

## **Kuala Lumpur**

### **Part 5 for Cathy's blog : Kuala Lumpur holiday**

**Wednesday 23rd September, 2026.**

Today was a full day trip to Malacca (Malaka).

Malacca is a seaside port where ships travel through from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. Back in the day, all Chinese and Indian shipping went through these waters (the Straits of Malacca). Having a port at Malacca meant ships could dock, discharge their cargo, swapping it for goods from literally the other side of the world, and sail back home. This cut their journeys in half.

The Portuguese first settled Malacca and established the port.

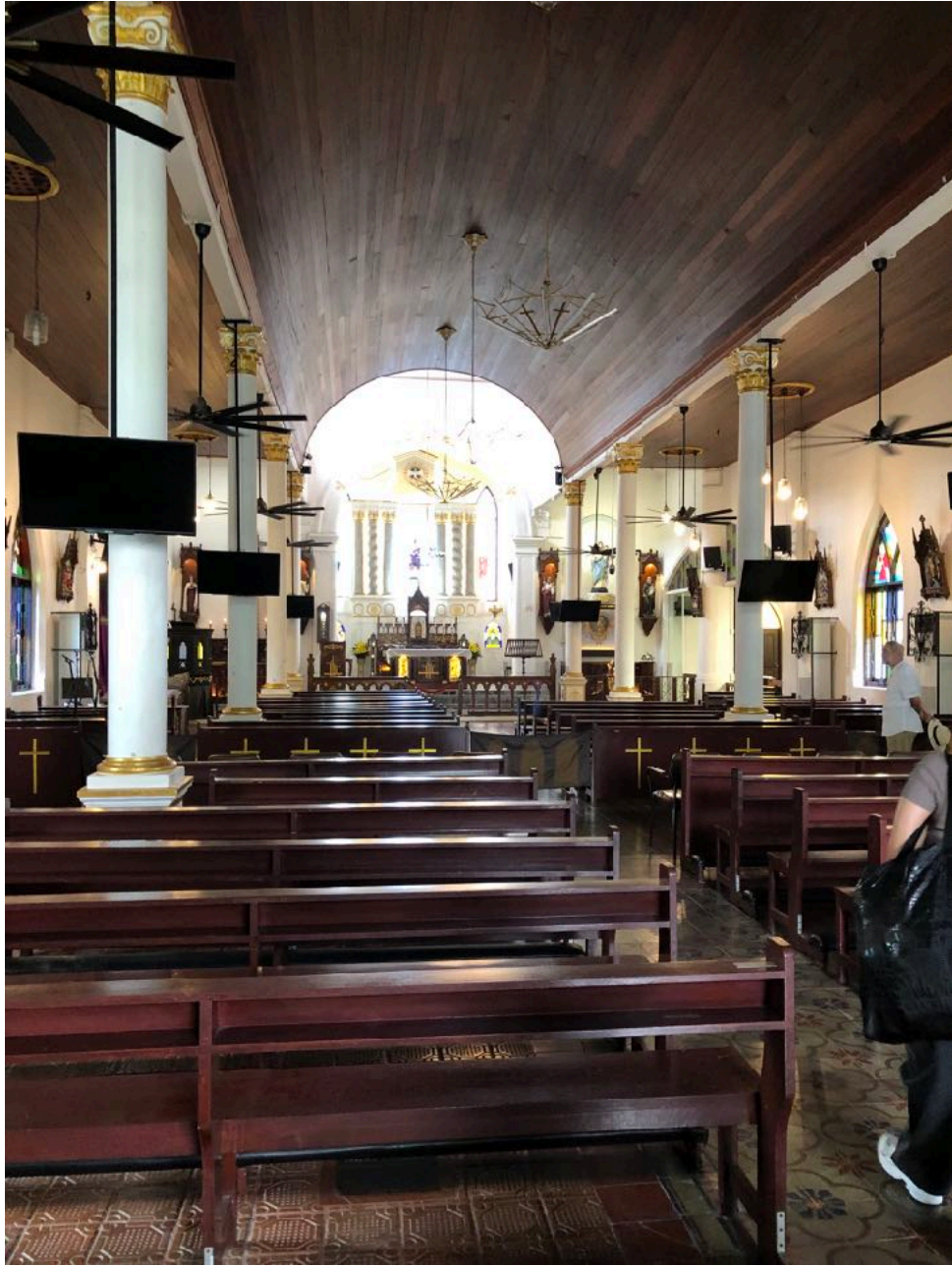
Then came the Dutch and then the British.

As with most (longer) tours, you are collected from various hotel pick up points and bussed to a central area, where we met the big bus to take us down to Malacca (about 2 1/2 hours drive).

Our first stop (not counting the toilet stop along the way) was at Saint Peter's Church.



**It was a pretty spot in the heart of the City of Malacca.**





**The Protestant Church is in the main Square (with the “cyclos” looking for tourists needing a ride around the town.**

We walked through the historic square and up to the old Church, the Francis Xavier Church. It is a ruin now.

It has its own interesting story of Saint Francis' sainthood, the marble statue and bits of his body being kept as relics in different Churches almost around the world!



**Marble statue of Saint Francis Xavier (Xavier being the town he was from and not his name).**



**Inside the old Church.**



**The back of the church with the modern skyline of Malacca behind it.**



**At the bottom of the hill stands the last remaining bits of the wall the Portuguese built to protect the city.**

**The wall was called A Formosa, the famous one.**



The ocean used to come up close to the city here, but a massive building project reclaimed land and built new houses, shops and roads on the land (a project with the Chinese).

But times changed and most of the buildings are now derelict.

You can get down to the water, just, through mangroves, to an unimpressive beach.



Given the right tides, you can see the floating Mosque of Malacca.

