



CONFERENCE

VENUE



The Society for Wildlife Forensic Science (SWFS) Conference 2024 will be held from Sunday, June 23 until Friday, June 28 at Royale Chulan Hotel which is located at 5, Jalan Conlay, 50450 Kuala Lumpur. The hotel is conveniently located just 2-minutes walk (110m) from Conlay MRT Station.







Hotel exterior

Conlay MRT Station Pintu B (Door B)

AIRPORT & TRANSPORT



Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL) is located in Sepang, about 60 kilometers from the conference venue. It has two terminals:

1. KLIA (Terminal 1): This terminal serves both domestic and international flights for various airlines. 2. KLIA2 (Terminal 2): Primarily handles low-cost airlines for domestic and international flights.

KLIA is just an airport while KLIA2 is an airport attached with a shopping mall named gateway@klia2 mall. There are free shuttle buses to transfer between these two terminals with 15-minutes interval or can opt for shorter interval with a 3-minutes train ride for RM 2.



Option 1



 The most convenient way to get from airport directly to the conference venue is by **airport taxi**. It cost around **RM 120 one way** (up to 3 pax per ride). Proceed to Door 3 at KLIA and you will find the airport taxi counter.

Option 2 e-hailing

- You can opt for e-hailing service (Grab, similar with Uber) for a cheaper fare at RM 75 one way (up to 3 pax per ride) to city center. For this option, you will first need to download the app and register your details. You can use Cash (MYR) or set the app with your credit card. Simply input "Royale Chulan Hotel" or hotel name (if you're not staying at the conference venue) as your destination, and the driver will take you directly there. The journey typically takes around one hour depending on traffic conditions. There are designated pick-up points for Grab at both terminals:
 - KLIA: Level 1, Door 3 or Door 4
 - KLIA2: Level 1, Door 5





Airport Taxi counter at Level 3 KLIA, near Door 3





AIRPORT & TRANSPORT

Option 3 shuttle bus

• For an economical option, you can take shuttle bus for RM 15 one way. But it will not take you directly to the hotel. The bus from KLIA will drop you at KL Sentral. If traffic is smooth, the journey will take about one hour and 15 minutes to reach KL Sentral. From there, you either take Grab, or MRT to reach the hotel. Grab is straightforward but for MRT, it is recommended to download myrapidPULSE or moovit app to get the direction.

Option 4 express train

 The fastest way to get to city centre is by the airport train KLIA ekspress which will take you directly to KL Sentral under 30 minutes. The one-way journey cost RM 55 and the ticket can be purchased at the counter, self-service kiosk, or just tap your debit/credit card at the turnstile gate. You'll get 20% off if you pay with Visa card (T&C apply. Details here). Upon arrival at KL Sentral, you can either ride Grab or MRT to reach your hotel.

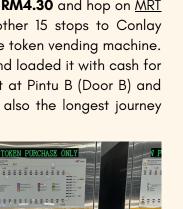
Option 5 train & MRT

Putrajaya Sentral

• The cheapest option to get to conference venue is by KLIA transit. Ride ERL KLIA Transit Line (KLIA Transit) towards KL Sentral. Ride two (2) stops and get off at Putrajaya Sentral station (fare: RM 9.40). Do not hop on KLIA Ekspress as this line goes directly to KL Sentral without stopping. Once arrived at Putrajaya Sentral, you can buy train token to Conlay station for RM4.30 and hop on MRT Putrajaya Line (PYL) towards Kwasa Damansara, and then ride for another 15 stops to Conlay station. The token can be purchased with cash or credit/debit cards at the token vending machine. Alternatively, you may purchase Touch 'n Go card at the station counter and loaded it with cash for cashless journey on public transport. Once you reach Conlay station, exit at Pintu B (Door B) and you will see Royale Chulan Hotel on your right. This is the cheapest but also the longest journey (approx. 2 hours)



Token vending machine at MRT station







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ESSENTIAL INFORMARTION



Depending on your nationality, you may need a visa to enter Malaysia. Check with the Malaysian embassy or consulate in your country to determine the visa requirements for your trip.

