

# Kualalumpur

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**Population:** 1.4 Million

**Currency:** 1 Ringgit Malaysia (MYR)



## 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.

## **DO & SEE**



### **KL Tower**

Take in the view from the highest point in Kuala Lumpur. Apart from being a Tele-communications tower, it also houses an observation deck and revolving restaurant.

### **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.

### **National Museum**

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

### **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.

### **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 steal any loose items or visible food.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **CAFES**



- **The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf**
- **Green Lotus Café**
- **Coliseum Café**
- **All Stars Sports Café**
- **El Niño Latin Heat Café**

### **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.

- **EXCLUSIVE Senses**
- **Chynna**
- **MID-RANGE Bijan**
- **MIDRANGE Coca Restaurant**
- **Bombay Palace**
- **Oasis**
- **BUDGET Jalan Alor**
- **Hot Mama Restaurant**

## 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!

### Star Hill

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

### 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.

### Bb Plaza

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

### Imbi Plaza

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