

Port Klang

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The port

Port Klang is one of the world's busiest container ports (top 20). From the port, it is about a 15 minute drive (6km) to Klang Town and about 40km to Kuala Lumpur.

City

Kuala Lumpur (or KL as you will often hear) is the capital of Malaysia. Malaysia lies in the tropics, just above the equator. KL is a modern asian city with over 6 million people (incl greater KL). The Petronas twin towers are iconic in the city's skyline. Formerly the highest in the world (452m/1483ft), they are a tourist attraction by themselves. Boasting stunning views over KL, it is an ideal spot to get an arial impression of the city (can get busy!).

You might not believe it but KL is one of the world's most visited cities. Nearly 10 million tourists a year are attracted by this diverse Asian city. Relative low costs, cultural diversity, shopping and huge variety of things to do make KL an ideal city for a short break, stop over and of course a cruise destination.

Things to do

Kuala Lumpur (KL)

KL Chinatown

Petaling Street is endowed with a distinct character of its own. This colourful street of shops, restaurants and hawker stalls bustles with vitality. Flanking both sides of this street are shops selling anything from textiles to Chinese herbal medicines.

Then Hou Temple

Situated in Robson Heights overlooking Jalan Syed Putra in Kuala Lumpur, this temple is the home to patron Goddess Thean Hou of the Hainanese community. This striking six-tiered temple is regarded as one of the biggest Chinese temples in South East Asia.

Independence Square in KL

Visit Independence Square in Kuala Lumpur where the country first national flag was hoisted to mark the achievement of independent from the British in 1957. Here at this spot, you will be also able to photograph the scenic Sultan Abdul Samad building with its intricate Moorish architecture.

Port Facts:

Port: Port Klang (Kuala Lumpur)

Country: Malaysia

State: Selangor

Area: 573 km² (221 sq. mi)

Time zone: MST (UTC +8)

Population: 1.7 Million; Greater KL (incl suburbs) has a population of almost 6 million.

Language: Malaysian

Currency: Ringgit (RM)

KL Tower

One of the most prominent and distinctive landmarks of the country. Here, visitors can enjoy a bird's eye view of the city from the fourth highest concrete tower in the world. This imposing 421-metre tower is clad in glass (double glazed with gas infilled) is arranged in the traditional Islamic form of the 'Muqannas'. For the transportation from ground floor to the various platforms of the tower head, high-speed lifts are installed. Travelling time by the lifts between the ground floor and the various platforms of the tower head will take approximately one minute.

Suria KLCC Shopping Centre

Malaysia's premier shopping destination located at Kuala Lumpur's prestigious commercial address and nestled between the PETRONAS Twin Towers, one of the world's tallest buildings.

1 Utama Shopping Centre

One of Malaysia's top shopping destinations, 1 Utama Shopping Centre has something for everyone from shopping, dining and entertainment to nature. The multi-award winning centre has achieved many industry 'firsts' such as a Sky Mall, tropical Rainforest within a shopping centre and the first home to host many international brands entering Malaysia. Today, with 6 retail floors spread over 5 million sq ft, 1 Utama is indisputably a premier shopping and entertainment mecca attracting millions of visitors every year. Shoppers can expect blue-chip department stores, speciality and prestige attractions - combining over 600 shops to cater to everyone. For easier navigation for shoppers, 1 Utama is divided into themed zones - Highstreet, Oval, Rainforest, Promenade, Promenade Lakeside, Centre Court, Courtyard and the Entertainment Zone.

Bukit Bintang

The city's foremost shopping districts offering a multitude of merchandise to suit every taste and budget. All the city's major shopping outlets are located in this area – namely Sungei Wang Plaza, Bukit Bintang Plaza, Starhill Gallery, Pavilion Kuala Lumpur, Fahrenheit 88 and Lot 10.

Aboriginal Museum

The "Orang Asli" are the aboriginal people of Peninsula Malaysia with an estimated population of over 60,000 who lead a simple yet fascinating lifestyle. The Aboriginal Museum is the perfect place for you to learn the lifestyle of the tribes such as their dwellings, personal adornments, arts, costumes, musical instruments, hunting and agricultural tools, animal traps and traditional medicine.

