

## Malaysia

Population: 29.5 million (2012)

Geography: West Malaysia (area 131,794 square kms) and East Malaysia (198,000

square kms)

Climate: Equatorial, hot and humid all year

World heritage sites: Kinabalu National Park and Gunung National Park

Capital City: Kuala Lumpur

Language(s): Bahasa Malaysia, English, Chinese, Indian dialects

Official language: Bahasa Malaysia

**Political system:** Federal constitutional monarchy and a parliamentary democracy

Travel advisory information: For up-to-date travel advice for Malaysia from the

New Zealand government visit www.safetravel.govt.nz/malaysia

## **Curriculum resources:**

Asia New Zealand Foundation

## **Useful websites:**

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- New Zealand High Commission in Kuala Lumpur
- High Commission of Malaysia in Wellington
- Lonely Planet

## Media:

- The Star
- New Straits Times
- The Sun