

*Below Itinerary is for reference only and is subject to any necessary changes in accordance to local requirements.*

**10 Days**

# Contrasting Malaysia

Departure Daily with minimum 2 pax on SIC basis.

## Day 1 Brunei - Kuala Lumpur - Kuala Selangor

Depart for Kuala Lumpur. Once arrived, you will be transferred to Kuala Selangor by coach. Enroute, stop at Batu Caves. A flight of 272 steps will lead up to the sacred Hindu temple cave where the shrine of Hindu deity, Lord Murugah lies. Another cave, called the museum cave, is filled with images of deities and murals depicting scenes from the Hindu scriptures. Upon arrival at Kuala Selangor, visit "Kota Melawati" formerly known as "Fort Altingsburg". The second King of Selangor had a fortress constructed on Malawati hill to protect the state from intruders. From the top of the ruined fort, you will have a great view of the famous Strait of Malacca. If you are lucky, you may spot the Silver-leaf monkeys roaming around in the area. The fort has also an old lighthouse that was built by the British for the passing ships as a navigation point on the Strait of Malacca. Proceed to a Malay village. Local lunch in one of the villager's house. Eat with your hands, the villagers will show you how. After lunch embark on a village discovery where you will be able to witness the villagers going on with their daily activities which becomes part and parcel of their daily livelihood. Mingle with the friendly locals, learn and experience their customs. Depart to hotel. At dusk, transfer to a local restaurant for a sumptuous dinner. After dinner, embark on a boat trip along the Selangor River. Here, thousands of fireflies present itself with a dazzling display of lights, flickering in synchrony resembling twinkling! Christmas trees in the darkness of the night. Enjoy the wonder of nature with its night serenity before returning to your hotel. *(Meals: Lunch, Dinner) Accommodation at Inn (2\* property)*

## Day 2 Kuala Selangor - Sungai Klah Hot Spring

After breakfast, we depart Kuala Selangor and head toward Sungai Klah famous for its natural hot springs which original from the Titiwangsa Mountain Range. It is situated in a serene and lush forest and the resort has a wonderful natural setting of cold mountain streams and rivers, swaying oil palm trees and orchard that make it a tranquil haven. The bubbling hot springs with its traditional and therapeutic value is locally known to have amazing curing effect on illnesses. You will also embark on a journey in the exotic world of an Asian massage treatment that reflects the beauty of this ancient ritual. On another note, do not miss learning and acquiring knowledge about traditional herbs with a guide walk on a natural pathway through the herbal gardens. *(Meal: Breakfast)*  
*Accommodation at Felda Residence Hot Spring Resort (3\* resort)*

## Day 3 Sungai Klah Hot Spring - Cameron Highland

Depart for the Cameron Highland located at 1,542m above sea level and famous for its tea plantations and cool temperature. Stop on the way for a visit to see the cottage industry of basket weaving followed by Lata Iskandar Waterfall and a native Orang Asli settlement. Enjoy the cool, crisp air of Cameron Highlands with its wonderful mountainous scenery. Since the discovery of the Cameron Highlands by William Cameron in 1885, the highlands have not only been transformed into temperate farms but they have also become a popular destination for local and foreign holidaymakers. Visit Boh Plantation, Malaysia's largest tea producer to observe the processing of black tea. After a tea break we will visit the local market place, vegetable farms, flower gardens and a butterfly park.

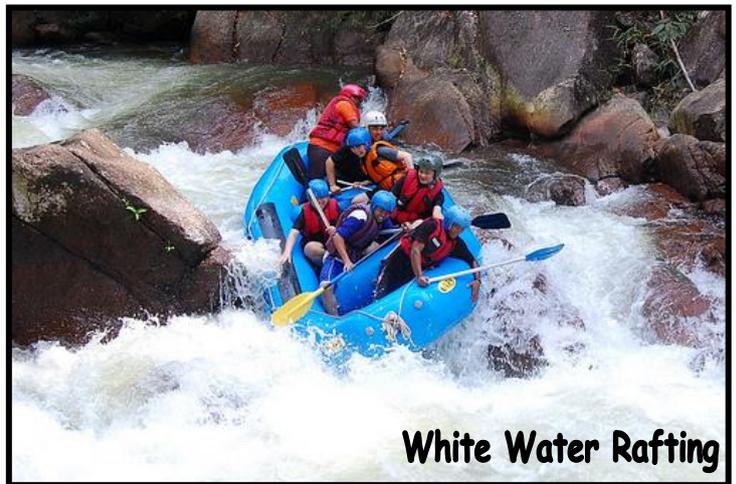
Note: The tea factory is closed on Mondays. The tea break at the tea factory is not included in the tour price.

