

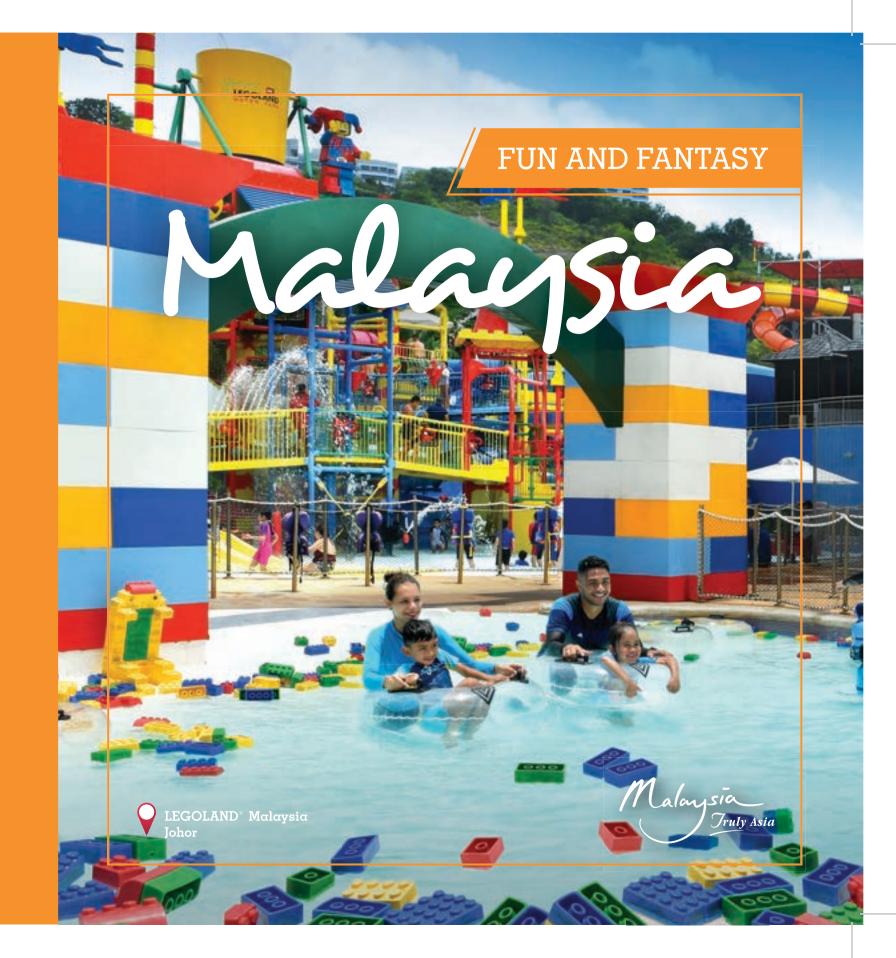
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Theme Parks

Let the Fun Begin!

What can be a better way to blow off some steam and get your adrenalin fix, other than a visit to the theme parks? Ideal for the young and the young at heart, Malaysia's theme parks promise hours of awesome fun and fantasy.

Get ready for a hair-raising rollercoaster ride, enjoy some splashing fun at a waterpark, or embark on a trip to exotic places that ooze with cultural vibes. Malaysia's theme parks are strewn in various locations and settings such as urban shopping malls, mist-shrouded highlands or tucked away amidst lush tropical greenery. This makes a visit to the theme parks a great way to take in the beauty of the country while catching a glimpse of the country's cultures, food and attractions.

If you are in Kuala Lumpur, the capital city, start your tour at Berjaya Times Square Theme Park and take on the challenges at the award-winning Sunway Lagoon in Selangor. For a glittering time, head to i-City in the same state to revel in its spectacular display of lights.

Hailed as the City of Entertainment, Resorts World at Genting Highlands, Pahang, is a must on the itinerary with its exciting list of gaming and amusement attractions. Movie aficionados can have a 'funtastic' time exploring the newly-opened Genting SkyWorlds Theme Park which brings to life movies themes such as Ice Age and Night at the Museum. More thrills and spills await at the Skytropolis Indoor Theme Park.

Down south in Johor, Lego fans can have the time of their lives at Malaysia's first international theme park - LEGOLAND Theme Park and Water Park. Having the highest number of theme parks in the country, Johor's other must-visit attractions include Adventure Waterpark Desaru Coast and Austin Heights Water and Adventure Park. Love cowboys and wildlife? A'Famosa Resort in Melaka gives you all that and more. Cool down at the largest water theme park in Malaysia and delight in a Safari Adventure. Gear up for some action with gunfire, stunts and pyrotechnics at the Wild Wild West show that will take you back to the days of Cowboys and Red Indians. Wildlife lovers will enjoy a visit to the Bukit Merah Laketown Resort in Perak to see Orang Utans living free in the only Orang Utan island sanctuary in Peninsular Malaysia, before having fun at the waterpark. Step into a world of fun and adventure at the Lost World of Tambun in Perak, where exciting rides and games will take your breath away. See giraffes, hyppos and tigers up close and let the story of the Malayana tribe take you back to the early days of Tambun.

For culture-enthusiasts, the states of Sabah and Sarawak give a great insight into the ethnic communities with traditional houses, musical shows and food sampling.

With so much to see and do, Malaysia's theme parks give you a smashing time.

Head out to the theme parks for an amazing experience! 05

Berjaya Times Square Theme Park

A World of its Own

Come and spend an entire weekend at Berjaya Times Square. Located right in the heart of the city, there is something here for everyone in this integrated retail, entertainment and leisure complex which also boasts the country's biggest indoor theme park.

The Berjaya Times Square Theme Park is located on the 5th and 7th floors of the mall. Built by the fictitious mad scientist Professor Cosmo and his clumsy robot assistant Ooort, this 133,000sqft theme park is guaranteed to transport you to another galaxy far, far away. There are six adult thrill rides specially designed for the park. They are the heart-stopping roller coaster, the 30-metre-high Spinning Orbit, Space Attack, Ooort's Express, Dizzy Izzy and the DNA Mixer.



The 800-metre-long roller coaster nicknamed the Supersonic Odyssey is sure to give you the ride of your life! What makes it even more interesting is the viewing deck on the bridge connecting the 8th floor, where you board the ride, to the 9th floor overlooking the theme park. The roller coaster then loops around the bridge thus giving parents and friends a chance to see or photograph their kids riding the world's longest indoor roller coaster which plunges from the 13th floor before coming to a halt on the 7th floor. What a thrill!



Bangi Wonderland Theme Park & Resort

Fun for the Whole Family

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A brand-new water theme park situated in Kajang, about one hour's drive from Kuala Lumpur, offers fun and excitement for the whole family with 16 splashing attractions!

Enjoy a delightful water escapade in Bangi. This theme park opened its doors in August 2016, with 16 heart-pounding rides and games that is guaranteed to thrill adventure-seekers. The family-oriented, value-for-money park is embraced by the natural lush greenery of the surrounding recreational forest, making it a haven for fun and adventure.

