



STUDENT GUIDE TO **MALAYSIA**

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ABOUT MALAYSIA

- Malaysia is a **multicultural** Southeast-Asian hub, with **Kuala Lumpur** as the capital.
- Home to around **34 million people** and host to many **branch campuses** of UK and Australian universities.
- **English is widely used** and the medium of instruction.
- An **affordable** destination close to India with a tropical climate.
- The **Malaysian Ringgit (RM)** is the official currency.
- Some of the most popular student cities:

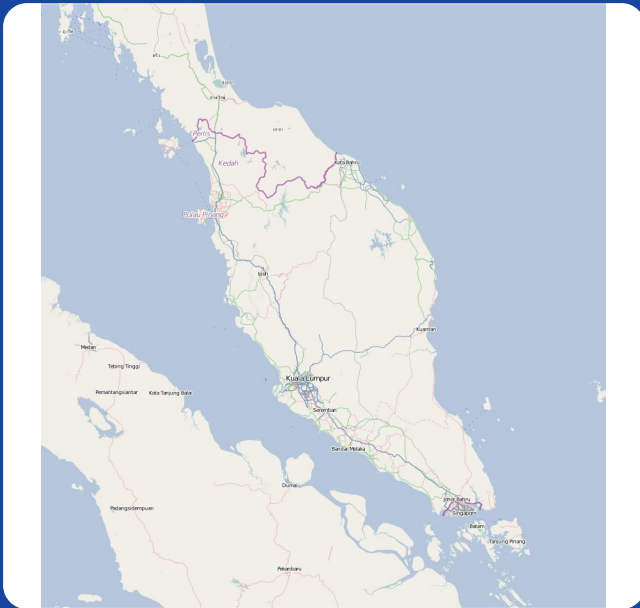


INDIA TO MALAYSIA

CURRENCY

Malaysian Ringgit (RM) · 1 MYR ≈ ₹19 (indicative)

Delhi	≈ 5h 30m	Malaysia
Mumbai	≈ 5h 30m	Malaysia
Bengaluru	≈ 4h 30m	Malaysia
Chennai	≈ 4h 00m	Malaysia
Hyderabad	≈ 4h 45m	Malaysia

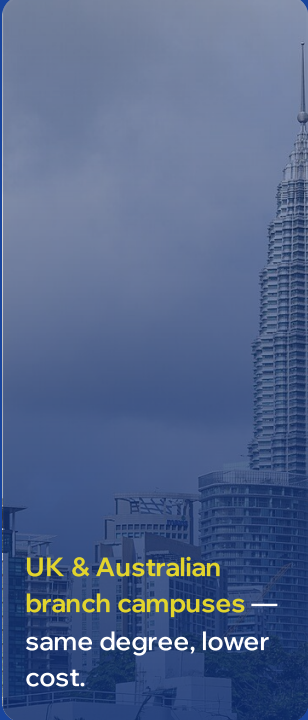


FACTS

- Capital: Kuala Lumpur
- Flight distance: ~3,300 km
- Time zone: MYT (UTC+8)
- Tuition: RM 30,000–90,000 / yr
- Proof of funds: ~RM 30,000
- Main intakes: Jan · May · Sep

Full-fee branch/private campuses; 6% service tax applies from 2025. Figures indicative.

WHY STUDY IN MALAYSIA?



UK & Australian branch campuses — same degree, lower cost.



Affordable tuition and living.



12-month Graduate Pass after study.



Close to India — short, cheap flights.



Malaysia offers **UK and Australian branch-campus degrees** at a fraction of the cost, close to India.

TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

- Malaysia hosts many international branch campuses.
- They fall into three broad groups:



FOREIGN BRANCH CAMPUSES

UK/Australian universities in Malaysia.



PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

Locally established private institutions.



PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Government research universities.



Kuala Lumpur
Branch and private campuses across .

TOP UNIVERSITIES

- Malaysia hosts several **globally recognised** universities.
- Admission is **merit-based** and competitive.

University of Malaya**KUALA LUMPUR**

Malaysia's top public university.

Monash University Malaysia**SUBANG JAYA**

Australian degrees, full branch campus.

