

# Malaysia Welcomes The World



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## Welcome to Kuala Lumpur

Kuala Lumpur or KL is one of the most vibrant cities in Asia. Here, one can experience modern sophistication and nostalgic old-world charm in a single destination. Immerse yourself in its abundance of attractions – fascinating places of interest, exciting theme parks and sensational shopping opportunities. The city boasts a comprehensive transportation network that makes your sightseeing experience pleasant and hassle-free.

KL offers a wide range of accommodation to suit any preference and budget. There are international-standard hotels and resorts equipped with MICE facilities, as well as budget accommodation. Serviced apartments and youth hostels are available for long-staying guests. Major hotels are situated close to shopping malls and convention centres. Enjoy a profusion of mouth-watering delicacies, from local fare to international cuisine.

### Places of Interest

**Petronas Twin Towers** Standing majestically at a height of 451.9m, this gleaming structure of steel and glass is the tallest twin buildings in the world. Visit the famous skybridge on the 41st floor to view the city from a dizzying height.

**KL Tower** Have an unforgettable time at the world's fourth tallest tower. Dine in a revolving restaurant or enjoy forest walks and cultural performances. For an adrenalin rush, try the reverse bungee jump.

**National Museum** Malaysia's premier museum is the repository for the nation's rich history and heritage. Built in 1963, its façade features a Minangkabau-styled roof and two impressive front murals. Highlights include the collection of *keris* or Malay dagger and ceramics from the Ming Dynasty.

**KL Lake Gardens** Enjoy verdant greenery in this refreshing enclave. Within the environs are the Orchid & Hibiscus Gardens, Deer Park, KL Butterfly Park and KL Bird Park.

**National Monument** This huge bronze monument pays tribute to the valiant soldiers who perished while defending the country during the Communist Insurgency. It was designed by Felix de Weldon, the architect of the famous Iwo Jima Memorial.

**Istana Negara** The official residence of His Majesty The King of Malaysia is a stately mansion set within a beautifully landscaped garden. The daily changing of the guard attracts its fair share of visitors and photographers.

**Merdeka Square** This is an important heritage site in the city. The Union Jack was lowered here on 31 August 1957 marking Malaysia's independence from colonial rule. The nearby Sultan Abdul Samad Building is another heritage site.

**Masjid Negara** This is the most distinguished mosque in Kuala Lumpur. It has a unique stylised star-shaped dome representing the 13 states of Malaysia and the five pillars of Islam. Its 73m high minaret stands impressively against the skyline.

**Kuala Lumpur Craft Complex** Styled like a Malay village, this complex is an artists' colony housing handicraft shops, an art workshop, craft museum and food court. Shop for the best in Malay ethnic crafts, or try your hand at batik-painting. To view a fine traditional Malay house, visit The Heritage Centre nearby.

**Malaysia Tourism Centre** An important historical landmark, this building served as the military base of the British army and the headquarters of the Japanese army during World War II. Today it is a one-stop centre offering a host of facilities for tourists.

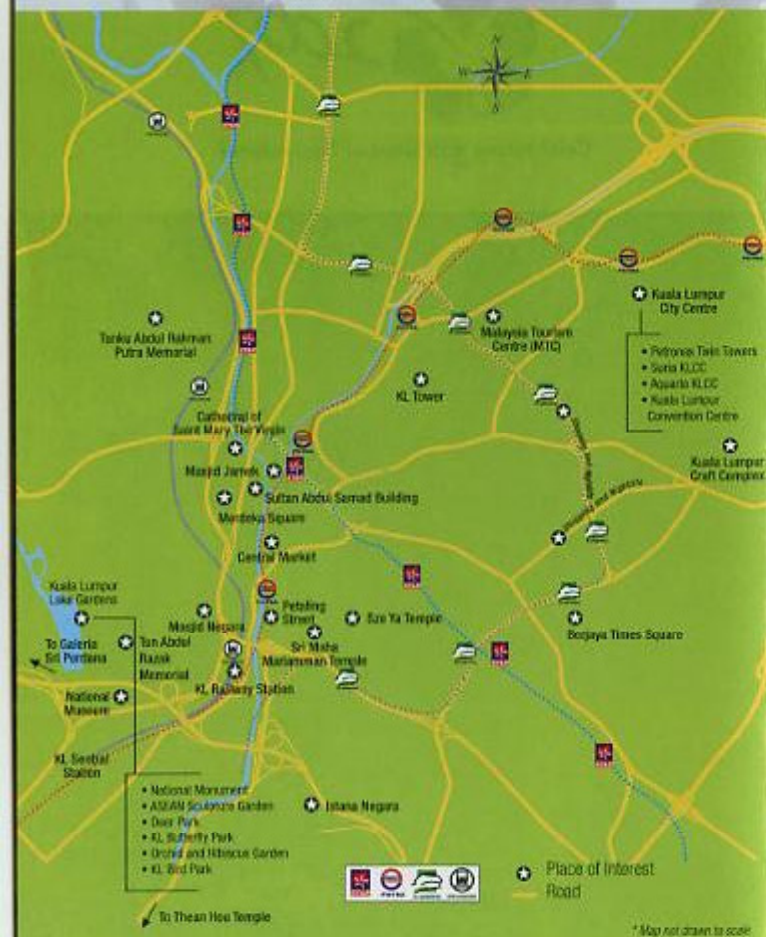
**KL Railway Station** A splendid building with Moorish architecture as well as graceful arches and minarets. It was the hub for the nation's rail transportation system before the modern KL Sentral Station was built.

**Masjid Jamek** Built in 1909, this mosque occupies a historic location at the confluence of the Klang and Gombak rivers, the birthplace of Kuala Lumpur. It is the city's oldest surviving mosque. Nearby is Masjid India, built in southern Indian style.

**Sze Ya Temple** This is the oldest Taoist temple in the city with a history dating back to 1864. It features an ornate interior and elaborate roof ridges.

**Thean Hou Temple** Golden roofed pagodas and strings of lanterns are impressive features of this temple. Located inside are three majestic statues of deities.

**Sri Maha Mariamman Temple** One of the most elaborate Hindu temples in the country, it boasts a magnificent 22m high gate tower and portico adorned with intricately carved images of Hindu deities.



\* Map not drawn to scale