**KAYAK reveals the best countries for travel and remote working in 2022**

*- Malaysia ranks 7th in the Asia-Pacific region and in the top 25 worldwide -*

As more people embrace flexible working environments and set their sights on their next ‘workation’ (AKA, a vacation that blends leisure and remote working), [KAYAK](https://kayak.com.au), the world’s leading travel search engine, reveals the best countries in the world to work remotely from, with Portugal topping the list. Malaysia landed in 7th place in the Asia-Pacific ranking and in the top 25 globally.

KAYAK’s first [**Work from Wherever Index**](https://www.kayak.com.au/work-from-wherever/rank?region=asia-pacific) is the ultimate source for those looking to set up a new office away from home temporarily or for a longer period of time. To develop the index, KAYAK closely analysed 111 countries and ranked each against 22 factors across six categories: travel costs and accessibility; local prices; health & safety; remote working capabilities; social life; and weather. Ultimately, the index reveals the countries that are easiest to work from while having a lot of fun in your off hours.

**The top 10 best countries worldwide and in Asia-Pacific for combining productive working conditions and opportunities for travel adventures according to KAYAK are:**

| **TOP 10 Best Countries for ‘Workcation’** |
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| **Worldwide Ranking** |  | **Asia-Pacific Ranking** |
| **Rank** | **Country / Region** |  | **Rank** | **Country / Region** |
| **1** | Portugal |  | **1** | Japan |
| **2** | Spain |  | **2** | Sri Lanka  |
| **3** | Romania |  | **3** | Taiwan |
| **4** | Mauritius |  | **4** | Thailand |
| **5** | Japan |  | **5** | Indonesia |
| **6** | Malta |  | **6** | Australia |
| **7** | Costa Rica |  | **7** | **Malaysia** |
| **8** | Panama |  | **8** | Singapore |
| **9** | Czech Republic |  | **9** | The Philippines |
| **10** | Germany |  | **10** | New Zealand |
| *Data Source:* [*KAYAK Work from Wherever Index*](https://www.kayak.com.au/work-from-wherever/rank) |

Portugal was ranked the all-round best country to work remotely from worldwide, scoring high across the board in all categories, including great weather, high abundance of places for going out, low-crime rates, and relatively low cost of living. Portugal also offers a digital nomad visa, and many locals have a high English proficiency, which is something that attracts many expats.

**Malaysia took an impressive 7th spot in the Asia-Pacific region and 22nd worldwide, outrunning countries like Singapore, the Philippines and New Zealand.** It scores exceptionally high in the “Travel” category, having a good accessibility with a decent number of weekly flights, comparably low hotel and car rental prices and one of the lowest costs of fuel. For digital nomads it offers good internet speed and a fair number of co-working spaces. Many locals can speak English in Malaysia which helps adaptation and the socialisation process to go more smoothly.

**Travellers from Malaysia can find the best ‘workation’ for their team’s time zone thanks to KAYAK’s new feature**

In addition to the Work from Wherever Index, KAYAK features a [**new time zone ranking**](https://kayak.com.au/work-from-wherever/map) to help users quickly and easily find out the time differences for their trip - ideal for those looking to swerve 2am conference calls whilst working abroad. The time zone-focused rankings take key factors and categories from the Work from Wherever Index into account but display them according to your work country of origin - so the countries that have time zones closest to your own work time zone will be featured higher up on the list of country destinations. The tool also provides information on the latest travel restrictions and local vaccination rates per country.

Before planning your journey, be sure to check the latest travel restrictions in your destination. KAYAK’s [travel restrictions map](https://www.kayak.com.au/travel-restrictions) provides real time updates on COVID-19 restrictions and entry requirements of individual countries around the world.

All sources have been accessed and data retrieved between 1 September – 20 October 2021. The numbers collected are based on the latest available data. For full details on the Travel and Work Index methodology, please visit [this page](http://kayak.com.au/work-from-wherever/rank#methodology).

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