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KUALA LUMPUR CITY GUIDE

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Welcome to Malaysia

A vibrant country that boasts a diverse blend of cultures, landscapes, and experiences. Malaysia is known for its stunning natural beauty, rich history, and bustling urban centers. This booklet is designed to help you discover some of Malaysia's most popular tourist destinations and hidden gems, all of which are easily accessible from our conference venue. Whether you're looking to explore Malaysia's fascinating history, indulge in its world-renowned cuisine, or go on a shopping spree, this booklet will serve as your guide to discovering the best that our country has to offer.

Suggested apps and cards



For those who prefer to avoid public transit, Grab is a ride-hailing app that functions like Uber. You can book rides to your destination at a fixed and reasonable fare (excluding tolls) and even order food through the app. Additionally, it can serve as an e-wallet for making payments at many convenient stores and restaurants.

This prepaid card, available for purchase at the airport, is a must-have for traveling around Malaysia by bus or train, as many of these services are now cashless. Simply load funds onto the card and tap to pay your fare.

This app, available on the Play Store and App Store, is an excellent resource for navigating Malaysia's public transportation system. It provides information on the timing and routes of buses and trains, and even includes a map to help you find the nearest station.



Places to visit in Kuala Lumpur

Museums and Galleries

Muzium Negara (National Museum)



Operating Hours:

9.00am – 5.00pm (daily)

Location:

Jabatan Muzium Malaysia, Jln Damansara, Perdana Botanical Gardens, 50566 Kuala Lumpur, Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur

Fee:

RM5

Muzium Negara is a repository of Malaysia's rich cultural and historical heritage. The museum houses four exhibition galleries featuring Malaysia's history and rich cultural diversity.

Islamic Arts Museum



Operating Hours:

9.30am – 6.00pm (daily)

Location:

Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia, Jalan Lembah, Tasik Perdana, 50480 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur

Fee:

RM20

The Islamic Arts Museum's features 12 galleries, each dedicated to a different aspect of Islamic art, including Architecture, Arms & Armour, Ceramics, China, Coins & Seals, India, Jewelry, Living with Wood, Malay World, Metalwork, Qur'an & Manuscript, and Textiles.

Bank Negara (Central Bank) Malaysia Museum and Art Gallery



Operating Hours:

10.00am - 5.00pm (Tuesday to Sunday)
Closed every Monday

Location:

Sasana Kijang, 2, Jalan Dato Onn, Kuala Lumpur, 50480 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur

Fee:

Complimentary

The museum features six permanent galleries, each with its own distinct theme: the Children's Gallery, the Bank Negara Malaysia Gallery, the Economics Gallery, the Islamic Finance Gallery, the Numismatics Gallery, and the Art Gallery. Through these galleries, visitors can explore various aspects of the Malaysian economy, including the Bank's significant role in the country's economic development from pre-independence to the present day.

Ilham Gallery



Operating Hours:

11.00am - 7.00pm (Tuesday - Saturday)
1.00am - 5.00pm (Sunday)
Closed on Monday

Location:

Levels 3 and 5, Ilham Tower, 8, Lrg Binjai, Kuala Lumpur, 50450 Kuala Lumpur

Fee:

Complimentary

ILHAM Gallery is a public art gallery committed to supporting the development, understanding and enjoyment of Malaysian modern and contemporary art within a regional and global context.

Heritage / Historical Buildings

Masjid Jamek



Operating Hours:

10.00 am – 12.30 pm (daily)

2.30 pm – 4.00 pm (daily)

Location:

Jalan Tun Perak, City Centre, 50050 Kuala Lumpur

Masjid Jamek is one of the oldest and most iconic mosques in Kuala Lumpur. Built in 1909, it features stunning Moorish architecture with twin domes, arched colonnades, and intricate tile work. The mosque is located at the confluence of two rivers, the Klang and Gombak rivers, making it a significant landmark in the city.

