

# How to Hoot at the Moon in Kuala Lumpur

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## FOR ALL YOU MIFF NIGHT OWLS, HERE IS YOUR GUIDE TO GOING OUT

Kuala Lumpur or KL, as us Malaysian calls the city, is as cosmopolitan and as diverse as New York City or even Singapore. Food, fashion or fun, KL will not let you down! In fact, the best part about the city is that it never really sleeps. In KL's Golden Triangle where businesses and meetings thrive during the day, fun takes over when the sun sets. A visit to KL is not complete without a peek into its terrific nightlife especially around the Bukit Bintang area and Jalan Ampang too. Let's start (and since we're limited on space, just Google anyplace here to get more info).

### Food, glorious food!

#### Lot 10 Hutong

If you're looking for local favourites in comfortable environs instead of one by the roadside, then Lot 10 Hutong is the place to go. In most Malaysian malls, food courts are a staple but Lot 10 Hutong is a truly refreshing change. Here, you will find the best of KL's hawker food including the famous Ho Weng Kee wan tan noodles, Kim Lian Kee Hokkien noodles and Mo Sang Kor Bak Kut Teh. Some of these signature dishes have been around for decades!



#### Jalan Alor

Not too long ago, Jalan Alor was the infamous red light district in the heart of KL. Today it is a food haven for locals and tourists. Jalan Alor serves up some of the best Malaysian hawker fare and the street comes alive at night as it heaves with delicious aroma, boisterous laughs and bright fluorescent lights. Choices are aplenty but must-try includes the famous grilled chicken wings from Wong Ah Wah Restaurant, grilled stingray from Meng Kee Grill Fish and claypot kung po (dried chilli) frog at the Frog Porridge hawker stall.

Just perpendicular to Jalan Alor is Changkat Bukit Bintang, possibly the hottest strip in town right now with its chic eateries and trendy clubs and pubs, all housed in charming colonial buildings. Here are some fine dining spots you should check out....

- **twenty.one kitchen+bar,**

Sleek and seductive, twentyone kitchen+bar serves a brilliant blend of modern European and Asian cuisine. Try their beef burger or opt for fusion-Thai green risotto with spicy chicken and tempura spring onions. Also a bar and club, the cocktails here are said to be among the best in town. Chill out upstairs on the balcony with a drink in hand and watch the fashionable folks party the night away.

- **Werner's on Changkat**

Another upscale European-style restaurant is Werner's. Located in a quaint double-storey bungalow, Werner's plays on the old world charm of the 1940s with its black décor downstairs while upstairs, it goes contemporary, transforming itself into a stylish club lounge. Its intimate setting with ample al fresco seating makes for a wonderful ambiance as you dig into speciality pasta.

#### Frangipani Restaurant & Bar

Here is one French fine dining spot that is still going strong and should not be missed. Frangi's art deco façade with the water feature in the middle of its dining room is at once elegant and sophisticated, a perfect match to its excellent cuisine.



## Go shopping!

### Sungei Wang Plaza

One of KL's oldest malls, Sungei Wang is the place to go for the latest gadgets if you are on a wallet-friendly budget (well, apart from Low Yat Plaza). A star attraction with Malaysians and tourists alike, it is the unique mix of tenants here that pulls in the crowd. Discover its specialty shops, which include tattoo parlours and tailors, while the 6th floor is dedicated to Malaysian designers. This huge mall has more than 800 retail outlets, which can be a confusing maze but it is worth exploring for that unexpected buy.

### Chinatown

Petaling Street and the area surrounding it is also known as Kuala Lumpur's Chinatown and this is where you go for cheap bargains! This open-air market is great to visit at night for its loud and vibrant atmosphere. The street is closed so the only gridlock you will have to face is people from all walks of life. For the best price, don't forget to bargain but do note the stalls here sell imitation wallets, handbags, watches, shoes, clothes and souvenirs. If you are not interested in "Rolex" or "Ray-Ban," try the local fruits and desserts. There are many little food stalls that dot this stretch of street. If you get tired of shopping and sightseeing, stop at one of the many seafood restaurants for dinner and beer!



### Suria KLCC

Suria KLCC is more than your average shopping mall. Hot designer labels, check. Departmental stores, check. Dining outlets, electronics and gadgets, all check! But what's best about this mall are other attractions such as the KLCC Park, the Petronas Art Gallery and the Dewan Philharmonik Petronas, a music hall that has hosted to some of the world's top orchestras.

### Pavilion

Swanky Pavilion is home to high-end brands such as Hermès, Bottega Veneta and Yves Saint Laurent. While it caters mostly to the upper class, Pavilion also has a fine mix of high-street brands and local labels. If fashion is not your game, head up to Level 6 where you will find a trendy selection of home décor and furnishings stores. Before you leave, don't forget to check out the mall's most spectacular feature: the Spanish Steps at the main entrance.

## Clubbing, drinks and more!

### Zouk Club KL

True clubbers should not miss Zouk Club KL, strategically located at Jalan Ampang. Its modern design paired with state-of-the-art lighting and sound systems makes for a complete clubbing experience, igniting all your senses! Local and award-winning international DJs play here with music ranging from house to R&B to electro and a whole lot more. There are six distinctive rooms to choose from: Zouk, Velvet Underground, Barsonic, Phuture, Aristo and Terrace Bar. A hit with trendsetters, socialites and your everyday clubber, Zouk is definitely the throbbing heart of KL's nightlife.



### Rootz Dance Club, Lot 10

Who doesn't like a party on the roof? Well, no one does it better than Rootz. Located on Lot 10 Rooftop, the club's interiors are opulent in true baroque style, inspired by the great Russian museums and palaces. Extravagant is an understatement. The club features the best local acts and international DJs. Plus with one of the largest champagne collections, Rootz has definitely elevated the clubbing standard in town.



### SkyBar, Traders Hotel

Imagine sipping on your drink as you soak in the fantastic backdrop that is the Petronas Twin Towers. In fact, it's so close you can almost touch it! For this utterly intoxicating experience, SkyBar is the place to go. Its location is unrivalled. Situated on Level 33 of Traders Hotel and within the vicinity of Kuala Lumpur City Centre, this is the perfect spot to unwind and chill after a long day! Contemporary, cosmopolitan and chic, with a pool to boot, SkyBar has an extensive cocktail and wine list to cap your night.

### VIEW Rooftop Bar, G Tower

Nestled at the top of G Tower, the VIEW is poised to be another superstar rooftop bar and definitely a coveted destination for sophisticated set. The view from this high up includes the nearby Petronas Twin Towers and the nightlights from Ampang Hills and the Titiwangsa mountain range. Drinks include custom-designed ABSOLUT signature cocktails created by award-winning mixologists.

The bottom line: KL is for night owls of all varieties. So howl at the moon in a raging club, or just hoot at it over local cuisine. The city is completely at your beck and call.

