PAHANG'S MYSTICAL GEM

As the second largest natural freshwater lake in Malaysia after Tasik Bera, Tasik Chini (Lake Chini) is a lush tropical wetland wilderness covering more than 5,000 hectares. The area comprises a series of 12 inter-connecting bodies of water rich in a wide diversity of biological resources. It is home to over 130 species of territorial plants and more than 300 species of non-aquatic vertebrates, as well as more than 140 species of freshwater fishes and over 200 types of birds. Tasik Chini expands and contracts according to the seasons. Its circumference is at its maximum during the monsoon months of October to January.
Go on an exciting river safari or chose from a range of boating activities and discover what makes Tasik Chini a great natural destination.

CAPTIVATING SCENERY

The water interchangeably overflows into the network of lakes, nurturing and perpetuating a healthy natural growth of delicate flowering white and pink lotus (Nelumbo nucifera). The blooms contrast beautifully against the placid dark waters, and the shimmering azure reflection of the afternoon sky. During the month of July to September, the flowers and grassy reeds that speckle its watery surroundings become more striking. Along with Gunung Chini in the background, the scenery makes for an unforgettable vista that takes your breath away.

An Orang Asli woman hauling in a fishing net
AN ANGLER'S HAVEN

This veritable enclave of over 200 hectares of open water and 700 hectares of freshwater swamp and swampy forest is a haven for anglers bent on landing the ferocious 'toman' (snakehead), 'tapah' and the prized arowana. These species abound from November to January, when the torrential monsoon rains increase the size and depth of the lake.

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WHERE TO STAY

Like Tasik Bera, for environmental reasons, there are few options for accommodation at Tasik Chini. Choose from a modest range of chalet-style lodgings or arrange for a homestay, which offers a more realistic experience of life in the lake area. More popular accommodations include Rajan Jones Chalets, Kijang Mas Gumum Chalets, the homestay at Kampung Baru Salong and Kampung Belimbing, which are located along the road to the lake. The Lake Chini Resort is ideal for families and large groups. It also offers dormitory style accommodations.
GETTING THERE

If you are driving from Kuala Lumpur, drive through the east coast highway, and then turn right to Kampung Belimbing where a boat will cross the Pahang River to another jetty at Kuala Chini. From Kuala Chini, a smooth boat ride through winding scenic streams will get you to Lake Chini. If you are coming from Kuantan, transportation is available via Segamat Highway to Felda Chini. From the settlement, you can arrange for private transportation. If you are driving, turn right at Batu Balik through Salong to the Tourist Complex at Kuala Chini or direct to Lake Chini.

Flights from Kuala Lumpur takes about 45 minutes to the Kuantan airport and from there it is another 30 minutes by road to get to Pekan town. If you wish to drive to Pekan from Kuala Lumpur, head towards Kuantan via the Karak Highway. Pekan town is approximately 300 km from Kuala Lumpur.

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Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia’s field station at Tasik Chini is a research hub dedicated to the preservation and monitoring of the ecological site.

The centre is a one-stop centre for conservationists and for visitors looking for more information about the lake and its flora and fauna.

THE JAKUN

The Jakun is a tribe of aboriginal proto-Malays, who have made Tasik Chini their abode of choice for centuries. Living off the lake and surrounding forests, they make excellent guides as they are well-versed with Lake Chini. They can bring you on a personal tour of nature’s pharmacy – the rainforest – with its endless and yet to be discovered leaves, barks and roots. See how advanced they are in keeping this planet pristine and free from the ravages of modern pollution.
HOMESTAY
A Riverine Experience
To experience what it feels like to live by the river, opt for a stay at Homestay Kampung Baru Salong, situated on the southern bank of the Pahang River.

CLEAR VISTAS
Visitors to Lake Chini are welcomed with a vast vista overlooking a lush tropical peat swamp forest.
BEBAR RIVER

A 20-minute boat ride along the black waters of Bebar River and visitors are treated to the view of Pahang's largest peat swamp forest. Navigate into a labyrinth of screwpines locally known as rasau that can be used for weaving mats, baskets, and food containers. The blackwater river is a fish and bird sanctuary, especially for the Wrinkled Hornbills. It has been gazetted and protected as a conservation area.

Experience the highs and the lows... climb Gunung Chini, descend into the cool waters of the Terapai Waterfall and meander the lovely

TREK AWAY

The area surrounding Lake Chini offers a few exciting routes for jungle trekking and terrains suitable for four-wheel drive challenge. Experienced guides are also on hand to guide visitors to Terapai and Mentagan Waterfalls or even a hike up to Chini mountain.
THE ROYAL TOWN OF PEKAN

Located 50 kilometres south of Kuantan, this quaint town is rich in culture and heritage. Despite its diminutive size, the place offers much to explore and discover. View the Sultan’s palace, and the sprawling field next to it that was designed to accommodate the favourite sport of Kings – polo. The giant statue of a polo player on his horse that sits squarely at the edge of the precinct is representative of how dedicated the royal family is to the game. Visit the royal stables and the Sultan Abu Bakar Museum to fill up on the history of Pahang and its much-loved rulers. Spare some time to browse through the Watercrafts Gallery and observe the making of fine Royal Pahang Silk at the Galeri Tenun Pahang Diraja.

PEKAN RIVERFRONT

Located in the middle of town, Pekan’s riverfront makes for an ideal spot to linger for some peace and quiet. The common garden is decorated with trees and colourful flowers, and also arches and columns with unique details that is synonymous to Pahang. The park has facilities that cater to various visitors and activities. The riverfront is also a great place to snap pictures or for a quiet romantic stroll.

SULTAN ABU BAKAR MUSEUM

The Sultan Abu Bakar Museum is a must see for visitors who wish to know more about Pekan and its myriad heritage. This repository of everything relating to the history of Pahang and its royal lineage is displayed in two huge halls that was formerly one of the royal palaces.
WATERCRAFT GALLERY

This open-sided museum showcases the various watercrafts used in Pahang through the times. On display are colourful and gaily embellished painted boats, basic dugouts, slim sampans, and a complete rundown of information on the history of water crafts.

ROYAL PAHANG SILK WEAVING CENTRE

The centre produces quality fabrics which originates from Pekan, the Royal Town of Pahang. The design of the fabrics are characterised by a checkered pattern that is arranged in such a way that its colour sequence can be changed intermittently from the warp. Once an exclusive item of the Pahang Royal Palace, Tenun Pahang Diraja today has gone through various changes to suit local and foreign tastes – the fabric is suitable for formal dinners, wedding ceremonies and other important events.
TUN ABDUL RAZAK MEMORIAL

Pekan is the birthplace of Malaysia’s second Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak. A walk through the hallowed halls of this gallery gives an idea of how big a contribution and sacrifice he made to help make this country what it is today. On display are various memorabilia he kept during his tenure as Malaysia’s Father of Development.

THRIVING INDUSTRIES

The skills and dedication of Pahang’s craftsmen lives on in the trust placed by world-class industrial giants, such Mercedes Benz, Isuzu and Suzuki. Both automotive giants have been rolling out their products from assembly plants in Pekan.