

CHRISTMAS IN MALAYSIA

14 December 2026

15 Day Small Group Hosted Tour
From your Front Door & Back Again



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Celebrate a Tropical Christmas in Malaysia!

Step into a festive wonderland like no other with our 15-day Christmas in Malaysia Tour, where the magic of the holidays meets the vibrant charm of Southeast Asia. Malaysia, a dazzling tapestry of cultures and landscapes, offers a perfect blend of modern cities, historic towns, and breathtaking natural beauty.

Our festive journey begins in Kuala Lumpur, a cosmopolitan city aglow with holiday cheer, where glittering skyscrapers rise beside timeless traditions. We explore the iconic landmarks including the Petronas Twin Towers, and vibrant neighbourhoods beautifully enhanced by seasonal decorations and celebrations that reflect Malaysia's rich cultural diversity. Historic architecture and dramatic landscapes await at Thean Hou Temple, the Sikh Temple, the impressive Batu Caves, and the colonial-era Sultan Abdul Samad Building. In Taiping and Ipoh, tranquil lakes, colonial charm, and serene cave temples provide picturesque moments and memorable photo opportunities.

In Cameron Highlands, where rolling tea plantations, manicured gardens, and the cascading Iskander waterfalls create a serene holiday escape, we breathe in the crisp mountain air and embrace the peaceful beauty of the highlands, enjoying a refreshing contrast to the cities below and a festive atmosphere set amid nature's splendour.

On this journey, Christmas unfolds in Penang, a captivating island where heritage, creativity, and modern sophistication come together. We enjoy scenic hilltop views from Penang Hill, explore cultural landmarks, and wander the colourful streets of George Town, all brought to life with festive décor and celebrations. With leisure days built in, allow yourself some special me-time to relax and indulge in the resort's luxurious amenities, or venture out to explore the island's vibrant culture, festive charm, and unique local treasures.

From dazzling city lights to serene highlands and historic streets, this tour offers the perfect mix of adventure, culture, and tropical Christmas magic. Celebrate the holidays in a warm, welcoming country where festive lights sparkle under tropical skies and traditions blend with modernity.

Make this Christmas unforgettable with us on a journey full of wonder, joy, and Malaysian charm!





TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Kuala Lumpur – Modern Skylines & Timeless Culture

- **Cultural Experience** – Dive into local life at Chow Kit Wet Market and Central Market in Merdeka Square
- **Historic & Sacred Landmarks** – Thean Hou Temple, the Sikh Temple, the dramatic Batu Caves, and the colonial-era Sultan Abdul Samad Building.
- **City Icon** – Take in sky-high city views from the Petronas Twin Towers, with access to the Skybridge and Observation Deck.

Taiping & Ipoh – Heritage Charm & Natural Beauty

- **Taiping** – Taiping Lake Gardens, framed by lakes, rain trees, and rolling hill views.
- **Ipoh** – The intriguing Kellie's Castle, the serene Kek Lok Tong Cave Temple, and Birch Memorial Clock Tower.

Cameron Highlands – Cool Countryside Retreat

- **Iskandar Waterfalls** – A picturesque jungle waterfall surrounded by cool, forested scenery.
- **Leisure Time at Resort** – Relax into highland life with afternoon tea, spa treatments, twinkling Christmas lights, and carollers.
- **Choose Your Own Activities** – Enjoy free time to explore, from golf and jungle trails to tea plantations, farms, and colourful gardens.

Penang – Pearl of the Orient

- **George Town** – Hop aboard a trishaw and roll through this UNESCO World Heritage Site, where historic streets buzz with life and colour.
- **Penang Hill Excursion** – Ride the historic railway to sweeping views, visit Kek Lok Si Temple, and wander the atmospheric Clan Jetties.
- **Festive Set Dinning** – Celebrate together with a special Christmas Eve dinner and a joyful Christmas Day lunch.
- **Leisure Time at Resort** – Treat yourself to fine dining and local flavours, world-class spa treatments, golf, and swimming pools.
- **Make Your Own Adventure** – Stroll along Feringgi Beach and discover the local area.

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MON 14 Depart New Zealand

Let the journey begin! Fly from New Zealand to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's dynamic capital, where every corner holds a new discovery, from bustling markets and colorful streets to historic sites and stunning architecture. Your Malaysian adventure starts the moment you land. Auckland Airport lounge access and in-flight meals are included.

