

SIGHTS NEAR THE STATIONS

Bukit Bintang

The monorail station is in the middle of the neighborhood of the same name, known for shopping and vibrant nightlife. For no-nonsense Chinese food, check out dozens of sidewalk restaurants on Jalan Alor, open from 6pm until late.

Bukit Nanas

A short but strenuous walk up the hill takes you to the base of KL Tower, the highest structure in the city, offering panoramic views in all directions. Or, walk a few minutes east on Jalan Sultan Ismail to Jalan P Ramlee, where the nightclubs keep thumping until 3am.

Chow Kit

During daylight hours a huge, rambling covered market is alive with all sorts of fresh food, including many fruits and vegetables vou've almost certainly seen before. Other sections of the market

focus on clothes and music. You'll also find a number of Indonesian restaurants

The station opens into the base of the Petronas Twin Towers, Kuala Lumpur's emblematic landmark. Behind the building is KLCC Park, a nice place to take children or enjoy the nightly fountain

Kuala Lumpur

The original main train station until the opening of KL Sentral a few years ago, this fanciful building is an attraction in itself. A few minutes' walk away is the National Mosque, and just a few minutes more will take you to Lake Gardens, where you can visit the Bird Park and Butterfly Garden. Keep your eyes open in Lake Gardens in the late afternoon, and you may run into some monkeys.

Maharajalela

Just a few minutes' walk from the Petaling Street market in Chinatown, famous for low-priced knockoff goods and good Chinese food.

Masjid Jamek

The mosque this station is named after is a classic example of the Moorish-British-Malaysian style that dominates many of KL's historic buildings. It's very close to Little India, an interesting area any day of the week - and a must-see on Saturday nights, when a half-mile long Malay street market runs until

MidValley

No culture here; just shopping, and lots of it. The Mid Valley Megamall is one of Asia's largest malls, and a good place to soak up some air conditioning and watch Malaysians prowl for bargains.

Pasar Seni

Central Market is a one-stop headquarters for local crafts and souvenirs.

Plaza Rakyat

This station connects to Hentian Puduraya (Pudu bus station), where you can find buses to major cities in western peninsular Malaysia, as well as to Singapore and Thailand. It's also very close to Petaling Street (see Maharajalela).

Putrajaya

Gleaming Putrajaya is a must for anyone interested in modern architecture. The city features dramatic bridges, one of Malaysia's most beautiful mosques, and many other interesting structures.

Putra/PWTC

Putra bus terminal links KL with cities in eastern peninsular Malaysia.