

A MOSAIC OF CULTURES

Travel Guide for Malaysia





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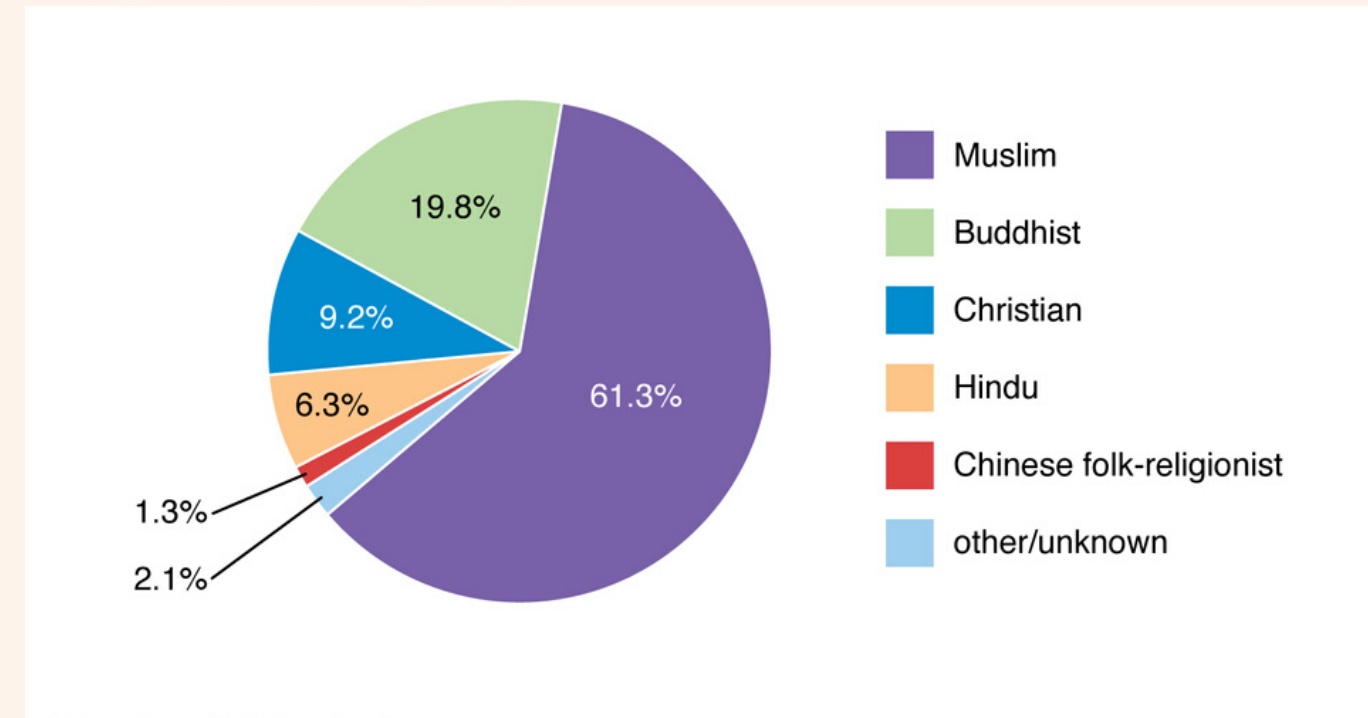
Malaysia lies in the heart of the Indian Ocean and shares a border with Thailand, Brunei and Indonesia. It's a beautiful country full of coastal plains, mountains, and is also rich in cultural history. A wide range of ethnic groups represent Malaysia, which bring exceptional and interesting cuisine as well as its diverse expatriate heritage.



RELIGION & LANGUAGE

Malaysia is one of the most multicultural countries in South East Asia. The uniquely diverse people respect each other religions and traditions, which embraces a refreshing form of diversity.





RELIGION

Malaysia official religion is Islam and 60% of the country are Muslim, but the country also has Hindu and Buddhist populations. Chinese Malaysian also follow Taoist and Confucianist traditions and tribal people in Borneo and other remote areas follow traditional animist beliefs.

<u>ENGLISH</u>	<u>MALAY</u>
Greetings	Selamat Sejahtera
Goodbye	Selamat Jalan
Help	Tolong

LANGYAGE

The national and official language of Malaysia is Bahasa Melayu. English is, because of the colonial past, also widely spoken. Other languages such as Chinese, Iban and Tamil are spoken by the minorities of Malaysia.

