

Kuala Lumpur

Part 4 for Cathy's blog :Kuala Lumpur holiday

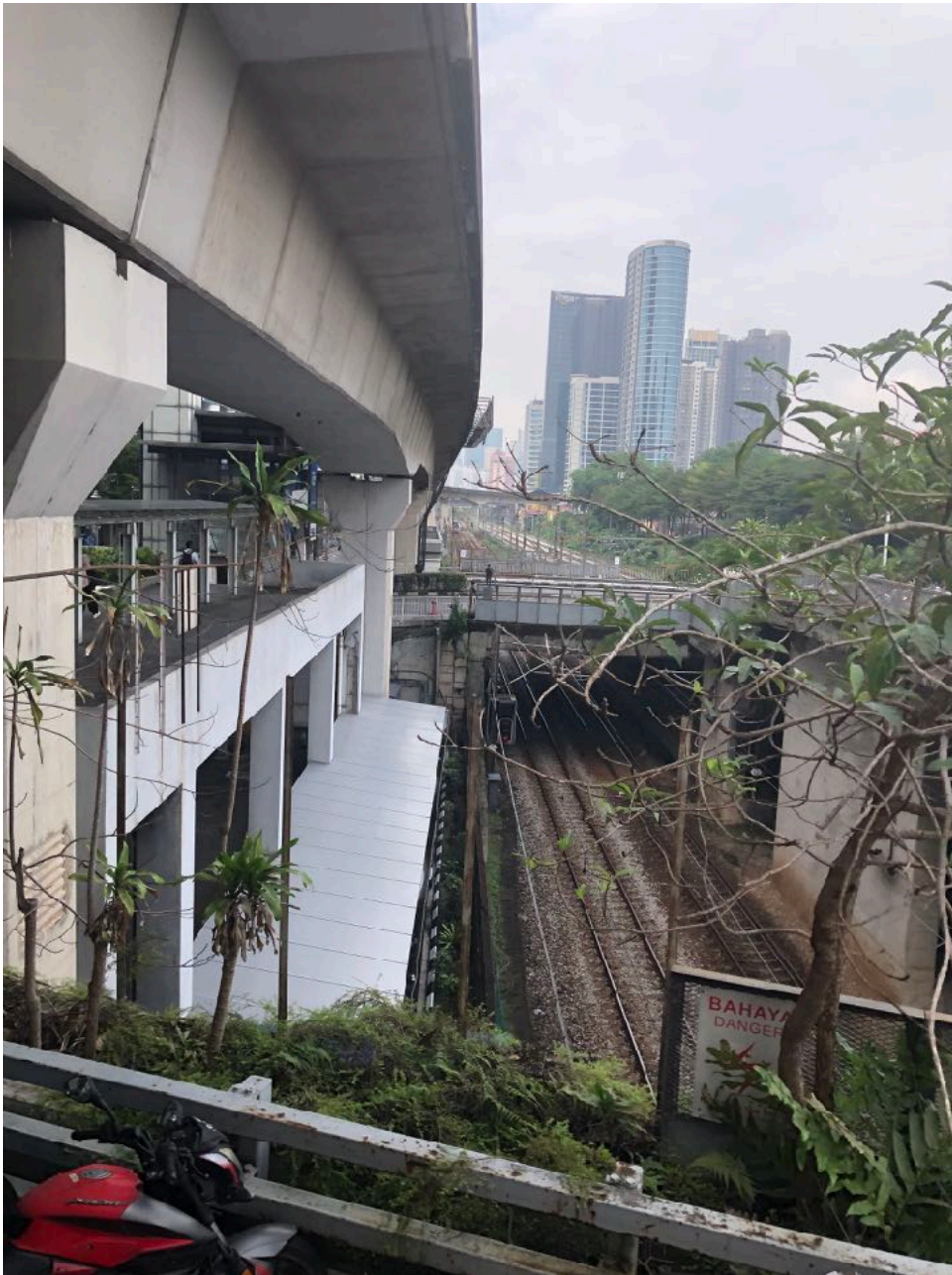
Tuesday 22nd September, 2026.

Our hop on hop off tickets (from yesterday) last until 12:00 noon.

So we “Grabbed” into the centre of the city and did the complete Garden Route, past the Brickfields (where a lot of Indian Shops are), museum, Library, Parliament Building, bird park and Botanic Gardens, the Central Market and China Town. No stops for us, just the ride around town.



The river, controlled with concrete banks and overflow room.



Some greenery along the railway tracks.



Paths in the Botanic Gardens.



Hibiscus lights.



Small excavator “dredging” the river.



Durian shops (for the tourists) and overly cute statues.



More themed statues.



A shop built on the footpath.

We headed back to Sungei Wang Shopping Centre, where a friend (from Siem Reap) told us she gets her glasses (cheap and done in 30 minutes).

So we checked out the triple focals for DM (but they were the same price as Cambodia, so we didn't order any... no we did not expect them as quickly as a single focus lens).

There must have been 40 different glasses shops, some big, open shops with displays, others not much more than a desk with a single cabinet. The prices were as low as 48 MR (about \$16AUS) to 80MR for the quick turn around.

Further upstairs, there were lots of secondhand clothing shops. It was a very different shopping centre to Suria (near the Twin Towers).

The bus trip and some glasses shopping took the whole morning, so we walked up the street and found a Middle Eastern Restaurant on the footpath! It was a glass rectangle on the edge of the busy road.

Air conditioned and beautifully decorated, we sat and watched the traffic and had chicken and rice (and then chocolate chiros).



Lunch.

We crossed the road to (a small) Isetan shopping centre, which was boring after Sungei Wang.

We had “trouble” ordering a Grab ride again. The driver wouldn’t come to our side of the road, despite us standing at the signposted Grab Pick-up Drop Off point. The driver then cancelled on us.

So we walked down to a hotel and ordered another Grab car from there. Three times out of three, now, the driver has had to drop off the previous fare before coming to us. Each time, the Grab App says something like 10 minutes wait, and it turns into 25 minutes wait. That is too long to stand in the sun, but not long enough even to find the toilets in a shopping centre.

We did get back to the hotel and organised our washing. They have a laundry room with big machines. If we had known, we could have packed so differently.

The washing system involves an over-organised system of downloading an app and having the hotel put money on it, so we could use the machines.

12 MR per cycle, 12 for the wash and 12 for drying. That's \$8 a load, but cheaper and easier than hotel washing services.

We did see a laundrette in the Bahru Kampung Main Street. So we put the washing on, went to the pool, swapped the washing to drying, went upstairs to the hotel lobby for coffee (make it yourself, using the machine, any time) and waited out the dryer. Cycles take about 40 minutes each.

We went out for tea to Binjai, a hotel restaurant two buildings over. I had caesar salad with chicken (the chicken was so dry!) David had fish and chips. It is the least best meal so far. (It was ok and not expensive.)

For tomorrow, we have booked another tour.