



MALAYSIA TRAVEL GUIDE

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MALAYSIA OVERVIEW

Malaysia is a country that flaunts its heritage while embracing a new era. It's an invigorating destination just over 8 hours by plane from Sydney Airport and perfect for a quick getaway. With many sights to see, a short trip to Malaysia can easily become a longer, more relaxing indulgence. It's a South East Asia tourist hub, famous for its tranquil beaches, islands, breathtaking natural scenery, and sumptuous food. With a cultural cocktail of Chinese, Malay, Indian, and other ethnic communities, Malaysia is bold, bright and engaging.

MALAYSIA

WHAT TO SEE



Mount Kinabalu

Climb Malaysia's tallest peak located in tropical Kota Kinabalu.

Kota Kinabalu



Kuching

Visit this popular base for exploring Borneo's rainforest.

Sarawak



Taman Negara

Reputed to be the oldest tropical rainforest in the world, this park is home to the Malayan tiger.

Pahang



Langkawi

A group of islands boasting pristine beaches, rainforest and mountains.

Langkawi Islands



Gunung Mulu National Park

Discover the extraordinary limestone karst formations and cave systems.

Sarawak



Penang

This historic city offers museums, a fort and incredible street food.

Penang



Perhentian Kecil

Spend your days snorkelling and diving in the crystal clear waters.

Perhentian Islands



Sepilok Forest Reserve

Visit the orangutan rehabilitation centre for a chance to see these endangered animals.

Sanakan

MALAYSIA

SHOPPING



Central Market

This heritage site is a famous landmark for Asian culture.

Kuala Lumpur



BBKLCC

Lying on the stretch from Bukit Bintang to Kuala Lumpur City Centre, it is rightly known as a shopper's paradise.

Kuala Lumpur



Petaling Street

Kuala Lumpur's original China Town and the place to shop while munching on treats prepared by local vendors.

Kuala Lumpur



Sunway Pyramid

Housed in a large pyramid, one may head here to experience retail therapy at its best.

Selangor



1 Utama Shopping Centre

Visit South East Asia's largest rooftop garden while shopping at the world's fourth largest mall.

Selangor



Gurney Paragon Mall

Head here to enjoy stunning ocean views and sea breeze while perusing through the 700,000-square-foot shopping mall.

Penang Island



Avenue K Shopping Mall

Entertainment hotspots to over 60 dining options, this mall is more than just a shopping destination.

Kuala Lumpur



Berjaya Times Square

Houses over 1,000 shoplots, theme parks and cinemas fulfilling the entire family's needs.

Kuala Lumpur



KUALA LUMPUR

Malaysia's sparkling capital Kuala Lumpur is a rapidly-growing, innovative city filled with modern marvels and ancient wonders. Sky scrapers and shopping complexes abound, while temples, mosques and cultural precincts all find their unique home in the busy Kuala Lumpur streets. Regarded as a destination with good value accommodation, food and sightseeing, Kuala Lumpur is in high demand with tourists worldwide.

HIGHLIGHTS



Kuala Lumpur Food
A fulfilling mix of cuisines and flavours.



Menara Kuala Lumpur
The 6th tallest telecommunications tower in the world.



Mosques and Temples
A display of modern Malaysia.



Theme Parks
Popular amusement parks include Legoland.

KUALA LUMPUR FOOD

With a variety of cultural tastes in Kuala Lumpur, there's a fulfilling mix of cuisines and flavours throughout the city. Petaling Street is the bustling Chinatown of Kuala Lumpur where you can try Hokkien black mee noodles, sambal dry noodles and long yok (minced pork). The Brickfield neighbourhood is known as Little India, where banana leaves are served for breakfast, and dahl and vegetable curries are plentiful. Traditional Malay buffets are found in Kampung Baru.



