

VACATIONING WITH GEO AT THE DUTA VISTA EXECUTIVE SUITES

In 130 years, Kuala Lumpur has grown from nothing to a modern, bustling city of well over a million people. On the surface, KL (as it's almost universally known) may appear to be just another modern Asian city of gleaming skyscrapers, but it retains much of the character and local colour that has been so effectively wiped out in other Asian-boom cities. It has plenty of colonial buildings in its centre, a vibrant Chinatown with street vendors and night markets, and a bustling Little India. When KL does something, it likes to do it big. The twin Petronas Towers skyscrapers – one of the tallest building in the world -dominate the skyline, while a 95m (312ft) flagpole stands in Merdeka Square.

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CHECK IN & OUT

Check-In: 3 pm
Check-Out: 10 am
Check-In Day: Varies

DIRECTIONS

Duta Vista is 1 hour from KLIA International Airport and 20 minutes from Subang domestic airport.

From the Subang airport, enter the North-South Highway near the airport and head north towards Kuala Lumpur Interchange. From there, travel towards Jalan Duta Interchange, exit towards Jalan Duta which is in the direction of the Parliament House. Duta Vista is located 300 metres before the Parliament House.

From the KL International Airport, the resort is approximately 55 km. Follow the signs for Kuala Lumpur and then Pusat Bandaraya (City Centre). This will bring you onto Jalan Duta and then follow the signs as indicated above.

If you are taking a taxi from any of the above airports or Kuala Lumpur Railway station, make sure that you purchase a coupon at the taxi counter, and present the coupon to the taxi driver.

GETTING AROUND

The public transport system within KL is speedy, comfortable and uncomplicated. New expressways, a remodeled rail network and the new train station have all contributed to a reduction in traffic congestion. While buses and city trains move huge numbers of people, travellers will probably find most joy with the fast and frequent Light Rail (LRT) and the Monorail (PRT). There is little point hiring a car for a stay in KL unless you plan on many trips to obscure destinations out of the city.

Taxis are a cheap alternative to mass transport. Drivers are sometimes unwilling to use the meters - check with locals about going rates or simply get out and hail another cab. Once on your way, you may feel like you're going in circles but often the shortest distance between two points in KL is rarely a straight line.

CLIMATE

It's hot and humid throughout Malaysia all year round, with overnight lows rarely sinking below 20°C (70°F) and maximums rising above 30°C (86°F) on most days, so whenever you go, take it easy. Rainfall is variable and falls all year round. It is rare for rain to fall all day: it usually confines itself to short-lived torrential downpours in the afternoons. The driest months tend to be June and July.

ATTRACTIONS

Merdeka Square

Site of the proclamation of independence in 1957, the square - formerly known as Padang - is the centre of National Day celebrations. Surrounding the square are many buildings of historical interest, including the Royal Selangor Club where KL's elite meet, the Sultan Abdul Samad building, which is a great example of the Victorian-Moorish architecture common to Malaysian cities, the National History Museum and the impressive, modern Dayabumi Complex. The square is in the heart of downtown KL, near the convergence of the Kelang and Gombak rivers.

Chinatown

KL's Chinatown is a crowded colourful melange of signs, shops, activity and noise. The central section, Jalan Petaling, is a frantically busy market that is closed to traffic. It is most spectacular at night, when the combination of street stalls, food, haggling and bright lights make impressions on all five senses. The old buildings -undergoing constant restoration by conservation groups - are interesting in themselves, while bargain-hunters and collectors of kitsch might be in luck as well. Chinatown is about 300m (330 yards) south-east of Merdeka Square.

Lake Gardens

When the bustle gets too much, head to the 'green belt' - 92 hectares (227 acres) of planned parkland less than 1 km (0.6 mi) west of the central city. The main focus of the park is Tasik Perdana - the Premier Lake - where locals and visitors cavort on the banks or in little paddle boats. Attractions in the park can be reached either on-foot, or by regular shuttle buses. If you're into the birds, Bird Park is an enormous walk-in aviary boasting about 160 species from throughout South-East Asia. If the bees are more your thing, you

might get lucky at the nearby Orchid Garden, where 800 species of flower vie for your attention. There are also sections of the gardens dedicated to tame deer and butterflies. From the gardens, you can also see the massive bronze National Monument, Parliament House and the Planetarium.

Golden Triangle

If you want a change of pace, head to the high-rise-heavy Golden Triangle: a small city in itself, dominated by the tallest building in the world, the Petronas Towers. Surrounded on all sides by shopping, commerce and entertainment outlets, you'll feel like you're in another country altogether. This area contains all the expensive hotels and restaurants. Visitors will enjoy the Kuala Lumpur Tower - the fourth-highest telecommunications tower in the world -with superb panoramic views from the observation deck.

THE UNITS AT DUTA VISTA EXECUTIVE SUITES

All units are fully furnished, complete with air conditioning, telephone, television, hair dryers, and a kitchenette (mini fridge, microwave, and kettle).

The **Two Bedroom units** can accommodate a maximum of 6 people with one queen bed, two twin beds, and a sofa bed.

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