

DISCOVA

Malaysia
& Borneo









































































































Selamat datang I'm Wayne Lau, and I'd like to welcome you to beautiful Malaysia

My name is Wayne Lau, and I'm a tour guide from Penang. What I love most about my home country is that it's a true melting pot of cultures with Chinese, Malay, Indian and European influences. Divided by 500 kilometres of sea, Malaysia is split into two very distinct territories – Peninsular Malaysia and Malaysian Borneo. Whilst the former offers frenetic cities, street art, tea plantations and some of the world's best street food, the latter is home to ancient rainforests, endangered wildlife, rugged mountains and some of the world's best scuba diving. But like magnets, these two different worlds combined make Malaysia a truly unique and compelling destination!

Malaysia & Borneo



📍 Climate & Weather Averages in Malaysia & Borneo

	Destination	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
 Cold Temperatures can rise up to 20 °C during the day but at night can plummet to 10 °C or lower.	Kuala Lumpur												
	Georgetown												
 Warm Temperatures usually between 20 °C and 30 °C	Cameron Highlands												
	Langkawi												
 Hot Temperatures rise above 32 °C	Perhentian Islands												
	Kota Kinabalu												
 Rain Regular rainfall with high humidity and temperatures usually between 25 °C and 27 °C	Sandakan (Kinabatangan River)												
	Lahad Datu (Danum Valley)												

* The actual climate of Malaysia & Borneo's Regions can vary a bit.

Malaysia's weather is consistently hot and humid with little temperature variation throughout the year. Most of the country hovers between 20 and 30 degrees Celsius, though the highlands tend towards cooler temperatures. The northeast experiences a rainy season between November and March, while it rains in the southwest between May and September.

Things to Know



Population

32.7 million



Capital City

Kuala Lumpur



Time Zone

UTC +8, MYT, Malaysia Time



Language

Malay – officially, Bahasa Malaysia – is the national language, and Malay and English are both recognised as official languages. English is taught in all schools and widely spoken in large cities. Because the country is so culturally diverse, a range of secondary languages are also spoken, like Tamil, Chinese or Arabic. Many locals also speak a kind of creole called “Manglish”, a quirky blend of all of the above.



Currency

The Malaysian ringgit (RM) is the official currency. Money can be changed at moneychangers in most urban areas and tourist centres, but many of these only take crisp bills in good condition. All ATM can Reac chips from Visa, Mastercard and sometimes American Express in main cities but be sure to have ringgit on hand for more rural adventures.



Visa

Visitors from most countries are permitted to enter Malaysia for a period of 14, 30, or 90 days without a visa. Foreign nationals who do need a visa to enter Malaysia may need to obtain a visa or transit pass in order to travel through a Malaysian airport. A handful of countries are eligible to apply for an eVisa; otherwise, a Malaysian visa can be obtained at any overseas Malaysian embassy.

Festivals

Live some local traditions



Hari Raya

July

Hari Raya is the celebration of end of Puasa - the fasting month for Muslim. Prior to the celebration day, we can find many night market selling local dishes.



Chinese New Year

February

Lion dance, fireworks, plenty of red lanterns along the streets. Best time to get some blessings from family and the Gods.





“One of my favourite things to do on the island of Penang is watch the sun rise in Batu Ferringhi, where the world looks like nothing but fire and water. From the beach, the sun rises up over the horizon, and the sky blends into the ocean blend as one unified pink and orange canvas that shifts and changes until day breaks. If I’m feeling motivated, I’ll come to the beach or the mountain trails for a pre-dawn jog, and the spectacular sunrise is my reward.”

Responsible Travel Initiatives



Fight against Single-Use Plastic



5,000 Biodegradable Wet
Towels replaced Plastic-
wrapped Napkins



256 Plastic Bottles Saved
in 2019



Social Enterprises...

...are an easy and sustainable way to give back to local communities. In Malaysia, we work with social enterprises that empower local artisans and create opportunities for disadvantaged members of the community.



Local Community

From homestays to cooking demonstrations and village walks, we work closely with community-based tourism projects, designed to support sustainable development of the communities whilst allowing travellers to experience the local life in Malaysia.



Protecting Children

ChildSafe Movement trains individuals and organisations providing them with the tools to protect children and youth. We are working on implementing ChildSafe throughout Discova to do our part in protecting children worldwide.

What to Eat

Taste some local food



Roti Canai

This Malaysian staple is a flaky flatbread, chewy on the inside and crispy on the outside, served 24 hours a day. Order it stuffed with egg, onion, banana, or plain, served with dahl curry and sometimes other dipping sauces.



Nasi Lemak

Nasi lemak is Malaysia's national dish of rice cooked with coconut milk and pandan leaf, served with anchovies, peanuts, cucumber and often sambal and a boiled egg. Different vendors may serve nasi lemak with fish, chicken, or beef as well.



Cendol

This creamy dessert is perfect for the summertime, an iced bowl of coconut milk, palm sugar syrup and green rice jelly. Already deliciously refreshing in its standard form, add more toppings like fruit and sweet beans to elevate the mix.



Banana Leaf Rice “Try banana leaf rice for a true food experience - this is my favourite thing to order at Malaysian restaurants. The waiter comes first with a large banana leaf as a “plate”, then serves up a big mound of rice in the centre. Next comes dollops of three or four kinds of vegetables or curries - though there are some typical sides, you get whatever the restaurant has made that day. I really like the “you get what you get” surprise. Eat it with your hands like the locals do, it tastes better! “



Join us on an imaginary 10D9N Journey through Peninsular Malaysia

Delve into the colourful mosaic that is Malaysia with a 10-day journey. Tour the landmarks of multicultural Kuala Lumpur, explore the artistic heritage of Penang and sip some hot tea in the cool Cameron Highlands before ending the trip on the tropical islands of Langkawi. Complete with flavourful food, friendly locals and stunning views, this trip truly covers the best of Peninsular Malaysia.



Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia's capital is a true melting pot of cultures. Twenty-four-hour Indian 'mamaks' serve up hot roti next to Malay mosques, western expats overindulge in trendy bars and shoppers hop between bustling Chinese markets and malls set amidst gleaming skyscrapers. The arts are thriving, museums are abundant, and the old world is carefully balanced against the new. Each facet of Kuala Lumpur's kaleidoscopic society is connected to the next by an excellent public transportation system.





1. Kuala Lumpur Heritage Trail

Discover Kuala Lumpur's most magnificent historical sites on this half-day walking tour. From the expansive Independence Square, stroll past the city's most impressive landmarks and learn about their history and cultural significance from a local guide. Take a break at a local café before heading to the bustling Central Market and ending the morning with a tasty and authentic local lunch.



2. KL's Urban Charm Evening Food Tour

Get a taste of Malaysia's diverse cuisines and cultures on this evening foodie tour of Kuala Lumpur's best eateries. From bustling food courts to roadside restos and cool cafés, indulge in a variety of flavourful dishes from Malaysia's different ethnic groups. Enjoy some sweet Cendol, snack on some Roti Canai and sample traditional Chinese pastries before digging into a bowl of mouthwatering Claypot Chicken.



3. Batu Caves Cultural Exploration Tour

Explore the unique cultures, faiths and traditions of Malaysia on this four-hour tour from Kuala Lumpur. Visit the century-old Sam Kow Tong Temple and Batu Caves to gain insight into the religious roots of this incredibly diverse nation, take in one of the city's busiest commercial streets, Jalan Masjid India, and end the day at a favourite food spot for a traditional banana leaf lunch.

Our Recommended Hotels

Kuala Lumpur



Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa

★★★★★

📍 1, Persiaran Lagoon, Bandar Sunway, 47500 Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa, together with Sunway Pyramid Hotel and Sunway Clio Hotel is located within the integrated township of Sunway City Kuala Lumpur, a vibrant 800-acre self-contained iconic landmark that seamlessly integrates a multitude of distinctive business and leisure facilities including a theme park and a mega shopping and entertainment mall for an all-inclusive experience and convenience.



EQ Kuala Lumpur

★★★★★

📍 Equatorial Plaza, Jalan Sultan Ismail, 50250 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

EQ is 5-star hotel located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur making it walking distance to major attractions like KLCC and Pavilion Mall. It is a perfect base for exploring the city with each room featuring eye-catching city views and amazing amenities. Sanctum Wellness houses a state-of-the-art gym, spa, infinity and vitality pool facing the KL Tower. Indulge at all-day dining Nipah, Etoile, award-winning Kampachi, the Bottega Lounge, Sabayon for fine dining or enjoy bespoke cocktails with skyline views at Blue on the highest floor.