Effective January 1, 2024, all foreign citizens travelling to Malaysia must complete and submit the Malaysia Digital Arrival Card (MDAC) within 3 days before arrival in Malaysia. Visit link below for more details: <u>https://imigresen-online.imi.gov.my/mdac/main</u>





You don't need to carry lots of cash as you can go cashless at most places in Malaysia, from restaurants and malls, to public transport and over-the-counter services. Cashless payments can be made by contactless card, QR-code payment or in-app payments. But it's recommended to reserve some cash.

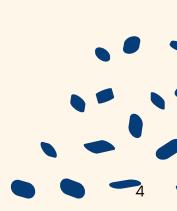


The local currency is the Malaysian Ringgit (RM; currency code is MYR). Notes come in RM1, RM5, RM10, RM20, RM50, and RM100 and coins come in 5 sen, 10 sen, 20 sen, and 50 sen (100 sen = RM1).

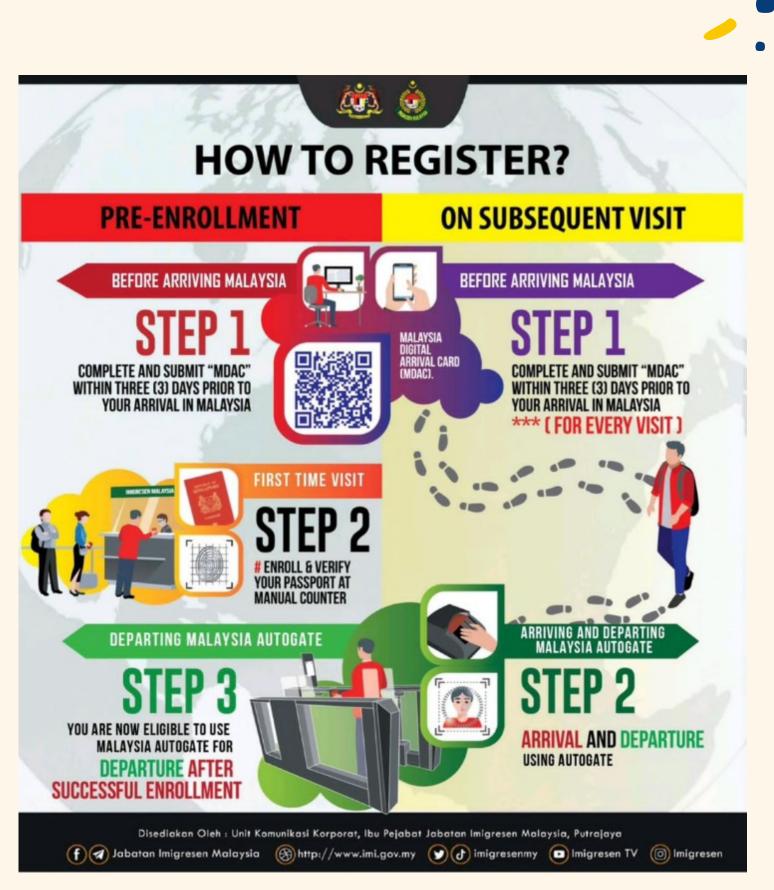




Malaysian number sim card can be purchased at the airport upon arrival. The recommended telcos are CelcomDigi and Maxis. Additionally, you can purchase the roaming package in advance from your regular data provider.











BASIC FACTS



Languages

Malaysia is a multi-ethnic and multi-religious nation with Islam as the official religion. The official language of Malaysia is Malay, but English is widely spoken. You should be able to communicate comfortably in English during your travels. Other languages spoken include Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese, Hokkien, Hakka, etc.), Tamil, Iban, and various indigenous languages.

Weather

Malaysia enjoys hot and humid temperatures hovering around 30°C (86°F) year-round, interspersed with tropical rain showers. It is recommended to bring a light raincoat or umbrella if possible. Also pack a hoodie or light jacket to prepare for the Malaysian habit of keeping air-conditioning to frosty levels, especially inside shopping malls, buses and trains.



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Healthcare

Malaysia is renowned for good and affordable healthcare. There are numerous hospitals and clinics with English-speaking doctor around Kuala Lumpur. Basic medication is readily available in pharmacies if you get sick. Pharmacy chain stores such as Watsons and Guardian are widely available around Kuala Lumpur. Malaysia is hot, stay hydrated and don't forget to apply sunscreen.

Electric current

In Malaysia, the standard voltage is 240 V at a frequency of 50 Hz. Power plugs and sockets (outlets) of type G are used (similar with United Kingdom). Make sure to bring a suitable adapter if your devices use different plug types.

