

**The best of Malaysia
10 days – 9 nights
Kuala Lumpur, Malacca, Cameron Highlands, Kuala Kangsar, Belum, Penang
Discovery, Culture, History**

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

What a superb mosaic, Malaysia! This Southeast Asian country, torn between the Malaysian peninsula and the island of Borneo, offers a rich palette of landscapes. A huge tropical forest covers a large part of its land. Tea plantations, modern megalopolis and picturesque little towns share the rest. A short distance from the coast, confetti of paradisiacal islands dot the turquoise waters, both west and east of the peninsula. This diversity also reflects on the inhabitants. The Aborigines Orang Asli saw the settlers disembark in waves, Portuguese, Dutch, English, then Chinese immigrants and an oriental workforce. This intermingling of ethnicities has shaped present-day Malaysia. Even though Islam is the state religion and some areas remain very conservative, Buddhists, Christians and Hindus live in large numbers. It is also this mixture of cultures that undoubtedly made gastronomy so interesting. In Malaysia where we eat very well finding on the same plate Chinese, Indonesian, Thai and Indian influences. Finally, the route that we offer is a bit like the country, rich and varied: a touch of culture, a hint of the city, lots of nature and lots of beaches ... Here is the best of Malaysia!

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

Choose an excursion or visit Kuala at your leisure: Lake Gardens and its orchid garden, the historic Merdeka Square, Little India, Kampung Baru and traditional wooden houses. Note that the Textile Museum is worth a visit! Round off the day with a drink at Marini's, with spectacular views of the Petronas Towers. [B]

Day 5: Kuala Lumpur, Cameron Highlands

Stop at the Batu Caves, an amazing Hindu sanctuary nestled on the mountainside before taking the beautiful 3h drive to Cameron Highlands. Then, stop at Tapah to visit a bamboo basket making workshop and a tea plantation in Cameron Highlands. For tonight we booked a table at Cameron Highlands Resort for dinner in a British atmosphere! [B/D]

Day 6: Cameron Highlands, Kuala Kangsar, Belum

Today, take the plantation road. Go up the peninsula to the north through forests and plantations. Along the way, you will see the Ubudiah Mosque in Kuala Kangsar, the royal city of the Sultan of Perak, then Taiping, whose historic quarters tell the city's colonial past; visit also the oldest museum in the country dedicated to the Malay artistic and handicraft heritage. Continue to Royal Belum Park for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

Day 7: Belum

Guided day in English (grouped): Boat ride on Lake Temenggor to discover the Aboriginal culture of Orang Asli minorities; small walk in the primary forest of Royal Belum Park. Then you will go in search of the famous giant rafflesias, which the lucky ones may see, and swim in the natural pools before returning by boat to the hotel. [B/P/D]

Day 8: Belum, Penang

A Buddhist monastery and remembrance of immigrants. Crossing the lake and road to the west coast and the bridge that connects to the island of Penang (about 3 hours' drive), classified by UNESCO in 2008. Stop for lunch en route. On Penang Island, visit the temple Kek Lok Si, the largest Buddhist shrine of the country built by the Chinese at the end of the 19th century. Then discover the remarkable Suffolk House, former governor's residence. [B/L]

Day 9: Penang

Let's dedicate the day to the colonial charm, by taking the remarkable tour of Penang Hidden Side led by a historian guide who will explain Penang in a very special way! [B]

Day 10: Penang, USA

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

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner | [B/P/D] = Breakfast, Picnic Lunch and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Transfers mentioned in the program
- 9 nights' accommodation:
 - Kuala Lumpur 4 nights
 - Cameron Highlands 1 night
 - Belum 2 nights
 - Penang 2 nights
- Meals
 - Breakfast daily
 - 2 lunches
 - 7 dinners
- Selangor River night cruise
- Boat ride on Lake Temenggor
- Visits of:
 - Kuala Lumpur
 - Malacca
 - Batu Caves
 - Bamboo Basket workshop
 - Ubudiah Mosque
 - Royal Belum Park
 - Temple Kek Lok Si
 - Suffolk House
 - Penang Hidden Side with historian guide

- 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
Cameron Highlands	Dear Dino Villa European	5
Belum	Belum Rainforest Resort	3.5
Penang	Malihom Private Estate	4.5
Deluxe		
Kuala Lumpur	The RuMa Hotel and Residences	5
Cameron Highlands	Dear Dino Villa European	5
Belum	Belum Rainforest Resort	3.5
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.