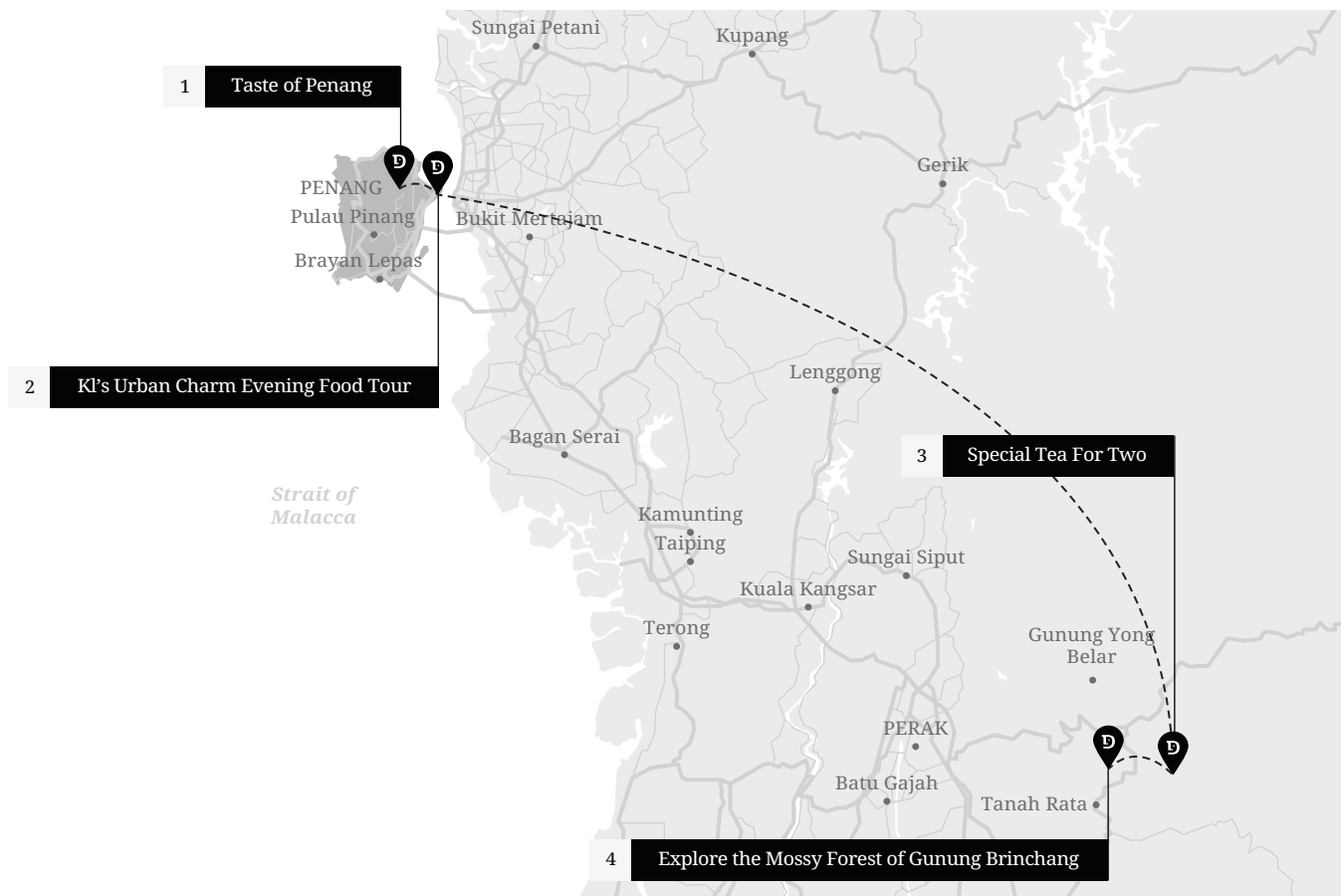


Penang & The Highlands

Known as the “Pearl of the Orient”, Penang has linked Asia, Europe and the Middle East for centuries. Famous for its incredible food and gorgeous beaches, Penang is also home to a great deal of art and history, reflected in its colonial mansions, Chinese clan houses, Hindu temples and extraordinary murals painted on alleys throughout trendy Georgetown. The northwest of the island is an uninhabited expanse of mountainous jungle, perfect for hiking.

Head onto the mainland and further south for an altogether different feel.

The cool climate of the Cameron Highlands allows for tea plantations and berry farms, and was once a refuge for English colonists escaping the tropical heat. A trip here could almost be a visit to the English countryside, complete with high tea in a colonial house overlooking cascading rows of tea leaves. Ipoh is the gateway to the Highlands, a quirky city set beneath high white cliffs and divided in half by the Kinta River.





1. Taste of Penang

Discover the gourmet paradise that is Penang on this fun-filled half day tour. Begin with a fascinating ride on a 'beca' – open-fronted rickshaw – and take in some of Penang's most famous sites before heading to the Red Garden Food Paradise. Revel in the bustling atmosphere of this foodie haven and sample a wide array of local cuisines to get a taste of multicultural Penang.



2. Georgetown Street Art Trail

Uncover the history and culture of the UNESCO World Heritage Site on this half-day walking tour of Penang. Together with a local guide, spend the morning looking for some of the finest street art in the world before discussing the works of art over a delicious lunch in a traditional Chinese coffee shop. The perfect tour for art lovers!



3. Special Tea For Two

Travel into the remote heart of the Cameron Highlands and spend a serene morning amidst Malaysia's 'Giant Green Carpet'. Kick back with a cup of tea and a comfortable picnic and gaze across the surrounding tea plantations. Enjoy the cooling breeze and observe local birds, before visiting a strawberry and a butterfly farm as well as a fruit and flower market.



4. Explore the Mossy Forest of Gunung Brinchang

Experience the charm of the Cameron Highlands on this half-day trip to Gunung Brinchang. Drive up the mountain to take in the scenic views of the verdant tea gardens covering the rolling hills before enjoying a leisurely walk through the forest, learning about the different plants growing here. End the morning with a tour and tasting at a local tea factory.

Our Recommended Hotels

Penang & The Highlands



The Prestige Hotel

★★★★★

📍 No 8, Gat Lebuhr Gereja, 10300, Georgetown, Penang, Malaysia.

The Prestige Hotel is an independent bespoke luxury hotel that best portrays the natural urban beauty of Penang's historic core. A modern-day interpretation of Victorian design, it welcomes the urbane traveller to a contemporized and magical quasi-colonial universe, carefully created. The Prestige Hotel is a destination in itself offering an authentic travel experience and is part of the prestigious Design Hotels™ portfolio.



G Hotel

★★★★★

📍 168A Persiaran Gurney, 10250 Penang, Malaysia.

Situated in a prominent location next to upscale shopping malls & hawker eateries with heritage sites & beaches nearby, sits G Hotel Gurney & G Hotel Kelawai in the heart of Penang. With a total of 520 rooms, both award-winning hotels fit for both business & leisure travellers are equipped with premium in-room amenities & modern facilities such as rooftop pool & bar, gym, seven F&B outlets & more.



Campbell House Penang

★★★★

📍 106 Lebuhr Campbell 10100 Georgetown, Penang, Malaysia.

Campbell House is voted one of the best places to stay in the heart of the UNESCO City of Georgetown Penang. A beautifully restored 3 storey Shop House offering 12 spacious, perfectly appointed rooms with modern amenities and Asian & European Eclectic style. The marriage of East meets West is also reflected in the popular authentic onsite Italian restaurant.



Eastern & Oriental Hotel

★★★★★

📍 Address: 10 Lebuhr Farquhar, 10200 Penang, Malaysia.

Established by the famed Sarkies brothers in 1885, the Eastern & Oriental Hotel is the only seafront hotel in the George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site and features 2 separate wings; the iconic Heritage Wing with 100 suites and the 15-storey Victory Annexe with 123 suites. The hotel is complemented by restaurants, 2 swimming pools, a Spa, a fitness centre and meeting facilities.



