

# Popular places of interest not to be missed in KL

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Capital city's parks, galleries, and museums promise fun things to do and learn for all in the family

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WHETHER it is a weekday or weekend, Kuala Lumpur folk can have an enjoyable as well as an educational outing to the various public parks and galleries.

And all these places in the capital city are also free of charge for visitors young and old, including local and foreign tourists.

*StarMetro* highlights seven places that families can visit either for leisure or to learn a thing or two.



## KLCC Park

Located in Suria KLCC in Kuala Lumpur, the KLCC Park is an ideal place to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

The view of the PETRONAS Twin Towers standing majestically is quite amazing. There is also a water fountain called the Lake Symphony just outside of the main building that is popular among shoppers.

Many come here to jog in the evening. The park is open from 10am to 10pm.





**Perdana Botanical Garden**

Nestled in the middle of a busy metropolitan city, Perdana Botanical Garden gives visitors the ambience of a tropical forest.

It is home to a bird park, hibiscus and orchid garden, butterfly sanctuary and a deer park, with the primary attraction being its centre lake surrounded by beautiful flora.

The park is located at Jalan Kebun Bunga in Tasik Perdana. It is open between 7am and 8pm daily.

**Thean Hou Temple**

This temple is one of the biggest and oldest Buddhist temples in South-East Asia.

It is a six-tiered temple of the Chinese sea goddess Mazu. Its interior features a modern Buddhist pagoda and Buddha statues.

The grounds also include a tortoise pond, a wishing well and a Chinese herb garden.

You can also find 12 animal statues, each representing the Chinese zodiac, along with descriptions of the characteristics of each zodiac sign.

Thean Hou Temple is located at Persiaran Endah in Taman Persiaran Desa. Its opening hours are from 8am to 10am.



**National Art Gallery**

It features a distinctive design that draws inspiration from traditional Malay architecture. Over 2,500 pieces of artwork are permanently housed in the gallery.

The gallery is located at Jalan Temerloh in Titiwangsa. It is open to the public from 9am to 5pm every day.



**Masjid Negara**

The national mosque is one of the biggest in South-East Asia.

It is closed to non-Muslim visitors during prayer times.

During other times, people of all religions are encouraged to visit.

Masjid Negara is open to visitors from 9am to noon, 3pm to 4pm and 5.30pm to 6.30pm from Saturdays to Thursdays.

On Fridays, it is open from 3pm to 4pm and 5.30pm to 6.30pm. It is located at Jalan Perdana in Tasik Perdana.



**Bank Negara Malaysia Museum and Art Gallery**

This is a museum on currency notes. It was established by the country's central bank. Visitors can play interactive games that teach one about money while also providing intriguing facts and information.

There are six galleries in the museum, namely Children's Gallery, Islamic Finance Gallery, Economic Gallery, Bank Negara Gallery, Numismatics Gallery and Art Gallery.

Located in Jalan Dato Onn, the gallery's visiting hours are from 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm daily except Mondays.

**Dataran Merdeka**

This square is one of the most important historic landmarks in the country.

Visitors will be able to see the 100m-high flag pole, reputed to be the tallest in the world.

The Sultan Abdul Samad Building's arched exterior is lighted up at night, giving it an attractive appearance.

Dataran Merdeka is located at Jalan Raja in the city centre and is accessible round the clock.

