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KUALA LUMPUR

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KUALA LUMPUR

Kuala Lumpur or "KL", as the locals address her, is the capital of Malaysia. Looking at the megalopolis today, the days when it all began in the 1850s as mud flats and tin deposits seem so distant they are unimaginable. You will find traces of history in the beautifully preserved architecture, but today Kuala Lumpur is the International Garden City of Lights where shoppers are spoiled for choices from street vendors to luxurious boutiques, connoisseurs broaden their palates, party animals find sanctuaries, and naturists are wowed. Whoever you are, this vibrant, multicultural city awaits with endless offers.



THE CITY



Kuala Lumpur is a melting pot of cross-cultural influences and the result is an exciting mixture of cultures, costumes and cuisines.

Kuala Lumpur is the capital and largest city of Malaysia. It is also one of the three Malaysian Federal Territories together with Putrajaya and Labuan. The city is surrounded by satellite cities like the administrative capital Putrajaya, Cyberjaya, Sunway (great amusement park), Cheras, Shah Alam, Subang and Petaling Jaya.

KL consists of various districts with their own identities. The Classic Centre is where KL was born, at the meeting of Klang and Gombak Rivers. You will find historical sites like the first large mosque Masjid Jamek, Central Market, Little India, Dataran Merdeka, Bangunan Sultan Abdul Samad and the Selangor Club.

Lively Chinatown is still authentic and features Petaling Street - Kuala Lumpur's first market and various temples (Buddhist and Hindu).

The Petronas Twin Towers and KL Tower in the Grand Jalan Ampang district are hard to miss as they dominate the city's skyline.

The nostalgic Lake Gardens boasts the romantic park Taman Tasik Perdana, the Islamic Arts Museum, National Museum and the National Monument is just a stone's throw away.

The posh Bangsar is where Kuala Lumpur's rich come out to play. The highlight is Jalan Telawi, packed with nightspots. For shopping, head off into the direction of the hip Bukit Bintang which is dubbed "The Shopper's Paradise". Do the Bintang Walk and find out why.

The rest of KL includes sights such as the Batu Caves Hindu Temple, Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) Park, Selangor Pewter, and the National Zoo. Or why not take a relaxing day and just absorb the atmosphere of wandering through such diverse communities as Chinese, Malay, South Indian and East Malaysian and many more. Each community offers its own festivals, food, music, art and fashion, while lending its own unique addition to Malaysian culture.

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DO & SEE



KL Tower

Take in the view from the highest point in Kuala Lumpur. Apart from being a telecommunications tower, it also houses



an observation deck and revolving restaurant.

Address: Jalan Punchak, 50250 Underground: Bukit Nanas (KL Monorail)

Phone: +60 (0)3 2020 5444 Internet: www.menarakl.com.my

Petronas Twin Tower And KLCC

At 452 metres, this used to be the tallest building in the world. Still the tallest twin buildings it is a true symbol of the new Malaysia. Visitors are welcome to the skybridge at the 41st floor. Petronas towers are adjacent to one of the busiest shopping malls in Malaysia, Suria KLCC.

Address: Jalan Ampang, 50088, KLCC (Putra LRT)

Internet: www.suriaklcc.com.my

National Museum

A recap on Malaysia's cultural, human, and natural history.

Address: Jalan Damansara, 50566 Underground: Stop: KL Sentral Phone: +60 (0)3 2282 6255

Petaling Street (chinatown)

Visit the oldest market in town. Haggling is a must and so is tasting the 'cooling' Longan drink at the corner stall.

Address: Jalan Petaling, 50000

Underground: Stop: Pasar Seni (Putra LRT)

Batu Caves

Climb up 272 steps (61 metres) and be amazed by the Hindu's Lord Murugan shrines built in natural limestone. Watch out for the monkeys who unscrupulously will steal any loose items or visible food.

Address: Off Jalan Ipoh, 13 km North of KL

Phone: +60 (0)3 2287 9422

 $Internet:\ www.malaysia site.nl/batucave seng.htm$

Lake Gardens (taman Tasik Perdana)

Escape from the bustling city. Take a boat cruise or visit the Bird Park, Butterfly Farm, Deer Park, Orchid Park and Hibiscus Park.

Address: Jalan Perdana, 50480

Underground: Stop: Old Railway Station (KTM Commuter Train)

Central Market

Chill in this neatly preserved building from 1888 while you pick your souvenirs. Originally a wet market but now focusing mainly on arts and crafts.

Address: Jalan Hang Kasturi, 50050 Underground: Pasar Seni (Putra LRT) Opening hours: daily 10.00 - 22.00 Phone: +60 (0)3 0022 8688

Internet: www.centralmarket.com.my

Masjid Jamek Mosque

Located at the convergence of the Klang and Gombak rivers you'll find Masjid Jamek, one of the oldest mosques in the city. Its three elegant domes dominated the KL skyline long before skyscrapers came into the picture.

Address: Jalan Tun Perak

Old Railway Station

This beautiful Moorish inspired architecture was built in 1910. The minarets, arches and spirals make it one of the most attractive buildings.