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Can't wait to dive into action? Head to the Pirates Spa for a glimpse of the days gone by, when swashbuckling pirates sailed the seas. Wind down the Anaconda Trail or ride the surf like a pro in the Surf Rider.

Now that you are all geared up – it is time to challenge yourself with the mother of all monsters, the Insane Racer. This is a six-lane high-speed mat ride where riders race head-first and side-by-side down the six lanes. Hold on to your heart, as the high-velocity joyride will take you plunging down the seven storey slides in just a few incredible seconds!

Unleash the daredevil in you and take on the park's main attraction – the Water Cannon. This high-pressure cannon will launch and catapult you, sending you flying high before you make a splash landing into the pool below!

But wait, the fun doesn't stop here. There are other great attractions such as the Body Slide, Spiralax, The Fall, Wonderloop, Green Pearl, Pirates Bay, Magic Funnel and Boomeriang.



Kids will enjoy a ride at the Kids Adventure, a multi-level active water play structure for kids of all ages. A combination of six slides, this is a big splashing playground. Just when you think the fun is about to end, the water dump will drench anyone in its way!

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Bangi Waterpark is an ideal place to host group functions, carnivals, parties, family days, school picnics, corporate events and fundraising activities.



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i-City

A Dazzling World of Lights

As its name suggests, this

one-of-a-kind attraction presents a 'lightscape' illuminated with over a million LED lights. It features outdoor theme park rides set in a 'forest' of maples and pines of jewel-toned luminosity. Among the rides are the Superswing, a Spacewalk and the traditional favourite – a double-decker carousel. City of Digital Lights at i-City is a not to be missed destination by day and night.

Snowalk

The first in South East Asia, this 50,000sqft frozen environment features 100 tons of ice sculptures shaped by a team comprising 30 of the best sculptors from Harbin, China. Climate-controlled at below 5 degrees Celsius, with 100mm of snow underfoot, Snowalk provides an unforgettable Arctic experience especially for visitors from the warmer climes. It also features a play zone for fun activities such as snowman-making, ice-sliding and tobogganing.



WaterWorld

Sprawled over a 10-acre site, WaterWorld at i-City opened its doors to welcome visitors in November 2012. Featuring water rides ranging from tame to wild in their propensity to provide thrills, WaterWorld at i-City offers hours of aquatic fun for the whole family. The rides include the Giant Jacuzzi, Spiral and Rainbow slides, a Children's Adventure Pool, River Adventure through LED-lit grottoes and a Wave pool with a giant LED screen.

The most popular, however, is the Tornado Ride. The first in the ASEAN region, it gives the ultimate adrenalin rush with a steep 160ft water tunnel.

Recognised by CNN as one of the Top 25 Brightest Places in the World

FunWorld

Designed for the family, there is much fun at this themed attraction. There are arcade games and rides for tots and teens, a 5D theatre that expands the cinematic experience, a Trick Art Museum, A House of Horror and an interactive All-Star wax museum.

The Trick Art Museum

Based on the ancient art of Trompe L'oeil, the exhibits tease the mind with optical illusions created by the clever rendering of shadows and subjects that extend beyond the picture frame. Five art themes – Masterpieces, Egyptian, Marine Life, Animal Kingdom and Modern Classics – are featured, housed within 8,000sqft of display area on two floors. Here, visitors are encouraged to have fun posing for pictures with the exhibits.

House of Horror

Ghosts, ghouls, spectres and other denizens of the dark inhabit this 15,000sqft haunted house. Combining mechatronics (machine and electronics), Night Art and live performances, nightmares are brought to life to provide spine-chilling entertainment for those brave enough to venture within. There are spooky surprises at every turn with the eerie atmosphere heightened by special sound and visual effects.

Red Carpet

An interactive waxwork museum, the Red Carpet showcases an All-Star cast bringing together glamour and glitz, power and politics, the strange and wonderful in 30,000sqft of Oscar Awards setting. All 100 exhibits are drawn from world icons and personalities along six themes, namely World Icons, Celebrities, Sports Stars, World Book of Records, All-Star Cafe and Interactive – some of which are sound and motion automated.

Here, too, visitors are welcome to step up close, to examine and touch the wax figures. You can witness and marvel at the uncanny resemblance in skin tones and texture of your idols while the interactive element allows visitors to party with them.

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KidZania Kuala Lumpur

Real-Life Experiences in a Kid-Sized City

A kid-sized city created for and dedicated to children aged 4 - 14, KidZania is an indoor educational and entertainment theme park, which offers an interactive learning and entertainment experience. In an innovative twist, KidZania does not feature any rides or arcade games. Instead, kids will enjoy role-playing and learning at the same time.

They can participate in 90 professional role-playing activities of any occupation they desire, be it a firefighter, pilot, artist, chef, surgeon or newscaster. These activities are designed to aid physical and intellectual growth and are carried out at 60 establishments, or play areas. KidZania is globally acclaimed in its concept of providing children with a holistic and balanced foundation of entertainment and education. To date, KidZania Kuala Lumpur has inspired more than 250,000 children since it opened in February 2012. KidZania works with companies and brands as strategic partners in the delivery of these fun and educational experiences and has secured record-levels of corporate sponsorship from leading Malaysian and multinational companies.

Essentially the fastest growing educational and entertainment brand in the world, KidZania has won numerous global awards, having been voted 'Best Theme Park Worldwide' by The Themed Entertainment Association, 'Top Family Entertainment Centre of the World' by the International Association of Amusement Parks & Attractions (IAAPA), 'Global Leisure Operator of the Year' by Retail and Leisure International and 'Concept of the Year' by MAPIC.









KidZania is situated next to IKEA, The Curve and IPC in Mutiara Damansara, about 30 minutes' drive from Kuala Lumpur via Lebuhraya Damansara Puchong LDP).

KidZania – A Globally Acclaimed Concept

- 2011 Most Innovative & Leisure Concept Award (Global RLI) 2011 - New Outstanding Product (Korean Management Association Consulting) 2010 - Entrepreneur of the Year Mexico (Ernst & Young, Media Category) 2009 - Best Concept Award (MAPIC)
- 2009 Global Leisure Operator Award (Retail & Leisure International)
- 2007 Good Design Award (Japanese industrial Design Promotion Organisation)
- 2006 Top Family Entertainment Centre (IAAPA KidZania Monterre



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Sunway Lagoon

Five Different Parks in One Amazing Destination

Step inside and you'll discover a magical kingdom of pure fun and excitement. Experience the wonders of over 80 rides and attractions spread across 5 parks – Water Park, Amusement Park, Extreme Park, Wildlife Park and Scream Park.

This multiple-award-winning attraction was voted as 'Asia's Best Attraction' by the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA) from 2007–2010, 'Asia's Best Waterpark 2011' by IAAPA and 'Best Man-Made Tourist Attraction 2005/2006' by Tourism Malaysia.