Thean Hou Temple



Batu Caves Temple



Operating Hours:

7.00 am – 9.00 pm (daily)

Location:

Jalan Batu Caves, Batu Caves, Malaysia

The Batu Caves are located within a high limestone outcropping. A colossal gold-painted statue of Hindu deity, made from reinforced concrete and 140 feet (42.7 metres) in height, stands near the base of a flight of 272 steps. At the top of the steps is the entrance to the largest cave, called Cathedral Cave or Temple Caves.

Operati Hours:

8.00 am – 10.00 pm (daily)

Location:

65, Persiaran Endah, Taman Persiaran Desa, 50460 Kuala Lumpur

Thean Hou Temple is one of the largest and most ornate Chinese temples in Southeast Asia. Located on a hill in Kuala Lumpur, the temple was built in 1987 and features traditional Chinese architecture, with a red and gold color scheme, intricate carvings, and sweeping rooflines.

Central Market



Operating Hours:

10.00 am - 8.00 pm

Location:

Jalan Hang Kasturi, City Centre, 50050 Kuala Lumpur

Central Market Kuala Lumpur was founded in 1888 and originally used as a wet market, while the current Art Deco style building was completed in 1937. It has been classified as a Heritage Site by the Malaysian Heritage Society, and it is now a landmark for Malaysian culture and heritage.

Shopping

Pavilion Kuala Lumpur



Operating Hours:

10.00 am - 10.00 pm

Location:

168, Jalan Bukit Bintang, Bukit Bintang, 55100 Kuala Lumpur

Pavilion Shopping Kuala Lumpur is a premier shopping destination located in the heart of Bukit Bintang, one of Kuala Lumpur's most vibrant and bustling districts. It features a wide range of luxury brands, high-end fashion boutiques, and top-notch restaurants.

Suria KLCC



Operating Hours:

10.00 am - 10.00 pm

Location:

241, Petronas Twin Tower, Kuala Lumpur City Centre, 50088 Kuala Lumpur

Suria KLCC is another premier shopping destination located at the base of the iconic Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur. The mall boasts over 300 stores offering a range of luxury and mid-range brands, as well as a wide selection of local and international restaurants.

Mid Valley Megamall & The Gardens Mall



Operating Hours:

10.00 am - 10.00 pm

Location:

Lingkaran Syed Putra, Mid Valley City, 59200 Kuala Lumpur

Mid Valley is one of the most visited mall in Kuala Lumpur with over 430 stores in Mid Valley with affordable place to do their shopping by the locals and foreigners. The neighbouring with the newly opened Gardens Mall with a premium 6-level shopping haven for more than 200 outlets where top fashion brands such as Louis Vuitton, Versace Collection, Hermès, and Burberry reside.

Other Interesting Places

Skybridge Petronas Twin Towers



Operating Hours:

9.00 am - 9.00 pm (Tuesday to Sunday)
Closed on Monday

Location:

201A-C, Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur City Centre, 50088 Kuala Lumpur

Fee:

RM98

The Skybridge Petronas Twin Towers is a must-see attraction in Kuala Lumpur, offering stunning views of the city from a height of 170 meters. Visitors can access the Skybridge, which connects the two towers on the 41st and 42nd floors and enjoy panoramic vistas of Kuala Lumpur's skyline.

Sky Deck KL Tower



Operating Hours:

9.00 am - 10.00 pm

Location:

Menara Kuala Lumpur No. 2 Jalan Punchak off Jalan P. Ramlee, 50250 Kuala Lumpur

Fee:

RM60

KL Tower Skydeck is an observation deck located on the top of Kuala Lumpur Tower, offering breathtaking views of the city skyline from a height of 421 meters. There is also a revolving restaurant and a souvenir shop at the observation deck.

Chinatown (Petaling Street)



Operating Hours:

10.00 am – 9.00 pm

Location:

Jalan Petaling, City Centre, 50000 Kuala Lumpur

Petaling Street, located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur's Chinatown, is a bustling market filled with vendors selling a variety of goods including clothing, accessories, souvenirs, and street food. Visitors can explore the maze of narrow alleys and haggle for bargains, while enjoying the colorful atmosphere and traditional Chinese architecture.

