

Malaysia - one of the countries in the Lonely Planet's ten hottest countries for next year

Malaysia often gets criticised as being mild in comparison with its grittier neighbours, Thailand and Indonesia. It's true, natural disasters and coups only seem to happen across its borders, the roads don't have too many potholes, buses and trains have air-con and plush seats, and hotels are of international standard. While troubles are few, visiting Malaysia lets you leap into the jaws of one of the most interesting parts of Southeast Asia's roaring cultural smorgasbord – and not be too worried about it. Cheap connections to Europe and great exchange rates mean that you won't get eaten up by your wallet either.

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