



Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Penang

**“All you’ve got to do is decide to go
and the hardest part is over.**

So go!”

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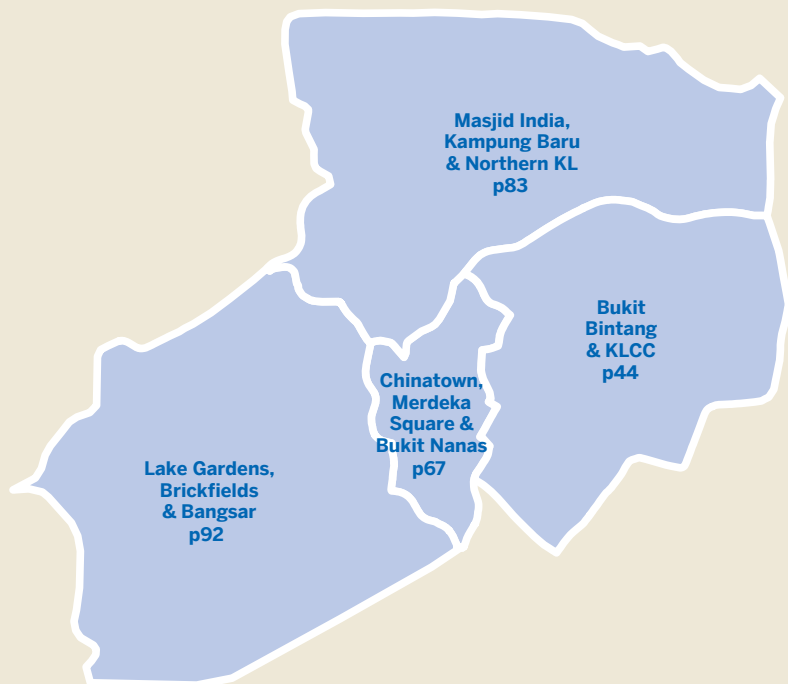
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(above) Merdeka
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(right) Royal Museum
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Top Itineraries

Day One

Bukit Bintang & KLCC (p44)

 Head to the Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC), where you've prebooked tickets up the **Petronas Towers**. Afterwards, browse the shops in **Suria KLCC** and see a free art exhibition at the excellent **Galeri Petronas**.



Lunch Try one of the restaurants at Suria KLCC (p65) or Avenue K (p65).

Bukit Bintang & KLCC (p44)

 Take a postlunch stroll around **KLCC Park**, admiring the view of the towers, then take a look at contemporary Malaysian art at the **ILHAM** in the Foster + Partners-designed tower. Join the 3pm tour of the Malay-style wooden house **Rumah Penghulu Abu Seman** next to **Badan Warisan Malaysia**, or learn about sea life at **Aquaria KLCC**.



Dinner Enjoy chicken wings and grilled fish at Wong Ah Wah (p55) on Jln Alor.

Bukit Bintang & KLCC (p44)

 Go mall hopping to **Pavilion KL**, **Starhill Gallery**, **Lot 10** and **Sungei Wang Plaza** along Jln Bukit Bintang until 10pm, then head to Changkat Bukit Bintang and Jln Mesui for the bars; **Pisco Bar** is a good choice. Also check out **No Black Tie** for jazz and classical concerts.

Day Two

Chinatown, Merdeka Square & Bukit Nanas (p67)

 Admire the historic buildings of **Merdeka Square** (if you can, sign up for one of Visit KL's free tours), then either cycle on a hired bike or take a taxi to the **Tun Abdul Razak Heritage Park**. Start at the **National Monument**, then walk through the **Perdana Botanical Garden** to the **National Museum**; if you're there by 10am you can take the free guided tour.



Lunch Feast on a buffet of traditional Malay dishes at Rebung (p102)

Lake Gardens, Brickfields & Bangsar (p92)

 Continue to enjoy the leafy surrounds of the park at the **KL Bird Park** or **KL Butterfly Park**. Save a couple of hours for the splendid **Islamic Arts Museum**, then admire the architecture of **Masjid Negara** and **KL Railway Station**.



Dinner Sample Malaysian and Western food at Merchant's Lane (p77).

Chinatown, Merdeka Square & Bukit Nanas (p67)

 Go souvenir shopping at the **Central Market**, then push your way through the crowds at Chinatown's **Petaling Street Market**. Finish up with a cocktail at speakeasy-style bars **PS150** or **Omakase + Appreciate**.

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Kampung Baru (p85)

Day Three

Masjid India, Kampung Baru & Northern KL (p83)

 Have breakfast at **Bazaar Baru Chow Kit**, one of KL's most atmospheric wet markets, then amble through the Malay area of **Kampung Baru** admiring the traditional wooden houses and flower gardens.



Lunch Go old school at the Hainanese kopitiam Yut Kee (p88).

Chinatown, Merdeka Square & Bukit Nanas (p67)

 Walk from Masjid India to **Bukit Nanas**, where you can traverse the canopy walkway of **KL Forest Eco Park** and then go much higher up the **Menara Kuala Lumpur**, to get your bearings in



Dinner Chinese at Robson Heights (p104) or Indian food in Brickfields.

the city from the observation deck, and, weather permitting, the new outdoor deck.

