

# **“BRINGING MALAYSIA TO THE WORLD”**



PERSATUAN EKSPLORASI DAN KEMBARA MALAYSIA

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## **PROPOSAL**

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**DRIVING AROUND THE WORLD PROGRAMME 2024 – 2017**

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### **DATE:**

**01 MAY 2024 - 01 MAY 2027**

### **LOCATION:**

**Malaysia and 108 countries**

### **ORGANISED BY:**

**PERSATUAN EKSPLORASI DAN KEMBARA MALAYSIA**

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Malaysia is a blessed country. It is located strategically where it hardly ever faces major natural disasters, nor does it experience warfare or major conflict in the most recent times. In this prosperous and comfortable environment, the younger generation often lose the spirit of challenge and the desire for exploration and adventure beyond their comfort zone.

The spirit of exploration and adventure can reflect the level of a country's civilisation. It helps encourages cultural exchanges between nations and promotes mutual understanding and friendship. It broadens human horizons and advances cultural enrichment through cultural exchanges.

It is the mission of this programme to introduce Malaysia and Borneo to the world and strengthens international cooperation and friendship through cultural exchanges.

This programme plays a vital role as well in conducting diplomacy and enables access to areas that may not have been reached by the government. Through visits to communities abroad, it can benefit international relations and mutual understanding.

The spirit of exploration and adventure encourages economic growth, foster business opportunities and collaborations, and create new industries and job opportunities. Courageous individuals and entrepreneurs invest in risky ventures, which in turn drive economic growth and prosperity.

In this programme, we will be documenting our journeys online and create educational and promotional videos in our effort to share our experiences and achieve our mission and vision. Our network which spans from Sabah and Sarawak States of Malaysia; Kalimantan, Indonesia; Brunei Darussalam and the peninsula Malaysia are expanding. We are hopeful that this programme will build an opportunity to unite people, broaden our horizons and instil that spirit of adventure while promoting our country of Malaysia worldwide.

The programme has, thus far, received tremendous support from individuals from various fields and the programme hopes to share this beautiful vision worldwide through this mission.

## 2.0 OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 Fostering the spirit of unity in the country and region through this programme.
- 2.2 Introducing our country - and the region - to the world.
- 2.3 Fostering friendship and mutual understanding through cultural exchanges.
- 2.4 Reviving and encouraging the spirit of challenge and desire for exploration and adventure.

## 3.0 PROGRAMME COMPONENTS

- 3.1 Expected date of departure:  
01 MAY 2024 – 01 MAY 2027
- 3.2 Departure venue:  
188, Jalan Besar, 25000 Kuantan, Pahang, Malaysia.
- 3.3 Proposed partners:  
Malaysia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Foreign affairs of other countries  
Malaysia's Ministry of Youth and Sports  
Malaysia's Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture  
Sarawak Tourism Board  
Tourism Pahang
- 3.4 Founder of programme:  
Mr. Jack Voon Kuet Fui
- 3.5 Schedule of programme:

No	Date	Place	Mission
1.	26.07.2023	Kalimantan Barat	Learning Bornean musical instruments - Sape
2.	28.08.2023	Ulu Baram	Sape advanced learning
3.	03.09.2023	Long Lama	Car reconditioning for travel around the world
4.	04.09.2023	Pahang	Registration of organisation
5.	19.09.2023	Miri, Sarawak	Car modifications
6	24.10.2023	K.K, Sabah	Transportation of car to Pahang
7.	11.03.2024	Pahang	Meeting with YB. Leong
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### 3.6 NUMBER OF TRAVELLER:

One person.

