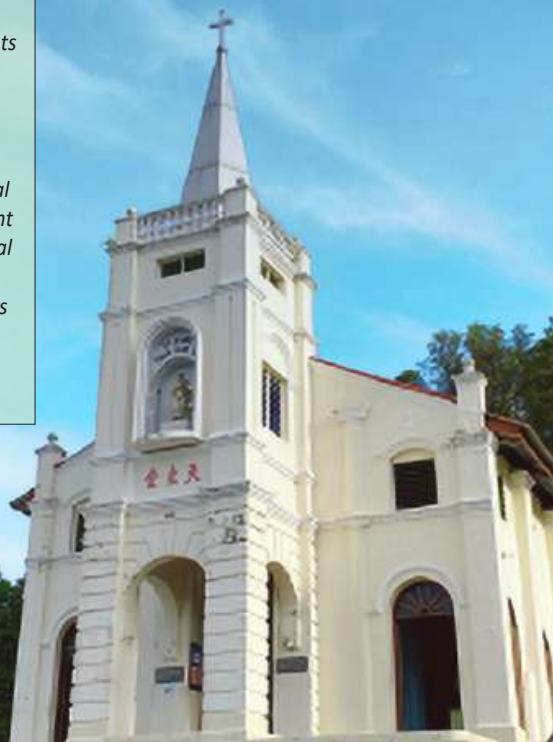


An APAVM Experiential & Exploratory Trip of: Malaysia's Christian Heritage & Cultural Tapestry

27 Sept - 5 Oct 2026

Malaysia's Christian heritage spans over 500 years, creating a faith deeply woven into the nation's diverse multiracial fabric. Catholicism first arrived with the Portuguese in Melaka in 1511, followed by Protestants during the Dutch and British colonial eras. Today, Christianity is practiced by nearly 10% of the population, bridging the geographic and cultural divide between Peninsular Malaysia and the East Malaysian states of Sabah and Sarawak. This spiritual heritage is uniquely integrated into Malaysia's vibrant tapestry of diverse cultures. Malaysia's gastronomical diversity of sumptuous hawker food and traditional curations of Malay, Chinese and Indian food influences is second to none. Join APAVM for a wondrous 9-day exploration of the best of Malaysia's Christian Heritage and Cultural Tapestry.



E&O Hotel - Penang



Banjaran Hotsprings Retreat - Ipoh



The Majestic Hotel - Melaka



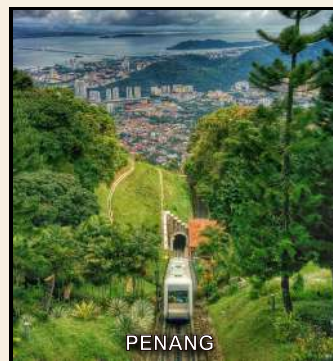
The Ruma Hotel - Kuala Lumpur

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Malaysia's Christian Heritage & Cultural Tapestry

Welcome to Malaysia, where the historic cities of Penang, Ipoh, Melaka, and Kuala Lumpur offer a beautiful tapestry of diverse cultures and Christian heritage. Discover the rich history of Christendom in Malaysia, whose churches, mission schools, and charitable institutions have shaped the nation's spiritual and social heritage. Learn about Malaysia's harmonious multi-racial society and discover the unique Baba and Nyonya heritage, found mainly in Malaysia and Singapore. Born from the union of early Chinese settlers and local communities during the Straits Settlements era, the Peranakan culture blends Chinese and local traditions through its architecture, cuisine, customs, and artistry.

Dates	Program	Arrival & Departure
27-30 Sept	• Penang -The Melting Pot Of Culture, Food & Faith	Our trip will begin on Sunday, 27 Sep, in Penang, with a Welcome Reception at 1430 hrs at the E&O Hotel. Please plan for an early check-in to be on-time for our Opening. Please plan your departure from Kuala Lumpur on Monday, 5 Oct. Should you require pre-trip extra nights at E&O Penang or post-trip extra nights at Ruma KL, we'd be happy to assist.
30 Sept-2 Oct	• Ipoh -Malaysia's "Tin City" & Nature Retreat	
2-3 Oct	• Melaka -Missionary Footsteps & Colonial Legacy	
3-5 Oct	• Kuala Lumpur -Malaysia's Vibrant & Modern Capital	



PENANG



KUALA LUMPUR



IPOH



MELAKA

REGISTER NOW!

To be eligible to join this trip, all participants must be Patrons of APAVM until Dec 2027

USD 3,900 per pax*
(USD 960 single supplement)

- Includes: accommodation, group meals, off-site visits, educational activities, and transportation.
- Excludes: international air tickets to Penang and return flight from Kuala Lumpur to the final destination.

For more information and assistance for registration please contact:

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Malaysia Trip Highlights

PENANG – The Melting Pot Of Culture, Food & Faith

- Visit the Immaculate Conception Church and St. Chastan grotto
- Discover George Town UNESCO-listed heritage sites via trishaw
- Walk the “Street of Harmony” with diverse religions
- Explore Penang’s rich Peranakan and Chinese heritage
- Visit Khoo Kongsi, Sun Yat Sen Museum & vibrant street art murals
- Church of the Assumption & Penang Diocesan Museum
- Ride the Penang Hill funicular and enjoy a guided nature walk at The Habitat
- Spiritual enlightenment at Penang College General
- Enjoy hawker delights and the gastronomical wonders of Penang

IPOH – Malaysia’s “Tin City” & Nature Retreat

- Visit the Minor Basilica of St Anne, Malaysia’s major pilgrimage site
- Pay respects at St Michael’s Church (Sybil Karthigesu’s grave)
- Explore Ipoh’s colonial heritage and city landmarks
- Discover serene cave temples: Sam Poh Tong or Kek Lok Tong
- Stay and unwind at The Banjaran Hotsprings Retreat
- Exclusive dinner experience at Jeff’s Cellar, set in limestone caves

MELAKA – Missionary Footsteps & Colonial Legacy

- Follow the footsteps of St Francis Xavier to St Paul’s Hill
- Visit Christ Church Melaka and Portuguese-era heritage sites
- Explore St Peter’s Church, the oldest Catholic church in Malaysia
- Visit Ayer Salak Catholic heritage and Church of St Mary
- Optional modern cultural experience at Encore Melaka theatre show

KUALA LUMPUR – Malaysia’s Vibrant & Modern Capital

- Explore the dynamic metropolis of colonial & modern KL
- Visit the St John’s Cathedral and/or Church of the Holy Rosary
- Visit KL Archdiocesan Museum and/or other Museums
- Discover local heritage at Central Market & Kasturi Walk
- Experience a farewell gala dinner of best Malaysian cuisine

(Program Highlights above is subject to change)

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The Asian Patrons of the Arts in The Vatican Museums (APAVM) is a select group of benefactors dedicated to the perpetuation, preservation & restoration of the vast collection of precious art and architecture of the Vatican Museums. Since 1983, Patrons worldwide have generously conserved & restored precious works of art & artifacts of history, thus allowing future generations to be inspired by one of the world's greatest collections of art and culture. The original Vatican Patrons were the Popes who commissioned artists and collected their works. Today there are many Chapters globally, including the Asia Chapter, headquartered in Singapore.



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