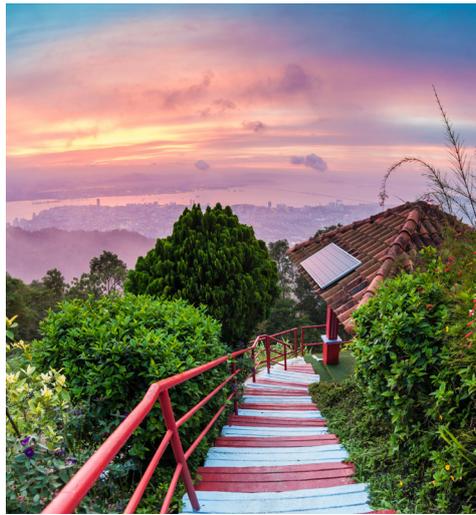


Discover Malaysia



TRIP OVERVIEW

Discover the astonishing natural and cultural variety of Malaysia. Home to Malay, Chinese, Indians and still with the remnants of British colonialism, the country is a dazzling mosaic of cultural and culinary diversity which is only matched by its natural beauty.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information that you require for a smooth and comfortable trip to Malaysia. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with all the aspects of our tour. It includes important information such as visa requirements.

Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

DAY 1: UK to Kuala Lumpur

Depart from London on your scheduled overnight flight to Kuala Lumpur.

DAY 2: Melaka D

Upon arrival, you'll be met by your guide and then transferred to your hotel in Melaka. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon at your own pace after check-in.

DAY 3: Melaka to Kuala Lumpur B

After breakfast, check-out from your hotel in Melaka and begin a fascinating tour of Malaysia's oldest town. Founded in 1403, UNESCO listed Melaka is full of fascinating history and multi-cultural heritage; The Portuguese, Dutch and British ruled over Melaka's silk and spice trade for centuries and these invaders have left an unparalleled legacy of historical relics and monuments, reflected strongly in this town. Walking through the city's historic buildings, catch a glimpse of Stadthuys's distinctive pink facade, believed to be the oldest Dutch building in the east, before witnessing the ruins of St Paul's Church and the ancient remains of a former Portuguese fortress, whose small gate house, known as the Porta de Santiago, is the citadel's sole remnant. Next, enjoy some time to stroll along the clothing and crafts outlets in Jonker Street, historically renowned for its selection of antique articles. After a day of exploration, head to your hotel in Kuala Lumpur.

DAY 4: Kuala Lumpur B

After breakfast, head out to discover the old and the new on a half-day tour that introduces you to this bustling city's character and charm. See some of Kuala Lumpur's most iconic landmarks, including the distinct golden domes of the King's Palace, National Monument's poignant bronze cenotaph, serving as a touching tribute to Malaysia's fallen soldiers, and journey to the colonial heart of the city at Independence Square. Following a visit to the iconic Petronas Twin Towers, soaring 452 metres into the sky, sit back and enjoy a panoramic drive along the stylish streets that reveal the contrasting sights of modern skyscrapers and colonial architecture. Later, check out what's so special about this 'Garden City of Lights' and visit the vibrant streets of Chinatown, known to be the best place to grab a bargain. To experience a different culture, visit the city's oldest Hindu Temple, adorned with intricate roof carvings, depicting the many Gods of the Hindu religion.

DAY 5: Kuala Lumpur to the Cameron Highlands B

Considered one of the longest caves in the Malaysian Peninsula, spanning over 3km, journey to the impressive Gua Tempurung Cave network, atmospherically lit up for easy exploration. Concealing a kingdom of mystical underground stalagmites, observe a wonderland of fortuitously

formed caves before continuing to the Cameron Highlands. Sitting 6,000 ft above sea level, undulating valleys and majestic mountains surround an area decorated with tea plantations, flower gardens, vegetable farms and fruit orchards.

DAY 6: Cameron Highlands B

Today you will head out on a Coral hill trek. Coral hill is filled with vibrant green moss and coral-like lichen plants. When you reach the summit at 1,500 metres above sea level, enjoy the view of the local landscapes before sampling the delicious tastes of local tea at the BOH Tea Plantation, where an astonishing 70% of all Malaysian tea is manufactured. Continue to a hillside market where a diverse assortment of fruit, vegetables and flowers are on offer, and later, enjoy a visit to a Butterfly Farm where you'll discover over 50 species of butterflies and other various insects which reside here.