Muntri Grove Hotel

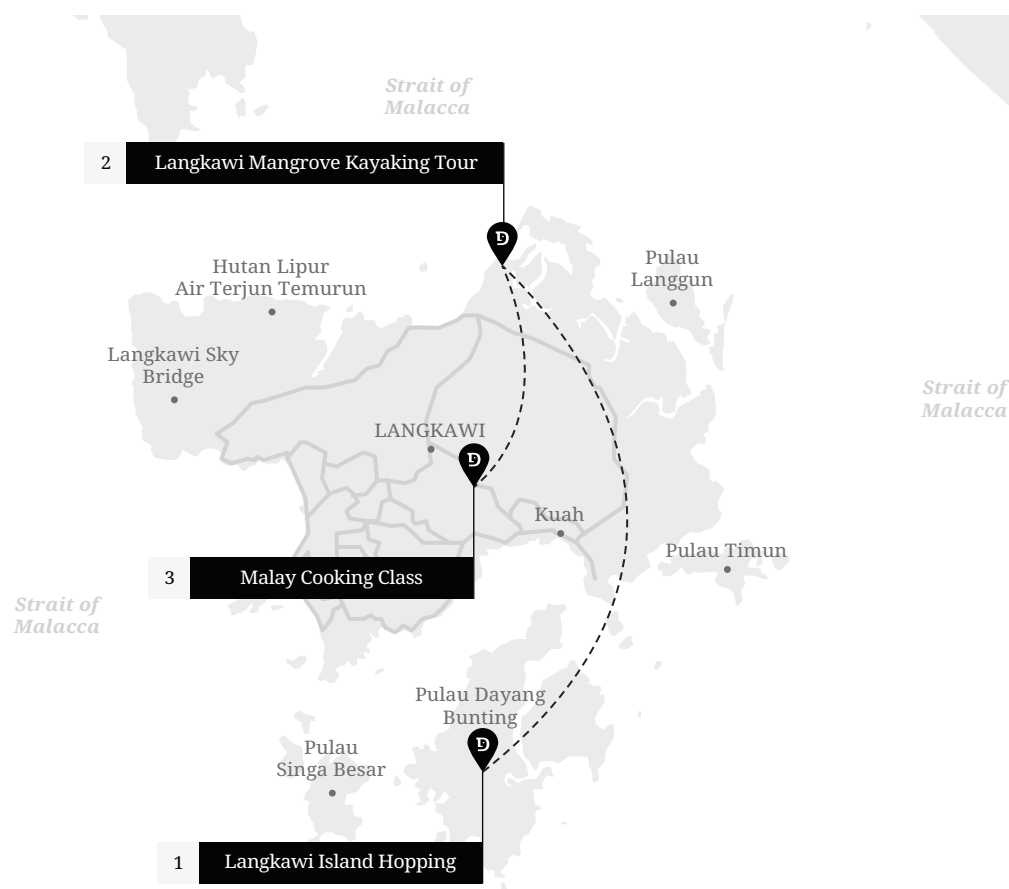
★★★

📍 127, 129, 131A – F, Muntri St, 10200 Georgetown, Penang, Malaysia.

Muntri Grove occupies an entire block of one of Penang's finest heritage, residential streets and you are just a short skip from all of Penang's most iconic heritage attractions. This entire row of 19th Century Anglo Chinese terraces was built in the early 1900s for Chinese attached to the Hainan Temple nearby. In 2011 the entire row was in a derelict state and it took two years to re-build them and adapt them into a hotel.

Langkawi

Langkawi is a 99-islands archipelago, a rugged beauty frequented by beach bums and nature lovers alike. Come here to relax on powdery sand beaches, swim in calm turquoise water and sip on the cheapest alcohol in the country – the whole island is duty-free. The touristy shorelines are well developed enough to be comfortable, but the interior has retained its traditional homes and lifestyle. Mountains, forest parks, hot springs and waterfalls lie to the north.





1. Langkawi Island Hopping

Spend the day exploring Langkawi's famous islands on this scenic half-day tour. Aboard a modern speedboat, travel to Tasik Dayan Bunting and take a dip in Langkawi's largest lake resembling the shape of a pregnant lady. Witness wild eagles feeding at close range and end the day with a picnic on a palm-fringed beach on Pulau Beras Basah (Wet Rice Island).



2. Langkawi Mangrove Kayaking Tour

Enjoy the mangroves of Langkawi with a taste of adventure and some exercise during this 3-hour kayak trip. Experience a close up look at the ecology of the mangroves while gliding with your kayak through a smaller area in the mangrove jungle away from the larger rivers. During the 5-hour Kayaking tour, you might be lucky to see monkeys, snakes, eagles, otters, and other special birds or monitor lizards.



3. Malay Cooking Class

Discover the secrets of Malay cuisine with a cooking class on tropical Langkawi Island. Famous for its distinctive spices, rich sauces and powerful flavours, learn about the techniques and ingredients used in Malay cooking. Follow the instructions of a local chef and help prepare a selection of delicious dishes before feasting on the culinary creations whilst overlooking the surrounding paddy fields.

Our Recommended Hotels

Langkawi



The Danna Langkawi

★★★★★

📍 Telaga Harbour Park, Pantai Kok, 07000 Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia.

Set in a paradise against a backdrop of majestic hillsides, crystalline waters and stunning marina, The Danna Langkawi epitomises the ultimate luxury retreat. Positioned directly on its own secluded beach, our spacious rooms, suites and beachfront villas start from 60sqm to 1,080 sqm. Just 15 minutes from Langkawi International Airport, it features the largest 3-tiered infinity pool on the island.

