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# Negeri Sembilan

Home of Ancient Traditions

**Eagle Ranch Resort Sports Paradise** Situated in Port Dickson, this retreat resembles a cowboy ranch and offers a variety of fun-filled activities. Enjoy horse riding and archery, or opt for thrills such as go-karting, canoeing and rafting.

**Ostrich Farms** Drop by the Jelita Ostrich Farm in Seremban or the PD Ostrich Farm in Port Dickson to take a close look at these huge birds. Enjoy feeding the ostriches or watch other animals such as turkeys, rabbits and horses. The souvenir shop in the PD Ostrich Farm offers a range of rare and exotic products like Ostrich leather wallets and handbags, Ostrich feather dusters and a café serving healthy and delicious food items made from Ostrich meat like burgers and dried meat.

**Army Museum** Port Dickson was home to the first Malay Regiment batch in 1933. As time went by, several army museums sprouted in PD such as the Muzium Angkatan Tentera Darat which showcases canons, tanks, locomotives and vehicles used during the war.

**Nilai** Nilai in the northern part of the state has become an important industrial area due to its proximity to the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) in nearby Sepang district in Selangor. Shopping is also a favourite pastime here as there are countless shops selling various merchandises from textiles to decorative items.

**Homestays** Participate in a homestay programme to experience the local lifestyle. Watch interesting cottage industries such as traditional sugar-making, handicraft weaving or learn the art of rubber tapping. Try your hand at indoor games like congkak or participate in a colourful local dance.

**Getting There**  
The capital of the state, Seremban, is only 40km away from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA). Taxis, buses and car rental services are available from the airport to designated destinations in Negeri Sembilan. Buses and Keretapi Tanah Melayu (KTM) Komuter trains also leave frequently from Kuala Lumpur to the town of Seremban.

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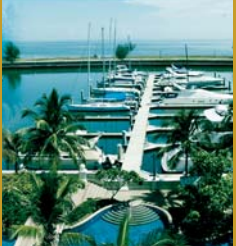
# Malaysia Welcomes The World



Sri Menanti Royal Museum



Port Dickson



Admiral Marina & Leisure Club



Pengkalan Kempas Historical Complex



House of Pendita Za'ba

## Welcome to Negeri Sembilan

Negeri Sembilan is a small but interesting state with a rich culture and history. It is about 50km south of Kuala Lumpur. Negeri Sembilan which literally means nine states or districts is often identified with the pervasive influence of the Minangkabau culture.

The Minangkabau people migrated across the Straits of Malacca from Sumatra centuries ago and their traditional houses consist of upswept roofs reminiscent of buffalo horns. Many of the state's modern buildings are fine examples of this distinctive architecture.

A unique feature of the state is the Adat Perpatih, a matrilineal social system practised by the present-day descendants. This system is evident in clan and marriage customs, property ownership and dance forms.

The state capital of Seremban is an hour's drive from Kuala Lumpur and is a flourishing urban centre with several historic and cultural landmarks.

There is a wide choice of food and dining settings in the state from international cuisine at beach or golf resorts to open-air food courts selling local delicacies. For accommodation, choose from luxury resorts to modest family-run inns or even homestays where you can live like the locals. Major hotels and resorts can be found in Seremban and Port Dickson while smaller towns offer basic accommodation.

### Places of Interest

**Sri Menanti Royal Museum** This former palace is a classic showcase of Minangkabau architecture and design. The wooden structure is an architectural wonder as no screws or nails were used in its construction. It is a repository of the regalia of the Negeri Sembilan royal family, with exhibits such as costumes, ceremonial weaponry, bed chambers and documents on the royal lineage.

**Port Dickson** The coastal resort of Port Dickson or PD is a popular weekend retreat on Peninsular Malaysia's southwestern coast. Its sunny beaches, lined by tall coconut trees and shady casuarinas, are perfect for a short beach holiday. There are numerous locations here for family outings and picnics. Its famous beaches, Teluk Kemang and Blue Lagoon, abound with watersports and beach activities.

**Lata Kijang Waterfalls** This is one of the highest single drop waterfalls in Malaysia. Situated deep in the jungle in the district of Jekebu, it is accessible by four-wheel drive. The two-hour trip through rugged terrain, traversing Orang Asli or aboriginal settlements and a plethora of wild plants, rewards visitors with the breathtaking sight of this waterfall.

**Ulu Bendul Recreational Forest** This recreational forest is ideal for activities such as mountain climbing, jungle trekking, camping and picnics. Its verdant greenery and clear river water make it a favourite weekend retreat.

**Cultural Handicraft Complex** Visit this complex, to view a building modelled like a traditional Minangkabau dwelling. Various examples of the state's handicraft and historical artefacts are on display in this complex which preserves Negeri Sembilan's rich cultural traditions.

**State Museum** Located within the grounds of the Cultural Handicraft Complex, the museum is an old wooden palace which has been reconstructed. On display are artefacts like weapons, brass and a tableau portraying a grand royal wedding.

**State Mosque** This mosque was built with nine pillars to symbolise the nine districts in Negeri Sembilan. From here, one can enjoy a scenic view of the Seremban Lake and the gardens surrounding it.

**Wet World Pedas Hot Springs** The hot springs, about 15km from Seremban, is a delightful retreat for the whole family. Its two open-air pools are popular with adults and children. Attractions include underwater reflexology footpath, twin slides, wave pool and wading pool provide splashing fun for all.

**House of Pendita Za'ba** Also known as Teratak Za'ba, this historic house chronicles the life and times of Za'ba or Tan Sri Zainal Abidin bin Ahmad, an icon of Malay literature and thinking who made many contributions in the economic, political and social fields. This house is another fine example of traditional Negeri Sembilan architecture with its raised stilts and long up-ended roofs.

**Pengkalan Kempas Historical Complex** Situated 35km from Port Dickson, this complex houses the tomb of a renowned missionary from Sumatra, Sheikh Ahmad Majnun, topped by a hollow stone with Arabic inscriptions. An interesting feature here is the mysterious stone megaliths, referred to as batu hidup or living rocks.



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- Federal Territory
- State Capital
- Town
- ⊕ Place of Interest
- Road
- Highway
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