Lake Gardens, Brickfields & Bangsar (p92)

 For another panoramic perspective of KL, stand on the upper terraces of the gloriously decorative **Thean Hou Temple**. Walk around the many religious sites of Brickfields in the cool of the evening and enjoy a cocktail at the rooftop **Mai Bar** overlooking KL Sentral.

Day Four

Batu Caves (p122)

 Climb the 272 steps at **Batu Caves** to pay your respects at the Hindu **Temple Cave** and learn about bats and other cave dwellers in the **Dark Cave**, then take a taxi up to the **Muzium Orang Asli** in Gombak.



Lunch Tuck into Thai at Samira (p88) in Sentul Park.

Masjid India, Kampung Baru & Northern KL (p83)

 View the city skyline from **Titiwangsa Lake Gardens**, where you can hire a bike, take a boat out on the lake



Dinner Splash out on dinner at Antara Restaurant (p78) at Old Malaya.

or even take a spin in a helicopter. Nearby is the **National Visual Arts Gallery**.

Bukit Bintang & KLCC (p44)

 Sink a sunset cocktail at **Heli Lounge Bar**. If your budget doesn't stretch to fine dining, a meal at **Jalan Imbi Hawker Stalls** or **Glutton Street** will be equally memorable and delicious. End the night at the new entertainment complex TREC: see some stand-up comedy or live music at **Live House** or club until the early hours at **Zouk**.

Kuala Lumpur, Melaka & Penang Maps

Sights

- Beach
- Bird Sanctuary
- Buddhist
- Castle/Palace
- Christian
- Confucian
- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jain
- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
- Ruin
- Shinto
- Sikh
- Taoist
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
- Other Sight

Activities, Courses & Tours

- Bodysurfing
- Diving
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Course/Tour
- Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
- Skiing
- Snorkelling
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
- Windsurfing
- Other Activity

Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping

Eating

- Eating

Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

Entertainment

- Entertainment

Shopping

- Shopping

Information

- Bank
- Embassy/Consulate
- Hospital/Medical
- Internet
- Police
- Post Office
- Telephone
- Toilet
- Tourist Information
- Other Information

Geographic

- Beach
- Gate
- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

Population

- Capital (National)
- Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
- Town/Village

Transport

- Airport
- Border crossing
- Bus
- Cable car/Funicular
- Cycling
- Ferry
- LRT
- Metro/MTR/MRT station
- Monorail
- Parking
- Petrol station
- Skytrain/Subway station
- Taxi
- Train station/KTM
- Underground station
- Other Transport

Routes

- Tollway
- Freeway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary
- Lane
- Unsealed road
- Road under construction
- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian overpass
- Walking Tour
- Walking Tour detour
- Path/Walking Trail

Boundaries

- International
- State/Province
- Disputed
- Regional/Suburb
- Marine Park
- Cliff
- Wall