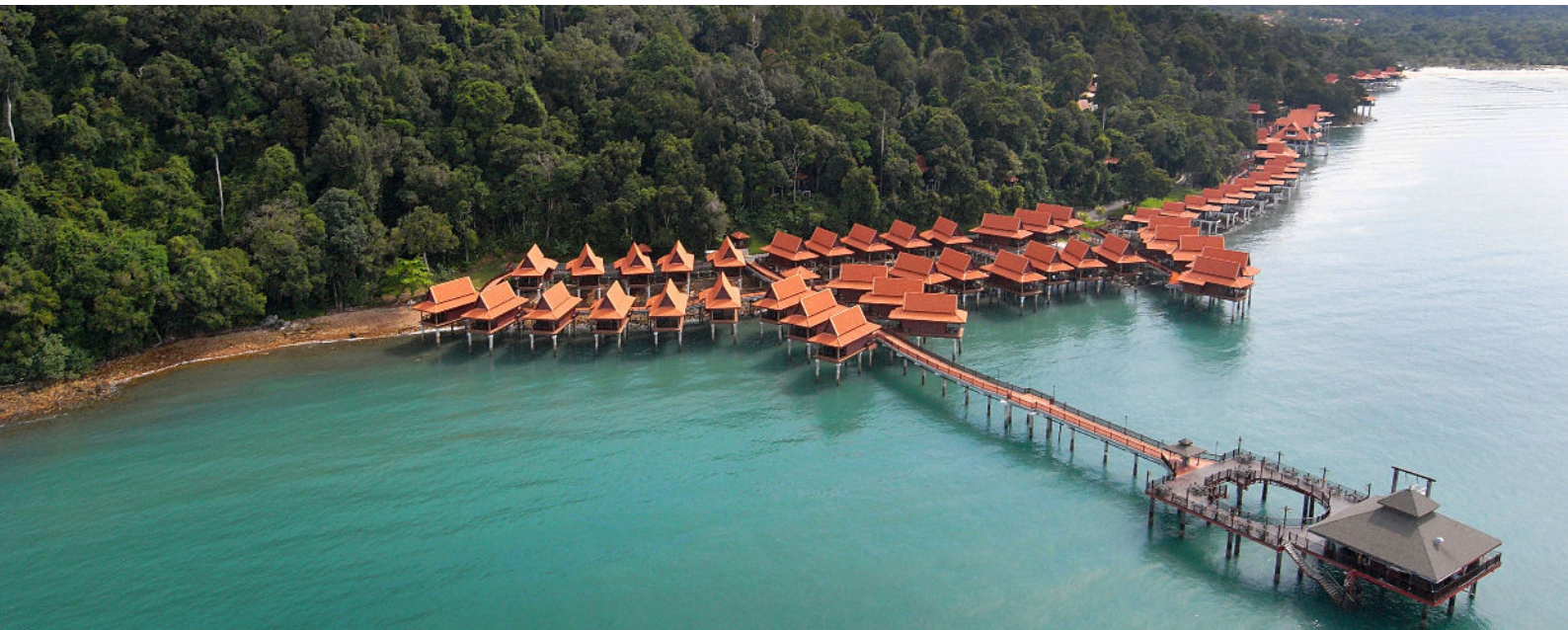


Four Seasons Resort Langkawi

★★★★★

📍 Jalan Tanjung Rhu, 07000 Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia.

Flanked by a tropical rainforest, limestone cliffs and the emerald waters of the Andaman Sea, the natural beauty on our Island of Legends is as dramatic as it is serene. Tucked away within an UNESCO World Geopark, our Resort's Malay-style pavilions and villas offer both quiet, romantic havens for lovebirds as well as versatile family-oriented retreats.



Berjaya Langkawi Resort

★★★★★

📍 Karong Berkunci 200 Burau Bay 07000 Langkawi Kedah, Malaysia.

Berjaya Langkawi Resort, built with 412 rooms and suites is a resort which immediately captivates guests with its defined sceneries. Located in the state of Kedah at Burau Bay on Langkawi Island, the charming Malaysian-style chalets and suites are sprawled over 70 acres across the land amidst the lush 500 million year old rainforest.



Holiday Villa Beach Resort & Spa Langkawi

★★★★★

📍 Lot 1698 Pantai Tengah, Mukim Kedawang, Daerah Langkawi, 07000 Kedah Darul Aman, Malaysia.

This 4-star beach front resort in Pantai Tengah offers 258 modern guest rooms and Suites, ideal for families or couples. Rooms are spacious, equipped with safety box, refrigerator, tea/coffee maker, television and free wifi. Other facilities include 2 swimming pools, Jacuzzi, gymnasium, sauna, Spa, pool bar, beach bar and 3 restaurants. Hotel is within 3 minutes walking distance to local restaurants and shops.



Join us on an imaginary 13-Day Bornean Adventure

Wildlife, warriors and wilderness – embark on a 13-day adventure through Malaysian Borneo. See the sights of Kota Kinabalu before swapping the urban life for rural discovery. Experience a homestay in Kiau Village, summit Mount Kinabalu and trace back Sabah's captivating history. Venture into the remote Danum Valley and explore the island's pristine rainforests coming face-to-face with its wild residents.



Kota Kinabalu

Kota Kinabalu is the capital of Sabah, a state in Malaysian Borneo. Compared to the Peninsular, East Malaysia is much more rural, thick with jungle and alive with wildlife. Kota Kinabalu itself is an interesting place to spend some time cruising seafood markets and sampling street food, but many travellers come here to head onwards to Mount Kinabalu and answer the call of the wild that lies just outside the city lines.



Off-the-beaten track experiences with a local expert which help support our communities.

... maximise the use of environmentally friendly transportation

... give back a portion of the profit to local communities

... help preserve local tradition and heritage



1. Kota Kinabalu Night Out

This compact city Sundowners tour of Kota Kinabalu is the perfect way to get to know Kota Kinabalu night life from drinking culture of this fascinating Malaysian outpost. Enjoy a walking noon, and have a well look into KK trendy bars: Biru-biru and BAAM Its bold interior design yet brings nostalgic memories and feels has become very popular among locals.



2. 2D1N Live Like a Local In Kiau Village

Travel through lush, mountainous terrain and take in unbelievably picturesque scenery with a journey to a local homestay in Kiau Village. Enjoy a peaceful hike in search of wild herbs and get to know the local host family over a home-cooked meal. Enjoy an evening of traditional music and dance and visit the fascinating Skull Sanctuary to view the remains of revered warriors.

Discova the Difference

The Discova team works closely with the local team to promote community-based tourism projects, such as Kiau Homestay program. Currently, we are working on setting up a “Happy Library” project, that will provide local children access to books.

