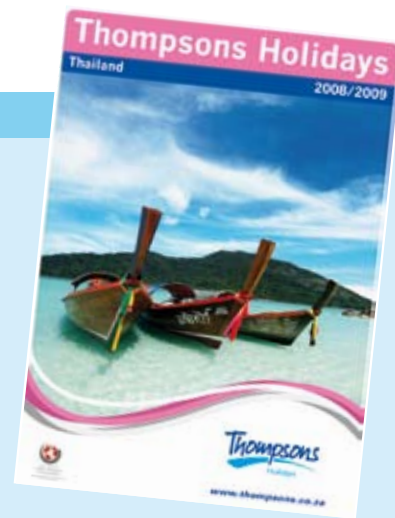


Dedicated Thailand Brochure

Thailand, famous for its white beaches, excellent shopping, gilded temples, hill tribes and unforgettable islands, has quickly become Thompson's most popular and highly requested destination in the Far East. Therefore this year we have introduced a separate 16-page brochure, featuring this ultimate chill-out, memorable, holiday making magic destination.

This allows us to bring you a wider selection of products ranging from new cities and island destinations, various newly acquired hotels and

resorts as well as more tours and sightseeing ideas. With a variety and mix from islands and beaches to urban delights and the huge, chaotic metropolis of Bangkok which has become a shopper's paradise, this destination has long since charmed visitors senseless with its energy and cultural treasures. For more information, don't forget to collect a copy of our Thailand brochure from your nearest travel agent, or for ease and convenience, go online to www.thompsons.co.za download it to your computer.



Malaysia



CAPITAL CITY:

Kuala Lumpur

LANGUAGE:

Bahasa. English is spoken.

CURRENCY:

Local - Malaysian Ringitt (MYR)
MYR 100 = ZAR245

VISA:

Not required for SA Passport Holders

AREA:

329,750 km²

TIME DIFFERENCE:

SA Time + 6 hours

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

None



Traditional dance



WHAT THINGS COST

These prices are an average price and may vary according to areas, hotels and season. (MYR Malaysian Ringitt)

Glass of wine:	MYR 18-35
Local Beer:	MYR 15
Tea / Coffee:	MYR 5
Soft drinks:	MYR 7
Water:	MYR 5
Lunch:	MYR 30

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

Malaysia is hot and humid all year round with temperatures rarely dropping below 20C, even in the evenings. It has two not very marked seasons, a moderately wet and moderately dry season. Humidity hovers around 90% but on the Peninsula you can escape this by retreating to hillside resorts. Thunderstorms are frequent during the wetter months from November – February, with brief outbursts, which seldom interrupt the sunshine and outdoor activities.

Malaysia is one of the most pleasant, hassle-free countries to visit in Southeast Asia, with its interesting fusion of Malay, Chinese, Indian and indigenous cultures and customs - comprising of the Peninsula of Malaysia and two states of Sabah and Sarawak.

A beautiful characteristic of Malaysia, other than all it has to see and do, is the fact that it is truly Asian. You can travel from a Malay village through an Indian neighborhood to Chinatown and feel that you have been to three different countries.

Aside from the gleaming skyscrapers of the 21st century in Kuala Lumpur's bustling metropolis, it also boasts some of the most superb beaches.

Sarawak is the heart of the rainforest and the national parks offering wildlife, beaches and rivers. Sabah has the lively Kota Kinabalu, Mount Kinabalu and the Sepilok Orang-Utan Rehabilitation centre.

Malaysia is a compelling mixture of uneven mountains, seaside resorts and picturesque fishing villages, historical towns and national parks

Malaysia - Kuala Lumpur

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SIGHTSEEING



Kuala Lumpur - The capital and also the largest city with a history spanning more than 150 years. It's grown quickly to a modern city with a blend of old colonial and new buildings that exist side by side and is home to the KLCC Petronas Towers – one of the tallest buildings in the world. It consists of a population of over two million people. The city is known for some of the best shopping in Asia, with many air-conditioned shopping centers selling everything at competitive prices and should therefore be considered as a stopover must for a few days.