TUE 15 Arrival in Kuala Lumpur

Upon arrival, our local English-speaking guide will welcome us and transfer us to our hotel, where we can relax, refresh, and soak in the festive Christmas atmosphere before tomorrow's Malaysian adventures.

Kuala Lumpur, often called KL, is Malaysia's bustling and dynamic capital, where modern skyscrapers meet traditional culture. The city began in the mid-19th century as a small tin-mining settlement and, under British colonial rule, grew into a major hub for trade and commerce. Officially declared the capital of the Federated Malay States in 1896, Kuala Lumpur today is a vibrant metropolis that seamlessly blends its colonial heritage with contemporary urban life, offering a unique mix of history, culture, and modern energy.



WED 16 Kuala Lumpur

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After our first breakfast in Malaysia, we embark on an exploration of Kuala Lumpur, the spiritual and cultural heart of the country.

We begin with a visit to **Thean Hou Temple**, one of Southeast Asia's largest temples, completed in 1987. Known as the Temple of Heaven God, the temple showcases a stunning blend of traditional and modern architecture.

Afterwards, we explore the bustling **Chow Kit Wet Market**, where the vibrant sights and scents of fresh fruits, vegetables, and spices bring local life to vivid reality. It is a wonderful opportunity to observe local life and learn about ingredients commonly used in Malaysian home cooking.

We continue with a visit to a **Sikh Temple**, where we will gain insight into one of Malaysia's important religious communities. It is a great opportunity to learn about Sikh beliefs, traditions, and values and discover how Sikh culture contributes to Malaysia's multicultural society.

We continue with a leisurely walk through **Kampung Baru**, a traditional Malay village set against the backdrop of the modern city. Wooden stilt houses, leafy streets, and food stalls offer a glimpse into traditional Malay life. Along the way, we have a few fascinating stops to discover local plants and herbs used in Malaysian cooking and traditional remedies.

As evening falls, we gather for a welcome dinner, where the flavours and atmosphere reflect the cultural discoveries of the day.

THU 17 Kuala Lumpur

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We begin our 2nd day in Kuala Lumpur with a visit to the iconic **Petronas Twin Towers**, rising 452 meters above the city and recognized as one of the world's tallest twin structures. We enjoy access to the **Skybridge**, connecting the two towers, and the **Observation Deck**, where we take in breathtaking panoramic views of Kuala Lumpur's skyline and capture memorable photos.

We then continue to the city's historic and cultural precinct, passing through and stopping at key landmarks such as the **Sultan Abdul Samad Building**, an architectural masterpiece from the colonial era, **Merdeka Square**, where Malaysia's independence was declared, and the vibrant **Central Market**, offering a glimpse into traditional arts, crafts, and local life.

In the afternoon, we travel to the impressive **Batu Caves**, a natural limestone hill over 400 million years old. At the entrance, we are greeted by the towering golden statue of Lord Murugan, one of the tallest of its kind in the world. The cave temple is set high above, accessed by a brightly coloured staircase of 272 steps, where we experience the spiritual atmosphere of this important Hindu pilgrimage site with scenic views of the surrounding countryside. After free time for exploration and photos, we return to the city.



FRI 18 Kuala Lumpur - Ipoh

(B) (L) (D)

Today we set out on a scenic overland journey to Ipoh, the charming capital of Perak, traveling through picturesque countryside landscapes along the way.

En route, we stop in **Taiping**, one of Malaysia's oldest and most historically significant towns. Our visit includes the beautifully landscaped **Taiping Lake Gardens**, famed for its tranquil lakes, century-old rain trees, and sweeping views of the surrounding hills. We also explore Taiping's colonial-era architecture, historic shophouses, and key landmarks that reflect the town's rich heritage and its early tin-mining past.

Upon arrival in Ipoh, our home for the next two nights, we check in to our accommodation and settle in. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure, allowing time to relax or independently explore Ipoh's vibrant old town, heritage buildings and colorful street art.



SAT 19 Ipoh Sightseeing

(B) (L) (D)

This morning's plan is to immerse ourselves and uncover the charm of Ipoh's hidden treasures, delving into a collection of captivating landmarks that reveal the city's unique character.

Our exploration begins at **Kellie's Castle**, an enigmatic and unfinished mansion commissioned by a Scottish planter. Encircled by lush greenery, this atmospheric site is rich in legend and intrigue, its fascinating past continuing to captivate visitors from across the globe.