It would be beautiful.





**Warning sign.**

**They take things seriously in Malaysia.**

The tourist streets in Malacca are called Jonkers Street and Temple Street. They are both a little old fashioned and trying to be trendy, with a bright and different array of little shops.

We stopped in for lunch (as a tourist group).

Shared dishes of chicken curry, rice, green veg., tempura mushrooms, omelette, prawns and the milky drink (Chendol).

Then we were left to walk around (in the HOT sun) for two hours.



Here are some pictures of the streets of Malacca.





**Chinese Temple cat (and a monk chanting).**



**A different Chinese Temple.**



**Bell tower.**



**Cross Road.**



**Another cross road, one way traffic only (and lots of tourists).**



**The Melaka River.**



**Another monitor lizard, this one was swimming in the Melaka River (photo taken from a video).**



**Jonkers Street.**



**A cocktail bar, with a courtyard inside with two musicians playing.**



**Another temple.**



**Mamee monster... not sure what he is.**



**Cute durian character.**



**It seems everywhere has a lantern street ( or an umbrella street).**



**We bought some of the famous pineapple tarts. The pastry was really short. The pineapple “jam” is sickly sweet.**

It was a long day, a long bus trip and hot walking up the hill and then around the streets. We were caught in traffic on the way home, and we got off the tour bus along from our hotel as the traffic was so slow. We walked back to our hotel.

We did go back to the hotel (for a quick shower and change) then straight out for tea. We found a new shopping mall, the Ombak Shopping Centre, and had hamburgers at a trendy new chain. Delicious, but not cheap.

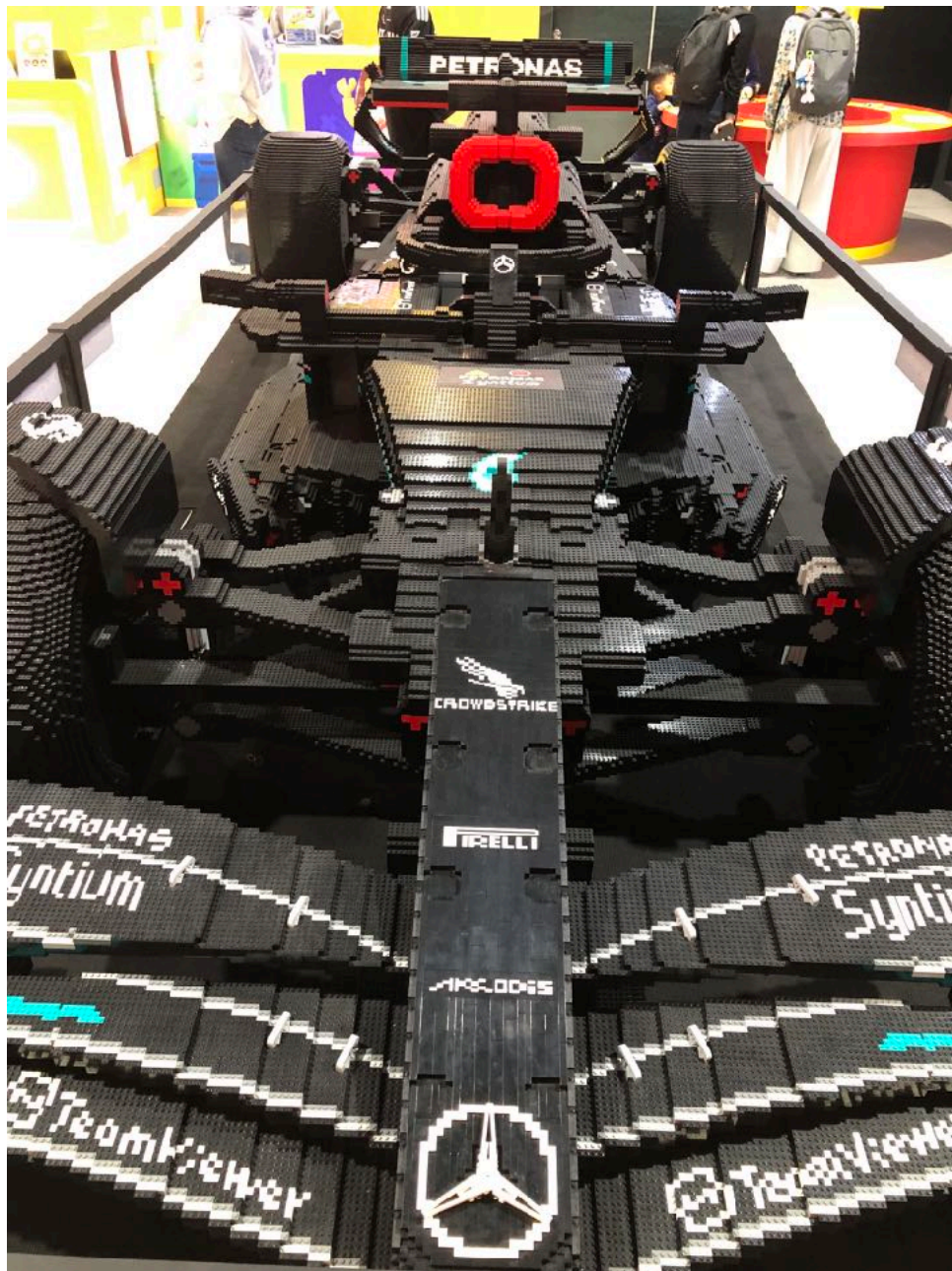


**Yes, our burgers looked like this!**

Then we went to the pop-up Lego store.



**Lego flowers.**



## **Lego Formula One.**

I found I had a sunburnt “V” neckline.

Thursday is planned... stay tuned...

