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**KUALA LUMPUR**

**TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY**

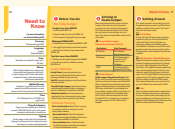
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**Robert Kelly**

# In This Book

## QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



**Need to Know**  
Tips for a smooth trip



**Neighbourhoods**  
What's where

## Explore Kuala Lumpur

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



**Top Sights**  
Make the most of your visit



**Local Life**  
The insider's city

## The Best of Kuala Lumpur

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



**Best Walks**  
See the city on foot



**Kuala Lumpur's Best...**  
The best experiences

## Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



**Getting Around**  
Travel like a local



**Essential Information**  
Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**

 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

 Telephone Numbers

 Opening Hours

 Parking

 Nonsmoking

 Internet Access

 Wi-Fi Access

 Vegetarian Selection

 English-Language Menu

 Family-Friendly

 Pet-Friendly

 Bus

 Ferry

 Metro

 Subway

 Tram

 Train

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



### Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in Kuala Lumpur. The showpiece is a large painting of Hemingway by Papa Hemingway. Open by Papa Hemingway. Dress code: smart casual. Website: [www.barhemingway.com](http://www.barhemingway.com); Hôtel Ritzy. Open: 6.30pm-2am.

## Lonely Planet's Kuala Lumpur

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Kuala Lumpur.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

It's your guarantee of a really great experience.

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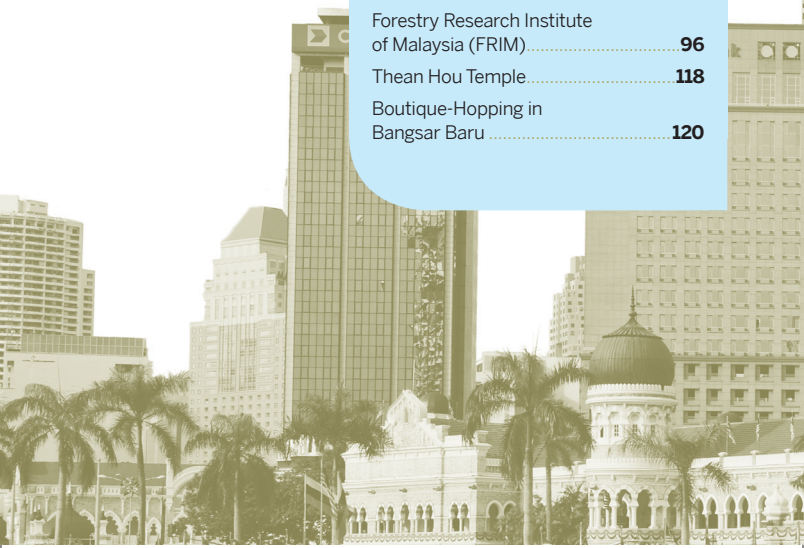
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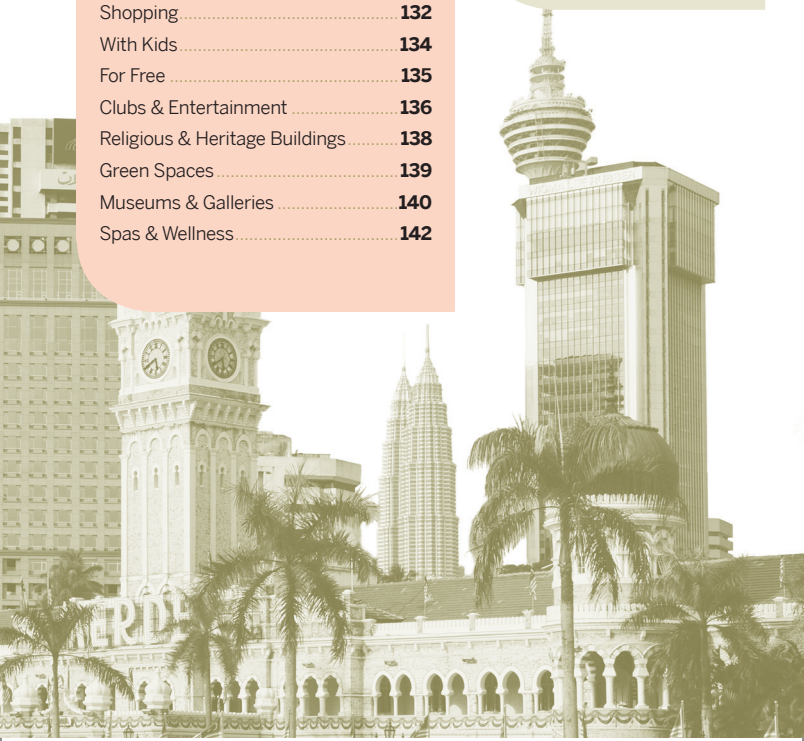
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## Welcome to Kuala Lumpur

Glitzy malls rub shoulders with street markets, gleaming skyscrapers loom over colonial buildings, and world-class restaurants vie for patronage with bustling open-air satay stands: Kuala Lumpur may be racing toward the future, but its rich cultural heritage refuses to be left behind. From steaming bowls of *asam laksa* to sinfully sweet morsels of *kueh*, the very best part is its legendary food.



Petaling Street Market (p79)  
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# Kuala Lumpur Top Sights

## Petronas Towers (p42)

It's impossible to resist the magnetic allure of these 452m-high structures, embodiment of Malaysia's transformation into a modern nation. The views both from and of the towers are equally riveting.



## Tun Abdul Razak Heritage Park (p100)

Better known as the Lake Gardens, this is KL's major green space, with a day's worth of sights including botanical gardens, a bird park and a host of surrounding museums and colonial architecture.



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## Merdeka Square (p62)

There is nowhere better in KL to soak up its British colonial past, including its Mughal-inspired architecture, than around this former cricket green which first saw the raising of the Malaysian flag in 1957.