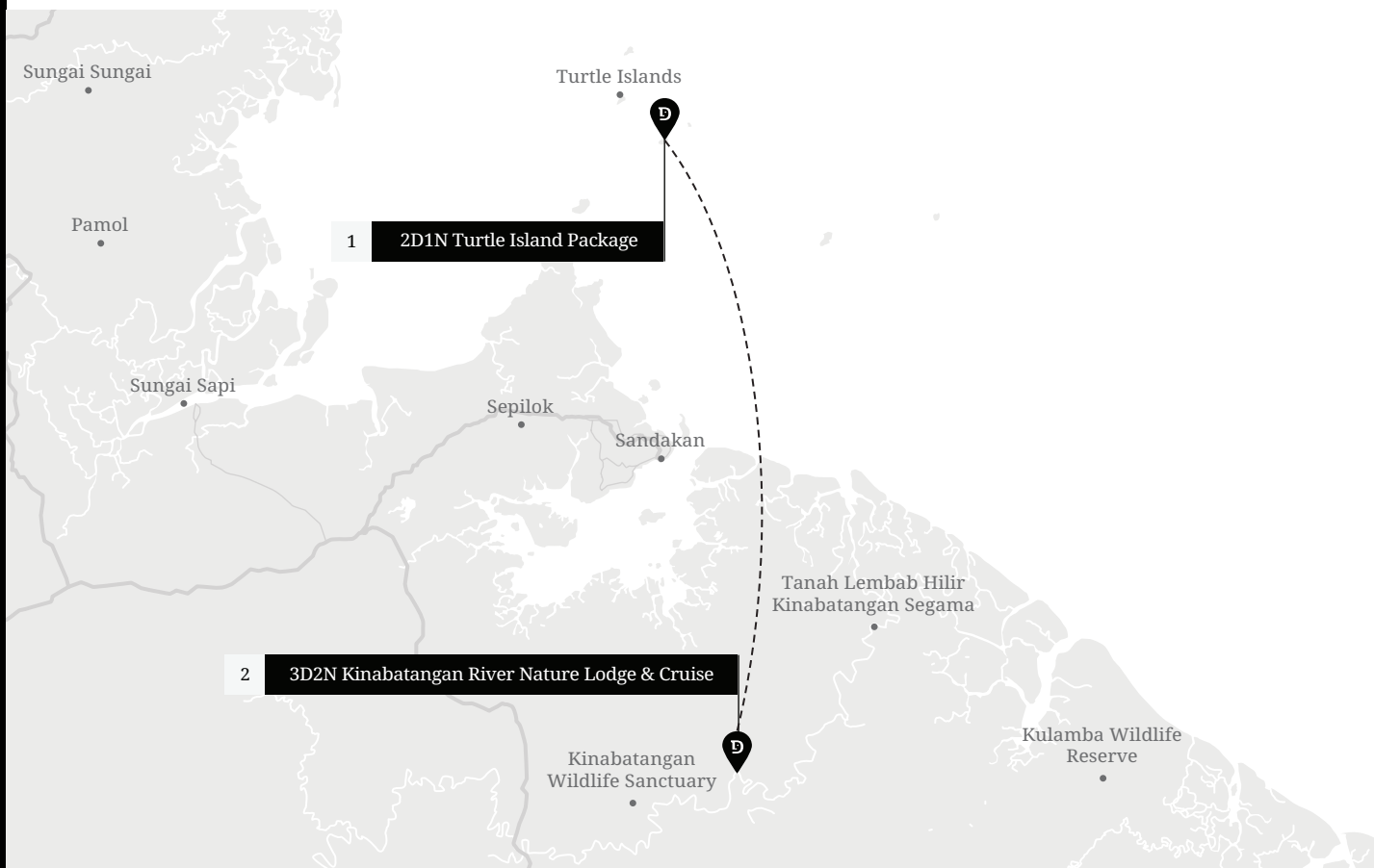


3. 3D2N Mount Kinabalu Trek

Enjoy an unforgettable experience climbing one of Southeast Asia’s tallest peaks on this three-day hike to the summit of Mount Kinabalu. Hike through the canopies of the Borneo Rainforest, take a dip in the Poring Hot Springs and scale the Crocker Mountain Range before ascending into the clouds for unforgettable views from the top.

Sandakan & Surrounding Area

The second longest river in Malaysia hosts one of the richest ecosystems in the world. The surrounding area is part of the Sukau-Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary, home to rare animals like orangutans, proboscis monkeys, elephants, crocodiles and many bird species. This biodiversity is made possible in part by the wide range of habitats supported by the Kinabatangan River, from freshwater swamp forests to lakes, limestone caves, mangrove swamps and more.





1. 2D1N Turtle Island Package

Arrive at the picturesque port of Sandakan in the early morning for a boat ride to Selingan Turtle Island - the main nesting area for the green turtles. Here, a day of relaxation awaits travellers with swimming and snorkelling at this idyllic island paradise. The highlight comes after dinner as the Park Ranger will teach visitors about the conservation of the turtles, before assisting in one of nature's magical experiences. Travellers help the Ranger, from collecting the eggs from the nesting site, to planting them in the hatchery, to witnessing the newborn baby turtles scrambling toward the open sea. An unforgettable experience for any nature lover!



2. 3D2N Kinabatangan River Nature Lodge & Cruise

Spend a night amongst nature on this trip to the Kinabatangan River. Visit the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre and learn about these endangered primates before travelling to Sukau village. Stay overnight in a nature lodge and explore different stretches of the Kinabatangan River by boat. Look out for the abundant wildlife living in the pristine rainforest and, if lucky, spot one of the rare proboscis monkeys.

Our Recommended Hotels

Borneo



The Jesselton Hotel

★★★

📍 69, Jalan Gaya, P.O. Box 10401 88000 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia.

A timeless piece of colonial beauty with a total of 44 guestrooms that come with classical furnishings, modern en-suite bathrooms and free wireless internet connection. Nestled in the most famous tourist destination in Kota Kinabalu, the hotel is strategically located in the heart of the city's central business district and about 20 minutes' drive from the Kota Kinabalu International Airport (KKIA).



Shangri-La's Rasa Ria Resort & Spa, Kota Kinabalu

★★★★★

📍 Pantai Dalit, PO Box 600, Tuaran, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, 89208 Malaysia.

Tailored experience for honeymooners, families, nature lovers and sunseekers. Journey into the nature; where the sea meets the rainforest, Shangri-La's Rasa Ria Resort & Spa is a stunning sanctuary that makes each moment of your holiday matters. Find yourself being entertained with the best dining in all of Kota Kinabalu, nurtured at our spa and delighted by our signature experiences. You'll be immersed into this enchanting Borneo paradise.



Horizon Hotel

★★★★

📍 Locked Bag 2084, Jalan Pantai, 88999, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia.

Set in the heart of the city of Kota Kinabalu within 10 minutes from Kota Kinabalu International Airport and on the door step of the famous Sunday Gaya Street Market, tourist attractions, commercial business districts, shopping malls, restaurants, night markets, bars and entertainment outlets. Be renewed at this urban retreat for both business and leisure travellers alike. Our guest rooms comprise of Superior (City View 30sqm) and Deluxe (Sea Facing 30sqm).



