



## **West Malaysia Explorer - 13 Days (#18698)**

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### **Trip Highlights**

Penang – Cameron Highlands - Kuala Lumpur – Rompin State Park - Rawa Island – Mersing – Johor Bharu

### **Detailed Itinerary**

#### **Day 01**

#### **Day 01: Arrive Penang**

Arrive Penang, meet our representative as soon as you get off your plane at the aerobridge, and be transferred to the hotel, proceed to check in at the hotel. Rest & relax.

**Hotel:** Areca Hotel

**Meal:** No Meal



**Day 02**

**Day 02: In Penang**

Breakfast is served at the hotel

0900 hrs: Experience a UNESCO World Heritage town in a traditional way by embarking on Penang Heritage Trishaw Tour.

Experience travelling through the bustling Georgetown on a 3-wheeled, pedal powered open-air trishaw that takes you till Fort Cornwallis, then continue with a leisure ride to Georgetown's heritage sites. Learn and appreciate the various facets of culture that are tantamount to Penang's multi-racial and harmonious demographic of today. The highlights include clan jetties at Weld Quay, Khoo Kongsi, Street of Harmony, Little India (Mahamariamman Temple), Kapitan Keling Mosque, Teow Chew Association & Traditional Traders (such as the Popiah Skin maker & Songkok (Malay Headgear) maker.

1330 hrs: Return to your hotel and rest.

1900 hrs: Discover the uniqueness of Georgetown after dark on a Penang's Night Eat-venture.

Embark on a breezy evening chauffeur driven ride on a Vespa to explore and experience the sights, sounds and tastes of Penang through narrow alleys and local street food before ending at a local pub or speakeasy. Explore this UNESCO Heritage City after dark through pre-war buildings to understand the rich and forgone tales that will bring you back to the yesteryears. Treat yourself to lots of world-renowned Penang Street food as we visit a few locations to find only the best mouth-watering favourites. Experience breathtaking views and a cool ride along the waterfront in this comprehensive and memorable tour. Choose to end the night at a local watering hole to experience how Penangites chill and unwind or head back to your hotel.

**Hotel:** Areca Hotel

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 03**

**Day 03: In Penang**

Breakfast is served at the hotel.

You may choose to relax or take one of the many optional tours available in Penang such as a Peranakan Heritage Tour, The Penang Hill & Temple Tour, Penang Tropical Spice Garden & Entopia Tour and many more. Lunch and dinner will be on your own with ample recommended options available.

**Hotel:** Areca Hotel

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 04**

**Day 04: Penang – Cameron Highlands**

0730 hrs: Breakfast is served at the hotel

0830 hrs: Check out from the hotel. Gather and meet your driver at the hotel lobby. Depart for Cameron Highlands with an en-route visit to Kuala Kangsar, an old town with rich heritage.

Kuala Kangsar's Artisans of Old

Kuala Kangsar is the Royal Town of Perak. Here, we make a brief visit to see the gilded dome of The Ubudiah Mosque, drive by the impressive Iskandariah and Kenangan Palace and see oldest rubber tree in Peninsula Malaysia which was brought over during the British colonization era in 1877. We then proceed to the highlight of this tour – traditional trades. Firstly, we will visit the 66-year-old Pak Mazin who has been making the 'Keris' (Malay Dagger), since the age of 12. His unique work is highly sought after as he is among the few crafters of Malay weapons who still employ traditional methods to produce weapons that the Malays consider as a symbol of strength and authority. After that, we proceed to visit the making of 'Tekat' (Gold Thread Embroidery). It is a handiwork passed down from mothers to daughters. In the olden days, each girl was given her first and most important assignment to display her handiwork by creating beautiful embroidery pieces to be worn or paraded for her own wedding ceremony. Today, this handiwork has become very popular, especially among royal families in Malaysia. Last but not least, we continue to the Sayong Pottery Village to witness the making of 'Labu Sayong', a symbol of Kuala Kangsar. It is a handicraft made of clay, originally use as a water storage container. Now, it is also used for decoration purposes.

Local lunch provided en-route.

Arrive and check-in at your hotel in Cameron Highlands. Free at leisure to rest.

**Hotel:** Zenith Cameron

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 05**

**Day 05: Cameron Highlands – Kuala Lumpur**

0800 hrs: Breakfast is served at the Resort

0900 hrs: Embark on a relaxing and interest tour of the Mossy Forest and Tea Plantation Tour.

