

Malaysia

Situated in the heart of Southeast Asia, Malaysia is a vibrant destination with a diversity of cultures and traditions. This tropical paradise boasts pristine jungles and verdant national parks that are teeming with numerous species of birds and wildlife.

Malaysia's sun-drenched islands and beaches are home to a stunning range of marine life. It's natural wealth is complemented by magnificent modern landmarks and heritage buildings. There is something to charm every visitor, be it a history-lover, nature-enthusiast, sun-seeker or an avid shopper. Explore the length and breadth of the country to discover the many attractions of Malaysia!



S SHOPPING

Kuala Lumpur is a paradise for shoppers with something to cater to every taste and budget. The huge shopping malls are stocked with international and designer brands while the specialty outlets offer novelty items and irresistible souvenirs. The BBKLCC zone, made up of Bukit Bintang and KLCC is the city's main shopping area. There are numerous other chic malls around the city such as Mid Valley Megamall and The Gardens, Surway Putra Mall, Nu Sentral, Berjaya Times Square and MyTown Shopping Centre. For those who want a different shopping experience, there are places like Pasar Seni, Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman and Petaling Street, offering a mind-boggling range of items.



ISTANA NEGARA (NATIONAL PALACE)

Jalan Dutta

Istana Negara or the National Palace is the official residence of the King of Malaysia. This majestic edifice at Jalan Dutta officially became the National Palace in 2011, replacing the old palace in Jalan Istana. Covering 97.65 hectares, the palace boasts a traditional Malay design with Islamic art work that were created by renowned sculptors from Terengganu and Kelantan. The palace is graced by 22 domes, with the largest standing at 44 metres in height.



NATIONAL MUSEUM

Jalan Damansara

Malaysia's premier museum serves as a repository for the nation's rich history and heritage. Built in 1963, the museum's façade features a Minangkabau-style roof with two impressive front murals. The museum has four main galleries, showcasing a collection of keris or the Malay dagger, musical instruments, ceramics and many other artefacts. The museum offers free guided tours in various languages at 10:00am.

www.muziumnegara.gov.my



SULTAN ABDUL SAMAD BUILDING

Jalan Raja

Sultan Abdul Samad Building one of the city's most enduring attractions. Built in 1897, the building is said to have been the finest in the Malay states. It features an imposing porch, graceful horseshoe shaped arches, shiny copper domes and a 41.2 metre clock tower. The Ground Floor of this building houses a Tourist Information Centre.

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SRI MAHA MARIAMMAN TEMPLE

Jalan Tun H.S. Lee

Situated at Jalan Tun HS Lee, this temple is one of the oldest in the country. The strikingly beautiful temple has a 22 metre tower and its interior is adorned with paintings and sculptures that depict the Hindu deities. During the festival of Thaipusam, this temple is the starting point of the procession that leads to Batu Caves.

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ROYAL SELANGOR VISITOR CENTRE

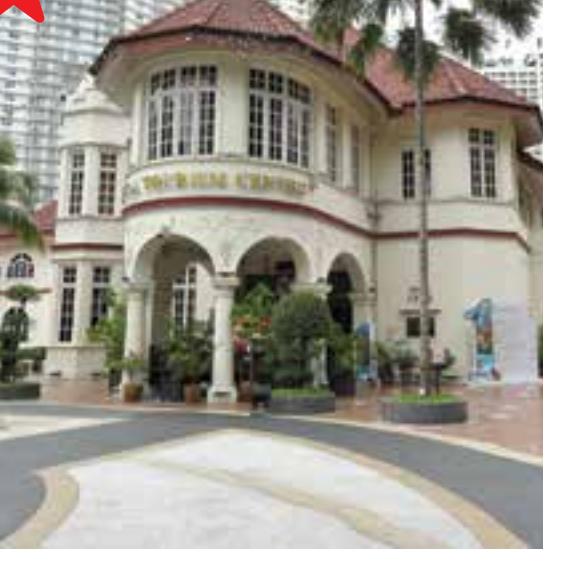
This is the home of the world-renowned Royal Selangor pewter. View an assortment of exhibits, go on a guided factory tour or purchase pewterware and silver jewellery. Visitors can also create their own souvenir at the School of Hard Knocks and The Foundry workshops.