GOOD TO KNOW

Smoking & Vaping

Malaysia has been enforcing anti-smoking law since 2019. If you're a smoker, be aware of places where smoking (including vaping) is prohibited. There are places in Malaysia where smoking is banned. These include banks, hospitals, eateries, public toilets, public transports, airports, public parks, shopping complexes, petrol stations, internet cafes, libraries, and fitness centres among others. These areas also include the surrounding area of the place, up to a distance of 3 meters. Offenders can be fined up to RM 5,000. Only smoke at designated smoking areas

All forms of public indecency are strictly forbidden and punishable by law. But there's also a much more subtle set of rules in place, related to public display of affection. Kissing and cuddling in public is frowned upon. It will not lead to fines and such, but you may

receive some glances. However, holding

The common greeting in Malaysia is a handshake. However, for the majority Muslims, physical contact between opposite gender is not permitted. If you're greeting opposite gender, wait to see if they extends their hand first before offering handshake. The best bet is to put the right hand across your chest and give a slight nod to greet.





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Dress comfortably



Kuala Lumpur is a cosmpolitan city where there is no particular dress code (except for religious sites & public offices) and you will find all kind of fashions. However, If you plan on visiting religious sites, please do cover up – absolutely no skimpy or revealing clothes, and cover your legs and shoulders. You're also expected to dress appropriately when entering public offices.

Stay hydrated

Do not drink the tap water unless you boil it first. Hotel rooms usually provide daily complimentary bottled drinking waters. And bottled water is cheap to purchase. Some hotels and malls have filtered water dispenser where you can fill up your own water, so don't forget to pack your reusable water bottle.





To the left.. to the left

When taking escalator, stand on the left if you are not in a rush, to give way to others.







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Getting around the city

The city center and tourist areas are pretty walkable. If you're not fan of walking, you can ride electric scooter that is widely available for rent. The local buses and transport systems in Malaysia are really cheap. Kuala Lumpur has a fantastic integrated rail network connecting all parts of the city. It is really easy to navigate and very low cost. If you're planning to take public transport in Kuala Lumpur, it is highly recommended to purchase

Touch 'n Go card.



Purchasing Touch 'n Go (TNG) Cards

A regular TNG card is available for purchase including at any LRT/MRT station or locations listed <u>here</u>. The card costs RM10 and lasts for ten years. The expiry date is stated behind the card. The card can be reloaded at reload kiosk or any train stations. You may renew the card when it expires for free at the TNG hub at Nu Sentral Shopping Mall, Kuala Lumpur and have your balance transferred to your new card. Alternatively, you can get TNG card when you purchase MyCity Pass.

Electric scooter available for rent at MRT Conlay station









GOOD TO KNOW



MyCity Pass

MyCity Pass is an unlimited daily travel pass offering unlimited rides on Rapid KL LRT, MRT, Monorail, BRT, Rapid KL bus and MRT feeder bus services in Klang Valley for 1 day or 3 days. You can purchase MyCity Pass from the Rapid KL Customer Service Offices at:

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- All LRT stations
- All MRT stations
- All Monorail stations
- Online via MyRapid PULSE App

MyCity 1-Day pass:

First time purchase: RM 25.00(Malaysian), RM30 (Non-Malaysian) inclusive of RM10 purse value in the Touch N' Go card and RM5 card price. Minimum RM5 purse value is required to use the 1-Day Pass at all Rapid KL rail and bus network. Valid for 1 day.

MyCity 3-Day pass:

First time purchase: RM 35.00(Malaysian), RM45.00 (Non Malaysian) inclusive RM10 purse value in the Touch N' Go card and RM5 card price. Minimum RM5 purse value is required to use the 3-Day Pass at all Rapid KL rail and bus network. Valid for 3 days.



FAMOUS TOURIST SPOTS



SURIA KLCC

Also known as the Petronas Twin Towers and colloquially the KLCC Twin Tower, The world's tallest twin structures. Marvel at the double-decked skylines, shopping malls, outdoor park and more.

NATIONAL MOSQUE

The monumental National Mosque was built in 1963 to celebrate the independence of Malaysia. It is one of the largest mosque in Southeast Asia which can accommodate up to 15,000 people. The 18-pointed star dome represent the 13 states of Malaysia and five pillars of Islam.