Be educated on the humble moss, although usually regarded as valueless, is important in balancing the ecosystems in the forests by storing large amounts of water. This mossy forest en-route to Gunung Brinchang functions to prevent erosion by fixing the uppermost layer of soil, particularly on steep slopes and is micro-habitats for small animals and food for certain



beetles. The return journey goes through carpets of manicured tea bushes where black tea is produced and after a peek into the tea processing factory, relax with refreshments at the Boh Tea House.

1200 hrs: Head on to the fresh produce market before having lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch, overland transfer to Kuala Lumpur, journey takes approximately 4 hours.

Check-in to the hotel on arrival, rest & relax.

**Hotel:** Anggun Boutique Hotel

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 06

## Day 06: Kuala Lumpur

Breakfast is served at the hotel.

0830 hrs: Depart for a relaxing yet informative encounter with local folks that will give you a glimpse of what Malaysian life is all about.

Cooking Class & Malay Village Tour

(Wear comfortable clothes. Shorts are recommended. Please pack a small bag with your swimwear for the waterfall, you can change into your swimwear at the village house. Towels will be provided)

In the morning, explore a local wet market before spending a few hours at the home of a local family to learn to cook a simple local Malaysian dish, before sitting down with them to have your home-cooked Malaysian lunch. Choose to cook your very own Indian, Malay or Nyonya dish.

After lunch, take a short drive to Hulu Langat and start-off your 'Kampung' (Village) experience by taking a walk through the laid-back surroundings of an authentic Malay village, before entering an authentic 'Kampung' House. Here is where you get to interact with the family of the home and learn more about Malay traditions and customs. Among the activities you can join in are such as trying on a traditional outfit, playing traditional games and traditional musical instruments, and trying your hand at a local art form known as batik painting. Later, visit an herb garden to taste and learn more about Asia's most unique and precious plants. End the day at a refreshing waterfall with a couple of cold ones.

**Hotel:** Anggun Boutique Hotel

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch



**Day 07**

**Day 07: Kuala Lumpur**

0830 hrs: Breakfast is served at the hotel.

Morning: Visit the Petronas Twin Towers. (Note: Close on Mondays).

This tour is run according to fix timeslots. When it is your turn, watch a brief video on the history and specifications of the Petronas Twin Towers. Then take a tour up to the sky bridge that connects the 2 towers located on the 42nd floor. The tour then continues up to the highest floor (88th floor) on one of the towers. Lunch will be on your own; however, we will provide you with the best recommendations of eateries close to your hotel or the twin towers.

1530 hrs: Meet your guide at the hotel lobby and proceed to explore the countryside of Kuala Lumpur.

**Batu Caves & Fireflies Tour**

(Dress casually and bring along rain gear on wet days. Departures might be cancelled if there is too much rain in the coastal area).

Site of a Hindu temple and shrine, Batu Caves attracts thousands of worshippers and tourists, especially during the annual Hindu festival, Thaipusam. A limestone outcrop located just north of Kuala Lumpur, Batu Caves has three main caves featuring temples and Hindu shrines. Its main attraction is the large statue of the Hindu God at the entrance, beside a steep 272 climb up its steps to finally view the stunning skyline of the city centre.

On the fringe of KL lies the coastal areas and a village named Kampung Kuantan that lights up every night without electricity. These lights come from fireflies that shine in darkness. A boat ride takes you to their mangrove swamp habitat. This tour includes a drive through palm oil plantations & Fort Melawati and dinner at a local Chinese seafood restaurant. Return to your hotel.

**Hotel:** Anggun Boutique Hotel

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 08**

**Day 08: Kuala Lumpur – Rompin State Park**

After breakfast, check-out from the hotel.

Depart by land to Rompin State Park, journey takes approx. 4.5 hours' drive. Rompin State Park located at the most southern tip of Pahang state and within Rompin, it is a great destination for nature outdoor activity lovers. Rompin State Park is among the oldest tropical rainforest in the world. It is part of Endau-Rompin Forest reserve sharing with its neighbour, Johor



state. The uniqueness of Rompin State Park lies from its geology, myth, flora and fauna. The State Park's rainforest is perhaps best characterised by its biologically rich lowland mixed dipterocarp formations, which generally predominate below 300m and heath forest. It also consists of edaphic hill forest formations, in particular the spectacular fan palm forest. En-route visit to Sri Menanti and Kuala Pilah.

Upon arrival at Rompin State Park, proceed for check-in at the main building.

Lunch will be served at the restaurant, rest of the day free at leisure.

1900 hrs. Dinner will be served at the restaurant.

2030 hrs. We shall proceed for guided Nightfall Tour (duration: approx. 2 hours)

Though the night is dark, but lives are just as interesting as in the day and the short night walk led by our passionate guide will unveil the interesting night life of the nocturnal animals in the forest. The hunting spiders, roosting birds, and mammals are among the animals that we may spot during the walk.

