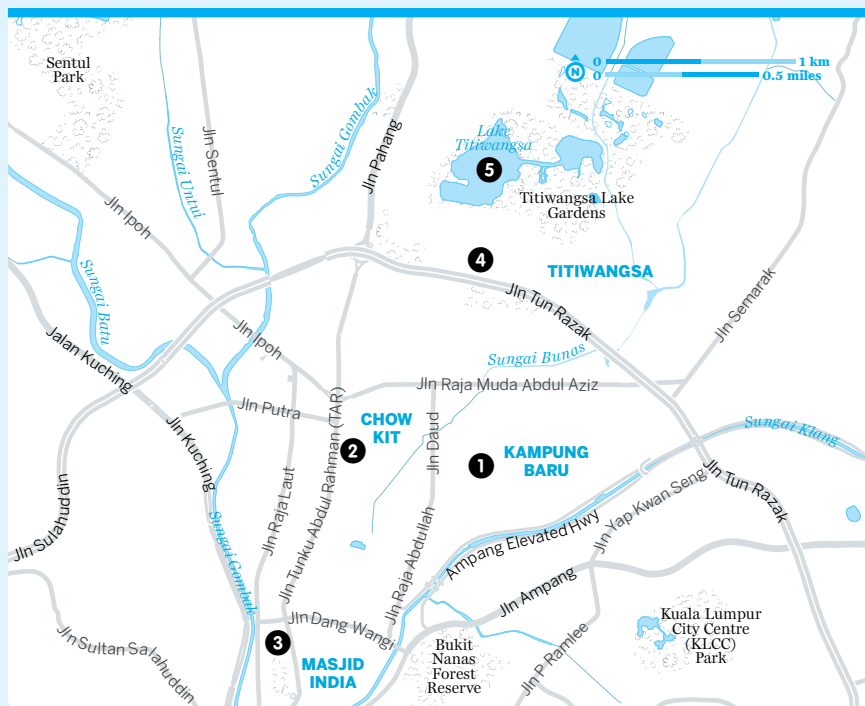


Masjid India, Kampung Baru & Northern KL

MASJID INDIA | CHOW KIT | KAMPUNG BARU | TITIWANGSA | SENTUL

Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Meandering around **Kampung Baru** (p90), a low-rise Malay village in the heart of the high-rise city where many residents live in traditional wooden houses fronted by flower gardens.
- 2 Stimulating your senses at the market **Bazaar Baru Chow Kit** (p87), pausing to sample local delicacies.
- 3 Immersing yourself in the Saturday **night market** (p91) around Masjid India, Kuala Lumpur's other Little India.
- 4 Viewing works by Malaysia's top modern and contemporary artists at the **National Visual Arts Gallery** (p89).
- 5 Jogging or strolling around **Lake Titiwangsa** (p91) and admiring the panoramic view of the city skyline.



For more detail of this area, see Map p256 and p258

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

If you're in town over the weekend, don't miss the Saturday pasar malam (night market; p91) on Lg Tuanku Abdul Rahman, held from around 3pm until late.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Yut Kee (p91)
- ➔ Kin Kin (p92)
- ➔ Capital Café (p91)
- ➔ Thai-la (p91)
- ➔ Mungo Jerry (p92)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Omakase + Appreciate (p93)
- ➔ Coliseum Cafe (p93)
- ➔ Bistro Richard (p93)

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Best Entertainment

- ➔ Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre (p94)
- ➔ Istana Budaya (p94)
- ➔ Sutra Dance Theatre (p94)

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Explore: Masjid India, Kampung Baru & Northern KL

For decades the area around Masjid India had been known as 'Little India'. However, in 2010 part of Brickfields was dubbed KL's 'official' Little India. Being stripped of its title has done nothing to alter the essential subcontinental impact of Masjid India, sandwiched between Jln TAR and Jln Munshi Abdullah. Visit during the bustling *pasar malam* (night market) on Saturday for maximum India-meets-Malaysia atmosphere.

Mostly northeast of Jln Sultan Ismail is Kampung Baru, meaning 'new village'. The land here was reserved for Malays by the colonial administration in the 1890s, and the leafy residential streets are still lined with charming wooden houses. It's a lovely area for casual strolls and for marvelling at the contrast with the skyscrapers of the KLCC and Golden Triangle in the background. Spread around the northern end of Jln TAR, Chow Kit is named after tin miner and city councillor Loke Chow Kit. The zone's rep for sex and drugs mean it's not a good idea to explore this area by night, but don't miss it by day for its magnificent wet and dry market and tasty places to eat.

North of here are a couple of green spaces that also merit exploration: Lake Titivangsa for the park and the National Visual Arts Gallery; and Sentul West, a redevelopment of railway yards into a gorgeous private park, home to the excellent Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre and a couple of pleasant places to eat and drink.

Local Life

➔ **Performing arts** Catch local drama, dance shows and movies at the Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre (p94), based in the leafy surrounds of Sentul West.

➔ **Markets** Shop for cheap clothes and fresh food at the Kampung Baru Pasar Minggu (Sunday Market; p90), which starts on Saturday night and finishes in the small hours of Sunday morning.

➔ **Movies** Enjoy Indian movies at the retro Coliseum Cinema (p94) or take in the latest blockbuster at Cap Square's multiplex.

Getting There & Away

➔ **Monorail** Convenient stops for this area are Medan Tuanku, Chow Kit and Titivangsa.

➔ **LRT** The Ampang-Sentul Timur line and Gombak-Kelana Jaya have stations in these areas.

➔ **KTM Komuter** Take the Batu Caves line to Bank Negara and Sentul.

➔ **Walking** Masjid India and Kampung Baru are easily and best explored on foot.