

Richard Barrow's

THAI TRAIN GUIDE



SINGAPORE TO BANGKOK BY TRAIN

Follow along on my adventure from Singapore to Bangkok by train. Along the way I stopped in Johor Bahru, Gemas, Kuala Lumpur, Butterworth, Penang, Padang Besar, and Bangkok. The guide contains information and pictures of all the trains that I caught and how much it cost me. The timetables have all been updated.



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INTRODUCTION

This is a guide to taking a train from **Singapore to Bangkok** via Kuala Lumpur and Penang. There are no trains that go all the way from Singapore to Bangkok. You must do it in at least four stages. I did it in five as I did a side trip to Penang. These are my notes detailing the trains that I caught and how much it cost me. Please note, there was a timetable change on the Southern Line in Thailand in February 2024 and so I have changed times to reflect this.

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Thanks, and happy travels!

Richard Barrow

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SINGAPORE TO BANGKOK

OUTLINE OF THE TRIP

This is a summary of my trip from **Singapore to Bangkok by Train**. I did this trip from 7th-11th December 2023. I spent three nights at hotels along the way and one night on a train.

Total Time on Trains: 29 hours

Total Cost for Train Tickets: 2,659 Baht / 357 Ringgit / 69.79 Euro

STEP ONE: BANGKOK > SINGAPORE As I was limited in time, I flew down to Singapore on Thai Lion Air (SL100). This arrived at 11:00 a.m. local time (Bangkok +1). I had a few hours here riding the Skytrain between terminals.

STEP TWO: CHANGI AIRPORT > WOODLANDS TRAIN CHECKPOINT From Changi Airport, I took the MRT to Woodlands. The last stretch I had to do by bus.

STEP THREE: WOODLANDS TRAIN CHECKPOINT > JB SENTRAL At Woodlands Train Checkpoint, I went through Immigration for Singapore and Malaysia and then caught the five-minute shuttle train across the border to JB Sentral. The ticket cost 17.45 MYR. I stayed the night in Johor Bahru.

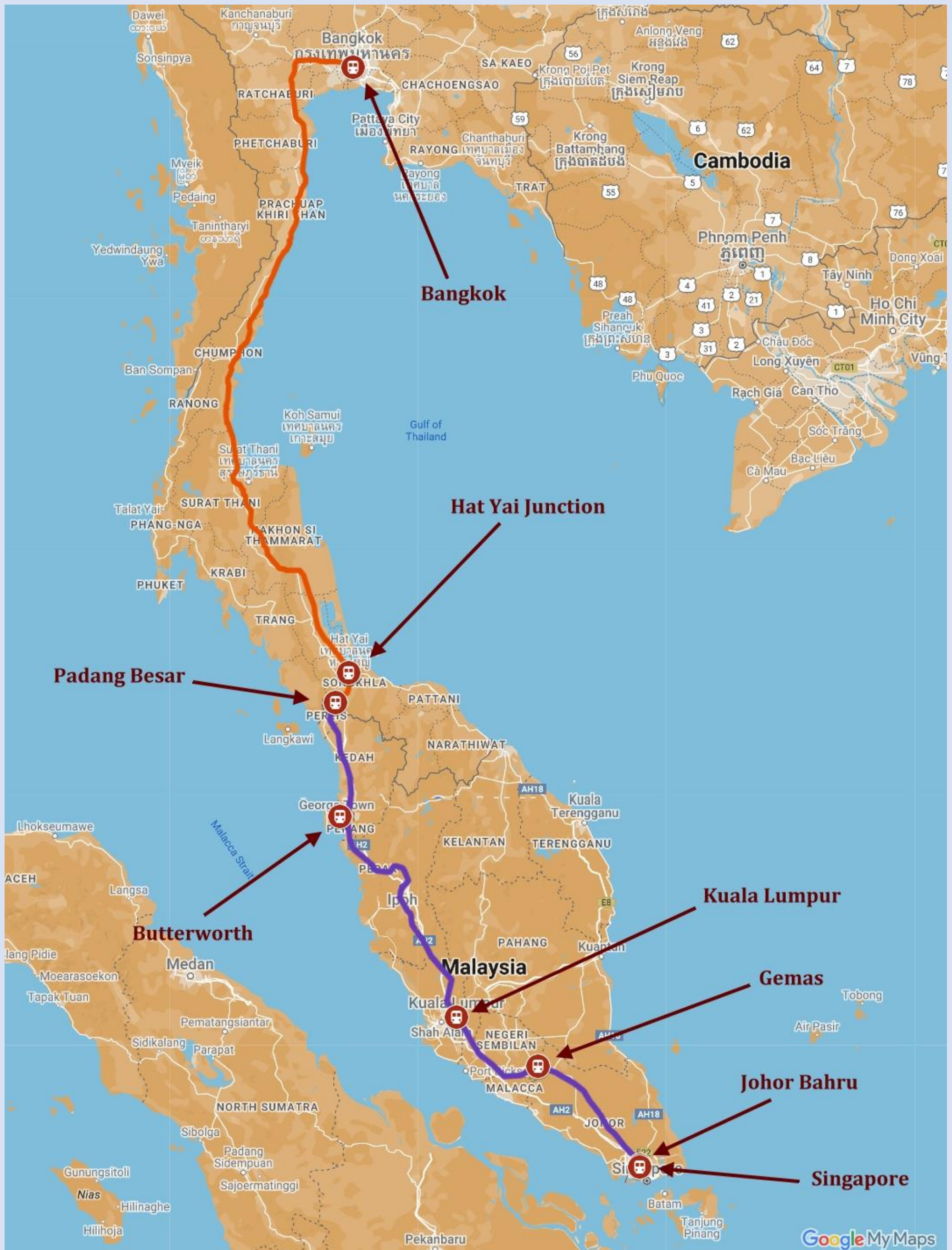
STEP FOUR: JB SENTRAL > GEMAS > KL SENTRAL They have only electrified the line between Gemas and Kuala Lumpur. So, I had to first catch Express 43 from JB Sentral at 8:30 a.m. This arrived in Gemas at 1:14 p.m. The ticket cost 21 MYR. The second train was Gold 9322 that departed from Gemas at 3:30 p.m. and arrived at KL Sentral at 5:55 p.m. The ticket was 31 MYR. Total journey time was about seven hours. I stayed the night in Kuala Lumpur.

STEP FIVE: KL SENTRAL > BUTTERWORTH In the morning, I caught Platinum 9172 that left KL Sentral at 8:03 a.m. and arrived in Butterworth at 12:15 p.m. over four hours later. I went business class and the ticket cost 153 MYR. This included food and drinks. Regular seats are 83 MYR. I took the boat across to Penang and stayed the night there.

STEP SIX: BUTTERWORTH > PADANG BESAR After lunch, I took the boat back to Butterworth Station where I caught Komuter 2968 at 2:35 p.m. This was the only train that I couldn't buy a ticket in advance. The ticket was 11.40 MYR. This arrived in Padang Besar at 4:26 p.m. nearly two hours later. This is where I went through Immigration for Malaysia and Thailand.

STEP SEVEN: PADANG BESAR > BANGKOK After Immigration, I then boarded Express No. 45 that left Padang Besar at 6:00 p.m. (Malaysian time) and arrived in Bangkok at 9:05 a.m. the next day. Journey time was 16 hours. My ticket was 918 baht for the lower berth. The upper berth is cheaper at 848 baht.

