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Why Go?

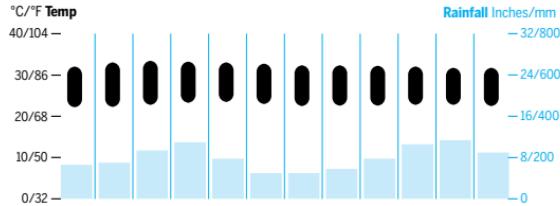
Venture beyond the urban sprawl of Kuala Lumpur (KL) and be rewarded with some of Malaysia's top attractions, from the holy Batu Caves to the lush Forestry Research Institute of Malaysia, both easy half-day trips from the capital. Rewarding stopovers include the lush Fraser's Hill (Bukit Fraser) and the old royal capital of Kuala Selangor, with its wildlife-watching and *kampung* (village) atmosphere.

South of KL, Malaysia's administrative capital of Putrajaya showcases its striking contemporary architecture and green urban planning. Further south, you can learn about Minangkabau culture and feast on local cuisine.

Consider hiring a car to explore beyond the big-hitters: cruise country lanes lined with stilt houses and ancient stone megaliths, explore colonial-era hill stations, and stop off to swim in waterfalls and dine at traditional roadside stalls.

When to Go

Kuala Selangor



Jan & Feb During the festival of Thaipusam the Batu Caves are mobbed by pilgrims.

Mar & Apr Watch the raptors' annual northwards migration at the Cape Rachado Forest Reserve.

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



Selangor & Negeri Sembilan Highlights

- 1** Birdwatching in the lush colonial-era hill station of **Fraser's Hill** (p110).
- 2** Exploring Minangkabau villages, wood palaces and megaliths around **Seremban** (p117).
- 3** Hiking up to the 20m-high **Chiling Waterfalls** (p112).

and then heading back down for a swim.

- 4** Viewing the monumental new Malaysian architecture of **Putrajaya** (p113) from a boat on its central lake.
- 5** Getting a treetop perspective on jungle life on the canopy walkway at the

Forestry Research Institute of Malaysia (p108).

- 6** Exploring Hindu shrines and natural history at **Batu Caves** (p107).
- 7** Hiking through verdant jungle to the hidden beaches of **Cape Rachado Forest Reserve** (p121).