

# Masjid India, Kampung Baru & Northern Kuala Lumpur

## Neighbourhood Top Five

**1 Kampung Baru** (p85) Meandering around the low-rise Malay village in the heart of the high-rise city, where many residents live in traditional wooden houses fronted by flower gardens.

**2 Titiwangsa Lake Gardens** (p87) Jogging, cycling or strolling around Lake

Titiwangsa while admiring the view of the city skyline, or viewing the buildings at eye level on a helicopter tour.

**3 Masjid India Pasar Malam** (p88) Immersing yourself in the Saturday night market around Masjid India, KL's other Little India.

**4 Bazaar Baru Chow Kit** (p85) Stimulating your senses at the market and pausing to sample local delicacies.

**5 National Visual Arts Gallery** (p87) Viewing works by Malaysia's top modern and contemporary artists.



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## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

If you're in town during the Muslim fasting month don't miss the Ramadan street markets in Kampung Baru, where you can buy all manner of tasty delicacies to break the fast. Just remember not to start eating until after sundown.



### Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Kin Kin (p87)
- ➔ Limapulo (p88)
- ➔ Ikan Bakar Berempah (p88)
- ➔ Yut Kee (p88)
- ➔ Capital Café (p88)

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### Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Coliseum Cafe (p90)
- ➔ Butter & Beans (p90)
- ➔ Bistro Richard (p90)

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### Best Places to Shop

- ➔ Royal Selangor Visitor Centre (p91)
- ➔ Peter Hoe at the Row (p91)
- ➔ League of Captains (p91)
- ➔ Bazaar Baru Chow Kit (p85)

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## Explore Masjid India, Kampung Baru & Northern Kuala Lumpur

For decades the area around **Masjid India** was known as 'Little India', until, in 2010, Brickfields was dubbed KL's 'official' Little India. But being stripped of its title has done nothing to alter the character of Masjid India, sandwiched between Jln TAR and Jln Munshi Abdullah. Visit during the bustling pasar malam (p88) on Saturday for maximum India-meets-Malaysia atmosphere.

Mostly northeast of Jln Sultan Ismail is **Kampung Baru** (p85), meaning 'new village'. The leafy residential streets are lined with charming wooden houses. It's a lovely area to stroll around, marvelling at the contrast with the skyscrapers of the KLCC and Bukit Bintang in the background.

Spread around the northern end of Jln TAR, **Chow Kit** is named after tin miner and city councillor Loke Chow Kit. The zone's rep for sex and drugs means it can be slightly shady at night, but don't miss it by day for its magnificent wet and dry market and tasty places to eat.

North of here are a couple of green spaces that also merit exploration: **Lake Titiwangsa** for the park (p87) and National Visual Arts Gallery (p87); and **Sentul West** (p87), a redevelopment of railway yards into a gorgeous private park, home to the excellent Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre (p90) and a couple of pleasant places to eat and drink.

## Local Life

- ➔ **Performing arts** Catch local drama, dance and concerts at KL Performing Arts Centre (p90).
- ➔ **Park life** Titiwangsa Lake Gardens (p87) is a popular hang-out for families and courting couples, especially at weekends.
- ➔ **Markets** Browse stalls laden with fruit, veggies, meat, fish, herbs and spices at Bazaar Baru Chow Kit.

## Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Monorail** Convenient stops for this area are Medan Tuanku, Chow Kit and Titiwangsa.
- ➔ **LRT** The Ampang and Kelana Jaya lines have stations in these areas.
- ➔ **KTM Komuter** Take the Batu Caves line to Bank Negara and Sentul.
- ➔ **GOKL City Bus** The red line goes to Titiwangsa and Chow Kit. The blue line goes to Medan Tuanku monorail station.
- ➔ **Walking** Masjid India and Kampung Baru are easily and best explored on foot.