MENARA KUALA LUMPUR

Also known as the Kuala Lumpur Tower, Menara Kuala Lumpur is the 6th tallest telecommunications tower in the world. At 421 metres high, Menara KL is an engineering marvel and the perfect place for city views. The observation deck and revolving restaurant provide even greater views, while the 6D adventure ride provides excitement for kids aged 6 and above.



MOSQUES AND TEMPLES

Jamek Mosque is in the heart of KL and the oldest Islamic mosque in the city. Built in 1909, its architecture is based on Northern Indian influences. The National Mosque, or Masjid Negara is a display of modern Malaysia, built in 1965 shortly after independence from Britain was gained. Set amongst beautiful gardens, it is a peaceful site. There are also many Hindu temples in Kuala Lumpur including The Batu Caves in the Gombak district.



THEME PARKS

The whole family will enjoy Malaysia's fun-loving vibe. Popular amusement parks include Legoland, which has over 40 rides and attractions, with all buildings made of the worldwide famous lego bricks! The Genting Highlands is a family entertainment mega-complex, perched at an altitude of 2,000 metres! For something unique, i-City in Shah Alam is 'a city of digital lights' with its unique displays lighting up the city.



KUALA LUMPUR

ACCOMMODATION



*Based on 685 reviews

VILLA SAMADHI BY SAMADHI

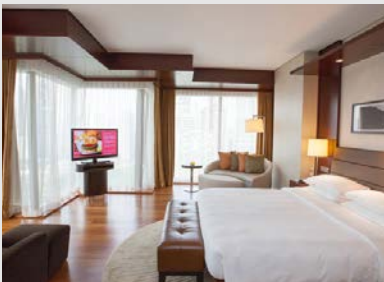
8 Jalan Madge,
Kuala Lumpur, 55000
Tel: +60321432300

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
tinytina060
Reviewed 3/01/2017*

Advised to go to KL and hotel by BA
- loved it, the staff absolutely lovely.
Eoin could not do enough i.e looking
for great restaurants etc.

Loved the idea of your own jacuzzi
perhaps would like to be controlled
ourselves.

Overall a smashing hotel for privacy



*Based on 2154 reviews

GRAND HYATT KUALA LUMPUR

12 Jalan Pinang,
Kuala Lumpur, 50450
Tel: +60321821234

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
DanPen
Reviewed 7/01/2017*


We stayed in this property for 8 nights
with 2 young children. The property
itself is top class with spacious rooms,-
good pool area and great service. A
special mention to Azaleena for her
special attention towards my family.
Over the years of coming to KL we
have tried most of the big named
hotels and I can say overall this one is
up there with the best. (The Mandarin
Oriental has a nicer pool area). Overall
a great stay and highly satisfied fami...

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

KUALA LUMPUR

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 4265 reviews

MANDARIN ORIENTAL, KUALA LUMPUR


Kuala Lumpur City Centre,
Kuala Lumpur, 50088
Tel: +60323808888

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Pavel M
Reviewed 8/01/2017

Everything about this hotel is great. Impeccable service, nice rooms, central location, beautiful views. Certainly try and visit the pool at Level 3! It is such an oasis in the middle of the city.

And given that this is Mandarin Oriental, price was pretty reasonable. So far our preferred place in KL.



 *Based on 6479 reviews

SHANGRI-LA HOTEL KUALA LUMPUR

11 Jalan Sultan Ismail,
Kuala Lumpur, 50250
Tel: +60323808888

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
mikechi22
Reviewed 7/01/2017

I've stayed at this property twice now, about four years apart and both times I was in a suite. Be warned that this will be a rose-colored glasses review then! This most recent stay was really tremendous! I would guess that the room, and likely the whole property had been updated recently, because everything was so, so spiffy! I still marvel at how beautiful and spa-like the bathroom was! The bed was heavenly and you felt like you were on a ...

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

KUALA LUMPUR

WINE & DINE



*Based on 440 reviews

SKILLET AT 163

Lot 163, Fraser Place, No. 10, Jalan Perak
Kuala Lumpur, 50450
Tel: 03-2181 2426

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
David P
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

Had the best food of our stay in KL at Skillet, and for a very reasonable price. The cooking was exceptional, the staff friendly and the service spot on. Cannot recommend this restaurant highly enough.