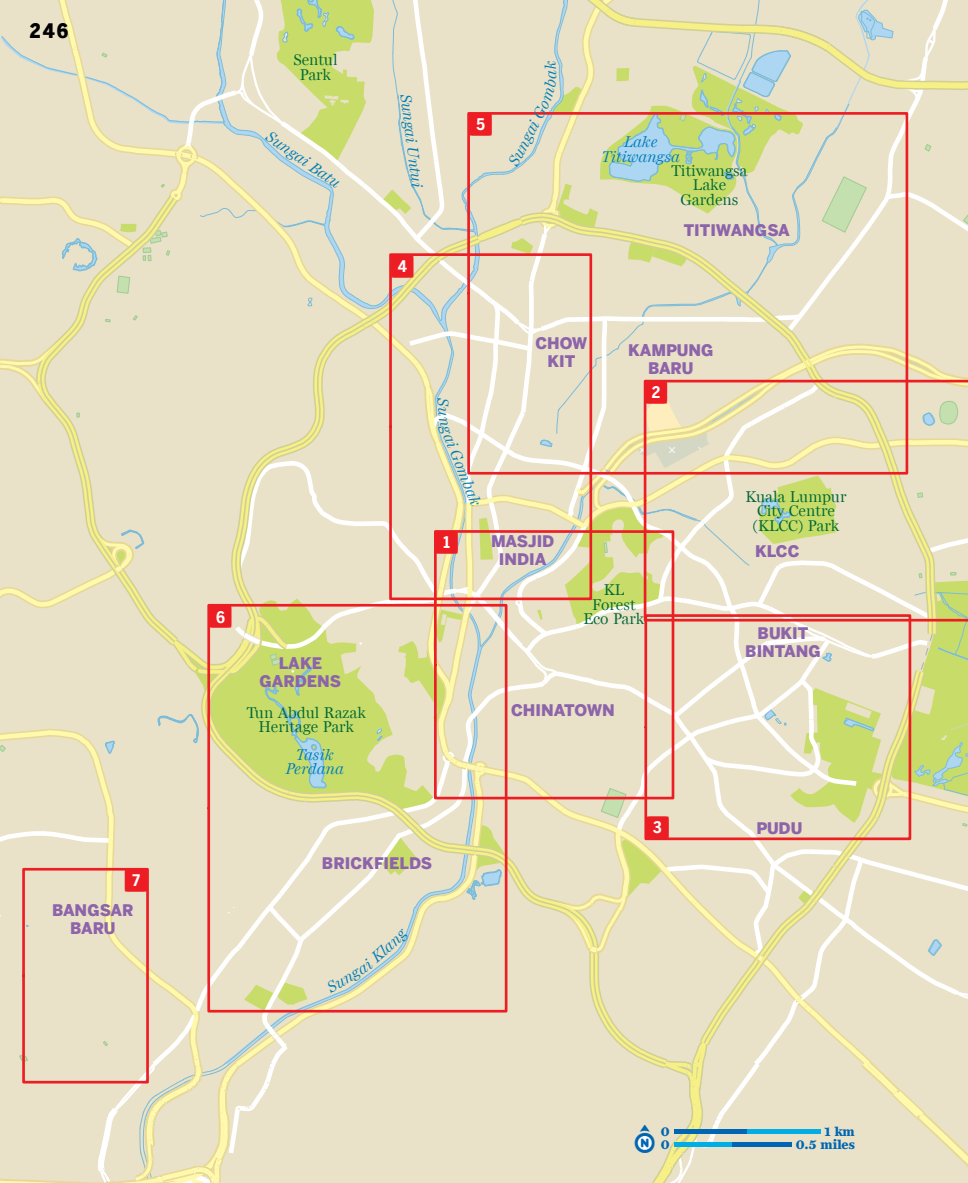
Hydrography

- River, Creek
- Intermittent River
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
- Reef

Areas

- Airport/Runway
- Beach/Desert
- Cemetery (Christian)
- Cemetery (Other)
- Glacier
- Mudflat
- Park/Forest
- Sight (Building)
- Sportsground
- Swamp/Mangrove

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5 Central Market B5
6 Chan She Shu Yuen Clan Association Temple C8
7 Chettiar House C3
8 Chinatown Wet Market C5
9 Cockerel Mural C6
10 Ernest Zacharevic Mural C3
11 Goldsmith Mural C7
12 Guan Yin Temple C8
13 Guandi Temple C6
14 KL City Gallery A4
15 KL Forest Eco Park G2
16 Kuen Stephanie Sculptures C5
17 Lat Cartoon Sculptures C3
18 Lee Rubber Building B6
19 Lostgens' C6
20 Masjid Jamek B4
21 Medan Pasar B4
22 Muzium Musik A4
23 National Textiles Museum A4
24 OCBC Building B5
25 Royal Selangor Club A3
26 Sin Sze Si Ya Temple B5