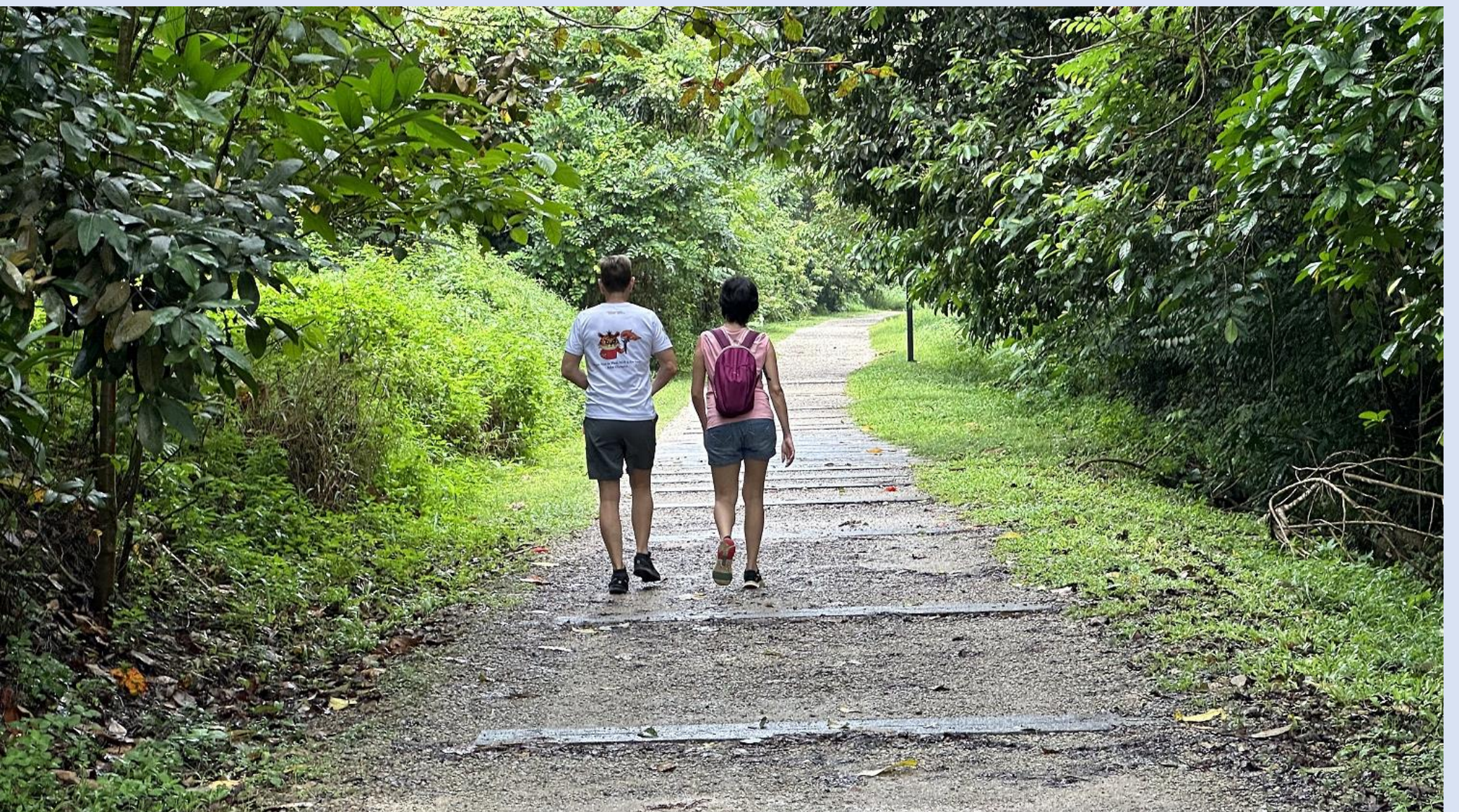
RAILWAY ROUTE MAP



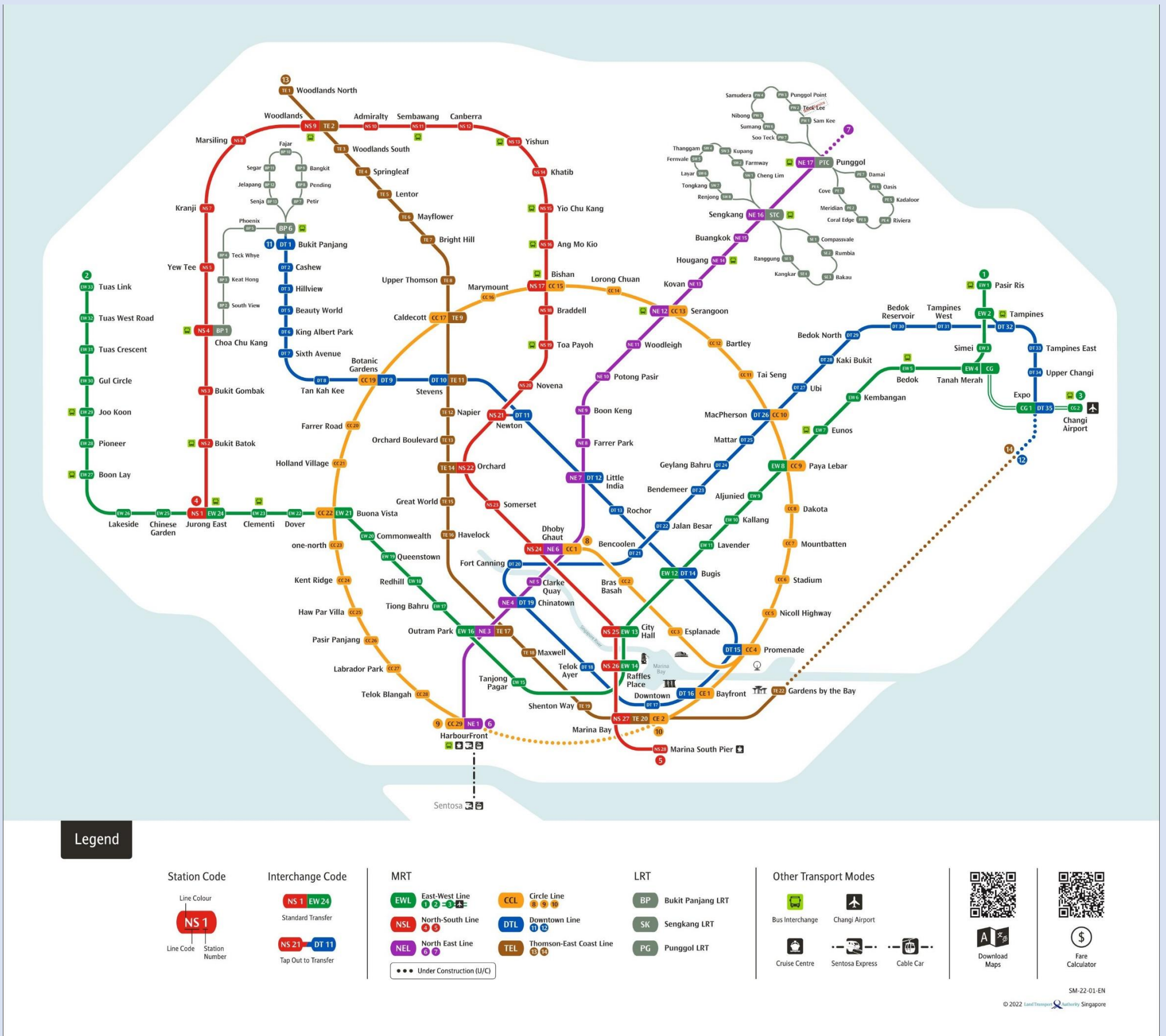
CHANGI AIRPORT IN SINGAPORE



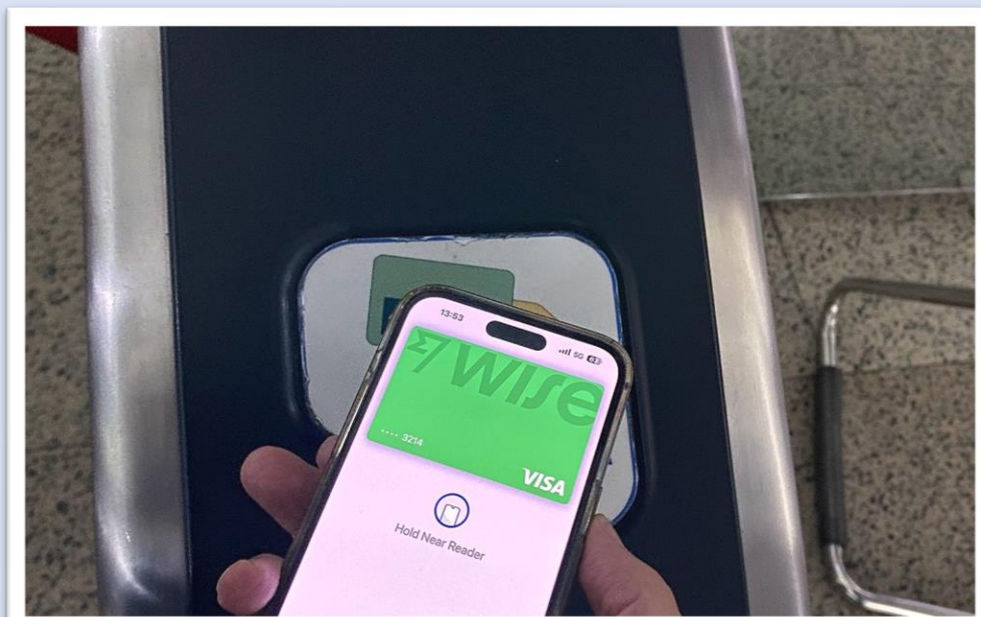
If you are flying into Singapore, then a ride on the free Skytrain at **Changi Airport** is a good way to start. It uses an automated people mover. My favourite line was between Terminal 2 and 3 as it passes through The Jewel, and you get some great views of the waterfall. Another rail activity you can do is walk the **Rail Corridor** which was the former main line in Singapore up to 2011. The highlight is Bukit Timah Railway Station which has been preserved.



MRT MAP FOR SINGAPORE



To get around Singapore on the trains and buses, all you need is a contactless bank card. For myself, I used my WISE card which I had added to Apple Pay. So, I only had to tap and go at the ticket barriers with my iPhone and Apple Watch.



MRT IN SINGAPORE



My journey by train and bus from **Changi Airport** to **Woodlands Train Checkpoint** took one hour and 49 minutes. Unfortunately, trains don't go all the way. I had to do the last part by public bus. Incidentally, a taxi would have taken only 30 minutes in light traffic.

Here was my route:

- 🚆 From Chang Airport it was two stops to Tanah Merah.
- 🚆 Here I changed to the green East West Line to Jurong East.
- 🚆 Next I changed to the red North South Line to Kranji.
- 🚌 Here I changed to a No. 170 bus to Woodlands Train Checkpoint.

WOODLANDS TRAIN CHECKPOINT TIMETABLE

SEKTOR JB SENTRAL - WOODLANDS																		
SECTOR JB SENTRAL - WOODLANDS																		
STESEN	ST61	ST63	ST65	ST67	ST69	ST71	ST73	ST75	ST77	ST79	ST81	ST83	ST85	ST87	ST89	ST91	ST93	ST95
JB SENTRAL	0500	0530	0600	0630	0700	0730	0845	1000	1130	1245	1400	1515	1630	1745	1900	2015	2130	2245
WOODLANDS	0505	0535	0605	0635	0705	0735	0850	1005	1135	1250	1405	1520	1635	1750	1905	2020	2135	2250

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SEKTOR WOODLANDS - JB SENTRAL													
SECTOR WOODLANDS - JB SENTRAL													
STESEN	ST72	ST74	ST76	ST78	ST80	ST82	ST84	ST86	ST88	ST90	ST92	ST94	ST96
WOODLANDS	0830	0945	1100	1230	1345	1500	1615	1730	1845	2000	2115	2230	2345
JB SENTRAL	0835	0950	1105	1235	1350	1505	1620	1735	1850	2005	2120	2235	2350

WOODLANDS TRAIN CHECKPOINT



These are my notes for taking the shuttle train across the border between Woodlands in Singapore and Johor Bahru in Malaysia. The ticket is 17.45 MYR and the journey is only five minutes.

If you are going to cross the causeway by train, make sure you go to **Woodlands Train Checkpoint** and not Woodlands Checkpoint. If you make a mistake, there's a bridge and long corridor connecting the two buildings.

📍 **MAP:** https://maps.app.goo.gl/YyuZ1nz85UXmCyCW7?g_st=ic

You should aim to be at Woodlands Train Checkpoint an hour before your departure. However, they won't start processing passengers until 40 minutes before departure.

The ticket office is on the ground floor. It's advisable to buy the tickets online in advance as some days it does sell out. The ticket seller told me that the next two days were fully sold out.

✅ **Buy Tickets:** <https://online.ktmb.com.my>

The queue for the train is upstairs. Please note, there aren't any toilets until you reach the platform on the other side of immigration. There are also only a couple of vending machines. So, bring drinks and snacks if you are hungry.

Around 40 minutes before departure, the staff from KTMB will use an app to scan your passport photo page. If you're listed to be on the train, you will get a green check mark. They don't check your ticket as it is linked to your passport number.

WOODLANDS SHUTTLE TRAIN



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After about ten minutes, someone from Immigration will let everyone go down to Immigration. Make sure you are here 20 minutes before departure as they will close this gate. First is Singapore Immigration which is done by electronic gates. Then we went along a corridor to Malaysian Immigration. Please note, there is now a new rule to do an online arrival card up to three days in advance.

✓ **Arrival Card for Malaysia:** <https://imigresen-online.imi.gov.my/mdac/main>

From here we went through Malaysian customs where they x-rayed our bags. And then out to a waiting area near the platform. There are toilets here. Five minutes before the train is about to leave, they let everyone onto the platform and board the train. You can sit where you like.

The train journey is only five minutes. The best views are on the right. The train arrives at JB Sentral Station.



JB SENTRAL STATION



This is **JB Sentral Station** in Johor Bahru. You catch the shuttle train here to go to Singapore. There are also trains heading north to Gemas. In the evening there is a sleeper train to Tumpat on the east coast. All trains here are operated by diesel locomotives.



The station has plenty of shops for buying drinks, snacks, and ready-made meals. If you have a longer wait, then take the pedestrian bridge to the shopping mall.

