was held aimed at exploring innovative ideas in art and design for public spaces in George Town. Out of the 40 entries within the country and from abroad, Sculptureatwork triumphed with its design concept of 'voices from the people'. Subsequently, 52 unique and humorous illustrations in the form of iron rod sculptures were installed against the city's building walls.

In George Town Festival 2012, Ernest Zacharevic was commissioned to paint a few murals, including the world-famous 'Kids On Bicycle'. Since then, a few other artists have also contributed to the current street art popularity in George Town. This map guides you to the most popular ones.

Street Art



Kids on Bicycle



Old Motorcycle



Boy on Chair



Kungfu Girl



Trishaw Man



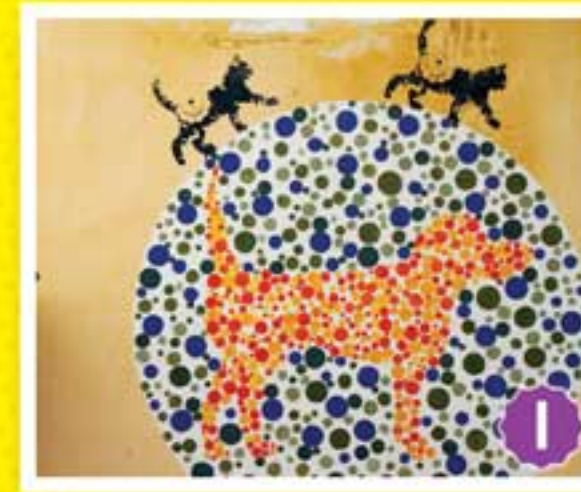
Cultural Girls



Child Mural at Prangin Canal



The Indian Boatman



No Animal
Discrimination Please



Bruce Lee



Please Care & Bathe Me



Love Me Like Your Fortune Cat



Cats & Humans
Happily Living Together



Lion Dance



Skippy



Penang: Past, Present & Future



Children Playing Basketball



Brother and Sister on a Swing



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Core Zone
 The Core Zone covers an area of 109.38 hectares, and contains more than 1700 buildings. It is bounded by a coastline along the north and east, and by Love Lane to the north-west and Gat Lebuh melayu, Lorong Carnarvon and Lebuh Carnarvon to the south-west corner.

Buffer Zone
 The Core Zone is protected by 150.04 hectares of Buffer Zone bounded by the sea, Jalan Transfer on the west and Jalan Dr Lim Chwee Leong and Gat Jalan Prangin on the south west.

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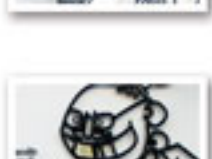
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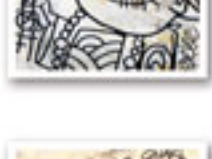
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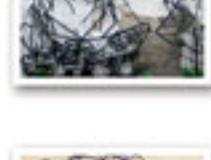
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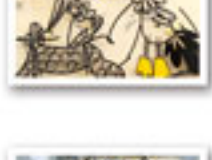
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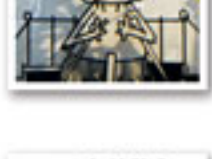
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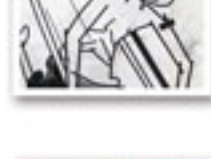
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← Jimmy Choo

This is the place where the famous shoe designer, Jimmy Choo, started his apprenticeship.

*Location: Lebuhr Leith / Lebuhr Muntri

1

Win Win Situation →

Muntri Street was named after The *Orang Kaya Menteri* of Larut, Perak, Ngah Ibrahim.

*Location: Lebuhr Muntri



2



← Mr Five Foot Way

Five foot ways were meant to protect pedestrians from the hot sun and rain. With the influx of immigrants, work increasingly became hard to find. Many of the old and unemployed thus began using these corridors to set up small businesses instead. The Hokkiens began calling these 'goh ka ki' or 'five foot way' trades.

*Location: Jalan Transfer

3

One Leg Kicks All →

The 'black and white' Amahs were Cantonese domestic servants from Guangdong who did all kinds of household chores and would refer to themselves with wry humour as "Yat Keok Tet" (One Leg Kicks All).

*Location: Lebuhr Muntri



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← Narrowest Five Foot Way

Obviously, this is less than five feet...

The 'five foot way' of Wan Hai Hotel is said to be the narrowest in Penang.

