Merdeka Square is the perfect starting point to explore the city’s heritage sites. The union Jack was lowered there on August 31, 1957, marking Malaysia’s independence from colonial rule. Hence the name Merdeka, means independence. A 328 feet flagpole, reputedly the tallest in the world, proudly flies the Malaysian flag. Today, it is a beautifully landscaped area with gardens, terraces and fountains.

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