JB SENTRAL – GEMAS



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TREN KE UTARA

Northbound Train

STESEN / STATION	ES42	ES44	ES46
JB Sentral	08:30	14:40	18:05
Kempas Baru	08:50	15:00	18:25
Kulai	09:18	15:28	19:08
Layang-Layang	09:43	15:53	19:33
Rengam	10:00	16:10	19:50
Kluang	10:44	16:36	20:16
Paloh	11:14	17:06	20:47
Bekok	11:34	17:26	21:07
Labis	11:59	17:51	21:32
Segamat	12:40	18:32	22:13
Gemas	13:14	19:06	22:47

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Perkhidmatan
Services

Perkhidmatan:
Setiap Hari
Services:
Daily

Petunjuk / Legend

ES : Ekspres Selatan

● Stesen Akhir / End Station
● Stesen Bermula / Origin Station

TREN KE SELATAN

Southbound Train

STESEN / STATION	ES41	ES43	ES45
Gemas	02:00	09:30	15:20
Segamat	02:36	10:06	15:56
Labis	03:15	10:45	16:35
Bekok	03:36	11:06	16:56
Paloh	03:57	11:45	17:17
Kluang	04:34	12:22	17:54
Rengam	05:00	12:48	18:20
Layang-Layang	05:15	13:03	18:35
Kulai	05:42	13:30	19:02
Kempas Baru	06:09	13:57	19:29
JB Sentral	06:25	14:15	19:45

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This is the **timetable** for trains between **JB Sentral and Gemas**. This route is run by diesel locomotives. Once the electrification and double tracking between Gemas and JB Sentral is complete, there will be one train all the way to Kuala Lumpur without a need to change in Gemas.

ES42: JB SENTRAL - GEMAS



Richard Barrow in Malaysia

These are my notes for **Express ES42** that goes from JB Sentral to Gemas. There are three trains a day. We caught the first one that leaves at 8:30 a.m. It arrives nearly five hours later at 1:14 p.m. Tickets cost 21 MYR. There is only one class. Make sure you choose your seat wisely as half the carriage is facing backwards. The online seating plan, when you choose your seat, is correct.



ES42: JB SENTRAL - GEMAS



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At JB Sentral Station, sit in the waiting area near Gate B. Twenty minutes before departure, they will allow you to go down to the platform. There is someone checking tickets here, but they are just glancing to make sure that you don't have a ticket for the shuttle train. The queue for the shuttle train to Singapore is in front of Gate A.

The train has a diesel locomotive, six passenger carriages and one dining car. You should sit in your designated seat and carriage. Each carriage is labelled with a letter of the alphabet from A-F. Someone will come around to check your tickets, but he didn't seem to mind if people sat where they liked. The train wasn't full and so you can move around.



At each end of the carriage there is a place for large suitcases. Smaller ones can be put on the overhead above the seats. At each end there are a couple of plug sockets for charging your devices. There's also one in the toilet. I presume for shaving. I'm not sure.

ES42: JB SENTRAL - GEMAS



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The seats are comfortable enough. I felt they were a bit too upright, but you can recline them to a more comfortable level. There are also large seat-back trays if you want to work on your laptop or eat a meal. There was enough legroom for me, but when someone reclined the seat in front of me, it touched my knees.



The dining car, or Cafe as they call it, has limited choices. Basically, coffee and other drinks, sandwiches and prepared meals that they heat up in the microwave. You can also sit there and eat your meal or take it back to your carriage.

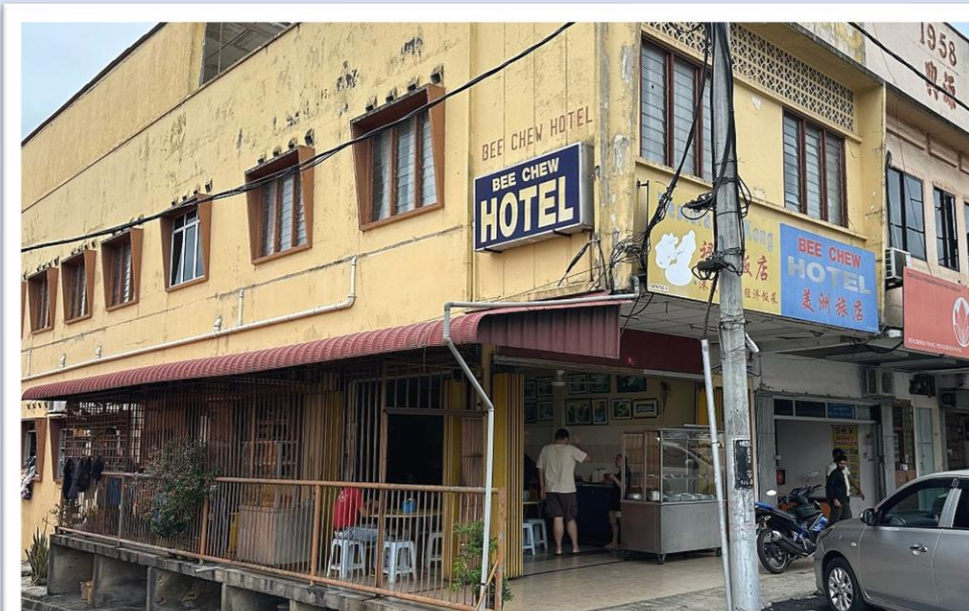
There are toilets at one end of each carriage. They are Asian style squat toilets and Western style toilets with seats. They started off clean but some did get a bit smelly. They had toilet paper but I didn't see any soap. At one end of the carriage there are lights to indicate whether the toilets are occupied or not.

GEMAS STATION



We had a couple of hours to wait for our connection at **Gemas Station**. There is a stall selling meals and drinks in front of the station, but the town itself is only a few minutes away. Just turn left outside of the station.

As well as local food shops, there is a KFC and Pizza Hut. Family Mart has a coffee shop area if you want some A/C while waiting. I recommend Lu Kong Restaurant which is next to Family Mart. They have a large choice of pre-cooked dishes served on rice. You basically help yourself.



Aim to be back at the station 20-30 minutes before departure. There are free toilets upstairs near the ticket office. They will scan your tickets at the turnstiles before you head down to the platform and your train.

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ETS TIMETABLE

TREN KE UTARA

Northbound Train

STESEN/STATION	EP9272	EP9172	EG9022	EP9274	EG9420	EP9174	EG9024	EP9176	EG9028	EP9178	EG9322	EP9276	EG9032	EP9180	ES9052	EP9278
Gemas					08:05						15:20					
Batang Melaka					08:23						15:39					
Pulau Sebang					08:37						15:54					
Seremban					09:10						16:28					
Kajang					10:01						17:19					
Bandar Tasek Selatan					10:20						17:38					
KL Sentral	07:08	08:03	08:47	09:50	10:45	11:08	11:32	13:37	15:00	15:55	18:00	18:31	19:03	20:10	21:40	22:50
Kuala Lumpur	07:14	08:09	08:53	09:56	10:54	11:14	11:38	13:43	15:06	16:01	18:06	18:37	19:09	20:16	21:46	22:56
Kepong Sentral			09:14				11:59		15:22				19:25		22:02	
Sungai Buloh	07:42	08:32	09:22	10:24	11:17	11:37	12:07	14:06	15:30	16:24	18:29	19:05	19:33	20:39	22:10	23:17
Rawang			09:38		11:33		12:23		15:46				19:49		22:26	
Batang Kali											19:02				22:44	
Kuala Kubu Bharu															22:50	
Tanjung Malim	08:32	09:22	10:13	11:14	12:08	12:27	12:58	14:56	16:21	17:14	19:20	19:55	20:24	21:29	23:03	00:07
Slim River			10:27				13:12		16:35				20:38		23:17	
Sungkai			10:40				13:25		16:48				20:51		23:30	
Tapah Road			10:52		12:46		13:37		17:00		19:58		21:03		23:42	
Kampar	09:16	10:06	11:02	11:58	12:56	13:11	13:47	15:40	17:10	17:58	20:08	20:39	21:13	22:13	23:52	00:51
Batu Gajah	09:29	10:19	11:15	12:11	13:09	13:24	14:00	15:53	17:23	18:11	20:21	20:52	21:26	22:26	00:05	01:04
Ipoh	09:44	10:34	11:28	12:26	13:24	13:42	14:13	16:08	17:36	18:26	20:36	21:07	21:39	22:41	00:18	01:19
Sungai Siput					13:42						20:54					
Kuala Kangsar	10:12	11:02		12:54	13:54	14:10		16:36		18:54	21:06	21:35		23:09		01:47
Padang Rengas					14:00						21:12					
Taiping	10:28	11:18		13:10	14:11	14:26		16:52		19:10	21:23	21:51		23:25		02:03
Bagan Serai					14:33						21:45					
Parit Buntar	10:57	11:47		13:39	14:41	14:55		17:21		19:39	21:53	22:20		23:54		02:32
Nibong Tebal					14:45						21:58					
Bukit Mertajam		12:04				15:12		17:38		19:56	22:12			00:11		
Butterworth		12:15				15:23		17:49		20:07	22:22			00:22		
Tasek Gelugor	11:22			14:04	15:09							22:45				02:57
Sungai Petani	11:34			14:16	15:21							22:57				03:09
Gurun					15:33											
Alor Setar	12:03			14:45	15:52							23:26				03:39
Anak Bukit					15:58											
Arau	12:24			15:06	16:15							23:47				03:59
Padang Besar	12:41			15:23	16:33							00:04				04:18