*Based on 513 reviews

NAUGHTY NURI'S LIFE CENTRE

Life Centre 20 Jalan Sultan Ismail Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur, 50250
Tel: +60 19-300 7221

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Ben919191
Reviewed 8/01/2017*


For excellent pork ribs, I would definitely recommend this place. Location and ambience too is good for people of all walks of life.

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KUALA LUMPUR

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 1080 reviews


DINING IN THE DARK KL

50A Changkat Bukit Bintang,
Kuala Lumpur, 50200
Tel: +60 3-2110 0431

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Sally M
Reviewed 8/01/2017

This was a birthday surprise gift and from the beginning we were looked after by our hostess Susanna. She made us feel very welcome and at ease for the upcoming experience which I was initially hesitant about. After enjoying a welcome drink and a fun blindfolded sensory preview we were introduced to our lovely guide AK. He led us through the pitch darkness to our table and clearly explained the process and best way to enjoy our meal. (Finding m...



 *Based on 723 reviews

THE STEAKHOUSE

44 Changkat Bukit Bintang,
Kuala Lumpur, 50200
Tel: +60 3-2143 2268

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
dhaneshj2016
Reviewed 8/01/2017

Good place to calm down and enjoy some good food before hitting the streets again. Steaks were good and if you want drinks hop on to the bar.

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Langkawi is a gem in the Andaman Sea lying 30 kilometres off the Malaysian coast. Renowned for its serene beaches and resorts, Langkawi is a fully-fledged tourist retreat. Popular with honeymooners and couples, it is a romantic spot blessed with significant natural beauty.

HIGHLIGHTS



Langkawi Beaches
Some of the best beaches in the world.



Langkawi Cable Car
A great way to cool down in the mountain air.



Langkawi Island Cruises
Take various cruises around these idyllic islands.

LANGKAWI BEACHES

With arguably some of the best beaches in the world, Langkawi has a wide selection of different beaches to suit your mood. Black Sand Beach is popular for its uniquely coloured sand; Pantai Cenang is a tourist favourite for soft sand, restaurants and bars; and Pantai Kok is the secluded beach to go to if you don't ever want to be found!



LANGKAWI CABLE CAR

The ideal way to view Langkawi's incredible surrounds is a trip on a cable car. Taking you to the top of Mount Mat Cinang, Langkawi's second-highest peak, the cable car is also a great way to cool down in the mountain air. You can take a full tour including a cable car trip, a journey through Oriental Village, and a trip to the Langkawi Wildlife Park.



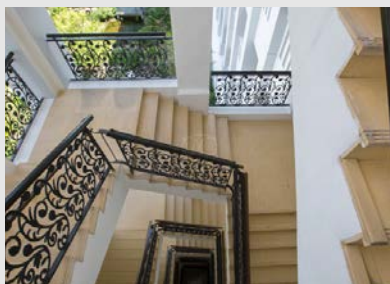
LANGKAWI ISLAND CRUISES


Only a few of the Langkawi islands are developed for tourism, while the others are largely uninhabited. You can take various cruises around these idyllic islands, private or chartered. Some operators specialise in 'sunset tours' due to the beauty of the Langkawi sunset. Paulau Bumbon is an island known for its seclusion and peaceful beaches, while Pulau Tuba is fishing-village-perfect for hiking and bird-watching.



LANGKAWI

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 2734 reviews

THE DANNA LANGKAWI, MALAYSIA


Jalan Pantai Kok, Telaga Harbour Park
Pantai Kok, Kedah, 07000
Tel: +6049593288

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Alphablack
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

We stayed in this moderately large white colonial hotel for 5 nights over the Christmas holiday, including New Year's Eve. It is out on its own, but taxis are easy to come by, and its a RM50 trip into the nearest town of Pantai Cenang. There are thankfully some harbour side bars and restaurants 50m away, so you can wander out and get a change of scenery.

