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Kuala Lumpur (or KL, as the locals call it) is the capital of Malaysia and according to a 2019 study - the second-friendliest city in the world. The days when it all began as mudflats and tin deposits (in the 1850s) seem unimaginable compared to its current state. Today, Kuala Lumpur is the International Garden City of Lights, where shoppers are spoiled for choice. Gastronomy connoisseurs broaden their palates, party animals find sanctuaries, and nature-lovers are wowed.

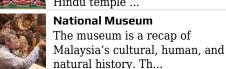


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THE CITY



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Kuala Lumpur is a melting pot of cross-cultural influences and the result is an exciting mixture of cultures, costumes and cuisines; it 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 additions to Malaysian culture.

DO & SEE



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Kuala Lumpur combines a modern city with an old feeling of the town. Visit for example the Petronas Twin Tower which used to be the highest buildings in the world or visit the oldest market in town where you can find lovely souvenirs to take home.

Menara KL Tower



From KL Tower you can 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. You can choose to visit the glassed-in panoramic observation deck, open-air sky deck, or both (ticket prices will differ depending on your choice).

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Petronas Twin Tower and KLCC



At 452 metres, this used to be the tallest buildings in the world before being surpassed by Taipei 101 in 2004. Still the tallest twin buildings, they are 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.

Ticket sales start daily at 8.30am and are limited in number. If you plan to visit during the next 24 hours, tickets will need to be purchased at the Ticketing Counter on the Concourse Level, otherwise they may be pre-bought online. Time allotted per visit is 45 minutes, and includes visits to the sky bridge and observation deck.

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Batu Caves



At Batu Caves you can 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.

Photo: Migel/Shutterstock.com

Address: Batu Caves Sri Subramaniam Temple, Kuala Lumpur

More Info: Off Jalan Ipoh, 13 km north of KL

Lake Gardens (Taman Tasik Perdana)



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

you can find a playground for children, running tracks and exercise stations.

Photo: Zhukova Valentyna/Shutterstock.com Address: Jalan Perdana, Kuala Lumpur Public Transport: Stop: Old Railway Station (KTM Commuter Train)

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.

Photo: mrfiza/Shutterstock.com Address: Jalan Tun Perak, Kuala Lumpur

Old Railway Station



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

attractive historic buildings in the capital. It still operates as one of the city's railway stations.

Photo: Leonid Andronov/Shutterstock.com Address: Jalan Hishamuddin, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +603 2267 1200

National Museum



The museum is a recap of Malaysia's cultural, human, and natural history. The collection runs from ancient history, including a model of

Malaysia's best-known archaeological discovery, the 11,000-year old Perak man, and continues on into modern times, featuring royal attire and paraphernalia.

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Berjaya Times Square Theme Park



Berjaya Times Square Theme Park offers exciting rides for thrill-seekers and fun activities for families. The two levels are "Galaxy

Station" (for thrill-seekers) and "Fantasy Garden" (for families). Measuring 133,000 square feet, the theme park has a space/futuristic theme, with fictitious mad scientist Professor Cosmo being the official mascot.

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Islamic Arts Museum



In a lush area of central Kuala Lumpur's Lake Gardens lies the Islamic Arts Museum. This is the largest museum of Islamic art in Southeast

Asia, which exhibits more than 7,000 objects from all across the world, and includes garments, pottery, ornate wood carvings and miniature models of some of the most spectacular Islamic buildings on earth.

Photo: ppart/Shutterstock.com Address: Jalan Lembah Perdana, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +60 3 2274 2020 Internet: www.iamm.org.my

Aquaria KLCC



Give yourself an adventure among the marine wonders at Aquaria KLCC. This attraction is located in KLCC just next to

Petronas Twin Towers. Over 5,000 different animals are shown here and if you want to get really close to them, book one of their packages that includes diving with sharks or Cage Ride.

Photo: umarazak/Shutterstock.com Address: Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre Complex, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +603 2333 1888 Internet: www.aquariaklcc.com

Sri Mahamariamma



This Indian temple, founded in 1873, is the oldest and richest Hindu temple in Kuala Lumpur. Its decoration with beautiful colours and

statues of different Hindu gods is breathtaking. The temple is located just 5 minutes walk from Chinatown.

