

Bukit Bintang & KLCC

Neighborhood Top Five

1 **Petronas Towers** (p46)

Admiring the architectural wonder from within at the 86th-floor observation deck and strolling across the Skybridge that connects the twin skyscrapers.

2 KLCC Park (p48) Exploring the imaginatively designed park and joining the evening crowds gathered

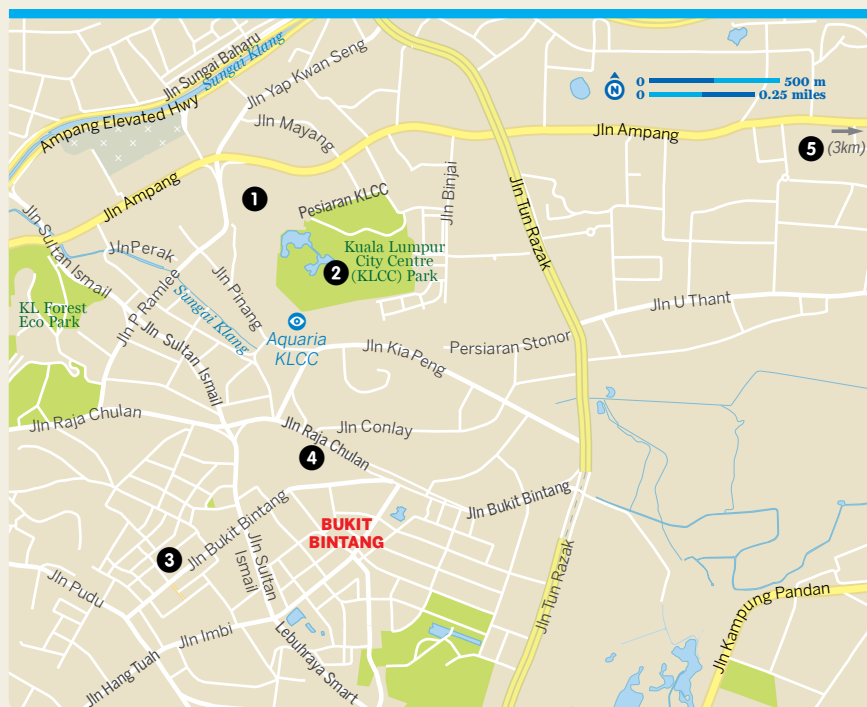
to watch the Petronas Towers light up and the Lake Symphony fountains' show.

3 Jalan Alor (p55) Enjoying a variety of tasty dishes washed down with a cold beer at the bustling food street.

4 Pavilion KL (p63) Shopping for international and local brand bargains

at Bukit Bintang's stellar malls.

5 ILHAM (p48) Viewing the latest exhibition at the cutting-edge gallery housed in the stunning 60-storey ILHAM tower designed by Foster & Partners.



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Explore Bukit Bintang & KLCC

The intersection of Jln Sultan Ismail and Jln Bukit Bintang marks the heart of Bukit Bintang, KL's premier shopping, dining and nightlife district, an area studded with office towers, condominiums and glitzy shopping malls. The construction of a new MRT underground station here, due to open by July 2017, has meant several years of building works and hoardings.

Changkat Bukit Bintang is the city's most raucous nightlife area and has some good restaurants, while nearby Jln Mesui is more laid-back. The new entertainment complex TREC, a taxi ride east of Bukit Bintang on Jln Tun Razak, is where you'll find KL's biggest club, Zouk (p58), and a number of bars and live music venues which come to life on Friday and Saturday nights.

An elevated, covered walkway links Bukit Bintang with Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC), anchored by the iconic Petronas Towers (p46). Also here is a spacious landscaped park, huge convention centre, aquarium, excellent children's museum, world-class concert hall and Suria KLCC (p65), another of KL's great shopping malls.

Out towards Jln Tun Razak you'll find a few interesting things to see and do, as well as in the Imbi and Pudu areas and the city's financial district, Tun Razak Exchange.

Local Life

- ➔ **Hawker heaven** Join the locals for breakfast at the Imbi Market stalls at ICC Pudu (p49) and stick around for great eats at the evening hawker stalls on Jln Sayur, aka Glutton Street (p49).
- ➔ **Markets** Rise early to stroll Pudu Market (p49), where price-conscious KL residents shop for groceries.
- ➔ **Meditation and lunch** The vegetarian canteen at the serene Dharma Realm Guan Yin Sagely Monastery (p56) is popular with office workers.
- ➔ **Food courts** Food courts are the best place to refuel during a hard day's shopping at the malls. Feel spoilt for choice at Food Republic (p52) and sample food from the city's top hawker stalls at Lot 10 Hutong (p52).

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Monorail** The best way to access the area with stops along Jln Imbi and Jln Sultan Ismail. Avoid the evening weekday rush hour, 6pm to 8pm.
- ➔ **Bus** There are four free GOKL City Bus loop services, but they can get snarled in traffic.
- ➔ **Walking** The fastest way to get around during rush hour. Take advantage of the partly air-con covered walkway between KLCC and Pavilion KL.
- ➔ **MRT** New stations Bukit Bintang and Tun Razak Exchange due to open in 2017.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Go to concierge desks in each of the major malls to sign up for free discount shopping cards that may entitle you to free gifts and often save you 10% or more on prices at many outlets.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Kedai Makanan Dan Minuman TKS (p55)
- ➔ Bijan (p55)
- ➔ Sushi Hinata (p55)
- ➔ Glutton Street (p49)
- ➔ Imbi Market at ICC Pudu (p49)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Heli Lounge Bar (p57)
- ➔ Marini's on 57 (p62)
- ➔ Fuego (p57)
- ➔ Pisco Bar (p57)
- ➔ Zouk (p58)

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Best Places to Shop

- ➔ Pavilion KL (p63)
- ➔ Sungei Wang Plaza (p64)
- ➔ Suria KLCC (p65)
- ➔ Starhill Gallery (p64)
- ➔ Kompleks Kraf Kuala Lumpur (p65)

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