FESTIVALS

Unique to Malaysia is the “open house” concept where — during the various cultural and religious festivals such as Chinese New Year, Hari Raya Puasa, Deepavali and Christmas — friends, families and even strangers would visit the homes of those who are celebrating the festival, to wish them well and enjoy the feast prepared by their hosts.





DEEPAVALI/ DIWALI

Celebrated by Hindus as the day the evil Narakasura was slain by Lord Krishna. Signifying the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. Deepavali is also known as Diwali, or the Festival of Lights. Light is significant in Hinduism because it represents goodness.



THAIPUSAM

Hindus celebrate Thaipusam on the tenth month of the Hindu Lunar Calendar. Thaipusam is a Hindu festival celebrated mostly by the Tamil community on the full moon in the Tamil month of Thai (Jan/Feb). The festival is best witnessed at Batu Caves in Kuala Lumpur and in Penang.

CUISINE

Malaysia is a melting pot of cultures, which is why it inherits a vast array of cuisines. This unique food diversity and mix of cuisine is remarkable. The people here are very passionate about their food and here come a few must-try's!





MILO

Kids and adults, expats and locals, monkeys and humans all bond over Milo (pronounced 'my-low'). This chocolate-and-malt drink is so integral to Malaysian existence that local food courts and coffee shops will serve Milo, but not chocolate. Enjoy!



NASI LEMAK

Nasi lemak, literally 'fat rice', is comprised of coconut rice, prawn sambal, fried anchovies, peanuts, cucumber slices, and ayam rendang. There might be variations with regards to the accompaniments, but the rice, cucumber, and peanuts are pretty much staple.



BEEF RENDANG

This beef dish was brought to international renown when Gordon Ramsay came to Malaysia to learn how to make it. The tenderness of the meat and the high flavor of its sauce come from slow-cooking it over the course of several days.



ASSAM LAKSA

Rice noodles served in sour tamarind broth peppered with mackerel and vegetable garnishing. It prompts a heat in the back of your mouth thanks to the spicy paste.

BEST TIME

With different weather patterns in different parts of the country, one could say that the best time to visit Malaysia is any time.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Kuala Lumpur	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great
Melaka	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great
Cameron Highlands	Avoid	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Avoid
Penang	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great
Langkawi	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Avoid	Avoid	Great	Great
Pangkor	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great
Perhentians & Terengganu	Avoid	Avoid	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Avoid	Avoid
Tioman Island	Avoid	Avoid	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Avoid	Avoid

Great time to go

Ok, but be aware...

Avoid, if possible

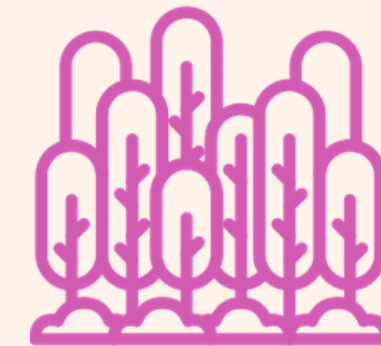
Malaysia has an equatorial climate meaning it's hot and humid throughout the year. Average temperatures range from 20-30° and the relative humidity is an average 80%. Although climate change in recent years makes this less predictable, monsoon season still strikes the east coast in late October and sticks around through February. We do not recommend travelling to the east coast from November through February.

EXPERIENCE

Malaysia is divided into two distinctive areas, with an equatorial climate, having both a monsoon and a dry season.



Culture



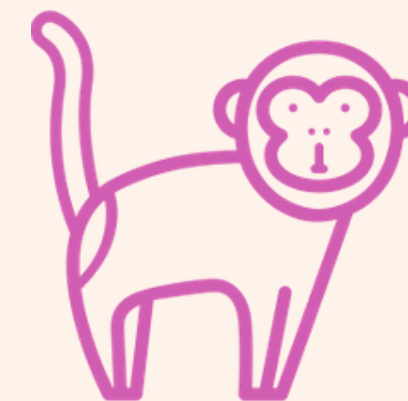
Nature



Religion



Beach



Animal

WESTERN MALAYSIA



KUALA LUMPUR

The capital and largest city of Malaysia is boasting with gleaming skyscrapers, colonial architecture, charming locals, and a myriad of natural attractions. Kuala Lumpur is widely known for the world's tallest twin skyscrapers, the iconic Petronas Twin Towers.



MALACCA

A well-restored city with an abundance of breathtaking sights and rich heritage. Malacca possesses an eclectic blend of customs, traditions, food and lifestyle. Malacca also thrives with terrific scenery such as the Ayer Keroh's lush greenery and the Malacca City's urban landscape.

