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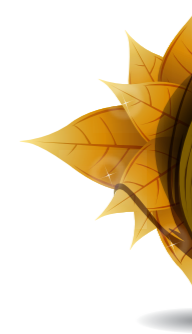
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# Naturally Legendary

*Approaching Langkawi, by air or by sea, you are first mesmerised by a string of outer islands, some little more than jags of karst rock jutting out of the sea. Coming closer, the dark blue water transforms in colour to rich seams of crystal-clear turquoise, delineating reefs teeming with fish in the shallows. Then, as Langkawi itself looms ever larger, you are struck by dramatic mountain peaks, lush and verdant, partially swathed in cloud, as if beckoning...*

*Langkawi, the 'Isle of Legends.' Naturally legendary for its beauty, warmth and the charm of its people.*



The Archipelago

A Geologic Wonder

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# The Archipelago

Langkawi is the main island in an archipelago of 99 islands (you might count a few more during low tide!) of the same name situated in the Andaman Sea 30 km off the coast of Peninsular Malaysia. It is part of Malaysia's northernmost state of Kedah (its other nickname is the "Jewel of Kedah"), which borders southern Thailand. In fact, Langkawi is just minutes by boat from the international maritime border; visitors can actually take the local ferry to Southern Thailand. To the west, across from what is the entrance to the Straits of Malacca, lies the northern portion of the Indonesian island of Sumatra.

The archipelago's total land area is 477 sq km, of which Pulau ('island' in Malay) Langkawi comprises 319 sq km.

The island's tropical climate offers year-round temperatures within a fairly narrow and predictable range, with daytime highs averaging 34°C, and night time averages of 25°C. December through February comprises the dry season, while the wet season runs from March to November.





# A Geologic Wonder

Langkawi affords some of the most dramatic rock formations on Earth, the result of a half billion years of ferment and cataclysm, from tectonic uplifting to the more mundane, but over millennia, equally destructive natural forces such as erosion and weathering.

The many karst landscapes found here also feature numerous caves and hanging gardens. They comprise some of the oldest rock formations in South East Asia, and the only complete record of Malaysia's Paleozoic history.



Kilim Karst Geoforest Park



## The Eagle Has Landed

Langkawi is home to a species of eagle known as a brahmīnī kite which is abundant on the island, and from where it is believed to have derived its name. Lang is the shortened form of helang, or 'eagle' in Malay, while kawi means 'reddish-brown' – the eagle's predominant colour.

Yet, as is so often the case, there is another valid explanation. In Sanskrit, 'the father of all languages,' langka is the word for 'beauty,' and wi means 'innumerable;' together, the words signify 'the place of immeasurable beauty.' Equally appropriate!



## A Cultural Take

Despite its well-deserved reputation as a world-class tropical island vacation destination, Langkawi still retains the charms and slower pace of an earlier time. You will still find many traditional ways and livelihoods here: padi farming, rubber-tapping, and fishing.

Langkawi is a fascinating microcosm of Malaysia: multiracial and multiethnic, a mix of Malay, Chinese and Indian, with a smattering of Thai. All practice their religions – Islam, Buddhist, Taoist, Hindu – and live together in harmony. And while each also speaks their native language, English is widely spoken here in what was once part of the British colonial empire.

Arts and crafts have a long tradition dating back to the Sultanates. Traditional art is centred on woodcarving, silversmithing and weaving. And of course, this being Malaysia, beautiful and inexpensive batik can be found almost everywhere.

# Naturally Paradise

*Depending upon the time of day, somewhere on or around one of the 99 Langkawi Islands, it's possible to observe a pod of Indo-Pacific humpback dolphins swimming, brahmyn kites soaring above, Oriental pied hornbills swooping through rainforests, butterfly lizards scurrying from their sandy burrows, colugos gliding amongst the forest, monkeys swinging through the trees, elongated mangrove seeds falling into the mudflats or water cascading from waterfalls protruding from ancient rock formations. On Langkawi, this is simply the passing of time – a process that has been ongoing for millions of years, and we like it just as it is.*

*Let us share with you Langkawi's many natural treasures that have helped sustain our people for centuries. Work with us to ensure our children can continue to enjoy Langkawi's amazing natural treasures and walk with nature and experience how nature connects us all.*

Langkawi: A World GeoPark

Mountains

Rainforest

Mangroves & Wetlands

Lakes & Waterfalls

Rocks & Caves

Beaches & Islands

Wildlife

Butterflies

Birds





# Langkawi: A World GeoPark

In 2007, UNESCO declared the Langkawi archipelago a Global Geopark in recognition of its unique and significant geoheritage features. Langkawi is one of only 91 Geoparks worldwide (as of 2013) and the only one in South East Asia. Geopark status is conferred to promote the conservation of the planet's geological and biological treasures. Almost 100 geo-sites have been identified so far in Langkawi, with three dedicated parks, each with its own unique geological features.

## Kilim Karst Geoforest Park

Situated on the island's northeast, the 83 sq.h km park includes the Kilim River and estuary. Its extensive mangrove eco-system and unique landscape of pinnacles, cliffs, caves and hills is a nature and adventure lover's delight.

Explore Kilim Karst Geoforest Park on foot, or its more inaccessible regions by boat. Spot numerous tropical birds, including the island's famous eagles. At the fish farm, visitors can view stingrays, horseshoe crabs, sea bass and the famed archerfish up close.