DATARAN MERDEKA

Nestled in the heart of Kuala Lumpur, Dataran Merdeka offers a rich tapestry of cultural and historical experiences, from marveling at colonial-era architecture and participating in grand national celebrations to capturing the essence of Malaysia's heritage through photography and delving into the depths of its storied past at adjacent museums.

FAMOUS TOURIST SPOTS

BATU CAVES

A limestone outcrop located just north of Kuala Lumpur, Batu Caves has three main caves featuring temples and Hindu shrines. A colossal gold-painted statue of Murugan, made from reinforced concrete and 140 feet (42.7 metres) in height, stands near the base of a flight of 272 steps.





PETALING STREET

Petaling Street is the Chinatown of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. It's a lively place where you can shop for all kinds of items at low prices, especially if you're good at bargaining. The street is also famous for delicious Malaysian and Chinese food, with lots of stalls and restaurants to try out. Besides shopping and eating, there are old temples and buildings to see. It gets really busy, especially at night when the street lights up and becomes even more exciting. Remember to watch your stuff in the crowds, stay cool with plenty of water, and definitely try some of the local food while you're there!

CENTRAL MARKET

Also known as Pasar Seni, is a vibrant, colorful hub of culture, arts, and crafts located in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Originally established as a wet market in 1888, it has evolved into a landmark for Malaysian heritage and tradition, offering visitors a chance to explore a wide range of handicrafts, souvenirs, and local delicacies.



ACTIVITIES TO DO

HOP ON HOP OFF Bus Tour

The hop on hop off bus service is a great way to explore Kuala Lumpur's major landmarks and attractions with one pass that lets you hop on and off at any time. You can enjoy the flexibility, convenience, and fun of touring the city at your own pace and learn more about Malaysia's history and culture along the way. Tickets can be purchased and additional information is available on their website at <u>https://www.myhoponhopoff.com/kl/.</u>





HAUNTU

Hauntu is a blend of live theatre, role play and storytelling that comes together to provide an engaging experience that's never been offered before in Kuala Lumpur. Hauntu features real actors, audience interaction, intricate mazes and interconnected storylines that centre around a colonial hotel filled with mystery and the paranormal. <u>https://ihauntu.com/</u>

Petrosains KLCC

It's an interactive science discovery centre located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur, within the Petronas Twin Towers. Aimed at children and adults alike, it offers a fun and educational experience that explores the science and technology behind the petroleum industry, as well as general science phenomena. Through engaging exhibits, interactive displays, and hands-on activities, visitors can learn about energy sources, the environment, space, and much more. It's a great destination for families looking to combine education with entertainment during their visit to Kuala Lumpur.



ACTIVITIES TO DO

Jalan Alor

Famous street in Kuala Lumpur known for its vibrant outdoor dining scene. Lined with hawker stalls and seafood restaurants, it offers a wide array of local Malaysian cuisine, including dishes like satay, grilled seafood, and noodles. At night, Jalan Alor comes alive with locals and tourists flocking to enjoy the delicious food and lively atmosphere. It's a must-visit for food lovers looking to experience the authentic taste of Kuala Lumpur's street food.





Mall Hopping

Mall hopping in Kuala Lumpur is a favorite activity among locals and tourists alike, with the city boasting an extensive range of shopping centers that appeal to a variety of preferences and budgets. Highlights include the luxurious Suria KLCC at the foot of the iconic Petronas Twin Towers, the fashionable Pavilion Kuala Lumpur in the Bukit Bintang district, the Egyptianthemed Sunway Pyramid with its distinctive lion's head and sphinx statues, and the cutting-edge TRX Mall, known for its modern design and upscale retail offerings. Kuala Lumpur's malls truly offer a shopper's paradise, combining diverse shopping experiences within the city's bustling metropolis.

Batik Painting

In Kuala Lumpur, you can learn Batik painting, a way of making designs on fabric with wax and dye. There are places like the Craft Complex and Jadi Batek Gallery where you can take classes to make your own Batik art. It's a fun way to explore Malaysian culture and create something unique to take home.



