



Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Penang

**“All you’ve got to do is decide to go
and the hardest part is over.**

So go!”

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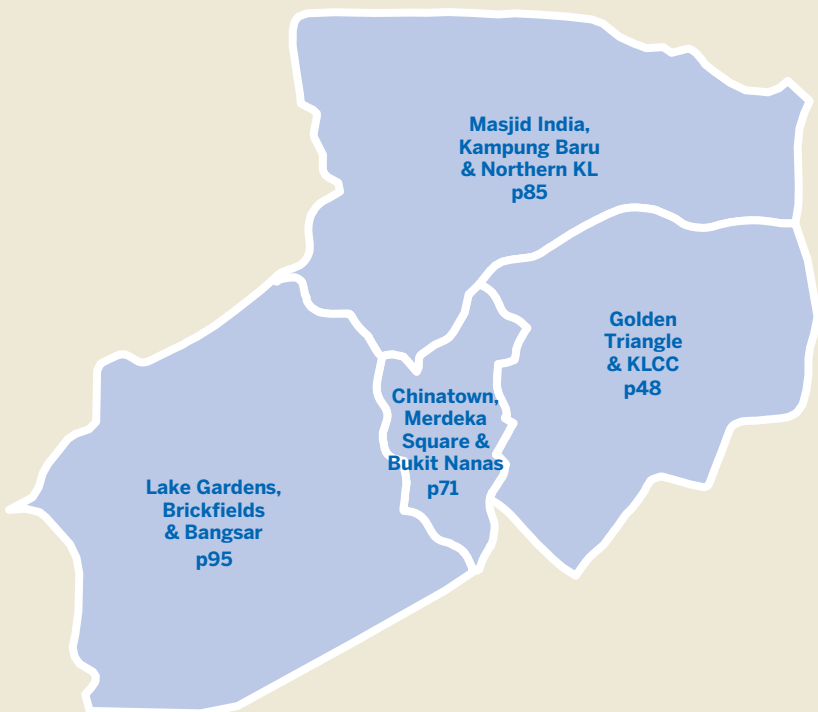
(left) Joggers in KLCC Park (p51)

(above) Guandi Temple (p76)

(right) Statue of Hindu deity inside Batu Caves (p115)



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Top Itineraries

Day One

KLCC (p48)

 Breakfast at **Imbi Market** then hop in a taxi to the Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC), where you've prebooked tickets up the **Petronas Towers**. Afterwards, browse the shops in **Suria KLCC**, see a free art exhibition at the excellent **Galeri Petronas** and enjoy the science-related exhibitions at **Petrosains**.



Lunch Suria KLCC (p69) has oodles of dining options including two food courts.

KLCC (p48)

 Take a postlunch stroll around **KLCC Park**. At 3pm Tuesday to Thursday head to the **Malaysian Tourism Centre** for its traditional dance and music show. Alternatively, learn about sea and river life at **Aquaria KLCC** or join the 3pm tour of the Malay-style wooden house **Rumah Penghulu** next to **Badan Warisan**.



Dinner Enjoy chicken wings and grilled fish at Wong Ah Wah (p58) on Jln Alor.

Golden Triangle (p48)

 Go mall-hopping along Jln Bukit Bintang until 10pm then head to Changkat Bukit Bintang and Jln Mesui for the bars; **Palate Palette** is a superb choice. Check out **No Black Tie** for its jazz and classical concerts.

Day Two

Merdeka Square (p71)

 Admire the historic buildings of **Merdeka Square**, then either cycle on a hired bike or take a taxi to the **Tun Abdul Razak Heritage Park**. Start at the **National Monument**, then walk through the **Perdana Botanical Gardens** to reach the **National Museum** by 10am in time for the free guided tour.



Lunch *Nasi lemak* at Hornbill (p105) or fish at Kompleks Makan Tanglin (p105).

Lake Gardens (p95)

 Continue to enjoy the leafy surroundings of the park at the **KL Bird Park** or **Butterfly Park**. Save at least an hour or more for the splendid **Islamic Arts Museum**, then admire the architecture of **Masjid Negara** and **Kuala Lumpur Railway Station**.