Kuala Lumpur Half Day City Tour

Kuala Lumpur has an exciting blend of both colonial and modern architecture, with its colonial roots along the river to mosques, palaces and modern buildings along wide boulevards. Visit places like the Malayan Railway Station, Merdeka Square, Chinatown and the King's Palace.
from MYR55 pp

Chinatown Night Tour

Visit the bustling night markets of Chinatown, where you can try your skills at bargaining. Enjoy a delicious Malay dinner in a typical local restaurant, followed by a traditional Malay cultural performance.
from MYR122 pp

Countryside Tour

A fascinating insight into the bustling city with the countryside right outside it's footsteps where quaint Kampung Houses stand beside palatial homes. Visit cottage industries including the Royal Selangor Pewter and Batik Centre. Included in the tour is also a visit to Embassy Row, kampongs and the limestone cluster caves of Batu. *from MYR56 pp*

Shop 'till you Drop' Add-on

3 DAYS/ 2NIGHTS

Kuala Lumpur is an ideal stopover and home to great value markets and many shopping centres. From local arte-facts to the latest designer labels, your stay is set to be a very busy one...

PACKAGE INCLUDES: Return transfers from the airport to your hotel, 2 night's accommodation including breakfast and local taxes, as well as a half day city tour
from MYR480 pp



Petronas Towers



TIP: Good value hotel ideally suited to families, in an excellent location.

★★★PLUS Dorsett Regency

LOCATION: A popular hotel, located at the start of Bintang walk in the heart of the Golden Triangle close to shops and entertainment.
ACCOMMODATION: Good size rooms, some with 2 double beds make this ideal for families. Rooms are air-conditioned with refrigerator and mini-bar, in room safes, free tea/coffee, satellite TV, movies on demand, IDD telephone, internet, Inter-connecting rooms.
FACILITIES: 2 Restaurants, 1 bar, entertainment, rooms for those with disabilities, swimming pool, kids pool, gym and day spa.
from MYR 295 per room per night



TIP: Indulge in an ancient Balinese massage at the Samsara Spa.

★★★★ Swiss Garden Hotel

LOCATION: Situated in the heart of bustling Kuala Lumpur, on the Golden Triangle, between the well known shopping haven in the city,
ACCOMMODATION: The 310 air-conditioned and newly refurbished rooms offer satellite TV/IDD phone, tea/coffee making and internet facilities.
FACILITIES: For outdoor dining, the Garden Terrace Coffee House or The Pool Bar, both offer a variety of delicacies. The stylish Blue Chip Lounge is a cocktail of style and elegance.
from MYR 269 per room per night



TIP: Spacious room, huge swimming pool in a convenient location

★★★★ Renaissance Hotel

LOCATION: Jalan Ampang next to the light rail for easy access to the rest of the city. Walking distance of the Petronas Towers.
ACCOMMODATION: There are two separate wings, the contemporary 4-star East Wing and the more classic 5-star West Wing. Air-conditioned rooms with fridge and mini-bar, in room safes, tea/coffee, satellite TV as well as movies on demand, IDD telephone, internet, Inter- connecting rooms.
FACILITIES: 5 restaurants, 4 bars, entertainment, rooms for those with disabilities, swimming pool with poolbar, tennis courts, gym and spa.
from MYR 320 per room per night



TIP: Excellent location with all the comforts of a 5* property

★★★★ The Westin Kuala Lumpur

LOCATION: The city's newest deluxe hotel situated in the heart of the Golden Triangle surrounded by restaurants and entertainment, as well as shopping centres.
ACCOMMODATION: Rooms are decorated in a contemporary style with a Heavenly bed and either twin tower or city views.
FACILITIES: These include a fine selection of restaurants with a Latin grill and even a Cuban cigar bar. An ideal hotel for families offering a kids club as well as a children's pool.
from MYR 564 per room per night

Other top selling hotels, available on request : Istana Hotel, JW Marriot, Ritz Carlton, Impiana KLCC Hotel & Spa, Coronade Hotel, Federal Hotel, Crowne Plaza Mutiara KUL, Grand Continental, Shangri-la Kuala Lumpur and many others.

Malaysia - Langkawi & Pangkor Laut



SIGHTSEEING



The 99 islands of the Langkawi group are situated at the northern end of Peninsula Malaysia, bordering Thailand. Idyllic, tropical islands with powdery white beaches and crystal clear waters only one hours flight from Kuala Lumpur. A destination for honeymooners and an ideal place to relax. Enjoy the excellent cuisine, water sports and many interesting attractions such as Mahsuri's Tomb, Telaga Tujuh (the seven wells), Pulau Dayang Bunting, Galleria Perdana, Underwater world and many others. A duty free shopping haven for visitors, with many complexes in the main town. In less tourist areas, still a rural Malay island with small villages, rice paddies, water buffaloes and natural beauty.

