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Thian Hou Temple: 03-2074 7088
65 Peninsular Ihrd. off Jalan Syed Putra • A beautiful blend of Chinese and contemporary architecture, this is one of the largest and most ornate Buddhist temples in the region and a venue for major religious festivals. Also check out the heri garden, shops galore and souvenir stalls • Opens 8am to 9pm daily.

Sultan Abdul Samad Building: Main Entrance, Jln Sultan Hlamdan • Known as the Big Ben of KL, this Belle Epoque style heritage building is well known for its Mogul architectural design dating back to 1909. Originally the office of the Colonial Secretary, it then housed the Supreme Court.

Asian Arts Museum Universiti Malaysia: 03- 7867 3925 • Uni. of Malasy • A unique collection of Asian art & sculptures, calligraphy, including Islamic & Malay art and textiles • Operates Mon-Sat; Closed on Sunday & public holidays.

Ministry of the Environment: 03-2098 0319 • Basar Bumi • A repository for Malaysia’s rainforest heritage, the museum displays an impressive collection of icons, bark notes, bark books, curios, carvings of birds & animals and ornaments • Operates Mon-Fri; Closed on Sunday.

Federal Research Institute: 03-2879 7575 • Kajang • Located within the 1,350 hectares of natural land reserve, the institute showcases Malaysia’s rich forest heritage • Operates 8am-4pm; Fri 8am-12pm.

Craft Complex: 03-2787 7605 • Raja Chulan 63, Jalan Crystal • Showcases ethnic handcrafts, bats printing and pottery from the 10 states of Malaysia • Operates 8am-8pm daily • FREE

Heritage Centre: 03-2344 9277 • Jln Stoner • Showcases Malaysia’s architectural heritage • The centre also conducts 2 guided tours daily (11am & 3pm) of the Rumah Pingguli or Village Head’s abode which has been furnished to reflect a house in the early 20th Century • FREE

Islamic Arts Museum KL: 03-2074 2200 • Jalan Lintas Perdana • Opened in 1998, the museum focuses on the rich diversity of Islamic arts and culture. Ministries responsible for Mosques, Islamic Art and other Islamic architectural wonders are on display at RM12 (adults), RM6 (under 18 years, senior citizens & students) • Operates 10am to 6pm daily • FREE

Maybank Numismatic Museum: 03-2870 8873 • Plaza Rakyat • Menara Maybank, 100 Jalan Tun Perak, KL • A fascinating display of coins dating back to the early history of the Malay Sultanates • Operates 10am-6pm daily • FREE

Museum Orang Asli: 03-6189 2122 • Km 24 Gombak • Displays a collection of over 3,000 artifacts showcasing the history, culture and lifestyle of indigenous tribes of Peninsular Malay-

National Art Gallery: 03-4025 4990 • Jalan Tun Razali • This 7-story building which blends traditional design with modern architectural elements houses more than 1.5 million books, some of them extremely rare • Operates daily except Monday • FREE

National Theatre (Stadium Budaya): 03-4035 5550 • Jalan Tun Razali • Designed by Malay-

D’Paradise: 03-6188 2998 • Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman • KLCC • Locating at the Petronas Towers Twin Towers, this is home to the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra and the National Chor. It features performances of highest quality by visiting orchestras and world-renowned soloists, besides performances by the MPO which now ranks among the top orchestras in the region • FREE