Malaysia is a federation of 13 states and three federal territories in Southeast Asia. It consists of two regions separated by the South China Sea and is bordered by Brunei, Indonesia, and Thailand. Malaysia has a strategic location along the Strait of Malacca and the southern South China Sea. The government system is a constitutional monarchy; the chief of state is the king, and the head of government is the prime minister. Malaysia has a mixed economic system which includes a variety of private freedom, combined with centralized economic planning and government regulation. Malaysia is a member of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

**Key Economic Facts**

**Income Level (by per capita GNI):**
- **Level of Development:** Developing
- **GDP, PPP (current international $):** $971.27 billion (2021)
- **GDP growth (annual %):** 3.09% (2021)
- **GDP per capita, PPP (current international $):** $28,929.47 (2021)
- **External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US$):** $200,364,305,000.00 (2016)
- **Export Promotion Agency:** matrade.gov.my
- **Imported goods and services (current US$):** $230.24 billion (2021)
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**Location:** South-Eastern Asia  
**Capital City:** Kuala Lumpur (+8 GMT)  
**Chief of State:** King Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah  
**Head of Govt.:** Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob  
**Currency:** Malaysian ringgit (MYR)

**Major Languages:** Bahasa Malaysia (official), English, Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin, Hokkien, Hakka, Hainan, Foochow), Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Panjabi, Thai; note - Malaysia has 134 living languages - 112 indigenous languages and 22 non-indigenous languages; in East Malaysia, there are several indigenous languages; the most widely spoken are Iban and Kadazan

**Calling Code:** 60  
**Voltage:** 240

**Primary Religions:** Muslim (official) 61.3%, Buddhist 19.8%, Christian 9.2%, Hindu 6.3%, Confucianism, Taoism, other traditional Chinese religions 1.3%, other 0.4%, none 0.8%, unspecified 1%

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