Langkawi Highlights Half Day Tour

Highlights include the Mahsuri Tomb - where the sad legend of a beautiful princess will be related to you, a fishing village and the capital Kuah, where you will have time to do some shopping. *from MYR 70 pp*

Sunset Dinner Cruise

Transfer to the Porto Malai jetty and board the 40 passenger catamaran. Set sail around the scattered tropical islands of the Langkawi Archipelago. Enjoy a free flow of drinks from the bar whilst the crew prepares your BBQ dinner. Bring along your bathing suit and a change of clothes for this cruise as after dinner, you can take a dip in the boat's jacuzzi of salt water & feel refreshed. Transfer back to your hotel at the end of cruise. *Adult: MYR 359 pp Child: MYR 205 pp Duration: 3 hours.*

Mix Business with Pleasure Kuala Lumpur / Langkawi - 9 nights

Extend a business trip to include a 7 night stay at one of the most beautiful island destinations in Asia. Combine 2 nights in Kuala Lumpur, one of Asia's most bustling cities, with a 7 night Langkawi stay.

INCLUDES:

- Return airport - hotel transfers
- 2 nights in Kuala Lumpur with an Evening Chinatown tour • Breakfast daily.
- 7 nights in Langkawi with a 'Highlights of Langkawi half day island tour' and local taxes

from MYR 2 228 pp



Diving in Langkawi



TIP: Large pool and good leisure facilities set on spacious grounds.



TIP: The newly built over water suites offer good value.



TIP: Good value with facilities for both adults and children alike.



TIP: Previously voted best Spa Resort in the world

Other hotels also available on request are the : Langkawi Lagoon Resort, Rebak Island Resort, Westin Langkawi Resort, Mutiara Burau Bay Resort, Tanjung Rhu Resort, Paradise Sandy Beach Penang, Shangri-la Golden Sands and many others.

★★★ Holiday Villa Beach & Spa Resort

LOCATION: : On Pantai Tengah, situated on 13 acres, right on the beach. Close to popular eating and shopping areas.

ACCOMMODATION: All 258 air-conditioned rooms, those sea-facing offer private balconies or terraces. Rooms are comfortable offering the usual IDD telephone, satellite television, refrigerator with mini-bar, tea & coffee making facilities and in room safes.

FACILITIES: 3 restaurants, 2 bars, 24 hour room service, computers with internet access, shops, a swimming pool with pool bar and kids pool, day spa, water sports, tennis courts, gym, and baby-sitting services on request. *from MYR 333 per room per night*

★★★ Berjaya Langkawi Beach & Spa Resort

LOCATION: Situated on Burau Bay, surrounded by tropical rainforest.

ACCOMMODATION: Typically Malaysian styled rooms, chalets and suites each with either their own balcony or terrace. All 500 rooms are air-conditioned with a refrigerated mini-bar, Satellite TV, IDD telephone and tea/coffee making facilities.

FACILITIES: 24 hour room service, laundry, shops, 5 restaurants, 4 bars, a swimming pool with a pool bar and separate kid's pool, tennis courts and a gym. *from MYR 474 per room per night*

★★★★ Sheraton Langkawi Beach

LOCATION: Located along a beautiful section of the Andaman coastline, set in the rainforest.

ACCOMMODATION: 238 recently fully renovated, air-conditioned spacious rooms designed in chalet style are ideal for families with a bedding configuration of 2 doubles. Rooms have spacious balconies, offering either sea or rainforest views, a refrigerator with mini-bar, in room safes, IDD telephone, tea/coffee facilities, as well as internet access.

FACILITIES: 24 hour room service, laundry, 4 restaurants, 3 bars, evening entertainment, a swimming pool, pool bar and kids club & pool, day spa, water sports, tennis courts, gym and baby-sitting services. *from MYR 653 per room per night*

★★★★★ Pangkor Laut Resort

LOCATION: A short ferry trip from KL to Pangkor Laut, a privately owned island which was voted the best Spa Resort in the world.

ACCOMMODATION: 148 air-conditioned villas with private balconies, offering all the necessary amenities such as IDD telephones, refrigerated mini-bars

FACILITIES: This resort provides guests with unforgettable memories. Not only is it situated in a magnificent location, but facilities offer 2 swimming pools, a gymnasium, 3 tennis and a squash court, a spa, library, restaurants and much more. *from MYR 1024 per room per night*

Dream the destination... Live the journey.

