SELAMAT DATANG TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

A friendly guide to staying like a local in Malaysia



Smile, say hello!
Malaysians are very friendly

You're staying in someone's home and in their neighbourhood

Please respect shared spaces

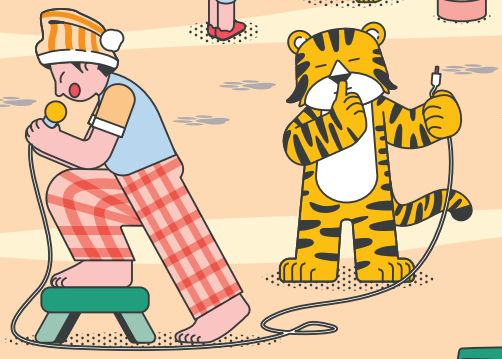


Shoes off, please!



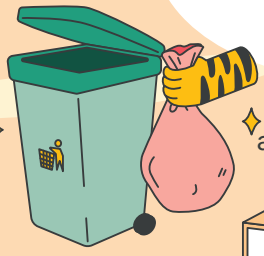
Help us keep our homes clean

Have fun, but don't turn the whole block into your party!



Your neighbours need a good rest too

Treat the home like it's your own. Throw away rubbish properly



Don't make a mess or block corridors

A little consideration goes a long way



Dress modestly in residential or religious areas



Be considerate of neighbours and the community



Ask before taking photos of people or homes

Enjoy Malaysia, respectfully. Makan, jalan-jalan, and enjoy!



Support local shops and artisans



Keep it clean for the next person

Terima kasih! **Thank you for being a respectful guest**

A MINI MALAYSIAN GLOSSARY

Sound like a local (or at least try *lah*)



Must-know

Selamat datang — Welcome!
Terima kasih — Thank you
Sama-sama — You're welcome
Tolong — Please / help
Maaf — Sorry / excuse me
Jalan-jalan — explore or sightsee

Getting around

Berapa harga? — How much?
Di mana? — Where is...?
Tandas — Toilet
Murah sikit? — Can it be cheaper?

Street-level essentials

Makan — Eat (you'll use this a lot)
Tapau — Takeaway
Boss — Friendly way to address the shop owners/someone close
Can / Can lah — Yes / okay
Lah — No meaning, but everything feels better with it

Good to know

Nak — Want
Minum — Drink
Sedap — Yummy (you'll use this a lot, too!)
Bagus — Good
Ini — This
Satu — One
Dua — Two
Tiga — Three

If you remember only one thing...
Smile, say *terima kasih*,
and don't be shy to ask. We got you!

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