Dinner Old China Cafe (p80) for Nonya food or Jln Hang Lekir street eats.

Chinatown (p71)

 Go souvenir shopping at **Central Market**, then push your way through the crowds at Chinatown's **Jln Petaling night market**.



Birdwing butterfly at KL Butterfly Park (p99)

Day Three

Chow Kit & Kampung Baru (p85)



Have breakfast at **Bazaar Baru Chow Kit**, one of KL's most atmospheric wet markets, then amble through the Malay area of **Kampung Baru** admiring the traditional wooden houses and flower gardens.



Lunch Go old school at Yut Kee (p91) or colonial at Coliseum Cafe (p92).

Bukit Nanas (p71)



Walk from **Masjid India** to Bukit Nanas where you can traverse the canopy walkway of **KL Forest Eco Park** and then go much higher up the **Menara**



Dinner Enjoy Chinese at Robson Heights (p106) or Indian food in Brickfields.

KL, to get your bearings of the city from the revolving restaurant **Atmosphere 360**.

Brickfields (p95)



For another panoramic perspective of KL stand on the upper terraces of the gloriously decorative **Thean Hou Temple**. Walk around the many religious sites of **Brickfields** in the cool of evening and enjoy a cocktail at the rooftop **MAI Bar** overlooking KL Sentral.

Day Four

Batu Caves (p115)



Climb the 272 steps at **Batu Caves** to pay your respects at the Hindu **Temple Cave** and learn about bats and other cave dwellers in the **Dark Cave**.



Lunch Tuck into Thai at Samira (p93) in Sentul Park.

Titiwangsa (p89)



Views the city skyline from **Titiwangsa Lake Gardens**. Nearby is the **National Visual Art Gallery**. To see more contemporary works make an ap-



Dinner Splash out at Acme Bar & Coffee (p60) or Cantaloupe (p60).

pointment to view the private collection at **Ruang Pemula (RuPé)**.

Golden Triangle (p48)



Sink a sunset cocktail at **Heli Lounge Bar**. If your budget doesn't stretch to fine dining, a meal at **Jalan Imbi Hawker Stalls** or **Jalan Sayur Stalls** will be equally memorable and delicious.

Kuala Lumpur Maps

Map Legend

Sights

- Beach
- Buddhist
- Castle
- Christian
- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery
- Ruin
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo
- Other Sight

Eating

- Eating

Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

Entertainment

- Entertainment

Shopping

- Shopping

Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping

Sports & Activities

- Diving/Snorkelling
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Skiing
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
- Windsurfing
- Other Sports & Activities

Information

- Post Office
- Tourist Information

Transport

- Airport
- Border Crossing
- Bus
- Cable Car/Funicular
- Cycling
- Ferry
- Monorail
- Parking
- S-Bahn
- Taxi
- Train/Railway
- Tram
- Tube Station
- U-Bahn
- Underground Train Station
- Other Transport

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- Freeway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary
- Lane
- Unsealed Road
- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian Overpass
- Walking Tour
- Walking Tour Detour
- Path

Boundaries

- International
- State/Province
- Disputed
- Regional/Suburb
- Marine Park
- Cliff
- Wall

