

**Essence of Malaysia
10 days – 9 nights
Kuala Lumpur, Malacca, Taman Negara, Cameron Highlands, Ipoh, Penang
Discovery, Relaxation, Culture, History**

This program may be operated for individuals or for groups
This is a suggested itinerary

Malaysia is a multifaceted country, politically, religiously, humanly and geographically. She draws a mosaic which, apart from the Aborigines Orang Asli, installed there since the dawn of humanity, reveals the origins of the settlers of old (Portuguese, Dutch, English) and a workforce from all the East. So, if Islam is the state religion, Buddhism, Christianity and Hinduism are widely represented. A plural Malaysia, in the continuity of its own history. All you have to do is explore the ancient market towns of Georgetown and Malacca to see all its diversity. Malaysia does not lack geographic contrasts either: the primary forest (one of the oldest on our planet) still covers part of the country and the beauty of the seabed of the east coast islands has no 'equal but their fragility. Because if Malaysia is full of treasures, its greatest challenge is to manage to reconcile economic growth and protection of its immense natural resources.

Day 1: Kuala Lumpur

Upon arrival at Kuala Lumpur International Airport, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax after your flight. Overnight in Kuala Lumpur.

Day 2: Kuala Lumpur

Start the day with a city tour of Kuala Lumpur. At the confluence of East and West, the young capital of Malaysia stuns with its contrasts. The minarets are reflected in glittering skyscrapers, the temples are next to the monorail, the giant shopping centers with Chinese restaurants and sellers of heavy durians. Ascent on the Menara KL tower, erected like a lighthouse on the city. Unobstructed panorama guaranteed. At nightfall, a night cruise takes you to the Selangor River: thousands of love fireflies glisten there, turning mangroves into Christmas trees. [B/D]

Day 3: Kuala Lumpur (Malacca)

This day will be dedicated to an excursion to Malacca. The historic heart of Malacca unfolds in two stages. On the right bank, Chinatown drapes itself with lanterns and wraps itself in acrid vapors of incense emanating from its venerable temples. Left bank, the European Malacca juxtaposes church and Dutch town hall in red bricks (brought as ballast), British fountain erected in honor of Queen Victoria, Porta de Santiago Portuguese and remains of the church of St. Paul in the sixteenth century. A sacred historical summary! Another universe, Baba-Nyonya community, born of the union of Chinese merchants and Malaysian women, lets guess the time of a lunch. Return to Kuala Lumpur in the late afternoon. [B/D]

Day 4: Kuala Lumpur, Tama Negara

The morning begins at the Batu Caves, north of Kuala Lumpur. Guarded by a giant golden statue (140 feet) of Murugan, tutelary deity of the Tamils, the shrine attracts more than a million pilgrims each year. A long flight of 272 steps climbs up to rock cathedrals, where altars with colorful statues and gourmet monkeys are hung up. Kuala Tahan is reached at lunch time. A boat awaits you to reach the Taman Negara National Park, the oldest and largest in the country, spread over 1,063,550 acres (six times the territory of Singapore!). You're ready for a first night out in the heart of this oldest jungle in the world. The opportunity to surprise, perhaps, a sambar, a buffalo, a leopard cat, or one of those discreet wild elephants and tigers of Malaysia. [B/L/D]

Day 5: Taman Negara

The rushing jungle swallows hikers. Water drips leaves, the smell of humus fills the tepid air, saturated with moisture, the sun barely pierces the tree vault. With a gesture, the guide indicates a hornbill that

flies away, a gibbon whose cry resonates. Launched between the trunks, a narrow-suspended footbridge, waving under footsteps, hoists you into the canopy, 50 m above the ground ... At 2 hours of canoe, the waterfalls of Lata Berkoh are spread in a vast pool inviting to swimming. [B/LD]

Day 6: Taman Negara, Cameron Highlands

In the morning, you return to Kuantan Tembeling by boat, before heading for the Cameron Highlands, the mountains covered with tea plantations drawing geometric furrows, unfold before your eyes. The cool climate once made it the main mountain resort in British Malaysia. Developed by the British in the Roaring Twenties, their mountain resorts, havens of freshness, surround themselves with the patchwork of an intense green tea plantations, where in the early morning buzzing armies gather. In the old Tudor inns, English tea is still served ... [B/D]

