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ELEBRATED every year on Feb 1, the Federal Territory Day is a public holiday in the federal territories of Kuala Lumpur, Labuan and Putrajaya.

The regional holiday, however, actually honours the day when the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur was established in 1974.

Being the country's largest city and one of the fastest growing in Asia, the capital is the main gateway into the country, though Putrajaya is closer to Kuala Lumpur International Airport.

This gives the city a huge collection of tourist attractions — old and new, nature and man-made, besides a plethora of food and shopping malls.

This holiday, here are three cool, new things to do with your friends and family.

MORE THAN JUST HISTORY

The KL City Gallery is the best starting point to kick off your fun day out in the city.

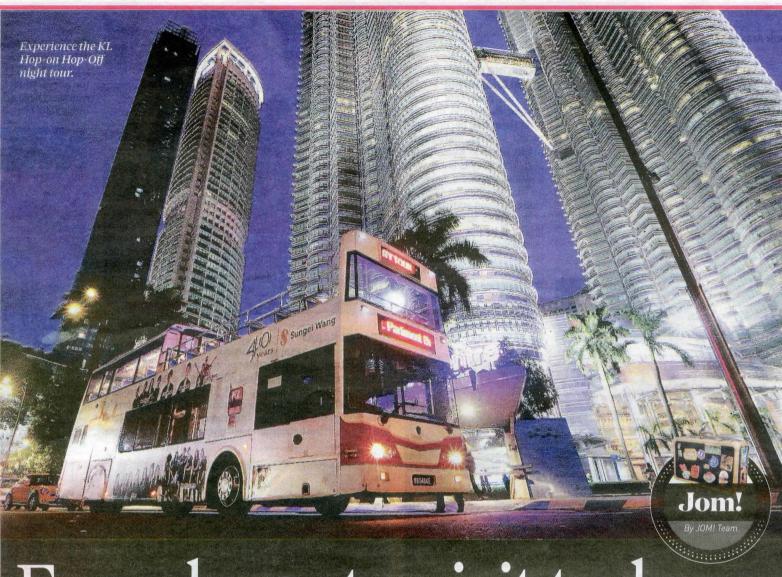
Located in Jalan Raja, just beside Dataran Merdeka, the gallery is a small museum where you can learn about the history of Kuala Lumpur through engaging and informative exhibits.

Among them is a scaled model of KL City as well as a photographic record which is entitled 'Old Kuala Lumpur'.

Housed in an attractive neo-Renaissance structure which was built in 1899, the place also boasts a gift shop offering locally made crafts and souvenirs, as well as the KLCG Confectionery and Bakery.

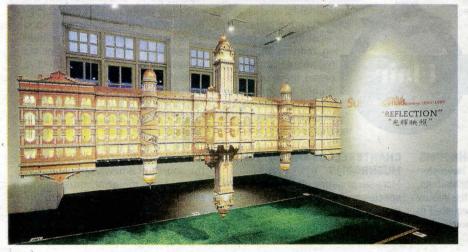
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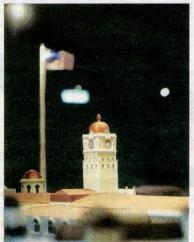
The MinNature Malaysia showcase in Sungei Wang Plaza, Jalan Sultan Ismail, is another must-go.



Fun places to visit today







CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Inspired by Malaysia's rich and diverse history and culture, MinNature Malaysia in Sungai Wang Plaza showcases Kuala Lumpur in miniature form. PIC FROM MINNATURE MALAYSIA INSTAGRAM:

Artistic. PIC BY MOHD KHAIRUL HELMY MOHD DIN;

Amazing art at one of the exhibitions in KLCG. PIC MOHD KHAIRUL HELMY MOHD DIN; Some infographics about Kuala Lumpur's history. PIC FROM KL CITY GALLERY INSTAGRAM Inspired by Malaysia's rich and diverse history and culture, the gallery exhibits miniatures of KL City and some other parts of Malaysia.

The team has captured the essence of Malaysian heritage and culture.

There are lots of fun-facts reading, scavenger hunts with four difficulty levels, more historical facts of heritage buildings and many more.

NIGHTTIME BUZZ

Be a tourist and take a ride on the KL Hop-on Hop-off tour because the recommended attractions are all located within the bus' routes.

End the day with a night ride as the tourist bus takes you around to witness Kuala Lumpur being lit up with spectular lights, known as the KL City of Lights tour.

The two-hour panoramic bus tour also takes you to sightsee some iconic landmarks and buildings such as Kuala Lumpur City Centre, and capture the spectacular sight of KL Tower, National Palace, Istana Budaya and many more.

Best part is that you can enjoy views of the city at night from an open-top double-decker bus!

However, since this tour is limited and requires early reservations, do check out the Hop-on Hop-off KL packages such as the one-day Ronda-Ronda KL, which offers a stop-off at more than 15 attractions along the way.