## Machinchang Cambrian Geoforest Park

The Machinchang mountain range in the northwestern corner of Langkawi that forms the centrepiece of this rugged 43 sq km wilderness park, is renowned for its Cambrian (the first geological period of the Paleozoic Era)

rock formations, forming a spectacular landscape that dominates the skyline. Machinchang is South East Asia's oldest mountain range, and home to what is probably the planet's oldest rainforest.



## Dayang Bunting Marble Geoforest Park

Just south of Langkawi is the archipelago's second largest island, Pulau Dayang Bunting (it means 'Island of the Pregnant Maiden', due to the suggestive shape of hills on this island) encompasses 44 sq km. Famous for its fresh water lake nestled amongst hills of rugged forest, here you will find some of the finest Permian marble formations in the world.

# Mountains

## Gunung Machinchang

To see it, take an exhilarating ride on the Langkawi SkyCab across the forest canopy, up the mountain escarpment to the summit at 713 m. Observe 550 million year-old sandstone outcrops.

Look out for the world's smallest orchid as well as exotic pitcher plants. There are several interesting walks between stations to allow a closer look at the rocks and vegetation.

## Gunung Raya

At 880 m, Langkawi's highest peak is accessible via a winding 13 km road passing through dense rain forest supporting a wide variety of wildlife. Hornbills and raptors are common sights. Stop at the parking bays and observe the forest from the canopy level. Look, listen and let the wildlife come to you.

# Rainforests

Malaysian rainforests are the world's oldest and most complex ecosystems and thrive due to consistently warm, moist climate. They are commonly called dipterocarp because of the dominant tree type. Langkawi offers several areas of interest, in particular, the foothills of Mount Machinchang (Datal side), Seven Wells waterfall and the peak itself; the summit of Mount Raya; and Lubuk Sembilang. To fully appreciate this magnificent environment, the guidance of a naturalist who knows the trails and flora and fauna is recommended.

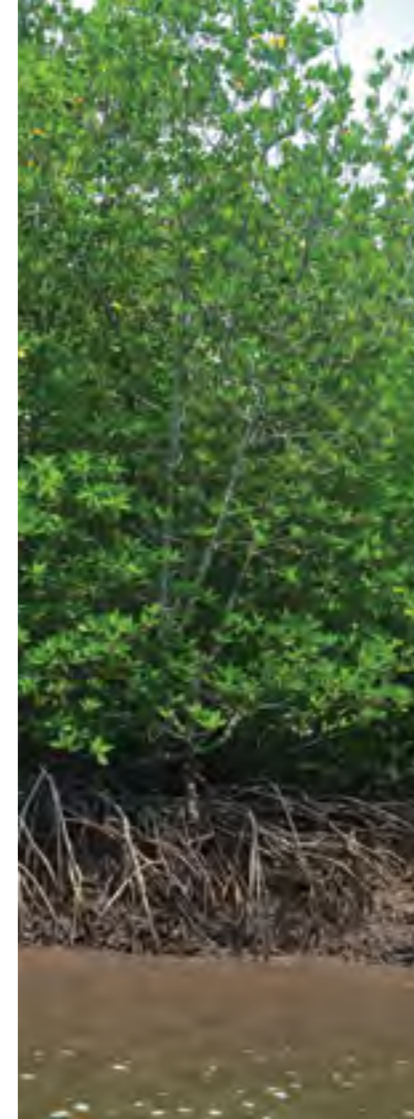
# Mangroves & Wetlands



The extensive mangroves on Langkawi's northern and eastern margins are important as fish-breeding grounds and animal habitats. They also protect the foreshore from erosion. In addition, padi fields are home to specialised animals.

The best time to appreciate the amazing greenness of the young plants is from August to September.

Mangroves are best seen in several forest reserves – Ayer Hangat River, Kilim River, Kisap River and the Tuba Straits between Tuba Island and Dayang Bunting. Daily cruise boat tours include visits to limestone caves and the opportunity to see raptors feeding on marine life. Book through your hotel or visit the jetties at Tanjung Rhu and Kilim River (for Kilim River mangrove) and the Kuah Jetty for the Tuba Straits mangrove.



# Lakes & Waterfalls

## Tasik Dayang Bunting

The legendary Tasik Dayang Bunting (Lake of the Pregnant Maiden) is a beautiful freshwater lake located on limestone within the rainforest. It is Langkawi's largest lake and is separated from the sea by a thin rock wall. Walk through the forests and paddle or swim in the lake.

## Telaga Tujuh (Seven Wells) Waterfall

Discover this beautiful series of cascades and pools deep within the forested area at the southern foothills of Mount Machinchang. The trail here is steep and passes through mature rainforest. Beware of cheeky monkeys. Continue deeper into the forest, to swim in cool mountain pools. Exercise caution around the waterfall at the water's edge as the rocks are slippery.

## Temurun Waterfall

The falls are located just off the road to Datal Bay in a scenic rainforest setting. There is a very short walk in to see Langkawi's tallest waterfall. It is best to view the falls during the wet season.

## Lubuk Sembilang

Part of the Lubuk Sembilang Recreational Forest, this dramatic system of pools and cascades is located near Mount Raya.

Temurun Waterfall




# Rocks & Caves

## Limestone Coast

Langkawi's north, northeast coast and islands as far down as Tuba Island are made of Paleozoic limestone. Many endemic plants are found here, and ancient palm-like plants called cycads grow within cracks in the limestone. The outer islands are best for seeing both the rocks and vegetation.