The hotel is lovely and spacious, with good sized bedrooms and large dining and bar rooms. T...



 *Based on 2160 reviews

THE DATAI LANGKAWI

Jalan Teluk Datai,
Datai, Kedah, 07000
Tel: +6049500500

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Hillsidefarmers
Reviewed 8/01/2017*


Just back from a news years holiday here with husband and two children (7 and 9) and we all agree we have had the very best holiday ever and can't think where else we've been that's so wonderful as the Datai. The setting is wonderfully peaceful and the staff and F and B offering are first class. I was a bit concerned as there is no kids' club here but there is so much for them to do in a very secure environment, it wasn't a problem and there we...

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

LANGKAWI

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 2181 reviews

CASA DEL MAR, LANGKAWI


Jalan Pantai Cenang, Mukim Kedawang,
Pantai Cenang, Kedah, 07000
Tel: +16049552388

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
John R
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

Me and my partner stayed here early January 2017. The accommodation was great with lots of nice little touches and free things in the room and free things when on the hotel loungers during the day.

We asked quite a lot of the hotel when needing advice, help and booking day trips, taxi's etc and they were very accommodating and seemed happy to help.



 *Based on 3232 reviews

THE ANDAMAN, A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT

Jalan Teluk Datai,
Datai, Kedah, 07000
Tel: +6049591088

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Nabeela S
Reviewed 8/01/2017*


Had a phenomenal stay here. Staff and room were wonderful. We were lucky enough to be upgraded to the presidential suite which was massive and very luxurious!! Beach was so lush and divine. Room service of high quality. Just everything you want and more!!!

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

LANGKAWI

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 337 reviews


MY FRENCH FACTORY

Jalan Pantai Cenang, Langkawi District,
Kedah, 07000
Tel: +60 4-955 5196

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Zanab J
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

Lovely food, great location, good variety, reasonable prices and a brilliant service! Thumbs up from me



 *Based on 344 reviews

YASMIN RESTAURANT

1225 Pantai Cenang, Mukim Kedawang-
Langkawi District, Kedah, 07000
Tel: 60134305983

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
sineadschav
Reviewed 8/01/2017*



What a great find - almost opposite our hotel! Little did we expect to be eating Syrian food while in Langkawi especially at this standard. From the moment we went in the service was so friendly but not intrusive, attentive but not annoyingly so and overall very welcoming. We ordered pretty safe (food that we have eaten lots before and love) but if we go back again we'll definitely be more adventurous. We ordered humous, falafel, chicken shish, f...

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

LANGKAWI

WINE & DINE



  *Based on 682 reviews



FATCUPID

La Pari-Pari 2273, Jalan Teluk Baru, Kam-
pung Tasek Anak, Kedah, 07000
Tel: +60 4-955 3010

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
mookeyes
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

We stayed at LA Pari Pari so there-
fore ate breakfast here every day...
had a dinner and a lunch plus lots of
drinks and yummy cocktails...friendly
fast service each time ..very generous
serves ...and really yummy great food..
French tunes playing in the back-
ground too !..thoroughly recommend
this funky little place !



  *Based on 557 reviews

SUN CAFE

Jalan Pantai Cenang,
Langkawi District, Kedah, 07000
Tel: +60 4-955 8300

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Lorraine R
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

Menu wasn't anything special. Staff
were very overwhelming. You couldn't
eat or talk without them wiping the ta-
ble moving the salt back after I used it.
The place was lovely and very clean.
Staff just need to chill out. Also a little
but pricey for what it is.

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Penang Island is an island off Malaysia's north-western coast popular for heritage sites, beaches, scrumptious food, and bustling villages. Beach resorts, fishing villages and hawker centres bring tourists and locals together. Outdoor activities, cooking classes and cultural sites combine to make an enriching and insightful Malaysian island experience.