www.royselangorvisitorcentre.com



THE NATIONAL VISUAL ARTS GALLERY

The National Visual Arts Gallery of Malaysia is a public art gallery situated along Jalan Tun Razak, on the northern edge of central Kuala Lumpur. There are two main galleries, namely the Tun Razak Gallery and the Main Lobby. The Gallery is open daily from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm, and admission is free.



MALAYSIA TOURISM CENTRE (MATIC)

Set in a colonial building, MATIC is a one-stop centre for tourists. Enjoy a host of facilities such as a 24-hour tourist police counter, internet access, tour agencies, currency exchange, hotel reservations as well as souvenir outlets and a chocolate boutique. Constructed in 1935, MATIC was originally a family residence of a wealthy tin miner and rubber estate tycoon. The building has been the venue of several important occasions including the first sitting of Malaysia's parliament.

www.matic.gov.my

Kuala Lumpur

Kuala Lumpur or KL is Malaysia's capital city. It is one of the most vibrant and fast-growing cities in Asia, with exciting places to see along with world-famous landmarks, prestigious hotels and state-of-the-art facilities. This city has something for everyone, the business traveller, families, honeymooners and kids. Visit the glittering Petronas Twin Towers, the world's tallest twin structures and enjoy a leisurely stroll around Dataran Merdeka which gives a glimpse into KL's past. Spend some time at the parks, museums and art galleries or enjoy the adrenaline-rush at the theme parks. KL's status as the fourth among the top ten shopping cities in the world makes shopping a must on your itinerary. Enjoy KL, and leave with memories of a great holiday in Malaysia.

GT GETTING THERE

KL is easily accessible by air, sea and land. The main airport in the country is the Kuala Lumpur International Airport which is about one hour's drive from the city. It is complemented by the newly built KLIA2, the world's largest purpose-built terminal dedicated to low cost carriers. The national carrier Malaysia Airlines has a global network that spans six continents. Malaysia Airlines is complemented by its subsidiary Firefly and the budget airline AirAsia.

Visitors arriving by train from Ipoh and Butterworth can take the high-speed ETS train service provided by Keretapi Tanah Melayu or KTM. From the airport, visitors can take the KLIA Ekspres and KLIA Transit fast trains for a hassle-free journey to the city. Buses, taxis and car rental services are also available.

GA GETTING AROUND

Getting around the city is convenient with the network of trains and buses. KL Sentral Station is the city's modern transportation hub. The services here include KLIA Ekspres/Transit, LRT, KL Monorail and KTM Komuter trains. In addition, visitors can also get around via the KL Hop On Hop Off Bus Tours. Trams are available within the Tun Abdul Razak Heritage Park area.



POI PLACES OF INTEREST



RIVER OF LIFE

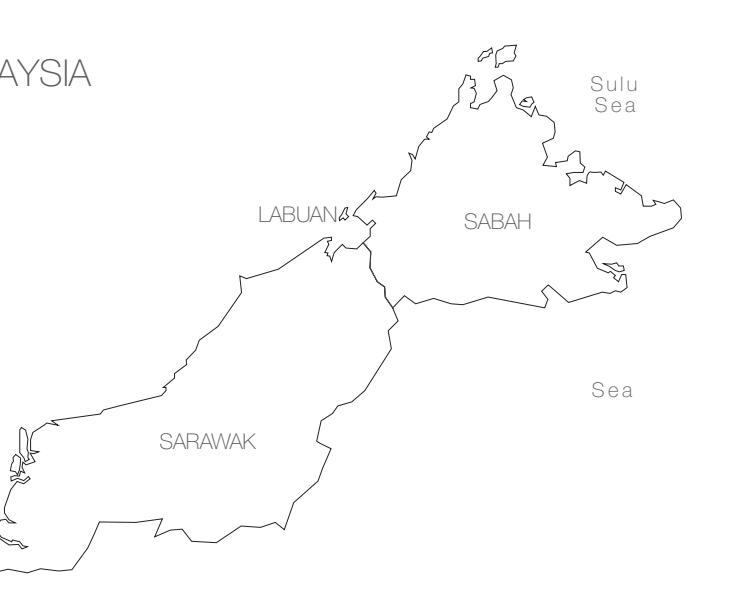
Occupying a historic location at the confluence of the Klang and Gombak Rivers, this is a new scenic waterfront in Kuala Lumpur. It attracts visitors with advancing symphony fountain and lighting effects. The Blue Pool is situated near Masjid Jamek.



