

# A World-Class Lifestyle in Greater KL

All work and no play makes for a dull life, so when it's time to call it a day and enjoy some downtime, the place an expat is posted can make all the difference to his quality of life. Fortunately, not only is Greater KL a proven top location from the business side of things, it's the ideal city for a refined, classy lifestyle, too!



Though locals and expats alike regularly bemoan the rush hour traffic in Greater KL, perhaps it's just a sign of a large, vibrant, and growing city. With world-class shopping, award-winning golf courses, family-friendly amusement parks and water parks, museums, plays, concerts, symphonies, and more – not to mention a superlative range of international dining options – there's always something to do and somewhere to go in Greater KL. The city's tropical climate also means that any time of year is the right time of year for all these activities and more!

Dining out is a favoured pastime of expats, and in Greater KL, they are truly spoiled for choice. From humble hawker stalls serving up mouthwatering local cuisine on the cheap to world-class fine dining on an array of international foods, if it's a food you and your family enjoy, chances are you'll be able to find it somewhere in Greater KL. Malaysia is renowned as a haven for great food, and no matter the fare you're craving – Japanese, Italian, German, British, American, Spanish, Chinese, Indian, Korean, you name it – you'll find it on offer in the country's capital.

Want some retail therapy? Greater KL doesn't just offer excellent shopping by local standards. Last year, CNN named Kuala Lumpur as the world's fourth-best shopping city, with a combined range of options, price points, and convenience surpassed only by global titans New York, Tokyo, and London. From local handiwork shops to luxurious boutiques for some of the world's most coveted high-end brands, everything the shopaholic desires is close at hand in Greater KL.

If a tee time is part of your time away from the office, you'll find Malaysia's tropical climate just to your liking, and

some of the region's most beautiful courses are found right in Greater KL. The Kota Permai Golf and Country Club, for instance, is the five-time winner of Malaysia's number one golf course by *Golf* magazine. The much-praised Saujana Golf and Country Club, meanwhile, saw its Palm Course earning *Asian Golf Monthly's* award for the Best Championship Course in Asia. Additionally, the beautiful Bunga Raya Course at Saujana also ranked in *Golf Digest's* "Top 100 Best Courses outside the USA", slotting in at #69 in the world. And the award-winning Mines Resort and Golf Club does itself proud, as well, earning accolades as one of the world's Top 100 courses, one of Asia's Top 10, and Malaysia's number two course. Other highly rated KL-area courses include the award-winning Tropicana Golf and Country Club, the incredibly scenic Templer Park Country Club, the Royal Selangor Golf Club, and the posh Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club.

Greater KL boasts a number of museums for those who fancy them, and one in particular, the Islamic Art Museum, is not only appealing, it's a multiple award-winner, too. Having earned the Kuala Lumpur Mayor's Tourism Award for the best Tourist Attraction, the Islamic Art Museum was also named the best museum in Malaysia and the 10th-best in all of Asia in the 2014 TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice awards for museums around the globe.

Concerts and other cultural performances are regularly staged in and around Greater KL, and lovers of good music shouldn't miss some of the outstanding performances by the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra at the stunning Dewan Filharmonik Petronas beneath the soaring Petronas Twin Towers in KLCC. With a performance calendar comprising

both classical and popular music, along with ballet, youth performances, and special events, the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra is a real crowd-pleaser. Topped off with a marvellously growing art scene and plenty of performances and plays on a range of stages throughout the city, culture vultures can be well-entertained and satisfied year-round in Greater KL.

All of this contributes to a fulfilling and refined standard of international living and it's why so many expats love their time in Greater KL. Many even find ways to stay on after their initial posting, underscoring the city's unique appeal. When this enviable standard of living is combined with Greater KL's proven business and economic advantages – scoring especially well in global competitiveness, ease of doing business, and cost of living – Greater KL is a clear and easy choice for the informed expat! ■



Tasked by the Malaysian government to attract and facilitate large global multinationals to set up their regional business, innovation, and talent hubs in Greater Kuala Lumpur and strategically grow their business in Asia, InvestKL works with other government ministries, entities, and agencies to formulate attractive fiscal packages and help corporations identify business opportunities while strengthening their competitiveness regionally and globally.