## 4.0 PROGRAM'S TENTATIVE ROUTE

### 4.1 Travel route:

# World Driving Tour Project 2024



— by lands      — Shipping

## 4.2 Countries itinerary:

1. Thailand	31. Nigeria	61. Norway	91. Nicaragua
2. Loas	32. Benin	62. Denmark	92. Costa Rica
3. Vietnam	33. Togo	63. Netherlands	93. Panama
4. China	34. Ghana	64. UK	94. Colombia
5. Pakistan	35. Côte d'Ivoire	65. Ireland	95. Venezuela
6. Afghanistan	36. Liberia	66. Belgium	96. Brazil
7. Iran	37. Sierra Leone	67. France	97. Uruguay
8. Kuwait	38. Guinea	68. Spain	98. Paraguay
9. Saudi Arabia	39. Guinea-Bissau	69. Portugal	99. Argentina
10. Jordan	40. The Gambia	70. Monaco	100. Chile
11. Syria	41. Senegal	71. Switzerland	101. Bolivia
12. Lebanon	42. Mauritania	72. Ukraine	102. Peru
13. Jerusalem	43. Morocco	73. Bulgaria	103. Ecuador
14. UAE	44. Andorra	74. Liechtenstein	104. South Korea
15. Oman	45. Austria	75. North Macedonia	105. Japan
16. Yemen	46. Germany	76. Serbia	106. India
17. Egypt	47. Croatia	77. Latvia	107. Bangladesh
18. Sudan	48. Italy	78. Slovakia	108. Mongolia
19. Abyssinia	49. Vatican	79. Slovenia	
20. Kenya	50. Malta	80. Bosnia and Herzegovina	
21. Tanzania	51. Greece	81. Belarus	
22. Malawi	52. Bulgaria	82. Kosovo	
23. Mozambique	53. Turkey	83. Lithuania	
24. Zimbabwe	54. Romania	84. Albania	
25. South Africa	55. Hungary	85. United States	
26. Namibia	56. Czech	86. Canada	
27. Angola	57. Poland	87. Mexico	
28. Gabon	58. Estonia	88. Guatemala	
29. Equatorial Guinea	59. Finland	89. El Salvador	
30. Cameroon	60. Sweden	90. Honduras	

## 5.0 BUDGET EXPENDITURE

In July 2023, I left my job to embark on a driving world tour project full time. Prior to that, I researched through the internet to learn the cost of an around the world trip. And, how much the project ~~we~~ should budget for each country to explore.

Herewith is the budget in the Travel cost by Continent & Region format.

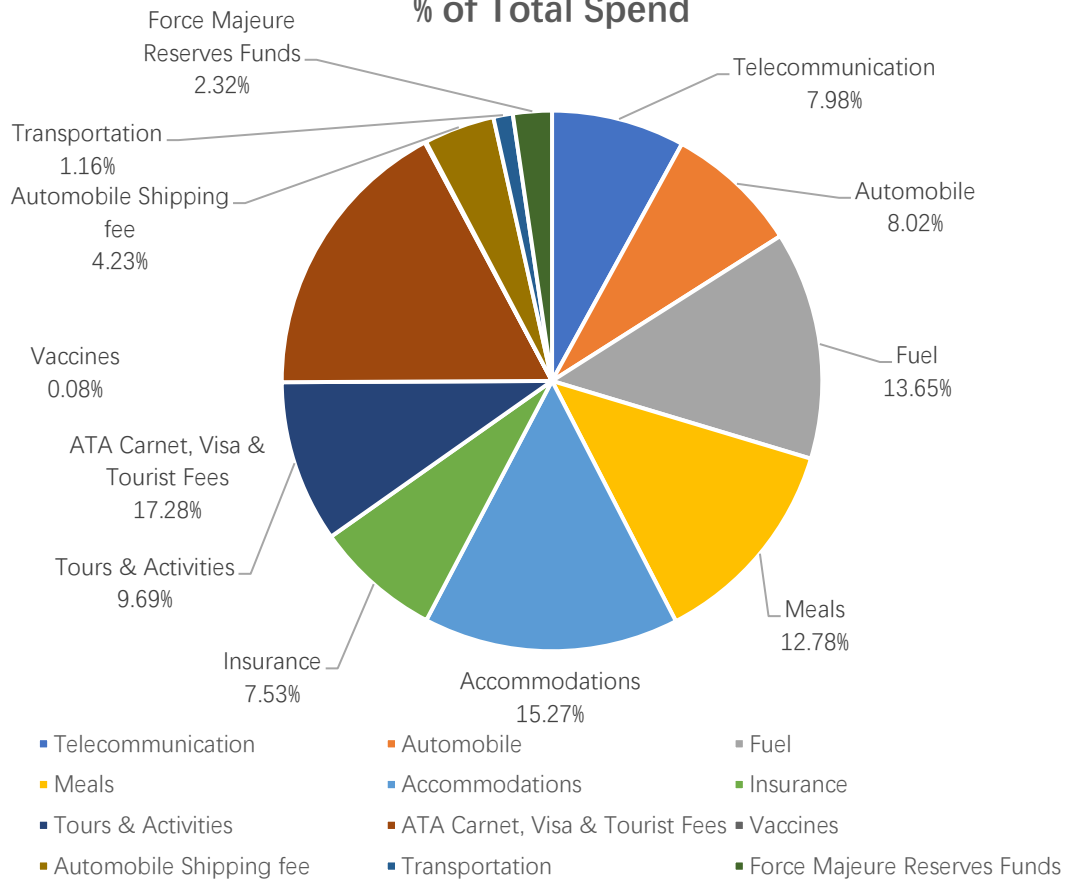
All travel costs can be categorised into twelve (12) travel spending categories, which are:

