Malaysia:

- Language: Bahasa Malaysia, English and other local dialects
- Currency: Ringgit Malaysia (RM or MYR)
- Weather: Tropical sunshine with heavy showers on certain months. Average temperature: 22°C 35°C
- Time Zone: GMT+8
- Telephone Code: +60
- Electric Socket: 220-240 Volt
- Emergency Service Numbers: 999

Langkawi:

Langkawi is a small island in Malaysia in the North West Direction, bordering on Thailand.... KL (Capital of Malaysia) is around 250 miles down south as indicated in the map below.



Resort Details:

Aseania Resort, Langkawi Island, Malaysia Website: <u>http://www.aseanialangkawi.com/</u>

SJC91 batch get together dates:

Check-in: Wednesday AM 11th Check-out: July to Sunday AM 15th of July



Transport: Flights & Ferries to Langkawi

Langkawi can be accessed through the main aviation hubs of Singapore and Kuala Lumpur as well as through more minor ports such as Penang .

Other options for travel to Langkawi include ferries from Kuala Kedah (Kedah), Kuala Perlis (Perlis), and Satun (Thailand) or via speedboat from the small Thai islands of Tarutao for part of the year. Travelling by air is the most popular way for international tourists.

From Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA)

Malaysia Airlines www.malaysiaairlines.com

From Kuala Lumpur Low Cost Carrier Terminal (KLCC) (30 minute drive from KLIA & approx 1hr from KL City Centre) AirAsia www.airasia.com

From Kuala Lumpur Subang Airport (15 minutes from City Center) Firefly <u>www.fireflyz.com</u>

From Singapore International Airport Silk Air <u>www.silkair.com</u> Air Asia <u>www.airasia.com</u>

From Penang Firefly <u>www.fireflyz.com</u>

By Ferry from Penang, Kuala Kedah, Kuala Perlis, or Thailand Satun, Koh Lipe or Tarutao Langkawi Ferry <u>www.langkawi-ferry.com</u>

Things to remember (captured from various feedbacks and comments on the internet):

Car Rental/Taxi:

Rental cars are cheap but you get what you pay for – so be careful. Malaysia driving is same as in UK and Sri Lanka, on the left.

Taxi's are cheap too.

Cash, Banks & ATMs:

Firstly, you have to consider the law, Malaysian Currency Exchange Control Order (Import and Export) (General) 1998 states:

Non-resident Travellers is allowed to import; <u>Ringgit Malaysia not exceeding RM1,000 each</u>; and any amount in foreign currency and travellers' cheque, but must be declared in IMM26 form if the total amount exceeded USD10,000.

Exchanging cash in Malaysia is EASY

- FOREX (FOreign EXchange) booths are very common and clearly post their daily exchange rates on an electronic notice board.
- NO fees or charges to bring your home currency, and NO fees or charges to exchange it into Ringitt in Malaysia
- It is best not buy any Malaysian currency until you arrive in Malaysia.
- The rates offered in Malaysia are ALWAYS BETTER than you could get back home.
- FOREX booths accept ALL MAJOR currencies.
- DO remember to bring ONLY bank notes in good overall condition.
- FOREX booths generally WILL NOT accept bank notes that are torn, ripped, damaged or are excessively marked/stamped.
- It is the easiest to use, and in most cases the cheapest as well, but has obvious risks associated with loss.
- You do not have to present ID to exchange foreign currency.
- Make sure you count your money for clerical errors BEFORE you walk away from the exchange counter.

My personal recommendation is that you exchange some Malaysian Ringgit up at home country before you leave for Malaysia just so you have enough for your incidental expenses such as buying a drink, paying for taxi etc.

There are few ATMs on the island and they usually work fine. There is 2 ATM at in Pantai Cenang at Underwaterworld. There are a few moneychangers along the main street (only street) in Pantai Cenang. If that Atm is out of order (empty) then there are two more ATMs at the airport and another at Telaga Harbour.

Credit cards are widely accepted. But be careful of possible scamming and do not let the card out of your sight.

Dining:

Compared to mainland Malaysia restaurant prices are drastically overpriced with many restaurants charging western prices for western food. If you want an authentic experience stick to the local stalls which offer the usual standard dishes at reasonable prices.

Things to do in Langkawi:

Underwater World

Fascinating marine life such as sharks and adorable rockhopper penguins for your enjoyment! When: Mon-Thur, 9.30am – 6.30pm; Fri-Sun, 9.30am – 8.30pm; Public Holidays, 9.30am – 8.30pm; Admission: RM38-Adult, RM28-Child (3-12 years) How: Taxi–10 mins from airport Contact: Zon Pantai Cenang +6049556100

Eagle Square

Langkawi's most prominent landmark with scenic ponds and restaurants is fronted by a huge eagle statue.

Kilim Geoforest Park

This UNESCO Geopark offers activities like visiting the fish farm, bat cave exploring, and eagle feeding by the river.

Beaches

Take your pick of beaches like Cenang (main beach), Tengah (for some quiet), Kok (for luxurious moments) and Tanjung Rhu (for high-end splurges).

Tanjung Rhu Waterfall

A cycle, a trek and a few kilometers on foot later unveils nature's true wonder.

Craft Cultural Complex

Everything from gleaming silverware to batik silk is on display. Catch local craftsmen at work too and don't forget to bring home a memento or two.

The Zon Duty-Free Shopping Complex

Grab your hands on sweets, snacks, drinks, souvenirs and more!

Night Market

Get a taste of local culture and products while you're eyeing for that special something to buy.