



## You're traveling to Malaysia!

This short guide will help you prepare for your upcoming journey with Alluring Asia.

### *Passports & Visa*

A valid passport with a minimum of six months validity remaining from the date of entry and evidence of onward/return ticket are required. US citizens do not need a visa to enter Malaysia for tourist or business travel for stays up to 90 days.

*Click on bullet items below for more information.*

- Apply for a passport
- Renew by mail
- Report and replace lost/stolen U.S. passport
- Correct or change U.S. passport information

### *Immuzinations & Vaccines*

We strongly recommend you seek the advice of your physician for all travel vaccinations. For additional information please visit [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel).

### *Tipping*

Service charges of 10% are added to bills in most leading hotels and restaurants. Where it is not included, a tip of 10-15% of the bill would be appropriate.

Airport porter/hotel bellboy:  
\$1.00 - \$2.00 USD per bag.

Your tour guide:  
\$10.00 - \$12.00 USD per person per day.

Driver/assistants:  
\$6.00 - \$7.00 USD per person per day.

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## What to Pack

Dress is casual and relaxed but modest in style with the climate being hot and humid most time of year. Bring lightweight, loose fitting clothing in natural fibers like linen, silk, and cotton, to be the most comfortable.

Outside of the major cities dress is more traditional and rigid and your shoulders, stomach, hips and legs should be covered.

Bring a scarf, sarong or pashmina to cover your head and arms when visiting religious sites.

An umbrella and rain jacket are essential during the rainy season from October-April, but even during the other months it's wise to have one with you for those occasional showers.

Mosquito repellent, sunscreen, sun hat, sunglasses, hand sanitizer/handi-wipes, binoculars and a flashlight with extra batteries are all necessities.

Hiking/trekking shoes and a good pair of city walking shoes.

Hotels, restaurants and shopping malls are usually air-conditioned and can be chilly so be sure to pack a shawl, wrap or pullover.

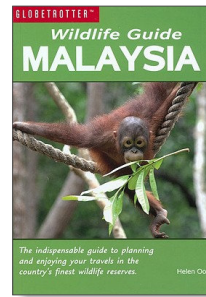
Water purifier or a Safe Water Drinking Bottle since water is not safe to drink in Malaysia.

Electronic chargers for your camera, phone, iPad, etc. and extra camera memory card(s).

Electrical converter and outlet adapter. Their electrical voltage is 240 volts AC, 50HZ and they use a three prong outlet.

Due to restricted weight limits on all the Domestic flights (20kg or 44 pounds) it is recommended that you travel as light as possible.

## Reading List



### **Globetrotter Wildlife Guide Malaysia**

Author: Helen Oon, Field Guide, 2008,

A compact field guide to the wildlife of Malaysia, highlighting the parks and preserves. Illustrated with photos, maps and color plates.



### **A History of Malaysia**

Author: Leonard Y.

Andaya and Barbara Watson Andaya, History, 2001

This scholarly yet readable work tracks Malaysia's socio-political development, from the appearance of the famed Malay empire Srivijaya onto the historical scene in the late seventh century to the formation of the Federation of Malaysia and its transition into the 21st century. This is a panoramic historical overview of a multicultural society that supports one of the most dynamic economies in Asia.



### **Evening Is the Whole Day**

Author: Preeta

Samarasan, Literature, 2009

Set in post-colonial Malaysia, this richly textured debut novel depicts the unraveling of a wealthy family, and the six-year-old daughter left reeling from losses and departures. Samarasan's unflinching yet tender examination of one immigrant family's experience exposes the complexities and layered history of Malaysia itself.