

Malaysia to host three-day Rain Rave Water Music Festival to boost tourism

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Dhaka: Malaysia is set to host the World Labor Day Celebration cum Rain Rave Water Music Festival from April 30 to May 2 in the Bukit Bintang area of Kuala Lumpur as part of the country's efforts to stimulate visitor demand and support the local economy.

The event, co-organized by Tourism Malaysia and The Fame under the Visit Malaysia 2026 tourism framework, will welcome visitors from across the region and beyond and offer them to be part of a shared, cross-cultural experience in Malaysia.

Organizers said the festival is designed to drive spending across retail, hospitality, and services sectors while promoting Malaysia's multicultural identity on an international stage.

Beyond Kuala Lumpur, seven other Malaysian states — Negeri Sembilan, Johor, Melaka, Kedah, WP Labuan, Pahang, and Terengganu — will host complementary themed activities aligned with their respective local context and cultural elements.

The festival is inspired by rain as a natural element central to Malaysia's environment. Attendees can expect immersive themed environments, a lineup of international, regional, and Malaysian DJs, and curated local market experiences highlighting Malaysian food, culture, and creative arts.

Organizers affirmed the event also serves as a tribute to working communities, held in conjunction with Labor Day. Plans are underway to develop Rain Rave into a signature annual event and a key fixture in Malaysia's tourism calendar.

Cultural and content support is being provided by several government bodies, including Istana Budaya, the Malaysian Handicraft Development Corporation, the National Department for Culture and Arts, and the Department of National Heritage.

The Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture is playing a coordinating role alongside relevant authorities.

Comprehensive safety and crowd management plans, including traffic control, safety protocols, and coordination with enforcement agencies, are in place.

Organizers have emphasized the initiative is intended to be inclusive, with benefits extended to B40 communities and broader participation across industry, creative, and commercial stakeholders.

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