WESTERN MALAYSIA



LANGKAWI

Langkawi is an archipelago made up of 99 islands on Malaysia's west coast. Surrounded by turquoise sea, the main island is a mixture of picturesque paddy fields and jungle-clad hills. The tropical island offers the perfect opportunity to dive in Malaysia's crystal-clear water.



PENANG

Once upon a time this world-renowned destination was known, as Pulau Pinang or the "Isle of the Betel Nut". This exotic paradise is full of cultural sights and natural scenery ranging from modern art districts to incredible vipers in the Snake Temple.

WESTERN MALAYSIA



REDANG ISLAND

Redang lies within protected marine waters, also known as Terengganu Marine Park. It is surrounded by many other smaller islands and crystal-clear water. The coral reefs are vibrant and perfect for water activities like snorkeling or diving.



PERHENTIAN ISLAND

The word “perhentian” in Bahasa Malaysia means “stopping point”. Make a stop in paradise and admire the staggering beauty of the fine sand beaches, crystal-clear water and the thriving marine life on the Perhentian Islands.



TIOMAN ISLAND

Tioman Island first became famous as the shooting location for the film South Pacific in 1958. The island was chosen to represent ‘Bali Hai’ thanks to its amazing white sand beaches and its azure waters.

EASTERN MALAYSIA



KOTA KINABALU

Kota Kinabalu is the charming capital city of Sabah which is part of East Malaysia. Mount Kinabalu and other beautiful rural sceneries are the perfect excuse to leave the city for an adventure filled with scenic train journeys, bubbling hot springs, and winding river cruises through mangrove swamps.



SANDAKAN

Sandakan is famous for the famous Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre which rescues and rehabilitates these incredible creatures. Learn more about the wildlife living in the gorgeous rainforests of Malaysia and explore the enormous Gomantong Cave.

EASTERN MALAYSIA



SEMPORNAC

Semporna means “perfect” in Malay. After a short boat journey to the Semporna Archipelago, dive into the clear and calm pine-green sea water.



KUCHING

Kuching is the home to many indigenous groups such as the Iban and the Dayaks. One highlight of this region is the Sarawak Cultural Village and the Bako National Park. Discover the unique culture and history of this old colonial town.

MALAYSIA WITH CHILDREN

Kota Kinabalu, also known as KK, is a perfect destination for families. The activities range from White-water rafting and visiting the Orangutan Sanctuary to hiking Mount Kinabalu. A visit to the Mari Mari Cultural Village is a fascinating experience for both, adults and children. After a day filled with joy, relax at a local seafood restaurant and enjoy the incredible sunset.

White-water rafting



Turtle Island National Park



Orangutan Sanctuary



Mari Mari Cultural Village

SOUVENIRS

We all want our travel memories to remain fresh forever. But if only memories were left alone. It is human nature to possess material belonging as a reminder of their cherished memories. Whether you splurge on your travels, buy a cheap souvenir, pick a free memento or just take lots of photos, there is always something to look back to after your return.

Batik



Songkets



Dodol

ITINERARY

Everything from its people to its cuisine reflects a colorful and diverse mix of culture. To fully understand Malaysian culture, you must get to know the people, taste the food and explore the landscape. Malaysia is waiting to be understood by you.





11-Day Classical Tour to Iconic Malaysia

Day1: Welcome to Malaysia!

Arrive at Kuala Lumpur airport and meet our guide for your safe transfer to the hotel. Depending on arrival time, have the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 2: KL City Tour

Today, you will make the most of your day in the capital of Malaysia covering loads of attractions from tallest skyscrapers to symbolic caves.

Day 3: Langkawi Expedition

You will fly to Langkawi (09:35 AM) & arrive in the morning (10:40 AM) and proceed for a full day tour to the major landmarks of Langkawi Island.

Day 4: Island Exploration

After breakfast, your full day will be spent at Pulau Payar, Langkawi's most scenic island, popular among snorkeling and diving enthusiasts, who are keen to explore undersea action.



Day5: Scenic Langkawi

After breakfast, you will set out to experience the most incredible natural landscapes of Langkawi Island, on a mangrove safari tour.

