

MALAYSIA: Langkawi, the ultimate destination!



Certain scenery may remind you of the Seychelles, but you are actually in Malaysia.

The fauna, flora and scenery are sumptuous... Welcome to Malaysia!

Shield your eyes... Malaysia is THE destination. The Asian light, the scenery which is as beautiful as at the origin of the world, the kindness of the inhabitants. Everything is there to make this destination become a great classic. To be discovered as quickly as possible!

LOGBOOK

More than 90 islands and islets are grouped around the main island of Langkawi, off the north-west coast of Malaysia. It is a natural paradise which is unique in south-east Asia, with a geological history dating back more than 500 million years. UNESCO made no mistake when declaring Langkawi a 'Geopark', in 2007.

On the programme for this desti-

nation, you will discover many islands with very impressive, unique scenery. From mangrove swamps to sumptuous beaches, bathed by warm, emerald-green waters all the year round. Nature here is incredible, especially the birds. You just have to throw a piece of bread in the air and a sea eagle will dive on to it. Impressive! Malaysia is a paradise for sailors, with a warm climate all the year round, and two distinct periods:

- The north-easterly monsoon (winter monsoon): it dominates from November to February, and brings rain to the east coast of the peninsula and to the coastal regions of Sabah and Sarawak. It also waters the centre and the west coast, but in a less abun-

dant way.

- The south-westerly monsoon (summer monsoon): it dominates from August to November, and sweeps the west coast, but with less abundant rains than those of the winter monsoon on the east coast.

The ideal thing is to sail at Langkawi between November and April, as the winds, generally from the north-east (between 5 and 20 knots), are more favourable. And here, shield your eyes! Small anchorages in superb creeks bordered by immaculate white sand, and swimming in the middle of a multitude of fish are yours for the choosing... Distances between anchorages are very small, encouraging you to discover



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new islands and islets. In these conditions, it is impossible not to find the anchorage or the island of your dreams, with your catamaran anchored in translucent water.

Finally, note that Langkawi is also a stopover renowned for its



A small marina, very few boats... Malaysia awaits you!



Nature is superb in Malaysia, but you will be impressed by the sea eagles, which are everywhere. Magical!

popular in Langkawi, you will find many restaurants, shopping, provisions, as well as the Aquarium – not to be missed.

Day 3: Pantai Cenang, or the marina on the island of Rebak - 2 miles.

Day 4: Cenang / Pulau Gabang Darat - 16 miles.

Sailing and anchorage in the channel – a cirque, surrounded by cliffs and mangrove.

Day 5: Pulau Gabang Darat / Pulau Dayang Bunting – 1 mile.

Landing on the island to visit the 'pregnant princess' lake, the biggest fresh water lake on Langkawi, in an exceptional natural environment, full of mysterious legends. Possibility of swimming and outing in an electric pedalo, after a pleasant walk in a forest which is classified as a nature reserve.

Day 6: Pulau Payar – 20 miles.

Cruise to the island of Pulau Payar, a heavenly marine reserve for free diving. Diving with mask, snorkel and fins in the Coral Garden, a fantasy of coral and multicoloured fish which come and eat from your hand. Superb white sand beach for sunbathing.

Days 7 and 8: Pulau Payar / Kuah Town – 20 miles.

Sailing to anchor off the capital of Langkawi. Possibility of duty-free shopping in the town's numerous shopping centres. Kuah marina allows you to fill up with water.

Days 9 and 10: Kuah Town / Kilim nature reserve – 15 miles.

You enter another world, which is millions of years old. 100km² of limestone cliffs emerging above the green mangrove. Possibility of dinner in the middle of the mangrove swamp, at the 'fish farm'. Extra-fresh seafood.

duty-free shopping and cheap, top-quality crafts. In short, a destination which will definitely please the whole family...

If you want to go to Malaysia between May and October, you will have to go to the base at Tioman, on the south-east coast. This is also an exceptional destination, where certain scenery will remind you of the Seychelles. Dream Yacht Charter moves its fleet from Langkawi to Tioman in May.

TYPICAL ITINERARY

Dream Yacht Charter is the only local charter company (that we know of). In addition to its monohulls, the company has a brand new Orana 44, a Catana 471 and a Leopard 47, fully equipped to offer you the cruise of your dreams.

Itinerary, 12 days Langkawi

Day 1: Welcome to the Dream Yacht base in Telaga marina, in the north-west of the island.
Moving aboard and briefing.

Day 2: Sail to the island of Pulau Tepur / Pantai Cenang - 7 miles.

Anchorage off Monkey Beach, a very beautiful beach of fine, white sand. At the end of the afternoon, you can see the monkeys which have come down from the surrounding hills. Along the Pantai Cenang beach, the most

A deserted islet, a superb beach bordered with coconut trees. Your anchorage for the night.



If you feel like it, opt for the one-way between Langkawi and Phuket. 120 miles of dreams...

Day 11: Kilim / Tanjung Rhu Beach / Datoi – 16 miles.

Sailing to Tanjung Rhu Beach on the north point of Langkawi. Very beautiful beaches bordered by casuarina. Beautiful sail, with a superb view of the surrounding islands, and Thailand. Evening anchorage off the Datoi hotel, frequented by the jet set. Swimming.

Day 12: Return to Telaga marina.

Check-out at the Dream Yacht base

Another solution: you can take a one-way to Phuket. 120 miles which will allow you to visit an exceptional group of islands and finish with the fabulous Phang Na bay. A dream!

PRATICAL MALAYSIA

SITUATION:

Langkawi is situated off the north-west coast of Malaysia.

Tioman is on the south-east coast.

ACCESS:

Langkawi international airport. To get there, you must stop over at Kuala Lumpur or Singapore. Flight by Malaysia Airlines or Airasia.

FORMALITIES:

A visa is not required for a stay of less than three months, but your passport must be valid for six months after your return.

CLIMATE:

Malaysia has an equatorial climate with maritime influences. The country has two monsoon periods. Result: there is no real dry season; it is hot and wet practically all the year round. On the other hand, the water is at an almost constant temperature, between 26 and 29°C.

AND ALSO...

Health: Malaysia is a country which is quite safe from a health point of view. Beware of sunburn, of course, but also the particularly voracious mosquitoes. No problem with malaria, which is limited to a few remote inland areas.

Money: the Ringgit. 1 euro = 5.04 Ringgit.

1US\$ = 3.53 Ringgit.

Language: Malay and English

LOCAL CHARTER COMPANIES:

Dream Yacht charter is offering a fleet of catamarans and monohulls from the marina at Telaga harbour, situated 20 minutes from the airport.