EATING



The Malaysian kitchen is a fusion of cultural diversity. For instance, Nasi Lemak is Malay food, Rojak is Indian Muslim, Char Kuay Teow is Chinese and Laksa is Nyonya (a mix of Malay and Chinese). Each culture emphasises different ingredients, exploiting different flavours, for example the Malay curry tastes tangier compared to



the Indian's.

EXCLUSIVESenses

Boasts having one of the world's hottest top ten chefs alive (Chef Cheong Liew, Malaysia's own culinary 'Papa') behind the scenes. Phenomenal dining experience!

Address: KL-Studio, Hilton Kuala Lumpur 3 Jalan Stesen Sentral,

50470,

Underground: Stop: KL Sentral Phone: +60 (0)3 2264 2264 Internet: www.kl-studio.com

Chynna

Chynna is funky Shanghai-themed, serving Cantonese dim sum and traditional herbal cooking. Authentic yet innovative.

Address: KL-Studio, Hilton Kuala Lumpur 3 Jalan Stesen Sentral,

50470

Underground: Stop: KL Sentral Phone: +60 (0)3 2264 2264 Internet: www.kl-studio.com

MID-RANGE Bijan

Chic restaurant cum bar serving the upmarket version of traditional regional Malay fare.

Address: 3 Jalan Ceylon, 50200

Underground: Raja Chulan (KL Monorail)

Phone: +60 (0)3 2031 3575 Internet: www.bijanrestaurant.com

MIDRANGE Coca Restaurant

Experience 'steamboat'. Cooking fresh seafood, vegetables and other ingredients in a mouth-watering hot broth and then dipping it in special sauce.

Address: 1st Floor KL Plaza,179 Jalan Bukit Bintang, 55100

Underground: Bukit Bintang (KL Monorail)

Phone: +60 (0)3 2145 9600 Internet: www.dinemalaysia.com

Bombay Palace

Awarded the "Best Indian Restaurant in Malaysia" by the Ministry of Tourism, this restaurant oozes North Indian originality even before you step in.

Address: 215 Jalan Tun Razak, 50400

Phone: +60 (0)3 2145 4241

Internet: www.bombaypalacerestaurantkl.com

Oasis

Looking for options? 8 restaurants, 1 full bar in a Balinese style garden offering 400 dishes and 150 types of drinks to choose from.

Address: Lot 61-2 and 61-3, Jalan Maarof, Bangsar

Underground: Bangsar (Putra LRT) Phone: +60 (0)3 2282 6545

BUDGET Jalan Alor

This is the street parallel to Jalan Bukit Bintang, jam packed with Chinese restaurants and hawkers, street stalls serving everything from barbequed seafood to local desserts. Good food at good value.

Address: Jalan Alor, 50200

Hot Mama Restaurant

This restaurant's creative twists with traditional dishes thrill both locals and tourists. Try the chicken rice balls.

Address: E-50, 4th Floor Sungei Wang PlazaJalan Sultan Ismail,

50250

Underground: Bukit Bintang (KL Monorail

Phone: +60 (0)3 2148 1336

CAFÉS



The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf

This one is kept close to the heart of coffee-drinkers in Kuala Lumpur and has locations all over the city.



Address: Ground Floor KL Plaza 179 Jalan Bukit Bintang, 55100

Underground: Bukit Bintang (KL Monorail) Internet: www.coffeebean.com.my

Green Lotus Café

Unwind in this ambient café. Unique selection of concoctions and eatables.

Address: 38 Jalan Walter Grenier, 55100 Underground: Bukit Bintang (KL Monorail)

Coliseum Café

This café will transport you back to the 30's and 40's colonial era. The sizzling steak is scrumptious. Also a hotel.

Address: 98-100 Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman, 50100

Phone: +60 (0)3 2692 6270

All Stars Sports Café

As the name implies this café caters to sports fanatics.

Address: Lot E11 Ground Floor Mid Valley Megamall Lingkaran

Syed Putra 59200

Underground: Bangsar (Putra LRT), then a short taxi ride to

Megamall

Phone: +60 (0)3 2938 3885

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Malaysia is a Muslim country but non-Muslims are free to enjoy alcohol and other aspects of the night-life. If you look close enough, you will notice the assimilation of local culture in the bars.

As the dusk falls, Kuala Lumpur transforms into a vibrant city of entertainment and fun, becoming a playground for party-goers, regardless of nationality. The club culture is concentrated mainly in Jalan Telawi and Jalan P Ramlee.

Little Havana

Living up to its name, Little Havana beams Latin spirit. Three different sections al fresco Courtyard, Cigar room and Dance floor.

Address: 2 and 4 Jalan Sahabat, 50200 Underground: Bukit Bintang (KL Monorail) Internet: www.mylittlehavanakl.com

Luna Bar

Crowning the rooftop of Kuala Lumpur's glam hotel, this bar offers splendid views. Dress up!