Day 6: Wildlife Experience

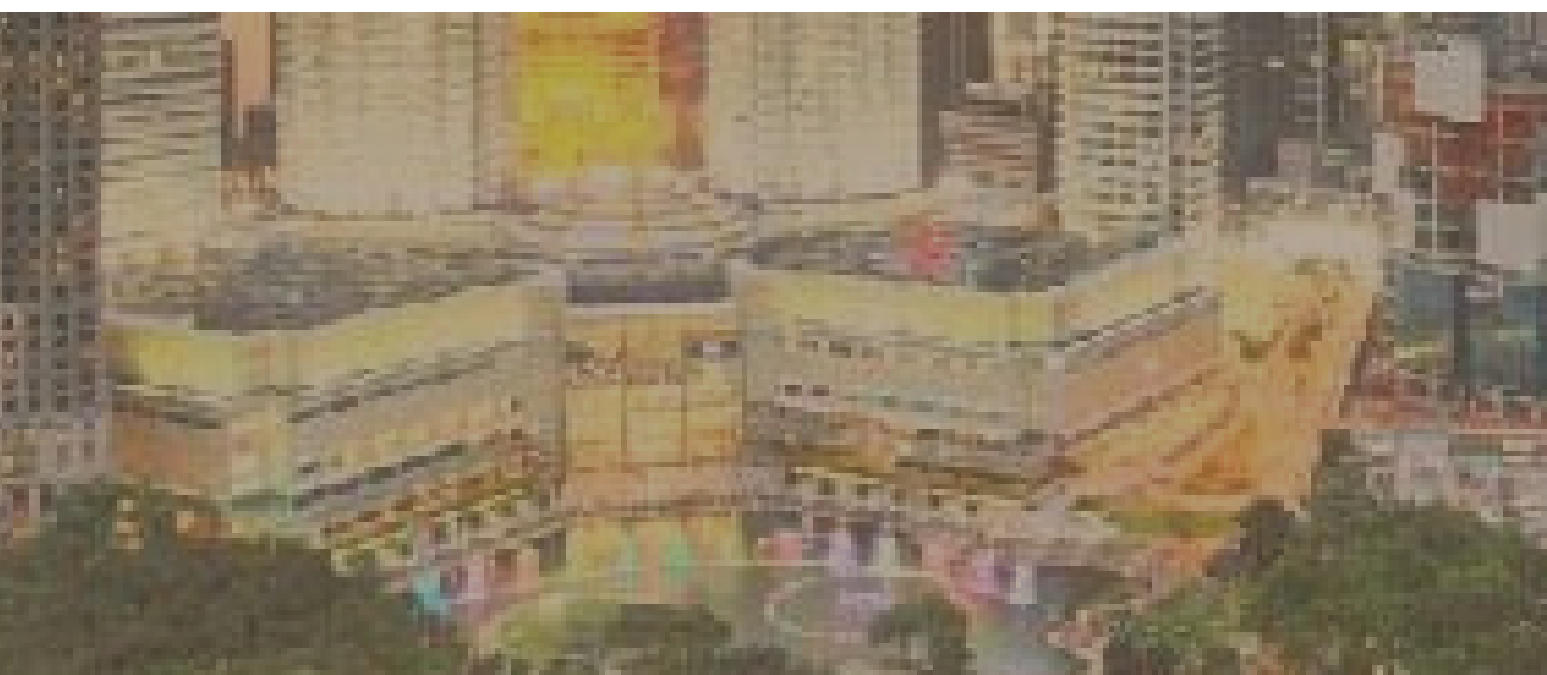
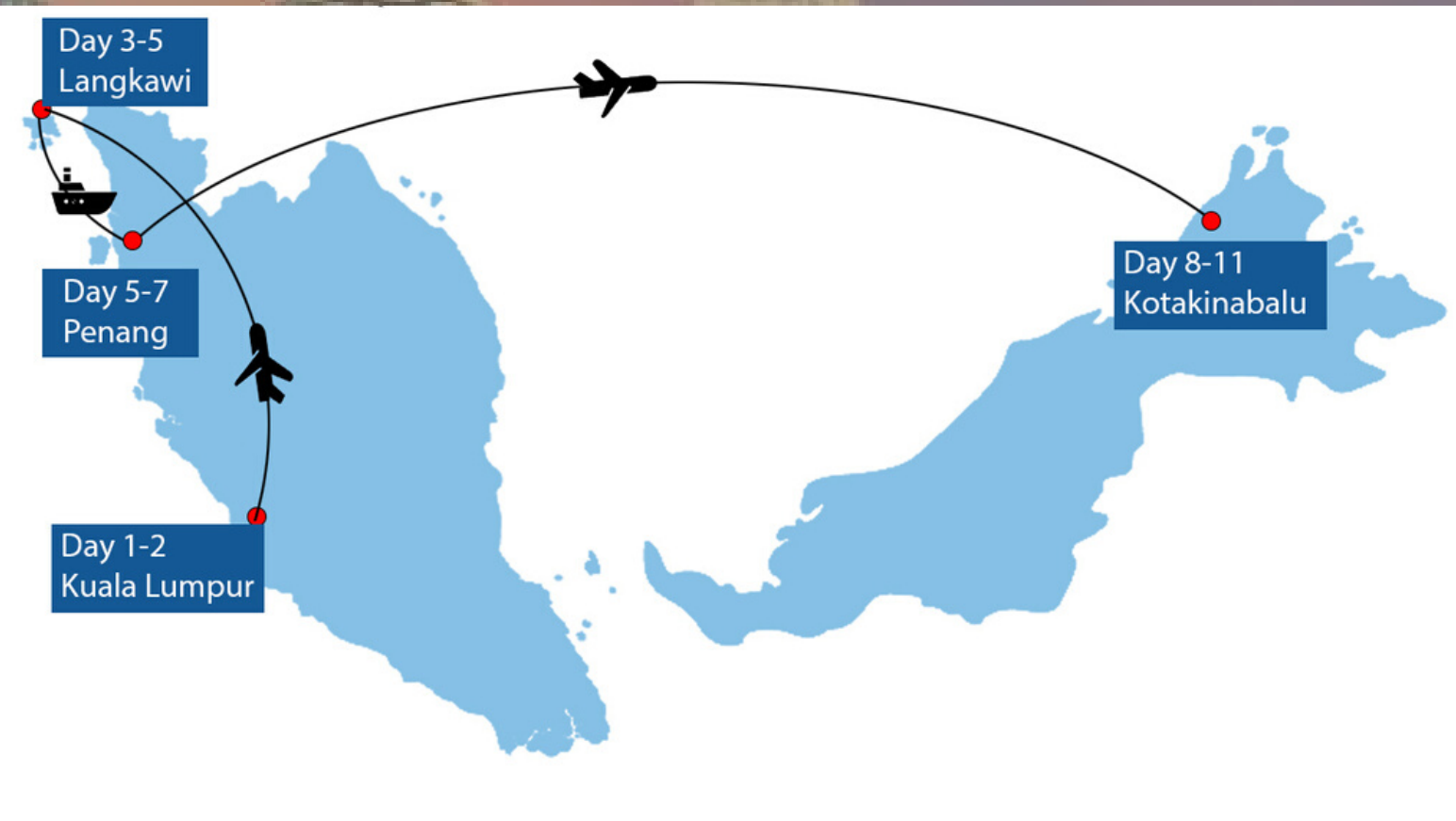
Today, your morning will be greeted by beautiful birds at the Langkawi Wildlife Park and then your afternoon sailing to Penang by ferry.

