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NatureTech Camp Penang 28–30 Sept 2023

ACE Biosphere secondary students embarked on a school trip to Penang. They went to four captivating destinations, each offering a unique experience close to nature.

The Penang National Park, stretching across 2,563 hectares of land and sea, serves as a haven for scientists, researchers, and nature enthusiasts alike, offering them the opportunity to uncover its bountiful natural wonders. Nestled within its boundaries lies Malaysia's sole meromictic lake, adding to its allure.

4 Penang National Park (PNP)

3 Tropical Spice Garden (TSG)

TSG is a bio-diverse living museum of the spices and other tropical plants. It has more than 500 living specimens of lush and exotic flora from around the world.

2 Starlight Campsite / The Hillside Lodge

1 The Habitat in Penang Hill

The Habitat sits on the fringes of the permanent rainforest reserve and is a gateway to experience all the wonders of the UNESCO Penang Hill Biosphere Reserve.



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Lots of monkeys! Very interesting and fresh seaside air. Absolutely loved it! I learned about the poisonous trees and herbs, and things you can use to make spears, straw tubes and many more.
-Ariana Amin, 32VA-



Penang National Park

We went to the beach with some of my seniors and classmates. We collected some shells, and it was really fun. -Cassandra, 31VA-



Starlight Campsite / The Hillside Lodge

Tropical Spice Garden

Fish spa is very nice
-Cayden Chee, 32VA-



I learned about the animals and wildlife -Hiro, 32VA-

The Habitat in Penang Hill

I learned about nature and different plants that I've never seen. -Wei Han, 31VA-



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I am thankful and grateful for having my friends after going to this trip.

😊😊 -Sarah, 32VA-



It was really fun, taking pictures and walking around overall were very enjoyable. I've never gone camping before and it was a really fun experience, especially being able to spend time with my friends. -Charmaine Yong, 3IVA-

I am grateful for going somewhere else to learn more about the environment and staying with my friends.

-Heishvina, 3IVA-

Penang hill consists of 5 hills.

-Jake2, 3IVA-



In Tropical Spice Garden, I have learned about types of plants that grow in Penang and plants that make insect repellent -Desiree, 32VA-

It was fun to be with classmates and learn a lot of things. I learned about habitats and it was fun to know about the plants.

-Jayden Foong Jia Hao, 3IVA-

The educational guided walk was really fun and we learned about plants. The fish spa was the best and the hiking was really fun.

-Ben, 3IVA-

The stay in The Hillside was very nice, but my loaf of bread was stolen by monkeys. -Rafa, 32VA-

The bus driver is really good 👍

- P'ng Qi Qi, 3IVA-



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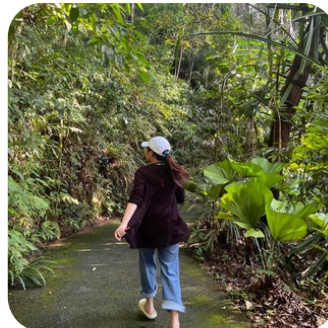
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I was very fascinated to learn so much from the people who ran the site. They seemed very passionate about what they were doing and they were always willing to share things. For example, one of them shared with me about his projects to tag and document bats, and also helped me identify some of the local flora and fauna. The night was also spectacular when I managed to see a colugo fly for the first time in my life! -Joe Chew, 41 CL-



I had fun in the Penang National Park.

-Chucky, 31 VA-

I am thankful that I did not get hurt and no insects bite me.

-Ariel, 32VA-

It was so good! I love the time the teachers, me, and my friends got together late at night and we talked about spooky, scary stories. Then we also went to the beach. It was nice because it was a good bonding moment with all the students and teachers.

-Evania Budiono, 42CL-

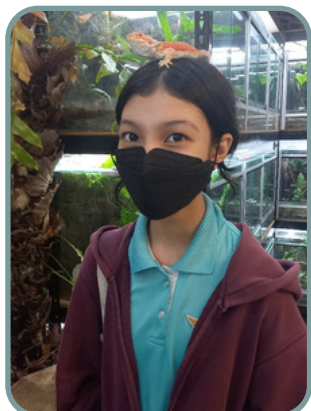
It was really nice. The view was amazing and the walks were very fun and informative. The night walk was my favourite, quite spooky but fun nonetheless.

-Safiyah, 43CL-



I learned about many new plants and facts about them. I learned how to differentiate between cheaper and more expensive spices. The Starlight Camp was very fun and entertaining. I am also very grateful for the teachers who helped us out with everything.

-Monishaah, 41CL-



The zip-line was so exhilarating and fun 🚀!
The tents in the Starlight Camp were comfortable and the weather was nice and windy. Not hot and not cold. Spiders eyes glow in the dark.

-Law Hoi Lam (Kalan), 42VA-



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The stay was really unforgettable, as we experienced camping out in the wilderness and being able to have a great view of the stars and fresh air. The activities, such as the night walk and the breathing exercises allowed us to widen our vision. -Kate Lim, 42VA-

In The Habitat, I've learned about animals and plants from the educational guided walk
-Quinn, 32VA-

I've learned about fish spa, spices and their uses. The walk in Penang National Park was nice.
-Ong Joon Zach, 32VA-

I learned many different types of insects I've never seen or heard before. Its was a very nice experience camping in the Starlight Camp.
Very breezy, cooling and calming.
-Jade, 42CL-



In The Habitat, I've learned about different animals native to Penang from the educational guided walk. -Jake Ng, 31 VA-
In Tropical Spice Garden I have learned that the Penang flag is not a coconut tree but a Penang palm tree. -Choo Jia Yit, 31 VA-

Thank you for every teacher in this trip. It was fun!
- Hailey, 31VA-

It was a very fun experience as I got to sleep in the Starlight Camp at Penang Hill and feel nature at its fullest. I also got to see a flying squirrel and many other interesting creatures. I'm grateful I could attend this trip with my friends and teachers before graduation. I'm also glad we got to stop by the beach to play.
-Chia Wern Qi, 42VA-

The stay at the Hillside Lodge was good.
-Lui Bok Yee Bernie, 32VA-

In Tropical Spice Garden, I learned about how vanilla is made.
-Danish, 32VA-



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