DAY 7: Cameron Highlands to Penang B

After breakfast journey to Penang, on the way you'll stop for a visit to Bukit Merah, a sanctuary for Orangutans. Take a trip to 'Orang Utan Island' for a unique encounter with this enchanting and threatened species, and delight in the opportunity to learn about the sanctuary's various nurturing and research programmes, getting to know these charming creatures a little better. Continue to Penang, also known as the 'Pearl of the Orient'. Here you can experience the diversity of Asian culture in the smallest of spaces. The capital, Georgetown, is a beautiful and historical district that has been home to Chinese, Indian and British cultures.

DAY 8: Penang B

Check-out and begin your tour to Kek Lok Si Temple this morning. Also known as the Temple of Supreme Bliss, it is the largest Buddhist temple in Southeast Asia and one of the most iconic landmarks in Penang. The centrepiece of the temple is the 7-tiered Pagoda of 10,000 Buddhas and adjacent to this imposing edifice is the bronze Statue of Guanyin (Goddess of Mercy) – believed to be the tallest in the world. For a panoramic view of Georgetown and the Straits of Malacca, hop on the funicular train and ride up to the top of Penang Hill. Rising a spectacular 830 metres above sea level, this hill was once a cool retreat during the colonial days.

DAY 9: Penang B/D

Explore this historic and charming town at your own leisure. Seek out the unique street art, sample Asia's finest street food, shop at the huge range of markets, or simply hop in a taxi and head over to Penang's beaches a short ride away.

DAY 10: Penang to the UK or Extension B

After breakfast travel to Penang Airport for your return flight to London, or continue on to your chosen extension.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS & MAP



Accommodation

Your accommodation is selected for convenience, location, comfort or character. Hotel accommodation is generally rated as local three to four-star standard, but please note there is no international classification system for hotels, and differences in facilities and quality do exist between the UK and Malaysia. All group tours hotels have private bathroom facilities and air-conditioning, where needed. Rest assured that all accommodation used by Mercury Holidays is regularly inspected by our staff and partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.

ON YOUR ARRIVAL

On your arrival in Kuala Lumpur you will overnight and meet your representative from our local agent, **PST Travel**, holding a sign displaying: "Mercury Holidays". The Mercury Holidays/**PST Travel** representative will show you to your transfer vehicle. Your national guide will be on hand 24 hours a day should you have any queries, however if you need to contact your representative during your stay the details are:

Head office address

PST Travel

Contact number: 006012-2909917

Email: customerservice@pst.com.my



Please note the hotels listed on our website and brochure are provided for guidance only and final confirmation of your accommodation will be sent in a document, along with your final flight information, approximately 10 days before you travel.

Meals

Breakfast is served in the hotel each morning. Lunch and dinner where stated will be taken at local restaurants or at your hotel. A variety of restaurants are visited giving you the chance to experience a range of dishes.

WHAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR TOUR

Visas

A visa is not required for your trip to Malaysia. However, your passport should have at least 6 months' validity from the date of entry into Malaysia and Singapore. Further advice should be sought from the applicable tourist authority for other nationalities and for general queries. We strongly advise you check your destinations' Tourist Board or Embassy for the most up-to-date guidelines regarding passport validity

Health and Vaccinations

It is your responsibility to check any health and vaccination requirements applicable to your booked arrangements. We can only provide general information about this. Health and hygiene facilities and disease risks vary from country to country. You should take health advice about your own needs as early as possible and in good time before your departure. Sources of information include; www.fco.gov.uk, www.travelhealthpro.org.uk, www.hpa.org.uk, your General Practitioner or a specialist clinic.

Physical Accessibility

All our tours feature a "Tour Pace" to help find the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights, climb stairs and get on and off coaches and boats. The tour pace for Discover Malaysia is advanced. A higher level of fitness as required as you may be on your feet for most of the day though this will be interspersed with regular breaks and vary from day to day. You will be walking around the sights, getting on and off coaches, trains, boats and climbing steps which may be irregular. There may be some time spend at high altitude. You will stay in variety of hotels, and accommodation standards may not match those you are used to at home. Our guides will always strive to provide the highest level of service and

assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

This tour is accessible to most people with a good level of fitness and normal mobility. It involves climbing of steep stairs and getting on and off coaches. This tour is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties.