Day 7: Penang Discovery

Today, you will perform a fully guided nature walk and experience zipline attraction at the Habitat known as Flight of the Colugo. Both Kancil Walk & Flight of the Colugo will take about 4 hours to complete, whereas in the evening you will fly to Kota Kinablu.

Day 8: Cultural Expedition

After lunch, you will spend half a day at the Mari-Mari Cultural Village learning about the 5 ethnic tribes that inhabit in it and discovering the impressive history, culture and traditions of Boreno.



Day9: KK Scenic Ride

Enjoy your morning breakfast and be ready at 08:00 AM for a scenic ride in Kota Kinabalu where you will capture picturesque places in and around the city from flora to fauna and hot spring to milky farm.

Day 10: Snorkeling Day

After breakfast, get ready for a full day adventure at Mantanani Island, a remote group of islands near Kota Kinabalu surrounded with white sandy beaches and crystal blue waters, known for its rich and diverse marine life.

Day 11: Goodbye Malaysia!

After enjoying your breakfast in the morning, you will be prepared to go home as you have come to the end of your classical tour to iconic Malaysia. Wish you all the best until we meet again on another memorable holiday!

From 1,299 USD / per person

Note: Expats Holidays can arrange the tour according to your needs. The tailor-made tour price will change depending on your needs.

VISA

Many foreign travelers holding a passport valid for at least six months are granted visa-free entry to Malaysia. The other foreign nationals can apply for an electronic visa to enter Malaysia. Applicants will receive their visas via email, after filling the application form with the necessary information and once the online credit card payment is completed..

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Time Saving

An underwater scene featuring a diver's legs and fins in the center, surrounded by a large school of orange and white clownfish swimming in clear blue water over a coral reef.

MANY THANKS!

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