

KUALA LUMPUR

GUIDE



Kuala Lumpur has a diverse culture where Malays, Chinese and Indians constitute the main races in this multicultural backdrop. It is this unique melting pot of cultures that makes KL mesmerize like it does!

Being the main and the most happening city in Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur is known as a paradise of food and shopping, and provides for the pickiest of diners and enjoyable entertainment. Any time of the day, any day of the week, Kuala Lumpur would keep anyone occupied from sunrise to sunset.

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In and Out of Kuala Lumpur

From Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA)

The Kuala Lumpur International Airport is approximately 75 kilometres from Kuala Lumpur's city centre. T: +603-87762000

■ **Airport Limo**

The rates vary according to type of Limo and the destination. Purchase the fixed price voucher at the counter located at The International Arrival area, level 3, right after Customs.

■ **Taxi**

The taxi fares vary depending on the destination. Purchase the fixed price voucher at the counter located at The International Arrival area, level 3, right after Customs.



■ **KLIA Ekspres**

Purchase the ticket at the counter or vending machines located at the Arrival Hall, Level 1. The operation time is from 9 am to 12 midnight. It provides a non-stop journey between KLIA and KL Sentral. The journey takes only 28 minutes with secure containers to check-in and check-out luggage. Normal fares for one-way is RM35 (adult) and RM15 (children) while the return fare is RM70 (adult) and RM30 (children). You can also take a taxi or bus from KL Sentral to the respective hotel.

■ **Buses**

a) **Express Coach**

The journey from KLIA to KL Sentral will be approximately 1 hour. The fare for one-way is RM10 (adult) and RM6 (children) while the return fare is RM18 (adult) and RM10 (children). Tickets can be purchased from the ticket counter located on the ground floor, Block C, at KLIA.

a) **Other Buses**

Shuttle Bus (RM1.50 per trip) provides services from KLIA to LCCT. Once you reach LCCT, you can take either the **AeroBus** (RM8 per trip) or the **Sky Bus** (RM9 per trip) to KL Sentral. You can also take a taxi or bus from KL Sentral to the respective hotel.

From Low Cost Carrier Terminal (LCCT)

LCCT is located about 20 kilometres from KLIA. It is specifically designed to suit the Low Cost Carrier business model. T: +603-87778888

■ **Budget Taxi**

The taxi fares vary depending on the destination. Purchase the fixed price voucher at the counter at the left hand side right after Customs.

■ **Bus**

Take the **AeroBus** (RM8 per trip) or the **Sky Bus** (RM9 per trip) to KL Sentral and take a taxi or bus to respective hotel.

Puduraya Bus Station

Main bus station in Kuala Lumpur. It is located at Jalan Tun Perak, near China Town. T: +603-20700145

KL Sentral

Main railway station of KL for KL Monorail, LRT, KTM & Ekspres Real Link. It is located at Brickfields. T: +603-27868080

Weather



Weather is generally hot & humid with a definite rainy season. The heaviest rains fall in two periods, which are November to February (Northeast Monsoon) and May to September (Southwest Monsoon). Other than that, there are brief periods of light variable winds during the changeover in March and October.

Getting around the city

There are several modes of transportation available around the city:

■ **Taxi**

Plenty of inexpensive taxis can be flagged down from almost every point in the city. As a precaution, some drivers might refuse to turn on meter. You should use your bargaining power or hail for another taxi.

■ **Bus**

Buses are a cheaper alternative to travel around the city. There are bus stops located at strategic points of Kuala Lumpur that will lead you to various places. Bus tickets can be purchased when entering the bus, either from a bus conductor, or ticketing machine next to the driver.

■ **Light Rail Transit (LRT)**

Punctuality and affordability has made LRT the most preferred mode of transport. It connects the key districts areas in the city where famous tourist areas are concentrated. There are two types of LRTs which are the Putra LRT and STAR LRT.

■ **KL Monorail**

An inner-city public transit system which comforts with air-conditioning at very reasonable fares. KL Monorail has made the central business, hotels and major shopping centres of Kuala Lumpur more accessible.

Places of Interest

■ KL Tower

Have an unforgettable time at the world's fourth tallest tower. Besides the panoramic view, it is also surrounded by the Bukit Nanas Forest, allowing you to enjoy forest walks. Cultural shows are also available at certain time according to the schedule.

