

Transportation - Getting Around Malaysia

Getting around Malaysia is affordable and convenient. Public buses and taxis are one of the most popular modes of transportation in the country. The Light Rail Transit (LRT) and other inter-city rail services offer hassle-free accessibility to well-known landmarks in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor, as well as connections to outlying districts and nearby towns.

BY AIR

The national carrier, Malaysian Airlines, and the budget airline, AirAsia, offer domestic air travel to major cities in the Peninsular and East Malaysia. Locations linked to Kuala Lumpur include Ipoh, Penang, Alor Star, Langkawi, Kota Bharu, Kuala Terengganu, Kuantan, Johor Bahru, Kota Kinabalu, Sandakan, Lahad Datu, Tawau, Labuan, Kuching, Sibu, Bintulu and Miri.

BY ROAD

Connected to the country's major road networks, most towns and cities on the Peninsular are easily accessed via the North-South Expressway. Alternatively, they can be reached via a myriad of other modern highways and roads. Also, there are many comfortable bus services between cities and towns. Charges for outstation travel are usually set at reasonable metered rates.

BY RAIL

Connecting the major cities and towns on the west and east coasts of Malaysia, the rail network extends from neighbouring Singapore, in the south, up to Thailand, in the north. First-class coaches are air-conditioned with single or double berths. Second-class coaches also have sleeping berths. The KTM Komuter Train Service that runs from Port Klang to Seremban connects several satellite towns around Kuala Lumpur to the city. For more information on Keretapi Tanah Melayu (KTM) or Malayan Rail, train fares, timetables, routes and tour packages, visit www.ktmb.com.my.

BY SEA

Ferry services connect most popular islands to the mainland. In the Peninsular, the charming ferry journey between Butterworth and Penang is still popular despite the Penang Bridge link. A modern ferry service runs between Kuala Perlis or Kuala Kedah, on the mainland, and Pulau Langkawi, a major tourist destination. Regular boat services also connect Lumut to Pangkor Island; and Tanjung Gemok or Mersing to Tioman Island. In Sabah, a longboat service connects Labuan to Menumbak. In rural Sarawak, the major means of transportation are air-conditioned express boats.