*(Meal: Breakfast) Accommodation at Strawberry Park Resort (3\* resort)*

## Day 4 Cameron Highland - Gopeng (Caving & White Water Rafting) - Ipoh

After breakfast we depart Cameron Highland for Ipoh and stop on the way at Tempurung Cave for an exhilarating 'soft' caving adventure. This is a great experience for people of all ages as its dome ceiling resembles a coconut shell (thus the name Gua Tempurung - gua means cave and tempurung means coconut shell in Malaysian Language). A stroll through the cave, then we crawl, slide and climb to encounter many interesting and beautiful rock formations. The limestone caves were formed some 400 million years ago. After this amazing cave experience we head towards a splashing time in the river near Kampar. You wouldn't want to miss taking this memorable adventure through the rainforest. We white water raft along the cool, clear river with cascading rapids that's suitable for first-time and novice rafters.

*(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch) Accommodation at Hotel Impiana Casuarina Ipoh (4\* hotel)*



**White Water Rafting**

## Day 5 Ipoh - Kuala Kangsar - Kuala Sepetang - Bukit Merah

Following breakfast we depart Ipoh and visit the Perak Tong Cave Temple just out of the city. Our next stop is the royal town of Kuala Kangsar for some time to photograph the exterior of Ubudiah Mosque, Iskandariah Palace and Kenangan Palace which showcase some of Malaysia's most striking architecture. Proceed further to the fishing village of Kuala Sepetang which has what are considered Malaysia's best-managed mangrove forests. They serve a very important ecological role in protecting the coastline from erosion. In addition, Kuala Sepetang produces the bulk of the nation's top quality mangrove charcoal which is so important for cooking delicacies such as satay. We visit a charcoal kiln where charcoal is produced and enjoy the novelty of walking through natural mangrove forests on a boardwalk. We will also see the first railway station in Malaysia built in 1885. This served as a link between this village and the interior and was used to transport tin ore in the early days of the nation's tin boom. We travel through the mangroves and along a river estuary on a boat cruise. Along the way, we will observe the daily activities and life of the coastal fishing folk and if we are lucky, we will see dolphins swimming alongside the boat. Check into your resort and the rest of the day is free at leisure in this water theme park. *(Meal: Breakfast)*

*Accommodation at Bukit Merah Lakedown Resort (3\* resort)*



**Ubudiah Mosque**

**Day 6 Bukit Merah - Taiping - Belum Valley**

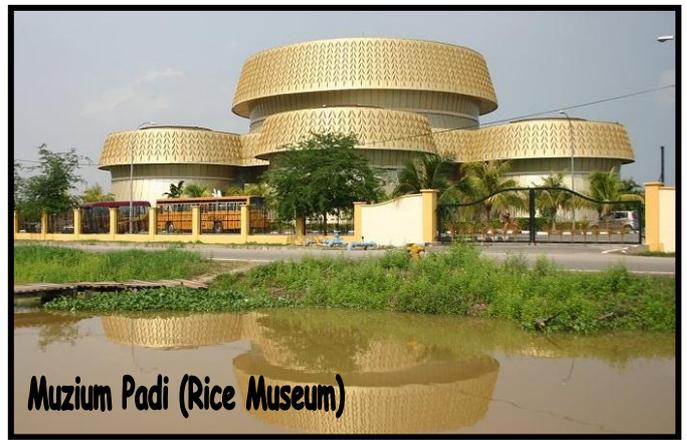
We depart for Belum Valley after breakfast. On the way we will stop in Taiping which was once the Perak State capital during the booming tin-mining industry in the 19th century. Taiping was a pioneer in many fields, achieving many "firsts" in the country. Visit the Taiping Lake Garden said to be Malaysia's most beautiful lake garden. The tranquility, beautiful lake view and misty mountain scenery will provide a memorable experience. Delight in visiting the oldest zoo in the country where you can experience the sights and sounds of some of Malaysia's native animals in a natural setting of streams, lakes and abundance of flora. Drive northeast via Gerik to Banded Island in the Belum district. Along the way we will visit the Lenggong Valley Museum the site of the oldest recorded place of human activity in Peninsular Malaysia. The district of Lenggong can be likened to an open-air museum, and is home to legends, skeletons, cave drawings and precious finds such as jewellery, pottery, weapons and stone tools belong to ancient human communities that lived and hunted in this area. Upon arrival in Belum Rainforest Resort we check in and the rest of the day is free at leisure. (Meal: Breakfast) Accommodation at Belum Rainforest Resort (4\* resort)



