

East Coast Islands: Perhentian & Redang with Kuala Lumpur

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Destination
Malaysia



Duration
6 Nights 7 Days



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Rs. 79,500 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

✈ Kuala Lumpur · 1N

✈ Perhentian Islands · 3N

✈ Redang Island · 2N

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Overview

Malaysia's clearest water is on the east coast, inside the Terengganu Marine Park, and this route puts you on two of its best islands. Perhentian Kecil and Besar have white sand bays, reefs a short swim from shore and no cars, while Redang has wide beaches and easy snorkelling with reef fish and turtles. You start with a night in Kuala Lumpur for the Petronas Towers and Batu Caves, then fly or drive to Kuala Besut for the speedboat to Perhentian. Snorkelling trips cover Shark Point, Turtle Point, the coral gardens and Romantic Beach. The east coast season runs March to early October only, since the monsoon closes most resorts from November to February. Boat rides are open-air and can be bumpy, so this suits reasonably fit travellers, couples and families with older children rather than very young kids.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ 1 night Kuala Lumpur, 3 nights Perhentian and 2 nights Redang with daily breakfast
- ✓ Kuala Lumpur airport transfers and half day city tour with Batu Caves
- ✓ Kuala Lumpur to Kuala Besut land transfer and return transfers on the coast
- ✓ Return speedboat tickets to Perhentian and Redang islands
- ✓ Marine park conservation charges for Perhentian and Redang
- ✓ One full day snorkelling trip in Perhentian and one snorkelling trip in Redang
- ✓ Half board (breakfast and dinner) at Redang resort as per plan

✗ Not Included

- ✗ International flights and any domestic flight to Kota Bharu or Kuala Terengganu
- ✗ Malaysia eVisa fees
- ✗ Lunches, beverages and meals not specified
- ✗ Scuba diving, kayaking and other optional activities
- ✗ Petronas Towers observation deck tickets
- ✗ Tips, insurance, laundry and personal expenses

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrive Kuala Lumpur & City Highlights

Land at KLIA and transfer to your hotel in the Bukit Bintang or KLCC area. After freshening up, head out for a half day city tour covering the Petronas Twin Towers and KLCC Park fountains, Merdeka Square, the National Mosque exterior and the King's Palace gates. Continue to Batu Caves, where 272 steps lead past the Lord Murugan statue to the limestone temple cave. Evening free for Jalan Alor street food or shopping at Pavilion. Vegetarian and halal options are everywhere in Bukit Bintang.

Day

2

Drive to Kuala Besut & Speedboat to Perhentian

Early departure from Kuala Lumpur for the drive across the peninsula to Kuala Besut jetty in Terengganu, roughly seven to eight hours with breaks, or a short flight to Kota Bharu followed by a one hour road transfer. Pay the marine park charge at the jetty and board the speedboat for the 30 to 40 minute crossing to Perhentian Kecil or Besar. Check into your beach chalet, then spend the rest of the day on Long Beach or Teluk Dalam, swimming and watching the sunset. No cars on the island, so movement is by foot and water taxi.

Day

3

Perhentian Full Day Snorkelling Safari

Full day snorkelling trip by boat around the Perhentian group. Stops usually include Shark Point for blacktip reef sharks, Turtle Point where green turtles graze on seagrass, the coral garden near Tanjung Basi, and Romantic Beach for a swim. Water visibility in the April to September window is generally strong and the sea stays around 29 degrees Celsius. Lunch break on Perhentian Besar. Return by late afternoon for beach time and a barbecue dinner at one of the shoreline restaurants at your own cost.

Day

4

Free Day on Perhentian

A day with nothing scheduled. Options include a jungle trek across Perhentian Kecil from Long Beach to Coral Bay for the sunset side of the island, kayaking along the bays, a discover scuba dive with a local dive centre, or simply a hammock and a book. Water taxis run between the beaches on request and take about 10 to 15 minutes. Carry cash, as card facilities and ATMs on the islands are limited.

Day

5

Transfer to Redang Island

Speedboat back to Kuala Besut, then a road transfer to Merang or Shahbandar jetty for the boat across to Redang Island, part of the same marine park. Redang has broader beaches and larger resorts, mostly along Pasir Panjang. Check in, take lunch, and spend the afternoon on the beach or snorkelling straight off the house reef, where parrotfish and clownfish come close to shore. Dinner at the resort as per the half board plan.

Day

6

Redang Snorkelling & Marine Park

Morning snorkelling trip to the Redang marine park zones, typically the Pulau Lima and Chagar Hutang side reefs, where turtle sightings are common. Back at the resort, the afternoon is free for kayaking, a beach walk to the quieter northern end, or a swim at the pool. Sunset here is on the western side of the island, so ask your resort for the best viewpoint. Evening dinner at the resort and an early night before the return journey.

