

Malaysia

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Malaysia. Some areas have increased risk.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[60] (3) 2168-5000; US Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, 376 Jalan Tun Razak, 50400 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; KLACS@state.gov;

<https://my.usembassy.gov/>

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

60

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 999; Fire: 994; Police: 999

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Malaysia: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

Climate

Tropical; annual southwest (April to October) and northeast (October to February) monsoons

Currency (Code)

Ringgits (MYR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

240 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): G



Type G

Major Languages

Bahasa Malaysia, English, Chinese, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Panjabi, Thai

Major Religions

Muslim, Buddhist, and Christian

Time Difference

UTC+8 (13 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

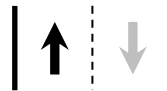
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Left



Tourist Destinations

Kuala Lumpur (includes Petronas Towers, Bukit Bintang, National Museum); North Borneo Railway; Semenggoh Nature Reserve; Batu Caves; Kek Lok Si Temple; Malacca City; Manukan Island; Lenggong Valley; Sarawak Cultural Village

Major Sports

Soccer, badminton, tenpin bowling, field hockey, tennis

Cultural Practices

Nod or give a slight bow when greeting a woman or an older person. Introduce high-ranking people and older people first.

Tipping Guidelines

Malaysia has a non-tipping culture. You are welcome to leave change in a tip jar, but you are not expected to tip.

Souvenirs

Hand-woven embroidered silk/cotton cloth, batik sarongs, pewter items; precious silver bowls, jewelry boxes, and betel nut sets; woven-bamboo and various fiber-woven baskets, bowls, and mats

Traditional Cuisine

Nasi Lemak — rice soaked in coconut cream overnight and cooked with pandan leaves, lemon grass, ginger, and other spices; usually served with a hard-boiled egg, fried anchovies, sambal paste, and roasted peanuts

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