



# ASIA MEDIA SUMMIT

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## INFORMATION ON KUALA LUMPUR

Welcome to Kuala Lumpur. Below is a list of information to ease your arrival in the city and to make your stay more comfortable and safe. Please note that this information is provided without any warranty and that prices are subject to change.

### **PASSPORT AND VISA**

Please double check that you fulfill all formalities to enter into Malaysia and your travel documents (passport, visa, etc.) are valid throughout your stay.

Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months from entering the country. You will have to fill in an Immigration Card, which will normally be distributed on the plane.

### **ARRIVAL AT KUALA LUMPUR AIRPORT**

The Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) is large and modern. Upon arrival follow the signs which guide you to "Immigration" and "Baggage Reclaim".

If your flight arrives at Terminal C you will be directed to the "Skytrain", which will take you to the main building.

### **CURRENCY EXCHANGE**

There are several currency exchange counters in the transit and arrival area of the airport (rate approximately 3.55 RM/USD).

We recommend that you change enough money here to cover the first days of your stay in Kuala Lumpur.

In the city you can easily find licensed money changers, which exchange all major currencies and are open 7 days a week. Money changers offer better rates than banks, but rates may vary and it is advisable to compare them.

### **TRANSFER TO THE HOTEL**

The Kuala Lumpur International Airport is about 80km from the city centre. By road it will take at least one hour to get to your hotel, but during rush hours or rain it may take much longer.

After passing through Customs but BEFORE you enter the Arrival Hall you will find the Airport Taxi counter.

*\*Please note that the cost for the transfer will not be covered by the organisers.*





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You will have three options to get to your hotel:

## 1. Budget Taxi

This is the easiest way and if this is your first visit to Kuala Lumpur we strongly recommend you to take a taxi directly to your hotel. At the Airport Taxi counter you will have to buy a COUPON for the taxi. Provide the name of your hotel. The fare to Kuala Lumpur city is approx. RM 80.00. Make sure you request a BUDGET taxi. Limousines are much more expensive. The taxis wait in front of Exit 3 of the arrival hall. You will find officers there to guide you.

**WARNING:** You may be approached by touts who offer taxi service to town. Please note that these are illegal and **ALWAYS** more expensive than the official Airport Taxis.

## 2. KLIA Express

The high speed KLIA Express train, which plies every 20 minutes, will take you in 28 minutes to KL Sentral, Kuala Lumpur's new railway station. The tickets are sold at counters in the luggage reclaim area and at the Airport Taxi Counter. The price is RM 35 one way. On your arrival at KL Sentral proceed to the Budget Taxi counter and buy a taxi coupon to your hotel, which will cost about RM 10.

## 3. Express Coach

This is the cheapest, but also the slowest and most complicated option. Busses to KL Sentral ply every 30 minutes and will take at least one hour. During peak times it may be two.

From the arrival hall take the lift down to Level 2 "Car Park" and follow the signboards to "Bus Station" at the Ground Level of Car Park Block C. Here you will find the bus ticket counters. The fare is RM10. From KL Sentral you will have to take a taxi to your hotel (coupon at RM10).

## ASIA MEDIA SUMMIT VENUE

The AMS and the pre-summit events will be held at Shangri-La Hotel.

### Shangri-La Hotel

11, Jalan Sultan Ismail, Bukit Bintang, 50250 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Tel. No. +6-03-2032 2388  
Web: [www.shangri-la.com/kualalumpur/shangrila](http://www.shangri-la.com/kualalumpur/shangrila)

Concorde Hotel will be the satellite hotel for AMS.

### Concorde Hotel

2 Jalan Sultan Ismail. 50250 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Tel. No. +603 2144 2200  
Web: [kualalumpur.concordehotelsresorts.com/index.php](http://kualalumpur.concordehotelsresorts.com/index.php)





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As in most hotels in Kuala Lumpur, Shangri-La Hotel and Concorde Hotel offer a variety of menu, including halal food.

When checking in, the hotel may request you to leave a deposit to cover any additional charges for mini bar, telephone or from the restaurant.

## ***BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER***

Breakfast is included in your hotel room rate.

During the AMS the organisers will serve refreshments and snacks during the morning and afternoon tea breaks and lunch will be provided from 26 – 27 May.