Sights

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29 Stadium Negara E7
30 Sultan Abdul Samad Building A4
31 Telekom Museum D3
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36 Bunn Choon C7
37 Cafe Old Market Square B4
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40 Chee Cheong Fun Stall C6
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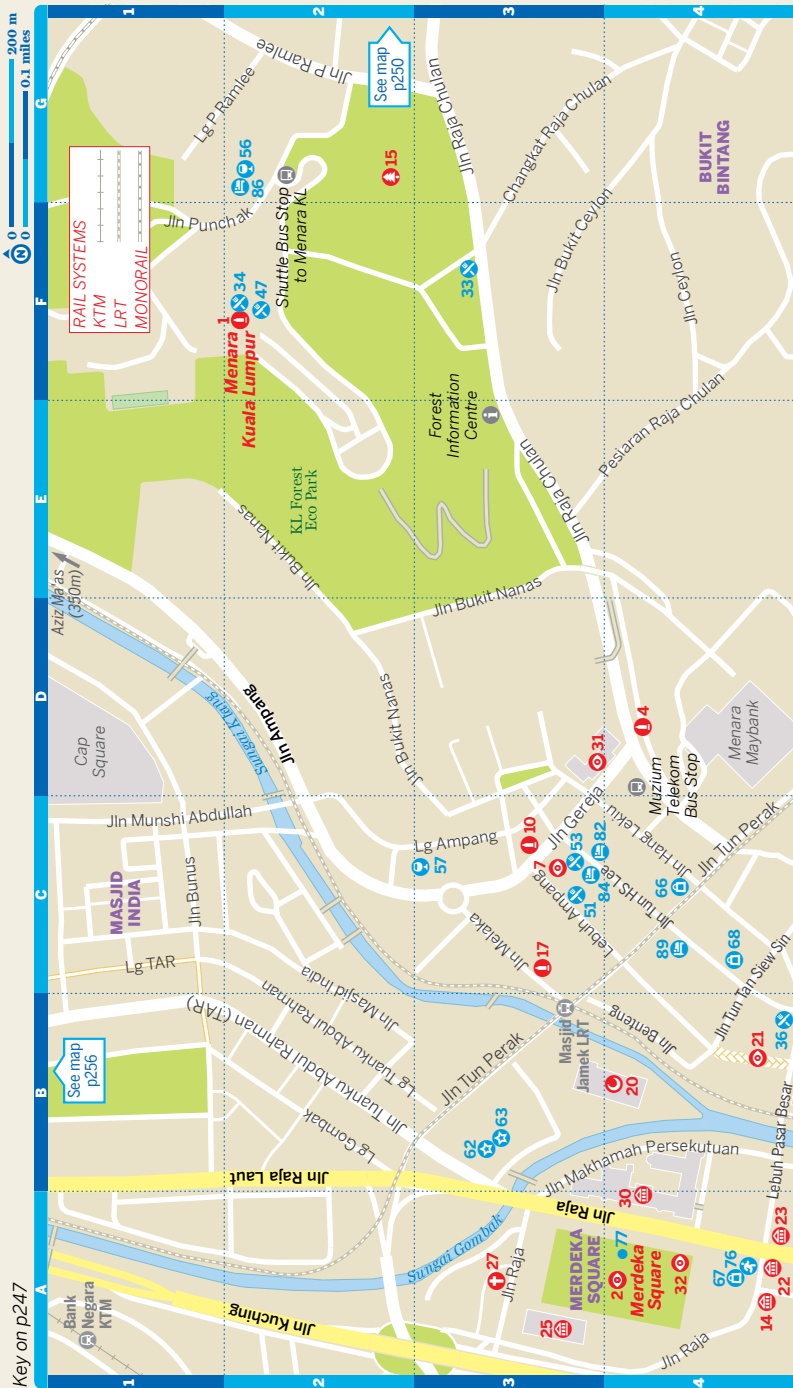
