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LONELY PLANET'S BEST OF

# MALAYSIA & SINGAPORE

TOP SIGHTS, AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

## KLCC & Around

### ILHAM

Gallery

(Map p66; www.ilhamgallery.com; 3rd & 5th fl, Ilham Tower, 8 Jln Binjai; ☎11am-7pm Tue-Sat, 11am-5pm Sun; 🚇Ampang Park) **FREE** KL's latest public art gallery provides an excellent reason to admire close up the slick 60-storey ILHAM Tower designed by Foster + Partners. With a mission to showcase modern and contemporary Malaysian art, ILHAM kicked off in style in August 2015 with a blockbuster show of works by Hoessein Enas (1924–1995). There's no permanent collection, with exhibitions changing every three to four months.

Talks, performances and classes are also planned. Outside the tower the giant copper-clad sculptures are the first permanent public work by Chinese artist Ai Weiwei to be installed in Southeast Asia.

### Petrosains

Museum

(Map p66; ☎03-2331 8181; www.petrosains.com.my; 4th fl, Suria KLCC, Jln Ampang; adult/child/13-17yr RM26.50/15.90/21.20; ☎9.30am-4pm Tue-Fri, to 5pm Sat & Sun; 🚇KLCC) Fill an educational few hours at this interactive science discovery centre with all sorts of buttons to press and levers to pull. Many of the activities and displays focus on the wonderful things that fuel has brought to Malaysia – no prizes for guessing who sponsors the museum. As a side note, 'sains' is not pronounced 'saysn' but 'science'.

### Rumah Penghulu

#### Abu Seman

Historic Building

(Map p66; 2 Jln Stonor; suggested donation RM10; ☎tours 11am & 3pm Mon-Sat; monorail Raja Chulan) This glorious wooden stilt-house was built in stages between 1910 and the 1930s and later moved to the grounds of **Badan Warisan Malaysia** (Heritage of Malaysia Trust; Map p66; ☎03-2144 9273; www.badanwarisan.org.my; 2 Jln Stonor; ☎10am-5.30pm Mon-Sat; monorail Raja Chulan) **FREE**. You can wander around outside tour times (and since it's built with ventilation in mind, you can easily look in). Check out the stunning hand-carved canoe under the house. The boat



## Free Guided Walks

Visit KL (p73) offers two free guided walks:

**Dataran Merdeka** 9am to 11.45am  
Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

**Kampung Baru** 4.30pm to 7pm  
Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday

Bookings can be made on ☎03-2698 0332 or via email at [pelelancongan@dbkl.gov.my](mailto:pelelancongan@dbkl.gov.my), ideally 24 hours in advance.

For self-guided walks, three signposted **heritage walking routes**, part of the River of Life project, are being set up in the Chinatown and Bukit Nanas areas.

Petaling Street Market (p62). Chinatown  
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was used in religious ceremonies in Kelantan and has the head of a fantastic-looking bird carved into the prow.

## Tun Abdul Razak Heritage Park & Brickfields

### Islamic Arts Museum

Museum

(Muzium Kesenian Islam Malaysia; Map p60; ☎03-2274 2020; www.iamm.org.my; Jln Lembah Perdana; adult/child RM14.85/7.40; ☎10am-6pm; 🚇Kuala Lumpur) This outstanding museum is home to one of best collections of Islamic decorative arts in the world. Aside from the quality of the exhibits, which include fabulous textiles, carpets, jewellery and calligraphy-inscribed pottery, the building itself is a stunner, with beautifully decorated domes and glazed tile work. There's a good Middle Eastern restaurant and one of KL's best museum gift shops