Group Size

The minimum number of travellers in your group will be 10, and the maximum will be 35. If in the unlikely event there are less than 10 people booked on your tour date, we will endeavour to reduce any disruption to your holiday and try to operate your tour with lower passenger numbers. If we are not able to operate your departure date, then you may be asked to change to a different date and a full refund will be made available to you should this alternative not be suitable.

Tour Guides - Local Guides

This is a fully escorted tour meaning that you will be met by a local guide in each of the cities that you visit, ensuring that you always have first-hand knowledge.

Private Tour

If you have booked a private tour then you will be accompanied by a Driver Guide or a Driver and Local Guides. These will be available to you during all scheduled sightseeing. Private Tours can depart on any day of the week depending on flight and train schedules and the opening days of the attractions. They will follow the itinerary as described in the brochure unless you have been advised otherwise and you will still have all of the same meals, sightseeing and local excursions included.

Tipping

Tipping is not compulsory and is at your discretion. Should you wish to tip, this will be collected by your guide at the end of your tour for your convenience.

Currency Exchange

The currency in Malaysia & Borneo is the Malaysian ringgit, we recommend that you exchange your currency before you leave the UK. Cash machines are available in all the major cities to withdraw money in the local currency.

We recommend that you exchange your currency before you leave the UK. It is important that you budget carefully and ensure you have the right form of currency before you arrive in the country. Cash machines will also be available throughout the tour in order to withdraw money in your local currency.

Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs, laundry, any meals not included in the itinerary as well as drinks and any additional snacks. Approximately £400- £500 per person will be sufficient for the duration of the tour. It is a good idea to try and maintain a supply of small notes and change in the local currency for tipping or small purchases.

Itinerary changes

The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. The schedules of the domestic airlines in country are subject to frequent changes. For this reason, we have indicated approximate times only. Your local guide will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them. Some road construction

&/or weather conditions may lengthen the driving times. Our intention is to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions.

Insurance

We strongly recommend that you and all members of your party are suitably insured as soon as you book your holiday. It is a condition of booking that you must have suitable travel insurance. It is important that you purchase travel insurance that suitably covers your participation in whatever activities you may undertake at the time that you make your booking. To assist you with this, we have arranged travel insurance in partnership with Holiday Extras. To arrange your travel insurance with Holiday Extras, please call 0800 781 4237 and quote 'WK830' for preferential rates. Please ensure you provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24-hour emergency contact number as soon as possible. Mercury Holidays will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

WHAT TO PACK

- Sunglasses, Sunscreen and hat in summer
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Camera and charger
- A plug adaptor - the voltage is 220-240V
- Antibacterial hand gel
- Binoculars
- Personal first aid kit containing travel pills, rehydration powder, plasters, stomach settlers, antiseptic creams, aspirin etc
- Small day pack for excursions
- Waterproof, lightweight jacket
- Lightweight clothing
- Sweater and jacket for the cooler months

FLIGHT INFORMATION

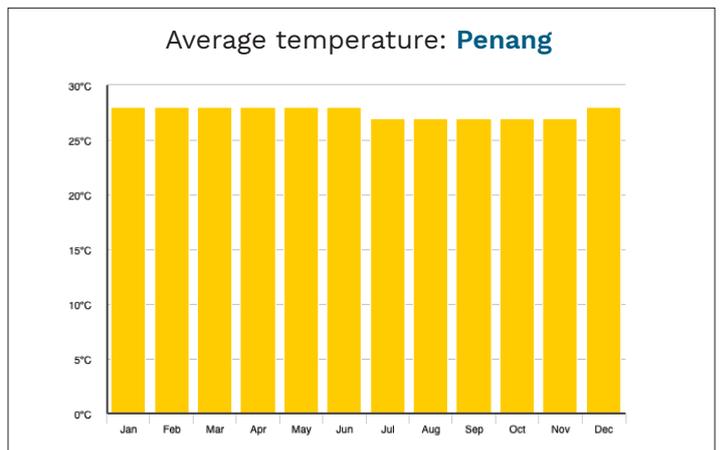
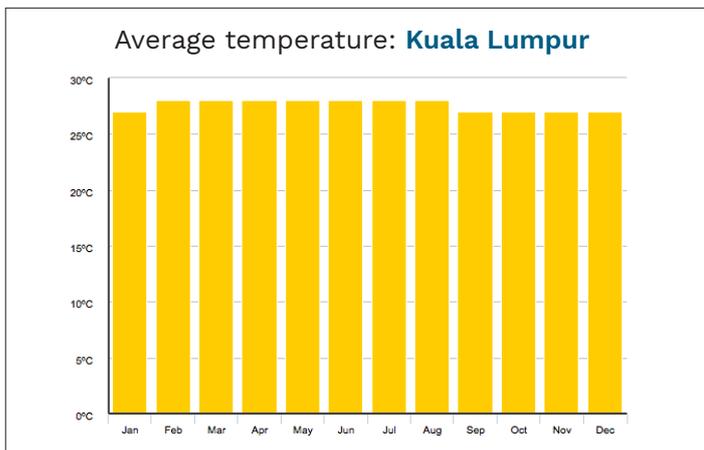
IMPORTANT: Please note that final flight details, including terminal, airline and baggage allowance, will be confirmed on your final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure. A printed E-ticket is no longer required at check-in, all you need to do is present your passport to the staff at the desk and your boarding pass will be given to you.