The Water Park has two areas to bring you twice the fun. Waters of Africa is the ultimate land of spills and thrills, with attractions including the Vuvuzela and the Waterplexx 5D, while Surf Beach is the World's Largest Man-Made Surf Beach. Fog, smoke effects, water jets, fountains and mist – all packed into the ultimate, multi-sensory journey unlike any the world has ever seen. The Waterplexx 5D is the first of its kind in the world, a water-based attraction which engages the rider's sense of sight, sound and touch. Whether it is a pirate's adventure or an underwater wonderland, visitors can expect to feel everything they see, from the gust of wind to a powerful gale.

The Vuvuzela, Sunway Lagoon's latest attraction and the world's largest water ride, is a sight to behold, as it occupies 3,360m (three times of the size of an Olympic standard swimming pool) of the water park. From a launch tower an incredible eleven storeys (30m) high, the Vuvuzela plunges you through a ride that spans 152m, designed to resemble riding rapids on a turbulent river, before mercilessly plummeting you into the world's largest water fundel, 22m in diameter which also sits 4m above the ground.

The Vuvuzela entered the Malaysia Book of Records in 2013 as the Biggest Water Ride in Malaysia. Aside from the Vuvuzela, the theme park's very own Waterplexx 5D has also made it into the Malaysia Book of Records in 2012 as the first 5D Waterplexx in Malaysia.

Stretching over 13,000sq m, the Surf Beach is capable of churning out perfectly shaped waves up to the maximum height of 8ft. The ability to condition the waves according to the needs of the surfers in terms of height, time and wave patterns make Surf Beach at Sunway Lagoon a surfer's paradise for both professional and aspiring surfers. Complementing the scenery is the sight and sound of Asia's Biggest Man-Made Erupting Volcano. One of the many attractions to hit the shores of the Surf Beach is the FlowRider, Malaysia's First Surf Simulator.

The Amusement Park is made up of the following two themes to wow visitors from all walks of life. Wild Wild West brings visitors back to an old Western cowboy town, while World of Adventure is where adventure comes alive. Among the highlights here are the Pedestrian Suspension Bridge, which is one of Malaysia's Longest Suspension bridges at 428m long, and Pirate's Revenge, Malaysia's first and only 360-degree rotating pirate ship that will swivel you to 24m above ground level.



Wildlife Park @ Sunway Lagoon, Malaysia's First Interactive Zoo, features exotic, small and friendly animals from a range of birds, reptiles and mammals. The zoo's concept encourages guests to not only see and learn about the animals but to ge up close and personal by touching them. This first and only fully interactive animal-themed attraction in Malaysia houses more than 150 species of exotic and tame animals.

Extreme enthusiasts need not look further for adrenaline pumping activities. ALL the power packed action can be found at ONE place – Extreme Park at Sunway Lagoon. So, prepare to challenge yourself for the highest, the longest and the fastest thrills and excitement. Among the highlights include Asia's Longest Flying Fox Trail at 206m and G-Force X – Asia's Highest and Fastest Slingshot Ride that goes from 0-120km in 2 seconds and up to 65m in height.

Lynton V. Harris' Scream Park provides an intense, exhilarating and live interactive 'scare' experience that takes the senses to new heights of perception by using state-of-the-art audio and visual technology as well as live actors. Spread over two floors, Lynton V. Harris' Scream Park takes the walkthrough scare attraction and laser format to ground-breaking proportions with Hollywood-style sets and a team of highly specialised and trained performers.

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Wet World Shah Alam

Beat the Heat

When the sun is up and the swimming pool is not enough, it's a great idea to make tracks for the Wet World Shah Alam. Facing the scenic Shah Alam Lake, the Wet World Shah Alam is conveniently located in the Klang Valley, which helps to make it one of the most popular recreational spots in Selangor.

The bright colours of the waterpark – red, blue, pink and yellow – scream fun and excitement. The most talked-about ride is the exhilarating Monsoon Buster, one of the longest uphill water coaster rides in Asia! You'll find yourself propelled forward on your floatable for some 200m by water jets. Try it once, and you will be back for more. Young children accompanied by an adult can also ride the Monsoon Buster.

For team games, more than 10 people can slide down the open Giant Slide. It's that wide! More speedy challenges await at the Tunnel Water Coaster, a closed ride, and the Big Splash, a half closed and half open slide. Waiting for you at Neptune's Challenge are 10 floatables and you have to walk across the water on these floats. Lose your balance and you'll get a dunking, but that's the fun of a water game. Getting very wet!

Kiddies have their own play area, where the attractions include the Seashell Kiddy Slide and the red and yellow Submarine Slide. Some of them will be thrilled just splashing about in the pool, or paddling in the Lazy River. You can play until closing time, and really get your money's worth at the waterpark.

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99 Wonderland Park - Wildlife in the City

A Place for Wonderful Things

Imagine being at a wonderland of sorts – where you can find a Dinosaur Park, an Open Zoo, Bird Square, Snake House, Sky Fountain, LED Eiffel Tower, a Windmill and a Cruise – all in one single location. 99 Wonderland Park gives you a chance to see all that and more, making it a park that really lives up to its name.

Set within 23 acres of land, 99 Wonderland Park is a delightful getaway for nature-enthusiasts and animal lovers. The urban park adopts an open concept which allows visitors to interact with animals such as the meerkat, ostrich, peacock, deer, marmoset, flamingo, Malayan Tapir and many more adorable species. Newly-launched dancing musical fountain

99 Wonderland has the country's first Malayan Tapir Exhibit that is equipped with a jacuzzi pool. Watch the tapirs having a massage and bath!

Winner of Malaysia Tourism Council Gold Awards 2019 - The Best Recreational Park in the City

World Excellence Tourism Awards 2020 - First Malayan Tapir with Jacuzzi Exhibit in Malaysia



How about starting your adventure by going back in time to the Jurassic era? 99 Dinasaur Park offers the opportunity to view replicas of the pre-historic Tyranosaurus, standing as tall as 3.5 m. At 99 Wild Island, you can leave your stress behind as you watch the cute ducks and graceful swans frolicking in the pond.

A fan of creature-features such as Primeval, Lake Placid and Crawl? Take a close look at real-life crocodiles at 99 Buaya Tembaga. Known as saltwater crocodiles, these feared predators are touted as the largest living reptiles in the world. Further away, the 99 Monster Fish area gives you the jaw-dropping experience of seeing gigantic fishes weighing up to 50kg!

For those who enjoy long, quiet strolls, let the Magical Bridge work its magic. Just like the name suggests, the bridge provides a fairy-tale like setting with beautifully illuminated lights. Further ahead, a175m long boardwalk provides another ideal backdrop for a leisurely time while taking in the pleasant sights and sounds along the lake.

Visitors who are culturally inclined can check-out the 12 Zodiac Walkway which will take you on an educational journey of the 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac. As a grand finale of the tour, sit back and relax at the 99 Cruise for a view of the park surroundings. Before you leave, enjoy a cuppa at the café or get great souvenirs at the gift shop. The park also offers event space for birthdays and other functions.