1. Telecommunications
2. Automobile (maintenance/emergencies)
3. Fuel
4. Meals
5. Accommodations
6. Insurance
7. Tours & Activities
8. Visas & Tourist Fees
9. Vaccines
10. Automobile Shipping fees
11. Transportation
12. Force Majeure Reserves Funds

Below is a breakdown of my project costs in 3 years by spending category.

Item	Total Cost(RM)	% of Total Cost
Telecommunication	68,640.00	7.98%
Automobile	69,000.00	8.02%
Fuel	117,392.00	13.65%
Meals	109,951.00	12.78%
Accommodations	131,401.00	15.27%
Insurance	64,800.00	7.53%
Tours & Activities	83,394.00	9.69%
ATA Carnet, Visa & Tourist Fees	148,627.40	17.28%
Vaccines	669.00	0.08%
Automobile Shipping fee	36,429.00	4.23%
Transportation	10,000.00	1.16%
Force Majeure Reserves Funds	20,000.00	2.32%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>860,303.40</b>	<b>100%</b>

### % of Total Spend



## 5.1 Telecommunications

1. Cost of Starlink worldwide roaming:

<b>Service</b>	RM940.00/mo
<b>Hardware</b>	RM2,300.00
<b>Shipping &amp; Handling</b>	RM100.00

Considering that the trip will be crossing 108 countries and “no man land”, the satellite communication will be very important for safety reasons. Data also needs to be sent soonest possible for educational and publication purposes on media platform as close to the time of travel as possible.

Service	940.00 x 36	33840.00
Hardware	23000	2300.00
Shipping & Handling	100	100.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>36240.00</b>

2. Mobile phone roaming

In some countries that does not use Starlink, other form of communication services and data transferring is needed.

Celcom or other network provider charges RM300 per country. That would be an amount of an estimated RM32,400.00 for 108 countries.

## 5.2 Automobile

The project’s main transportation would be the Malaysia’s car make known as the Perodua Kenari 1.0GX for reasons as below:

1. Low fuel consumption  
Perodua Kenari average fuel consumption is at 46.0 MPG or 6.2 litres/100km which is considered reasonably economical.
2. Malaysia manufacture car  
It is meaningful for for the project to drive a Malaysia automobile as a mean in promoting my country to the world.



Below is a detailed costing of reconditioning, modification, and equipment for the Perodua Kenari 1.0GX :

ITEM	COST in RM
2nd hand Perodua Kenari GX (2004)	8,000.00
Engine / hardware recondition	7,000.00
Painting and roof rack	5,000.00
Roof camps	8,000.00
Tyre –GOODYEAR, 4 set on 20,000km	4,000.00
Maintenance & services for 200,000km in foreign countries	12,000.00
Other customization (heater, 2nd battery, sola, Insulation & etc	25,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69,000.00</b>

The modifications and equipment are for all climates and seasons, including driving and surviving in -25°C temperature, high temperature, food and fuel reserves and cooking in no man's land and other conditions.

### 5.3 Fuel

The Perodua Kenari is equipped with the L9 DOHC engine powering and engine compression 10:1 which allow for this car to use petrol euro 90-97.

The average price of gasoline around the world is 1.34 U.S. Dollar (RM6.38) per litre. Kenari Fuel consumption when fully loaded is at 6.2 Litres /100km and consumes about 12,400 Litres for the entire journey of 200,000km.

$$12,400 \text{ L} \times \text{RM}6.38 = \text{RM}79,112.00$$

### 5.4 Meal

To reduce costs, healthy ready meals either pre-packed or easily prepared meals with few ingredients and affordable street food are preferred.