Outcrops form an amazing sight especially along the uninhabited northern and eastern coastlines. Visitors need to hire a boat or kayak from Tanjung Rhu, Kilim or Kuah to explore these areas.

Tanjung Dendang



## Caves

Langkawi is home to many caves. The four most noted ones are Gua Kelawar (Bat Cave), found in the mangroves of Killim River; Gua Cherita (Cave of Legends), on Langkawi's northeast coast, accessible by boat and often visited by mangrove tour groups travelling from Tanjung Rhu to Kisap Forest Reserve. Access is via a beach and a short flight of steps; Gua Pasir Dagang (Cave of the Sand Merchant), on the northwest side of Pulau Dayang Bunting is home to many cave dwellers such as bats. Access is by boat, then on foot; and Gua Landak (Porcupine Cave), easily accessible by foot, located in Kuah.

Gua Cherita

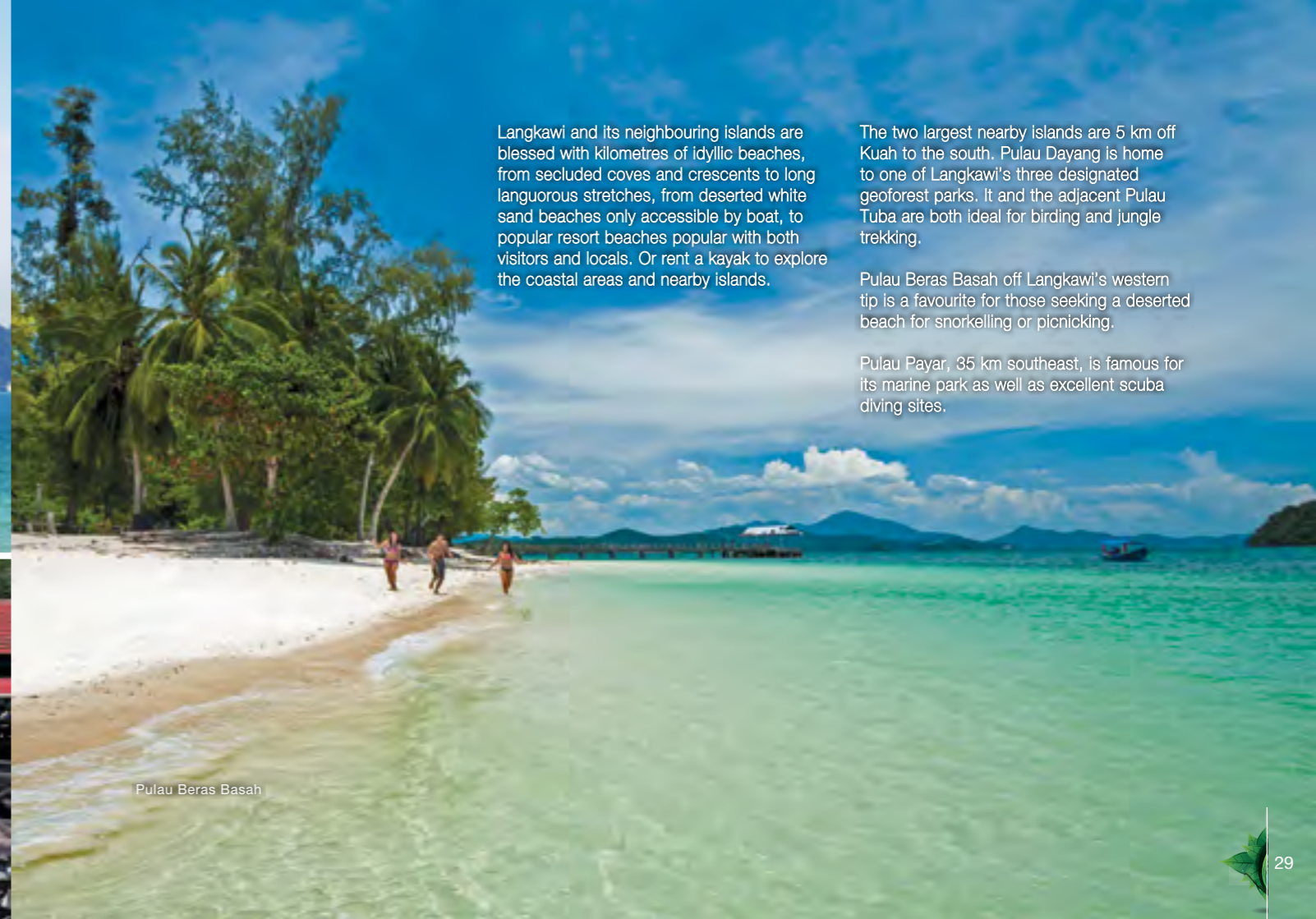


# Beaches & Islands

Pulau Dayang Bunting



Pulau Payar



Pulau Beras Basah

Langkawi and its neighbouring islands are blessed with kilometres of idyllic beaches, from secluded coves and crescents to long languorous stretches, from deserted white sand beaches only accessible by boat, to popular resort beaches popular with both visitors and locals. Or rent a kayak to explore the coastal areas and nearby islands.