Borneo Nature Lodge

★★

📍 90200 Kinabatangan, Sabah, Malaysia.

Nestled along the bank of Kinabatangan river, Borneo Nature Lodge is an eco-friendly lodge that offers comfort with spacious air-conditioned rooms and restaurant. Totalling 13 rooms, it can accommodate 26 guests on a twin sharing basis including a room with full facilities and wheelchairs for guests with reduced mobility. Kinabatangan is Sabah's most splendid natural treasures and home to many rare and endangered wildlife from the fascinating Proboscis monkey, Orang Utan, estuarine crocodile and a spectacular assembly of birdlife and if you are lucky you might even come across the Bornean Pygmy Elephant."



Sabah Hotel

★★★★

📍 KM1 , Jalan Utara , 90000, Sandakan, Sabah, Malaysia.

Nestled amidst one of the world's last natural tropical rainforests, Sabah Hotel offers unsurpassed 4-star deluxe luxuries to the discerning business and leisure travellers. With lush foliage as a backdrop, the hotel exudes an alluring natural attraction as it blends in with the rich flora and fauna of Sabah. A harmonious combination of eco-tours and historical sites awaits the adventurous guests in Sandakan. A promise of an everlasting and most memorable experience! Sabah Hotel, Sandakan, where splendours of nature, luxury and comfort awaits you!

Jungle Valleys

Danum Valley is a thick jungle that hosts one of the world's most complex ecosystems within its dark canopy of tall, densely packed trees. There are various hiking trails to choose from, ranging in length and difficulty, as well as a treetop walkway. The foliage in the Tabin Wildlife Reserve is less dense, making it easier to see wildlife. Many of Tabin's inhabitants are nocturnal, and a night safari can be an otherworldly experience.





1. 3D2N Into the Wild in the Danum Valley

Turn into a true adventurer on this overnight excursion to Borneo's remote Danum Valley. Trek into the pristine rainforest and view the jungle from above from a canopy walkway. Look out for nocturnal animals on an exciting night safari, visit an ancient tribe burial site and enjoy a refreshing dip in a natural jacuzzi.



2. 3D2N Tabin Wildlife Retreat

Indulge in a unique blend of relaxation and adventure on this two-day journey to the Tabin Wildlife Reserve. Stay in a beautiful lodge in the rainforest, have plenty of opportunities to witness the jungle's teeming wildlife and enjoy this time amidst these wonderful natural surroundings to recharge – whether it be with a volcanic mud mask or an herbal foot soak.

Unique MICE Venues

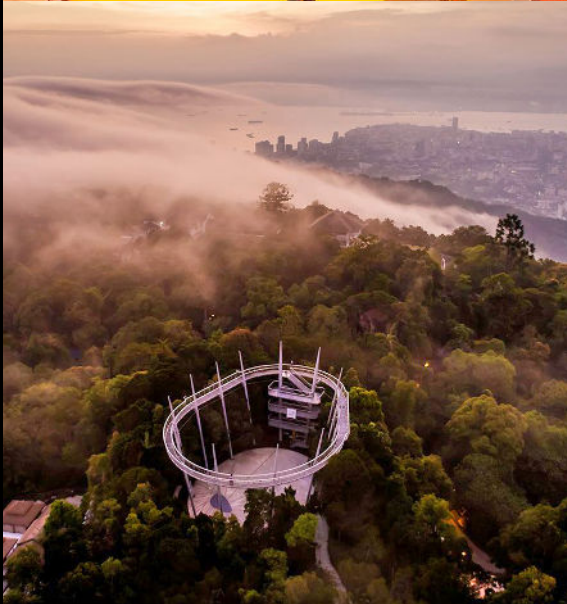
At the moment, we offer a range of MICE services in Malaysia & Borneo



Sunway Lagoon Water Theme Park

Selangor

For events and concerts with crowds of 40,000 people, the Sunway Lagoon Water Theme Park offers a spectacular backdrop, beloved by international acts like Guns 'n' Roses and Akon.



Curtis Crest at the Habitat Penang Hill

Penang

Nestled in a 130-million-year-old rainforest, the Curtis Crest platform on Penang Hill can host up to 250 people with panoramic views of Penang Island and beyond.



Langkawi Sky Bridge

Kedah

Enjoy a marvel of a suspended bridge that curves elegantly around a mountaintop.

Unique Educational Opportunities

We ensure our innovative range of themed programs and educational tours for adults and students make a positive impact and provide opportunities for inspiration, exploration and learning.



Immersive Dining Experience with Refugees

This social enterprise creates a platform for refugee families to rebuild their lives and provide for their families through the language of the world – food. By joining the program, educational groups will not only learn to cook various delicacies from a friendly chef but hear about the life and journey of refugees in search for a new life in Malaysia. An experience that will not only encourage compassion and empathy but also supports the families in an interactive – and delicious – way.



Cultural Immersion

From gaining a different perspective to being adaptive to different environments – there's no better way to learn about the life of a community than a homestay. From Peninsular to Borneo, Discova offers numerous opportunities for travellers to immerse in local culture and participate in the daily life with a range of activities, including cooking classes, trekking or craft workshops.



Wildlife Protection Activities

Home to proboscis monkeys and pygmy elephants – where would be a better place to learn about wildlife protection than Borneo? From visiting the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre to joining a rainforest restoration program in the Kinabatangan River area, we offer multiple opportunities for educational groups to learn first-hand about the challenges and protection efforts of Borneo's endangered species.



Sea Turtle Conservation Program

From May to September, educational groups can join a four-day volunteer program helping protect sea turtles on Talang-Talang Besar Island. Guided by a team of professionals, participants will gain hands-on experience in turtle conservation work, from data recording and nest analysis to releasing hatchlings.

Adventure Seeker

From colourful coral reefs and virgin rainforest to one of the region's tallest peaks, outdoor adventures are aplenty in Malaysia & Borneo.