■ Petronas Twin Towers (KLCC)

The 88-storey, world's tallest twin towers allow you to enjoy the bridge tour (sky bridge) between 8.30am -



5.00pm from Tuesday to

Sunday. There is a park with a jogging path, a fountain with light shows and a children's playground below KLCC.

■ Aquaria KLCC

Experience the journey of Aquaria KLCC through an exciting discovery of the ocean. It exhibits over 5,000 captivating aquatic and land animals of over 150 different species. Visit Aquaria KLCC to enjoy the amazing and exciting undersea adventure!

■ Little India

Here, one will find a wide range of



indigenous souvenirs and great food; from stunning sarees, elegant jewellery to mouth-watering authentic Indian fare. The colourful scenery with the smell of spices will definitely amaze you!

■ Chinatown / Petaling Street

It is the place to head for people who are interested to experience the excitement and challenge of bargaining. Delicious choices of local food, fresh poultry, seafood and vegetables, famous local snacks and drinks, bags, watches, souvenirs and many more.

■ Lake Garden

At the Lake Garden integrates the **Butterfly House, Bird Park, National Monument, Planetarium, Islamic Arts Museum and Orchid & Hibiscus Garden**. Take a leisure boat cruise at the artificial lake and enjoy the garden views. There is a children's playground, jogging tracks, exercise stations and rowing boats.

■ Batu Caves

Batu Caves is located 13km out of the city



which consists of three main caves and a few smaller ones. You have to climb a steep flight of 272 steps to reach the biggest cave, Temple Cave. It is a famous tourist destination especially during the famous Hindu festival, Thaipusam.

■ Fireflies Park

Visit one of nature's most astounding attractions, fireflies, in Kampung Kuantan or Kampung Bukit Belimbing. These fireflies inhabit around the branches of the berembang trees that grow along the river bank. You can cruise on one of the many motorboats at night to witness the fireflies sparkling along both sides of the river.

■ Putrajaya Wetlands

It consists of 24 wetland cells built along the arms of the Chua & Bisa Rivers. Marshes and swamps were developed in their cells by transplanting more than 70 species of wetland plants. This is the primary step in public education of wetlands, which is the joint responsibility of everyone.

■ National Museum

Fine collection of Malaysia's historical artefacts and numerous rare items portrayed its past glory, culture and art can be found here. Take this opportunity to get to know more about Malaysian history!

Shopping

Suria KLCC

Suria KLCC is an ultramodern and the most impressive shopping centre in Malaysia. There are 6 levels of retail outlets with more than 270 stores that offer goods ranging from the latest electronic gadgets in town to Malaysia's traditional crafts. The best means of transport to go there is by using Putra LRT and stop at KLCC Station.

■ Pavilion KL

It is a luxurious seven-storey shopping complex with 450 retail outlets, city leisure areas as well as food & beverage outlets. It offers varieties of goods and services to please the needs of customers. It is easily accessible by taking the KL Monorail to the Bukit Bintang Station.



■ Low Yat Plaza



It is a stylish and well-integrated shopping centre situated between Sungei Wang Plaza and Imbi Plaza. It specializes in electronics and IT products. The best way to get there is by KL Monorail to Bukit Bintang Station.

■ Central Market

It is an air-conditioned, heritage market where you can find many Malaysian souvenirs such as arts, handicrafts, batik, traditional wear and others. You may reach there by Putra LRT to Central Market.

■ Sungei Wang Plaza

This perennially well-known shopping centre has many shops that offer incredible varieties of products cater for all budgets. Remember to bargain for the best price! You may reach there by taking STAR LRT to Jalan Hang Tuah Station or Plaza Rakyat Station.

Dining and Entertainment

Kuala Lumpur is a fun and entertaining city!

■ Coliseum Cafe

Set in a heritage colonial establishment which stands as a modest café and hotel at Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman. It has 300 dishes, alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks to choose from. A very homely, friendly ambience and dining experience not to be missed.



■ Robson Heights Seafood Restaurant

It is a unique and well-known Chinese seafood restaurant with many different styles of seafood cooking such as salted egg yolk crabs, salt-baked prawns, salted fish fah-lam poh and many more. It is strategically located at Jalan Permai.