HIGHLIGHTS



Georgetown

Home to many festivals, including some of the biggest in Malaysia.



Penang Cuisine

Don't miss the hundreds of red gates.

GEORGETOWN

Georgetown is the capital of the state of Penang and is a historical, cultural town. Like other parts of Malaysia, the city is scattered with historic mosques and temples, both Chinese and Indian. Best explored on foot, Georgetown is where you can see traditional trades in practice. The Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion is a Chinese mansion and restored heritage site, a famous Georgetown icon. Visit The Street of Harmony which is popular for a church, two mosques, a Hindu temple and three Confucian-Buddhist-Taoist temples all sitting in harmony together.



PENANG CUISINE


Penang is synonymous with delectable Indian, Chinese and Malay food, whether at a hawker centre or fine dining establishment. Wonton mee is a popular egg noodle dish with Chinese kale and wontons. Penang arguably makes the best wonton mee which you can taste for yourself at Lebu Chulia. Char kway teow, a worldwide favourite but a true Penang specialty, is pure rice-noodle and prawn decadence. Try New World Park Food Court for a great serve of Penang fried flat noodles.



PENANG

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 118 reviews

JAWI PERANAKAN MANSION


153 Hutton Lane,
George Town, Penang, 10050
Tel: +6042189858

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
parklane44
Reviewed 6/01/2017*

The mansion is stunning with a lovely warm decor that fuses new with traditional. Staff were always smiling and did that little bit extra like giving ice lemon water when you were in the pool and opening doors before you reached them.

We had a down stairs room that was about the size of a small suite. There were some pretty decorative items in the room. An assortment of teas and pod coffees just outside the door. Although the room was re...



 *Based on 729 reviews

SEVEN TERRACES

2-16 Lorong Stewart,
George Town, Penang, 10200
Tel: +6042642333

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Emilio1972
Reviewed 8/01/2017*


Very pleasant stay. Staff are very friendly, restaurant is very good, rooms are nice and spacious with beautiful furniture and decoration. The rain shower is super relaxing. Location is excellent, all world heritage sites are within short walking distance.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

PENANG

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 415 reviews

LE DREAM BOUTIQUE HOTEL


139 Jalan Pintal Tali,
George Town, Penang, 10100
Tel: +6042519370

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
tanhb
Reviewed 5/01/2017

Stayed 3 nights at this hotel last December. Very nice location with many good local food within walking distance from the hotel. There were so many local food stalls near the hotel until I only had my breakfast at the hotel on the first morning. Not because the hotel breakfast wasn't good, just that I wanted to try the local food when I was in Penang.

The room was clean, and everything in the room looked new. It was nice that the manager put in...



 *Based on 212 reviews

MUNTRI GROVE HOTEL

127 Lebuh Muntri,
George Town, Penang, 10200
Tel: +6042615107

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
2015rosa
Reviewed 2/01/2017


Good price for what you get. Best location in Georgetown, few minutes walking to interesting points and also near from the hawkers (do not miss it!!). Good service, breakfast ok, parking in front the hotel, very nice room... Just perfect. I recommend it for everybody family, couples,....

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

PENANG

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 855 reviews

KEBAYA


2-16 Lorong Stewart,
George Town, Penang, 10200
Tel: +60 4-264 2333

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
AdelePh
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

We stayed at Seven Terraces just before Christmas. I was looking for a lovely place for our family for our Christmas Eve dinner and Kebaya was highly recommended by my brother. I made a reservation with the restaurant as soon as I've booked our stay at the hotel.

We arrived early for our 8pm reservation. We went earlier as we wanted to enjoy a few drinks at Baba Bar before our dinner. The cocktails were great! The bar staff was excellent. We...