**Taiping Lake Garden**

**Day 7 In Belum Valley**

After breakfast, proceed for a tour of Belum Valley, an area rich in fauna and flora and of great importance to Malaysia's national heritage. This last frontier of Peninsular Malaysia beckons adventurous travelers for its natural beauty. From Banded Island situated on Temenggor Lake, we will take a boat ride for a tour of the aboriginal villages. Here we can observe and mingle with the Orang Asli people (this means 'the original people') who belong to the Jahai and Temiar tribes. We will have the opportunity to trek through the rainforest and with some luck, see in the wilderness Rafflesia the world's largest flower. A packed lunch will be served in the rainforest. Enjoy seeing a scenic waterfall cascading within the lush green rainforest considered by scientists to be 130 million years old and the oldest tropical rainforests in the world. The rest of the day is free at leisure. Try your luck fishing (note: fishing rod and equipment are available for rent) - who knows, you might catch a famous Toman (snake head fish). Belum is a wonderful and remote place to simply relax and enjoy the natural surroundings. (Meals: Breakfast, Packed Lunch) Accommodation at Belum Rainforest Resort (3\* resort)



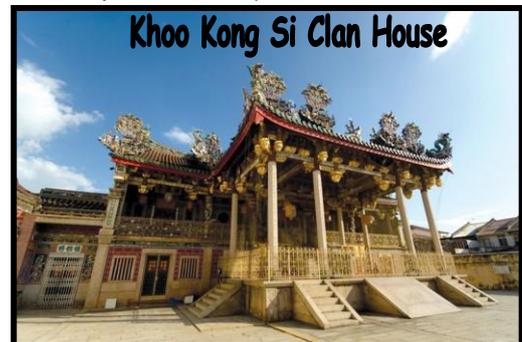
**Muzium Padi (Rice Museum)**

**Day 8 Belum Valley - Alor Star**

After an early breakfast we depart overland to Alor Star - the capital of Malaysia's oldest Malay Sultanate and is also considered as the "rice bowl" of Malaysia. Upon arrival, we visit the bustling Pekan Rabu or Wednesday Market (which interestingly, is open daily). Proceed to the Alor Star Tower, the second tallest communication tower in Malaysia and at 165.5m is ranked the 19th tallest in the world. The tower's platform allows visitors to enjoy a panoramic view across the Strait of Malacca and over vast expanses of padi fields. Take an enjoyable break with lunch in the clouds. We also visit Masjid Zahir, one of the grandest and most beautiful mosques in Malaysia. It incorporates elegant Moorish design in its five black domes and slender minarets. Opposite the mosque, is the Balai Besar or Balai Penghadapan (audience hall) with an impressive wooden edifice embodying some aspects of Thai architecture. On the other far end is Balai Nobat, a unique building that houses the sacred instruments of royal orchestra. We will also visit the Kedah Royal Museum. Proceed to the Rice Museum (Muzium Padi) to learn how Kedah produces the largest rice harvest in the country. There are several galleries in the museum, one of which has a panoramic mural with an interesting 3D-effect that explains the importance of rice to the people of Malaysia. (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch) Accommodation at Grand Crystal Alor Star Hotel (Simple 3\*)

**Day 9 Alor Star - Georgetown Penang - Kuala Lumpur**

After breakfast we depart at 8.30am and head overland to Penang. Upon arrival in Penang we proceed on a city, cultural and heritage tour of Georgetown which was officially declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2008. Included in the tour is a visit to the ornate Kek Lok Si Temple built in 1904. It is the most beautiful and largest Buddhist temple complex in South East Asia and is known as the Temple of the 1,000 Buddhas. Then we proceed to Fort Cornwall which was the landing site of Captain Francis Light in 1786. He arrived to start the first British colony in Penang. The tour continues with a visit to the water village of the Clan Jetties at Weld Quay, named as residents of each jetty share similar surname. We next take you along Pitt Street, also known as the "Street of Harmony" as churches, Chinese temples, mosques and Hindu temples have existed along the same street in harmony side by side for centuries. We also visit the intricate Khoo Kong Si clan house and enjoy a breezy trishaw ride; still popular mode of transport in Georgetown! By the end of the day, transfer back to the capital of Malaysia; Kuala Lumpur. (Meal: Breakfast)



**Khoo Kong Si Clan House**

**Day 10 Kuala Lumpur - Brunei**

Morning free at own leisure until it is time for transfer to the airport for your flight back to Brunei.

**What to bring: Rain coat, hand torch, personal toiletries, cotton material clothing, swimming attire, body soap, walking shoes with rubber sole, anti - malaria tablets and sun tan/block lotion.**

**\*\*NOTE:**

- During Muslim's festivals of Hari Raya (Aidil Fitri) & Hari Raya Haji (Aidil Adha), some places of interest are closed for a period of 2 days in a year (Festive Dates are subject to changes)