GETTING TO LANGKAWI

By Air
International flights to Malaysia mostly land in **Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA)**. The easiest and quickest way to Langkawi is by air. Langkawi is easily accessible by air, with several airlines operating multiple daily flights from Kuala Lumpur (1 hour); these include **Air Asia** (www.airasia.com), **Malaysia Airlines** (www.malaysiaairlines.com), and its subsidiary, **Firefly** (www.fireflyz.com.my). The first two offer more frequent flights.

N.B.: While Malaysia Airlines also operates from KLIA, using the other 2 airlines requires transfer. Air Asia flies from **Low Cost Carrier Terminal (LCCT)**, which is a different terminal but still part of KLIA. There is a frequent bus service from KLIA to KL-LCCT (every 20 mins, takes 30 mins, cost MYR3.50), or you can take a taxi. More information is available from the LCCT website (http://lcct.klia.com.my/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=26). To transfer from the KLIA main terminal to LCCT requires that you go through immigration and customs, so leave enough time for your connection.

Firefly flies from **Subang Airport** (also known as Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport), which is 60 km away. The quickest way is to take a taxi. Otherwise, you can take a bus or the KLIA Express train from KLIA to the KL Sentral station, and then a bus to Subang airport. You should allow at least 2-3 hours for this transfer.

When getting a taxi from KLIA/LCCT, always use the official taxi counters, where you can buy pre-paid, fixed price tickets for official taxis. All other taxis are illegal and likely to be uninsured.

You can also reach Langkawi from Penang (½ hour), in Malaysia, using Air Asia or Malaysia Airlines. There are also flights from Singapore, using Silk Air (1½ hours, www.silkair.com).

By Sea (from Kuala Perlis, Kuala Kedah or Penang)
Ferries run daily every 30-60 mins from either Kuala Perlis (1 hr) or Kuala Kedah (1½ hrs) on the mainland to Kuah, Langkawi. Less frequent ferries also operate between Kuah and Georgetown, Penang (2½ hrs).

By Road (from KL to Kuala Perlis/Kuala Kedah)
Cars are easily rented from the airports in Kuala Lumpur. Drive northwards to Kuala Kedah (about 500 km) or Kuala Perlis (50 km further north), the main take-off points by ferry to Langkawi. The journey will take about 6 hours. The car can be parked at the ferry terminal while you take the ferry to Langkawi. It is possible to bring a car over to the island, but you have to put it on a cargo ferry from Kuala Kedah, and you can only pick it up the following day. Note that there are many car rental agencies in Langkawi.

Alternatively, you can get a bus from Kuala Lumpur to Alor Star (10 km from Kuala Kedah) or Arau (18 km from Kuala Perlis), and get a bus/taxi to the ferry terminal.

By train
There is an overnight train from KL Central to Alor Star/Arau, from where you need to get to Kuala Kedah/Kuala Perlis to catch a ferry. Further train information is available at: http://www.ktmb.com.my/.