

Malaysia

Business visitors: FAQs



If planning on traveling to Malaysia for temporary business, it is important to remain compliant with the immigration laws of Malaysia. The purpose of the visitor's intended travel, duration of stay and citizenship will determine if and what type of visa is required. The information in this document is intended to serve as an informational resource about business visitor requirements in Malaysia.

Who needs a business visitor visa for Malaysia?

Entry visa requirements for visits to Malaysia are dependent upon the applicant's citizenship and purpose of visit. There is not a single visa category dedicated to business visitors to Malaysia. The visa that is closed to a business visa is the Social Visit Pass. Nationals that are visa-exempt may enter Malaysia as a Visitor. Nationals who require a visa to enter Malaysia may apply for a Single Entry Visa or Multiple Entry Visa.

What activities are permitted as a business visitor?

Activities permitted include:

- Attend meetings, conferences or seminars
- Participate in business discussions
- Explore investment opportunities or setting up a factory
- Carry out factory inspection
- Auditing company accounts
- Signing business agreements

Activities not permitted typically include:

- Work-related activities other than the permitted activities stated above
- Carrying out work activities for any employer in Malaysia
- Attending school or study

These lists are subject to change and are not all-inclusive.

How long can a traveler stay in Malaysia as a business visitor?

Duration of stay varies upon nationality and ranges from two weeks to 90 days.

Is there a limit on the number of times a visitor may travel to Malaysia as a business visitor in any given period?

There is no limit on how many visits a traveler may make to Malaysia in any given period. However, frequent entries to the country may trigger questioning by an Immigration Officer.

Can a visitor's spouse and children also come to Malaysia?

A business visitor's spouse and children may come to Malaysia as visitors; however, they must each apply for their own separate visa.

Penalties related to non-compliance for the business visa category?

Engaging in unlawful work in Malaysia can result in serious consequences for both the employer and the business visitor, including:

- Fines
- Detention/deportation
- Blacklisted for further visa applications

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