

## THINGS TO DO IN CAMERON HIGHLANDS

### ***Stop En-route at Lata Eskander Waterfall***



A nice waterfall along the main road leading to the Cameron Highlands is too compelling not to stop by. The waterfall is easily accessible and apparently quite safe to take a refreshing shower underneath the falls or in the small pools (keep your bathing costumes ready if you do not wish to come later all the way down from your hotel). There is a small market next to the fall selling local souvenirs and fruits.

### ***Visit the Strawberry Farms***



Strawberry is a delight by itself, but when one hand-picks strawberry from the farm, the experience is indeed thrilling and delightful. There are numerous strawberry farms around Cameron Highland. However, one that stands out is the "Big Red Strawberry" farm in Brinchang. Not only are the strawberries in abundance, the farm ambience is quite nice and the strawberry delights offered at the farm restaurant will tempt the most discerning. The farm is a 5 min drive from Brinchang town, near to the Police Station.



Strawberry farming in Cameron Highlands is rather a successful industry. Most of the farmers build their farm together with the fruits and its related products' sale centres to promote the fruits and to let the visitors feel the farming environment and to have a close look at the plant. You can eat the strawberry fresh, beside that strawberries are made into jam, juice, dried fruit and salad mix with other fresh vegetable.



### ***Rose Centre / Valley/Highlands Apiary Farm***

The name Rose Valley is more than a rose nursery. There are different varieties of rose flowers and some other flowers' species for visitor to explore.



Situated in Brinchang about 10 minutes scenic drive from the Equatorial Hotel, Highlands Apiary Farm is one of the three bee farms in Cameron Highlands. Located at the junction between the road to Boh Tea Garden and the main road, it is just more than a bee farm. It has a garden full of yellow sunflowers, where bees love to congregate. Visitors are often worried to get stung by a bee, but as long as one does not disturb them. The sunflowers are like faces full of smiles. It is also a nursery where you can find other plants and flowers.



Highlands Apiary Farm has a love shape fountain. Many domestic tourists believe that the love shape fountain will bring love to life, so it has become a famous spot to take photos with the loved ones. The gold fish inside the fountain will bring luck and prosperity.

There is a shop in the farm selling its own cultivated honey, including raw honey and derivatives. Local apple cider vinegar and 3-in-1 package ginger drink are also available here.

### ***Visit the Tea plantations***



"Boh Tea Garden & Tea Centre" is one of the two Boh Plantation Companies Cameron Highlands. Boh Tea Plantation was founded by J. A Russell, a British who was a business entrepreneur in trading, rubber industry, construction development, mining industry, and of course tea plantation. His discovery has created "Boh Tea" a well known brand not only in Malaysia, also throughout the globe.

To have a good view of lush greenery tea plantation landscape, Boh Tea Garden comes with a short track up the hill. During a sunny day, one could see blue sky with thin layer of cloud cover those pyramid shape mountains.



The visitor centre has a small cafe looking out the greenery landscape. The cafe serves a variety of Boh Tea with different flavours. Traditionally, most teas are served hot. Due to the liking of having Ice tea in Malaysia, the company has come out with "2-in-1" ice tea packages, allowing consumers to brew their tea with Ice without adding any sugar. You can buy "2-in-1" boh ice tea at Tea Shop.

Behind the cafe, they have free tours to show you the process of making tea, introduce their company, and explain the type of tea they are producing.

### ***Hire a Ranger for Jungle Trekking***



In Tanah Rata town, there are travel agencies who can organize jungle trekking for you to explore the nature of Cameron Highlands; there are giant Rafflesia, waterfalls and native people villages hidden in the natural rain forest. If you spent an extra one or two days in Cameron Highlands, you can arrange for other amazing experience. Take a look at the posters at the Travel Agency's office, where they can help you organize many continuous journey in Malaysia, including to Taman Negara

### ***Visit the Vegetable Farm***



It's a great experience to visit vegetable farms as they welcome tourists. Do not think that you can get cheaper vegetables just because you are a tourist. You buy what is already packed but it is hard to compare and complain on the prices. Maybe you may like to follow the crowd and have a look.

### ***Kea Farm***



Kea Farm is not a farm, but a market with outdoor street vendors selling fresh produces. Two lines of shops selling souvenirs, flowers and casual restaurants. It is 3km away from Brinchang town. It is often called Kea Farm because most of its produces are freshly cultivated from the local farms nearby.

It is recommended to stop by at the Kea Farm for last minutes shopping before heading back to Singapore. Strawberries, sweet corns, budded roses; fresh vegetables like tomato, asparagus, and cauliflowers are commonly sold here. This is a famous market among Malaysians visiting Cameron Highlands



### ***Brinchang***

Brinchang is the highest and second largest township of Cameron Highlands, situated 1,450 meters above sea level on a gently sloping plateau about 2km after **Tanah Rata** or 3km before **Kea Farm**. While relatively small in spread compared to Tanah Rata, Brinchang is the densest in development - a tourist hub for Malaysians and Singaporeans attracted by the town's local flavours and style.

The town center is where much of the action lies; Chinese restaurants are found in abundance, many which serve steamboat cuisine - a popular dish for chilly weather. During the day, shops sell tea, souvenirs, handicrafts and edible goodies like chocolates and pickled fruit. The **Night Market** ('Pasar Malam') is an evening bazaar on weekends (occurs daily during festive seasons) retailing the best of Brinchang's produce with a tacky assortment of tourist merchandise. At heart, Brinchang is very much Cameron Highland's own Chinatown, though it is not identified as such because of the dominant Chinese ethnicity of Cameron Highlands. Accommodation is plentiful here; budget hotels and family apartments are abundant throughout the town and its surroundings.



### ***Tanah Rata***

Tanah Rata is the heart of Cameron Highlands. The town has developed as a tourist town where you can find long-distant bus station, taxi station, local restaurants or coffee shops (even a Starbuck), accommodations, travel agencies, gas stations, convenience shops and etc in here.

Many Malaysians have built or owned properties in this part of the town for family retreat or renting out to tourists for short-term and long-term stay.



### ***The Ye Olde Smokehouse***

The Ye Olde Smokehouse is one of the famous heritage buildings in Cameron Highlands. In Dec 1937, an English Family, Mr Douglas Warin's family moved into this house to celebrate their first Christmas in this English cottage house. During the Japanese Occupation, this house was used as an Imperial Japanese Army's office. After the war, there were two European families who owned and stayed in this property, Mr. McDonald's family and Mr. Cowling's family. In 1977, a Malaysian, Mr. Peter K H Lee bought this property from Mr. Cowling. Mr. Lee's family has lived here as their vacation home and slowly turned it to a heritage hotel and a restaurant which is run till date.



The hotel and restaurant is surrounded by self manage gardens with many colorful plants and flowers. It is nearby a golf course with stunning views of the mountains and a green golf course landscape. Don't miss this heritage building whose staffs are friendly and welcoming!

