

Kuala Lumpur

Part 7 for Cathy's blog : Kuala Lumpur Part

Friday 25th September, 2026.

Today we are “exploring” by ourselves, catching the local buses.

We caught a Grab to KL Sentral (the central station and bus interchange). From there, we planned to catch a bus to Genting Highlands.

The plan seemed good, but the first available bus was 11:30! KL Sentral is attached to a big shopping centre (but the shops don't open until 10:00).

We got a seniors discount on our tickets. It cost 22MR which is less than \$4AUS each. The bus was a coach and apart from having to stop for petrol (diesel), the trip was quite manageable at 1 1/2 hours (not the 2 hours plus of the tours, which cost anywhere from \$60 to \$100 AUS).

Seniors discount on the cable car too, so it was 52MR for the glass bottomed gondola for the cable car = \$17 Aus. = \$8:50 each.

(While writing about our costs, our bus tickets home cost 14MR = \$2.50 each).



The Genting Highlands is a large, bustling site. There are hotels, good roads and plenty of building works. It is the site of the only Casino in Malaysia.

Here is one of the new buildings (from the bus window).

You catch the cable car gondolas from the “station” that the bus stops at (up about 4 escalator flights).

This is the view from the gondola (it had been raining).





You can drive further up to the resort (or catch a free shuttle bus).



The cable car goes above the outside “theme” park.



Inside, the whole area is BIG. There are restaurants, shops, the Casino, an exhibition space and an inside fun fare area.

There is a video game arcade.

There is a separate fashion outlet series of shops.

You could spend a lot of time (and money) here. It was not really our thing though.

It would be a fun day out with kids, but a bit too noisy and flashy for me.

We stopped at the bus /cable car station and had lunch. In hindsight, we should have booked our bus tickets first. We had an hour and a half wait for a return bus. The ticket kiosk workers were very helpful and we got on a different local bus to a different “Sentral” station, but still had half an hour’s wait.

This other bus was a coach too (but it was running about 20 minutes late).

There was lightning and rain on the way back.

Another thing we “should” have done was check the map. We could have got off at the first “Sentral” station / interchange, but we stayed on the bus and went on into Kuala Lumpur city. The traffic is slow in KL which meant another hour on the bus, before getting to the end of the trip.

Had we got off at the first one, we could have caught a Grab back to the hotel, taking about 20 or 30 minutes. Instead, we stayed on the bus for about an hour in traffic and then had to catch a Grab back to the hotel, taking about 20 or 30 minutes!

Oh well!

We actually had tea at a local Indian / Middle Eastern Restaurant, having a mix of Malay and Indian food. We could pick items a little more confidently having done the

food tour the day before. This restaurant didn't serve Coke etc. We had fresh fruit juices each. Food and drinks were total 42MR = \$14.

Finally, back at the hotel, we had coffee and then sat in our hotel room quietly. It had been a long day.

So, book your bus tickets at least a day early to avoid waiting in bus queues. And check the map, so you know where the major stations / areas are, so you can make a decision about travelling through the traffic chaos or going around it.

If you choose an organised tour (mini bus or coach) there is plenty to do at the resort at Genting Highlands.

Just a note : our "adventure" cost about \$30 AUS plus food (add another \$30 AUS in total for both lunch and tea). Organised Tours to the same location start at about \$60 per person.