



PULAU PERHENTIAN

Whenever Pulau Perhentian is brought to mention, people think of its natural beauty, including its sparkling beaches. This island of 2 000 people, most of them fishermen, is popular with local and international visitors, and is a major contributor to Terengganu's tourism industry. Some of the island's residents earn some pocket money by providing tourists with lodging and boats for hire.

Pulau Perhentian, surrounded by 20 smaller islands, has an interesting legend. According to historian, Yusof Awang Su, in his article 'Tempat Sejarah Di-Terengganu' (Historical Sites In Terengganu) published in the 1995 issue of Berita Darul Iman, a huge serpent once lived on the island. Villagers named the serpent Naga Pulau Berjuang. It was believed to have lived at a spot now known as Tanjung Basti on Pulau Perhentian Besar. This serpent was believed to have plunged into the sea to battle with another huge serpent, which had threatened the island's existence. A tract on a hill on the island is believed to have been created by the first serpent. The islanders call this tract, Jalan Naga. In the olden days, cargo vessels ferrying salt from Singora in southern Thailand to Kuala Terengganu used the island for stopovers. This is why the island is known as Pulau Perhentian.

There are more than 20 resorts on Pulau Perhentian Kecil and Pulau Perhentian Besar. Among them are Perhentian Island Resort, Coral View Island Resort, Tropical Reef, Paradise Island Resort and Arwana Perhentian Eco Resort and Chalet. Visitors can go to Pulau Perhentian for only six months the year from March to August. During the rest of the year, the waves are strong and dangerous, particularly during the northeast monsoon. Saat Surif, of the Arwana Perhentian Eco Resort and Chalet, said the peak tourism season was from May to July when visitors arrive for activities like angling, scuba diving, jungle trekking and snorkelling.

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Answer the following questions based from the reading passage

Name of island

Number of people

Main occupation of people

People make some pocket money by providing

Legend is about

Number of resorts on the island

Best time to visit Pulau Perhentian

Peak Season

One of the activities available