

# Golf Malaysia

## Golfing diversity which is hard to match

CULTURALLY rich, with beautiful historical landmarks and offering a relaxed yet mesmerising local lifestyle, Malaysia is one of Asia's most diverse destinations.

The south-east Asian nation also offers a range of golfing options and opportunity which is hard to match, with Malaysia home to 148 golf courses.

Play in the mountains or on a tropical island, alongside the seashore and the South China Sea, amidst the rainforests, or in the heart of vibrant cities.

Coupled with welcoming people, great food and affordable golf, make a trip to Malaysia for a golfing experience which will be impossible to forget.



■ The Els Club Teluk Datai, Langkawi.

### The Essence of Malaysia

With 13 states, three Federal Territories and a population that currently stands at 34 million, Malaysia enjoys a strategic location and a year-round tropical climate, combining the best of Asia.

Well known for its diverse cultural landscape, which includes three of Asia's oldest civilisations – Malay, Chinese and Indian – and the unique ethnic communities of Sabah and Sarawak, Malaysia is filled with a wide variety of unique attractions which has it justifiably recognised as one of the world's top holiday destinations.

Whatever the definition of a fulfilling holiday, Malaysia has all the necessary elements – pristine beaches and breathtaking islands, a rich tapestry of cultures and history, well-preserved heritage treasures, world-class modern facilities, a fascinating collection of flora and fauna, lush and well-maintained nature reserves, along with a delightful array of mouth-watering cuisine and a long list of shopping hotspots.

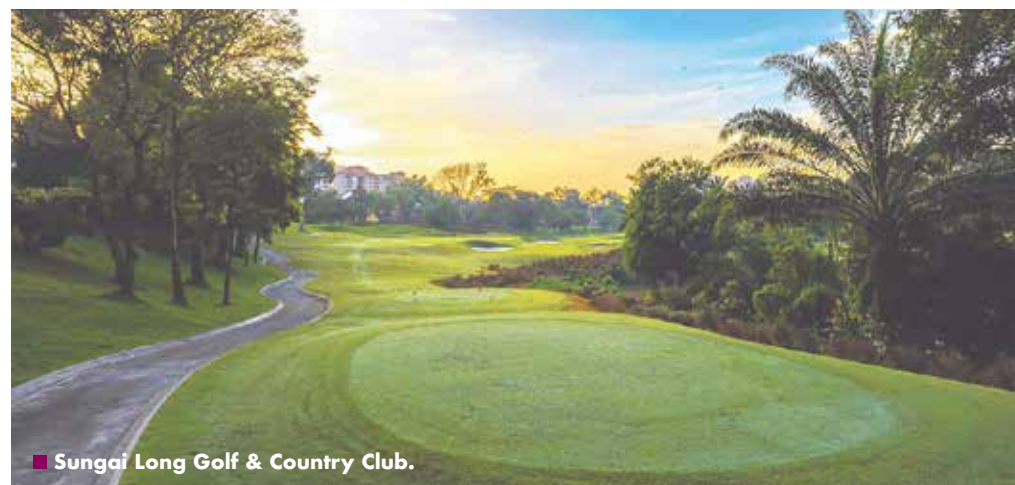
### Golf in Malaysia

A golfing hotspot waiting to be discovered by golfers of all abilities and skill levels, Malaysia offers an impressive variety of outstanding golf courses, located in diverse regions, giving it a distinct competitive advantage when compared to other destinations in the region.

Visit and play in Sabah, Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Langkawi, Selangor and Johor in just naming a few of the regions where golf is challenging, affordable and set to provide memorable golfing experiences.

Golfers spoil for choice in having the chance to pick whichever landscape suit them best, whether the backdrop is a rainforest, pristine beach, or in a mountainside location.

Only touching the surface of the many and varied golfing options available in Malaysia, below is a sneak preview to some of the very best of the many courses open, available and ready to accommodate golfers from Australia and from all over the world.



■ Sungai Long Golf & Country Club.

### Sabah and Sarawak

The two states of Sabah and Sarawak both offer unparalleled golfing experiences.

The **Damai Golf and Country Club** in **Santubong, Sarawak**, situated some 35km away from the state's capital city of Kuching, takes in views of Mount Santubong, with the course bordering rocky outcrops, beaches and mangrove forests. Nearby, the **Sarawak Golf Club** (or known by its Bahasa Malaysia Kelab Golf Sarawak) presents a 36-hole golfing facility divided into the north-facing Siol/Demak and the older, south-facing Matang / Santubong courses, the later offering a clear view of the mountains it is named after. Close to the city centre, Sarawak Golf Club is amongst the most popular courses in the Borneo.

In Sabah, visitors to the **Nexus Golf Resort and Spa Karambunai**, an award-winning resort combining distinct luxury, authentic Sabahan hospitality and a considerable golfing challenge are in for an ultimate golfing experience. While the 18-hole championship golf course **Dalit Bay Golf & Country Club** doubles as a rejuvenating nature retreat, bordered by two rivers, with the majestic Mount Kinabalu looming in the background.

However, those looking for a more conveniently located golfing option may head to **Sutera Harbour Golf & Country Club** in the heart of Kota Kinabalu city.

A short 10-minute drive from the Kota Kinabalu International Airport, the club features a 27-hole Graham Marsh-designed championship course, located in close proximity to the city centre. Mix golf with shopping and a visit to the many restaurants and food options on offer.