 *Based on 558 reviews

ANDREW'S KAMPUNG

, Eden Parade 2nd Floor
Batu Ferringhi, Penang, 11100
Tel: +60 12-408 4091

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Anthony T
Reviewed 8/01/2017*


Firstly let me preface by commenting that the proprietor Andrew is a lovely man and his gregarious nature and first class service cannot be faulted, however after reading other reviews on trip advisor and hearing word of mouth reviews from an Australian friend perhaps our expectations maybe were too high. The "restaurant" is located on the second story of a fairly seedy local shopping complex. It's not particularly clean and has no elevator that ...

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

PENANG

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 1215 reviews


LIVING ROOM CAFE BAR & GALLERY

43 C Batu Ferringhi,
Batu Ferringhi, Penang, 11100
Tel: +60 17-477 2148

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Mau_Mau84
Reviewed 8/01/2017

Definitely try the nasi goreng - one of the better ones we have come across! Good food and service is great. Get there early as not much seating definitely a place to eat while in Batu Ferrenghi.



 *Based on 341 reviews

JAWI HOUSE CAFE & GALLERY

85 Armenian Street,
George Town, Penang, 10200
Tel: +60 4-261 3680

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Crowey_12
Reviewed 3/01/2017

Had a really nice lunch here. Good selection of dishes and some nice light options. Girl who served us was very helpful and place was clean and had a nice vibe. Definitely worth checking out.

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INFORMATION

PACKING ESSENTIALS

- **Umbrella** - Malaysian weather tends to be unpredictable, so always keep an umbrella around.
- **Breathable fabrics** - To help combat the humidity.
- **Mosquito repellent** - So that you can enjoy your trip in peace.
- **Camera** - To capture every bit of the experience.
- **Notebook and pen** - To record your experiences through the jungles and cities of the region.

INFORMATION

TRAVEL TIPS

- Plan your visit to Sydney Airport by doing some research on the airport and your terminal, whether it be T1, T2 or T3.
- Check the security regulations in relation to what you can and cannot take through the security screening point and onto an aircraft, including prohibited items, dangerous goods, and liquids, aerosols, and gels (LAGs).
- Check your baggage allowance with your airline.
- Use the directional signage at the terminal to ensure a smooth and enjoyable journey through the airport.
- Ensure that your driver's licence can be used in your country of destination or that you have organised an international driver's licence.
- If you have not already purchased travel insurance along with your ticket, you can purchase it at Sydney Airport at the Last Chance Travel Insurance located in the International Terminal (T1) after Customs. Alternatively, purchase insurance at any Travelex outlet or the Australia Post Shop at International Terminal (T1) located before Customs, near check-in counter J.

GET TO THE AIRPORT

- Make sure you have plenty of time ahead of check-in. If you are unsure as to when you should arrive at the airport, contact your airline directly.

GET READY FOR BOARDING

- Security screening – whether your destination is within Australia or overseas, allow sufficient time to proceed through security screening.
- **Australian Customs and Border Protection Service** – allow sufficient time to proceed through Customs and Border Protection.
- **Passports** - must be valid for a minimum of six months ahead of your departing date for most countries. We strongly recommend you verify exact requirements with your airline.
- **Boarding passes** - issued at the airline check-in counter upon presentation of your ticket reservation (printed e-ticket) or booking confirmation number along with your valid passport.
- **Immigration cards** - available before you enter Customs and Border Protection. The cards must be filled out and presented to the Customs and Border Protection Officer along with your passport and boarding pass.
- **Find your departing gate** using display screens. These screens are available in the airline check-in area and at each departure gate.

RELAX

- At Sydney airport, you have plenty of options to shop while you are waiting to board your flight. Remember that all duty free purchases must be finalised 20 minutes before your flight departs.

INFORMATION

YOUR DESTINATION



**DISTANCE
FROM SYDNEY**
6,669 kilometres



WHEN TO GO
Between March and early
October



LANGUAGE
Malay, English,
Mandarin, Tamil



WEATHER
Tropical weather year
round : 21°-32° Celsius



TIME ZONE
UTC +8



CURRENCY
Ringgit Malaysia