The two largest nearby islands are 5 km off Kuah to the south. Pulau Dayang is home to one of Langkawi's three designated geoforest parks. It and the adjacent Pulau Tuba are both ideal for birding and jungle trekking.

Pulau Beras Basah off Langkawi's western tip is a favourite for those seeking a deserted beach for snorkelling or picnicking.

Pulau Payar, 35 km southeast, is famous for its marine park as well as excellent scuba diving sites.

# Wildlife



Dusky Leaf Monkey

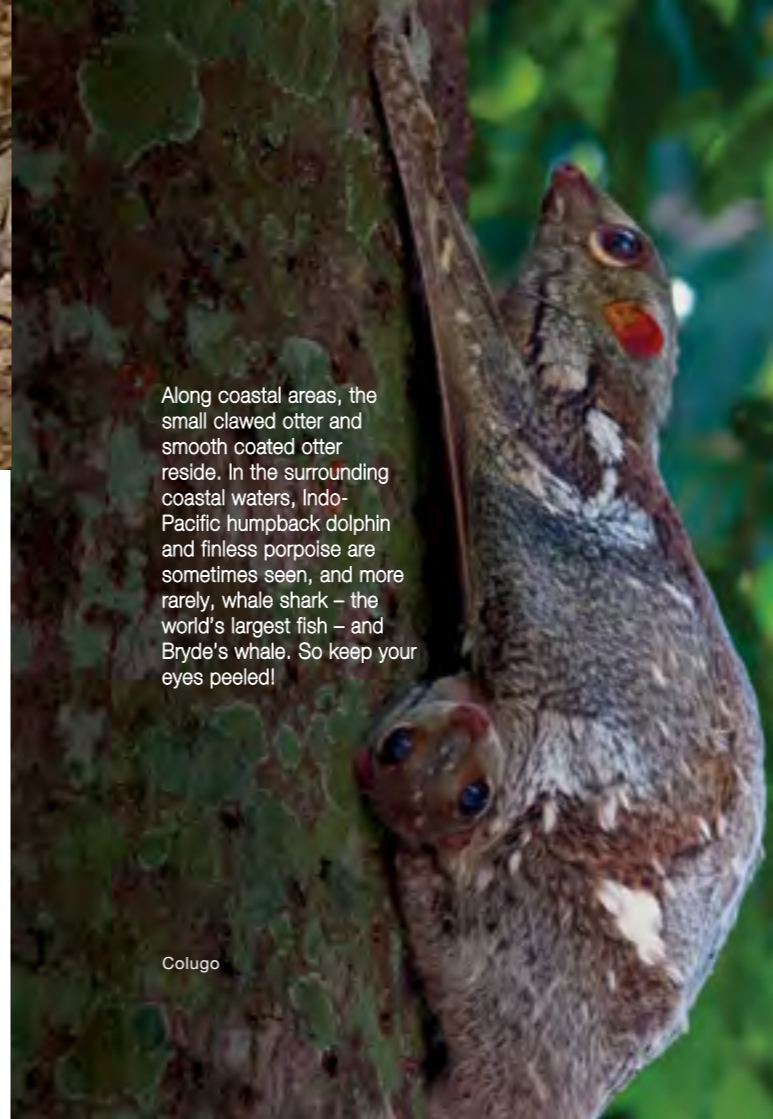


*Cryptodactylus macrotuberculatus*

Langkawi is home to a fascinating wealth of fauna – furry, feathery, frolicsome, fearless, and just downright funny. The ubiquitous long-tailed macaque and dusky-leaf langur monkeys. Giant squirrels and 2.5 m long monitor lizard (cousin to the Komodo dragon). While the cute loris, civet cat and 'armour-plated' pangolin make more fleeting appearances.

Then there are the animals dubbed Langkawi's Famous Flying Five – the colugo, the world's only flying primate; the red giant flying squirrel; the flying paradise tree snake; the twin-spotted flying frog and the flying dragon, a flying lizard.

Colugo



Along coastal areas, the small clawed otter and smooth coated otter reside. In the surrounding coastal waters, Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin and finless porpoise are sometimes seen, and more rarely, whale shark – the world's largest fish – and Bryde's whale. So keep your eyes peeled!



Smooth Coated Otter



Long Tailed Macaque





# Butterflies

Banded Peacocks, Golden Birdwings, White Helens, Swordtails, Commanders, Knights... an incredible 500 species of butterfly flutters by in Langkawi's lepidopterist Eden. Langkawi counts more butterfly species than Sri Lanka, or Australia, both with around 400 species.

Fivebar



Banded Peacock



Black-Hooded Oriole



Brown Winged Kingfisher

# Birds

There are around 200 species of birds in Langkawi, including 20 species of raptors, seven species of kingfishers; and eight species of Malaysian hornbills. The best time of the year for birding is November to April, during the northern hemisphere's migratory season. The best places to observe water birds are padi fields; in particular, Cenang and the area fronting Bon Ton Resort and Restaurant. For forest birds, the best areas are in the foothills. Drive up Gunung Raya to see hornbills. For kingfishers, ideal sites are the mangroves between Mutiara Burau Bay and Berjaya Resorts.



Great Hornbill

# Naturally Fun

*Langkawi is an eco-adventurer's dream... caving, kayaking, cycling, trekking, rock climbing, bird and butterfly watching. The possibilities are endless. On the trail or off, in the air, on land, or on (or under) the sea, the fun truly never sets.*

What, Where, and Wow!

