



Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Malaysia is located in Southeast Asia. Malays, Chinese, Indians and many other ethnic groups live together in mutual respect of each other's cultures. Farah (Coordinator for International Relations in Niihama city) introduces the charms of the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur (or "KL").



Built in 1897 as the headquarters of the colonial administration of Malaysia, the Sultan Abdul Samad building abuts the Merdeka (Independence) Square where the Malaysian flag was first flown in 1957 after the declaration of independence (from the UK). One of the major landmarks of KL, it's the backdrop for the annual Malaysian independence day parade.

The Petronas Twin Towers are a symbol of Malaysia. At 452m, they are the tallest twin towers in the world. In the Skybridge connecting the two towers, you can enjoy a view of the city.



In Malaysia Islam is established as the state religion, but freedom of religion is also observed, so in addition to mosques Buddhist temples, Hindu

temples, Christian cathedrals and other lovely places of worship adorn KL. In addition to their uses as places of worship, their designs reflect the charms of various religious traditions and customs, and they are also famous attractions for sightseeing.



Masjid Jamek

This mosque has over 100 years of history. Built in a Moorish style and surrounded by palm trees, Masjid Jamek is straight out of 'Aladdin'!



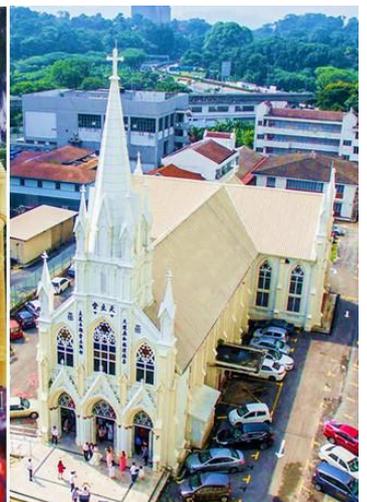
Thean Hou Temple

This temple is the largest in Malaysia and one of the largest in Southeast Asia. It's famous as a marriage spot, with many bright red lanterns hanging out front.



Batu Caves

These caves formed over the course of 400 million years. After climbing 272 steps, you arrive at sacred Hindu temples and shrines. The rainbow-colored steps are very Instagrammable



Holy Rosary Church

With its towering white steeple and neo-Gothic architecture, this 1904 temple makes you feel just as if you're in Rome. 3



Gourmet Malaysia



Nasi Lemak



Rice cooked in coconut milk blends with sweet-and-salty sambal (chili paste). A Malaysian comfort food for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Literally "pulled tea," one can easily make a habit of this bittersweet beverage. With your Teh Tarik in one hand, you may talk about the future together with your friends, and find that it's morning already!

Teh Tarik



This Malaysian "yakisoba" is a rich mix of springy rice noodles, shrimp, blood clams, fish cakes and other ingredients.

Roti Canai



This Malaysian-style pancake is flaky like pie crust, but a bit stretchy, too. Tear it with your hands and dip it in curry or sambal (chili paste).

Char Kuey Teow



Kuih

A multi-coloured traditional Malaysian dessert. There are sweet dessert varieties and just a tiny bit piquant ones, too. Fun to look at and to eat!

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