### Kuala Lumpur

A club that has played host to several prestigious international tournaments, including the US PGA Tour's CIMB Classic, the Malaysia Open on the DP World-European Tour schedule and the LPGA's Championship, the **Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club** (KLGCC) in Bukit Kiara, is a must-visit for golf enthusiasts.

A recipient of numerous awards and accolades, in 2022 the KLGCC's West Course was voted number one in Malaysia and number 19 overall in Asia's Top 100 Golf Course rankings.

The East Course is challenging but also highly rewarding, the parkland course a favourite among golfers.

More KL standouts include is the **Kelab Golf Perkhidmatan Awam**, 27-holes of three scenic, challenging and well-groomed nines, the **Kota Permai Golf & Country Club**, and the **Mines Resort and Golf Club**, built in 1993 upon the world's largest open cast tin mine, where a barren wasteland once rich in precious minerals was uniquely transformed.

Also, just 15 minutes from KL, located in the self-contained township of Sungai Long is the **Sungai Long Golf & Country Club**, the first Jack Nicklaus signature course in Malaysia. A world class course, Sungai Long G & CC underwent major renovations and upgrades before re-opening in 2013.

### Penang

Looking for the perfect weekend getaway for golfing enthusiasts, head north to Peninsular Malaysia, to the **Bukit Jawi Golf Resort** in Penang.

An idyllic resort dotted with swaying palm trees features two golf courses, and two diverse sets of challenges.

The Hill Course is an 18-hole par 72 championship course, a dynamic experience which as its name suggests, includes uphill drives and sloping surfaces, a layout more suited to the longer hitters.

Conversely, the Lake Course, also 18-holes and playing to a par of 72, presents multiple water hazards, with a signature green on the 15th hole set to impress even the most seasoned golfer.

Also certainly worth a game, two more quality golf courses in the region, the **Penang Golf Resort**, a newly established 36-hole facility which opened in 2019 and the **Penang Golf Club**, the only championship 18-hole golf course on Penang Island.



■ Horizon Hills Golf and Country Club.

### Langkawi

Course is called: **The Els Club Teluk Datai**, the third Els Club course is an 18-hole, par 72 championship course on the island of Langkawi in Kedah.

Surrounded by the lush greenery of a centuries-old forest and the clear blue waters of the Andaman Sea, the course has been redesigned by 4-time major winner Ernie Els.

The Datai club's layout and stunning vista earned it the accolades of the Best New Course in Asia and the Best New Course in the World at the 2014 World Golf Awards.

Golf in Kedah, popularly known as the 'Rice Bowl' of the nation because of its extensive rice production, is a must for any Malaysia golf holiday.

### Selangor

The place to be for golfers in Shah Alam, Selangor, is the **Glenmarie Hotel & Golf Resort**, where two well-presented championship golf courses - The Valley and The Garden, exist within one award-winning establishment.

Pine trees, serene waterways, lush greenery, along with a selection of local wildlife, makes the courses perfect for nature-loving golfers looking for a unique challenge.

The **Templer Park Country Club** in Rawang, Selangor offers tranquil surroundings, where the Bukit Takun limestone hill juts out amidst the greenery, coupled with fountains spouting on the lake, adding to the relaxing atmosphere in providing an exceptional backdrop to the picturesque 18-hole golf course.



■ Mines Resort.

### Johor

Included amongst a number of championship quality and expertly designed golf clubs, is the **Senibong Golf Club** (previously Poresia Country Club), an 18-hole course where golfers can relax while taking in the spectacular views of the surrounding areas. The original name 'Poresia' is a combination of the 'Pore' of Singapore and 'Sia' of Malaysia, symbolising the link between two countries and the cooperation of those who brought the resort into existence.

**The Forest City Golf Resort** has two golf courses, the Classic Course, set on a flat marsh land, and the Jack Nicklaus Legacy Course, featuring a desert-like landscape in making golfers feel more like they are playing in the middle east than in a tropical paradise.

Operating since 2008, **Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club** is another premiere facility in the Johor region, with the course a breathtaking work situated within a freehold township in the heart of Nusajaya.

While bearing the name of the former World No.1, Johor is the proud home to **The Els Club's Desaru Coast** – Ocean and Valley Courses. The Ocean, featuring 27-holes course crafted by South African superstar Ernie Els, presenting views of the South China Sea, is one of the most scenic courses in Johor.

The third Els Club course in Malaysia also a part of the resort, has been designed by three-time major champion Vijay Singh.

And the **Senibong Golf Club**, a newly renovated 18-hole golf course formerly known as Poresia Golf Club, is the nearest Malaysian golf club to Singapore via the Malaysia-Singapore Second Link. The original name 'Poresia' is a combination of the 'Pore' of Singapore and 'Sia' of Malaysia, symbolising the link between two countries and the cooperation of those who brought the resort into existence.

### Visit Malaysia

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The diversity of golf courses in Malaysia is hard to match and its hard to go wrong when choosing a Malaysia golf destination. A Malaysia Golf Holiday is ideal for the golfing family, for golfing friends or for any size group.

As well as offering spectacular scenery and unique golfing experiences, many of Malaysia's courses are equipped with world class facilities and amenities. The only worry is selecting from the many quality clubs on offer.

For travel and holiday ideas and opportunities, visit the Tourism Malaysia website at [www.malaysia.travel/](http://www.malaysia.travel/)

For packages of more golfing information, go to [www.malaysiagolfholiday.com](http://www.malaysiagolfholiday.com)



■ Els Langkawi.