Photo: ZM_Photo/Shutterstock.com Address: Jalan Bandar, Kuala Lumpur

Petrosains Science Discovery Centre



This science centre is fun for the whole family but focuses mainly on children, in an effort to involve young visitors with questions of science

in a compelling and entertaining way. There are several different interactive stations and fun displays to examine. The professional and friendly staff is there to answer any questions.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock.com Address: Suria Klcc, Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +603 2331 8181 Internet: www.petrosains.com.my More Info: Located on level 4, Suria KLCC, Petronas Towers.

Kampung Baru



This historic district made up of traditional wooden Malay houses on stilts will not be around for much longer, as pressure mounts on

landowners to sell their properties to make way for new urban development. For now, however, you can still wander through and catch a glimpse of what KL's outskirts of the early 1900 looked like, complete with chickens and livestock roaming around, and all manner of street food cooked up along alleyways.

Kamoung Baru hosts a weekly night market that sells clothing and handicrafts.

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KL Forest Eco Park



If you are planning to visit the KL Menara Tower, make sure to drop by the Forest Eco Park right next to the tower, where flora and fauna

that unique to Malaysia's rainforest is represented. You can observe two different species of monkeys (if you are lucky), birds and squirrels. Another exciting part of a trip to the park is the crossing of steep slopes, bridges and ladder sections, so be sure to dress accordingly.

Photo: ArtRomanov/Shutterstock.com Address: Jalan Raja Chulan, Kuala Lumpur Opening hours: Daily 7:00 - 18:00. Phone: +603 227 418 85 Internet: www.visitselangor.com/kl-forest-eco-park/

Royal Palace Istana Negara



Built by a Chinese millionaire in 1928, the palace changed residents multiple times since. Today, the palace is the official residence of the

monarch of Malaysia. Unfortunately, inside access is not permitted to tourists, but a glance into the compound at the ornate golden domes is worth the short drive from KL's city centre.

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Address: Jalan Tuanku Abdul Halim, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +60 362 001 000

Petaling Street (Chinatown)



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reaches true fever pitch as the sun goes down. Haggling is a must and so is tasting the cooling longan drink at the corner stall.

Photo: Elena Ermakova/Shutterstock.com Address: Jalan Petaling, Kuala Lumpur Public Transport: Pasar Seni (Putra LRT)

DINING



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Head to Jalan Alor for an al fresco meal at one of the many tables lining this KL street food hub, or try one of these similar spots favoured by locals: Pudu Wai Sek Kai (also known as 'Glutton Street'), an area referred to as Lucky Gardens (here, restaurant or cafe-type establishments are a good bet in terms of both quality and variety), plus eateries around Brickfields, home to KL's Little India, which translates into the dominant type of food offerings here.

Malaysian cuisine is a fusion of cultural influences. For instance, 'nasi lemak' is

historically Malay, 'rojak' is Indian Muslim, 'char kuay teow' is Chinese and the spicy-hot 'laksa' is Nyonya (a mix of Malay and Chinese). Each culture emphasises different ingredients and flavours; for example, the Malay curry tastes tangier compared to the Indian.

Here's a list of the best places to eat in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia:

Bijan



Bijan is a chic restaurant and bar, serving the upmarket version of traditional regional Malay fare. The recipes are a mix of generation-old

classics combined with new influences.

Photo: wong yu liang/Shutterstock.com Address: 3 Jalan Ceylon, Kuala Lumpur Public Transport: Raja Chulan (KL Monorail) Phone: +60 3 20 31 35 75 Internet: www.bijanrestaurant.com Email: admin@bijanrestaurant.com

Jalan Alor



This is the street that runs parallel to Jalan Bukit Bintang, jam packed with Chinese restaurants and hawkers, street stalls serving

everything from barbecued seafood to local desserts. Good food at a good value.

Photo: Baiterek Media/Shutterstock.com Address: Jalan Alor, Kuala Lumpur

Yarl Restaurant



Yarl is a rare gem in a foodie city such as KL: it's the only place for north Sri Lankan (Jaffna) food in the area, and arguably among the highest

ranking Sri Lankan eateries in town. Yarl is famous for its generous, incredible value lunch buffet spread, but it's a great place to eat for breakfast and dinner, too. Jaffna cuisine includes both vegetarian and meat-based dishes. Some items are only available at particular times of day: the 'putu mayam' rice noodle dessert, for one, is served at breakfast and early dinner.