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TREN KE SELATAN

Southbound Train

STESEN/STATION	ES9051	EP9171	EP9173	EG9025	EG9321	EP9273	EG9027	EP9275	EP9175	EG9029	EP9277	EP9177	EG9035	EG9425	EP9279	EP9179
Padang Besar						07:30		09:35			13:40			15:50	16:45	
Arau						07:48		09:53			13:58			16:08	17:03	
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Bukit Mertajam		05:26	06:31		08:01				12:56			16:16				18:56
Nibong Tebal					08:15									17:35		
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Bagan Serai					08:27									17:47		
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Kampar	05:37	07:24	08:29	08:48	10:03	10:59	12:28	13:04	14:54	15:56	17:09	18:14	19:01	19:24	20:12	20:54
Tapah Road	05:47			08:58	10:13		12:38			16:06			19:11	19:34		
Sungkai	05:59			09:10			12:50			16:18			19:23			
Slim River	06:12			09:23			13:03			16:31			19:36			
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Kuala Lumpur	07:47	09:25	10:30	10:56	12:10	13:00	14:36	15:05	16:56	18:04	19:10	20:16	21:09	21:31	22:19	22:56
KL Sentral	07:51	09:29	10:34	11:00	12:19	13:04	14:40	15:09	17:00	18:08	19:14	20:20	21:13	21:40	22:23	23:00
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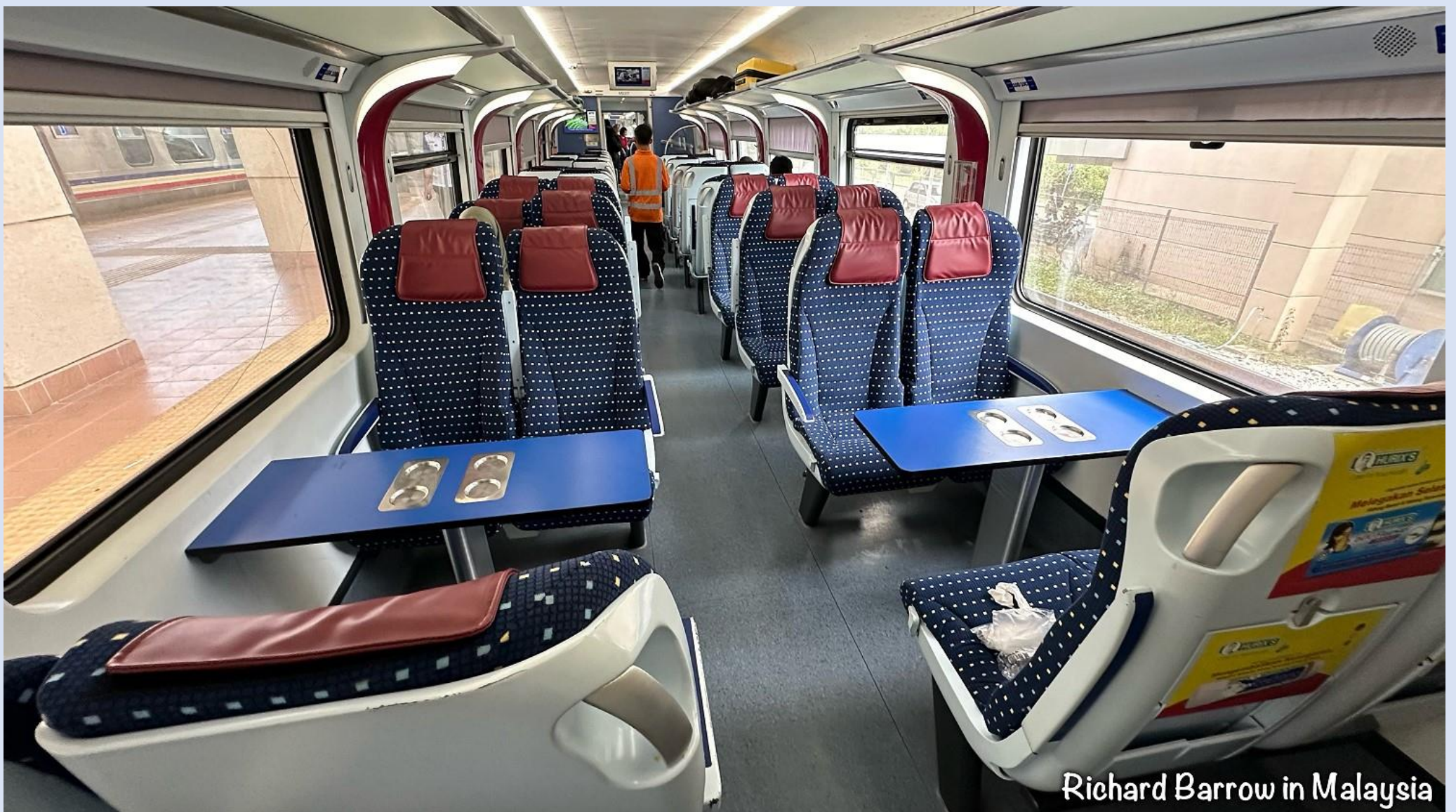
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EG9322: GEMAS – KL SENTRAL



Richard Barrow in Malaysia

These are my notes for the train trip from **Gemas to Kuala Lumpur** onboard the electric train service **EG9322**. This left Gemas Station at 3:20 p.m. and arrived at KL Sentral Station at 5:55 p.m., two hours and thirty-five minutes later. Tickets were 31 MYR (231 Baht / 6 Euros). The full route for this train is to Butterworth. It arrives there at 10:22pm. The last ferry to Penang from Butterworth is at 11:00 p.m.



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EG9322: GEMAS – KL SENTRAL



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EG9322 has six carriages with the same class in each of them. One carriage has a small bistro at one end with drinks and pre-cooked meals. Another carriage has accessible toilets and extra space for people with wheelchairs.

In each carriage, half of the seats face backwards. When you book online you can choose the ones you prefer. Some seats also have a table. However, there is a thick pole underneath it which might be uncomfortable for large people. Seats recline and the leg room is reasonable. But they don't seem to be as comfortable as on the older trains. The padding is thinner.



There are hooks on the wall for jackets and a blind to block out the sun. Under each pair of seats, there is one plug socket. At one end of each carriage there is a large luggage rack. There is also luggage space in the middle of the carriage where the seats are back-to-back. For smaller bags and suitcases there is space in overhead racks.

EG9322: GEMAS – KL SENTRAL



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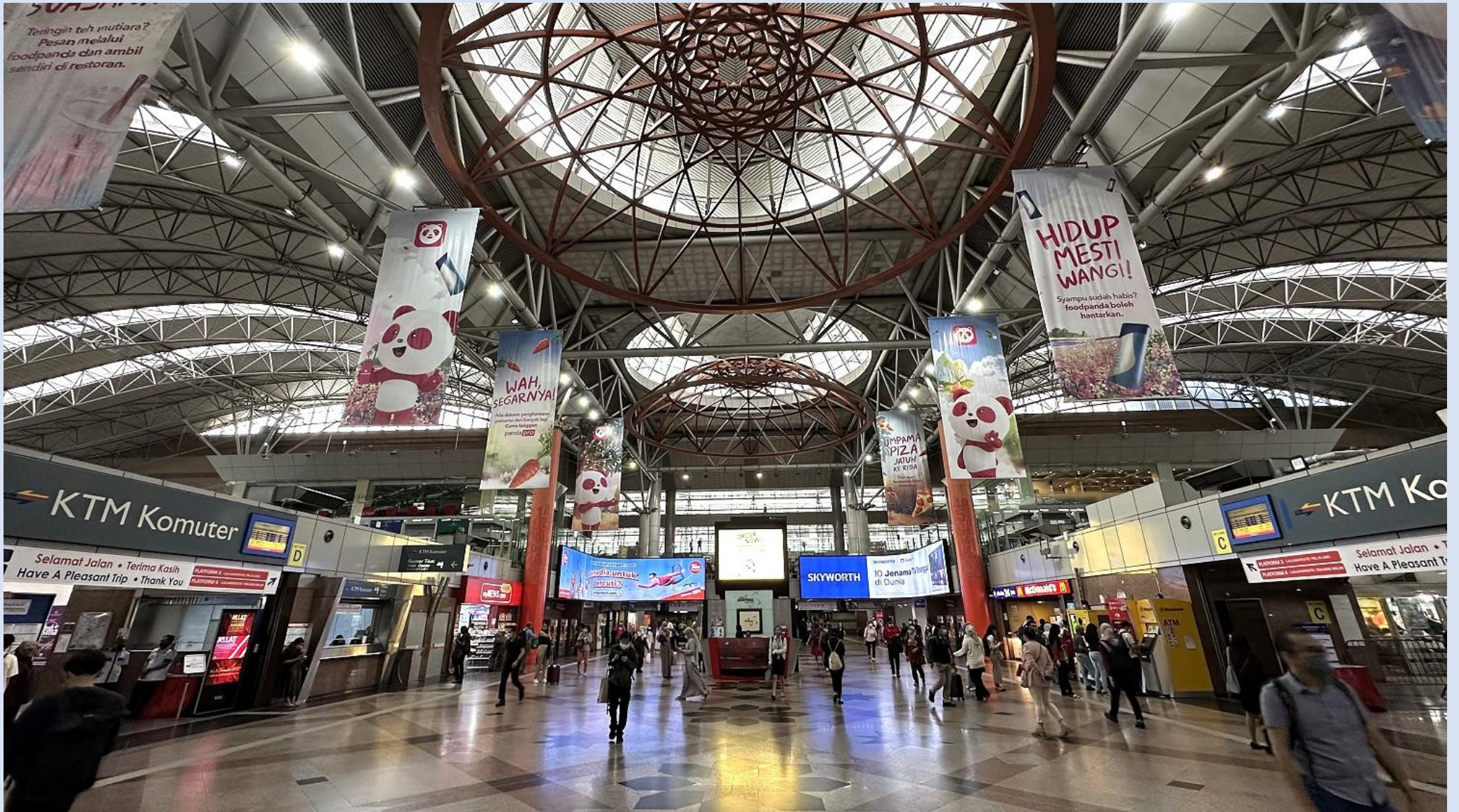
The bistro is at one end of Car C. There are a few stools along the window, but I think most people will take their food back to their seat to eat. They have sandwiches and pre-cooked meals that they heat up in the microwave. They also have hot and cold drinks. There is also a prayer room nearby if needed.



The toilets are clean and spacious. They also didn't smell as it has A/C and probably an air-filter. There was toilet paper, but the soap had run out when I inspected it. At each end of the carriage there are lights indicating if the toilets are occupied or not. Overall, I was impressed with this train.

I stayed at a hotel near KL Sentral as the next train was first thing in the morning.

KL SENTRAL STATION



KL Sentral Station is now the main transportation hub in Kuala Lumpur. It may not have the historical elegance of the nearby Kuala Lumpur Station, but it makes up for it with convenience and connectivity. The KTM Komuter and ETS trains run through here as well as the more local Rapid KL and the KLIA Express to the airport. The KL Monorail and MRT Kajang Line trains are next door.



The large NU Sentral shopping mall is connected to the station and is a good place to hang out if you are waiting for a train. Many of the coffee shops and restaurants are open late. The station itself has left luggage lockers. There are also a number of budget hotels in the vicinity if you have an early morning train.