A' Famosa Resort

Animal Safari, Cowboys and Waterpark

Hold tight, as you sit in the secure truck. The Safari Park Adventure Ride at A'Famosa is about to begin. This is the only safari park in Malaysia, where you can see wild animals like tigers, lions and sun bears in the open as the truck stops right next to them. But before you get to meet the lions, you have to pass through the rough and bumpy Jungle Area and cross the Crocodile River. Yes, there are really crocodiles in the water!

Watch tigers, lions and sun bears as they wander about. Also in the Safari Park is the Herbivore Area, where Barbary sheep, deer, camels, zebras and ostriches roam freely in the open while the giraffes munch happily on fresh leaves from the trees. Again, the truck stops close to these animals for you to get a good look.



With more than 100 animal species, the 150-acre Animal World Safari promises great fun and excitement. Besides the Safari Park, there are fascinating and entertaining Multi-animal, Elephant and Bird shows. To add to the adventure, you can enjoy elephant, camel and pony rides. In the Walk-Through Area are Tanzanian flamingos, black and white swans, Australian Bennett wallabies, North American raccoons and the Malaysian black and white tapirs.

There is also a dairy farm with a herd of cows, and in the Farm House are fluffy chicks, kittens, puppies, ducks and chicken. On Monkey Island are brown lemurs, squirrel monkeys, capuchins, white-handed gibbons and red-handed tamarinds.



In the evening, Cowboy Town comes alive. Here are food outlets serving local and western food, a pub, beer garden, live bands, karaoke, disco and a children's park. Showtime in the public square features cowboys and Apaches in stunt acts and trick horse riding. It's exciting to see the performers standing on the bare back of the galloping horses. After the show, visitors can try their hand at archery.

The Wild Wild West Show, starring cowboys and Apaches on horseback shooting at each other in an old frontier town setting, is like a scene from the movies. It provides lots of entertainment for the whole family.

The Water World is another popular attraction. Set in a 20-acre landscaped area, the waterpark features a Wave Pool, Lazy River tube ride, the very popular Family Raft Ride, High Speed Slides and Wild Waterslides with high-speed bends, loops and twists. Younger children have their own Tots Activity Pool with mini slides, water sprays and Aladdin's Arabian Village.

And that's not all. There is a range of sports and recreational activities including horse riding, kite flying, woodball, cycling, tennis, basketball, indoor games, fishing, jungle trekking and golfing in one of the top golf courses in Malaysia. Accommodation is available in the A'Famosa Resort Hotel, bungalows and the Condotel. As for getting around, the internal shuttle service is convenient.



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LEGOLAND® Malaysia Resort

A World of Discovery!

LEGOLAND® Malaysia is full of family fun with more than 40 rides, shows and attractions. With seven themed areas of attractions for all ages, it's an inspirational land where the children are the heroes.

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Get creative in IMAGINATION and create your own LEGO® Models at the Build & Test corner. Next, get on board the DUPLO® Express for a train ride around DUPLO® Playtown, an interactive playground with farm, hospital, slides and more, before getting on the Observation Tower. Enjoy fascinating 4D features at the LEGO® Studios and get a beautiful view over the park at the Kids Power Tower.





Discover the high speed rides and exciting LEGO® workshops at LEGO® TECHNIC. Build educational LEGO® models in the LEGO® Academy or control how crazy your spin will be in Technic Twister. Next, visit the LEGO® Mindstorms, a creative workshop where budding robot builders can bring the future to life, before getting yourself splashed at the Aquazone Wave Racers.

Transport yourself to the age of myth and legend in LEGO® Kingdomes. Explore the multi-level romp through a treetop hideaway at the The Forestmen's Hideout. Castle Stage takes you back to the age of damsels and dragons, while Dragon's Apprentice has all the thrills of a rollercoaster for the park's younger guests. Indulge in a classic medieval contest in the saddle of a LEGO® horse at the Royal Joust, and meet a fire-breathing dragon from the Middle Ages in The Dragon.



Get ready to play an adventure hero in Lost Kingdom, a laser-blasting hunt for lost treasure. Beetle Bounce gives children the bounce of their lives, nearly 15 feet above the ground. Get the thrill of your life at the Pharaoh's Revenge, before joining a thrilling journey to the peak of a forgotten volcano at Dino's Island.

LEGO® CITY is where the children can captain a boat or drive a car. Junior Driving School single pedal cars give smaller children the LEGOLAND® Driving School experience, while at Boating School, would-be captains can take the wheel of their very own battery powered boat. LEGO® City Stage features an interactive show where staying safe becomes fun, while The Shipyard is an adventure paradise for climbers and crawlers. See all the sights of the park aboard a life size LEGO® train called the LEGOLAND® Express and lift off together in a LEGO® aeroplane and control exactly how high you go at the LEGO® City Airport.

LEGOLAND[®] Water Park is the first in Asia and the largest LEGOLAND[®] Water Park in the world. With more than 20 unique water-based rides and over 70 LEGO[®] models in a fully LEGO themed environment, the Water Park can be enjoyed as a stand-alone attraction or in combination with the Theme Park.

The Water Park's highlights include Build-A-Raft River and the Joker Soaker. The Build-A-Raft River is a unique concept where children can customise their own raft with LEGO soft bricks before floating down a lazy river, while the Joker Soaker is a fun interactive play structure where children can aim water cannons at one another.

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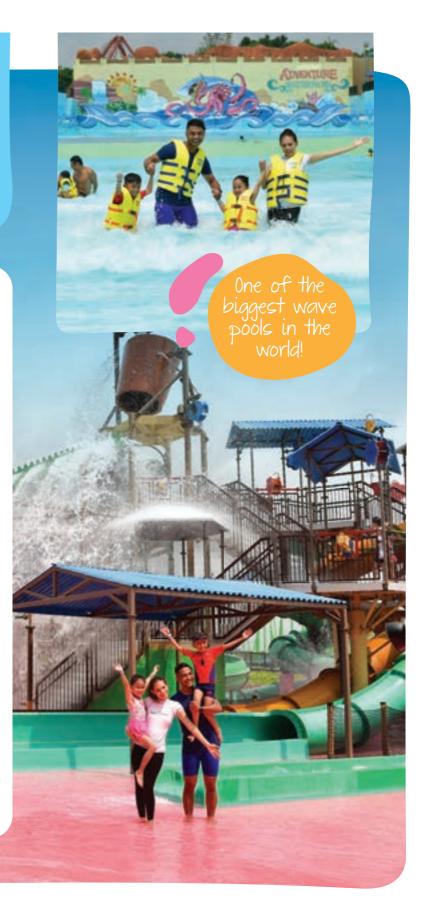
Adventure Waterpark Desaru Coast

Endless Fun!

Head down to the southern state of Johor to one of the world's biggest waterparks! This is the new place to stay and play – offering a delightful range of rides and games for all ages. Get splashing at one of the largest wave pools in the world or push your limits with the hair-raising rides. It is time to bring on the challenge!