Photo: BlueOrange Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 50, Jalan Padang Belia, Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur Opening hours: 7-22 Phone: +60 10 360 6624 Internet: www.yarl.my

ChoCha Foodstore



ChoCha Foodstore in buzzing Petaling Street breathes an air of effortless vintage chic. Its inviting inner courtyard is a true visitor magnet

that's rarely vacant, despite being somewhat tucked away. They serve an extensive menu of fusion Western and Malay dishes, all of which continuously receive accolades from patrons.

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Photo: Mama Belle and the kids/Shutterstock.com Address: NO 156, Jalan Petaling, City Centre, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +60 3 2022 1100 Internet: www.chochafoodstore.com

Chynna



Chynna is a funky Cantonese and Shanghainese restaurant, serving a mixed range of Cantonese dim sum and traditional Chinese herbal

cooking. This restaurant is authentic yet innovative with a focus on healthy eating, with attention to detail that extend to include tea service by a dressed-up master dispensing the drink to diners using a traditional kettle with a metre-long spout. Located at Hilton Kuala Lumpur.

Photo: bebarley/Shutterstock.com Address: 3 Jalan Stesen Sentral, Kuala Lumpur Public Transport: Stop: KL Sentral Phone: +60 3 22 64 22 64 Internet: https://eatdrinkhilton.com/chynna/#/ More Info: Hilton Kuala Lumpur

Limapulo: Baba Can Cook



Look no further for the best place in the city to tuck into a piping hot bowl of curry laksa, a potent dish originating from the Nonya culinary

tradition which – in the words of late Anthony Bourdain – "hurts so good" due to its rather extreme levels of heat. Baba (or Uncle John) will deliver on the promise of the restaurant's name regardless of whether you try your luck with the signature laksa or other Nyonya/Malay specialities.

Photo: ThamKC/Shutterstock.com Address: 50, Jalan Doraisamy, Chow Kit, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +60 3 2698 3268 Internet: https://limapulo-baba-can-cook.business.site

Dining in the Dark KL



The first restaurant in total darkness in Malaysia, Dining in the Dark, offers a completely new experience. A specifically designed

three-course menu sends your palate on an adventure like no other. This unique experience presents the ultimate taste test, as it forces you to really engage your sense of taste, unsupported by vision.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 50A Changkat Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +60 3 2110 0431 Internet: www.dininginthedarkkl.com Email: customerservice@dininginthedarkkl.com

Pinchos Tapas Bar



Enjoy delicious tapas in a lively and friendly atmosphere at this authentic Spanish restaurant right in the city centre. Pinchos

Tapas Bar is a must-visit when you long for some Spanish tidbits and cooling Sangria.

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Din Tai Fung Pavilion KL



This is one of four Din Tai Fung outlets in Kuala Lumpur. Din Tai Fung is a restaurant chain originating in Taiwan, which now has multiple

branches across Asia and beyond (the fact it

remains largely unknown in the West is a tragic shortcoming). They are famous for their steamed dumplings (xiao long bao), which are some of the world's best: each move of the dumpling chefs is executed with careful precision in the open kitchen. It was once named among the top ten restaurants in the world by The New York Times. The service is truly impeccable, and the price-quality ratio needs to be experienced to be believed.

Photo: abhimages/Shutterstock.com Address: 168 Jalan Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +603 2148 8292 Internet: www.dintaifung.com.my More Info: Lot 6.01.05, Level 6, Pavilion

Betel Leaf



For a spicy Indian culinary experience, head to Betel Leaf. They started their business in 2009, and their focus lies on cooking flavourful food

made from fresh ingredients. To ensure the quality of products, they use vegetables and meat from their own farm in Mantin, Negeri Sembila.

Photo: Sumit.Kumar.99/Shutterstock.com Address: 77A Leboh Ampang, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +603 203 25932 Internet: www.betel-leaf.com Email: info@betel-leaf.com

Gobo Upstairs Lounge & Grill



As the name reveals, this restaurant has its focus on grilled dishes. Steaks and seafood are cooked to perfection and efficient and professional waiters

are there to serve guests. This is a good place to

go when you long for typical Western-style cuisine.