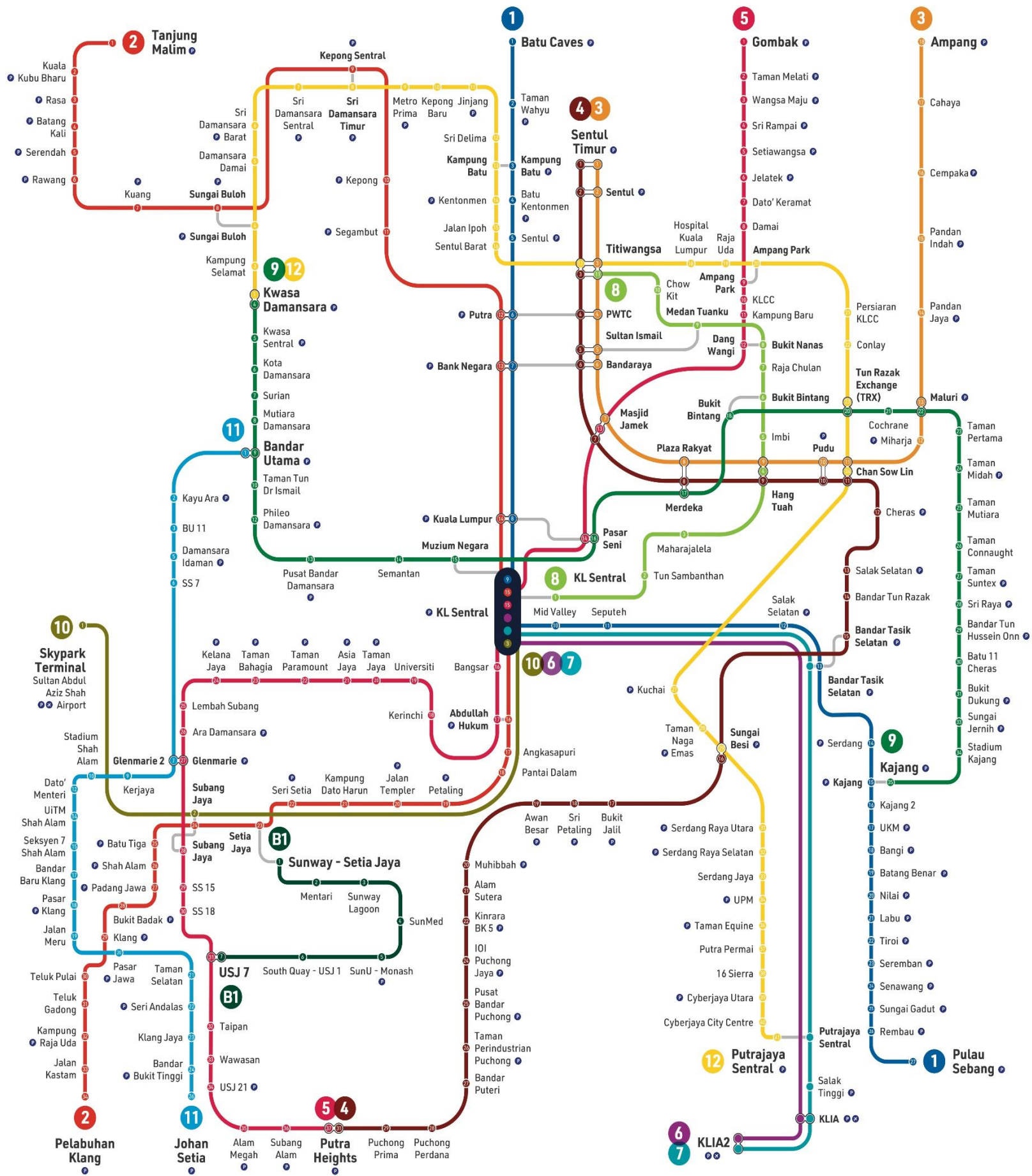
MRT MAP FOR KUALA LUMPUR

Peta Transit Berintegrasi Lembah Klang

Klang Valley Integrated Transit Map



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2 KTM Laluan Tanjung Malim - Pelabuhan Klang KTM Tanjung Malim - Pelabuhan Klang Line	4 LRT Laluan Sri Petaling LRT Sri Petaling Line	6 ERL Laluan KLIA Ekspres ERL KLIA Ekspres Line	8 ERL Laluan Monorail KL ERL Monorail KL Line	10 MRT Laluan Putrajaya MRT Putrajaya Line	12 LRT Laluan Putrajaya LRT Putrajaya Line	P Tempat Letak Kenderaan Park and Ride
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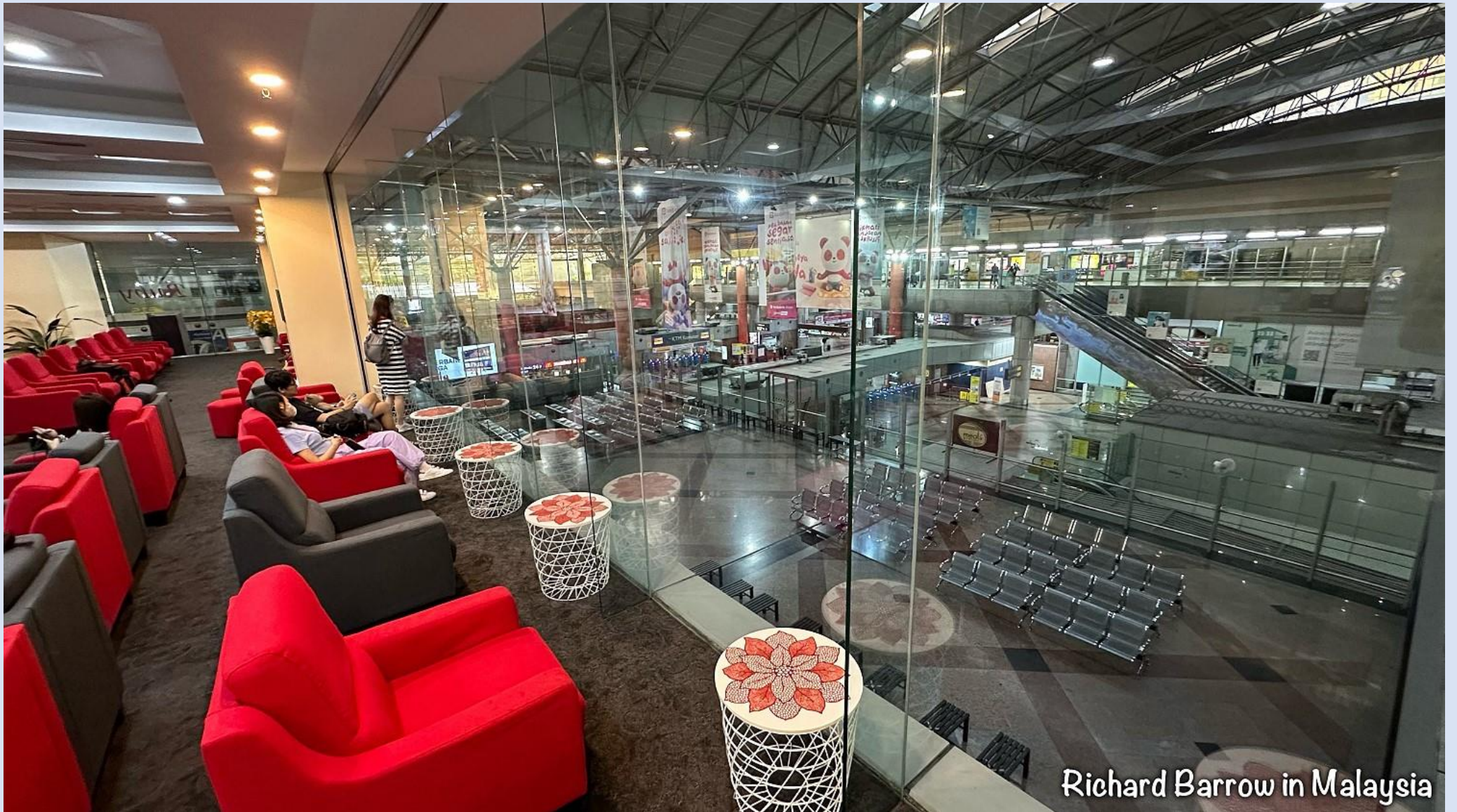


These are my notes for my train trip from **Kuala Lumpur to Butterworth** onboard **EP9172**. This left KL Sentral at 8:03 a.m. and arrived at 12:15 p.m., four hours and 12 minutes later. There are two classes. Tickets were 83 MYR (620 Baht) for regular class and 153 MYR (1,144 Baht) for business class. For this class, meals and drinks were included.



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EP9172: KL SENTRAL - BUTTERWORTH



If you are in Business Class and starting at KL Sentral Station, you should take advantage of using Ruby Lounge as you not only get a comfortable place to wait and free hot coffee, but you also get priority boarding.

Ruby Lounge is on the third floor above Departure Gate B. Take the lift behind it. Officially it will open at 7:10am for this train but we went in at 7:00am with no problem. They check your ticket in the lounge and so they won't do that again on the train.



About 20 minutes before departure, they will escort you down to the 1st floor in the lift and then through the ticket barrier and then down more escalators to the platform. Business Class is in Coach A at the back of the train. For the return journey, it's at the front of the train.


EP9172: KL SENTRAL - BUTTERWORTH




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In Business Class, you get served meals twice during the journey. You can also walk forward to the Bistro in Coach C if you are hungry or want more coffee. But the food we got was more than enough.

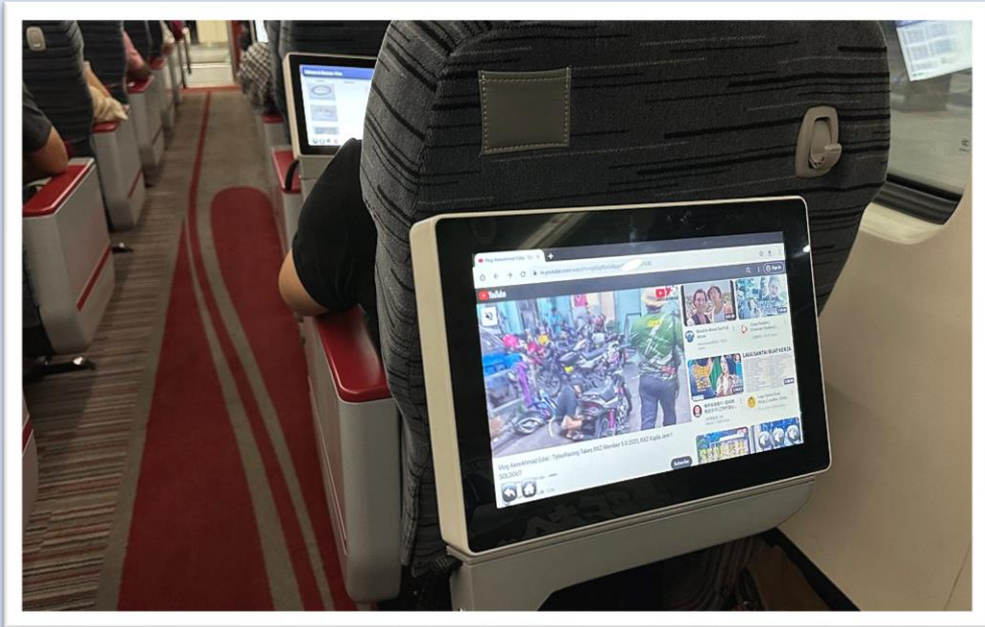


 **8:40 a.m.** – We were served breakfast after leaving Sungai Buloh Station. We were given a sandwich, fruit juice, a choice of coffee or tea, salted peanuts, and a Kit Kat.

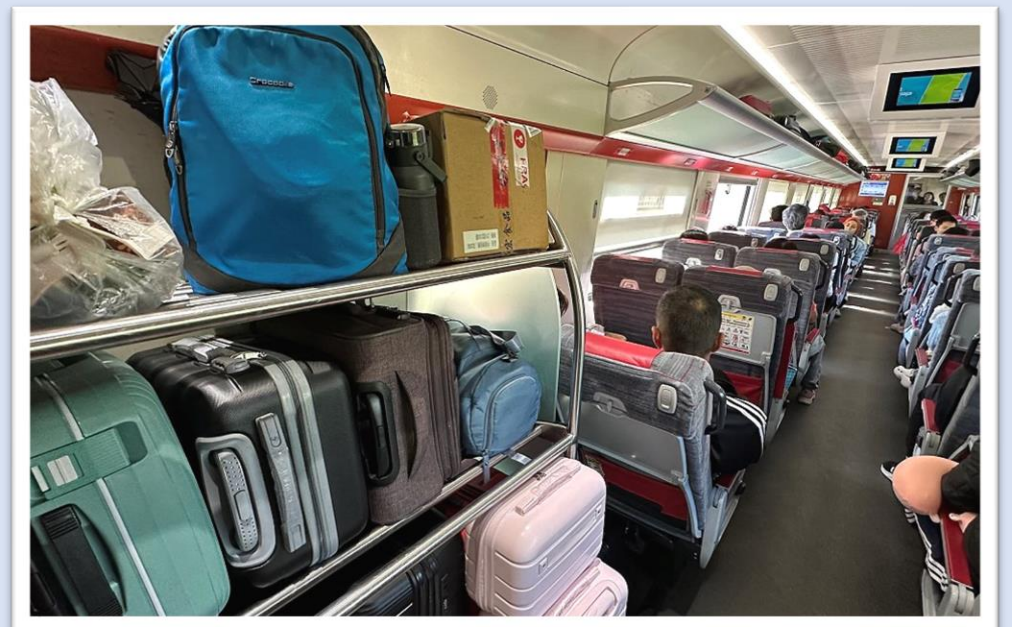
 **10:40 a.m.** – We were served lunch after departing from Ipoh Station. We were given white rice, chicken cooked in turmeric, and cabbage on the side. We were also given a bottle of water. The hot meal might vary on different days, but everyone will get the same.