Day 7: Cameron Highlands, Ipoh

There is tea, of course, that we approach close by the visits of a plantation, but also the crops of many market gardeners and strawberry fields - fruit here exotic that attracts a crowd of curious Malay ... the road, the forest opens on the plain and the coolness evaporates while Ipoh approaches. Just before reaching this point, several Buddhist temples nestle in caves dug in the heart of the karstic relief. At Sam Poh Tong, seeping into the rock, a narrow passage leads, behind the Buddha, to a natural circus where a wonderful orange and gold pagoda stands. For 1 ringgit, an old lady sells, at the entrance, a bundle of kangkong, the water bindweed (edible) which the turtles of the basin love. [B/L]

Day 8: Ipoh, Penang

The capital of Perak retains elegant colonial buildings, such as this station nicknamed the "Taj Mahal Ipoh" and the ruins of Kellie Castle, supposedly haunted by its builder, a Scottish rubber planter. The trip continues, with two scheduled stops: one at the Ubudiah Mosque, a phantasmagoric building with a forest of minarets and golden bulbs, the other at the grandiloquent palace of Iskandariah, residence of the Sultan of Perak. At the end of the day, the car crosses the long bridge leading to Penang Island. A first ride aboard a gleaming chrome rickshaw takes you through the bustling old center of George Town where a typical dinner will be served. [B/D]

Day 9: Penang

World Heritage, the "Pearl of the East" lives in the shadow of the three major cultures of the country: Malay, Chinese and Indian. At the approach of the Sri Mahamariamman pediment, adorned with a multitude of gods and polychrome goddesses, in front of the multicolored dragon of the Khoo Kongsi temple and the 1000 Buddhas of Kek Lok Si, mutual respect is required: everyone gives thanks to the divinities of others. Beyond that, Penang becomes numb under the sun or comes alive in the heart of its stalls and markets: incense factory (week visit), night market or fragrant spice market. A real rainbow of scents, like the Malaysian people who cohabit in harmony. [B/D]

Day 10: Penang, USA

Time free before your transfer to the airport either to board you flight back home to fly to Langkawi Island if you take the extension. [B]

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Your Tour includes:

- Transfers mentioned in the program
- 9 nights' accommodation:
 - Kuala Lumpur 3 nights
 - Taman Negara 2 nights
 - Cameron Highlands 1 night
 - Ipoh 1 night
 - Penang 2 nights
- Meals
 - Breakfast daily
 - 3 lunches
 - 7 dinners
- Selangor River night cruise
- Visits of:
 - Kuala Lumpur
 - Malacca
 - Batu Caves
 - Taman Negara National Park
 - Lata Berkoh waterfalls
 - Highland plantation
 - Sam Poh Tong pagoda
 - Taj Mahal Ipoh
 - Ruins of Kellie Castle

- Ubudiah Mosque
- Iskandariah Palace
- Sri Mahamariamman Temple
- Entrance fees for sites visited
- English-speaking driver guide
- Local guides
- Private vehicle (size depends on number in party)
- Local taxes

Tour does not include:

- Domestic and international flights
- Optional tours
- Items of a personal nature, such as drinks, souvenirs and laundry;
- Other tours and meals other than those mentioned in the program;
- Travel insurance
- Surcharge for any service provided between 11:00PM – 07:00AM for vehicle and guide
- Surcharge for guide during public holidays
- Additional taxes & fees to be paid by clients directly at the hotel

Recommended Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
First Class		
Kuala Lumpur	Premiera Hotel Kuala Lumpur	4
Taman Negara	Mutiara Taman Negara Resor	4
Cameron Highlands	Dear Dino Villa European	5
Ipoh	The Haven Resort Hotel	4.5
Penang	Malihom Private Estate	4.5
Deluxe		
Kuala Lumpur	The RuMa Hotel and Residences	5
Taman Negara	Mutiara Taman Negara Resor	4
Cameron Highlands	Dear Dino Villa European	5
Ipoh	The Banjaran Hotsprings Retreat	5
Penang	Eastern & Oriental Hotel	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- Airfare
 - We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares
- Program
 - You may add or remove;
 - Trip days
 - Cities and sites

- Meals
- Other options
 - The program was designed with private services however we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
 - If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.
- Quotation

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.