Day

7

Return to Mainland & Departure

Morning boat from Redang to the mainland jetty, followed by a transfer to Kuala Terengganu or Kota Bharu airport for your flight to Kuala Lumpur and onward home. If you have a long connection in Kuala Lumpur, use the KLIA Ekspres to reach KL Sentral for a quick city meal or last-minute shopping before your international departure.

? Frequently Asked Questions

? What is the best time to visit Malaysia from India?

December to February is the most reliable window, with drier weather in Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Langkawi and daytime temperatures around 31–33°C. March to May stays warm and works well if you want lower crowds. The west coast (Langkawi, Penang) gets heavy rain from September to early November, while the east coast islands like Perhentian and Redang shut down roughly from November to February during the northeast monsoon. If you are heading to Borneo for Sabah's diving or Mount Kinabalu, aim for March to September. Chinese New Year (January or February) and Hari Raya bring festive energy but also higher hotel rates and packed transport.

? How much does a Malaysia trip cost from India per person?

A 6-night Malaysia package from India typically costs Rs 65,000 to Rs 95,000 per person on twin sharing, covering return flights, 3–4 star hotels, airport transfers, breakfast and key sightseeing. Budget travellers doing it independently can manage Rs 45,000 to Rs 55,000 by booking AirAsia or Batik Air fares early and staying in Bukit Bintang budget hotels. Mid-range daily spend runs about Rs 3,500–5,000 covering meals, Grab rides and entry tickets. Genting cable car, Petronas Twin Towers observation deck and Langkawi Sky Bridge each cost roughly Rs 700–1,900. Luxury island resorts in Langkawi push the total past Rs 1.5 lakh per person.

? Do Indians need a visa for Malaysia?

Indian passport holders currently enjoy visa-free entry to Malaysia for stays up to 30 days, a facility Malaysia extended for Indian and Chinese nationals from December 2023. You must complete the Malaysia Digital Arrival Card (MDAC) online within three days before arrival, which is free. Carry proof of return or onward ticket, confirmed hotel bookings and sufficient funds, as immigration officers do check these. Your passport should have at least six months validity. Policy extensions are announced periodically, so verify the current status on the Immigration Department of Malaysia website or with your tour operator before booking non-refundable flights.

? How do I reach Malaysia from India?

Direct flights to Kuala Lumpur International Airport operate from Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram, Kolkata and Ahmedabad on Malaysia Airlines, AirAsia X, Batik Air Malaysia, IndiGo and Air India Express. Flying time is around 4 hours 30 minutes from Chennai and Bengaluru, and about 5 hours 30 minutes from Delhi. Return fares usually sit between Rs 18,000 and Rs 32,000 depending on season. Penang has direct connections from Chennai on some carriers. For Langkawi, Kota Kinabalu or Kuching, take a domestic hop from KLIA, which takes an hour or so and costs Rs 3,000–6,000 when booked in advance.

? How many days are enough for a Malaysia trip?

Six to seven nights suits most first-time Indian travellers. A practical split is three nights in Kuala Lumpur covering Petronas Twin Towers, Batu Caves, Merdeka Square and a day trip to Genting Highlands or Putrajaya, followed by three nights in Langkawi for the cable car, island hopping and beaches. If you prefer heritage and food, swap Langkawi for Penang and spend two nights exploring George Town, Kek Lok Si and Penang Hill. Adding Malacca needs one extra night. Sabah or Sarawak for orangutans and diving deserves a separate four-night extension. Anything under five nights leaves you rushing between airports rather than enjoying the destinations.

? Is Malaysia safe for Indian tourists and solo travellers?

Malaysia is among the safer Southeast Asian destinations for Indian travellers, including women and solo visitors. Violent crime against tourists is uncommon; the practical risks are pickpocketing and bag snatching in crowded areas like Petaling Street, Bukit Bintang and Chow Kit, and occasional taxi overcharging, which you avoid by using the Grab app. Malaysia has strict drug laws with severe penalties, so never carry parcels for anyone. Dress modestly when visiting mosques and in conservative states like Kelantan and Terengganu. Tap water is treated but stick to bottled water. Save the tourist police number 03-2149 6590 and keep digital copies of your passport and MDAC confirmation.

❓ Is vegetarian and Indian food easily available in Malaysia?

Yes, easily. Malaysia has a large Indian-origin population, and Kuala Lumpur's Brickfields (Little India) is packed with South Indian vegetarian restaurants serving banana leaf meals, dosa and thali for Rs 250–500. Jalan Masjid India and Bangsar have more options, including Gujarati and North Indian places. Penang's Little India in George Town and Ipoh also serve familiar food. Halal certification is widespread, so Muslim travellers from India have no difficulty. Do try local vegetarian-friendly dishes like roti canai with dal, nasi lemak (ask without anchovies), cendol and Nyonya kuih. In Langkawi and island resorts, Indian food is limited, so inform your hotel about dietary needs at booking.

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