



Selangor & Negeri Sembilan

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Why Go?

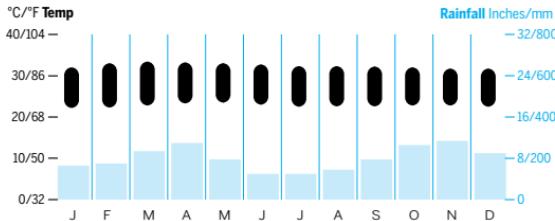
Selangor (www.tourismselangor.org), Malaysia's most urbanised and industrialised state, offers some top tourist attractions, such as the Batu Caves and the Forestry Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM), both easy half-day trips from Kuala Lumpur (KL). Rewarding stopovers include lush Fraser's Hill (Bukit Fraser) and the old royal capital of Kuala Selangor, with its wildlife-watching and *kampung* (village) atmosphere.

South of KL, Malaysia's administrative capital of Putrajaya is packed with striking contemporary architecture. Further south, in Seremban, state capital of Negeri Sembilan (<http://tourismnegerisembilan.com>), you can learn about Minangkabau culture and feast on local cuisine.

Towns along the murky Strait of Melaka aren't the best in Malaysia for a beach holiday, but if that's what you want, then Port Dickson has pleasant beaches and resorts of every calibre. It's also near Cape Rachado Forest Reserve, the last remaining patch of native jungle on the west coast.

When to Go

Kuala Selangor



Jan–Feb During Thaipusam the Batu Caves are mobbed by one million pilgrims.

Mar–Apr At Cape Rachado Forest Reserve watch the raptors' annual northwards migration.

Jun Escape the lowland heat at Fraser Hill's International Bird Race.



Selangor & Negeri Sembilan Highlights

1 Going bird-watching in the lush, climatically cool hill station resort of **Fraser's Hill (Bukit Fraser)** (p102)

2 Tucking into delicious Indian and Chinese food in historic **Klang** (p104)

3 Cooling off on the water slides and in the tidal pool at **Sunway Lagoon** (p105)

4 Viewing the monumental new Malaysian architecture of **Putrajaya** (p104) from a boat on its central lake

5 Getting a treetop look at Kuala Lumpur (KL) from the canopy walkway at the **Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM)** (p100)

6 Climbing the 272 steps to the psychedelic Hindu galleries of **Batu Caves** (p99)

7 Hiking through the verdant jungle and hidden beaches of the **Cape Rachado Forest Reserve** (p113)

8 Marvelling at the intricate woodwork of Sri Menanti's grand **Istana Lama** (p112)