EP9172: KL SENTRAL - BUTTERWORTH

The seating configuration in Business Class is 1 + 2 which means you have wider seats and a wider aisle. The seats can be swung around, unlike other carriages, and so you are always facing direction of travel. Leaving KL Sentral, the single seats are on the right.



Seats are well padded and recline. There's also plenty of leg room. There's a table and TV monitor in the arm rests on each side. For the latter you can watch YouTube. There are coat hooks to the side and another hook on the back of the seat in front. The windows have blinds. In the single seat there is a plug socket and two USB sockets in the wall. The double seat has one under the seat and one in front.



There are toilets at one end of coaches B, D and E. There are lights to say if they are occupied. They are very spacious and very clean. However, as there is only one per coach there might be a queue at times. Coach D has accessible toilets and extra space for wheelchairs. There is also a prayer room there. Luggage racks can be found at one end of each carriage. There are also overhead racks and space under your seats for smaller suitcases.

Coach C has the food and beverages Bistro. As well as hot and cold drinks, there are pre-cooked meals that they heat up in the microwave. There is limited seating here by the window. Half of this carriage are regular seats. Don't book the Bistro car unless you want food smells the whole journey!

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In regular class, the seats are in a 2 + 2 configuration. Slightly narrower and slightly less leg room but still comfortable. Half the carriage is facing backwards. But when you book online you can choose which direction you want to face. The seats in the middle have a table.

Unlike the Gemas to KL train, which we had caught the day before, the table has no legs blocking movement, so it is much better. Also, seats at each end face the middle of the train. On the Gemas train it was the opposite and each set of seats faced towards the end of the carriage. The padding in these seats were also thick compared to the Gemas train.



When the train comes into Butterworth, go up the steps or lift to the waiting area. After the ticket barriers, turn left and follow the signs to the ferry. If your train arrives early and you walk fast, you should be able to catch the 12:30pm ferry.

BUTTERWORTH - PENANG



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If you are arriving by train at Butterworth Station and want to transfer to Penang by boat, the procedure is quite simple. Come out through the ticket barriers and turn left. Then just follow the signs for about ten minutes. The ferry goes every 30 minutes. The ticket costs 2 MYR.

Please note, they no longer accept cash. You can buy the tickets online here: <https://ferry.penangport.com.my>. Tickets can only be purchased on day of travel.



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BUTTERWORTH - PENANG





NEW PENANG FERRY SCHEDULE WEEKDAYS & WEEKENDS

PANGKALAN SULTAN ABDUL HALIM (PSAH),
BUTTERWORTH

DEPARTURE	DEPARTURE
6:30	7:00
7:20	7:40
8:00	8:20
8:40	9:00
9:30	10:00
10:30	11:00
11:30	12:00
12:30	13:00
13:30	14:00
14:30	15:00
15:30	16:00
16:30	17:00
17:20	17:40
18:00	18:30
19:00	19:30
20:00	20:30
21:00	22:00
23:00	END

PANGKALAN RAJA TUN UDA (PRTU),
GEORGE TOWN

DEPARTURE	DEPARTURE
7:00	7:30
7:40	8:00
8:20	8:40
9:00	9:30
10:00	10:30
11:00	11:30
12:00	12:30
13:00	13:30
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16:00	16:30
17:00	17:20
17:40	18:00
18:30	19:00
19:30	20:00
20:30	21:00
21:30	22:30
23:30	END

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The first ferry from Butterworth is at 6:30 a.m. and the last ferry is at 11:00 p.m. The first ferry from Penang is at 7:00 a.m. and the last ferry is at 11:30 p.m.

The boat trip to George Town on Penang is only 15 minutes. There are buses and taxis near the pier. You can also order a Grab which is cheaper than a taxi.

Updated: 7th August 2023

PENANG ISLAND



In 1885, the Sarkies Brothers, renowned for their grand hotels like Raffles in Singapore, built the **Eastern & Oriental Hotel** on Penang Island. The result quickly became a symbol of Penang's cosmopolitan character. Near the pier can be found the former **Malayan Railway Building**. Although there was a ticket office, there were no trains or even tracks. Passengers transferred to Butterworth Station on the mainland by ferry.

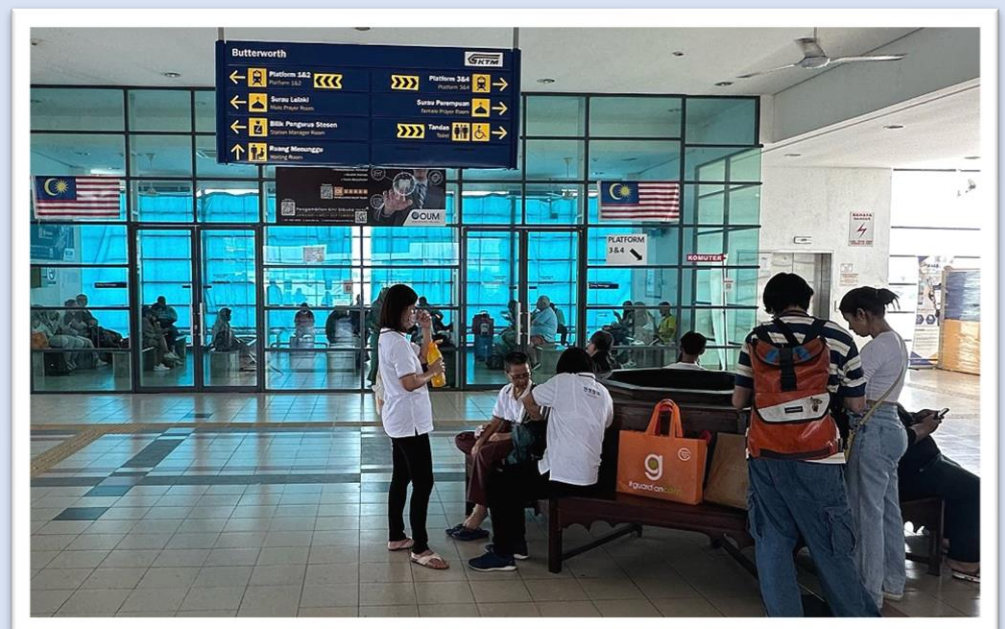
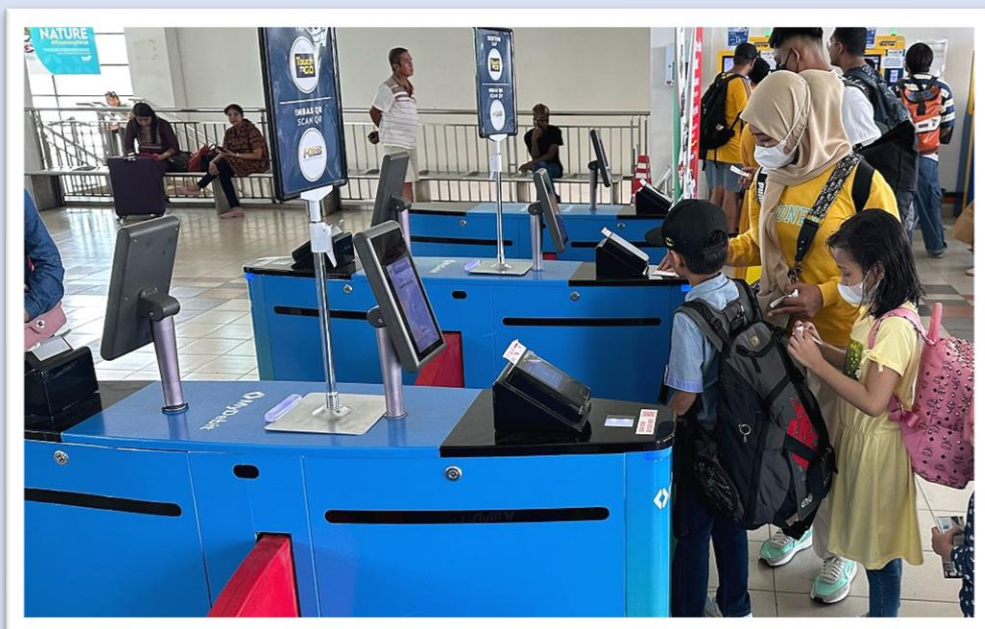


BUTTERWORTH STATION



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This is **Butterworth Station**. This is on a spur line for people wanting to go to the island of Penang. They have commuter trains from here to Padang Besar as well as long distance trains down south to Kuala Lumpur and even Gemas.



At **Butterworth Station**, if you have several hours to wait, it is best to do this at the mall next door. There are a number of restaurants and other shops there to help pass the time. There is a shop in Butterworth station, but it has limited snacks and drinks.

To pass through the ticket barriers, you need to scan the QR Code on your ticket. Don't go through too early as there's no food or toilets on the other side. Here you have to wait until you are called to go down to the platform about 20 minutes before departure. There are lifts throughout the station if you need one.

