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A Walk Down Kuala Lumpur’s Heritage Lane

LOS ANGELES – Kuala Lumpur is a historically rich city despite its youthful age – only 155 years old compared to other maj cities of the world. And yet, it has gone through several rites of passage – a tin boom in the mid-19th century, a devastatin fire, a big flood, the Japanese Occupation, and 151 years of British rule. Today, all this rich history serves as a highlight to or of the city’s newest tourist offerings – the Free Heritage Guided Tours of Dataran Merdeka – in English, Merdek (Independence) Square.

Offered three times a week, these guided tours organized by Kuala Lumpur City Hall take in the history and architecture Merdeka Square and the ten heritage buildings surrounding it. Most of the buildings were built in the late 1800’s and ear 1900’s, with a blend of old colonial, Moorish, Tudor, Neo-Gothic, and Islamic architectural styles.

The walking tour is the perfect way to admire the city’s classic beauty in its original splendor. Tours are led by profession English-speaking guides and feature these sites:

- The Sultan Abdul Samad Building
- Old City Hall (built in 1896)
- The Government Printing Office
- Federated Malay States Railway Station (built in 1905)
- The Chartered Bank (build in 1919)
- The Cathedral of St Mary (built in 1895)
- Former High Court Building (built in 1909)
- Victorian Fountain
- Kuala Lumpur City Library
- Royal Selangor Club (built in 1884)

The tour takes place at 9.15 am on every Saturday, Monday, and Wednesday for 2.5 hours. Tourists can continue to explo the area on their own and visit nearby attractions. The Dataran Merdeka Heritage Tour is free for tourists and bookings can b made through pelancongan@dbkl.gov.my. For more details, please visit **www.visitkl.gov.my.**

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