Photo: MaraZe/Shutterstock.com Address: Kuala Lumpur City Centre, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +60 3 2332 9910 Internet: www.shangri-la.com Email: goboupstairs.thkl@tradershotels.com More Info: Located at level 6 in Traders Hotel

Loco Bar and Restaurant



Tacos, tortillas, burritos and margaritas, all of these Texmex-delicacies are found on the menu of Loco Bar and Restaurant. The fish tacos are said to

be one of the specialities and the margaritas comes in 25 different flavours.

Photo: George Dolgikh/Shutterstock.com Address: 22 Changkat Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +603 2142 8260 Internet: www.locokl.com Email: manager@locokl.com

CAFES



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Kuala Lumpur offers many cafe options, from the regular coffee drinker to the casual one. There is also a mixture of the types of cafes offered here, from outdoor locations where locals hang out to indoor cafes for a convenient shopping break. The numerous options of popular franchise chains and local cafes offer great choices for all coffee experiences.

Here's a list of the best cafes in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia:

The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf



This coffeehouse chain is kept close to the heart of coffee drinkers in Kuala Lumpur. There are multiple outlets all across the city, all of which

serve great iced drinks that come in handy on a sweltering day.

Photo: suwijaknook6644689/Shutterstock.com Address: Jalan Bintang, Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm Phone: +60 3 2110 1732 Internet: www.coffeebean.com.my Email: customerservice@coffeebean.com.my More Info: Located at Lot G-3A & G-3B, Low Yat Plaza

Merchant's Lane



Occupying a historic shophouse which once served as a brothel, Merchant's Lane is a hip find along tourist-favoured Petaling.

The cafe is most sought after for its ambience: patches of paint flaking off the walls and tree roots apparently running straight through one of them all seem to make sense here, creating a deliciously instagrammable locale reputed for its coffee and brunches.

Photo: little star/Shutterstock.com Address: 150, Jalan Petaling, City Centre, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +60 3 2022 1736

LOKL Coffee Co.



Housed in a bright and airy space with a courtyard, LOKL Coffee Co. serves comfort food with an Asian twist. Some of the specialties include

buttermilk fried chicken, pulled beef burger and Hainanese meatloaf. Pop in for breakfast, lunch, dinner or just for a coffee. When here, try coffee done in the local way: buttery local blends, hand-filtered and served with sticky-sweet condensed milk.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com Address: 30 Jalan Tun H.S. Lee, Kuala Lumpur Opening hours: Daily: 8am - 6pm Phone: +603 2072 1188 Internet: loklcoffee.com Email: eat@loklcoffee.com

ChoCha Foodstore



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Photo: Mama Belle and the kids/Shutterstock.com Address: NO 156, Jalan Petaling, City Centre, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +60 3 2022 1100 Internet: www.chochafoodstore.com

Antipodean Cafe - Tan & Tan



Only using quality coffee beans, Antipodean Cafe serves a good variety of coffees including Vietnamese ice coffee. Besides serving coffee,

they also have a café food menu that includes BLT on sour dough bread, salmon fish cakes, shredded chicken salad and a good variety of healthy breakfast choices. If you are craving something sweet, they also have cakes and sweet treats like carrot cake, cashew cakes, raisin loaf and much more.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com Address: 207 Jalan Tun Razak, Kuala Lumpur Opening hours: Sunday - Wednesday: 7.30 - 17.00, Thursday & Friday: 7.30 - 19.00 Phone: +603 2161 0752 Internet: www.antipodeancoffee.com Email: tantan@antipodeancoffee.com More Info: Located at Menara Tan & Tan

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Malaysia is a Muslim country, but non-Muslims are free to enjoy the alcoholic aspects of the nightlife. As dusk falls, Kuala Lumpur transforms itself into a vibrant city of entertainment and fun, becoming a playground for party-goers of all walks of life. The club culture is concentrated mainly in Jalan Telawi and Jalan P Ramlee. Below are the best bars and nightclubs in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia:

Zouk KL



One of the most lavish nightspot in Kuala Lumpur, Zouk KL is an iconic superclub that attracts a trendy crowd. With several clubs, a VIP

bar lounge, members' lounge, café and rooftop deck, this is truly the place to party the night away. Also hosting themed party nights and international DJs who play mixed music to get the crowd moving.

