

# Sights at Malaysian stops



Putra Mosque

## PUTRAJAYA

- Putrajaya has been the administrative capital since 1999. The planned city is less than 30km from the commercial centre, Kuala Lumpur. It is home to about 100,000 people, mostly civil servants.
- Its satellite town, Cyberjaya, is the centre of the Multimedia Super Corridor and houses offices such as those for Shell and DHL, as well as universities.
- The city features some stunning architecture such as its many bridges over man-made lakes and the Putra Mosque.



## SEREMBAN

- The capital of Negeri Sembilan has undergone major expansion in recent years. Developments now stretch towards the coast where Port Dickson is.
- Its population of over 300,000 is growing. It is considered close enough for residents to commute to the Greater Klang Valley area, a two-hour drive away in rush-hour traffic.
- Property prices are attractive. A two-storey link house goes for as low as RM100,00 (S\$30,000). In KL, the cheapest such homes are triple that.

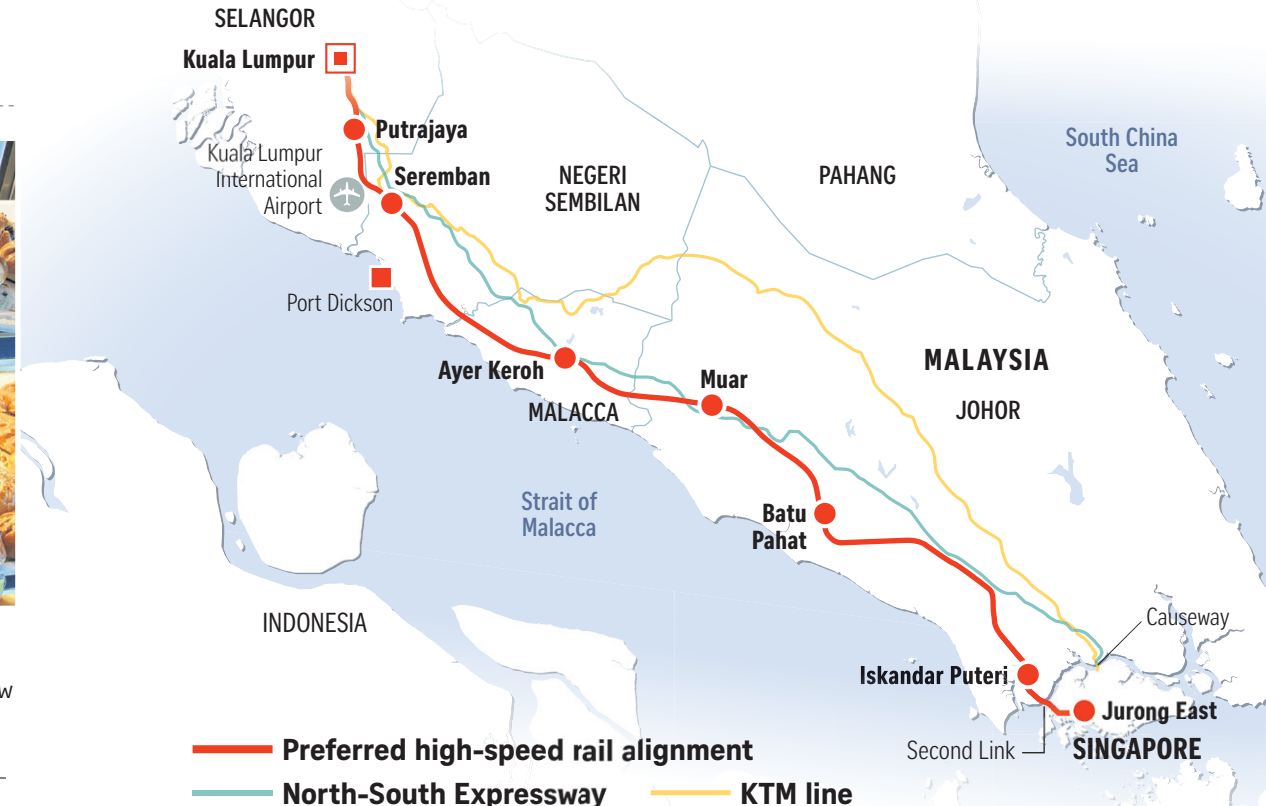


Seremban's most famous food "export" – siew bao.