Passionate **mountain climbers** will find numerous opportunities to scale new heights on the island of Borneo. Topping the bucket list is Mount Kinabalu, which, at 4,095 metres, is one of Southeast Asia's highest mountains. Equally rewarding trekking experiences can be found on the picturesque trails of Mount Trusmadi or Mount Alab. (see p[...] for more details)



With scenery straight out of a fairy tale, the idyllic Kiulu Valley is best explored by **bicycle**. Only an hour from Kota Kinabalu, pedal along hilly slopes and gravel roads, cycle through small villages and glimmering rice fields and traverse the sparkling Kiulu River via rickety suspension bridges.



With more than 4,600 kilometres of coastline, Malaysia is home to some of the world's best diving spots. Get up close with clown fish and harmless black tipped sharks on a **snorkelling** excursion or explore the teeming marine life on a **scuba diving** adventure – there are plenty of options for both beginners and experienced divers to enjoy an underwater adventure.

Culture Enthusiast

A veritable melting pot of cultures, Malaysia & Borneo bursts with vibrant flavours and fascinating heritage.



Arguably Malaysia's most picturesque urban destination, **Georgetown's UNESCO Heritage Zone** on Penang Island resembles an outdoor museum. Rows of charming shophouses line the streets; colourful temples border on stately mosques and unique street art adorns the city's buildings, inviting travellers on a treasure hunt for the most attractive murals.



Experience life in the Dusun tribe, one of Sabah's largest indigenous ethnic groups, with a **homestay** in Kiau Village. Nestled on the scenic foothills of Mount Kinabalu, join the local hosts foraging the forest for wild herbs, learn the moves of the traditional Sumazau dance and hear about the practices of the region's infamous headhunters.



With influences from Indian, Chinese and Malay cultures, Malaysia's vibrant heritage is best understood through its varied cuisine. From pulled tea and Roti Canai to Claypot Chicken – embark on a culinary discovery and get a taste of Malaysia's diverse flavours with a delicious **street food tour**. (see p[.] for more details)

Nature and Wildlife Lover

Hilly highlands, ancient rainforests and protected beaches – flora and fauna can flourish in Malaysia & Borneo's pristine nature reserves.



A trip to Borneo wouldn't be complete without seeing the island's famous wildlife. One of the best ways to spot the jungle's rare residents is by travelling along the majestic **Kinabatangan River**. Surrounded by dense rainforest, look out for a glimpse of the endangered orangutans, proboscis monkeys, pygmy elephants and many other species.



Imagine undulating hills covered by a shimmering green blanket of tea fields and you have Malaysia's **Cameron Highlands**. One of the peninsula's most scenic areas, the fertile valleys are not only the centre of the country's tea production but, thanks to its slightly cooler climate, hiking trails and strawberry farms, is a favourite among wayfarers. (see p[.] for more details)



Borneo's rich ecosystem extends into the depths of the sea, testament of which can be found on Selingan Island. Aptly known as '**Turtle Island**', its white-sanded beaches are a key nesting area for Green and Hawksbill turtles. Learn about the conservation efforts of the endangered reptiles and watch baby hatchlings being released into the ocean.

Curious Learner

Delve into history, religion and tradition and uncover the roots of this complex and multicultural nation.



Discover a different side to Borneo and learn about the tropical island's involvement in World War II with a visit to some of **Sabah's most notable war memorials**. From the Atkinson Clock Tower to the Petagas War Memorial, these historic and moving landmarks tell the story of the victims who lost their lives.



A favourite temporary souvenir among travellers, did you know that **henna tattoos** are so much more than simply intricate designs and body decoration? An important tradition in Malaysian-Indian weddings, learn from a local henna artist about its role in local customs and leave with beautiful artwork on hands or feet.



Whether it is Kuching's stately mosques, Hindu shrines hidden in the famous Batu Caves or the colourful Kek Si Lok Temple atop Air Itam on Penang Island, Malaysia's wealth of **religious sites** give insight into the country's unique diversity. (see p[.] for more details)

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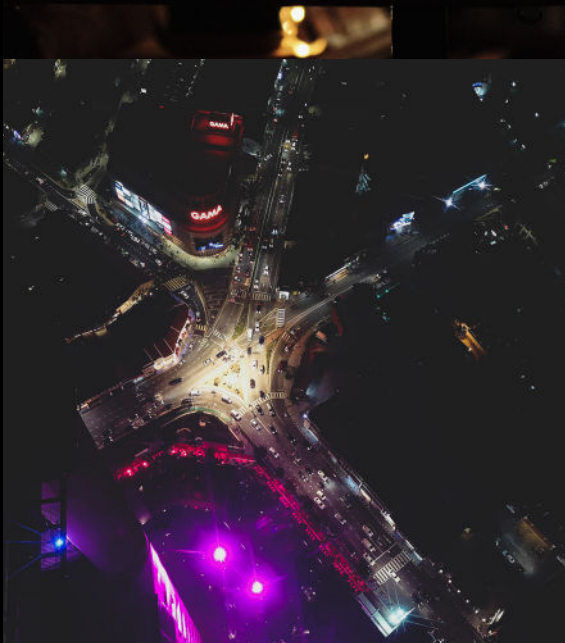
From high-end rooftop bars to sunset hangouts, Malaysia's nightlife caters to a variety of tastes.



From cosy pubs and elegant cocktail bars to swanky rooftops and buzzing night clubs – ultra-modern **Kuala Lumpur** has no shortage of places to dance, drink and chat the night away.



Kota Kinabalu's nightlife is largely focused on The Waterfront, an atmospheric strip of bars and restaurants overlooking the South China Sea. The perfect spot to watch the sunset, dig into a fresh seafood dinner and kick back with a cocktail or two.



Penang's **Georgetown** is special and so is its nightlife. Eclectic interiors and secret entranceways, inventive cocktails and one-of-a-kind live bands – the city teems with hidden bars, cool cafés and hipster hangouts that don't fit the mold.

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