Photo: bbernard/Shutterstock.com Address: 436 Jalan Tun Razak, Kuala Lumpur Public Transport: Dang Wangi (Putra LRT) Phone: +60 3 2110 3888 Internet: www.zoukclub.com.my Email: info@zoukclub.com.my

Marini's On 57



Located on the 57th level of the twin towers, Marini's On 57 is an exclusive Italian restaurant, bar and lounge. Enjoy the view

that the floor-to-ceiling windows offer while sipping on a glass of champagne.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com Address: Persiaran KLCC, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +60 3 2386 6030 Internet: www.marinis57.com Email: reservations@marinisgroup.com More Info: Level 57 at Menara 3 Petronas

Suzie Wong



Suzie Wong has made all sort of "best" lists when it comes to nightlife, both in KL and beyond. No wonder, for every detail of the carefully curated

whole that is this exceptional speakeasy has been polished to perfection: from drinks made by award-winning mixologists to the regular live music and cabaret shows, to the pronounced Hong Kong vintage theme and noodle stand at the entrance, fit for a pre- or after-party snack.

Photo: Maksym Fesenko/Shutterstock.com Address: Wisma Lim Foo Yoong, 86, Jalan Raja Chulan, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +60 17 226 6480 Internet: www.suziewong.asia

The Deceased



Fear not this eerie speakeasy's menacing name, for the expertly crafted drinks served here are potent enough to breathe new life into an

otherwise unremarkable night. There's the creepy decor and drink styling (a sewn off hand with your order, perhaps?), plus the thrill of walking up a dark staircase through a door that's not immediately visible to the passers-by (enter next to Cafe 55).

Photo: grafvision/Shutterstock.com Address: 55, Jalan Sultan, City Centre, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +60 3 2742 6170

Zeta Bar



delightful drinks.

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Esperance Nightclub



Esperance Nightclub is one of Kuala Lumpur's hottest entertainment complexes. They offer guests a pumping nightclub, cigar lounge,

This exclusive bar is the

hub of Kuala Lumpur late night socialites. It offers

sophisticated decor, attracts a fashionable crowd and serves up

live music venue, and a fine-dining rooftop restaurant.

Photo: Anthony Mooney/Shutterstock.com Address: Jalan Metro Pudu, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +60 17 390 3355 Email: reservations@esperance.my More Info: Fraser Business Park

Mojo Restaurant & Bar



Housed in an 80-year-old pre-war building, Mojo Restaurant & Bar is located in the Asian Heritage Row. A cosy get-together place with a

chic décor to enjoy scrumptious food and outstanding drinks. They even have a garden, the perfect place to chill with friends.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 42 Jalan Doraisamy, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +60 3 2697 7999 Email: orangemgm@gmail.com More Info: Asian Heritage Row

SHOPPING



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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.

Pavilion Kuala Lumpur



Pavilion is, perhaps, KL's most exemplary mall: it's truly massive (and keeps growing, now with an annex of Pavilion Elite), covers several floors of

international consumer brands, and features dining and entertainment to last a long while. There's a stylised Tokyo Street in the 6th floor with eateries serving Japanese food, plus an impressive food court in the basement.

Photo: daksun/Shutterstock.com Address: 168, Bukit Bintang Street, Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur Opening hours: 10-22 Phone: +60 3 2118 8833 Internet: www.pavilion-kl.com

Petaling Street (Chinatown)



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Photo: Elena Ermakova/Shutterstock.com Address: Jalan Petaling, Kuala Lumpur Public Transport: Pasar Seni (Putra LRT)

Suria KLCC



One of the "original" KL shopping malls, the upmarket KLCC has remained a shopper favourite for nearly two decades. It's set at the

base of the iconic Petronas Towers and, by virtue of location, attracts large amounts of tourist traffic.

