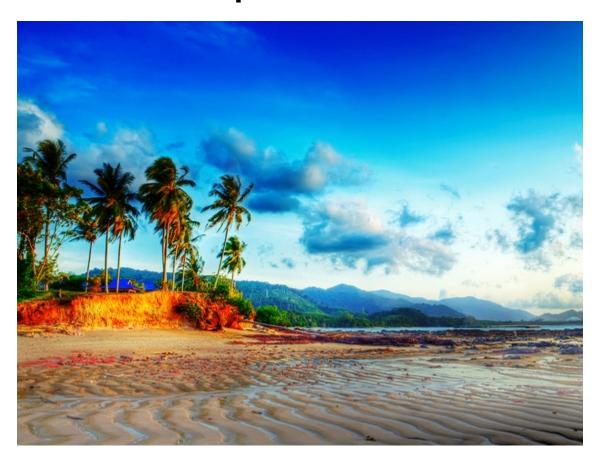


# Embark on a Yacht Charter Vacation in Majestic Malaysia that Will Leave You Spellbound



One of Southeast Asia's most alluring charter destinations, bountiful Malaysia is well-worth exploring during a luxury charter vacation among family or friends. Part of this genuine mingle of cultures is located on a peninsula in mainland Asia, with the other part on the island of Borneo. The country is blessed with a generous number of islands, islets and sheltered coves that are a splendid charter ground for a high-performance catamaran, elegant mega yacht, swift power boat or classic sailing yacht.

Malaysia is a culturally wealthy nation offering treasures galore for charter guests to explore during their lavish cruise. Gear up for a relaxing holiday in this exotic slice of

paradise whose unsurpassed beauty will enchant you every step of the way. Malaysia is great to visit year-round, although to make the most out of your holiday, it is best to sail from Singapore between February and June.

If you travel between November and January, you'll encounter the Northeast Monsoon season, which dumps plenty of rain on the city. Travel during the late summer and early autumn to enjoy a slight break in the tourist traffic. The Southwest Monsoon arrives between June and September, but it is less severe than its Northeast counterpart. During this low tourist season, Singapore sees peak temperatures.



## A Monarchy Steeped in History

Malaysia will be a joy to discover for all history buffs. Before the Age of Discovery and the rise of European colonial powers, the Malaysian peninsula and archipelago were home to a number of powerful empires and sultanates. At one point settled even by Indians, the Malay population continues to transmit glorious Hindu legends from this flourishing period of history.

The first Europeans to have established a colony on these lands were the British who came to power at the end of the 18th century and later shared the region with the Dutch. Malaysia lived a turbulent past, the most recent being World War II leaving the British States weakened by their Japanese opponent and resulting in the monarchy's independence in the 1950s.



### **Johor**

Do not be discouraged by the fact that Johor is one of the most developed regions of Malaysia because this state boasts more pristine areas than one could believe. Johor is the direct border state with Singapore so guests are welcome to choose either a more animated charter vacation close to the city or an immaculate holiday sailing around the state's untouched islets and coves. Johor's East Coast is lined with a plethora of sandy stretches of land, including Desaru, a 26 kilometer-long beach and resort strip where kayaking, canoeing, water skiing, swimming, snorkeling or diving will be a true delight.

Sailing up North along the mainland's East Coast, guests will reach Tioman Island, a quaint and rather small retreat lined with eight humble villages, a dense verdant rainforest and vibrant coral reefs, making it a perfect snorkeling and diving spot. The island serves as a government-protected bird sanctuary and nature reserve with species such as frigatebird, macaque, black giant squirrel or slow loris. From hiking through the dense forest, to discovering the island's breathtaking, immaculate waterfalls, to lounging around on the beach or treating yourself to a rejuvenating massage in an elegant resort, Tioman Island will simply mesmerize you.



### Malacca

Traveling north from Singapore and Johor is Malaysia's third smallest region, Malacca. Dubbed Malaysia's historic state, Malacca is the third smallest region of the country. Although of minor importance considering its size, Malacca is of a great cultural and historic significance. Malacca may not sport as many exquisite beaches as the neighboring Kedah (near Langkawi to the north), but charter guests will not be disappointed with their time spent in this utopian slice of heaven.

Just a few miles off the coasts of Malacca City sits a quaint island of Pulau Besar, an imperative port of call for a luxury charter catamaran. The island is quite mysterious with many fables and legends lying behind its origin. According to many local storytellers, the island was formed after a heart-broken pregnant widowed princess jumped into the water and floated until her body took the shape of the island. Visit a storied cave believed to have been used as a training spot by ancient warriors, or the giant Split Rock. There are a couple of high-end resorts, a yacht club and plenty of options for water sports fun while activities include beachcombing, picnicking, swimming, snorkeling and hiking, to name but a few.



# Malaysian Cuisine

With Malaysia's population made up of three main ethnic groups being the Malays, Chinese and Indians, the nation's culinary style is well diverse and composed of many different flavors. This rich cuisine is largely based on rice, noodles, poultry, beef, pork, seafood as well as fresh vegetables and fruit, including durian, rambutan, lychee, mango or guava. Coconut milk is a staple ingredient not only for main dishes but also desserts, along with gula melaka (coconut palm sugar) and tropical fruit.



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