We then make our way to **Kek Lok Tong Cave Temple**, a tranquil Buddhist sanctuary concealed within a dramatic limestone cavern. Here, we experience a serene fusion of spirituality and nature, as soft daylight streams through the cave openings, illuminating peaceful shrines and beautifully landscaped gardens beyond.

As the day winds down, we visit the **Birch Memorial Clock Tower**, one of Ipoh's most recognizable historical landmarks. Erected in remembrance of the first British Resident of Perak, this striking monument stands as a powerful reminder of the city's colonial legacy and offers a beautiful backdrop for photographs and moments of contemplation.



SUN 20 Ipoh - Cameron Highlands (B) (L) (D)

We journey onward to the Cameron Highlands via the scenic town of **Tapah**, where mountain roads carry us through misty hills and lush tropical landscapes.

Along the way, we pause at the picturesque **Iskandar Waterfalls**, savoring the gentle sound of cascading water amid cool, forested surroundings. Our drive continues past fragrant rose gardens, vibrant vegetable farms, and rolling tea plantations, where immaculately trimmed emerald slopes stretch as far as the eye can see.

Upon arrival in the **Cameron Highlands**, we check in to our hotel and settle into the crisp mountain air and tranquil ambiance. The remainder of the evening is free to unwind at your own pace, whether enjoying the serene highland setting or simply relaxing in comfort. We stay for two nights in the Cameron Highlands, allowing ample time to fully savor its elegance and natural beauty.



MON 21 Cameron Highlands (B)

The day is reserved for relaxation and personal exploration to unwind, explore, and savor the serene beauty of the Cameron Highlands at your own pace.

- **Cultural & Local Life:** Discover Sampoh Temple, local markets, and a tea plantation experience
- **Leisure Time at the Resort** – Dine at The Lakehouse Restaurant, enjoy drinks at the Cameron Bar, savour afternoon tea on the Lakeview Terrace, or unwind in the Highlander Lounge.



TUE 22 Cameron Highlands - Penang (B) (D)

Leaving the cool landscapes of the Cameron Highlands behind, our leisurely pace of travel allows time to absorb and reflect on the places we visited and pleasure of the past few days with our new friends during this special time of the year.

We continue our journey toward Penang, affectionately known as the **“Pearl of the Orient.”** Upon arrival, we settle into our beach resort hotel, with time to unwind or simply soak up the relaxed atmosphere.

Celebrated for its rich cultural heritage and dynamic food scene, Penang offers a compelling blend of historic charm and contemporary life. Beyond the lively streets, we encounter lush green hills, serene temples, and scenic coastlines waiting to be discovered. Famed for its legendary street food, Penang brings together history, nature, and culinary tradition in a truly captivating way.



WED 23 Guided Tour of George Town (B) (D)

After our breakfast fix, we set out to uncover the soul of Penang with a guided exploration of **George Town**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site layered with stories from centuries past. A trishaw ride carries us through timeworn streets as the city’s colours, textures, and traditions unfold around us.

Along the way, we encounter historic landmarks that shaped the island’s early days, including **Fort Cornwallis**, the country’s largest surviving fort and a legacy of the British East India Company. Elegant reminders of the colonial era appear at the **Penang Town Hall** and along Beach Street. We then step inside the remarkable **Khoo Kongsi**, an ornate Chinese clan house whose intricate carvings and architecture reflect generations of craftsmanship and cultural pride.

Our journey continues through **Acheen Street** and to the **Kapitan Keling Mosque**, where Penang’s multicultural spirit is beautifully expressed. We make our way into Little India, a lively quarter alive with vivid colors, rhythmic music, and the irresistible aromas of traditional Indian fare.





Enjoy Penang Your Way

Leisure & Luxury at Shangri-La Rasa Sayang Resort

Dining & Bars - From gourmet dining to local flavors

- **Spice Market Café** – Casual yet inspired international and local dishes.
- **Feringgi Bar** – Drinks and live music in a relaxing atmosphere.
- **Feringgi Grill** - Elegant evenings with refined cuisine
- **Pinang Restaurant & Bar** – Sunset drinks and serene sea views to unwind.