Malaysia - Penang



SIGHTSEEING



Situated on the North Western coast, the island of Penang is the oldest British settlement in Malaysia and one of the country's premier resort areas. Aside from beautiful beaches there are also excellent hawker restaurants, colonial buildings of nearby Georgetown and hundreds of market stalls. Try a rickshaw ride around old Chinese chop houses or take a cool retreat up Penang Hill where spectacular views await and a lavishly decorated Hindu temple Sri Mariamman await you at the top.

Round the Island Tour

Discover the enchanting beauty of Penang and her secrets with this essential circular island tour that takes you through idyllic and picturesque fishing villages; fruit, clove and nutmeg plantations, with a stop at the Penang Batik Handicraft Centre to observe how local Malaysian batik is being made. Proceed to the infamous Snake temple, where pit vipers coil unperturbed.
from MYR 73 pp

Historical Georgetown

Step back in time as you venture into the historical streets of Penang that hold the religious abodes reflecting the 4 dominant religions of Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity and Islam. Visit the Sri Mariamman Temple (the oldest Hindu temple), Masjid Kapitan Keling (the oldest Indian Muslim mosque), Saint Georges Anglican Church (1818) and the Kuan Yin Temple, built by the first Chinese settlers more than a century ago.
from MYR 73 pp

City To Island Getaway Kuala Lumpur / Penang - 9 Nights

For an interesting cocktail of shopping, mixed with relaxation, why not combine a 2 nights Kuala Lumpur stay, with 7 nights in Penang? A short flight from KL, Penang is famous for its beaches and tropical lifestyle as well as the colonial buildings of Georgetown.

- INCLUDES:
- Return transfers
 - 2 nights in Kuala Lumpur with an Evening Chinatown tour
 - 7 nights in Penang with a Historical Georgetown Tour and local taxes
 - Breakfast daily.

from MYR 1616 pp

(Excludes International & internal flights)



Malay delicacies



TIP: Comfortable rooms make this a good value resort in a great location.

★★★ Bayview Beach Resort

LOCATION: Located at the quieter end of Batu Ferringhi beach, set in landscaped gardens right on the beach.

ACCOMMODATION: 366 Spacious air-conditioned rooms with radio, TV, mini-bar, tea/coffee and IDD telephone.

FACILITIES: These include a business centre, laundry service, free parking, 24 hour room service, 3 restaurants, 3 bars a swimming pool with pool bar and kids pool area, day spa, water sports, tennis courts, a gym, kids club and baby-sitting services on request.

from MYR 256 per room per night



TIP: Up to 2 kids under 12 years of age, sharing with 2 adults, stay free

★★★★ Holiday Inn Resort

LOCATION: In the heart of Batu Ferringhi, close to restaurants, night markets and shops. This resort is right on the beach.

ACCOMMODATION: All 358 air-conditioned, spacious guest rooms include suites, kid suites and triple rooms offering a TV, mini-bar, tea/coffee facilities, telephone. Safety deposit boxes are available to guests and located at reception.

FACILITIES: 2 Restaurants and 2 bars with evening entertainment, 24 hour room service, shops, swimming pool with kids pool area, tennis courts, gym, and kids club.

from MYR 320 per room per night



TIP: Good location with many good quality dining options.

★★★★ Park Royal Penang

LOCATION: On the beach front, in the middle stretch of Batu Ferringhi beach with access to all restaurants and night bazaars for best shopping and dining opportunities in Penang.

ACCOMMODATION: All the in room facilities of a 4-star hotel.

FACILITIES: Good indoor and outdoor activities for everyone, including couples and honeymooners. They also boast a spa, kids club, swimming pool, water sports, tennis courts, gym and baby sitting service on request making this an ideal family resort.

from MYR 461 per room per night



TIP: An expansive luxury retreat in true Malaysian style

★★★★★ Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa

LOCATION: Well situated right on Ferringhi Beach.

ACCOMMODATION: Recently re-opened after a full revamp and set to become one of the leading hotels in Asia, the hotel is split into 2 wings. The Garden Wing has deluxe sea-facing rooms whilst the Rasa Wing has deluxe, premier rooms and suites which include private club lounge facilities with free champagne, wines, juices and canapés served throughout the day, as well as a butler service.

FACILITIES: The exclusive spa sanctuary, CHI Spa cocooned within lush gardens, 2 restaurants and 4 bars, a swimming pool, tennis courts, gym, kids club and water sports.

from MYR 1011 per room per night

Other hotels also available on request are the : Paradise Sandy Beach Penang, Shangri-la Golden Sands and many others.