Airport Extras

If you wish to arrange Airport car parking or accommodation at preferential rates, we recommend you book this in advance with Holiday Extras on 0871 360 2000, quoting HX313.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Weather can vary quite considerably throughout the year, so please familiarise yourself with the climate charts below.



Borneo Extension

If you have not yet booked this fabulous extension, there is still time to do so. Please contact 0333 003 0522



TRIP OVERVIEW

Spend three days in Borneo with the chance to see Borneo's most famous residents, the Orangutans that have been rescued from the captivity and the forestation.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your beach extension to Borneo.

Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

DAY 11: Penang to Kuching B

Transfer to Penang International Airport for your flight to Kuching. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel.

DAY 12: Kuching B

A once-in-a-lifetime experience awaits as you enjoy time at Semonggoh Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre to catch a glimpse of Borneo's most famous residents. Established in 1975, this enchanting sanctuary rescues and nurtures orphaned Orangutans with the intention of releasing the endangered animals back into the wild. Roam the wooden walkways to observe these primates glide between the trees; they sometimes return to the centre at feeding time, for a chance to nibble on a tasty treat

DAY 13: Kuching B

This day is at leisure.

DAY 14: Kuching to the UK B

After breakfast, transfer to Kuching airport for your flight back to the UK.

Hotel Information - Kuching (3 nights Bed and Breakfast)

4★ Riverside Majestic Hotel –

Address: 93756, Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman, 93100 Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

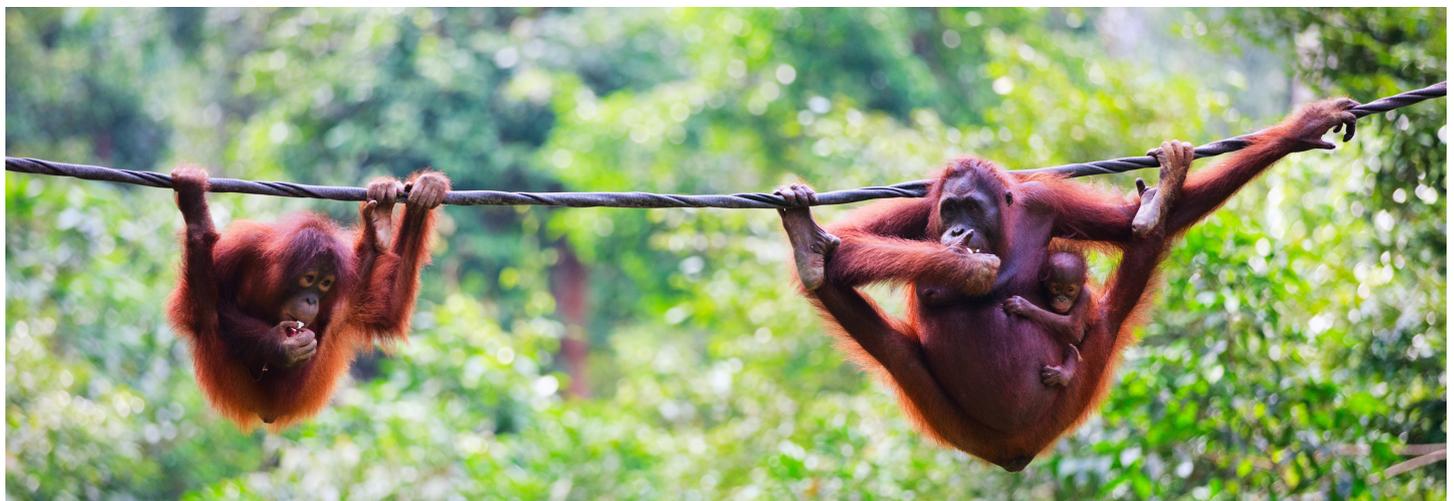
Telephone number: 0060 82 532 222

Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover meals not included plus any personal purchases such as souvenirs, laundry and any additional snacks or drinks you may wish to have.

