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To the north of Singapore is the country of Malaysia. Malaysia is also a multi-cultural country, with indigenous Malay forming a majority. Apart from Malay people, there are large numbers of ethnic Chinese and Indians. The capital of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, is a bustling metropolis with a population of several million people. The capital city has numerous interesting neighbourhoods reflecting its diversity: Chinatown, Little India, the Arab Quarter etc.

The food of Malaysia is an interesting mixture of flavours, with many dishes which are influenced by Indians who migrated to Malaysia from the state of Tamil Nadu. These dishes contain coconut milk and curry, with local ingredients such as pandan leaf. Malaysian food can be quite spicy, and chili is ubiquitous in Malaysian cuisine.

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The countries of Singapore and Malaysia share many similarities, which is not surprising considering they are both former colonies of the British, and were both once part of the same country. If you are considering a visit to either of these locations, you are advised to carefully plan your trip. The climate of both of these countries is tropical, so there is never any danger of it being too cold, but there are times of the year when it is hotter, or wetter than others. To travel between Singapore and Malaysia, there is a train, regular bus service, and a number of airlines make the short trip between Singapore and Kuala Lumpur. The cost of travel is relatively cheap, in part due to the abundance of petroleum in Malaysia.
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