## AYER KEROH

- The North-South Expressway exits here, making Ayer Keroh the gateway to Malacca City, a popular tourist getaway with plenty of Singaporean cars on weekends.
- About 500,000 people live in Malacca City, which boasts historic landmarks dating back to the 16th century.
- Ayer Keroh plays the role of a satellite town with several universities, museums, zoos, industrial parks and hospitals built to serve the needs of the state of Malacca.



Preferred high-speed rail alignment  
North-South Expressway  
KTM line

Travel time

### BY HIGH-SPEED RAIL

Jurong East station to Kuala Lumpur station:  
**90 mins**



### BY TRAIN

Woodlands station to KL Sentral station:  
**Six hours 40 mins**



### BY AIR

Changi Airport to Kuala Lumpur International Airport:  
**One hour**

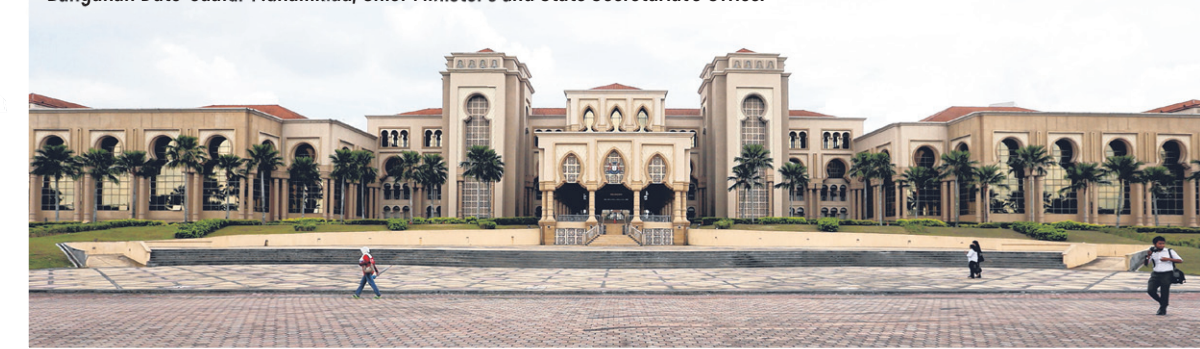


### BY CAR

From Singapore to KL (via the Causeway or Second Link):  
**Four hours**



Bangunan Dato' Jaafar Muhammad, Chief Minister's and State Secretariat's Office.



Royal Customs and Excise Building



Sultan Ibrahim Mosque

## MUAR

- The Royal Town of Johor is popular with travellers keen to view its pre-war buildings and kampung way of life. It is home to Malay cultural practices such as the Persian-inspired music of ghazal.
- Nearby villages see Muar as an outpost to market their goods.
- The name Muar is used to refer to a large swathe of northern Johor as locals tend to differentiate themselves from more urban southerners.
- Muar is a top furniture exporter for Malaysia.



## BATU PAHAT

- The name means "chiselled stone" and is derived from the old quarries near the river estuary. The economy is now largely based on agriculture and manufacturing of textile and electronics.
- Nearby Kluang is becoming a popular stopover destination, thanks to the famous Kluang Rail Coffee as well as vegetable and livestock farms there.
- Another town, Ayer Hitam, is known for cheap wholesale clay products.

## ISKANDAR PUTERI

- Previously known as Nusajaya, the newly built township is the administrative centre of Johor and flagship development of the Iskandar area that covers most of the state's south.
- It aims to be a modern city to rival KL and complement Singapore.
- It hosts the EduCity education hub and theme parks like Legoland, as well as the Puteri Harbour marina development. It is experiencing a property boom, thanks to buyers from Singapore and countries like China.

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