

Island In The Sun

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Lying off the northwestern coast of Peninsular Malaysia, Langkawi is an archipelago of 99 tropical islands that covers an area of 32,848 hectares. The main island is Pulau Langkawi. The name is believed to have originated from the abundance of eagles on the island and the geological wonder of its landscape. The name probably came from combining the words 'helang' (eagle in Malay) and 'kawi' (marble in Sanskrit), to get 'helang-kawi' which was eventually toned down to Langkawi.



Legends and folklore abound on the island, with the main one being that Langkawi was home to fairies and spirits. The classical Malay mythological epic, Hikayat Merong Mahawangsa also tells of Garuda the giant eagle that resides on the island.

Legends aside, the island of Langkawi is an exotic holiday destination that offers world-class accommodation and amenities sitting side by side with idyllic beaches, ancient rainforests and quaint villages. White sand beaches fringed by lush tropical vegetation offer sun-filled days of complete relaxation. Clear emerald seas reflecting the azure skies provide a host of water sports and recreational activities, while diving enthusiasts explore a magical marine world. Nature has been very generous with this tropical paradise.

Near Kuah jetty where most visitors disembark, a giant sculpture of an eagle greets them. It is worth a visit at night when the statue is beautifully illuminated. Another must see attraction is the Underwater World Langkawi, which exhibits more than 5,000 marine species.

The west of the island has many attractions among them Pantai Chenang, a beautiful stretch of beach. Located nearby is a wooden Thai palace built in the Rathanakosin style, which was commissioned for the Hollywood blockbuster "Anna and the King." Next to it



Bangkok (BKK) – Langkawi (LGK)

Flight	Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Frequency
FD 3567	BKK	LGK	13:55	16:30	2,4,6*
FD 3566	LGK	BKK	17:10	17:45	2,4,6*

*indicates following day
Day of service
2 - Tuesday
4 - Thursday
6 - Saturday

is the Oriental Village, a modern shopping centre that showcases handicrafts and cuisine from all over Asia.

Further north, the Seven Wells is a spectacular succession of seven pools joined by waterfalls. On the way back to Kuah, do not miss the Malay Book Village and the Crystal World where talented craftsmen create intricate shapes from crystal.

Nature lovers will enjoy the Pulau Payar Marine Park, one of Malaysia's best-known marine life sanctuaries, home to endangered species and colourful.

The island's geological make up offers visitors some fascinating sandstone formations and granite intrusions. Gunung Machinchang is one of the oldest rock formations in Southeast Asia, and involves an exhilarating ride on the Langkawi Cable Car over the forest canopy and up the mountain's escarpment to the summit at 713m. Another must-see is the legendary Tasik Dayang Bunting (Lake of the Pregnant Maiden), a beautiful freshwater lake located on limestone within the rainforest. It is Langkawi's largest lake and is separated from the sea by a thin rock wall. Walk through the forests and paddle or swim in the lake.

With an abundance of culture, mysteries, legends, natural bounty, and plenty of activities, Langkawi is the perfect getaway for families or friends looking for a great holiday. 🌴

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