



## THE ESPLANADE PARK

Heritage, Cultural, Food & Festival

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**Distance From Airport** 18.6km

## FORT CORNWALLIS (THE ESPLANADE PARK)

Fort Cornwallis, first built in timber on this site by Captain Francis Light in 1786, is one of the most important structures in the region. The building seen today was commenced by Light in 1793 and upgraded in 1804, though with a surrounding moat. The fort represented British protection and stability in a region of uncertainty, enabling the growth of Penang's uniquely rich and diverse population. Its military status was downgraded in 1897 and it became a base for police and volunteer forces. Japanese troops occupied Fort Cornwallis in WWII, utilising it and the Esplanade for warehouses.

In 2016, The Esplanade Park Sdn Bhd was awarded the contract to operate, manage and maintain Fort Cornwallis by the Penang State Government. The Fort is of immense historical significance to Penang and Malaysia as a whole, dating back to settlement by the British East India Company in 1786. Its importance played a major role in securing the 2008 listing of George Town as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Disable Friendly** Yes

### LIST OF FACILITIES

Tourist information kiosk  
Cafe  
Open-air amphitheatre  
History gallery  
Souvenir centre

### Venue Dimension & Seating Capacity

FUNCTION ROOM / HALL											
Fort Cornwallis	-	-	-	-	139	-	-	720	-	-	-