Situated within the premier Desaru Coast integrated resort in the southern state of Johor, Adventure Waterpark Desaru Coast invites you to its shores with an assortment of activities and indulgences. Choose from the mind-boggling list of rides that are rated from 'chill' to 'thrill', that are bound to delight, entertain and get your heart racing with excitement!

Put your strength to test at the Riptide, a fun but formidable ride that will sweep you away at the fastest speed through the steepest angles, leaving you feeling absolutely weightless as you slide through. If you have heard about the 'eye of the storm', then it is time to actually experience it – the three twisters will slide and sweep you downhill into the pool with a jaw-dropping splash!





Want to take things up a notch? Head to the Kraken's Revenge - a combination of a roller coaster and a splashing flume ride. Get ready to be raised 30 m above ground in a rolling 'boat' before you go swooping and spinning through a full 360° horizontal loop. But the best is yet to come – get ready to plunge 27 m down at a speed of 70 km/h, all the way to the feared shipwrecking Kraken sea monster who will be waiting below! That splashing finish will earn you bragging rights anywhere!

If learning how to surf has always been on your bucket list, then Surf Wall will get you riding the waves in no time at all. Make your dream come true in this safe, high-energy simulator that takes you riding an artificial wave. It is ideal for both beginners and experienced surfers.

Take rafting to the next level at the Wind Whirl, which offers rafters not one, but a range of sensational experiences. Hold on to your rafts as you go hurtling down a steep entrance channel and then embark on a hair-raising climb to the top. Love speeds? Then this will be the rafting challenge of your life as the momentum takes rafters around the perimeter at a heart-racing velocity!



An all-time favourite, the Swinging Ship takes you back to the days of swashbuckling pirate adventures. Brace yourself as the ship arches up to 180° and rocks as if it were sailing stormy waters. Bound to thrill you to bits, the Swinging Ship is great for all ages!

Can't wait to relax after all the excitement? There's always the option of floating lazily along the 350 m Penawar River which takes you past riverine villages, traversing lovely views of greenery. There is also a range of games for those who prefer milder forms of activity.

Loaded with fun, Adventure Waterpark Desaru Coast's wide variety of rides, along with its lovable mascots, clowns and musicians will leave you laughing and squealing all the way!

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Bukit Gambang Resort City

Fun-Filled Water and Land Adventure

Bukit Gambang Resort City (BGRC) is an integrated resort city built on the concept of 'natural-preservation, historic theme and local culture', offering multiple attractions to its visitors. It is just 2½ hours' drive or 218km from Kuala Lumpur, with easy access via the East Coast Expressway and only 35km from Kuantan.

Bukit Gambang Resort Water Park is the first water park in Malaysia's East Coast - and probably the largest in Malaysia - offering non-stop fun and excitement in an area spanning across 60 acres. Among the unique and fascinating attractions available include a man made 20-acre lake suitable for a wide variety of fun water sports, a 25,000sqft wave pool with 8 modes of waves, the longest family raft ride, the amazing 6-lane Racer Slide and a dedicated island for children. For the more adventurous, the curls and twirls of the Crystal, Galaxy and Canopy slides will undoubtedly provide endless fun for all. Kids will love Penguin Island. Surrounded by the Glacier River, Penguin Island houses the first-of-its-kind Aqua Play and several kids' slides – all built to international safety standards. The young-at-heart will love the adrenaline rush from all our water slides at Tree Top Hill. If you're into relaxation, just float around in our glacier river and take in the view. What's best about the attractions in Bukit Gambang Water Park is that that every adult ride here comes with its own kid-sized version.





Carrying a pocketful of money while you're trying to have fun is a real party pooper. Wouldn't it be great if everything is charged electronically to your account instead? You'll be able to do just that at Bukit Gambang Water Park. Utilising what is known as the e-value system, all transactions are automatically deducted from a prepaid wristband. Just walk up to the nearest F & B outlet, pick out your favourite item and pay for it with your pre-loaded wristband. Now that's real convenience!

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Resorts World Genting

Thrills and Non-Stop Entertainment

The fun never seems to stop at Genting – City of Entertainment, perched at the top of Genting Highlands. The journey up to Resorts World is an adventure by itself – with a jaw-dropping cable car ride. Have a blast with the range of attractions, from Genting Skyworlds Theme Park, Skytropolis Indoor Theme Park, Ripley's Adventureland, casinos to video game parks. In the evening, catch spectacular performances or shop at the Genting Highlands Premium Outlet.

Resorts World Genting is an all-in-one destination that abounds with rides, thrills, amusement, entertainment, shopping, dining, games, live shows and so much more. The newly-opened Genting Skyworlds Theme Park is jam-packed with delights to excite movie-goers. Begin your adventure at the majestic Studio Plaza – which is dedicated to all things cinema. Find your favourite movie character in various forms.

Featuring three main thrill rides – Space Odyssey, Disco Bumper and the Motion Master Simulator that manoeuvres around sharp turns and dives into deep gorges – the indoor theme park also offers a rich variety of skill games and video games that can be enjoyed until late at night.



A must-try attraction, Central Park covers the largest area in Genting SkyWorlds. Get into action with rides and attractions from your favourite shows – Night at the Museum, Planet of the Apes, Independence Day and more. Whether you are with the museum's night guard keeping the exhibits in check or going on a flight through intergalactic skies, there's plenty of action here! There is also Ice Age, Epic and Andromeda Base to keep you at the edge of your seat.





The Skytropolis Indoor Theme Park promises another round of fun and excitement. Be sure to try the Family Rides, Adventure Rides and Thrill Rides for an unforgettable time. From the Jumping Spurs to Boo Boo Bump, Space Cadets to Spin Crazy, this indoor park keeps you entertained the whole day!

Are you ready to meet and mingle with the Highland Heroes? They will be there to greet you – be sure to catch Tabby the Tiger, Joe the Orangutar and many more.

If you miss the good old days of gaming arcades, make your way to the Big Top Video Games Park and Vision City Video Games Park for a host of retro-style games.

Not someone who believes easily? Well, the Ripley's Believe it or Not! Odditorium will give you some points to ponder. Find some of the whackiest and weirdest items that you cannot find anywhere else in the world. There is never a dull moment with the Jurassic Research Centre and Zombie Outbreak.

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Bukit Merah Laketown Resort

Discover Orang Utan Island

A must-see at the Bukit Merah Laketown Resort is Orang Utan Island, the only Orang Utan sanctuary in Peninsular Malaysia that is home to Borneo Orang Utans of different ages. These Orang Utans live on the island as part of a rehabilitation and preservation programme.

From the jetty, visitors take a relaxing 10-minute poat ride across the calm and scenic 7,000-acre ake to Orang Utan Island.

A short walk leads to a tunnel at the edge of the rainforest. Enter this area and there you can see the Orang Utans climbing, swinging about and feeding on fresh fruit in their natural habitat. This is an amazing, unforgettable experience!