Water Water Everywhere!

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And Still More Fun Stuff

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Living Museum

# What, Where, and Wow!

## Langkawi Canopy Adventure

Malaysia's unique adventure tour takes you through the rainforest canopy for an adrenaline charged air trekking experience. The setting is at Gunung Raya, Langkawi's tallest mountain and home to some 400 tree species and an array of wildlife including the flying lemur, mouse deer, loris, wild boar, civet cat and at least 40 species of snakes. A guided trek up the 890 m mountain is a popular 'roughing-it' option, though a different sort of adrenaline rush can be found just a few hundred meters into the primary rainforest.



## Jungle Walk

To get an even better understanding and appreciation of one of the planet's most impressive and important environmental treasures, sign up for a jungle walk with an experienced guide for an educational tour. Langkawi has several resident-naturalists with extensive knowledge of the area, who will provide you with an in-depth experience of the rainforest, and its flora and fauna. Tours are for half- or full-day, and can be arranged through your hotel or travel agent.



# Water Water Everywhere!

## Beaches

Idyllic beaches ('pantai' in Malay) abound in Langkawi. Pantai Cenang and Pantai Tengah are the most developed, with chalets, luxury hotels, restaurants and water sports. For less people and distractions, try Pantai Kok, Burau Bay, Datai Bay, the iconic Pantai Tanjung Rhu and Pantai Pasir Tengkorak.

For a change in 'colour' there's famous Pantai Pasir Hitam or Black Sand Beach. One of the most popular activities is the 4-hour 'island hopping' tour where you will be brought to three different islands – Pulau Dayang Bunting, Pulau Singa and Pulau Beras Basah by speed boat.



Yellow Tail Seahorse



## Snorkelling & Scuba Diving

While there are some coral reefs around the main islands, the most developed dive and snorkeling site offering the best visibility is Pulau Payar Marine Park, a one-hour boat journey south of Langkawi. Organised daylong package tours operate to the park.

# Sky's the Limit

## Langkawi SkyCab

Ascend Gunung Machinchang on the famous Langkawi SkyCab, the ultimate cable car adventure. The 2 km journey is one of the world's steepest, and the peak, at 713 m, offers spectacular 360° views of the archipelago and southern Thailand. Open weekdays 1000 to 1800, weekends 1000 to 2200.

## Langkawi Sky Bridge

Accessible from the Top Station, this stunning architectural marvel measures 125 m in length, suspended by a single pylon and soars 100 m above ground. In contrast to a straight bridge, this curved design offers dynamic and multiple perspectives.

## Langkawi Sky Trails

Once on top, take the nature trek, or Sky Trails. With just light clothing and casual footwear, you can enjoy the tour led by experienced guides, as they point out exotic flora and fauna, and relate the fascinating geological history all around.



# Talk to the Animals

## Langkawi Wildlife Park

Get to know animals and birds in a lush tropical garden setting. There is a fully covered walkway between displays. Open daily 0900 to 1800.

## Underwater World Langkawi

This is the largest aquarium in Asia with more than 3,000 marine and freshwater organisms. See turtles, sharks and other marine life eye-to-eye from the walk-through tunnel. Penguins too! On Cenang Beach. Open daily 1000 to 1800.

## Langkawi Buffalo Park

Surrounded by padi fields and rainforest, Langkawi Buffalo Park offers panoramic views of Gunung Raya and Gunung Machinchang. Open daily 1000 to 1700.

## Langkawi Crocodile Farm

Over 1,000 crocodiles are housed here and trainers perform various stunts. Open daily 0900 to 1800.

Rockhopper Penguin





### 6D Cinema

This first outdoor 6D entertainment cinema in Asia brings a whole new level to the 3D movie experience, featuring many amazing special effects while watching 3D stereoscopic movies and seated on 5D special effect seats. Open daily 0900 to 2000.

