Essence of Malaysia by Luxury Train

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Overview

The Highlights

- Three nights' accommodation aboard the *Eastern & Oriental Express* luxury train

- Dedicated 24-hour steward service

- Daily continental breakfast served in your cabin

- Daily three-course lunch & four-course dinner

- House wine, house spirits, and local beer included

- Travel by boat to private beach on Langkawi Island

- Option for an adventurous discovery of Perlis Geopark

- Beautiful sunset cruise from Langkawi

- Choice of tours on Penang Island: culinary, art or historical

The Tour

Journey on board the *Eastern & Oriental Express* from cosmopolitan Singapore into the "essence" of Malaysia. Travel along rural western Malaysia and enjoy the beautiful islands of Langkawi and Penang. Travel in comfort and luxury, with exquisite dining, superb service and fun entertainment on board the *Eastern & Oriental Express.*

Itinerary

Day 1: Singapore - Kuala Lumpur

Depart Singapore's Woodlands station aboard the *Eastern & Oriental Express* and begin your journey north. Settle in to your private cabin and enjoy afternoon tea and an elegant dinner on board, followed by entertainment in the bar car.

Day 2: Kuala Lumpur - Langkawi

Enjoy breakfast on board as the train travels through the rural western towns of Malaysia.

Following lunch, there is a choice of enticing excursions.

The first option is to join a boat cruise to one of Langkawi's most beautiful beaches. Enjoy easy relaxation by reconnecting with nature and sampling wellness activities. Unwind with yoga, a sound bath and a massage, take a dip in the ocean or nearby swimming pool, and enjoy tropical fruit and drinks. Continue on with a boat ride through the narrow channels of Kilim Geoforest Park, where mangrove forests meet coastal karst in an otherworldly natural landscape.

Your second option opts for an adventurous discovery of Perlis Geopark. Embark on a cycle ride through breathtaking landscapes and incredible wildlife before entering an atmospheric former tin mine.

Lastly, your third option immerses you in the rich art and culture of Perlis. Learn to make your own batik, visit the personal collection of antique enthusiast and prepare our own afternoon tea in a traditional Malaysian coffee shop.

Returning to the train, an evening of lively celebrations with local entertainers awaits in the Bar Car, accompanied by a delicious dinner.

Day 3: West coast line - Butterworth

Today you arrive in Penang Island, Malaysia's cultural melting pot, where you have a choice of excursions.

The first is a discovery of the culinary art of Peranakan cooking, where you will visit a spice shop and traditional grocery stores to purchase herbs and vegetables, before trying your hand at making some enticing local dishes with a cooking lesson in the magnificent Art Deco-influenced Eythrope Bungalow.

The second suits those with a passion for culture and art, taking you to Georgetown Old Quarter to see stunning temples, a contemporary studio and an opera and puppet house.

Lastly, you can choose to explore independently. Armed with a map, a tri-shaw and a driver, navigate Georgetown's picturesque streets at your own pace. Your driver will take you anywhere you want to go, from grand attractions to hidden corners.

Rejoin the train at Butterworth for lunch and a leisurely afternoon on board.

A final celebratory evening beckons with irresistible cuisine and entertainment. If you're still up shortly after midnight, you'll glimpse Kuala Lumpur as the train passes through.

Day 4: Johor - Singapore

Enjoy breakfast in your cabin as the train travels through the southernmost Malaysian state of Johor before crossing the Straits and arriving back into Singapore.

Dates & Prices

2026 - 2027 Dates

November 16 , 2026 - November 19 , 2026
November 23 , 2026 - November 26 , 2026
November 30 , 2026 - December 3 , 2026

December 14 , 2026 - December 17 , 2026
December 23 , 2026 - December 26 , 2026
December 29 , 2026 - January 1 , 2027

Accommodation	Double	Single	Deposit
Pullman	From $4,650	From $9,300	15%
State Cabin	From $6,550	From $13,100	15%
Presidential Suite	From $11,850	From $23,700	15%

Prices are per person.
Pricing varies based on availability and date. Prices are subject to change daily. Contact us to confirm pricing and availability for your desired departure.

2027 - 2028 Dates

January 4 , 2027 - January 7 , 2027
January 11 , 2027 - January 14 , 2027
January 18 , 2027 - January 21 , 2027
January 25 , 2027 - January 28 , 2027
February 1 , 2027 - February 4 , 2027
February 8 , 2027 - February 11 , 2027
February 15 , 2027 - February 18 , 2027
February 22 , 2027 - February 25 , 2027
March 1 , 2027 - March 4 , 2027
March 8 , 2027 - March 11 , 2027
March 15 , 2027 - March 18 , 2027
March 22 , 2027 - March 25 , 2027
March 29 , 2027 - April 1 , 2027
November 1 , 2027 - November 4 , 2027
November 8 , 2027 - November 11 , 2027
November 15 , 2027 - November 18 , 2027
November 22 , 2027 - November 25 , 2027
November 29 , 2027 - December 2 , 2027
December 13 , 2027 - December 16 , 2027
December 23 , 2027 - December 26 , 2027
December 29 , 2027 - January 1 , 2028

Accommodation	Double	Single	Deposit
Pullman	From $5,500	From $11,000	15%
State Cabin	From $7,600	From $15,200	15%
Presidential Suite	From $13,450	From $26,900	15%

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