Keep your eyes open and spot the unique gliding mammal, Colugo or commonly known as Flying Lemur up in the trees. Unique to South-east Asia, this creature is the best glider in the world!

**Hotel:** Rompin Rainforest Lodge

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 09

### Day 09: Rompin State Park

Breakfast is served at the restaurant.

0900 hrs. Depart for guided Jeram Panjang Trekking (duration: approx. 2 hours)

Jeram Panjang is a long river flows from Sungai Kinchin with moderate waterflow, the water quality is great, and it is suitable for any leisure activities. The Jeram Panjang Trekking activity follows the path of the elephants and allows visitors to see the traces left by these majestic giants. Upon arrival at Jeram Panjang, the guide will lead to cross the rapid and get to the clear freshwater stream of Sungai Kernam for a swim.

Recommended attire: long sleeves shirt, long pants, leech socks, hat, good sun protection, insect repellent and raincoat.

Return to the resort, lunch will be served at the restaurant.

Afternoon free to explore the park on your own, such as Mahkota waterfall, Watch Tower, Suspension Bridge, Rainforest Discovery Centre and etc. Dinner will be served at the restaurant.

**Hotel:** Rompin Rainforest Lodge

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



**Day 10**

**Day 10: Rompin State Park – Mersing – Rawa Island**

Breakfast is served at the restaurant.

Check-out from the Lodge, overland transfer to Mersing, journey takes approximately 1.5 hours' drive.

Upon arrival at Mersing Jetty, proceed to Rawa Island office for registration before board the scheduled boat transfer across to Rawa Island (approx. 30 minutes boat ride).

Upon arrival at the resort, proceed for lunch at the restaurant while waiting for the room to be ready.

1500 hrs. Check-in to the resort, rest and relax.

Dinner will be served at the resort.

**Hotel:** Rawa Island Resort

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 11**

**Day 11: Rawa Island**

Breakfast is served at the resort.

Free day to enjoy the facilities at the resort or join some of the sea sport activities.

**Hotel:** Rawa Island Resort

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 12**

**Day 12: Rawa Island**

Breakfast is served at the resort.

Free day to enjoy the facilities at the resort or join some of the sea sport activities.

**Hotel:** Rawa Island Resort

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



**Day 13**

**Day 13: Rawa Island – Mersing – Johor Bharu – Departure**

Breakfast is served at the resort.

Check-out from the resort, return to Mersing by scheduled boat.

On arrival at Mersing Jetty, transfer by land to Senai Airport for your flight to Kuala Lumpur connect onwards flight home.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- All land transfers & tours by air-conditioned vehicle.
- Service of an English-Speaking driver / guide.
- Hotel accommodation as specify in the itinerary.
- Meals as stated in the itinerary.
- Boat ride in Kuala Selangor and return scheduled boat transfer from Mersing to Rawa Island are joint-in basis.
- Trishaw ride in Penang.
- Vespa tours & Cooking Class.
- Entrance fees where applicable.
- Guided tours in Rompin with Nature guide are joint-in basis.

## Exclusions

- Domestic airfares & airport taxes.
- Drinks in the organized meals.
- Other meals do not specify in the itinerary.
- Driver / guide tipping.
- Park entrance fee (Rompin) & Marine Park conservation fee (Rawa).
- Tourism tax & Local Government fee (Penang only)
- Camera / video camera fee.
- Expenses of personal nature such as telephone calls, room service, mini bar, laundry and etc.

## Note





**PEAK SURCHARGE / CLOSE-OUT PERIOD:**

Areca Hotel, Penang

Close-out: Chinese New Year 2024 (dates TBA)

Zenith Cameron

Surcharge of AUD 516 nett per room / night applicable during weekend (Friday & Saturday).

**REMARKS:**

- Rates are based on per person, with minimum 2 pax is required in this package.
- Standard hotel check-in time at 1400hrs & check-out time at 1200hrs,
- Surcharge will be applying for airport transfer is required between 2200hrs – 0700hrs.
- Each passenger is allowed only 1 single piece of baggage not more of 30kgs plus one hand carry bag not more than 56cm X 30cm X 18cm with maximum weight of 5kgs.
- All services of confirmation are subject to availability upon booking.

All prices are indicative and starting from prices. Final price will be available based on availability and dates of travel.

## Periodic Departure

**12 Feb, 2024 to 31 Dec, 2024**

Hotel

AUD 36,067 P P twin share

AUD 54,889 P P single

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