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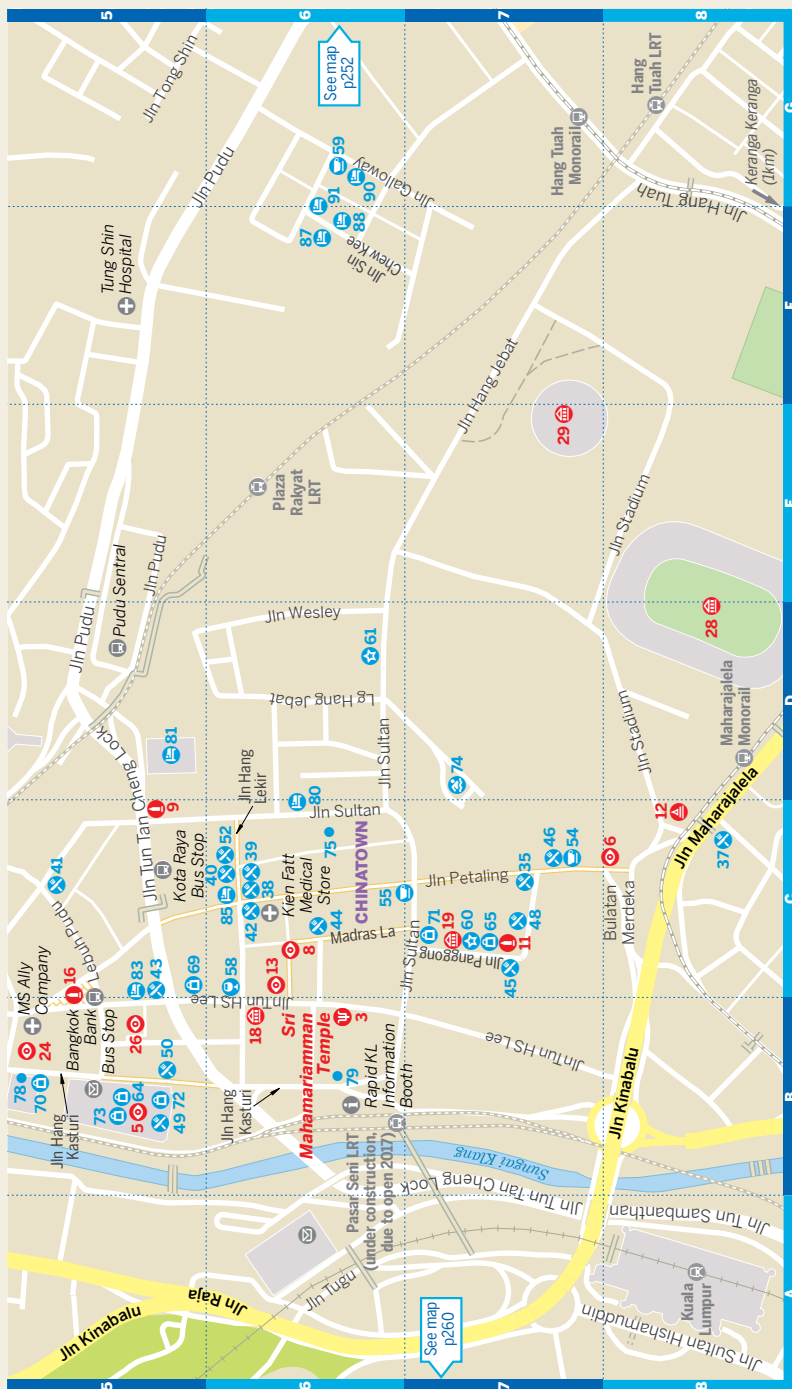
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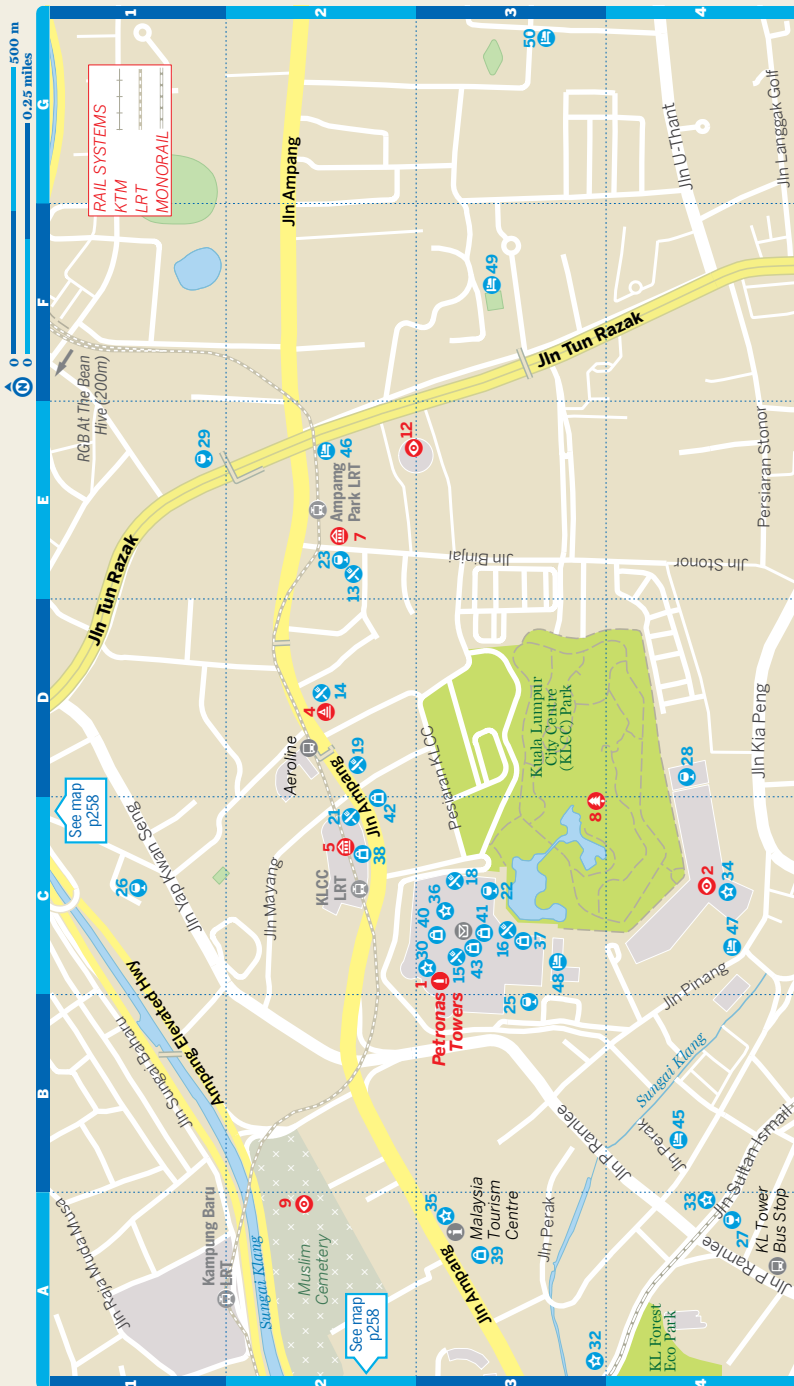
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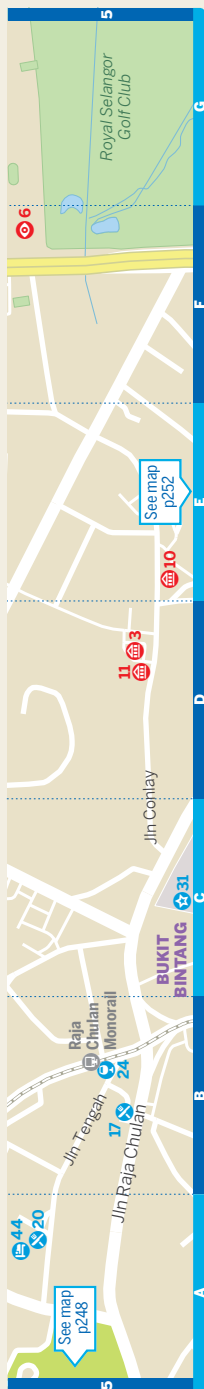
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CHINATOWN & MERDEKA SQUARE







