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OF AMAZING EXPERIENCES



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MAP**



# Discover **Malaysia & Singapore**

Experience the best of Malaysia & Singapore

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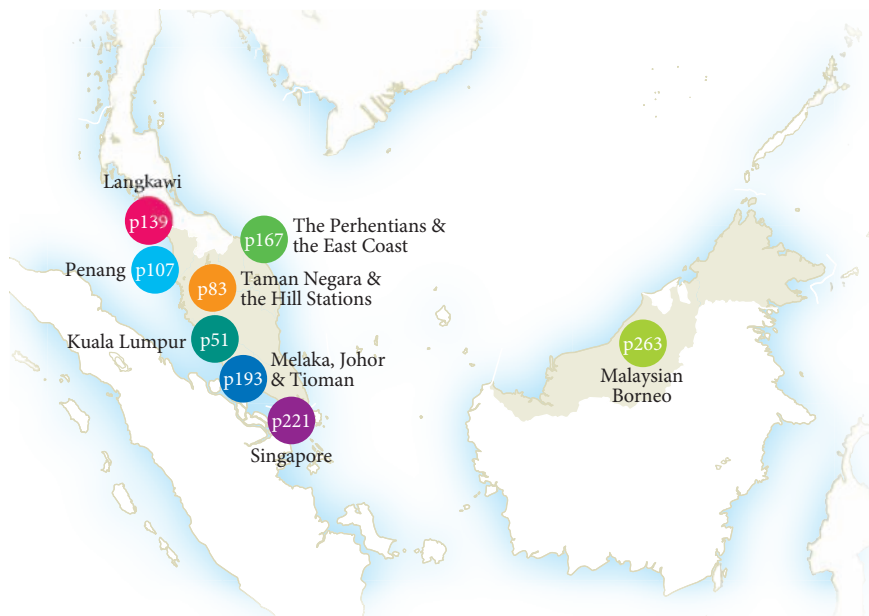
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# This is Malaysia & Singapore

Southeast Asia's dynamic duo offer wildlife-rich jungles, beautiful beaches, idyllic islands, culinary sensations, and multiethnic culture in 21st-century metropolises.

## Malaysia's primary jungle is among the most ancient ecosystems on earth.

Significant swathes remain intact, protected by national parks and conservation projects. Join a ranger-led nature walk and you'll be alerted to the mind-boggling biodiversity all around: the pitcher plants, lianas and orchids of the humid lowlands, and the conifers and rhododendrons of the high-altitude forests. The icing on this verdant cake is the chance to encounter wildlife in its natural habitat. The most common sightings will be of a host of insects or colourful birdlife, but you could get lucky and spot a foraging tapir, a silvered leaf monkey, or an orang-utan swinging through the jungle canopy. The oceans are just as bountiful – you can snorkel or dive among shoals of tropical fish, paint-box corals, turtles, sharks and dolphins.

## Urban explorers won't be disappointed either.

Singapore is a city showstopper that combines a historical legacy of elegant colonial buildings with stunning contemporary architecture and world-class attractions like its zoo, museums and amazing botanical gardens (two of them!). Malaysia's capital Kuala Lumpur (KL) is less organised but perhaps more appealing because of that – a place where Malay *kampung* (village) life stands cheek by jowl with the glitz of the Petronas Towers, and shoppers shuttle from traditional wet markets to air-conditioned mega-malls. The historical cores of Melaka and George Town (Penang) are inscribed on the Unesco World Heritage list for their unique architectural and cultural townscapes, developed over a half a millennium of Southeast Asian cultural and trade exchange. Both should be high on your to-visit list.

## The region's potpourri of cultures mirrors the natural environment's diversity.

Each ethnic group has its own language and cultural practices that you can best appreciate through a packed calendar of festivals and a delicious variety of cuisines.

“  
The icing  
on this  
verdant  
cake is the  
chance to  
encounter  
wildlife in  
its natural  
habitat  
”