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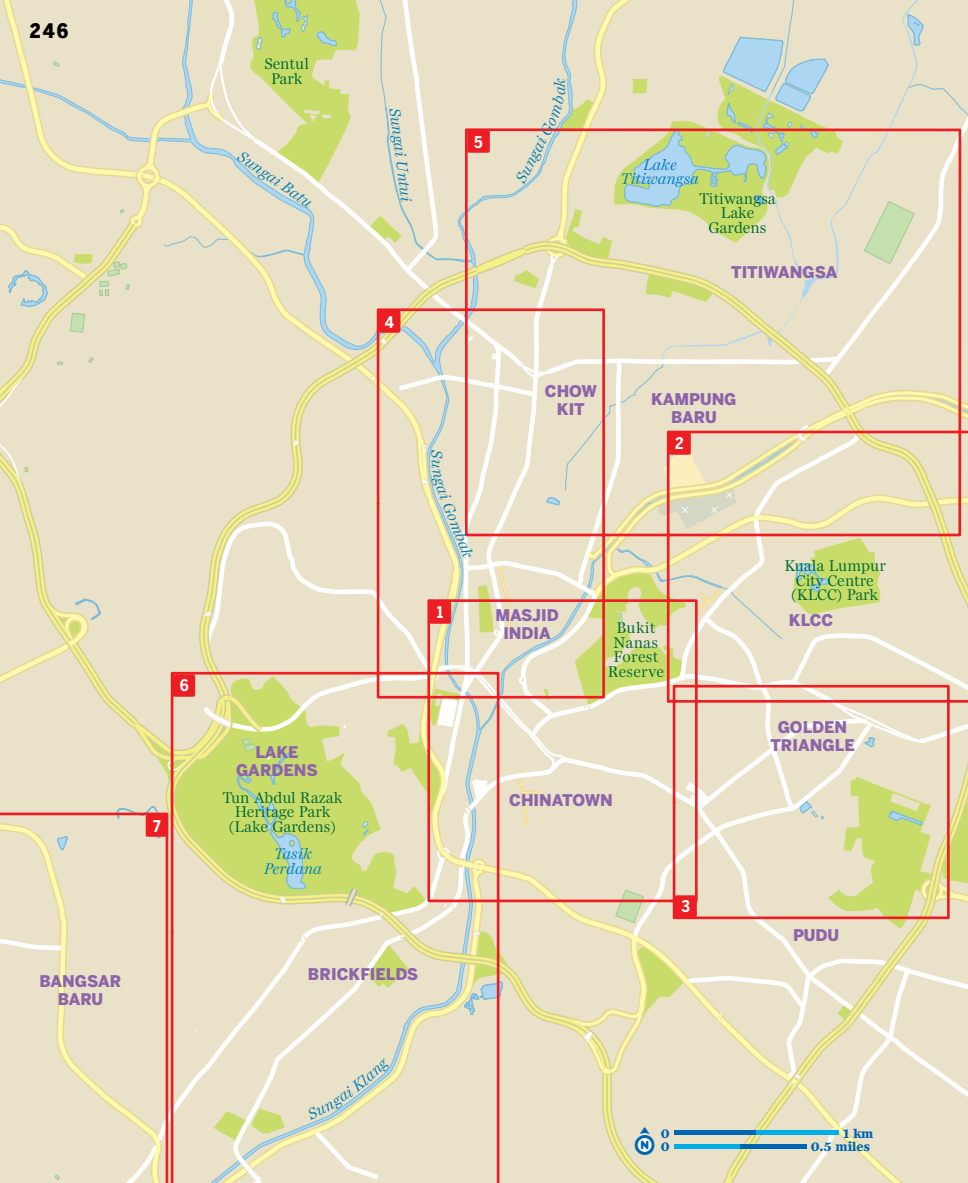
- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

Hydrography

- River/Creek
- Intermittent River
- Swamp/Mangrove
- Reef
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
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- Beach/Desert
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- Cemetery (Other)
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- Sportsground
- Sight (Building)
- Top Sight (Building)