Continent	Region	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Food other	Grand Total
Africa	North Africa	10.00	30.48	47.15	2.38	90.01
	Sub-saharan Africa	5.92	20.50	31.00	1.50	58.92
Asia	South-East Asia	10.64	21.91	29.05	8.10	69.73
Europe	Central/Eastern Europe	12.86	43.83	18.57	10.00	85.26
	North Europe	14.76	60.96	29.53	12.38	117.63
	Southern Europe	11.52	50.01	45.24	10.95	117.73
	Western Europe	15.24	47.15	33.81	14.76	110.97
America	North America	14.29	25.24	31.91	10.72	82.16
Other	Middle East and etc	37.15	63.82	58.10	11.43	170.50
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>14.71</b>	<b>40.43</b>	<b>36.04</b>	<b>9.14</b>	<b>100.32</b>

The table above reflects daily cost for meals across the nine (9) regions. That would be an averaged of RM100.32 per day during year around the world for one person.

## 5.5 Accommodations

Accommodations for the period of three (3) years of the mission is estimated at RM131,401.00.

These costs cover accommodations in between car camping which provides internet services (preferably high speed) to work on video editing, live streaming and refreshing stocks for the next travel. It is planned that this accommodation would be done every three (3) days.

Outlined below is the associated Cost Per Night:

Continent	Region	AirBnB	Hotel	Resort	Luxury Hotel	Guest house	Riad	Budget Hotel	Average
Africa	North Africa						353.00		353.00
	Sub-Saharan Africa	243.00		1762.00	548.00				851.00
Asia	South-East Asia	181.00	200.00		1167.00	167.00		143.00	371.60
Europe	Central/Eastern Europe	267.00							267.00
	North Europe	448.00	533.00						490.50
	Southern Europe	333.00	239.00						286.00
	Western Europe	438.00	471.00					467.00	458.67
America	North America	405.00	610.00		1347.00			348.00	677.50
Other	Middle East and etc	280.00	438.00	1304.00					674.00
<b>Grand Total</b>									<b>492.14</b>

In total, the average accommodation cost per night is estimated to be at RM492.14 across all regions for one person. An average cost is calculated with consideration that accommodations in some countries costs more than others such as Kenya, Saudi Arabia, North America, and Europe.

Most of the stopping points for the trips are embassies and government administrative areas which are normally based in the capital of a country.

The estimated expenditure is at least RM43,800.00 per year (89 nights) and RM131,401.00 for 3 years.

## 5.6 Insurance

To manage travelling risks such as broken or lost luggage, broken equipment and, health and safety, the World Nomads Insurance Explorer plan have been chosen. This would be at the cost of USD303.60 (RM1,447.00) per month which would come to RM52,092.00 for three years for one person.

Based on the data gathered from the internet concerning overland travel, an estimation of an average amount of RM353.00 per month would be sufficient for the vehicle. The average estimated amount for three years would be RM12,708.00.

## 5.7 Tours & Activities

Tours and activities are truly the ones that make us experience our travel. In fact, they are the fundamental of every travel. This is where cultural enrichment, exchanges and friendship are established. This is where collaborations and networking might take place and build bridges between people.

The project plans to visit museums as they are the best place to learn and understand the cultures and heritage of each country. This will benefit the project's mission of cultural enrichment. Other activities such as visits to parks and participation in a few outdoor activities are meant to better understand recreations available in countries to be visited. This includes festivals and celebrations that may take place coinciding with the visit to the said country. This is a great opportunity to gain insights into the culture of the people of the country visited.

In total, an amount of RM83,394.00 is estimated, which equals to RM27,798.00 per person for a year.

The table below lists our tours and activities costs in RM per ticket (or per person).

Continent	Region	Cruise	Entry Ticket	Tour other	Grand Total
Africa	North Africal		38.00		38.00
	Subsaharan Africa		262.00	229.00	257.00
Asia	South-East Asia	1019.00	19.00	81.00	119.00
Europe	Central/Eastern Europe		62.00	33.00	62.00
	North Europe		105.00	67.00	100.00
	Southern Europe		124.00	186.00	138.00
	Western Europe		76.00	229.00	143.00
America	North America		114.00	86.00	95.00
Other	Middle East and etc		43.00	76.00	62.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1019.00</b>	<b>86.00</b>	<b>129.00</b>	<b>115.00</b>