Pavillion Kuala Lumpur is just 10 minutes walk from Royale Chulan Hotel

KUALA LUMPUR FOOD PARADISE



Malaysia is often hailed as a food heaven, and for good reason. Its diverse culinary landscape reflects the country's multicultural heritage, with influences from Malay, Chinese, Indian, and indigenous cuisines blending harmoniously to create a tantalizing array of flavors, textures, and aromas. Here's why Malaysia is renowned as a food paradise:

- **Multicultural Influence**: Malaysia's population consists of Malays, Chinese, Indians, and indigenous groups, each with their own distinct culinary traditions. This multicultural diversity has led to a rich tapestry of flavors and dishes.
- Variety of Cuisine: From savory street food to fine dining, Malaysia offers a wide variety of cuisine to suit every palate. Whether you're craving spicy Malay curries, aromatic Chinese stir-fries, or flavorful Indian rotis, there's something for everyone to enjoy.
- Street Food Culture: Malaysia's vibrant street food culture is a hallmark of its culinary scene. Hawker stalls and food markets dot the streets, offering an endless array of mouthwatering dishes at affordable prices. Visitors can sample local favorites like nasi lemak, satay, char kway teow, and roti canai from bustling street vendors.
- **Hospitality and Warmth**: Malaysian hospitality is legendary, and nowhere is this more evident than in its food culture. Visitors are welcomed with open arms and treated to generous portions of delicious food, often served with a smile and a friendly chat.

Malaysia's status as a food heaven is a testament to its rich culinary heritage, diverse flavors, and warm hospitality. Some of the gastronomic delights that awaits you in Kuala Lumpur are listed in the following pages. As it will be impossible to list everything, you may check out these links for guidance:

- Kuala Lumpur food guide
- What and where to eat in Kuala Lumpur
- Best Halal cafes in Kuala Lumpur
- <u>30 Street Food in KL you can't afford to miss in 2024</u>
- <u>Itinerary of a happy tummy: food & travel guide of KL</u>



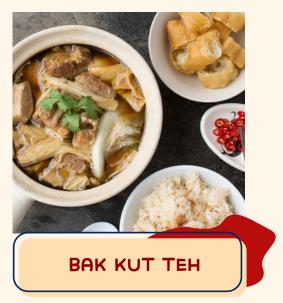
MUST TRY MALAYSIAN FOODS



A dish celebrated in Malay cuisine, features fragrant rice infused with coconut milk and pandan leaf, earning its status as a **national dish**. For a quintessential experience, **Park Village Restaurant** is a top recommendation.



A complex noodle soup distinguished by its unique flavors and textures, was lauded by the American celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain as the "breakfast of the Gods" and described as the "weapons grade plutonium of breakfasts." For an authentic taste of this divine dish, **Dapur Sarawak** stands out as one of the best places to try it.



Recently recognized as **national heritage dish**, the name literally translates from the Hokkien dialect as "meat bone tea", and it is usually consists of pork ribs simmered in a broth of herbs and spices. However, it also has variants made from other type of meat such as chicken (Chi Kut Teh) and mushroom (for vegetarian).



Brought to Malaysia by South Indian immigrants. Over time, the dish evolved to include Malaysian spices and ingredients. It is served on a banana leaf for an added unique flavor. This meal typically features rice with a variety of sides including vegetables, pickles, and optionally meat or fish. For those looking to try this dish, **Sri Nirwana Maju** is highly recommended.

STREET FOOD YOU DON'T WANNA MISS



Banana fritters are simply ripe bananas coated in batter and fried until they're crispy and golden. They're sweet, soft on the inside, and really yummy. You can eat them as they are or add some sweet toppings.



Apam balik is a snack that combines the softness of a pancake with the neatness of an omelet. It's filled with plenty of sugar, peanuts, and sometimes corn, making it a sweet and savory treat that's always evolving.



Pasembur, also called Pasemboq in Northern Malay, is a simple yet flavorful Malaysian salad. It mixes shredded vegetables like cucumber, potatoes, and bean sprouts with tofu, and seafood like prawn fritters, all coated in a sweet and spicy nut sauce.



Cakoi dough is made from wheat flour, water, salt, and a leavening agent. The dough is allowed to rise before being shaped into long, thin strips. These strips are then deep-fried in hot oil until they turn golden brown and puffy. Cakoi is valued for its versatility and the unique texture it offers—crunchy on the outside with a tender, almost airy interior.

DRINKS AND DESSERTS YOU GONNA LOVE



An iced sweet dessert that contains droplets of pandan-flavored green rice flour jelly, coconut milk and palm sugar syrup, additional topping might be added, including diced jackfruit, or sweetened red azuki beans.