Health & Wellness - Indulge and rejuvenate in ultimate luxury

- **Spa villas** - Caring treatments designed to relax, refresh, and revitalize
- **Hair & nail salon** - Professional pampering at your fingertips
- 24-hour ocean-view **gym** and **yoga/meditation studio**

Sports & Recreation

- **Swimming pools** within 30 acres of gardens
- Eight-hole, par-3 pitch-and-putt **golf course**

Transport

- Private taxi, and limousine services
- City shuttle and tour desk
- Rapid Penang bus from Teluk Bahang to Weld Quay

Make Your Own Penang Adventure

Feringgi & Beachside

- **Feringgi Beach Walk** – Scenic stroll along the shore with sea and hill views
- **Feringgi Walk** – Marketplace blending culture, cuisine, and shopping
- **Yahong Art Gallery** – Showcasing a fine collection of batik art
- **Batu Feringgi Night Market** – Souvenirs, street food, and live entertainment
- **Spice Garden** – Explore local spice farms
- **Entopia by Penang Butterfly Farm** – Immersive nature and butterfly experience
- **Teddyville Museum Penang** – Malaysia's first teddy bear collection
- **Tanjung Bungah Mosque** – Penang's famous floating mosque

George Town

- **Hin Bus Depot** – Art, crafts, and live music at a historic market
- **Wonderfood Museum** – Interactive Malaysian dish replicas and exhibits
- **Pinang Peranakan Mansion** – Collection of Peranakan antiques and heritage
- **Chowrasta Morning Market** – Local produce, snacks, and unique finds
- **Campbell Street Mall** – A variety of shops in central George Town

THU 24 Excursion to Penang Hill

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Christmas Eve has arrived and we set out for an excursion to Penang Hill. Once a favored retreat during the British colonial era, Penang Hill now stands as one of the island's most beloved viewpoints, offering refreshing cool air and sweeping panoramas across Penang. We journey to the summit aboard the historic **Penang Hill Railway**.

From the heights, our journey continues to **Kek Lok Si Temple**, one of Southeast Asia's largest and most striking Buddhist temple complexes, admired for its grand scale, intricate design, and spiritual presence. We then make our way to the **Penang Clan Jetties**, among the last enduring examples of traditional Chinese waterfront settlements on the island. Here, we wander along wooden walkways and stilted homes that stretch out over the water, pausing for scenic photographs and enjoying a relaxed stroll along the dockside as daily life unfolds around us.

This evening, we gather at the Feringgi Grill in our hotel to enjoy a **festive set dinner**, sharing good food and holiday cheer as we look forward to Santa's arrival tomorrow.

FRI 25 Penang | Leisure & Exploration

(B) (L)

Merry Christmas! Today we have some built in me-time to enjoy at our own pace. Indulge in the hotel's hospitality, such as a world-class spa, relaxing by the pools, or strolling along Batu Feringgi Beach, or venture out independently to explore the island's vibrant local culture, enjoy the festive Christmas vibe and decorations, and pick up gifts and souvenirs. Christmas day buffet lunch will be together with hats, crackers and all.

SAT 26 Penang | Leisure & Exploration

(B)

Boxing day is yours to unwind, refresh, and savor every moment, perhaps with a gentle wander, or time to relax and soak up Malaysia's warm tropical charm. Top up your tan, do some final shopping or join your host on a daily gentle walk.

SUN 27 Depart Malaysia

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Following our final breakfast in Malaysia, we bid farewell to the country's charm and culture, and are escorted to the airport as our journey home begins.

MON 28 Arrival in New Zealand

Returning safely to New Zealand, we take with us treasured memories of our time in Malaysia. We tick our bucket list off and look to see where to go next.

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You are invited to join us on our fully hosted small group tour, with a maximum number of guests is 18.

Based on the beautiful Kapiti Coast with our guests joining us from all corners of New Zealand, we believe you will be pleasantly surprised by just how much we include in our tour price.

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COUNTRY: Malaysia

DATES: 14 - 28 December 2026

Tour Inclusions:

- International flights ex Auckland
- Fully Hosted from New Zealand
- Home pick-up/drop-off. T&C's apply
- Quality Accommodation
- All gratuities to local guides and coach drivers
- Services of local English-speaking guides throughout
- All Meals as per itinerary
- All excursions and activities as per itinerary
- Twin Share: From \$13,995 per person
- Single: From \$17,995 per person
- Other departure locations available on request
- Flight upgrades available upon request