Batu Caves

Batu Caves is a limestone outcrop located just north of Kuala Lumpur with three main caves featuring temples and Hindu shrines. Site of a Hindu temple and shrine, it attracts thousands of worshippers and tourists, especially during the annual Hindu festival, Thaipusam. Its main attraction is the large statue of the Hindu God at the entrance, besides a steep 272 climb up its steps to finally view the stunning skyline of the city centre.

Klang town

Klang Town is one of the oldest towns in Malaysia. Pre-historic implements known as 'Mawas Bones', which were used during the Iron Age have been found, indicating that civilisation appeared in Klang some 2,000 years ago. The town started as a dwelling for the Malay chiefs, who controlled the mineral and forest products trade. Klang has been literally on the map for centuries. Nowadays, Klang has developed into a major industrial town.

Klang Royal Palace

Klang Royal Palace which is the former residence of the Sultan of Selangor.

Little India

Stroll along the colourful streets of Little India, savoring the sights and smells of the various spices and shops full of beautiful silk sarees, and gold and silver accessories.

Blue Mosque

One of the country's largest mosque - the Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Mosque, or more fondly known as the Blue Mosque in Shah Alam, the state capital of Selangor state. Marvel at the intricate rosette of Quranic verses which covers the blue aluminium dome. This mosque is the second largest mosque in South East Asia and its four towering minarets are only second in height to the King Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca.

Malay Village

Experience the cosiness of local tea and snacks in the home of a typical Malay family. Enjoy their lush garden, full of herbs and orchids and other plants. Then visit some nearby village cottage industries.

Selection of tours in KL

Notice

Kuala Lumpur is an immense city and traffic can be bad. It is advisable to plan your stay in port well in advance and take sufficient time to get back to the ship. It is advisable to book your shore excursion through the ship to ensure being back on time. Here is a selection of some excursions offered by most cruise lines.

Mah Meri Cultural Village

An up close and personal experience with the Mah Meri indigenous tribe, one of the 19 indigenous tribes in Peninsular Malaysia. Amidst the sacred shrine with ritual offering to their ancestors, here you will witness the making of time honoured crafts of sculpturing Moyang (ancestor) from mangrove timber and watch the making of the ancient form of the intricate palm leaf origami to appease the spirits. At the heart of the village, enter the performance arena for a powerful and entertaining cultural repertoire; witness the seven marital rituals and the ancient craft of oceanic healing. Learn and have an insight into their animistic and superstitious beliefs and a close view of their beautiful handiwork plus a taste of a simple life style. Highly recommended for those who want an authentic experience with the real characters, authentic arts, crafts and powerful sea gypsy music, song, and mask dance

Putrajaya Tour

Stop at Putrajaya Government Centre, where numerous new government complexes are located in this new township. Standing beside Dataran Putra and facing the Putrajaya Lake, is the Putra Mosque. Undoubtedly the most imposing structure, this pinkish mosque incorporates architectural elements from Turkestan, Kazakhstan and Morocco. The Prime Minister's office, Putra Perdana is the eye catching building on the main hill with mixed architectural influences of Islamic and European cultures. Other interesting places include the 435 metres three-deck Putra Bridge which provides vehicle, monorail and pedestrian access.

Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM)

Located just 15km from the city center, Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) provides the opportunity for visitors to learn more about the Malaysian tropical rainforest in a forest reserve within reach of Kuala Lumpur city. The many nature trails in the centre would give visitors an excellent opportunity to learn about the multi-varieties of flora and fauna that are found in this part of the world. With over an area of 600-acres, the centre houses thousands of Dipterocarp species. Admire a huge rain tree and gigantic bamboo tree amidst squirrels and birds flying freely in their habitat.

Other popular tours include:

- > Orang Utan Sanctuary
- > Sandakan Highlights
- > Proboscis Monkey & War Memorial Park
- > Gomantong Caves
- > Sandakan Exclusion Heritage Tours

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