And Still More Fun Stuff

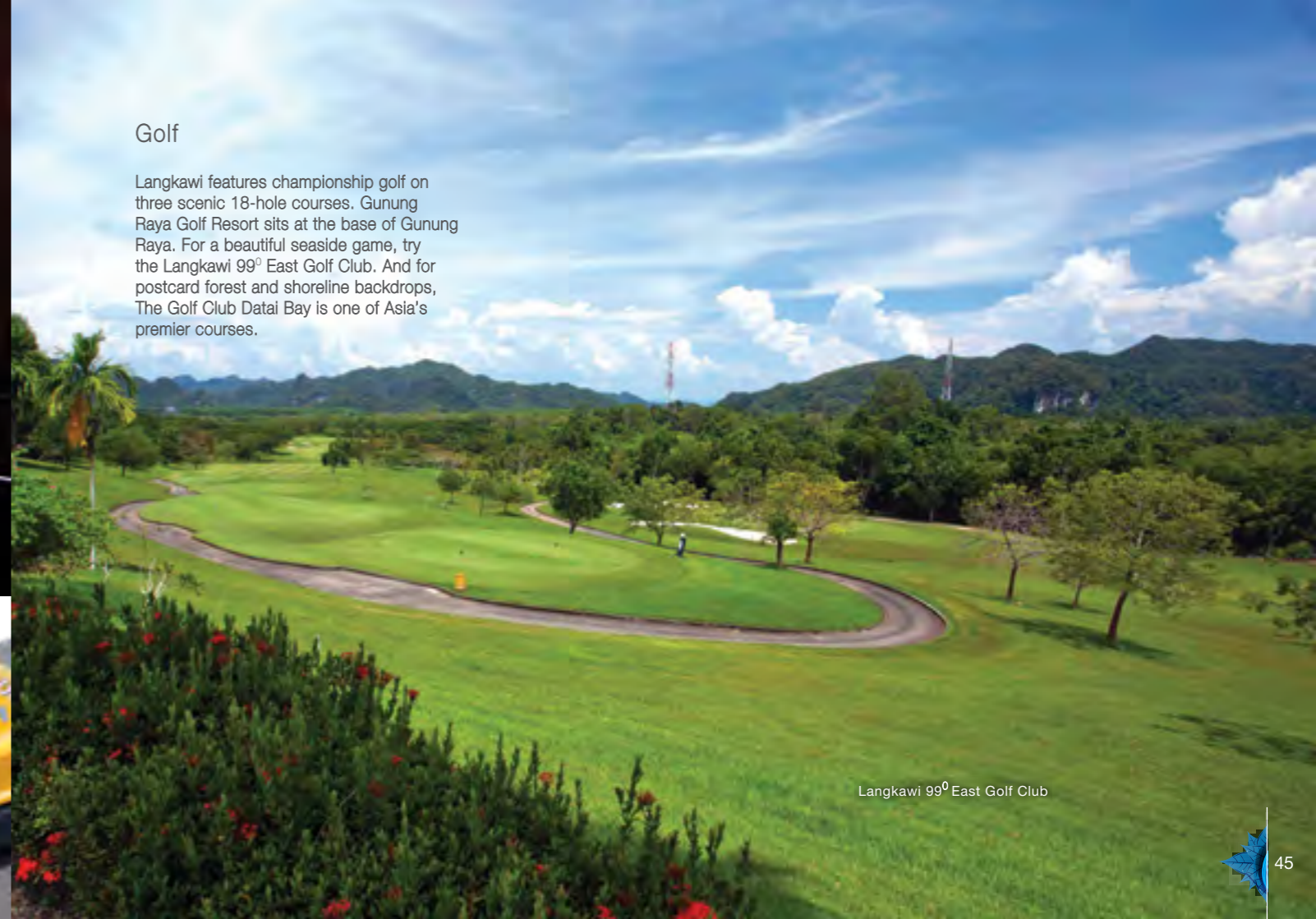
### Morac Go-Karts

Discover the thrill of motor racing at this exciting 1.2 km go-kart track located by the coast near the airport. Open daily 1000 to 1900.



### Golf

Langkawi features championship golf on three scenic 18-hole courses. Gunung Raya Golf Resort sits at the base of Gunung Raya. For a beautiful seaside game, try the Langkawi 99° East Golf Club. And for postcard forest and shoreline backdrops, The Golf Club Datai Bay is one of Asia's premier courses.



Langkawi 99° East Golf Club



# A Duty-Free Shoppers' Paradise



## Kuah Town

Langkawi is a duty-free haven, so prices on most products are very competitive, and the range of goods is extensive – from cameras and home electronics, to fashion, cosmetics, fragrances, cigarettes, wine & spirits. Kuah is Langkawi's main town, and also the terminal for incoming ferries. It includes many duty-free stores and shopping venues, including Jetty Point Complex, Langkawi Plaza, Langkawi Parade, Langkawi Fair and Kompleks HIG.



## Oriental Village

Overlooking beautiful Burau Bay is one of the region's most unique shopping, cultural and culinary destinations. Specially designed to provide a new concept in resort duty-free shopping, Oriental Village also houses fine-themed restaurants, reflecting Asia's culinary delights. It is a 15-minute drive from the Langkawi International Airport.