*Location: Lorong Stewart

Bullock Cart Wheel →

In the days when your money could be as "big as a bullock cart wheel", this was a popular rest stop for limousines of the time.

*Location: Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling



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← Cheating Husband

The local Chinese say the rich men who lived on Muntri Street kept their mistresses here, hence the name 'Ai Cheng Hang' or Love Lane.

*Location: Love Lane



7

Tok Tok Mee →

Tok tok mee is so called because hawkers would strike a 'tok tok' sound to signal their presence.

*Location: Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling / Lebuh China



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← Roti Benggali

Kulit asing?

Roti Benggali came from the word, 'Penggali' ('shareholder' in Tamil)

*Location: Lebuh King



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← Wrong Tree

Also called toddy or palm wine, tuak is an alcoholic beverage made from underdeveloped flower of the coconut palm. The collecting and marketing of tuak were entirely an Indian affair with the majority of its drinkers being Indian labourers.

*Location: Lorong Pasar

Too Hot →

The famous Weld Quay was the birthplace of Kelinga Mee, a spicy Indian noodle dish created to whet the appetites of sailors and port workers.

*Location: Pengkalan Weld



← Ting Ting Thong

One of the favourite foods sold at Seck Chuan Lane is 'ting ting thong' or rock candy, a hardened mixture of sugar, sesame seeds and nuts loved by kids. It has to be "chiselled" and "hammered" to break it into smaller biteable pieces.

*Location: Lorong Seck Chuan



Labourer to Trader →

The early convict labourers were reputed to have built most of the government buildings in Penang. Some ex-convicts became petty traders and were the core group who started the Chowrasta Market.

*Location: Jalan Kuala Kangsar





← Kopi 'O'

One Tall, Double Shot,
Decaf Espresso
KOPI-O'-KAU!

*Location: Lebuhr Kimberley

Untrained Parakeet →

Parrot astrologers were Indian fortune tellers, who used green parakeets to foretell a person's future.

*Location: Lebuhr King



← Three Generations

Kimberly Street is famous for its hawker food. Some stalls have been here for over 3 generations.

*Location: Lebuhr Kimberley / Jalan Sungai Ujong



Rope Style →

Rope walk was named after the rope-making activities on the street.

*Location: Jalan Pintal Tali



← Born Novelist

The birthplace of Ahmad Rashid Talu, the first to write an original Malay novel with local setting and local characters.

*Location: Lorong Lumut





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← Procession

The Tua Pek Kong Hneoh Grand Float Procession is held in the Year of the Tiger to wash away bad luck and bring great wealth and health.

*Location: Lebuh Armenian

Too Narrow →

The hand-pulled rickshaw was the most popular form of transportation in early Penang.

*Location: Lorong Soo Hong



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← Limousine

This was the place to go for Chinese books, stationery, coffins and paper effigies. All the pleasures of the material world can be reproduced in paper and burnt as gifts for the hereafter.

*Location: Lorong Carnarvon



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Property →

In the 1800s, shops and godowns on Victoria Street were built at the seafront.

*Location: Lebuh Victoria



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← Escape

This old Acehnese godown was originally a jail building already extant in 1805 - hence the thick walls and small windows.