## 5.8 ATA Carnet, Visa & Tourist Fees

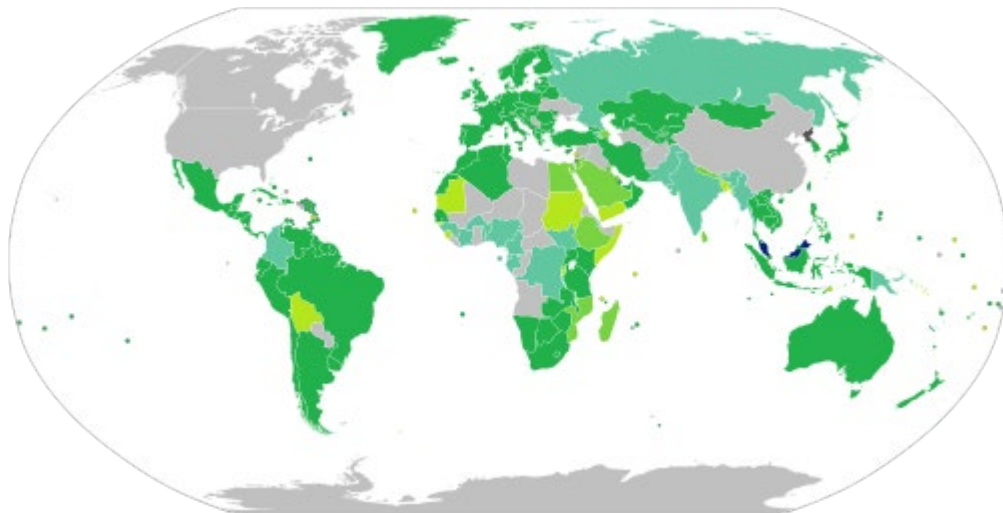
A Carnet or ATA Carnet is an international customs and temporary export-import document. It is used to clear customs in 87 countries and territories without paying duties and import taxes on merchandise that will be re-exported within 12 months. Carnets are also known as Merchandise Passports or Passports for Goods like vehicle.

It's very important for driving our own car to crossing the boundaries.

Many countries also require a visa for entry and travel within the country for a predetermined amount of time. The cost of a visa depends on which country one is a citizen of and if the country to be visited requires a visa for a visit. Also, visa cost depends on whether the visa is in the form of an electronic visa (e-visa), a visa on arrival (VOA) or one that is obtained via a third party.

Since Malaysia has a strong passport, most of the countries in the itinerary does not require a paid visa. However, ten (10) visas would be required for overland travel crossing one hundred and eight (108) countries. Other costs include tourist fees, taxes, parking fees and a variety of other related expenditure.

In addition to visas, there are also various other tourist fees and taxes I will have to pay along the way. Such as Tourist Taxes, Bank Fees, Toilets, and more.



Countries and territories with visa-free entries or visas on arrival for holders of regular Malaysian passports.

- Malaysia
- Visa not required
- Visa on arrival
- eVisa
- Visa available both on arrival or online
- Visa required prior to arrival
- Travel banned by the Malaysian government.

## 5.9 Vaccines

Some countries require certain vaccination(s) prior to entering the countries. Two regions, namely Southeast Asia and Africa, would require vaccinations for Typhoid and Yellow Fever. The costs for those vaccinations would be:

Typhoid RM80

Yellow Fever RM589

## **5.10 Automobile Shipping fees**

Shipping fees to transport the project's vehicle from one continent to another is estimated at the cost of RM23,929.00.

Shipping costs included transportation between countries where driving through the borders is not possible such the case of crossing from Panama to Colombia. Twelve (12) years ago, the cost transporting a vehicle from Panama to Colombia was at USD1,870.00 (RM8,922.00). At current time, taking inflation into consideration, it is estimated to be at about RM12,500.00.

## **5.11 Transportation**

Travels from continent to continent via air is estimated to cost at about RM10,000.00.

## **5.12 Force majeure reserves funds**

In the event where the travel took on an unplanned turn, an amount of RM20,000.00 will be set aside for the purpose of contingency. Nevertheless, it is very much hoped that this project will go as planned smoothly without any untoward incidences.

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## 6.0 BENEFITS

This programme aims to achieve the following:

- i. To introduce Malaysia to the world, her beautiful people, and rich cultures.
- ii. To foster relationships, collaborations and networks with the people and communities the programme meets and reaches through the journey.
- iii. Instilling the spirit of exploration, broadening life's horizon and experiences.

## 7.0 CONCLUSION

This Programme partners with parties from both Malaysia and Borneo.

The programme hopes to strengthen ties between East and West Malaysia.

By conducting cultural exchanges throughout the journey, the cultural arts of Malaysia and Borneo will be showcased worldwide. This will also attract global travellers to visit Malaysia and Borneo.

## 8.0 SIGNATURES

Prepared by:	..... ( Project Leader )
Checked by:	..... ( Secretary of PEDKM )
Certified by:	..... ( Chairman of PEDKM )

