As neighboring countries, Indonesia and Malaysia experienced ups and downs of diplomatic relations. In addition to unfavorable relationships, of course there are many experiences that show the close relationship between the two nations. Geographical proximity and cultural similarity allow the relationship of tourism to be mutually beneficial. The tourism sector income in Malaysia has been the third national source of income that recorded the number of foreign tourist visits of 25 million per year, 3 million of which are tourists from Indonesia. In contrast, there are 2 million Malaysian tourists per year visiting Indonesia. This article was made in order to find out: whether the mutually beneficial tourism had a positive impact on diplomatic relations between the two countries or even made possible excesses of the foreign policy of the two countries. It will also discuss what actions have been taken on the two countries' foreign policy in order to enhance tourism cooperation.

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