

Learning Malaysia before Visiting

The history of Malaysia was mentioned around the first century BC, China and India established the strong trading links in the country that had major impacts on the cultures, languages and social traditions of Malaysia society. The arrival of Europeans in Malaysia brought about the dramatically changes to the country. In 1511, the Portuguese captured Malaka and tried to establish a new kingdom. Then, the land was turn to the Dutch and the British in 1641 and 1824, respectively. After World War II, the Federation of Malaya was created by the British and gained its independence from Britain on 31 August 1957. Therefore, August 31 was marked as the nation's national day of Malaysia. Kuala Lumpur (KL) is the capital city of the country, where is contains the current population of 1.8 million. KL is a fast-paced city of the country in trade and commerce, banking and finance, manufacturing, transportation, information technology and tourism.

From the background origin of Malaysia, the large number of spoken languages was affected from the diversity of ethnic groups. The official language is Malay. However, English and Chinese are widely spoken. For religions, Islam was established as a major religion of the majority Malaysian people. Their clothes, foods, cultures and life were had profound effects from Islam. In case of Malaysian cuisine, it seems the international integrated of China and southern India. The mainstay of meal is rice and the major meal of the day is breakfast. Basic ingredients of foods and the methods of cooking are vary difference from state to state, that are affected their own tastes. In addition, Malaysia has an excellent transportation system including various options available as by air, road, rail and sea. Therefore, the best way to get to the destination is dependent on the convenience and the affordability. The Malaysian ringgit (MYR) is the currency of Malaysia. The costs of living seem cheaper than Japan but also depend on the individual management.

For general geographical information, Malaysia is a one of tropical climate countries of Southeast Asia with warm weather all year round. On March, the average temperature is about 26.8 °C and the average rainfall is about 231.4 mm, it is warm and humid. Therefore, the clothing should be culturally comfortable and protected from strong sunlight. The time is slower than Japan around 2 hours.

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