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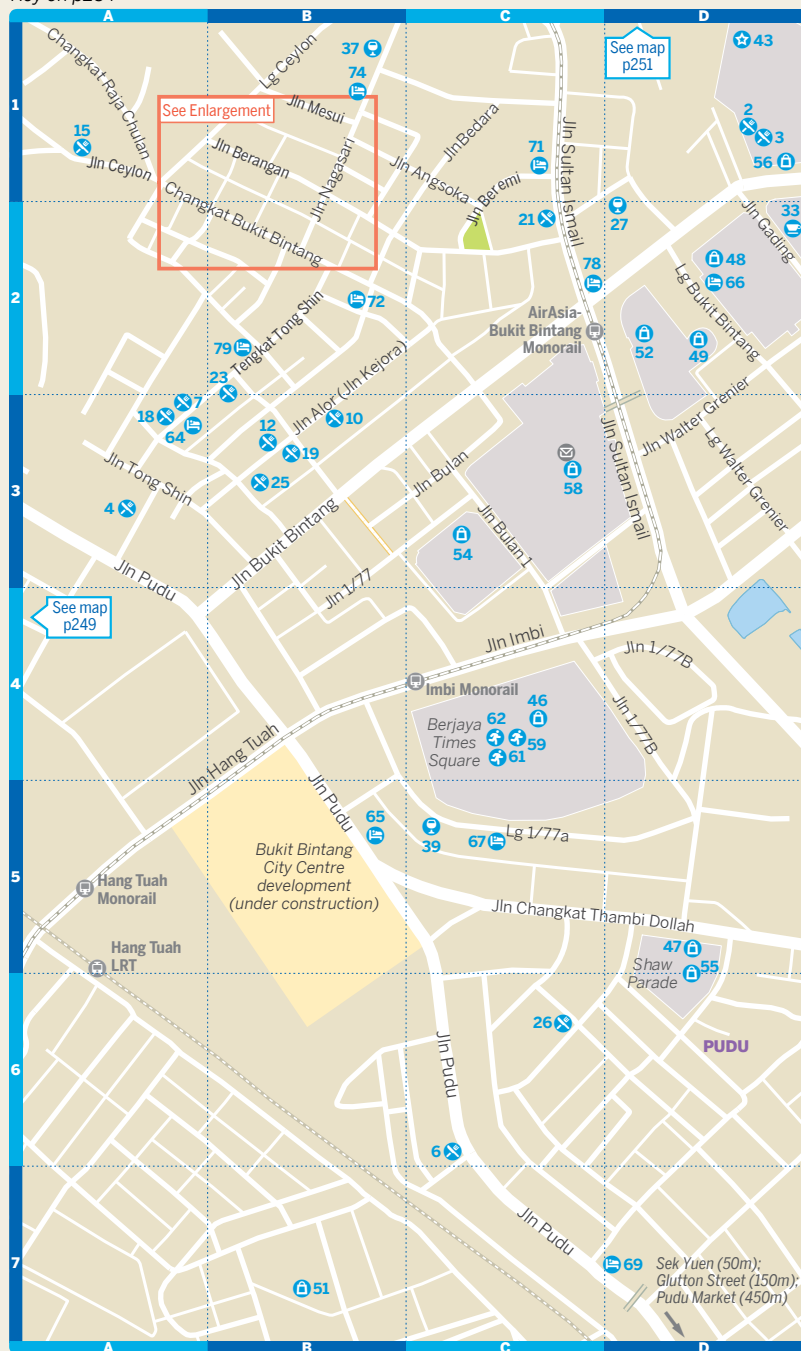
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BUKIT BINTANG