There are, of course, all the usual mall trappings here, but standouts include the KLCC Garden – a sprawling green park with several dozen species of trees, a jogging track and a public swimming pool for kids – and its Lake Symphony, a fountain show featuring music and lights held here daily at 8pm, 9pm and 10pm (lights only 7:30pm, 8:30pm and 9:30pm). There's also Aquaria, a world-class oceannarium, and a high-tech scientific discovery centre for kids and adults, Petrosains.

Photo: worawit_j/Shutterstock.com Address: 241, Suria KLCC, Kuala Lumpur City Centre, Kuala Lumpur Opening hours: 10-22 Phone: +60 3 2382 2828 Internet: www.suriaklcc.com.my

Publika



The final piece of KL's mall trifecta is Publika, one most favoured by a younger clientele and with a distinct taste for boutiques rather than

international brand stores (although there is, of course, some of that here too). Come on the weekend to hit Publika's weekly Bazaar and Craft Market; BIG (Ben's Independent Grocer) also has a location here – it's near-unanimously agreed upon as the best-stocked grocer in the city.

Photo: LightField Studios/Shutterstock.com Address: 1, Jalan Dutamas 1, Solaris Dutamas, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +60 3 6211 7877

Central Market



The historic Central Market dates back to 1888 and occupies a beautifully preserved building. This was originally a wet market,

but is now more of a neat destination to shop for souvenirs, arts and crafts, including fashion and accessories. There is also a food court on site.

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Address: Jalan Hang Kasturi, Kuala Lumpur Public Transport: Pasar Seni (Putra LRT) Phone: +60 3 20 31 03 99 Internet: www.centralmarket.com.my Email: info@centralmarket.com.my

Sungei Wang Plaza



If you are looking for trendy accessories, appares and shoes you should go to Sungei Wang Plaza. Prices are usually negotiable and there are

500 shops in 33 different categories. Most shops are aimed at local consumers, which helps keep prices not artificially inflated for tourists.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com Address: Jalan Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur Phone: +60 3 2141 3724 Internet: www.sungeiwang.com

Mid Valley Megamall



Mid Valley Megamall is located about 15 min by car from central Kuala Lumpur. This modern mall has everything and more that you may need;

not only are the shops excellent but so are the bars and restaurants. It ranks among the largest shopping complexes in Asia.

Photo: Blend Images/Shutterstock.com Address: 75 Lingkaran Syed Putra, Mid Valley City, Kuala Lumpur Internet: www.midvalley.com.my

More Info: The Gardens South Tower

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Airports



There are two airports: Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) at Sepang, 55 km from the city, and Subang Airport is 12 km from the

city—just a quick taxi ride away. Subang Airport caters mostly domestic flights.

From KLIA to the Kuala Lumpur city centre you can take the high speed train KLIA Ekspres & KLIA Transit. Travelling time is 28 minutes for KLIA Ekspres and 35 minutes for KLIA Transit. www.kliaekspres.com

Photo: Juan Garces Phone: +603 8776 2000 (KLIA) Internet: www.klia.com.my More Info: www.malaysiaairports.com.my

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 is well-expanded and consists of an underground system, a monorail line, a series of different train lines and several bus operators.

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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. Fares are charged according to the zone and are subject to change. An extra 50 percent is added for services between 24.00 (midnight) and 6.00. All taxis should use meters.

Photo: ArrivalGuides Phone: +60 3 62 59 20 20 Internet: www.publiccab.com.my

Post



There are several post offices in Kuala Lumpur. Most of them are open Monday to Saturday but each post office has different opening or

closing hours.

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Telephone



Country code: +60 Area code: 3

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220-240 volts, 3 pin plugs

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Population 1.808 million (2017)

Currency Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) RM1 ~ US\$0,25

Opening hours Banks: Monday-Friday 10.00 -15.00, Saturday 9.30 -11.30 Shops: Daily 10.00-22.00 Museums, galleries and parks: Daily 9.00-17.00

Newspapers New Straits Times Press The Star Papers Faces Magazine

Emergency numbers Police and Ambulance: 999 (112 from a mobile telephone) Tourist Police: +60 32149 6590

Tourist information

Malaysia Tourist Information Counter (MATIC) 109 Jalan Ampang 50450, Kuala Lumpur +60 3 9235 4848 Information Counter: Daily 8.00-22.00