University of Nottingham Malaysia**SEMENYIH**

UK degrees in a Malaysian campus.

Taylor's University**SUBANG JAYA**

Leading private university.

Sunway University**BANDAR SUNWAY**

Business, hospitality and science.

UCSI University**KUALA LUMPUR**

Broad private university.

Indicative selection — confirm each programme's entry requirements and intake before applying.

POPULAR FIELDS OF STUDY

- Malaysia is popular for **business, engineering and hospitality**.



BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

International business and MBA.



ENGINEERING

Mechanical, electrical and chemical.



COMPUTER SCIENCE & IT

Software, data and AI.



HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

World-ranked hospitality schools.



MEDICINE & HEALTH

Medicine, pharmacy and nursing.



DESIGN & MEDIA

Design, animation and media.

TUITION & COSTS

- Branch-campus degrees cost **far less than the home campus** in the UK or Australia.

Undergraduate
branch/private, per year

RM 30,000–70,000

Postgraduate / Master's
per year

RM 25,000–90,000

Medicine & specialist
per year

higher, varies

Living costs
per year

RM 24,000–36,000

Proof of funds for pass

~RM 30,000



Note: a **6% service tax** applies to private-university tuition from 2025. Merit scholarships are widely available.

COST OF LIVING

- Malaysia is **very affordable** — living costs are among Asia's lowest.

Accommodation hostel / shared flat	RM 700–1,500
Food & groceries	RM 600–900
Transport student travel	RM 100–200
Health insurance mandatory	RM 50–100
Phone, internet & leisure	RM 300–500
Estimated monthly total	~RM 2,000–3,000

Figures indicative for 2026 — costs vary between the capital and smaller cities.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

- Government and university scholarships reduce tuition for strong applicants.

Malaysia International Scholarship

GOVT

Awards for outstanding international students.

University Merit Scholarships

INSTITUTIONAL

Monash, Taylor's, Sunway and others.

Sports & Talent Awards

INSTITUTIONAL

Support for exceptional talent.

Early-Bird Discounts

INSTITUTIONAL

Fee reductions for early applications.

Eligibility, deadlines and amounts change each cycle — confirm on the official scholarship pages.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR'S

- **12 years** of schooling with a strong Class 12 record.
- **IELTS 5.5–6.5** or equivalent.
- Subject prerequisites for some courses.
- Apply directly; the university enrolls you via EMGS.

MASTER'S

- A recognised **bachelor's degree** in a relevant field.
- **IELTS 6.0–6.5**.
- Statement of purpose and CV.
- Relevant experience for some programmes.

INTAKES

- **January** — major intake at most universities
- **May / June** — strong second intake
- **September** — third intake at many campuses

STUDENT VISA & FUNDS

1

OFFER & ACCEPTANCE

Accept your offer and pay the deposit.

2

EMGS APPLICATION

The university applies for your Student Pass via EMGS.

3

APPROVAL LETTER (VAL)

Receive your Visa Approval Letter.

4

SINGLE-ENTRY VISA

Collect your entry visa (where required).

5

ARRIVAL & MEDICAL

Complete a medical check on arrival.

6

STUDENT PASS

Get your Student Pass endorsed in your passport.

WORK & POST-STUDY

- Students may work **20 hours a week during breaks**, then get a **12-month Graduate Pass** to find work.

Part-Time Work

20 HRS / WEEK

Only during breaks/holidays over 7 days.

Graduate Pass

12 MONTHS

Stay to seek work after graduating.

Employment Pass

SKILLED ROUTE

Standard graduate work pass.

In-Demand Sectors

GROWTH AREAS

IT, engineering, finance and hospitality.

HOW TO APPLY

1

SHORTLIST

Choose a branch or private campus and programme.

2

PREPARE DOCUMENTS

Transcripts, IELTS and passport.

3

APPLY

Apply directly to the university.

4

OFFER & DEPOSIT

Accept your offer and pay the deposit.

5

STUDENT PASS

The university applies via EMGS; collect your VAL.

6

DEPARTURE

Arrange housing and complete arrival formalities.



Your Malaysia study journey — one step at a time.