Tour Guides

This extension tour is semi-escorted. Your guide will meet you on arrival at Kuching Airport and take to your hotel, and day 12 will be fully accompanied. Day 13 is at your leisure so you will not be met by your guide at all. Transfers are included.



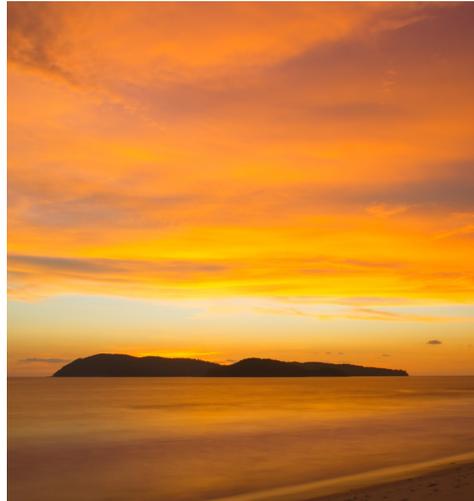
FLIGHT INFORMATION

Please note: Final hotel and flight details will be confirmed on your final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.

For any further enquiries or for more information call us on **0333 003 0522**

Langkawi Beach Stay

If you have not yet booked this fabulous extension, there is still time to do so. Please contact 0333 003 0522



TRIP OVERVIEW

After your extensive 10-day tour discovering Malaysia, why not travel from Penang to Langkawi by ferry and spend 3 days exploring this amazing destination. Known as the Jewel of Kedah, this stunning location comprises of glorious beaches and picturesque hills.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension to Langkawi.

Hotel

Your 3 night stay in Langkawi will take place at one of the following hotels on a Bed and Breakfast basis.

5★ Berjaya Langkawi Resort

Address: Karung Berkunci 200 Burau Bay, 07000, Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia

Telephone: 0060 4 959 1888

OR

5★ Meritus Pelangi Beach Resort & Spa, Langkawi

Address: Pantai Cenang, 07000 Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia

Telephone: 0060 4 952 8888

Any alternative hotels or board basis will have been confirmed at booking. Please speak to our reservations department if you are unsure.

The hotels listed are provided for guidance only and final confirmation of your accommodation will be sent in a document, along with your final flight information, approximately 10 days before you travel.

Personal Expenses

You will need to take some extra money with you to cover lunches, snacks, dinner, drinks and personal purchases such as souvenirs and laundry.

Tour Guides

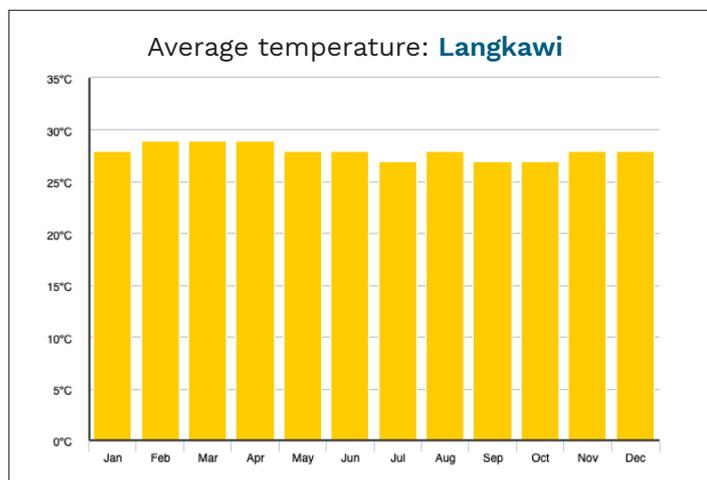
Your stay in Langkawi is not escorted by a tour guide. All internal transfers are included.

Meals

Your stay in Langkawi is on a Bed and Breakfast basis

Please note

This extension takes place after your main tour.



FLIGHT INFORMATION

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