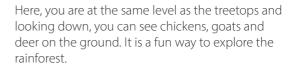
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From Orang Utan Island, visitors continue by boat to the Eco Park, where there are three main areas to house birds, primates and reptiles. In the bird zone, colourful South American parrots will eat sunflower seeds from your hand, and you can come real close to the free flying birds, including parakeets, yellow canaries and white cockatoos from Australia. In the next zone, are gibbons, macaques and, peeping from among the bushes, numerous gentle squirrel monkeys that love peanuts. In the third zone, see iguanas crawling on the boardwalk looking for the best place to sun themselves. There is also a snake house

The entertaining Animal Show, staged four times daily, is another must-see and it features performances by parrots, raptors and hornbills. Not to be missed is The Skycycle, an elevated monorail through the tree canopy.





To get to the waterpark, the best way is the Chairlift ride that transports you high over the water park for some breathtaking views of the resort. This is the only such ride in Malaysia, and you can see the different water rides waiting for you to enjoy. There are 10 water attractions in Laketown Waterpark, and the newest ride is the V-shaped `Boomerang', the only one in Malaysia and Southeast Asia, where riders slide down from a height of 35 feet. The Giant Wet Bubble offers tremendous fun, as do the Tube and Body Slides, Lazy River and the Giant Wave Pool. Small children have their own fun pool.

The fun continues in the Games & Shopping Arcade, where there are games with prizes to be won, video game challenges and souvenirs to buy. You can also experience guided jungle trekking by day or by night, go fishing and enjoy water sports and lake cruises.

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Lost World of Tambun

The City that Tin Built

Embraced by lush tropical jungle, natural hot springs and breathtaking limestone formations, Lost World of Tambun is a lost paradise for all ages. Situated in the town of Tambun, which has a long history of tin-mining, this great adventure destination is an amalgamation of heritage, prehistoric allure and natural beauty!

Made up of six theme parks and a night park, this wholesome family destination offers a range of pursuits and experiences. A great point to note is that the Lost World of Tambun is the only theme park in Southeast Asia which offers rides and attractions set against a bubbling natural hot spring! This is your place for double the fun – action and wellness!

For those who intend to stay longer, there is always the Lost World Hotel situated just a short walk away from all the adventure and fun. Looking for something out of the ordinary? Check out the other great accommodation options. Bond with nature by Glamping in the park or spend a night at the Malayana Floating Villa. Want to totally immerse yourself in the surroundings? Try holding your functions at the exotic Kepura Cave!



Now that you're all set, let's start exploring! Ideal for the tropical climate, the Water Park provides the perfect escape from the heat with lots of splashing fun. Try out the Jungle Wave Bay, Malaysia's biggest wave pool and drift away at the Adventure River. Look at fear in the eye and take on the Cliff Racer, which takes you plunging down the cliff face at maximum velocity!

Next, head to the Amusement Park for more thrills, but on dry land. Hop on the Adventure Express train for a tour of the park. Fix your need for speed at Lupe's Adventure and let the Stormrider pirate ship take you on a thrilling ride on stormy seas.



The Lost World Tin Valley is a must for all heritage enthusiasts, where a fun but educational experience awaits. Walk along the Tin Trail and stop by to try your hand at tin-ore panning (an ancient method to separate tin-ore from mud and water). This valley is a perfect place to recapture the glory days of tin mining. Before you leave, indulge in a cup of tea at the Dulang Tea House which serves some authentic local favourites.

Fan of big cats? Watch the graceful Siberian tigers at Lost World Tiger Valley and you will have an amazing time just admiring their strength and agility. Don't worry if you couldn't get close to the tigers, as the Lost World Petting Zoo houses nearly 55 species of animals ranging from giraffes, marmosets, tortoises, rabbits and birds. This is your chance to try hand-feeding giraffes and petting the rabbits. The Lost World of Tambun also the perfect place to flex your muscles. Take part in exciting pursuits such as ziplining, abseiling, kayaking, paddleboarding, caving and more.

Just when you think that it is over and you are ready to wind down, the Lost World Night Park has a whole set of night attractions that will dazzle and excite you. Explore the Bridge of Luminosa which takes you to the mystical Luminous Forest. Meet the Humalaya Malayana family and learn how they connect with nature. Don't miss the spellbinding flaming percussion by talented artists! To relax the night away, visit to the petting zoo or the hot springs and spa. With so much to do, Lost World of Tambun is the best place to be. Get lost in its delightful attractions!

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The Splash Out Langkawi

Loads of Splashing Fun

If you thought that a trip to Langkawi was all about legends and culture, you're in for a splashing surprise. Splash Out Langkawi sets the stage for a fun-filled holiday for all in the family.

The first themed waterpark on the island, Splash Out Langkawi offers 12 water attractions to take you into a world of thrills and spills. Designed as a magical kingdom inspired by seafarers exploring the seven seas, Splash Out Langkawi boasts an immersive experience befitting a seafarer's adventure.

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Chase waves up to six feet with the family at Wild Water, then float along the River of Life to catch your breath. Then, get your adrenaline pumping as you ride on Poseidon's Revenge where a hydro jet takes you soaring and plummeting. Ready for more? Push your limits at the Perfect Storm, where you will ride a raft, and enjoy the thrill of being tossed and twisted on a 40-degree parabolic-shaped bowl.



Still unfazed? There's much more to try out. Not for the faint-hearted, Shipwreck Falls will definitely leave an impact with its hair-raising drops and dizzying climbs.

For the little kids, have fun frolicking at Sprinkle Island and enjoy the Big Splash Kingdom, and everything else in between to maximise your fun and adventure – Ragin' Racers, Splash-Tacular, Splash Twister, Rainbow Rider and the Splash-Python.

This water park is located in Kuah, about 16.4km from Langkawi International Airport.

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ESCAPE Penang

Guinness World Record Holder for the Longest Tube Water Slide

In the rich rainforest of Teluk Bahang, lies a place where you can escape to a carefree world embraced by nature. Here you can swing, jump, flip or slide to your heart's content and bring out the inner 'kid' in you. The biggest attraction here is the 1,111m tube water slide, accredited as the world's longest tube water slide by Guinness World Record.

Set in a natural environment amidst lush tropical greenery, Escape Penang takes you back to the good old days when kids played at the outdoors and interacted with nature. Capturing the nostalgia of yesteryear, the park has over 40 exciting rides and attractions that let you interact with nature while developing one's skills.



For starters, the theme park comprises th Adventureplay, Waterplay and Gravitypla and be a kid again!

Enjoy 40 exciting rides and attractions such as Atan's Leap, Aerobat, Banana Flip, Bu Climb, Dunk Tank and Family Trail.

Hailed as the No. I Theme Park in Malaysia by Tripadvisor Feel like throwing caution to the wind and swinging on a rope? Here, you can do just that without worrying about your bruises. The Aerobat gives you the thrill of performing acrobatics and recapturing your childhood memories. Unleash the daredevil in you with the Airbag, where you can reinvent the fun of jumping into rivers and lakes. Would you like to show off your flipping and landing skills? Then Banana Flip provides the perfect launch pad! If you are not one to fear dark spaces, then bring out the explorer in you at the A-Maze. Very much like playing hide and seek, this will be an A-Mazing adventure! To conquer your fear of heights, try the Slingshot which will launch you high up into the air.