Restaurants to Try

Nasi Kandar Pelita



Operating Hours:

24 hours

Location:

149, Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur

Nasi Kandar Pelita KLCC is a popular Malaysian restaurant which serves delicious and authentic Malaysian cuisine with a focus on the popular nasi kandar dish, which is a meal of steamed rice served with a variety of curries and side dishes.

De. Wan 1958



Operating Hours:

Lunch: 11.00am – 3.00pm (daily)

Dinner: 6.00pm – 9.30pm (daily)

Location:

The Linc, 360, Jln Tun Razak, Taman U Thant, 50400 Kuala Lumpur

Led by renowned Chef Wan, it promises a memorable dining experience, blending traditional recipes with modern techniques in a stylish setting at The Linc KL.

Luk Yu Tea House



Operating Hours:

12.00pm - 10.00pm (daily)

Location:

The Starhill Dining, 181, Jln Bukit Bintang, Bukit Bintang, 55100 Kuala Lumpur

With its rich heritage and opulent ambiance, Luk Yu Tea House offers an exquisite dining experience, renowned for its delicate dim sum, premium teas, and impeccable service. A true culinary gem.

Bombay Palace



Operating Hours:

Lunch: 12.00pm - 2.30pm (daily)

Dinner: 6.30pm - 10.30pm (daily)

Location:

Life Centre, 20, Jln Sultan Ismail, Kuala Lumpur, 50250 Kuala Lumpur

Bombay Palace is a popular Indian restaurant located in Kuala Lumpur, offering a wide variety of traditional Indian dishes made with fresh, locally-sourced ingredients. With its elegant decor and warm ambiance, the restaurant is a great choice for tourists looking to experience Indian cuisine in the heart of the city.

Nightlife (Bars & Pubs)

Changkat Bukit Bintang



Changkat Bukit Bintang is a popular nightlife destination in Kuala Lumpur. Lined with bars, clubs, and restaurants, it offers something for everyone looking for a fun night out. From live music venues to trendy cocktail bars and dance clubs, Changkat Bukit Bintang has a diverse range of nightlife options.

If you are staying longer and would like to explore outside Kuala Lumpur, we would suggest the following places:

Melaka



Melaka, also known as Malacca, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a charming historical city located about a 2 hours' drive from Kuala Lumpur. It boasts a rich cultural heritage, including colonial-era architecture, antique shops, and a thriving food scene that blends Chinese, Malay, and European influences. Places to visit in Melaka are as follows:

- The ruin of A'Famosa
- Shop and eat at Jonker Street
- St Paul's Church
- Menara Taming Sari
- Dutch Square
- Klebang beach

You may explore this website to find other interesting places to visit in Melaka: www.melaka-tourism.com.

Pulau Pinang (Penang)



Penang, also known as the "Pearl of the Orient," is a state in Malaysia located on the northwest coast of Peninsular Malaysia. Located 4 hours' drive away from KL. The capital city of George Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Penang is also renowned for its food scene, with a variety of hawker stalls, restaurants, and cafes offering local delicacies such as char kway teow, laksa, and nasi kandar. Our recommendations of places to visit are as follows:

- Kek Lok Si Temple:
- Penang Hill:
- Penang Snake Temple
- Straits Quay
- Batu Feringgi Night Market
- Gurney Drive

You may explore this website to find other interesting places to visit in Penang: <https://mypenang.gov.my/?lg=en>

Genting Highlands



Genting Highlands is a hill resort located in the Titiwangsa Mountains, about an hour's drive from Kuala Lumpur. The resort offers a variety of attractions, including casinos, theme parks, hotels, restaurants, and shopping malls. It is known for its cool climate, which provides a refreshing escape from the heat of the city. Below are the main attractions in Genting:

- Genting Skyway
- Ripley's Believe or Not
- Skytropolis Indoor Theme Park
- Genting Outdoor Theme Park
- Genting Casino
- Genting Highlands Premium Outlets (GPO)

You may explore this website to find other interesting activities to do in Genting:
www.gentinghighlands.info.