

Penang ranks 7th among top 10 travel destinations in Asia

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GEORGE TOWN: Penang has been named one of the "Top 10 Travel Destinations in Asia for 2025" by American travel magazine Smart Travel Asia, reflecting its growing appeal as a must-visit location for international tourists.

State tourism committee chairman Wong Hon Wai said Penang secured the seventh position on the prestigious list, alongside Kuala Lumpur (eighth) and Sabah (10th).

According to the ranking, Bangkok topped the list, followed by Tokyo and Bali, which were both in second place.

Other destinations on the list include Chiang Mai (Thailand) in third place; Seoul (South Korea) and Luang Prabang (Laos), sharing fourth place; and Hong Kong, Phuket (Thailand) and Rajasthan (India) jointly occupying fifth place.

In a Facebook post, Wong said two Penang hotels were also recognised for their excellence, namely the Eastern & Oriental Hotel Penang, which was named among the top 10 wedding hotels in Asia, and Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang Resort, which was listed as one of the top 10 family hotels in the region.

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