

Living Costs in Kuala Lumpur

(as of March 2020)

German expatriates based in Malaysia describe it as one of the friendliest and most hospitable countries in which you can work and live. Expatriates and their families enjoy a safe and comfortable environment with modern facilities, good medical care, an excellent German school and superb leisure and sports activities. The following overview should give you a general idea of the costs arising during your stay in Malaysia's capital Kuala Lumpur.



A. Housing

Housing in Kuala Lumpur comes in many different forms and includes stand-alone houses (known as bungalows), semi-detached and terraced houses, and apartments and condominiums. Generally, condominiums are the most popular option for expats in Kuala Lumpur, as they include certain house-keeping and security guard benefits, and often have amenities such as gyms, swimming pools and tennis courts.



Accommodation can be furnished, semi-furnished or completely unfurnished. Most apartments will come unfurnished while serviced condominiums are mostly furnished. Nevertheless, the amount of rent depends on the district you are staying in. The most central, easily accessible place in KL would be located in the so called “golden triangle area” (mainly KLCC and Bukit Bintang) which is close to many offices. Bangsar, Mont Kiara and Ampang are popular, too as these districts are close the several international schools.

Expenses	Price per month in RM
Rent of 85qm (900sqft.) furnished condo in Bangsar	Starting from 2,000.00
Rent of 167qm (1800sqft.) furnished condo in Bangsar	Starting from 4,000.00
Rent of 85qm (900sqft.) furnished condo in KLCC	Starting from 2,500.00
Rent of 167qm (1800sqft.) furnished condo in KLCC	Starting from 4,300.00
Utilities (electricity, water, gas etc.)	300.00
Broadband flat rate approx.	140.00
Hourly Rate for cleaning help approx.	50.00
Dry cleaning of blouse, dress	14.00

Further information: www.iproperty.com.my or www.propertyguru.com.my.

B. Transportation: Cars & Leasing

Type	Price in RM
Mercedes C200 Avantgarde Line (no extras, new)	259,888.00
Leasing Mercedes C200 Avantgarde Line (no extras, new)	4.100 per month
Honda BR-V 2019 Facelift 1.5L E	80,989.00
Leasing of Honda BR-V 2019 Facelift 1.5L E	1,200.00
1l (1/4 gallon) of petrol type RON 95 approx.	2.10
1l (1/4 gallon) of petrol type RON 97 approx.	2.40
1l (1/4 gallon) of Euro 5 diesel approx.	2.15

Further information: www.carlist.my

C. Entertainment

Type	Price in RM
Basic dinner out for 2 people	98.00
Cinema 2 tickets to latest movie	42.00
Dinner out for 2 in Italian restaurant incl. wine	270.00
Table reservations at rooftop bar per person	100.00
1 cocktail drink at downtown bar (KLCC)	38.00
Cappuccino in expat area in the city	13.00
1 beer in neighbourhood pub (500ml or 1pt.)	21.00
Mobile flat rate incl. 5GB per month	98.00
Gym membership in business district approx.	176.00

D. Food Costs

Type	Price in RM
Daily menu in business district	25.00
Combo meal in fast food restaurant	13.00
500g of boneless chicken breast	10.47
1l (1 qt.) of fresh milk	8.00
10 eggs, jumbo size	6.00
1kg (2 lb.) of tomatoes	4.80
250g of local cheese	14.55
1kg (2 lb.) of apples	14.50
1kg (2 lb.) of potatoes	2.60
0.3l (11 oz.) Heineken beer (supermarket)	12.90
0.3l (11 oz.) Tiger beer (supermarket)	10.20
1 bottle of red wine, good quality	74.90
1.5l of Coca-Cola	3.70

Further information: <https://eshop.tesco.com.my>, www.jayaagrocer.com

E. Clothing

Type	Price in RM
1 pair of jeans (Levis 501 or similar)	359.00
1 summer dress (Zara, H&M, Macy's etc.)	129.00
1 pair of sport shoes (Nike, Adidas or similar)	420.00
1 pair of leather business shoes (unbranded)	239.00

F. Healthcare

In Malaysia, there is no comparable health insurance system like in Germany (Krankenkasse). Most Expats are visiting private hospitals in case of any illness. These are preferably Gleneagles Intan Medical Centre and Prince Court Medical Centre which are up to Western standards (if based in Kuala Lumpur). This also means that they are either privately insured by an overseas insurance provider or may obtain a private insurance in Malaysia over local or international service providers such as Allianz.

G. International school fees

1. The International School of Kuala Lumpur

Grades	Semester 1 (65%)*	Semester 2 (35%)	Per Annum
Prep Reception	35,650.00	19,190.00	54,840.00
Prep Junior	47,960.00	25,830.00	73,790.00
Prep senior to Grade 5	57,000.00	30,685.00	87,685.00
Grades 6 to 8	65,130.00	35,070.00	100,200.00
Grades 9 to 12	72,130.00	38,835.00	110,965.00

* All prices in RM

Additional cost: application and registration fees

Further information: <http://www.iskl.edu.my/>.

2. German School Kuala Lumpur

Type	Grade	Price in RM
Registration fee	Kindergarten	4,500.00
	Grade 1 to 12	6,000.00
Deposits	Kindergarten	5,850.00
	Grade 1 to 10	10,500.00
	Grade 11, 12	12,300.00

Type of fees	Price in RM per year
Membership fees	300.00
Kindergarten fees	23,500.00
Beginner level to class 10	41,850.00
11 to 12	49,050.00

Further information: <http://www.dskl.edu.my/index.php/en/>



3. British International School Kuala Lumpur (3 terms)

Grade	Age (1 st September)	Termly Fee*	Yearly Fee
Pre-Nursery, Nursery	2 to 3	16,570.00	45,600.00
Reception, Year 1	4 to 5	20,040.00	55,170.00
Year 2 to 6	6 to 10	25,960.00	72,220.00
Year 7 to 9	11 to 13	28,860.00	82,310.00
Year 10, 11	14 to 15	34,050.00	97,300.00
Year 12, 13	16 to 17	34,990.00	99,970.00

* All prices in RM

Further information: <https://britishschool.edu.my>

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