BUKIT BINTANG *Map on p252*

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 2 Al-Amar Lebanese Cuisine D1
 3 Ben's D1
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 4 Blue Boy Vegetarian Food Centre A3
 5 El Cerdo G7
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 6 Fei Por C6
 Food Republic (see 53)
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 8 Fukuya H2
 9 Imbi Market at ICC Pudu E6
 10 Jalan Alor B3
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 15 Nervivo A1
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- 20 Restoran Win Heng Seng E3
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 22 Santouka E1
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 28 Ceylon Bar F6
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 29 Feeka Coffee Roasters H5
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 30 Kuala Lumpur Pub Crawl H6
 31 Luk Yu Tea House E2
 32 Nagaba H5
 33 Newens D2
 34 Pisco Bar H5
 35 Rabbit Hole F6
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 37 Taps Beer Bar B1
 38 TWG Tea E1
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40 Zion Club.....F7
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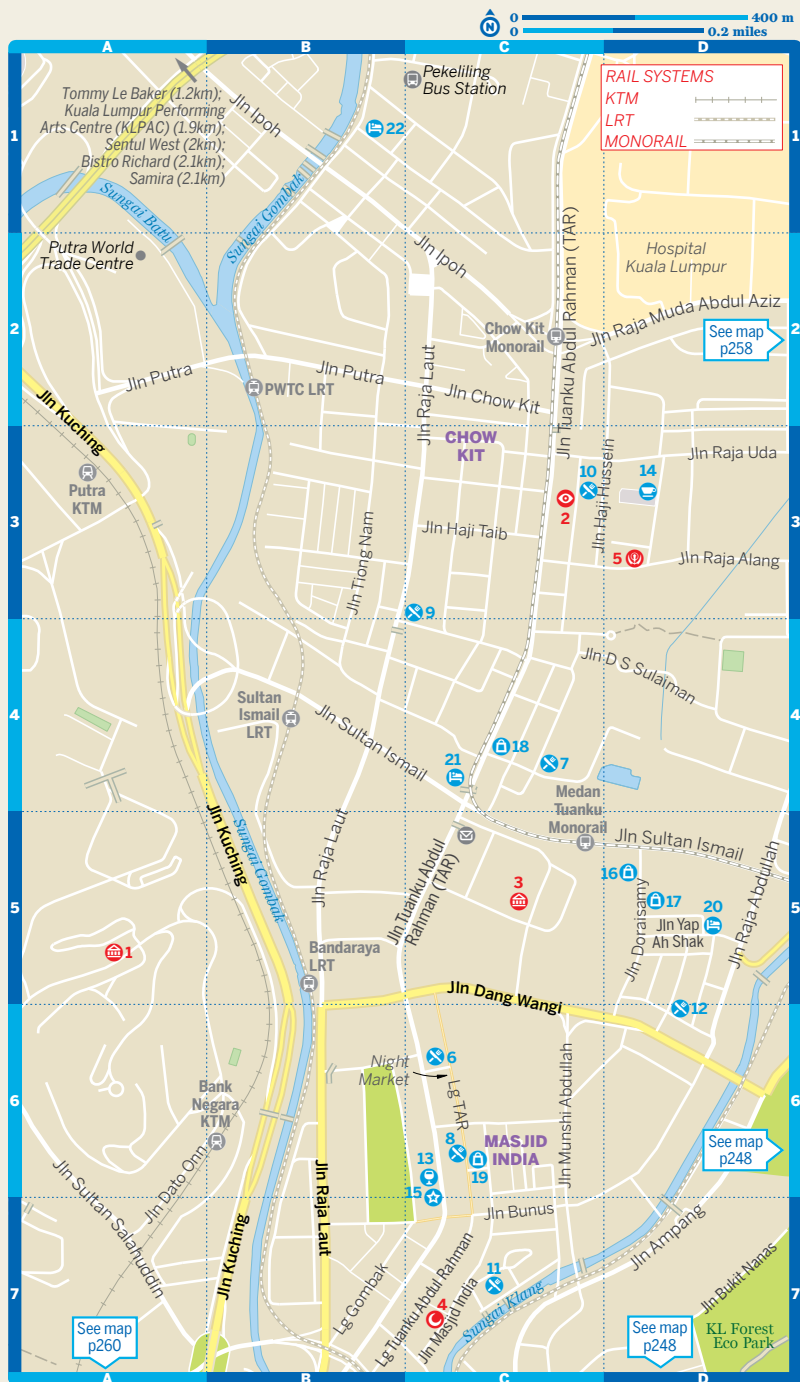
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47 Eu Yan Sang.....D5
48 Fahrenheit88.....D2
49 House of Suzie Wong.....D2
50 Jadi Batek Centre.....G2
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51 KWC Fashion Mall.....B7
52 Lot 10.....D2
53 Pavilion KL.....E1
54 Plaza Low Yat.....C3
55 Purple Cane Tea Square.....D5
56 Royal Selangor.....D1
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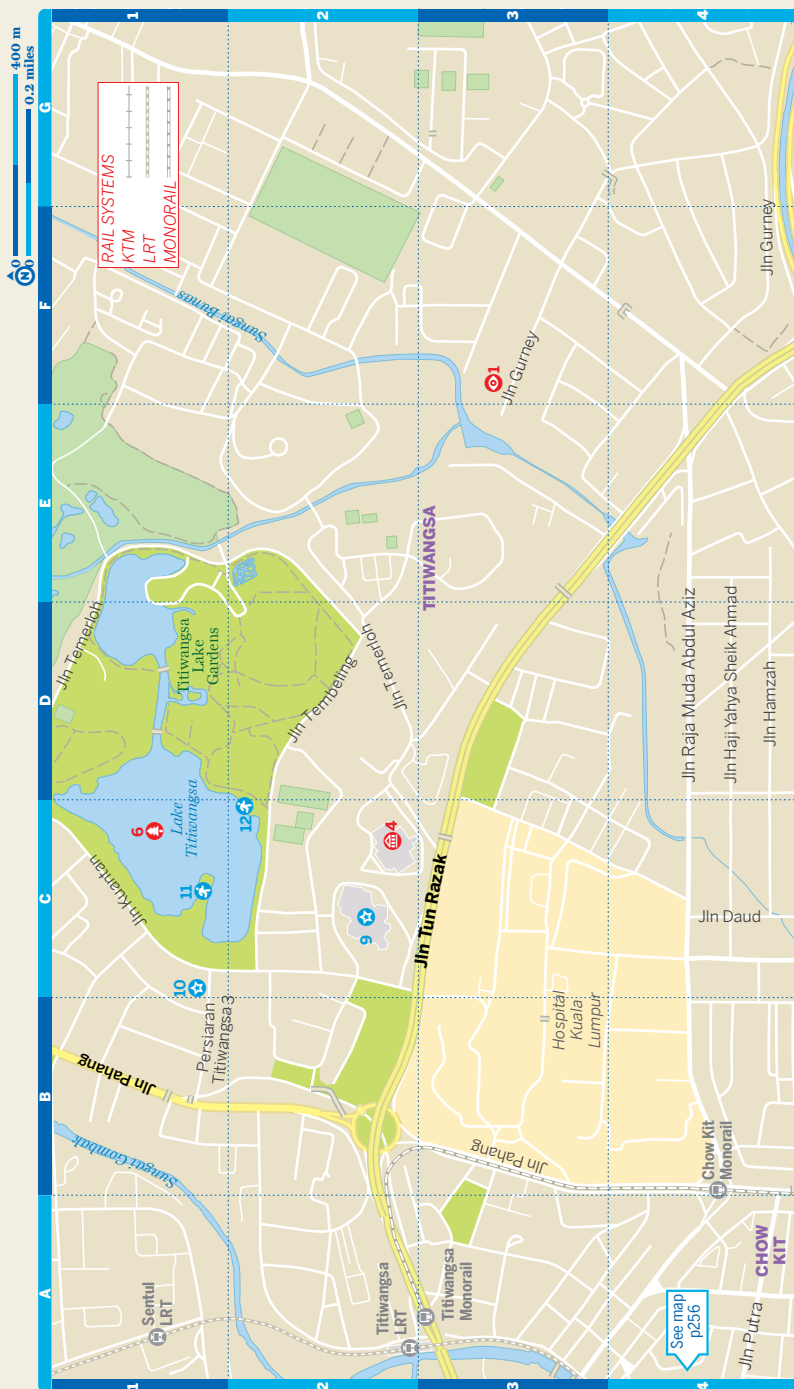
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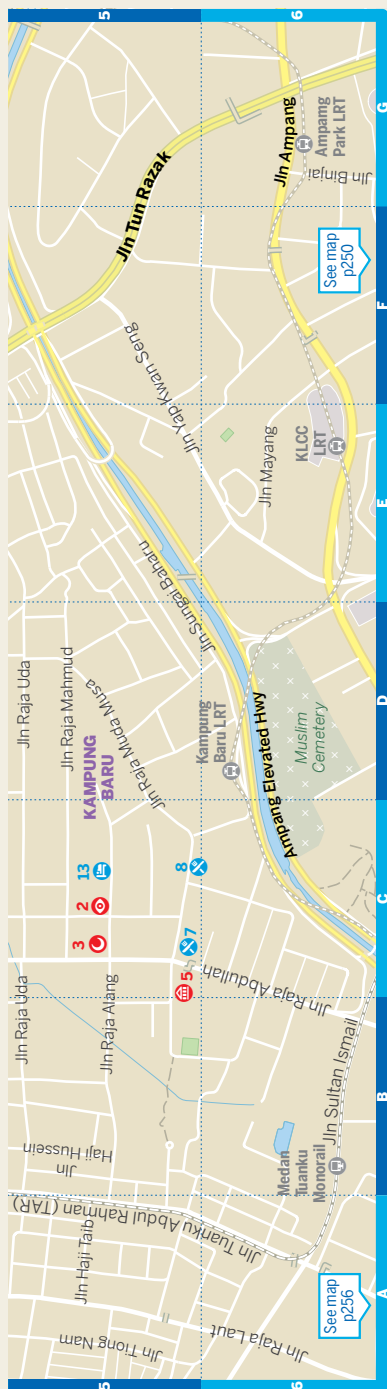
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12 Yut Kee	D6		

