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DISCOVER MALAYSIA

10 Days / 9 Nights

Day 1: Arrival in Kuala Lumpur, City Tour

Welcome to Malaysia! Known for its rainforests, beaches, and islands, this country is as beautiful as any hotspot in Southeast Asia, yet it's not as exploited by tourism. That means visitors are treated to an authenticity that makes for a truly unforgettable vacation. You'll arrive in the nation's capital **Kuala Lumpur**. This city of around two million people is the perfect introduction to Malaysia's cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity. Residing in this melting pot are Muslims, Buddhists, Christians, Hindu Malays, Indians, Chinese, and many Indigenous groups and sub-groups. You'll see, hear, and taste these unique cultural influences in the country's music, art, and cuisine.

At the KLIA airport, a driver will pick you up for the 45-minute ride to your hotel in the heart of the city. After checking in, you'll meet a local guide and embark on a four-hour walking tour. See famous landmarks like the Moorish **Jamek Mosque**, the stilt houses of **Kampung Baru**, the **Jalan Masjid India Bazaar**, and the colorful streets of **Chinatown**. You'll also visit bustling marketplaces like **Chow Kit** and **Central Market**. Other famous sights you'll see include **KL Tower** and the 88-story **Petronas Towers**, the tallest twin towers in the world.

Day 2: Day Trip to the Batu Caves

After breakfast, you'll hop in a car with your guide and visit some of the highlights just outside of Kuala Lumpur on a day trip. First up is **Sky Mirror**, a pretty beach that doubles as an optical illusion. At low tide, the wide sandbar here, which is normally submerged, shimmers with the residual water, creating a reflective effect. The mirror-like quality of the locale makes this one of the great photography hotspots in Malaysia. Next, you'll continue up the coast to the **Sekinchan Wishing Tree**. Located at **Pantai Redang Beach**, this banyan tree sits next to a Chinese temple and is a popular spot to come make a wish. Visitors write their wish on a red ribbon, tie it to a coin, and toss it over the branches. The tree is such a tourist hotspot that its branches are now shrouded in flowing red ribbons. Afterward, take a snack break at **Ah Ma House**. This traditional bakery is famous for its kuih kapit, a type of egg waffle often served during festivals and holidays. Then you'll drive to the northern outskirts of Kuala Lumpur and the **Batu Caves**, Malaysia's most popular tourist attraction. On a three-hour tour, you'll visit a series of limestone caverns home to Hindu cave temples. The area is an important pilgrimage site for Indigenous Tamil Hindus, as is evident by the 140-foot (42 m) gold-painted statue of the deity Murugan guarding the entrance to the main temple. Climb 272 stairs to the entrance, meeting monkeys along the way, and inside, you'll find religious dioramas sitting beneath hanging stalactites. Afterward, return to your hotel.

Day 3: Explore Kuala Lumpur's Museums & Oceanarium

This morning you'll dive deeper into Malaysia's historical heritage on a visit to its premier museum: the **Muzium Negara**. Located in the city center, this national museum, which opened in 1963, is the place to come for a comprehensive overview of all things Malay. Throughout Muzium Negara's three stories are four main galleries dedicated to ethnology and natural history exhibits. The displays range from tableaus showcasing cultural events





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like weddings, festivals, and clothing, to exhibits featuring traditional weapons, musical instruments, crafts, ceramics, and native flora and fauna. Continue the cultural immersion with a visit to the **Orang Asli Craft Museum**, where you can see the art and handicrafts of an Indigenous group who live in rural areas across the Malaysian Peninsula. Exhibits come from the 18 different tribes of Orang Asli, and they are famous for their woodworking skills—their statues, figures, and masks are highly valued by art collectors. Other items on display include bamboo blowpipes, musical instruments, hunting and fishing traps, palm leaf ornaments, and more. Next up is an aquatic adventure as you head to the lower levels of the **Kuala Lumpur Convention Center** and the **Aquaria KLCC**. This interactive oceanarium covers 60,000 square feet (5,600 sq m) over two stories and features, among other highlights, a 300-foot (90 m) underwater tunnel. Within this underwater world are 5,000 marine and land species that are part of recreated habitats of Malaysia's highland, river, mangrove, coast, and coral reef ecosystems. Among many other species, you'll see various turtles, sharks, rays, dolphins, and otters. After enjoying the marine life, return to your hotel.

Day 4: Fly to Miri, Visit Tusan Beach

After breakfast, your driver will pick you up for the ride to the KL airport, where you'll catch a 2.5-hour flight to East Malaysia and the city of **Miri**. Located on the island of **Borneo**, this coastal city is a great base for excursions to national parks and beaches. Speaking of which, upon arrival, a driver will pick you up for the ride down the coast to **Tusan Beach**. This is one of the most scenic spots in East Malaysia. From the coastal mountains here, you can enjoy panoramic views of the ocean. Follow trails down to the beach and explore unique rock formations and arches. If you arrive between March and July, you might be treated to the incredible "blue tears" phenomenon. When the sun goes down, the water comes alive with blue-light bioluminescence, which is actually the result of the disturbance of the algae in the water. At the end of the beach experience, transfer back to Miri and your hotel.