KL BIRD PARK

Sprawling over 20.9 acres, the KL Bird Park houses more than 3,000 birds from 200 local and foreign species. KL Bird Park is reputed to be the world's largest free-flight aviary. This beautifully landscaped park is home to the Changeable Hawk Eagle, Bird of Paradise and many more. After a visit, enjoy a meal at the Hornbill Restaurant and Café, built in the style of a traditional Malay house.

www.klbirdpark.com



MAP OF MALAYSIA



S SHOPPING



TUGU NEGARA (NATIONAL MONUMENT)

Jalan Parlimen

Situated overlooking the KL Lake Gardens, the huge bronze monument was built to pay tribute to the soldiers who gave their lives defending the country during the Communist Insurgency in the 1950s. The National Monument was designed by Felix de Weldon, the architect of the famous Iwo Jima Memorial.



TUN ABDUL RAZAK HERITAGE PARK

Encompassing 173 acres, Tun Abdul Razak Heritage Park is a sprawling area with rainforests, lakes, flower gardens and trails. Visitors can explore the park on foot, take the tram service or rent a bicycle to get around the park. Attractions within the park include Perdana Botanical Gardens (formerly known as the KL Lake Gardens), KL Bird Park, Butterfly Park and many more.



MASJID NEGARA (NATIONAL MOSQUE)

This is the main mosque in the city, boasting a star-shaped dome and a 73 metre high minaret. The beautifully landscaped grounds are dotted with pools and fountains. The mosque is situated at the fringes of the Perdana Lake Gardens. Visitors are advised to dress modestly when visiting the mosque and avoid prayer times, which is the birthplace of Kuala Lumpur.

LITTLE INDIA @ BRICKFIELDS

This Indian enclave has various social, cultural, educational and religious establishments. Among the unique landmarks here are the Vivekananda Ashrama Building which was constructed in 1904, the YMCA building founded in 1905, old shophouses, schools, temples, churches, a mosque and a Chinese temple.



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Jalan Raja

A fine example of early English Gothic architecture, this cathedral features stained glass windows and tasseled tile paving. A unique feature here is the pipe organ built in 1895 by Henry Willis, one of the greatest organ builders of his day.

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ISLAMIC ARTS MUSEUM

This museum showcases the beauty of Islamic arts in Malaysia and around the world. Highlights include Islamic architecture and replicas of famous buildings such as the Taj Mahal in India, Masjid Merdeka, which means 'Independence Square'. Activities in the area include free heritage guided walks, and KL ByCycle tours.



MASJID JAMEK SULTAN ABDUL SAMAD OFF JALAN TUN PERAK

Built in 1909, Masjid Jamek Sultan Abdul Samad is the city's oldest surviving mosque. It features design elements that are inspired by the Mogul architecture in Northern India. Cupolas and minarets top the brick walls and arched colonnades, while a 70 foot dome surrounds the prayer hall. This mosque occupies a historic location at the confluence of the Klang and Gombak rivers, which is the birthplace of Kuala Lumpur.



KL CITY GALLERY

Jalan Raja

KL City Gallery gives an overview of the city's past, present and future through a collection of prints, miniatures and photographs.

This gallery is situated in a 114-year old Moorish styled building.

