

# Living Cost In Malaysia

Living in Malaysia is far cheaper than most Western countries and some other Asian countries such as Japan, Hong Kong and Singapore. The cost of housing, communications, transport (including taxis), local food, holiday accommodation, airfares, clothing, medical expenses, entertainment and recreation are all very reasonable. Cars, alcohol and imported foods are generally more expensive than western countries. Many other imported items are now free of duty.

Set out below are the prices of some well known items to give you some idea what it will cost to live here. The islands of Langkawi (off the west coast of peninsular Malaysia), Tioman (off the east coast) and Labuan (off the coast of Sabah and Sarawak) are all duty free. This means considerable savings on alcoholic beverages and motor vehicles. A number of people under Malaysia my second Home have chosen to live in Langkawi

## Electricity Cost

Monthly for four bedroom house with moderate use of air conditioners and various electrical appliances. RM700.

## Motoring

Sample New Car Prices

Mercedes E240	RM428,000	
Audi 2.0T Quatro	RM290,888	
Volvo S40	RM189,990	(RM120,981)
Renault Scenic II 1.6	RM134,800	
Landrover Freelander 2.5	RM195,500	

Figures shown in brackets are duty free prices for purchasers who have a MM2H visa.

**Road Tax** dependent on car – high for cars over 2500cc.

e.g. 1300cc car - RM250 per annum.

2800cc car 2600cc – RM3017

**Insurance.** Rates for insurance are fixed by government. Only reduction is for no claims which can rise to 55% after 5 years.

Sample rates:

- 1300cc car valued at RM48000 – RM1,450 per annum.

- 2400cc car valued at RM145000 – RM4,048 per annum

- 2800cc car valued at RM435,000 RM11,600 per annum

Litre of petrol RM1.62

### **Travel**

Hotel 5 star - RM350 – 600

Hotel 4 star - RM150 – 400

Taxi fare – Starts at RM2.00 and then at RM0.20. A journey of around 8 kilometers without heavy traffic costs around RM8

**Round trip economy class domestic travel by air** by the national airline – Malaysian Airlines . It should be noted that various offers are often available and local cost budget airlines often undercut these prices

KL-Penang RM170.00

KL- Kuching RM270.00

KL – Kota Kinabulu – RM450.00

### **Eating Out – cost per person – food only**

Dinner in hawker stall (food court) RM8 – 12

Dinner in air conditioned restaurant RM30-60 Bottle of average wine will add RM70-120

Dinner in five star hotel RM60-RM100 Cost of average bottle of wine will add RM100-160

### **Sample of goods which can be imported duty free:**

Books, cosmetics and perfumes, watches, cameras, computers, leather goods, boats.

## Top International Schools – Tuition Fees

Primary School range from RM20,000 – RM35,000 per year

Secondary school range from RM25,000 – RM43,000 per year

Other schools offer lower fees particularly the French and German schools and some newer smaller schools offering a British curriculum.

## Selected Consumer items

Prices of these items can fluctuate from store to store and during the year. These prices were gathered in January 2006

Royal Gala & Granny Smith Apple (M)	RM0.59 (Per Pc)
Fresh Burger Buns	RM2.99 (Per pack Of 12's)
Baguette	RM0.99 (Each)
Australian Minced Beef	RM18.90 (Per Kg)
Australian Frozen Bone-In Lamb Cube	RM10.90 (Per Kg)
Pork Belly	RM16.90 (Per Kg)
Tongkol Fish	RM0.59 (Per 100g)
Boneless Chiken Breast	RM12.50 (Per Kg)
US Celery	RM2.29 (Per Bundle)
Beijing Cabbage	RM2.49 (Per Kg)
Guava	RM1.49 (Per Kg)
Honey Mandrin	RM 3.49 (Per Kg)
Papaya - Hong Kong/Solo	RM1.39 - 1.69 (Per Kg)
Pre-Packed Carrot	RM1.39 (Per Pack Of 500g)
Spain Pomegranate (L)	RM2.79 (Per Pc)
Honey Roasted Sunflower Seed	RM6.90 (Per Kg)
Roasted Pistachio	RM37.90 (Per Kg)
Golden Raisin	RM13.90 (Per Kg)

Black Raisin	RM11.90 (Per Kg)
Kiwi Liquid Kleen Bowl	RM7.80 (Per Pack Of 2x500ml)
Dobi Fresh Concentrated Liquid Detergent Refill	RM6.95 (2 Kg)
Dobi Bleach - Regular/Lemon	RM3.50 (Per Pack Of 2x1 Litre)
Breeze Liquid Detergent - Regular/Colour	RM12.85 (3 Litres)
Biocare - Degreaser/Glass Cleaner/Surface Cleaner	RM12.90 (Per Pack Of 2x750ml)
Kiwi Kleen Glass Cleaner - Regular/Orange Sparkle	RM7.50 (750ml)
TPC Omega Eggs	RM4.95 (Per Pack Of 15 + 3's)
X-IT Universal Odour Removal Spray	RM10.90 (150ml) RM25.80 (500ml)
Ducth lady UHT Milk - Full Cream/Low Fat/Strawberry	RM1.10 (Low Fat) RM1.30 (Fat Free Yogurt)
Pere Ocean Mineral Water	RM0.95 (1.5 Litres)
Mothers's Choice Margarine	RM4.20 (250g) RM7.15 (500g)
Fruit Tree - Assorted Flavours	RM3.80 (1 Litre)
Pure Fruit Juice - Orange/Apple	RM6.90 (2 Litre)
Taste me Oyster Sauce	RM4.50 (750g)
STH Veg Oyster Sauce	RM4.50 (500g)
Perfects Mozzarella Block	RM9.90 (250g)
Soyalite Soyabean Oil	RM14.90 (3 Kg)
Thai King Siam Rice	RM18.45 (10 Kg)
Nabisco Ritz Box	RM3.95 (300g)