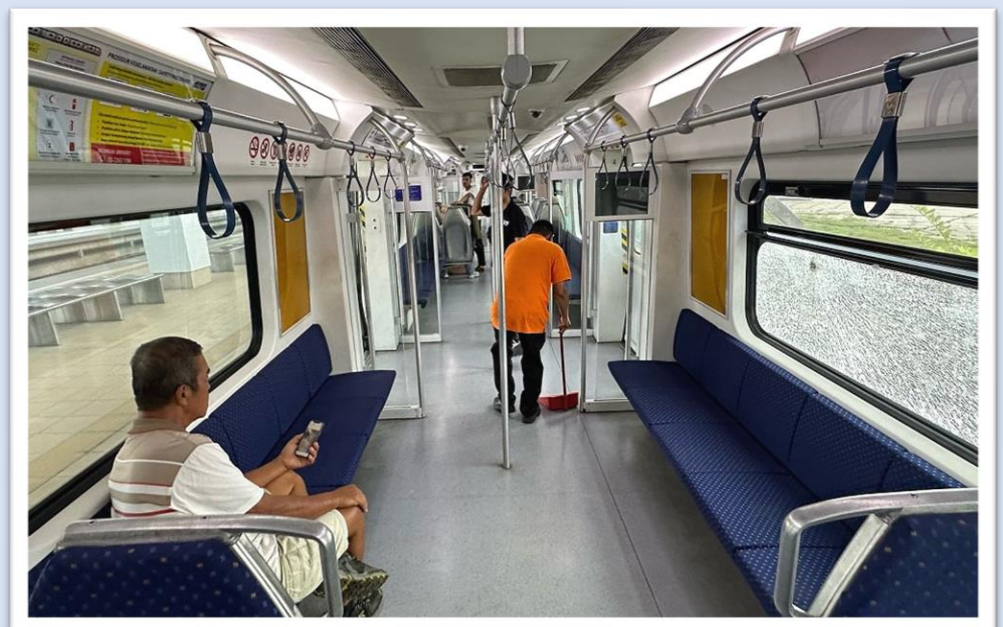
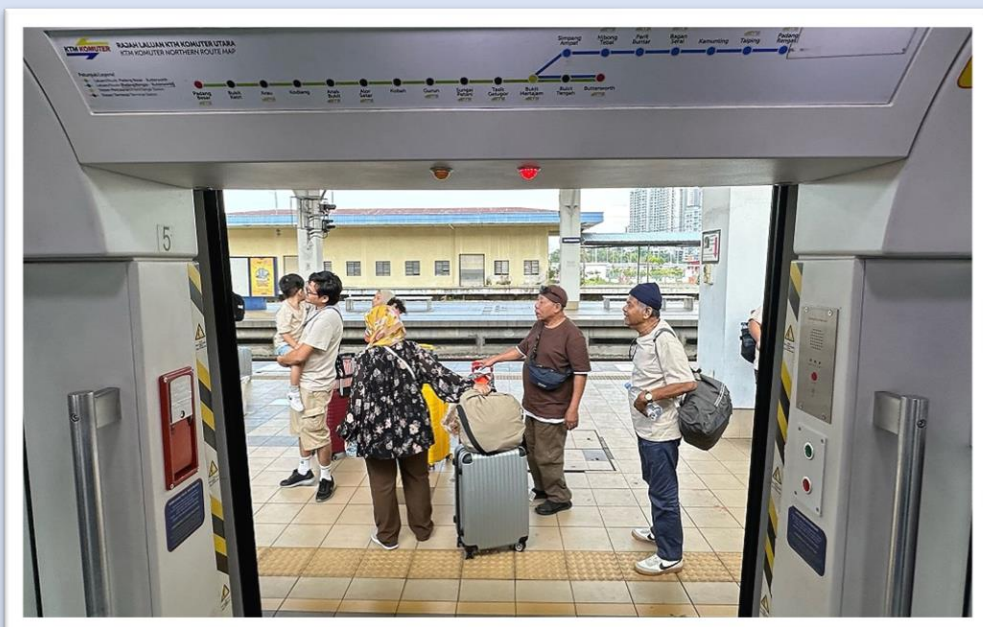
2968: BUTTERWORTH – PADANG BESAR



These are my notes for my train trip from **Butterworth to Padang Besar** onboard **Komuter 2968**. This left Butterworth at 2:35 p.m. and arrived in Padang Besar at 4:26 p.m. nearly two hours later. This is the Malaysian side of the border with Thailand. The ticket was 11.40 MYR. You can only buy this ticket on the day either at the station or online.

✅ **Buy Tickets:** <https://online.ktmb.com.my>

The electric train has six carriages. Two of them are labelled as “Ladies Only” but it is not strict on this line. Coach A and F only have commuter style seats facing inwards with straps for passengers who are standing. Coaches B-E have 12 seats facing forwards, 24 seats facing inwards, and another 12 seats facing backwards. Seats that face forward and backward have a proper back rest up to your head. The padding is thin but is comfortable enough for the short journey.

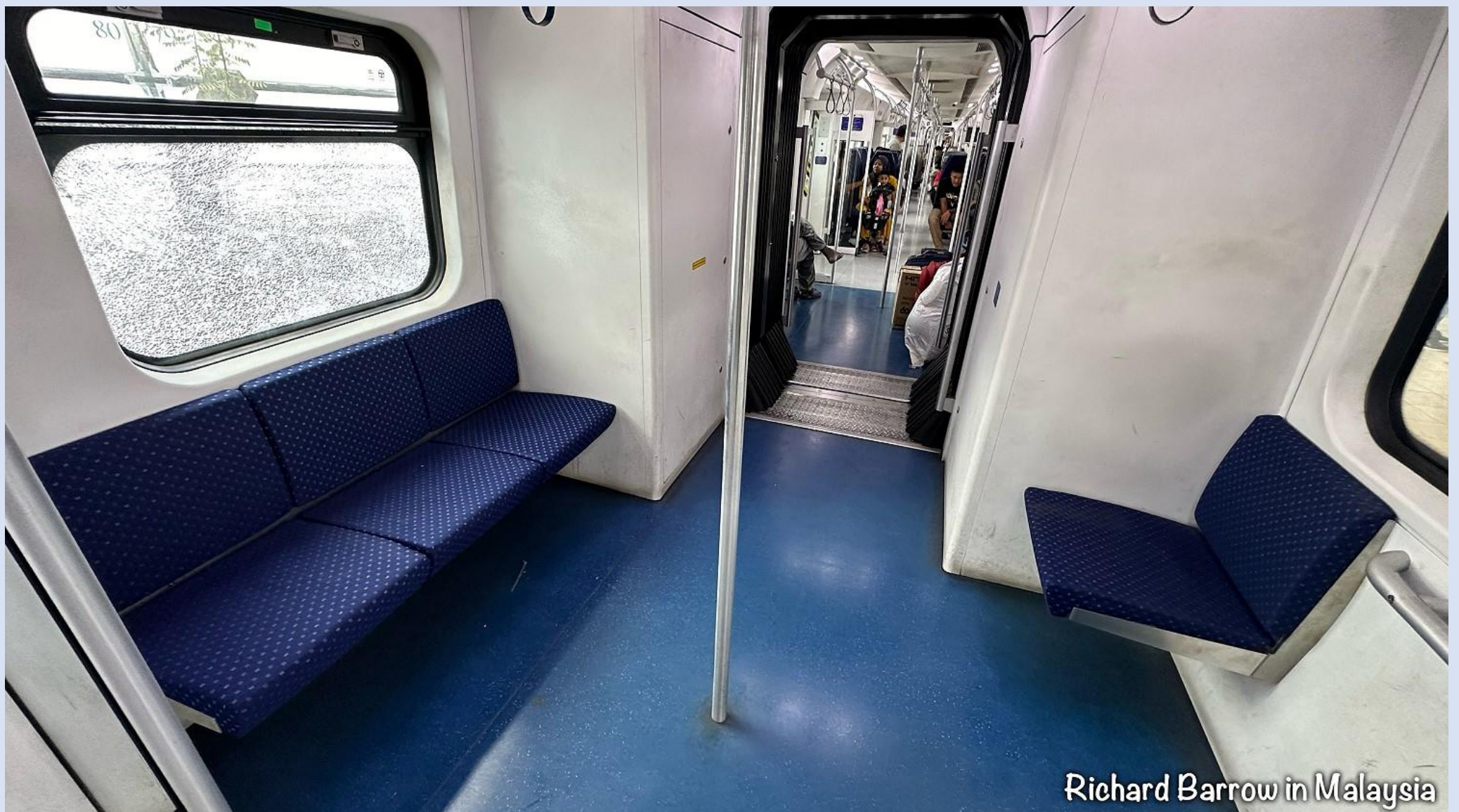


2968: BUTTERWORTH – PADANG BESAR



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You can walk down through all the carriages as it is open plan. There are no toilets so make sure you go before you board. At both ends of each carriage there is room for a wheelchair. Each carriage also has a few plug sockets if you really need one. Quite a few windows are shattered and so you cannot see a view from every seat.



Richard Barrow in Malaysia

PADANG BESAR STATION



On arrival at **Padang Besar**, proceed upstairs with everyone else. Here you pass through the automatic ticket barriers by scanning the QR Code on your ticket. There is a food court here. You can also buy SIM cards for both Thailand and Malaysia. If you are continuing onto Thailand by train, go to Departure Gate A next to the ticket office and wait there. About 20-30 minutes before departure, they will call you down to go through immigration.



SP EPX 46: PADANG BESAR - BANGKOK



Richard Barrow (ThaiTrainGuide.Com)

These are my notes for my train trip from **Padang Besar in Malaysia to Bangkok** onboard **Special Express No. 46**. This leaves at 6:00pm Malaysian time (5:00 p.m. Thai time) and arrives in Bangkok at 9:05 a.m. the next day. Tickets are 848 Baht for upper berth and 918 Baht for lower berth. You should buy your ticket for the sleeper train in advance, but you can try your luck at the ticket office. If you can't get a sleeper ticket, then buy a seat in the 3rd Class carriage to Hat Yai Junction where there's more train options for Bangkok.



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SP EPX 46: PADANG BESAR - BANGKOK



Thirty minutes before departure, an immigration officer opened the gate, and we all went downstairs. First Malaysian Immigration and then Thai immigration. I was out on the platform in less than 15 minutes. All very simple and quick. Much less stress compared to my flight a few days earlier.

It's not easy to do a proper review of the Padang Besar train as they don't always use the same carriages. Some are better than others. The one we had on this trip was probably the oldest and the least comfortable. The toilets were smelly right from the start.



It is a day and night carriage meaning that during the day there are seats facing each other on each side of the carriage. One seat for the person in the lower berth and one for the upper berth. Our carriage on this trip had no personal plug sockets for charging devices. However, the refurbished carriages have them.

SP EPX 46: PADANG BESAR - BANGKOK

It takes about 45 minutes to reach **Hat Yai Junction**. As soon as we arrived, vendors came onboard selling fried chicken and sticky rice and various drinks. Then, after Special Express No. 38 arrived from Sungai Kolok, our two carriages were shunted up and down and attached to the end of that train. We were now on a train with 12 carriages that included a dining car.



About half an hour after leaving Hat Yai, the carriage attendant started making up the beds. He used clean sheets and pillowcases, and the blanket came sealed in a plastic bag. No complaints about that. The bed was reasonably comfortable. But make sure you book the lower berth as the top one is too near the lights which are turned on all night. It's also colder up there.

