# Kuala Lumpur





Kuala Lumpur, affectionately referred to as KL, is the capital city of Malaysia. It is mix of gleaming skyscrapers, colonial architecture, and a host of natural attractions.

The city lies amongst hilly country astride the confluence of the Kelang and Gombak rivers; its name in Malay means "muddy estuary". It is the country's largest urban area and its cultural, commercial, and transportation centre.

Malays, who are Muslim, are the city's largest ethnic group (45.9%). The other main ethnic groups are Chinese (43.2%) and Indian (10.3%).



## Language

Bahasa Melayu is the primary language in KL. Residents are generally literate in English, with a large proportion adopting it as their first language. You will also hear Cantonese, Mandarin, Hindi and Tamil being spoken across the city. Official matters are conducted in Bahasa Melayu.

# Religion

KL is pluralistic and religiously diverse. The city has many places of worship catering to the multi-religious population. Islam is practised primarily by the Malays and the Indian Muslim communities (46.4%). Islam was brought to Malaysia by Arabic and Indian Muslim traders in the 12th century AD.

#### **Economy**

KL is the economic and commercial centre for Malaysia, and a hub for tourism and shopping. Malaysia has a fast-growing export-oriented economy. Once dependent on raw materials to export, today it is a leading exporter of electrical appliances, palm oil, and natural gas.





#### Study in Kuala Lumpur

Kuala Lumpur offers world class education at renowned universities. Student visas are available for postgrad and undergraduate study. There are numerous courses to choose from, so why not take advantage of this great opportunity?

# **PRAY**

The city is a place where Muslims can interact freely with Christians. It is also the place many new students are more open to the Gospel when they are learning and exploring new ideas away from home.

 Pray for student ministries in KL and for Christians in the universities to be a good witness of Christ's love to their friends. There has been very little breakthrough in Malaysia over the years. Despite the ongoing efforts by agencies and churches, Malay people remain resistant to the Gospel. Unreached does not mean unreachable, so new approaches and persistent prayer are needed.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

If you have a heart to serve, and want to be intentional with your gifting and skills to love and bless Muslims then there are great opportunities waiting for you:

- Students: study and build friendships with Malay people.
- Early Retirees: use your experience to mobilise, equip, and train others with skills to connect with Malay Muslims.
- Entrepreneurs: create business platforms.
- Prayers & Evangelists: connect with God's heart for the city and find the people of peace.
- Ask God to soften the hearts of the Malay and open doors for the Gospel to be shared in homes across the city.
- Pray for Christians in KL to reach out across barriers of religion, race, and language to share about Jesus with Muslims.
- Pray for a breakthrough in open and honest relationships, where people can talk freely about faith and religion.