Teh Tarik, literally translated as "pulled tea," is a famous Malaysian drink that has become a cultural symbol in itself. It's a frothy, creamy tea made from black tea and condensed milk, known for the theatrical "pulling" process used to mix and aerate the tea, giving it a distinctive frothy top.



Ice kacang. Kacang means beans in the Malay language. It is also known as ABC, which stands for Ais Batu Campur. So ice kacang was originally a shaved ice served with sweetened red beans and syrup. is basically a shaved ice eaten with sweet red beans.



Lai Ci Kang is a cooling sweet lotus seed soup consisting of lotus seed (lean chee) and a variety of other dried fruits. Plus, Lai Ci Kang is a dessert consisting of a variety of pre-cooked ingredients mixed in a syrup. Considered to have "cooling" properties, it may be served warm or cold with ice cubes.

TRADITIONAL SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEET TOOTH



Kek Lapis Sarawak, or Sarawak Layer Cake, is a unique and intricate dessert originating from the Malaysian state of Sarawak on the island of Borneo. It's known for its colorful layers and intricate patterns, making it not just a treat to eat but also a feast for the eyes.



Ang Ku Kueh, which translates to "red tortoise cake" in Hokkien, is a traditional Chinese snack with a distinctive turtle shell-like appearance. The "ang" (red) color symbolizes good luck and prosperity, while the shape resembles a tortoise shell, representing longevity and blessings.



These small, sponge-like cakes are known for their light, airy texture and sweet, eggy flavor. Shaped like tiny buttons or in more intricate molds such as fish or flowers, bahulu are typically made from simple ingredients like eggs, sugar, flour, and sometimes a hint of vanilla or pandan for added flavor.



Laddu. One of the most common and traditional Indian sweet found in Malaysia, the laddu (or laddoo) is made from small balls of chickpea dough soaked in sugar syrup or jaggery.



WHERE TO DINE IN



Known for its Malaysian cuisine served in a friendly, homelike atmosphere. Their concept is "You order, we cook and serve at the table," emphasizing a warm dining experience reminiscent of being at home.



Oriental Kopi is a place where you can enjoy delicious traditional Nanyang cuisine in Kuala Lumpur, Petaling Jaya, and Johor, Malaysia. They offer signature dishes such as Oriental Coffee, Signature Egg Tart, Nasi Lemak, Mee Siam, Nanyang Curry Chicken Rice, and Chicken Hor Fun, all embodying the rich flavors of Nanyang's food culture.



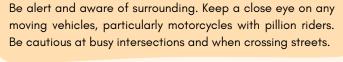
De.Wan 1958 by Chef Wan is a celebrated dining establishment in Kuala Lumpur, meticulously crafted under the culinary direction of Malaysia's renowned celebrity chef, Datuk Redzuawan Ismail, better known as Chef Wan.



Ali, Muthu & Ah Hock is a popular dining spot in Kuala Lumpur, known for serving authentic Malaysian comfort food in a clean and comfortable environment. It has gained recognition for its Nasi Lemak Ayam Goreng, a favorite dish among many Malaysians. The restaurant has been celebrated as the Best Malaysian Restaurant by TimeOut Kuala Lumpur in 2017.

SAFETY & PRECAUTIONS

Snatch thefts and pickpocketing are the most commonly reported crimes in Malaysia. Thieves on motorcycles or leaning out of car windows, typically snatch handbags, jewelry, and mobile phones from unsuspecting pedestrians. "Snatch thieves" on motorcycles have been known to drive through "red" traffic signals and onto sidewalks to steal valuables. Some instances of snatch theft have caused fatalities, when the person holding onto the handbag has been dragged by the motorbike or through subsequent acts of violence.



Be cognizant of how you carry a handbag, backpack, or parcel. Handbags should be held close to your body in front of you, and backpacks should be slung over both shoulders on your back. Be sure to fasten any closures on the bag.

Do not leave handbags or mobile phones on top of the table at cafés, restaurants, or bars. Do not leave your belongings unattended, even for a moment.



To reach out to officials in case of any emergency in Malaysia, you can use the following contacts:

- Police and Ambulance Services: 999
- Common emergency telephone number: 112
- In case of Fire, dial: 994
- Kuala Lumpur Tourist Police: +603-2146 0522





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