

MALAYSIAN HOTEL MARKET

NOVEMBER 2021 UPDATE

The Malaysia government has announced that interstate travel is now allowed for fully vaccinated individuals during a special address on the 11 October. The Prime Minister gave his assurance that this relaxation will not be reversed should there be an occurrence of the spikes in infection.

Fully vaccinated Malaysians are now also allowed to travel abroad without the need for the MyTravelPass application. However, it is mandatory to observe a 7 days quarantine period which Malaysians can exercise the option to self-quarantine at home.

Economic Update

Budget 2022 was tabled on 29 October 2021, announcing a total allocation of RM332.1 billion, the largest ever and surpasses Budget 2021 allocation of RM322.5 billion. The budget, themed "A Prosperous Malaysian Family" focuses on recovery, rebuilding national resilience and catalysing reform, to drive socio-economic recovery activities and the national development agenda.

Fiscal deficit for 2022 is projected during the budget announcement to shrink to 6.0% of GDP from 6.5% in 2021.

The government intends to provide individual tax relief and tax deduction to employers on costs associated with taking self-purchased booster vaccines.

As for the tourism industry, a total of RM1.6 billion is allocated to boost the recovery of this sector from the pandemic. RM600 million will be

allocated under the Penjana Tourism Financing and BPMB Rehabilitation Scheme while RM85 million will be going towards a three-month special assistance for over 20,000 tourism operators. In addition, matching grants with an allocation of RM30 million was also announced for the purpose of renovation for 738 budget hotels and home stays registered under MOTAC. The Tourism Tax exemption period has also been extended to 31 December 2022 in an effort to spur and encourage domestic tourism.

The initiative of Wage Subsidy Program (WSP) was announced for tourism industry players whereby RM600 million is allocated for tour operators that experienced at least 30% reduction in revenue.

International Travel Perspective

Malaysia is set to be the next to join neighboring countries – Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia in allowing leisure travel for international tourists after a nearly two-year closure. The Ministry of Tourism has finalized a list of 10 countries whose fully vaccinated citizens would be allowed to participate in the travel bubbles focusing mainly on holiday haven Langkawi and pockets of the southern tip of Johor.

This pilot project which is slated to commence on the 15th November will go on for a period of three months before expanding to other islands and tourism destinations. Following the

government's announcement, it was reported that many homestays in Langkawi have received overwhelming bookings, especially tourists from Europe.

Meanwhile, travelers from Malaysia going to Singapore can soon serve quarantine at home as the country has been upgraded to Category III from IV from its recent review of the Covid-19 situation.

Internationally, Hong Kong will continue to impose stringent restrictions on travel and quarantine measures to align with the Chinese mainland.

Sydney will finally end its Covid-19 quarantine for fully vaccinated international travelers from Nov 1 onwards, foreshadowing the full return of overseas travel after more than 19 months.

Hotel News

The 4th DoubleTree by Hilton hotel in Malaysia opened their doors on 4 October, establishing new presence in Putrajaya. The 290 room hotel which is located in the heart of Putrajaya, beside the picturesque Putrajaya Lake poses as a convenient launch pad for sight seeing in Putrajaya as well as raising the profile of Putrajaya as a tourist destination.

Vaccine Progress

The number of daily cases in Malaysia seen a significant dip on 30 October (5,854 cases) in comparison to a month ago when the cases stood at 12,735. As at 29 October, 77.7% of the total population has been fully vaccinated.

Malaysia is among the countries with the fastest adolescent Covid-19 vaccination rollouts in the world where 80% of adolescents aged between 12 to 17 have received at least one dose of the vaccination.

TABLE: Malaysia Vaccine Progress

	29 September	29 October
Total number of people registered for the vaccine	21.8 million	22.2 million
Total number of doses given	43.3 million	49.9 million
7-day moving average	297,439	157,941
At least 1 dose	71.5%	77.7%
% Fully vaccinated	61.5%	74.3%

Note: The target number of people for vaccination is 26.2 million

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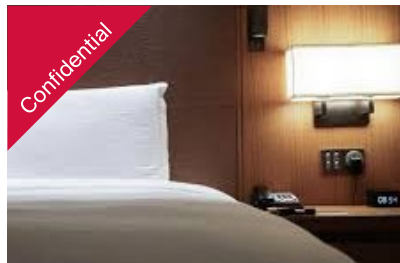
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