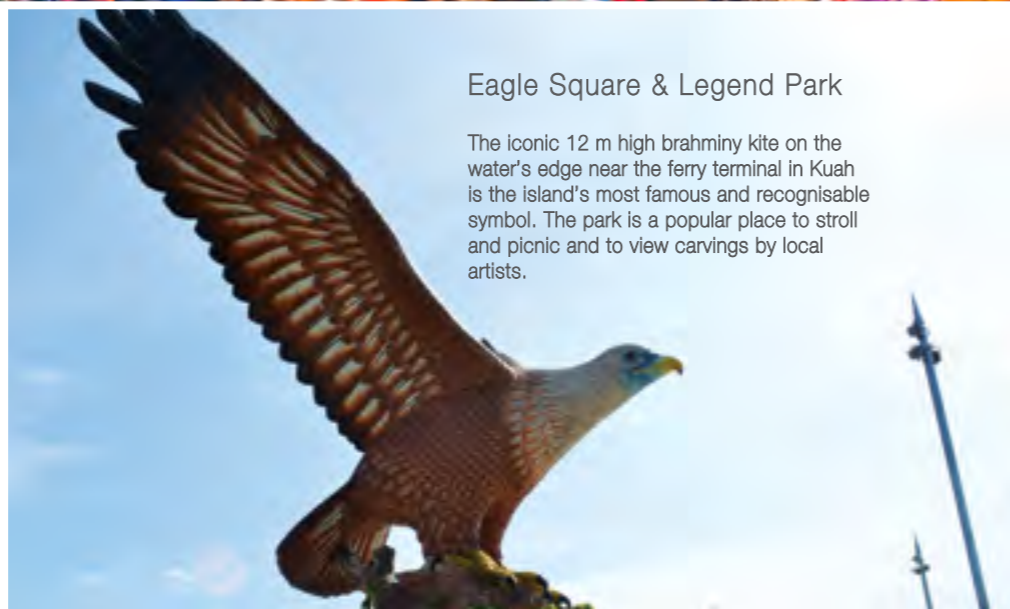


## Night Markets

Daily night markets are a Malaysian institution; leisurely strolling, shopping, eating and mingling. They comprise a collection of stalls typically selling wet goods such as fruits, vegetables, meat, and fish, as well as snacks, toys, clothes and other items at very good value. A real 'local' happening scene! The night market is held in a different town or village every day of the week. The biggest is in Kuah Town, and takes place every Wednesday and Saturday. Ask your hotel for more information.

## Air Hangat Village

Wellness therapy with a distinctly local touch, and the result of yet another colourful local legend: The hot springs at Air Hangat Village are said to have been created from a titanic struggle that erupted during the wedding feast of two giants, resulting in the spilling of hot water which today soothes and rejuvenates from several small pools and a salt-water Jacuzzi. Air Hangat Village also features duty free shops and a theatre restaurant. Open daily 0900 to 2200.



## Eagle Square & Legend Park

The iconic 12 m high brahminy kite on the water's edge near the ferry terminal in Kuah is the island's most famous and recognisable symbol. The park is a popular place to stroll and picnic and to view carvings by local artists.



## Living Museum

## Kota Mahsuri

A shrine in memory of Mahsuri, the legendary 19th century Langkawi princess, is found in this typical Malay village surrounded by padi fields. There are souvenir shops and food stalls nearby. Open 0800 to 1800.



### Laman Padi (Rice Museum)

This is a museum dedicated to the production of rice. The heritage, history and development of the rice industry are documented, and feature active padi fields surrounding the museum. Open daily 0900 to 1700.



### Langkawi Craft Complex

A centre for the promotion of Malaysian arts & handicrafts – pewter, batik, textiles, beads, basketry, wood products, jewellery and art. Visitors can view artisans at work and buy their handicrafts. Also includes a Cultural Museum and a Wedding Museum. Open daily 1000 to 1800.



Galeria Perdana

### Galeria Perdana

The gallery houses the many awards, souvenirs and gifts given to Malaysia's fourth and longest-serving Prime Minister, Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. Open daily 0900 to 1700.



### Mardi Agro Park

At Mardi Agro Park, learn all about tropical fruits and vegetables, how they're grown, how new varieties are introduced, and much more. Open Saturday to Thursday from 0800 to 1700.



# Naturally Accommodating

*From world-class luxury resorts and superb deluxe beach and jungle hotels, to clean, comfy and budget lodgings, Langkawi has a great selection to suit your taste and your pocketbook. You could even opt to 'go local' – literally!*



World-class Hotels & Resorts

Sailing & Marinas

Health & Wellness

Langkawi Homestay  
Experience

# World-class Hotels & Resorts

A luxury suite overlooking an island-studded sea. A private bungalow on a secluded white sand beach framed by coconut palms. A five-star indulgence in the midst of tropical rainforest. A boutique hotel set in a tropical garden, or designed in a striking vernacular style... the options are seemingly endless. From world-class brands to local icons.

A variety of hotel options can be found in or around the main beach areas, including Pantai Chenang, Pantai Tengah, Pantai Kok, Teluk Datai, Teluk Burau, and Tanjung Rhu, as well as in Kuah. All offer great dining options, health & wellness centres, and (almost all) with exquisite sunset views!

Langkawi is also a major international destination for corporate events such as conventions and exhibitions. It hosts the prestigious semi-annual Langkawi International Maritime Aerospace show and yearly Royal Langkawi International Regatta, amongst others. An ideal venue for business functions in an unforgettable tropical island setting.

But no matter where you choose to stay, there will always be one constant: the graciousness, warmth and hospitality of your hosts will make an indelible impression upon you, and will be one of the reasons you will



Four Seasons  
Resort Langkawi



The Danna  
Langkawi Resort



# Sailing & Marinas

Royal Langkawi Yacht Club

One of the best ways to explore Langkawi and the archipelago is by boat. Excursions, either by tour or chartered boat or private yacht, afford an unforgettable experience in the island-sprinkled Andaman Sea. Langkawi boasts four marinas: the Royal Langkawi Yacht Club, Telaga Harbour Marina, Rebak Marina and ResortWorld. All provide safe berths with world-class service facilities for visiting yachts.



Telaga Harbour Marina



## Health & Wellness

Langkawi is also becoming increasingly known as a top health & wellness destination. With its ideal natural setting, conducive environment, and first-class facilities and services, Langkawi offers unique opportunities for healing, rejuvenating and beauty treatments during your visit.

A crossroads of ancient maritime trade routes, the island embraces spa rituals reflecting the distinctive blend of Malaysia's diverse cultures: the healing and beauty practices of the orang asli – the aboriginal rainforest tribes; indigenous Malay healing rituals; Ayurvedic treatments native to India; and traditional Chinese medicine. Complementing these, the local spas also offer popular treatments from all over the world.