KAMPUNG BARU & TITIWANGSA



KAMPUNG BARU & TITIWANGSA



Sights

- | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1 | Alliance Française..... | F3 |
| 2 | Kampung Baru..... | C5 |
| 3 | Masjid Jamek Kampung Baru..... | C5 |
| 4 | National Visual Arts Gallery..... | C2 |
| 5 | Sultan Sulaiman Club..... | C5 |
| 6 | Titikwansa Lake Gardens..... | C1 |

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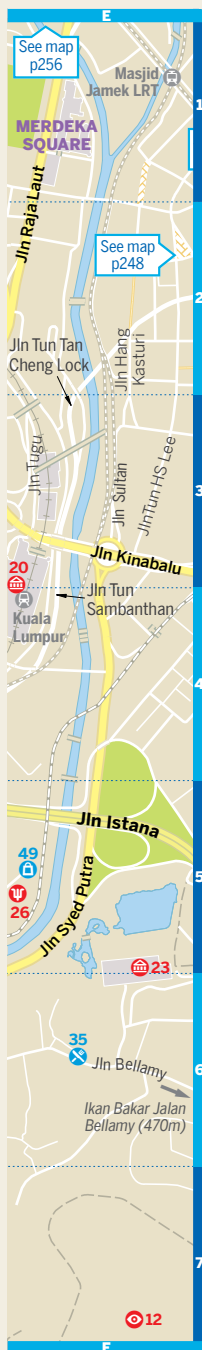
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