Escape Penang is ideal for family outings, school trips, team building and lots more.

If you are not able to go all the way to Penang, you can also try out Escape Petaling Jaya - which brings a whole range of delightful activities within a mall. Escape Petaling Jaya is situated in Paradigm Mall, Selangor. Don't miss the World's Longest Tube Water Slide which takes you on an amazing 1,111m ride, splashing and sliding along the tropical rainforest.

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Monsopiad Heritage Village

Exotic Kadazan Culture

Some 300 years ago, in a village in Penampang, Sabah, there lived a great Kadazan warrior named Monsopiad. So great was his power that no enemy could defeat him. During his lifetime, in order to protect his village, Monsopiad took the heads of 42 enemies.

Today, the 6th and 7th generation descendants of Monsopiad still live on their ancestral land by the scenic Moyog River. And in memory of the great Monsopiad, they have built the Monsopiad Heritage Village, a fascinating authentic showcase of the rich and ancient culture of the Kadazans that goes back a long time in history.

The Kadazans are part of the Kadazandusun community, the biggest ethnic group in Sabah. The Monsopiad Cultural Village has been built with traditional materials used by the Kadazandusun people for centuries, such as jungle logs, palm leaves and bamboo. After a warm greeting by your Kadazan host at the entrance to Monsopiad Cultural Village and a welcome drink of 'tapai' (rice-wine), you can see the various daily activities in a Kadazan village. Here, everyone wears the traditional black Kadazan attire.

A big attraction is the replica of Monsopiad's house, sitting on the original site, and raised off the ground. You climb up a log with steps cut into it to reach the bamboo landing before entering the spacious house.



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The Kadazans cultivate rice, and it is impressive to see the rhythmic pounding of rice in a wooden mortar. You can have a go at pounding rice, if you like. The rice is then stored in a big 'tangkob' or rice bin. Kadazan villagers also brew rice wine and make sago from the sago palm. The men make bamboo fish traps, machetes, gongs and blowpipes. The women weave cloth and mats, do embroidery and beadwork, and make 'sirung' (the conical hat) and 'tadang' (the carrier basket). The Kadazans are also famous for their dances, and you can join in during

In the House of Skulls are the skulls of the 42 enemies slain by Monsopiad. Also displayed are items used by the Bobohizans, the high priestesses, who occupy an important place in the Kadazan community. The Bobohizans continue to look after the skulls according to age-old customs and

So vivid are the stories told by the Kadazan guide that one can feel the presence of Monsopiad. Finally, as a fitting tribute to a great Kadazan warrior, you can follow the guide and trek up the hill to view the grave of the mighty Monsopiad.

Other attractions are the Kadazan wedding ceremony staged every Saturday in December, and the 40-minute Moyog River cruise in a 'lipa lipa' boat to Sodomon Jetty, during which you can see rice fields, birds and the mystical Mount Kinabalu in the distance.

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Mari-Mari Cultural Village

Exotic Kadazan Culture

A peek into the age-old cultures of Borneo, an exciting time with sea gypsies, feared headhunters and warriors, and amazing tribal performances. Who says fun only lies at the gaming arcades and theme parks?

If you have always been enchanted by the diversity of cultures and richness of history, Mari Mari Cultural Village in Sabah is the place to be.

Lying on Northeastern Borneo, Sabah is home to more than 30 indigenous groups. Each indigenous group has its own fascinating array of cultures, customs, traditions and languages. Although the communities live with modern conveniences and facilities, their age-old practices and cultural heritage is still well-preserved and deeply respected.

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Mari Mari Cultural Village gives you a chance to get a glimpse of Sabah's colourful cultures in just half a day. 'Mari' which means 'come' or 'come along', represents the warm and welcoming nature of the friendly ethnic groups as they host visitors. Here, you will find out how the ethnic communities lived long before the advent of modern conveniences. What was their lifestyle like, deep in the rainforest of Borneo?

The village showcases the five main indigenous groups of Northeast Borneo – Dusun, Rungus, Lundayeh, Bajau and Murut -while serving as a living museum that preserves the fascinating cultures and traditions of the ethnic communities.





Love bouncing on a trampoline? Don't miss the chance to jump on 'Lansaran', a traditional trampoline and get rewarded too!

The tours give you the chance to meet the descendants of the ethnic communities and visit the tribal villages. The best part is, visitors get the chance to sample some tasty local treats and drinks, try out dart blowing or even get a henna tattoo.

One of the highlights is watching the Magunatip bamboo dance, which is regarded as one of Sabah's most popular traditional performances. The dancers deftly hop between bamboo poles that are constantly being clapped together. As the music quickens, the dancers will have to quicken their moves too in sync with the tempo.

Filled with rare and unique activities, Mari Mari Cultural Village allows you to blend in with the indigenous communities, giving new meaning to fun and adventure!

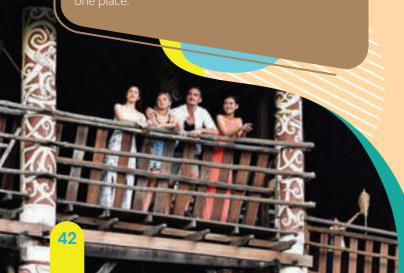


Sarawak Cultural Village

Step into a Longhouse

Shoot blowpipe darts like a true Penan, walk across the narrow bamboo bridge, gape at real skulls in the Iban House, climb up the Melanau Tall House... all these fun and adventurous activities, and more, await you at the fascinating Sarawak Cultural Village near Kuching.

Exotic Sarawak is famous for its many ethnic groups such as Iban, Bidayuh, Orang Ulu, Melanau, Penan, Malay and Chinese, who traditionally live in different parts of this huge state. To visit their traditional settlements would take many days. Fortunately, at the Sarawak Cultural Village situated at the foot of the legendary Mount Santubong, chese interesting cultures can be experienced in one place.





The first stop is the Bidayuh Longhouse. In the Barok – the head-house of the Bidayuhs – traditional gongs, war drums and bamboo musical instruments are displayed. In one of the longhouse dwellings, sitting by the window is a master carver expertly carving an intricate design on bamboo – free hand! Outside, two Bidayuh ladies in traditional black outfits are busy pounding and winnowing rice, while another demonstrates the art of weaving fine bamboo strips into beautiful baskets. You can try your hand at these activities. For some adventure, don't forget to walk across the narrow bamboo bridge, just wide enough for one person. Feel the bridge bend and sway under your weight, and imagine rushing water below.

Built above ground, the Iban Longhouse has a notched log serving as a staircase to the house. Several individual family rooms front the common walkway in an Iban Longhouse. In each unit, enemy skulls in a net hang from the rafters, as the Ibans were fierce head-hunters in the olden days. An Iban lady can be seen weaving the traditional 'pua' on a back-strap loom while others make the intricate beaded collar and the tasty 'kuih jala'.