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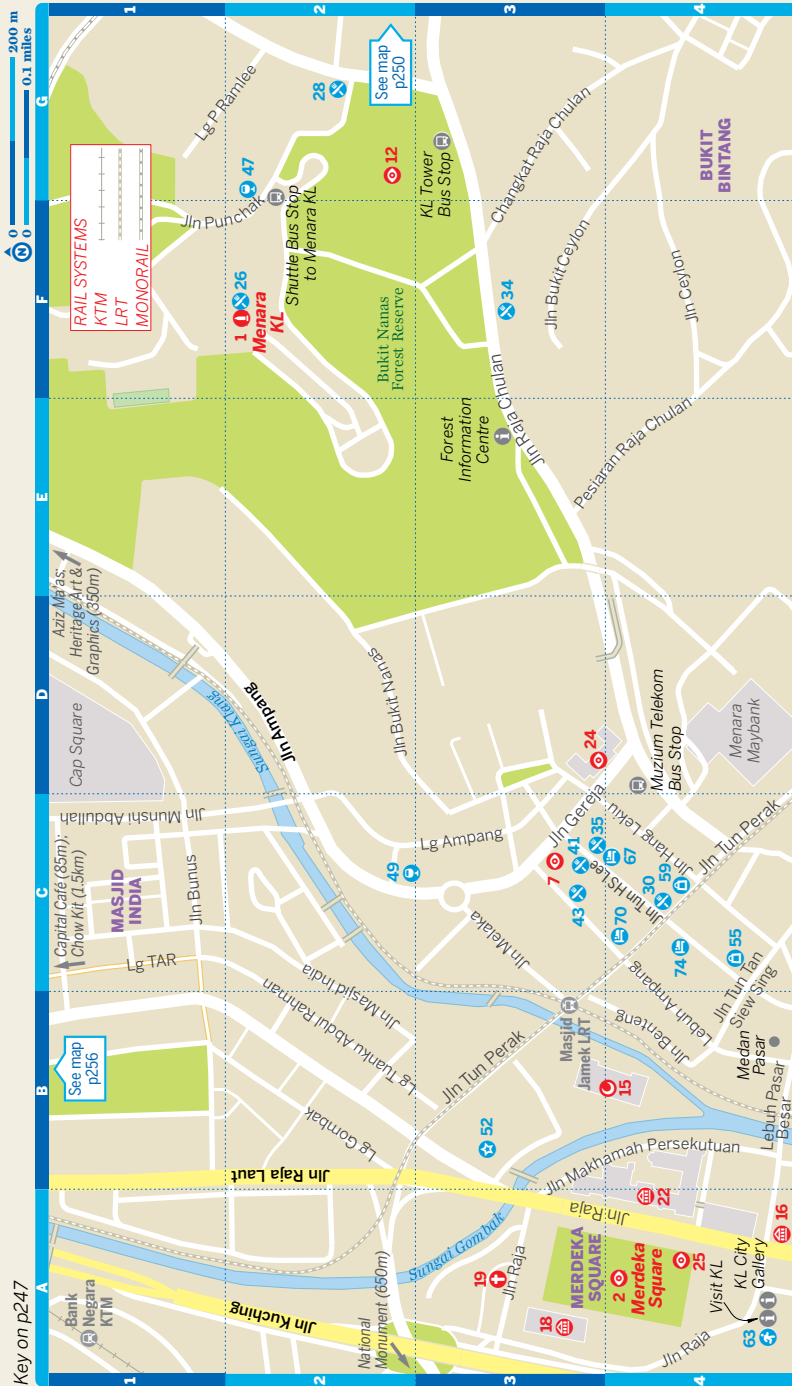
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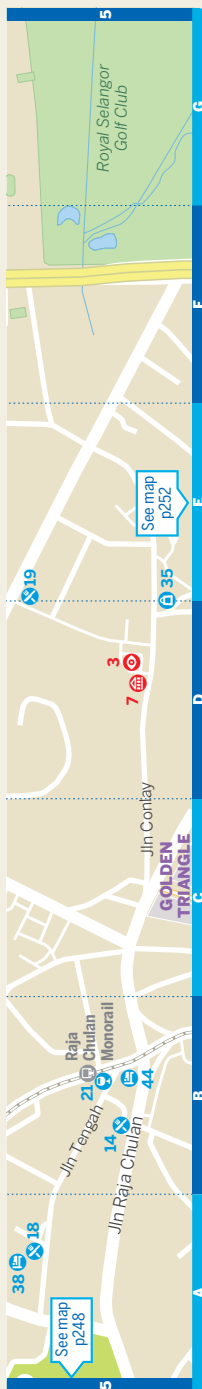
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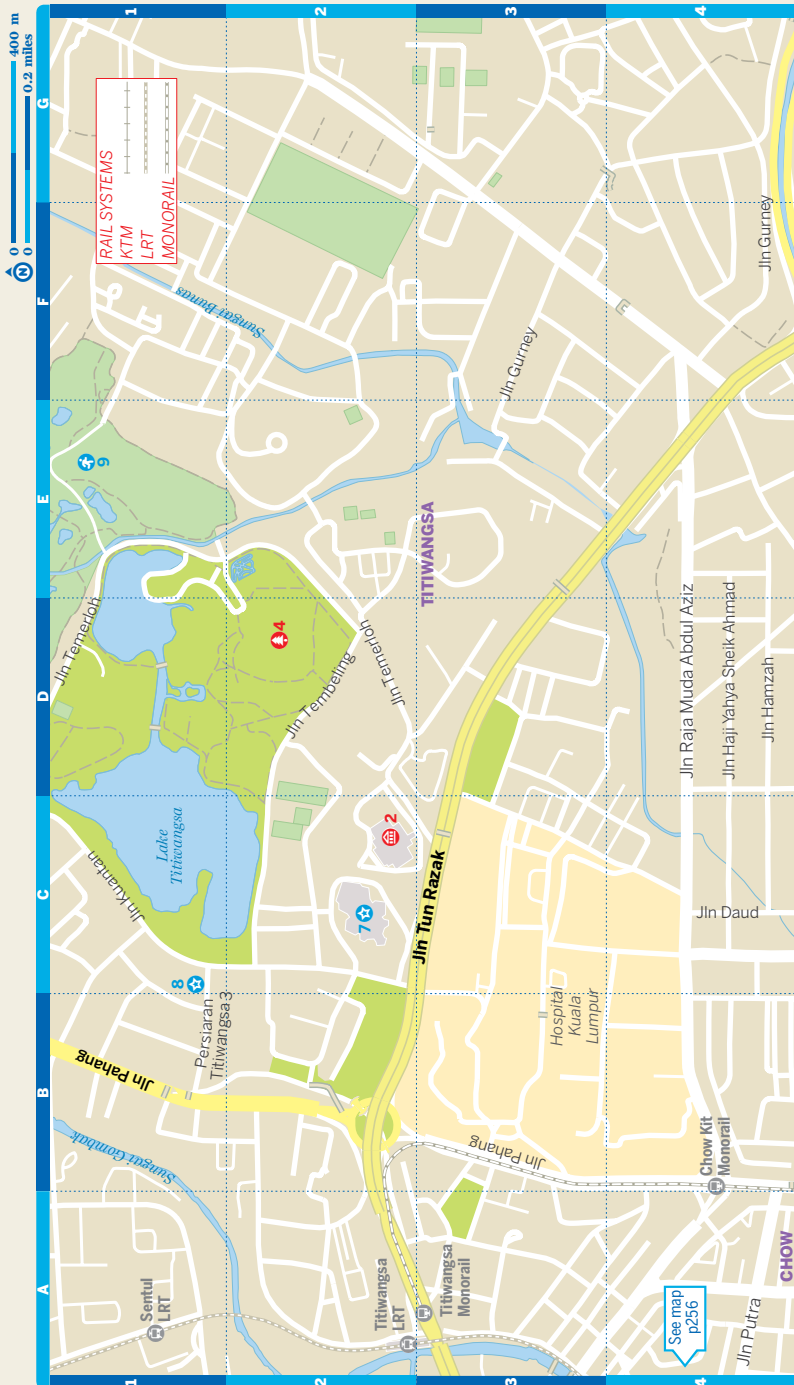
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KAMPUNG BARU & TITIWANGSA



LAKE GARDENS & BRICKFIELDS

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Top Sights

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- 2 National Museum C4
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Our Story

A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that's all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end – broke but inspired – they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, *Across Asia on the Cheap*. Within a week they'd sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born.

Today, Lonely Planet has offices in Melbourne, London and Oakland, with more than 600 staff and writers. We share Tony's belief that 'a great guidebook should do three things: inform, educate and amuse'.

Our Writer



Simon Richmond

Coordinating Author Simon first started travelling in Malaysia back in the early 1990s. A lot has changed since, but the country remains among Simon's favourite destinations for its easily accessible blend of cultures, landscapes, adventure and, crucially, lip-smacking range of cuisines. This is the second time the award-winning travel writer and photographer has helmed Lonely Planet's *Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Penang* guide. He's also the coordinating author of

Lonely Planet's *Malaysia, Singapore & Brunei* guide, as well as a shelf-load of other titles for this and other publishers. Follow his travel adventures on www.simonrichmond.com.

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