## Langkawi Homestay Experience

Imagine living in a traditional house in the countryside. Wake up to the sound of birds and cockerels, and enjoy a pleasant stay with your friendly host family. Langkawi Homestay Experience gives you a taste of 'down home' life in a 'kampung' or traditional Malay village, where you can enjoy warm Malaysian hospitality, learn first-hand about Malaysian culture and traditions, and immerse yourself in fascinating village-style living. It's a travel experience unlike any other – one that you will treasure always! For information, contact the Homestay Association of Langkawi.



# Naturally Inviting



Getting There

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Do's & Don'ts



# Getting There

## By Air

Langkawi International Airport is 20 km from Kuah and 8km from the beach resorts on Cenang Beach. Malaysia Airlines and budget airline AirAsia provide regular direct service from Kuala Lumpur. Malaysia Airlines also flies direct from Penang to Langkawi. Firefly flies 3 times a week and Silk Air once daily from Singapore to the island.

## By Sea

Ferry service to Langkawi operates daily from Kuala Kedah and Kuala Perlis (duration 1 hr 15 min and 45 min respectively); from Penang to Langkawi (2 hrs 45 min); and from Satun, Thailand (1 hr 15 min).

Or how about a novel alternative: by cruise ship. Cruises are of varying duration depending on the ports of call en route. Embarkation points are Port Klang (KL) and Singapore. For enquires on cruise packages, contact your travel agent or the cruise operator.

## By Road

Visitors travelling by road drive to Kuala Kedah or Kuala Perlis on the northwest coast of Peninsular Malaysia, the main takeoff points by ferry to Langkawi. The journey from Kuala Lumpur to Kuala Kedah takes about six hours while Kuala Perlis is another hour away. Car parking facilities are available at both jetties.

## By Rail

Keretapi Tanah Melayu (KTM) or Malaysia Railway provides comfortable and economical rail service from Kuala Lumpur to Alor Setar and Arau. From Alor Setar or Arau, you can take a taxi or bus to Kuala Kedah or Kuala Perlis and then proceed by ferry to Langkawi.

# Getting Around



## Car Rental/Hire

Roads in Langkawi are well signposted and in good condition so hiring a car is a good option. You will need to watch out for motorbike riders, the occasional water buffalo that may wander onto the road, and wildlife crossings. It is recommended that you use a licensed and insured car rental company to prevent any unpleasant incidents in the event of an accident.

## Taxi

Taxis are readily available and resort staff can make bookings for you. Taxis work on a fixed price basis and we recommend you check the rate card when your fare is quoted. Some taxi drivers speak English better than others and they can be useful for round-island trips as they can show you many points of interest. Taxis can be hired from the airport, all hotels and from major attractions.





# Getting Up to Speed

## Useful Contacts

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Emergency Services (Police/Ambulance/Fire Dept.)                      | 999           |
| Telephone Directory Enquires  | 108           |
| International Operator  | 103           |
| Police  | +604-966 6222 |
| Hospital  | +604-966 3333 |
| Post Office   | +604-966 7291 |
| Tourism Malaysia  | +604-966 7789 |
| Customs Office, Airport   | +604-955 1832 |
| Immigration Department  | +604-956 1400 |
| Taxi, Kuah Town   | +604-966 5249 |
| Taxi, Airport   | +604-955 1800 |
| Langkawi International Airport  | +604-955 1311 |
| Malaysia Airlines (MAS)   | 1 300 88 3000 |
| AirAsia   | +604-955 7750 |
| Firefly   | +604-955 9622 |
| Silk Air  | +604-955 9771 |
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## Climate

The island's tropical climate offers year-round temperatures within a fairly narrow and predictable range, with an annual average temperature range of 25-32 Celsius. December through February comprises the dry season, moderate rainfall from April to September, and the wet season is October and November.

## Currency

The Malaysian currency is normally referred to as Ringgit or RM. Check hotel, bank, or currency exchanges for daily conversion rates.

## Medical Services (Hospital, Pharmacy, Dental)

Modern, 24-hour medical service is available at Langkawi Hospital on the outskirts of Kuah Town. Most clinics are located in Kuah.

# Do's & Don'ts

## Please Do:

1. Use the services of responsible local guides. Respect the rights of animals.
2. Use less plastic.
3. Minimise noise and activity in natural areas so as not to disturb nature.
4. Support the efforts of local environmental organisations like the Malaysia Nature Society (MNS) and the WWF-Malaysia (World Wide Fund for Nature Malaysia).
5. Enjoy yourself and tell others about Langkawi's wonderful natural assets.
6. Drive with caution to avoid road accidents, AND LOOK OUT FOR CROSSING WILDLIFE.
7. Enjoy nature in the wild.

## Please Don't:

1. DON'T LITTER! – especially plastic bags and bottles.
2. Don't alter, destroy or move plants, nests, shells, limestone or corals.
3. Don't disturb animals (or other nature lovers).
4. Don't feed the animals – they know what's healthiest for them!
5. Don't try to pet animals (especially monkeys!).
6. Don't buy ANY seashells or coral products, as this only encourages unsustainable practices.
7. Don't talk loudly in caves.

An aerial photograph of a vast, turquoise sea under a clear sky. In the foreground, a small motorboat with a red and white hull is moving from the bottom left towards the center, leaving a white wake. The water's surface is shimmering with sunlight. In the middle ground, a large, dark, forested island is prominent on the right. Further back, another smaller island is visible. The background features a range of blue mountains or hills under a pale sky.

MAP of  
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