The Penan Hut is very small and simple, as Penans are nomadic people who live in the dense virgin forests of Central Borneo. They use the blowpipe for hunting, and a Penan warrior would be happy to show you how to make a blowpipe, all by hand, and shoot with it. The Penans are also very skilful at making decorations from soft wood.

The Kayan, Kenyah, Kelabit, Lun Bawang and other minor tribes of Sarawak are known as Orang Ulu. On the verandah of the imposing Orang Ulu Longhouse, the Orang Ulu musician plays a beautiful melody on the 'sape', a stringed musical instrument. The ladies are famous for their intricate beadwork, which is demonstrated in the longhouse.



The Melanau people traditionally lived near the sea and as a means to protect themselves from the pirates, their houses are built 40 feet above the ground! At the Melanau Tall House, you need to climb up a long ladder to enter the wooden house. Outside the house is a Melanau carved totem pole, traditionally used to bury the village headmen. In a small house, a Melanau lady is demonstrating the art of making sago pearls and crispy sago biscuits, from grating the sago palm trunk to roasting the finished product. You can also try your hand at grating the sago palm trunk.

The traditional Malay house is a wooden house built on stilts. The windows are cut down to floor level for maximum ventilation, allowing cool breeze into the house. High artistic skills can be witnessed in the beautifully-decorated stairs and window railings, fascia boards under the eaves and the ventilation grills above or beside doorways. You can join in the many traditional Malay games being demonstrated here, including 'gasing' and 'congkak'. The Chinese farmhouse is a simple wooden house built on the ground with trodden earth for a floor, whitewashed plank walls and a thatched 'attap' roof. The interior consists of an open kitchen, dining and living sections, and a storage area for valuables such as bicycles or agricultural machinery as well as sectioned-off bedrooms. The household shrine is a focal point in the living area, while the doorpost is often pasted with pieces of red paper bearing auspicious words to bring luck or divine protection for the family. Outside the house is a pepper garden, one of Sarawak's signature crops.

After exploring the houses in Sarawak Cultural Village, sit back and enjoy dance performances of the tribes in the air-conditioned theatre. Among them is the spectacular Iban Ngajat Lesong, where an Iban warrior demonstrates the extraordinary strength of his teeth by dancing with a 20kg mortar clamped in this mouth. To complete the Sarawak cultural experience, savour some Sarawakian food at the restaurant and pick up some souvenirs at the handicraft shop.



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MALAYSIA AT A GLANCE

COUNTRY

The federation of Malaysia comprises Peninsular Malaysia, which is made up of 11 states, three Federal Territories as well as the states of Sabah and Sarawak situated in Borneo.

CAPITAL CITY

Kuala Lumpur

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Lying 2° to 7° north of the Equator, Peninsular Malaysia is separated from Sabah and Sarawak by the South China Sea. The Peninsular shares a common border with Thailand in the north, while its southern neighbour is Singapore. Sabah and Sarawak share a common border with Indonesia while Sarawak also shares a border with Brunei Darussalam.

AREA

329,758 sq km

TIME

The standard Malaysian time is eight hours ahead of GMT and 16 hours ahead of the U.S. Pacific Standard Time.

POPULATION

33.4 million

PEOPLE

Malaysia has a diverse population. Its multicultural fabric is made up of the Malays, who form the majority of the population, as well as the Chinese, Indians, Portuguese Eurasians and Straits Chinese, along with the indigenous communities of Peninsular Malaysia and the ethnic groups of Sabah and Sarawak.

LANGUAGE

Bahasa Malaysia (Malay) is the national language but English is widely spoken. Malaysians also speak various languages and dialects.

RELIGION

Islam is the official religion but all other religions are practised freely.

GOVERNMENT

Malaysia practices parliamentary democracy and constitutional monarchy. The Head of State is the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Head of Government is the Prime Minister. The country has a bicameral legislative system.

CLIMATE

Malaysia has a tropical climate and the weather is warm all year round. Temperatures range from 21°C to 32°C and the annual rainfall varies from 2,000 mm to 2,500 mm.

ECONOMIC PROFILE

Manufacturing constitutes the largest component of Malaysia's economy while tourism and primary commodities such as petroleum, palm oil, natural rubber and timber are major contributors to its economy.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Visitors must be in possession of a valid passport or travel document with a minimum validity of six months beyond the intended visiting period. Citizens of most countries do not require visas for social or business visits. For further information, please visit or call the nearest Malaysian diplomatic mission or Tourism Malaysia office.

CURRENCY

The unit of currency is the Malaysian Ringgit, which is denoted as RM or MYR. Foreign currencies can be converted at banks and money changers. Transactions can be carried out using the Malaysian currency or via credit cards and online banking services. Of late, cashless transactions such as e-wallets and mobile payments have grown in popularity. Cashless transactions can be found in most establishments in the cities.

BANKING HOURS

In most states, banks are open from Monday to Friday from 9.15 am to 4.30 pm. In Kelantan and Terengganu, banks are closed on Friday and Saturday. Check the websites of the relevant banks for details on operating hours and rest days. Online banking services are available.

WORKING DAYS

Most states observe Monday to Friday as working days while Saturday and Sunday are rest days. In the states of Johor, Kedah, Kelantan and Terengganu, working days are from Sunday to Thursday. Friday and Saturday are observed as rest days. This applies to government offices and many private establishments.

ELECTRICITY

The voltage used throughout Malaysia is 220 - 240 volts AC, at 50 cycles per second. Standard 3-pin square plugs and sockets are used.

COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Malaysia is linked internationally via the Internet. There is a stable 4G mobile network coverage in the country. Wi-fi connection is available at most hotels, restaurants and transport terminals. Upon arrival, travellers can easily get a local prepaid SIM card at airports or shopping malls. The package comes with preloaded credit and data. Travellers will be required to present their passport/ID for registration when purchasing the SIM cards.

GETTING TO MALAYSIA

The main gateway to Malaysia is the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) which is also known as KLIA Terminal 1. It is located about 40 km south of Kuala Lumpur. Over 40 international airlines fly into the country via KLIA.

Malaysia Airlines, the national carrier, is a member of the oneworld airline alliance and offers connectivity to 1,000 destinations over 170 territories.

KLIA Terminal 2 (formerly known as KLIA 2), is situated about 1.5 km away from the main terminal and serves as the world's largest terminal dedicated to low-cost carriers. Airlines that operate from Terminal 2 include AirAsia and AirAsia X. Other international airports in the country are situated in Langkawi, Penang, Johor Bahru, Kota Kinabalu and Kuching. Skypark Terminal or Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang is the main base for Firefly, Batik Air and private carriers.

The country's largest seaport is Port Klang, a major shipping and cargo terminal. Other main entry points by sea are located in Langkawi, Penang, Melaka, Johor, Labuan, Kuching and Kota Kinabalu.

GETTING AROUND

Malaysia has excellent domestic air links serviced by Malaysia Airlines as well as carriers such as AirAsia, Firefly and Batik Air. The country has a well-developed and efficient public transportation system served by buses, taxis as well as trains. GrabCar and other e-hailing services are available in Malaysia.

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