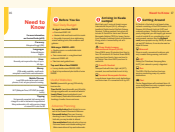


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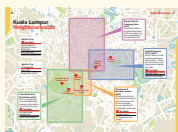
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Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know

Tips for a smooth trip



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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



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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

 Internet Access

 Wi-Fi Access

 Vegetarian Selection

 English-Language Menu

 Family-Friendly

 Bus

 Ferry

 LRT

 Monorail

 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 the city. A showpiece is a painting by Papa Hemingway. Open by Papa Hemingway. Dress code: smart casual. Website: hemingway.com; Hôtel Ritzy. 6.30pm-2a

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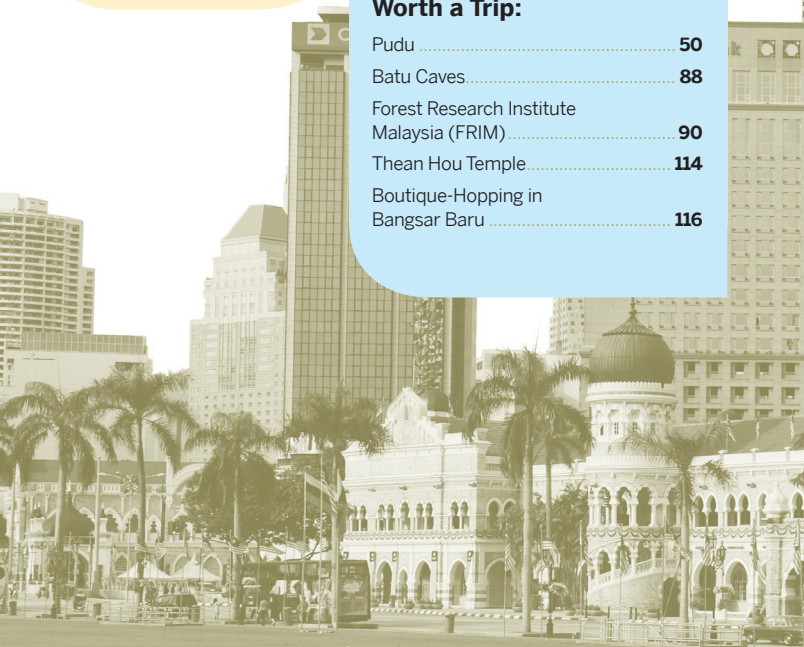
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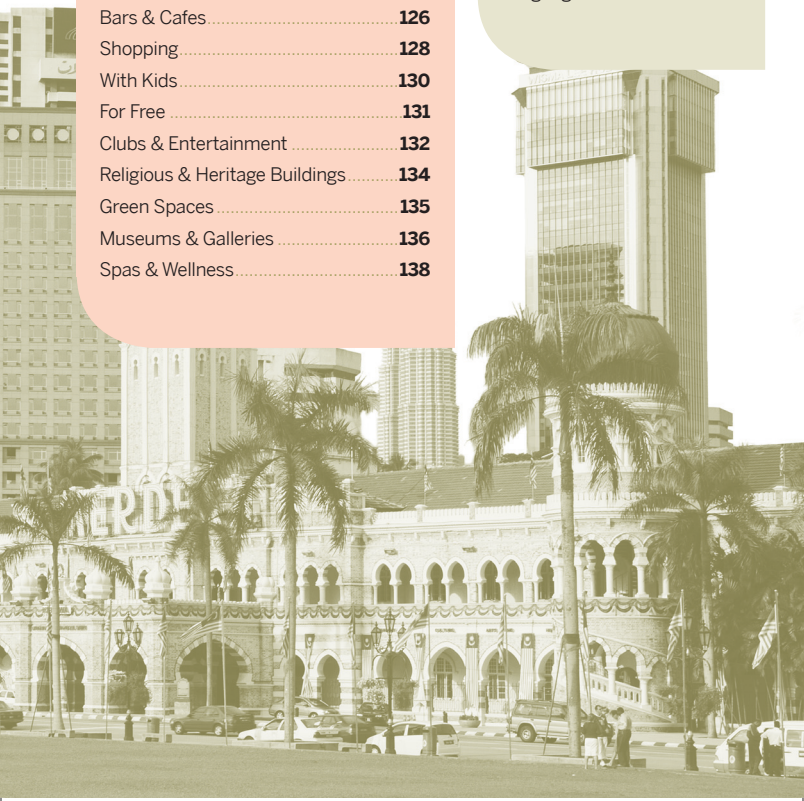
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Welcome to Kuala Lumpur

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.



Kuala Lumpur Top Sights

Petronas Towers (p24)

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



10 Top Sights

Merdeka Square (p54)

There is nowhere better in KL to soak up its British colonial past, including its Mughal-inspired architecture, than around this former cricket green where in 1957 independence was declared and the Malaysian flag raised for the first time.



Batu Caves (p88)

In these soaring limestone caves – the country's top Hindu pilgrimage site – intricate geological formations compete for your attention with colourful shrines and psychedelic dioramas.



Thean Hou Temple (p114)

The glorious sunsets over the city, and the devotional atmosphere during Chinese festival times, draw visitors to this massive, fantastically gaudy Chinese temple atop Robson Hill.