■ Restaurant Seri Melayu

You will not want to miss a chance to enjoy an incredible gastronomic experience; so, pay a visit to this restaurant which is located near Bukit Bintang. You will not only enjoy the authentic cuisine within a traditional Malay environment, but also the cultural acts being played out there!

■ Maison

Its interior design purposes are responsive to its heritage yet combination of modern. Various themes have been carried out to welcome many people to come together as one. Take monorail to Medan Tunku Station, it is just steps away from the club.



■ Asian Heritage Row

A row of pre-war shop houses, refurbished to reveal interesting, stylish and attractive new façade yet remain the original structure of it. It is strategically located at Jalan Doraisamy. There are restaurants, cafes, bars and clubs. It is an ideal place to go for different culture foods and entertainment.

■ Hard Rock Café

One of the world's most recognizable cafe specializing in American cuisine. This fabulous café is well-known for its excellent service and high quality food. Its interior design with pictures, musical instrument and other decorative articles will definitely impress you. Don't miss the chance to enjoy this fantastic café at Jalan Sultan Ismail.



■ The Beach Club

Inspire your night with the joyful atmosphere, live band, and dance floor at Jalan P. Ramlee! You can also enjoy the best margarita with Beach Bites Platter or Seafood Basket. There is nonstop crowd especially on Thursday ladies night and weekend.

Calendar



■ Jan – Feb - Chinese New Year

The most important festival for the Chinese. It is ushered in with the lighting of fire crackers, lion and dragon dances, acrobats and dozens of decorated floats taking to the streets amidst the clashing of cymbals and beating of gongs and drums.

■ Jan – Feb – Thaipusam

This Hindu festival is celebrated in honour of Lord Muruga at the famous Batu Caves. An elaborately decorated chariot bearing the deity accompanied by thousands of devotees carrying kavadis, or ornate frames as penance, make this an amazing sight.

■ April – Formula 1 Grand Prix

Formula 1 is a well-known event by the entire car racing lovers. It was traditionally centered in Europe, but now the tournament is being held worldwide.



■ July – Rainforest World Music Festival

It is an amazing annual festival that gathers various world musicians and local musicians from the legendary island of Borneo. Numerous food & beverage, arts, crafts from Sarawak are being set up. (2 hours by Air)

■ 31 August – National Day

It is also known as Independence Day. The celebration is held in Dataran Merdeka. Thousands of spectators gather in the city to watch colourful parades along the streets of the city and performances held there.

■ Sept – Hari Raya Aidilfitri

It falls on the 1st day of the Muslim month of Syawal and is a joyous occasion for all Muslims. They will pray in mosques, have open houses with traditional Malay delicacies being served throughout this festive season.



■ Nov – Jan – Malaysia Year End Sale

The Malaysian Sale Carnival is always held at the end of the year. Nationwide shopping promises better bargains, promotions and overall a fun time for all avid shopaholics and even the regular tourists.

Things to Know

- As Malaysia has a large Muslim population, it is better to dress respectfully especially in rural areas; Kelantan & Terengganu (wear trousers instead of shorts, covering shoulder is recommended but not necessary)
- Always take off your shoes when you enter a house or a place of worship.
- Do not receive or give anything with your left hand.
- Avoid commenting on matters of religion, race and politics.
- Chinese believe that number "4" symbolises death, Malays do not take

food containing pork or alcohol (Halal), and Indians do not consume beef.

Currency



Malaysia Ringgit (MYR) is being used in Malaysia with the below exchange rate (approximately):

1 EURO = 4.69 MYR	1 SGD = 2.40 MYR
1 USD = 3.61 MYR	1 JPY = 0.04 MYR
1 AUD = 2.36 MYR	1 THB = 0.10 MYR
1 GBP = 4.98 MYR	1 HKD = 0.46 MYR

Important Information

- **Language** : English, Malay, Mandarin, Tamil, Chinese Dialect
- **Electricity** : 220 – 240 Volts
- **Religion** : Muslim, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism
- **Country Code**: 60
- **City Code** : 3
- **Time Zone** : UTC/GMT +8

Emergency Calls

- **Police / Ambulance**: 999
- **Fire & Rescue** : 994
- **Information** : 103
- **Tourist Police** : 603-21633657