Day 5: Transfer to Gunung Mulu National Park, Explore Deer Cave & Lang Cave

Wake up early for the drive inland from Miri to **Gunung Mulu National Park**. Located in northern Borneo, this 130,632-acre (52,865 ha) protected area is famous for its high biodiversity and karst landscapes. The park is dominated by **Gunung Mulu**, a 7,795-foot (2,376 m) mountain surrounded by vast cave systems dating back more than 1.5 million years. Upon arrival, you'll transfer to the jungle lodge, where you'll overnight, then it will be time to head out and explore some of these caves on a guided tour.

First, you'll embark on a 2-mile (3 km) hike across a wooden boardwalk amid tropical forest and jungle streams to **Deer Cave**. The name derives from the main cavern chamber, which is a massive 570 feet (174 m) wide and 393 feet (122 m) high, and for a long time, was a shelter for native deer. You'll enter this cave and follow a path that is illuminated by intermittent patches of light resulting in green vegetation in places. A visit to Deer Cave is usually combined with a trip to nearby **Lang Cave**, which is famous for its rock formations and impressive stalactites and stalagmites. Unsurprisingly, these caves are home to vast amounts of bats. In fact, 12 species of bats have been recorded at Deer Cave and comprise between 2.5 and 3.5 million individuals. Each evening these animals gather at the cave entrance in large circular formations and then fly out across the rainforest in spiraling ribbons. Arrive between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm, and you'll get to witness this phenomenon before returning to your jungle hotel for the evening.





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Day 6: Visit an Indigenous Village, Explore Caves, Hike to a Jungle Camp

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll board a longboat for a ride up the **Melinau River** to a remote Penan village. This is a truly unique experience, as the Penan tribe are the last remaining semi-nomadic people of Malaysia. Upon arrival here, you'll meet locals and witness their traditional culture firsthand. For example, most tribe members live in communal longhouses, which can accommodate between 30-100 families in a single home. The residents here live simply, making their living through hunting, farming, fishing, and occasionally boat-making. After your cultural exchange in the Penan community, you'll embark on more cave explorations. Today, you'll visit two such caverns, the first being **Clearwater Cave**. This is Asia's longest cavern, measuring 66 miles (107 km). To arrive there requires a scenic hike along a 2.5-mile (4 km) nature trail to the entrance. Once there, you'll board a boat and explore part of the cavern via a subterranean river.

Another boat rides up the Melinau River takes you to **Wind Cave**, so named because of the cool breezes that rush through the cavern. Part of the Clearwater system, this cave has many impressive rock formations—some of which are illuminated by shafts of sunlight. After touring the cave, you'll hike down some steps to a picnic area near a crystalline lagoon. Here you can take a refreshing dip and/or relax near the water and enjoy the rainforest scenery. From here, continue hiking for another three hours to a rainforest camp, your home for the night.

Day 7: Hike to Mount Api & the Mulu Pinnacles

Leave camp early in the morning and head out on a three-hour hike to **Mount Api**, a 5,740-foot (1,750 m) limestone mountain next to nearby peaks of **Benarat** and **Buda**. By far, the most famous landmark here is the group of jagged limestone formations known as the **Mulu Pinnacles**. These karst wonders rise dramatically out of the earth and resemble jagged blades or razor-sharp teeth, creating an otherworldly landscape unique to this region. On the hike, keep an eye out for exotic flora-like carnivorous pitcher plants. The hike ends when you reach your next campsite.

Day 8: Hike to Clearwater Cave

After breakfast, it's time to leave camp and begin the return hike to your jungle hotel on the Melinau River. After hiking for a couple of hours, you'll reach the water and board another longboat that will lead back to Clearwater Cave. You'll have the option to visit both Clearwater and Wind Cave again today if you so choose. After meandering around the paths and floating bridges, you'll enjoy a rustic local lunch and then return to the jungle hotel, where you'll have the rest of the day free.

Day 9: Transfer to Miri, Optional Activities

Pay a visit to Tua Pek Kong, the oldest Chinese temple in Miri. In the morning, transfer back to Miri and check in to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy optional activities or simply relax at the hotel.

For ideas, you can learn more about the city's history as a hub for oil production at the **Petroleum Museum**, followed by a visit to the **Grand Old Lady**, a 1910 oil well and local landmark. To mingle with locals, head to the city center, where vendors at markets like **Pasar Raya** and **Tamu Muhibbah** sell fresh produce and handicrafts.





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Another historical landmark worth visiting is **Tua Pek Kong**, the oldest Chinese temple in the city, which dates to the early 20th century and features pillars adorned with golden dragons.

Day 10: Miri to Kuala Lumpur / Kuala Lumpur Departure

Time flies when you're having fun in Malaysia. In the morning, you'll transfer to the airport in Miri and catch your connecting flight home. Safe travels!

Return Home with beautiful memories of tour!!