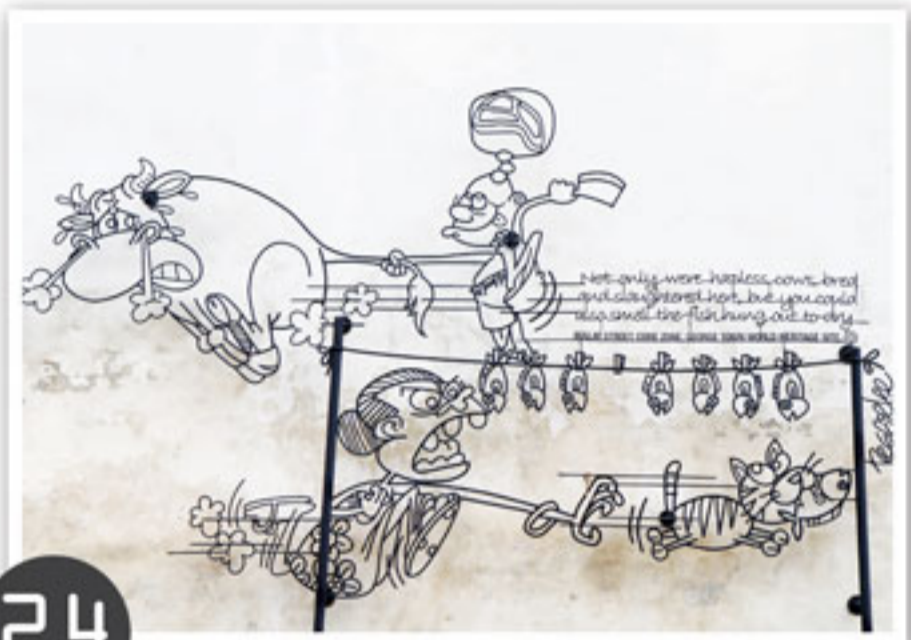
*Location: Lebu Acheh

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Cow & Fish →

Not only there were hapless cows bred and slaughtered here but you could also smell the fish hung out to dry.

*Location: Lebu Melayu / Lorong Ikan



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← No Plastic Bag

A petty-trading neighbourhood, where you can find activities such as drying of salted fish and basket weaving.

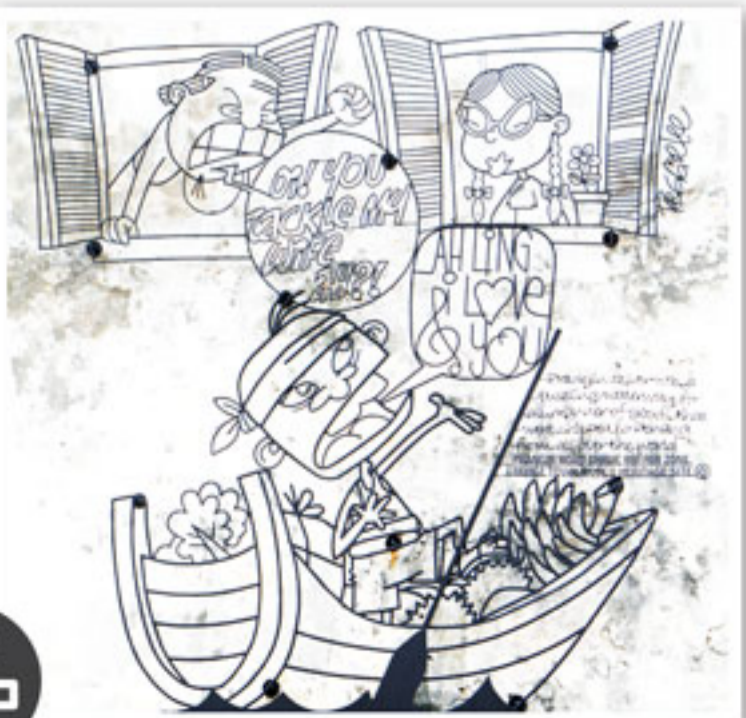
*Location: Lebu Prangin

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Waterway →

Prangin River was a bustling waterway for all manner of goods that were shipped to Penang from all over the world.

*Location: Gat Lebu Prangin



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← Too Salty

The Tamils refer to this street as *Uppukaran Teru* or Salt Traders' Street, a reference to the salt trading activities.

*Location: Jalan Green Hall

Rotan →

Thick, Medium or Thin?



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*Location: Lebuah Chulia



29

← Main Street

Chulia Street was one of the main streets laid out by Captain Francis Light. Today, it is known as "Backpackers' Main Street".

*Location: Lebuah Chulia

Beca →

Next...here, here and here!
Locally known as 'beca'
Most of the trishaw paddlers also doubled as tourist guides.



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*Location: Lorong Chulia



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← Quiet Please

To the dismay of parishioners of the Portuguese church there, Church Street also housed the headquarters of the notorious Ghee Hin secret society.