Visitors can watch artists at work, stand beside the largest wood veneer mural in the world and join a DIY workshop to assemble their own souvenirs.



MUZIUM DIRAJA (ROYAL MUSEUM)

Jalan Istana

This museum is housed in a building that was formerly the National Palace.

It was opened to the public after the official residence of the King was moved to Jalan Dutta. Visitors can browse through the royal regalia and gifts during exhibitions.

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DATARAN MERDEKA (MERDEKA SQUARE)

Jalan Raja

Dataran Merdeka is one of the most important heritage sites in the city. The Union Jack was lowered here to mark the country's independence from Colonial rule. Hence the name Dataran Merdeka, which means 'Independence Square'. Activities in the area include free heritage guided walks, and KL ByCycle tours.



MASJID YA TEMPLE

Jalan Lebuh Pudu

This temple has a history dating back to 1864. It was built by Yap Ah Loy, one of the most prominent leaders of the early Chinese community. Sze Ya Temple pays tribute to the deities of Sin Sze Ya and Si Sze Ya, which were said to have guided the Chinese Kapitan during the Selangor Civil War.



KL OLD RAILWAY STATION

Jalan Sultan Hishamuddin

This splendid building was the hub for the nation's rail transportation system before the state-of-the-art KL Sentral Station was built. Its Moorish architecture with graceful arches and minarets makes it one of the city's most photographed landmarks.



PASAR SENI (CENTRAL MARKET)

Jalan Hang Kasturi

This market is housed in a building that was formerly the National Palace.

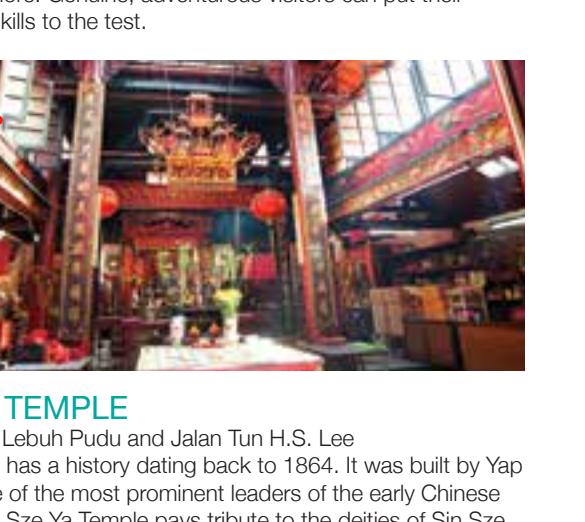
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PETALING STREET (CHINATOWN)

Petaling Street or Chinatown is the place to find everything from novelties, fresh flowers, clothes, bags, shoes to timewieces and many more. Genuine, adventurous visitors can put their bargaining skills to the test.



KL TOWER

Jalan Punchak, Off Jalan P.Ramlee

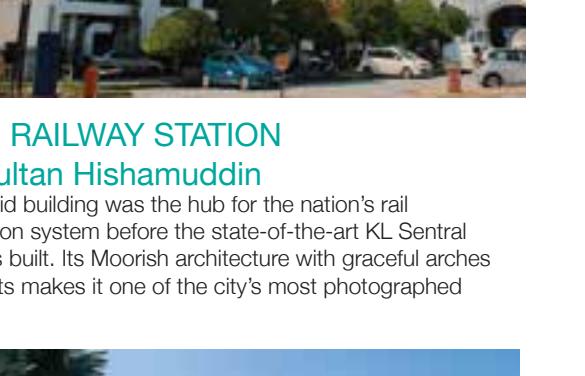
Standing at a height of 421 metres, KL Tower is one of the most prominent landmarks in the country. It is the seventh tallest telecommunications tower in the world and the tallest in Southeast Asia. The tower is situated in the Bukit Nanas Forest Reserve, making it the only tower in the world to be located within a forest. View the city skyline from a dizzying height of 276 metres at the Observation Deck and enjoy a variety of other activities.



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