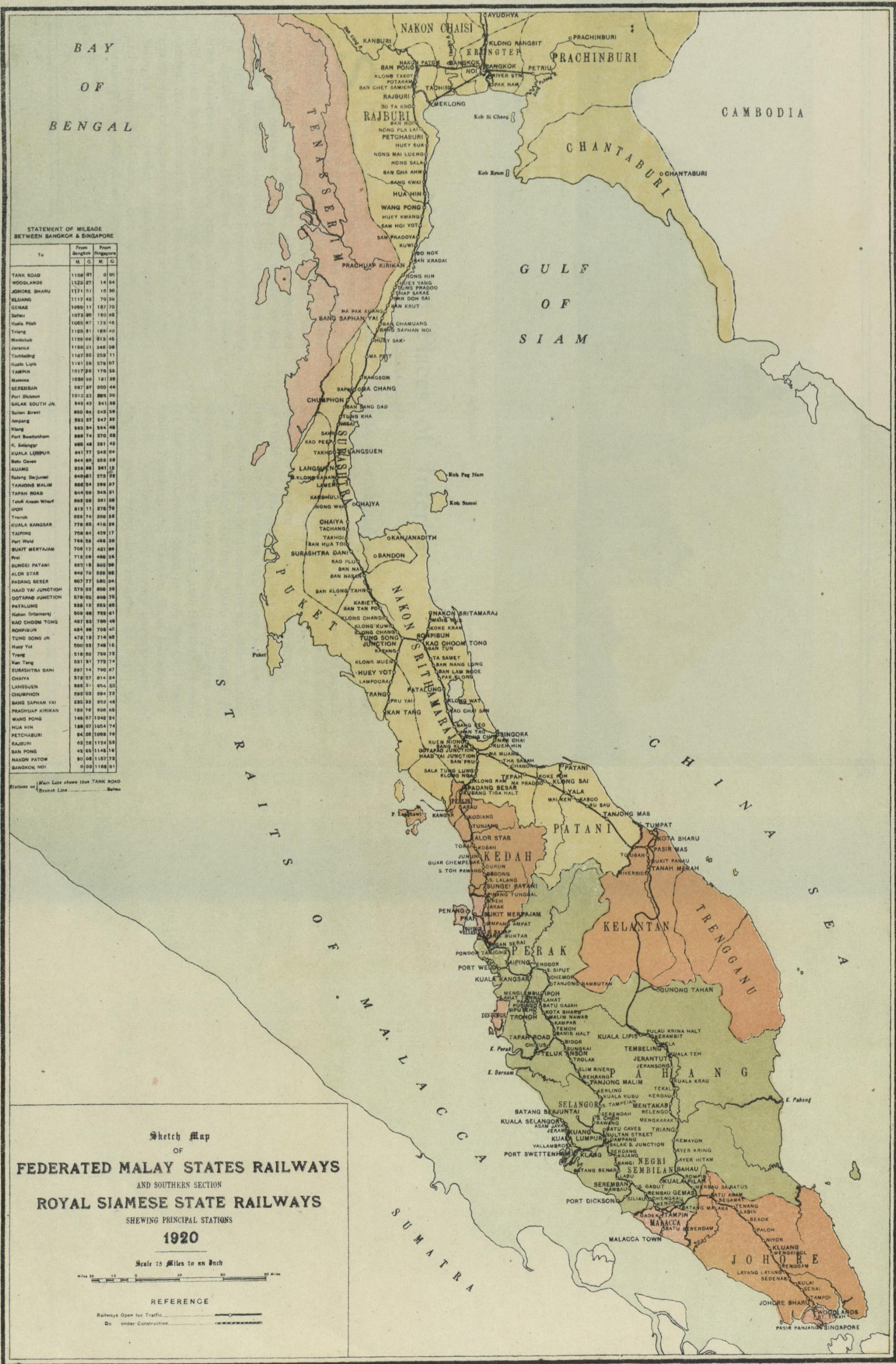
Waiters from the dining car go up and down all the time with a menu and taking orders. You can eat in your seat or go to the dining car to eat there. Set meals are 180-190 Baht which is expensive for what they are. Plus, the dining car is a bit grimy as the windows are open all the time.

Strangely, the air-conditioned dining car on the CNR sleeper has the same priced menu. Though this one does have "cheaper" boxed meals for 50 baht which they walk up and down with. Their coffee is also expensive at 40 baht. The same coffee at a station is only 10 baht.

In the morning, I went to the dining car to have breakfast and to enjoy the views in Prachuap Khiri Khan. Unfortunately, after the timetables changed, you pass through the most beautiful section in the darkness. Sunrise is now in Phetchaburi.

My journey to Bangkok went fine. I slept well in my bunk as I had a good quality eye mask and ear plugs. I just wish it was a better train to impress our Malaysian neighbours. It's not really a good first impression.

If you have any questions about this trip, please post them in the **Asian Train Guide** Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/asiantrainguide>



STATEMENT OF MILEAGE
BETWEEN BANGKOK & SINGAPORE

To	From Bangkok	From Singapore
	M. C. M. C.	M. C. M. C.
TANK ROAD	1159 01	0 00
WOODLANDS	1123 27	14 54
JOHORE BHARU	1171 51	16 30
KLUANG	1117 42	70 36
GEMAS	1080 11	187 70
Batu	1072 00	195 46
Kuala Peta	1063 87	173 40
Triang	1105 81	189 40
Meroh	1110 46	813 46
Jaroh	1156 01	246 00
Tanjong	1167 50	255 11
Kuala Lipis	1161 58	279 07
TAMPIN	1017 56	179 56
Masena	1030 59	181 58
SEREMBAN	987 87	200 44
Port Dickson	1012 23	205 50
SALAK SOUTH JN.	845 43	241 58
Sultan Street	850 84	245 59
Ampang	892 37	247 57
Klang	930 34	264 46
Port Swettenham	980 74	270 03
K. Selangor	980 48	281 40
KUALA LUMPUR	941 77	248 04
Batu Caves	944 05	353 48
KUANG	926 08	381 15
Batang Berjuntai	940 81	375 79
TAKONG MALIM	808 84	289 67
TAPAH ROAD	844 50	345 31
Teluk Anson Wharf	808 58	381 08
IPOH	812 11	378 70
Tronoh	888 74	350 53
KUALA KANGSAR	778 85	419 26
TAIPING	756 84	428 17
Port Weld	766 58	488 50
BUKIT MERTAJAM	708 12	481 84
Peri	715 08	488 56
SUNGEI PATANI	685 18	502 06
ALOR STAR	640 70	535 08
PADANG BESER	607 77	580 04
HAAD YAI JUNCTION	578 03	608 39
OOTAPAD JUNCTION	578 02	608 78
PATANG	538 18	659 66
Nakon Sritamaraj	509 48	722 41
KAO CHOO TONG	487 83	700 46
RONPISUN	484 88	708 40
TUNG SONG JN.	478 18	714 62
Huey Yot	500 53	748 16
Trang	518 50	750 73
Kan Tang	531 31	772 74
SURASHTRA DANI	397 14	790 67
CHAIYA	378 07	814 34
LANGSUEN	388 21	834 10
CHUMPHON	393 03	894 72
BANG SAPHAN YAI	325 33	952 48
PRACHUAP KIRIKAN	189 16	998 48
WANG PONG	146 57	1042 34
HUA HIN	188 07	1054 74
PETCHABURI	94 08	1093 76
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Sketch Map
OF
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SHEWING PRINCIPAL STATIONS
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THROUGH TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN THE PRINCIPAL STATIONS.

Stations.	Bangkok Time.	Singapore Time.				Stations.	Singapore Time.	Bangkok Time.			
DOWN.						UP.					
Bangkok Noi ... dep.	7 00	...	} Mon's.	Wed's.	Fri's.	Singapore (Tank Road) { dep.	7 00 p.m.	...	} Sat's.	Mon's.	Wed's.
Chumphon ... arr.	19 06	...				Kuala Lumpur ... arr.	6 45 a.m.	6 55 p.m.			
" ... dep.	7 00	...				" ... dep.	8 00	7 55 "			
Tung Song ... arr.	17 22	...	} Tues's.	Thurs's.	Sat's. or Sun's.	Penang " ... arr.	6 23 p.m.	...	} Sun's.	Tues's.	Thurs's.
" ... dep.	6 15	...				" ... "	...	6 43 a.m.			
Padang Besar ... arr.	13 52	2 12 p.m.									
" ... dep.	...	3 00	} Wed's.	Fri's.	Mon's.	Alor Star ... dep.	2 25 p.m.	...	} Mon's.	Wed's.	Fri's.
Alor Star ... arr.	...	4 47 "				" ... arr.	6 30	"			
" ... dep.	...	5 03				Padang Besar ... dep.	7 00 a.m.	...			
Bukit Mertajam arr.	...	7 48 "	} Thurs's.	Sat's.	Tues's.	" ... arr.	9 13	8 53	} Tues's.	Thurs's.	Sat's.
Penang ... "	...	8 50				Tung Song ... dep.	...	10 10			
Bukit Mertajam dep.	...	8 22				" ... arr.	...	17 41			
Penang ... dep.	...	8 00 a.m.	} Fri's.	Sun's.	Wed's.	" ... dep.	...	7 36	} Wed's.	Fri's.	Sun's or Mon's.
Kuala Lumpur ... arr.	...	6 25 a.m.				Chumphon ... arr.	...	17 56			
" ... dep.	...	7 30				" ... dep.	...	6 45			
Singapore { arr.	...	7 14 p.m.	} Thurs's.	Sat's.	Tues's.	Bangkok Noi ... arr.	...	19 14	} Thurs's.	Sat's.	Tues's.
(Tank Road) { "	...	8 16 a.m.									

A.—A Restaurant Car is attached to these trains from Bangkok Noi to Chumphon and from Prai to Johore Bahru and a Sleeping Saloon from Prai to Johore Bahru.

Stations.	Bang-kok Time.	Singapore Time.				
DOWN.						
Singgora ... dep.	6 00	...	}	Tues's.	Thurs's.	Sat's.
Padang Besar... arr.	9 11	9 31 a.m.				
" ... dep.	...	10 03 "				
Alor Star ... arr.	...	12 15 p.m.				
" ... dep.	...	2 50 "				
Bukit Mertajam arr.	...	5 34 "				
Penang ... "	...	6 38 "	}			
Bukit Mertajam dep.	...	8 22 "				
Penang ... dep.	...	+8 00 a.m.	}	Wed's.	Fri's.	Sun's.
Kuala Lumpur... arr.	...	+6 22 p.m.				
" ... dep.	7 30	8 30 "				
Singapore { arr.	7 14 p.m.	...				
(Tank Road) { "	...	8 16 a.m.		Thurs's.	Sat's.	Mon's.

† On Sundays leaves Penang 6.33 a.m. and arrives Kuala Lumpur 7.45 p.m.
* On Sundays leaves Kuala Lumpur 7.05 a.m.

A Restaurant Car and a Sleeping Saloon are attached to these trains from Prai to Johore Bahru.

C.—A Restaurant Car is attached to these trains from Johore Bahru to Prai and from Chumphon to Bangkok Noi and Sleeping Saloon from Johore Bahru to Prai.

Stations.	Singapore Time.	Bang-kok Time.			
UP.					
Singapore { dep.	7 00 p.m.	...	} Sat's.	Mon's.	Wed's.
(Tank Road) { "	...	7 07 a.m.			
Kuala Lumpur... arr.	6 45 a.m.	6 55 p.m.			
" ... dep.	8 00 "	7 55 "	} Sun's.	Tues's.	Thurs's.
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Bukit Mertajam "	8 22 "	...			
Alor Star ... arr.	11 06 "	...			
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Singgora ... arr.	...	17 46	} Wed's.	Fri's.	Sun's or Mon's.

† On Sundays leaves Kuala Lumpur 7.20 a.m. and arrives Penang 8.15 p.m.
* On Sundays arrives Kuala Lumpur 7.18 p.m.

A Restaurant Car and a Sleeping Saloon are attached to these trains from Johore Bahru to Prai.

Passengers require to change trains at Padang Besar.

Accommodation is available in the Rest Houses at Alor Star, Tung Song and Chumphon, and the application should be made direct to the Lessee as far in advance as possible.

TARIFF AT ALOR STAR.

	\$	cts.
Bedroom ...	1	50
Early morning tea ...		25
Breakfast ...		60
Tiffin ...	1	00
Dinner ...	1	25

TARIFF AT TUNG SONG AND CHUMPHON.

	Tcs.	stgs.
Early morning tea ...		50
Breakfast ...	1	50
Tiffin ...	2	00
Dinner ...	2	50

Each Room at Tung Song and Chumphon Rest Houses contains two beds and the charge is Tcs. 2 per person per night, but if a passenger wishes to reserve a room for himself he will be charged Tcs. 4 per night. The Lessee, will, however, provide a room for each passenger if possible.

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Sukhothai, Chalyaphum, Koh Kood,
Siem Reap, Khon Kaen, Lopburi, Ao Nang,
Koh Phayam, Koh Chang, Trat, Hat Yai,
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