*Location: Lebuah Gereja

Mahjong →

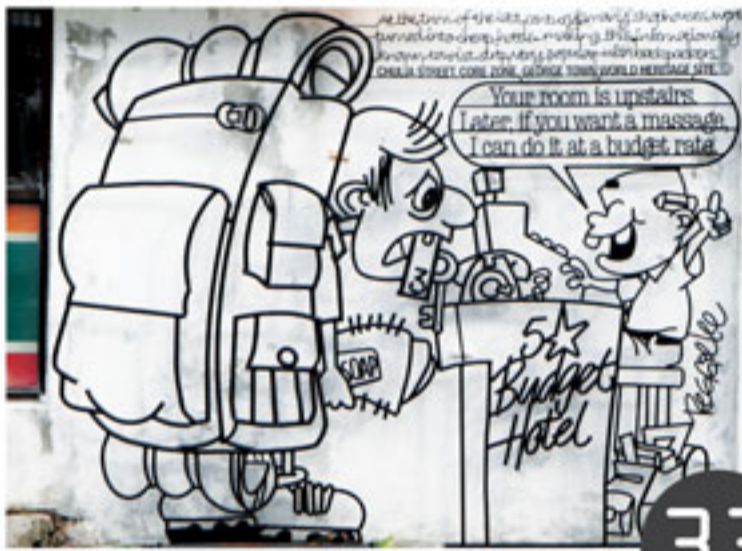
Hey! At this hour, still play mahjong!

Mahjong (The game of sparrows) - a favourite pastime for the elderly.

*Location: Lorong Stewart



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← Budget Hotels

At the turn of the last century, many shophouses were turned into cheap hotels, making this internationally-known tourist strip very popular with backpackers.

*Location: Lebuah Chulia

No More Red Tape →

Transfer Road is named after the event of the transfer of Straits Settlement from Indian office to Colonial office in Singapore in 1867. It resulted in a more efficient administration and an era of great prosperity of the Crown colonies.

*Location: Jalan Transfer



34

← Temple Day

*Incense? Candles? Oil?
Joss stick? Flowers? Help! Help!*
During the first and fifteenth day of every lunar month, the Goddess of Mercy Temple is packed with devotees seeking divine guidance.

*Location: Lorong Muda



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← Gold Teeth

Boleh Kasi jadi cincin?

The traditional Indian goldsmith sat cross-legged on a floor mat, bent over a small bench to work. Their work demanded patience, creativity and skill.

*Location: Lebuah Queen

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Gedung Rumput →

While its royal English name sounds very grand, it's also locally known as *Gedung Rumput* or Grass Godown, with bullock carts being parked along this wide street.

*Location: Lebuah Queen



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← Spy

In the early 20th century, the slightly risqué reputation of this area was further enhanced by the presence of Japanese camera shops which were suspected of covert spying activities.

*Location: Lebuah Cintra

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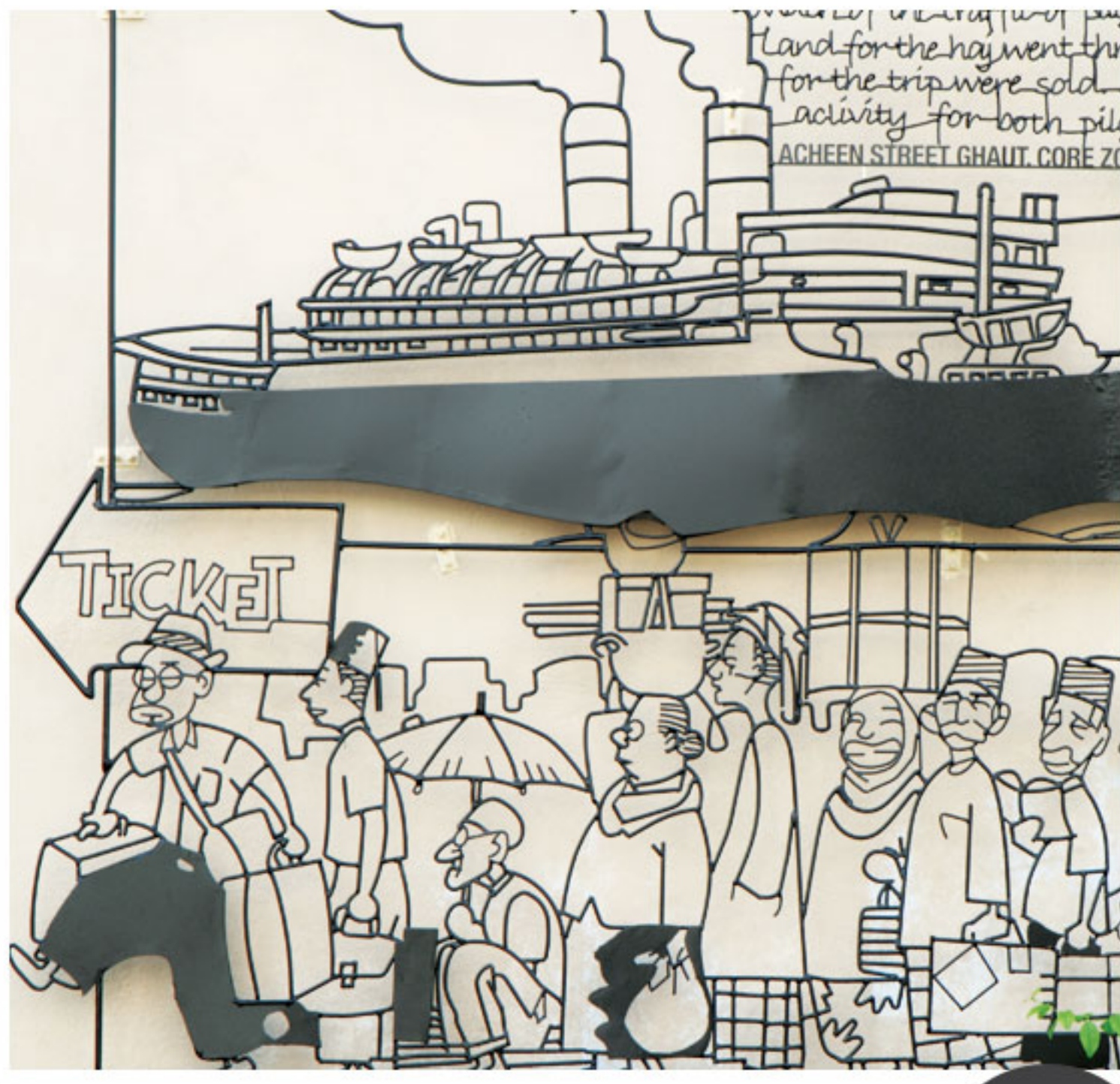
Retail Paradise →