A Gala dinner and a Cultural Show will be held on 26 May.

Malaysia offers a wide variety of Malay, Indian, Chinese, European or vegetarian food.

You may get a meal for anything between RM 5 and RM 50.

## ***TRANSPORTATION WITHIN KUALA LUMPUR***

Kuala Lumpur offers a variety of public transport to get you around town.

**Taxis:** Taxis in Kuala Lumpur are fairly cheap and easy to find. They are obliged to use their meter and the minimum charge is RM 3 including the first kilometre.

Most taxi rides within the city will cost between RM 5 and RM 10. Therefore, if you travel with two or three persons, taking a taxi is often the cheapest option.

When you board a taxi, make sure the meter is reset and switched on. As anywhere in the world, taxi drivers in Kuala Lumpur sometimes want to make a quick buck and try to overcharge customers, particularly foreigners.

In tourist areas and also in the area around your hotel you will find taxi drivers refusing to use the meter and requesting exorbitant fares of RM 20 or more.

We suggest you reject such offers and insist on using the meter. At times it may be advisable to walk a few hundred meters to another area to find taxis, which accept to use the meter.

You may also refer to the hotel's Concierge for assistance.





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**Busses:** Busses are cheap, about RM 1 or RM 2. They will take you almost anywhere in town. There are plenty of busses plying just in front of your hotel, but to use them you will have to familiarize yourself with the network.

**Trains:** A network of four different city train systems cover Kuala Lumpur. However, they are not well linked and you need different tickets for each of them. But for RM 1 to RM 3 they will take you to many places in town. Get a network map of public trains from the hotel, from tourist information.

## **CLIMATE**

Kuala Lumpur has a tropical climate with day temperature usually ranging above 30 degrees Celsius all year round. However, it may be quite chilly in air-conditioned areas. It is therefore advisable to bring a light jacket or sweater to wear in the function room.

Heavy rain showers may occur any time of the year. So carrying an umbrella can prove useful at times.

## **SHOPPING**

Kuala Lumpur offers plenty of shopping opportunities. Within five minutes walk from your hotel you find a big variety of shops and malls.

The night market in China Town along Petaling Street is just around the corner. The Central Market offers all kinds of crafts and souvenirs.

Other shopping areas are around Jalan Bukit Bintang, at the KLCC, the Mid Valley Megamall or along Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman.

The best places for computer equipment are Low Yat Plaza and Imbi Plaza in Bukit Bintang area.

## **SECURITY**

Although Kuala Lumpur is a relatively safe city, it is advisable to observe the normal precautionary rules, because pickpockets and thieves prey especially on tourists and foreigners.

So when you move around town, we suggest you observe the following safety rules:

- Leave all valuables in the hotel's safe boxes.
- Only carry as much money with you as you will need.
- Carry your money and valuables in a safe bag or pocket close to your body.





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## **INTERNET AND IDD**

There is a variety of Internet cafes and phone shops in the vicinity of your hotel. If you want to use your mobile in Malaysia, you can buy a SIM card from one of the local prepaid providers for just RM 6 to RM10.

Avoid making telephone calls, especially international calls, from your hotel room, as the hotels generally charge very high rates.

## **EXCURSION: MALACCA**

Malacca is dubbed "The Historic State". The capital is Malacca City. The historic central area of the city is located near the old coastline, includes St Paul's Hill with the ruins of the Portuguese fortress, A Famosa and the Dutch Square on the right (eastern) bank of the river, and the old Chinatown on the left (western) bank.

This historical city centre has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 7 July 2008.



## **DEPARTURE**

Check your departure time carefully! Airlines require their passengers to be at the airport two hours prior to departure. Allow at least one hour for the trip to the airport. In case of peak traffic or rain allow two hours.

You may use the same means of transport to the airport as your arrival. You can also ask any city taxi to take you to the airport. The price should not exceed RM 80. You may contact your hotel's Concierge should you require any assistance.

A cheaper option is to take a taxi to KL Central and continue with the KLIA Express or the Airport Bus from there.

There is no airport tax to be paid on departure. All taxes are included in your airfare.

**We wish you a pleasant stay in Kuala Lumpur  
and a successful time at the 12<sup>th</sup> Asia Media Summit**



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