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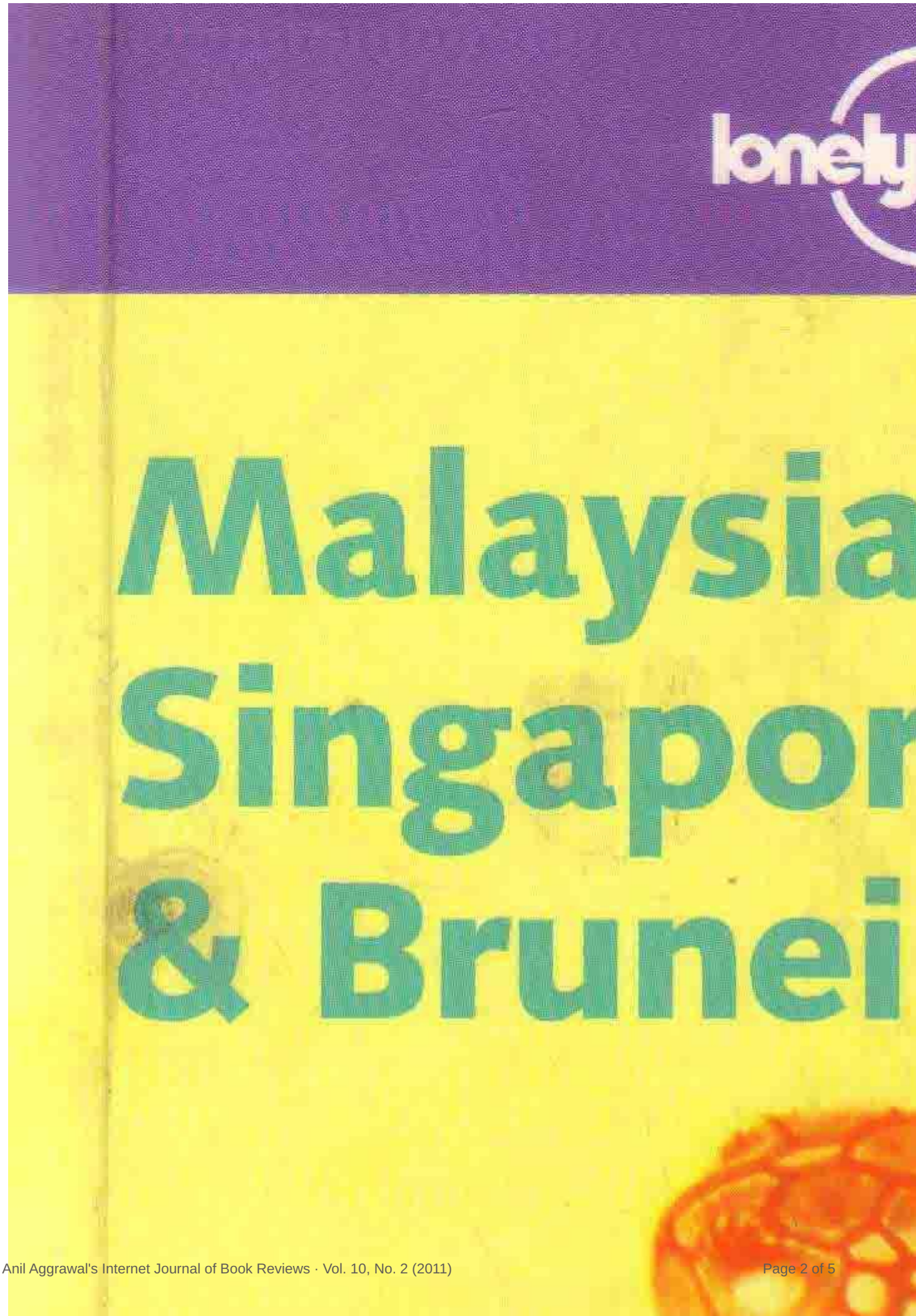
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This book is a part of a series of publications on travel guidebooks by Lonely Planet that aim to make it possible for adventurous travelers to explore and understand the world better.

"Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei are three independent South-East Asian nations offering the visitor a taste of Asia at its most accessible." Transport facilities are good and accommodation standards are high, yet, these are not expensive countries to visit. Besides, these places offer amazing variety- both geographically and culturally. This book explores all aspects of these nations in the standard Lonely Planet format. The book starts with Facts about Malaysia, which includes a detailed history of Malaysia, and a vivid description of geography, climate, ecology, economy, population, education, religion, language, society and culture of Malaysia. This is followed by suggested itineraries, planning and packing tips, details about documents, tourist offices, embassies, customs, currency, communications, health-related issues and legal matters. This section also lists Malaysia's festivals, events and popular activities. Tastes of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei helps one identify the diverse variety of cuisines and tropical fruits available. Getting There and Away, and Getting Around details the various modes of transport available including the fares and taxes applicable in these countries and guidelines on how to shop for tickets.

Malaysia consists of two distinct regions- Peninsular Malaysia and Malaysian Borneo. The section on Peninsular Malaysia gives elaborate information about different states such as Kuala Lampur, Selangor, Perak, Penang, Kedah and Perlis, Negeri Sembilan, Melaka, Johor, Pahang, Kelantan and Terengganu.

Kuala Lampur's gleaming skyscrapers, including the twin Petronas Towers in the glittering Golden Triangle district, are a reflection of the Malaysian economic boom of the 1990s. Shah Alam, the awe-inspiring 'Blue Mosque', has a few modern architectural glories and Klang has reminders of the old sultanate. Orang Asli Museum has extensive exhibits that give insight into the life and culture of Peninsular Malaysia. Perak (meaning silver in Malay), the second largest state on the Peninsula, is the Malaysia's premier hill station and one of the country's most justifiably popular tourist destinations. The picturesque states of Kedah and Perlis, the rice bowls of Malaysia, are important gateways into Thailand. Economically, the state of Johor is one of the most important states in the country, with huge rubber, palm oil and pineapple plantations, and a growing industrial base. This second largest city of Malaysia has beautiful islands of the Seribaut Archipelago and Endau-Rompin National Park, pristine jungle and thundering waterfalls in a remote setting.

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Malaysian Borneo is divided into the states of Sarawak and Sabah, with Brunei a small enclave between them. For those who are interested in climbing Mt Kinabalu, an improbably granite peak in Sabah and one of the easiest mountains in the world to climb, information about the mountain and the climb has been included.

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The subsequent section is about Brunei, one of the smallest countries in the world. The country's full name is Negara Brunei Darussalam, which is usually translated as 'Brunei- the Abode of Peace'.

Exhaustive information regarding planning tours to these places has been provided in the book. Besides the reliable and authoritative travel information, the book also contains a user-friendly guide to Malaya language. The authors have provided sufficient practical information to enable travelers to make informed choices. They have presented historical and cultural background of these places in order to help enrich the travel experience and allow travelers to understand and respond appropriately to cultural and environmental issues. The information provided is non-commercial, the maps are clear to understand and the photographs are attractive. Hence it is a true travel guide.



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