Campbell Street is Penang's Fifth Avenue, a retail paradise where shoppers can stroll along the row of shophouses and feast their eyes on an array of goods.

*Location: Lebuah Campbell



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← Pilgrims

Much of the traffic of pilgrims to and from Muslim Holy Land for the haj went through Acheen Street, where tickets for the trip were sold. Shopping was also a favourite activity for both pilgrims and their well-wishers.

*Location: Gat Lebuah Acheh

High Counter →

The counter of the pawnshop is typically higher for security.

*Location: Lebuah Carnarvon



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← Kandar

Nasi Kandar originated from Tamil Muslim hawking home-cooked curry dishes and rice from containers slung on both ends of a kandar (a wooden stick).

*Location: Lebuah Ah Quee

Ah Quee? →

The street is named after Kapitan Chung Keng Kwee who generously donated his house to the Municipality for vehicular access, ensuring that his name lives on for posterity.

*Location: Lebuah Ah Quee



43



← Duck

Quak! Quak!

Also known as 'Chicken Alley', this lane was once used by poulterers.

*Location: Lorong Che Em

44

Shorn Hair →

Barbers used to operate here. Shorn hair was simply swept into the Prangin canal.

*Location: Jalan Sungai Ujong

45



← Double Role

Fire! Fire!

Up until 1909, the police doubled as George Town's firefighters.

*Location: Gat Lebu Chulia

46



'Yeoh' Only →

Yeoh Kongsu was established in 1836 to look after the welfare of the newly arrived Yeoh clansmen.

*Location: Gat Lebu Chulia

47



← Cannon Hole

A cannon shot fired during the 1867 Penang Riots made a large hole in this area, hence the name.

*Location: Lebu Cannon

48



Same Taste, Same Look →

Not only the 'pau' taste same, you also look same! Here you'll find traditional Cantonese Restaurants serving Dim Sum.

*Location: Lebuhr Cintra

49



← Then & Now

The Hokkiens called this street Pak Thang-Ah Kay or "Coppersmith's Street", a reference to the early Malay braziers making brass and copper wares.

*Location: Lebuhr Armenian

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Ironsmith →

Young man, don't strike the iron when you're hot.

The striking of the lone ironsmith's hammer can still be heard along the street where once every tool had to be fashioned by heat and hand, not machines.

*Location: Lorong Tok Aka

51



← Chingay

The Penang Chinese first performed Chingay in 1919 during deity processions. Today, the art has evolved to become a unique multiracial performance.

*Location: Pengkalan Weld

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