Address: 34th Floor Pacific Regency Hotel Apartments Menara

Pan Global, Jalan Punchak, 50250 Underground: Bukit Nanas (KL Monorail) Internet: www.pacific-regency.com

Zeta Bar

Sophisticated deco, fashionable crowd and delightful drinks - this exclusive bar is the hub of Kuala Lumpur late night socialites.

Address: 5th Floor, Hilton KL 3 Jalan Stesen Sentral, 50470

Underground: KL Sentral Station

Internet: www.kl-studio.com/zetabar.html

Frangipani

If minimalist concept, tranquillity and decent cocktails are major influences on your choice of a good bar, then Frangipani fits the bill.

Address: 25 Changkat Bukit Bintang, 50200 Underground: Bukit Bintang (KL Monorail)

Phone: +60 (0)3 2144 3001 Internet: www.frangipani.com.my

Vintages

When all you want is wine, and only good wine, trust Vintages.

Address: 31 Jalan Telawi 3, 59100 Underground: Bangsar (Putra LRT) Phone: +60 (0)3 2287 3810

Espanda Club

This super modernist designed club has been rocked by world class, top notch DJ's.

Address: 97 Jalan Sultan Ismail, 50250 Underground: Bukit Bintang (KL Monorail)





Beach Club

There is no beach in Kuala Lumpur so the closest you can get to a beach party is at the Beach Club.

Address: 97 Jalan P Ramlee, 50250

Underground: Bukit Nanas/Raja Chulan (KL Monorail)

Zouk

This funky club is always crowded with an upper-class crowd.

Address: 113 Jalan Ampang, 50450 Underground: Dang Wangi (Putra LRT) Phone: +60 (0)3 2171 1997 Internet: www.zoukclub.com.my

Twelvesi

This joint is made up of Atmosphere the Club, Bliss the Lounge, Barfly the Bar, and Gerai the Café. Everything under one roof, basically.

Address: 12 Jalan Sultan Ismail, 50250 Underground: Bukit Bintang (KL Monorail)

Liquid

This elegant club is retro themed. The funky crowd is a good mix of gays and straights.

Address: 2.04 Mezzanine Central Market Annexe Jalan Hang

Kasturi, 50050

Underground: Pasar Seni (Putra LRT) Phone: +60 (0)3 2078 5909 Internet: www.liquidbar.com.my

Passion

Stylish little lounge with atmosphere, for non-hardcore clubbers, who just enjoy grooving to house music with a drink in hand.

Address: 181-183 Jalan P Ramlee, 50250

Underground: Bukit Nanas

SHOPPING



Shoppers will find their trip to Kuala Lumpur worthwhile to say the least. There are many ways to pursue your shopping needs from a shop house to a street stall, or from a night market ("Pasar Malam") to a shopping mall. You may not always find exactly the same product but you have a lot of choice in price and quality.

There are great shopping malls in Kuala Lumpur, namely Suria KLCC (just below the Twin Towers) and Mid Valley Megamall, Bangsar Village. However, the most famous area for shopping is Bukit Bintang, with the highest density of malls and shops in the city. You can find anything from the smartest Japanese hi-tech gadget to the latest French designer piece. So let yourself loose!

For more detailed shopping information download our special Kuala Lumpur shopping guide at: www.arrivalguides.com

Star Hill

For luxurious products and designer labels, like Louis Vuitton, Gucci, etc.

Address: 181 Jalan Bukit Bintang, 55100 Internet: www.ytlcommunity.com/starhill

Sungei Wang Plaza

For trendy accessories, apparels and shoes. Prices are usually negotiable. There are 500 shops in 33 different categories, but don't panic.



Address: 99 Jalan Bukit Bintang, 55100 Internet: www.sungeiwang.com

Bb Plaza

(connected to Sungei Wang) for sneakers, sandals, and Malay/Muslim fashion.

Imbi Plaza

(Jalan Imbi, 55100) for computers and IT-related products.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



Airports

There are two airports: Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) at Sepang is 55 km from the city and Subang Airport, domestic flights, is 12 km from the city, just a quick taxi ride away.

Internet: www.klia.com.my

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For info and booking from KLIA:

Phone: +60 (0)3 9223 8080 +60 (0)3 8787 3675

Car Rental

There are many car rental companies and the list can be found online from the airport's website. Chauffeur driven cars are usually available if you reserve from the hotel early.

Public transport

Since most people don't live downtown, the most common way of getting around in Kuala Lumpur is driving. There may be light traffic jams during rush hours but nothing serious. However, for the visitor, the public transport system well expanded and consists of an underground system, a monorail line, a series of different train lines and several bus operators.

For the map of public transportation in Kuala Lumpur or more information on buses or trains running in the city, go to www.mycen.com.my/search/transport.htm I

Phone: +60 (0)3 2267 9888 +60 (0)3 2730 2000 Internet: www.klsentral.com.my,

Taxi

If you are not familiar with the city and only staying for a short period, taxis can be the most convenient way of getting about. Taxis are easily available and economical.



Meter starts from RM2 (first 2 km) and then 10 sen for every 200 m thereon.

An extra 50 percentage is added for services between 24.00 (midnight) and 6.00.

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