

# HISTORY & HERITAGE



Bangunan Sultan Ibrahim  
at Bukit Timbalan

Get a glimpse of Iskandar Malaysia's rich history and multicultural heritage by exploring its most iconic buildings.

## BANGUNAN SULTAN IBRAHIM

Built by the British colonial government in 1940, this was once the tallest building in Malaya before the country's independence. This building housed the Chief Minister's office and the Johor State Legislative Assembly before both were moved to Kota Iskandar. *Bukit Timbalan, Johor Bahru*



## MUZIUM TOKOH

Originally known as Bangunan Dato' Jaafar, this building was built in 1886 as the official residence of Johor's first Chief Minister, Dato' Jaafar Muhammad. It sits on top of Bukit Senyum, overlooking the Straits of Johor and the rest of the city. *Jalan Yahya Al-Dattar, Johor Bahru*  
[www.ywj.gov.my](http://www.ywj.gov.my)

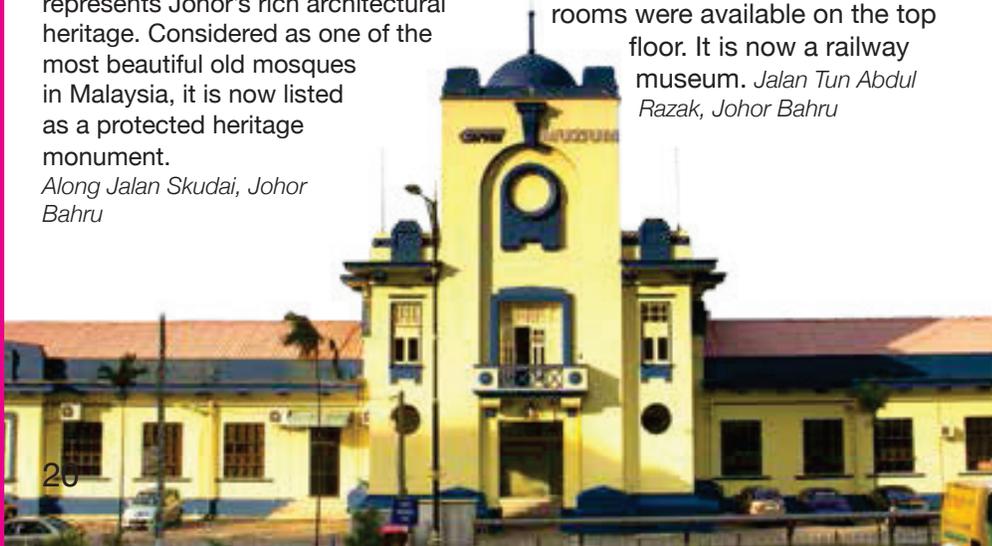


## MASJID SULTAN ABU BAKAR

Completed in 1900, this mosque sits on top of a prominent hill, overlooking the Straits of Johor. It represents Johor's rich architectural heritage. Considered as one of the most beautiful old mosques in Malaysia, it is now listed as a protected heritage monument. *Along Jalan Skudai, Johor Bahru*

## OLD JOHOR BAHRU RAILWAY STATION

This colonial-style structure was built in 1931. In the early days, guest rooms were available on the top floor. It is now a railway museum. *Jalan Tun Abdul Razak, Johor Bahru*





### JOHOR ANCIENT CHINESE TEMPLE

Known among locals as the Old Temple, this 150 year-old structure is a symbol of unity among the five different Chinese communities: Teochew, Hakka, Hainanese, Hokkien and Cantonese. *Jalan Trus, Johor Bahru*



### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Built in 1883, this church is one of the main Roman Catholic churches in Johor Bahru. The building's architectural features include a single steeple (with spire) in the British colonial style. *9, Jalan Gereja, Johor Bahru*  
[www.cicjb.org](http://www.cicjb.org)



### SIKH GURDWARA SAHIB

The Gurdwara Sahib Johor Bahru was built in 1921 as a place of worship for the Sikhs who settled in Johor in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Situated opposite the Galleria @ Kotaraya shopping mall, this temple is a popular stop for heritage aficionados.  
*Jalan Trus, Johor Bahru*

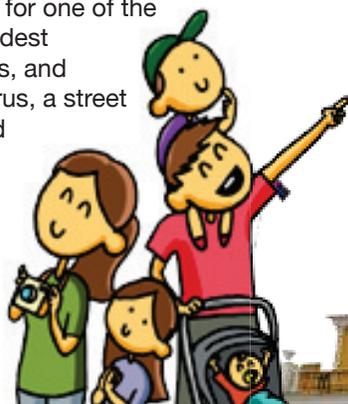
### DATARAN BANDARAYA

Johor Bahru's main square with the landmark clock tower, built following the declaration of Johor Bahru as a city in 1994. It has a wide open green lawn, fountains and big screen TVs – the best place for parades and big commemorative events.  
*Jalan Sungai Chat, Johor Bahru*  
[www.mbjb.gov.my](http://www.mbjb.gov.my)



### JALAN DHOBY/JALAN TRUS

A visit to Johor Bahru is never complete without a walk along its two nostalgic streets—Jalan Dhoby, famous for one of the city's oldest bakeries, and Jalan Trus, a street steeped in rich retail history.



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Muzium Layang-Layang

## MUZIUM LAYANG-LAYANG

The first museum in Malaysia to showcase everything about kites, with more than 200 on display. A place for kite enthusiasts, it was built with the help of local and international kite flyers. *Komplek Pusat Bandar, Pasir Gudang* • [www.pelayangjohor.com](http://www.pelayangjohor.com)



## SRI RAJA MARIAMMAN TEMPLE

Built in 1911, this temple features typical icons from the Hindu pantheon including striking statues of gatekeepers at the entrance. The temple is busy with flower sellers all year round, especially during Hindu festivals. *Jalan Unku Puan, Johor Bahru*  
[www.rajamariammanjb.com](http://www.rajamariammanjb.com)



## MUZIUM TIONGHUA

Learn about the Chinese community in Johor Bahru and their contributions to the city. There's also a cultural street show every Saturday morning. Come and enjoy! *No. 42 Jalan Ibrahim, Johor Bahru* • [www.jb-tionghua.org.my](http://www.jb-tionghua.org.my)

## GALERI SENI

This museum houses a good number of modern Malaysian paintings and other artefacts – ceramics, Islamic calligraphy, traditional clothing and historic weapons. *144 Jalan Petri, Johor Bahru*

## COMING SOON!

Watch out for the soon to be reopened ROYAL MUSEUM of JOHOR. *Jalan Seri Belukar, Kebun Merah, Johor Bahru*



Galeri Seni

# MODERN HERITAGE



Bangunan Sultan Ismail

Bangunan Sultan Ismail, home of Malaysia's first "parliament", is designed based on the Islamic philosophy that harmonises humanity, the State and nature. Combining unique Johor-Malay aesthetics with Moorish-Andalusian elements, this architectural gem features symbols that reflect Johor's rich history and culture.

## VISITING KOTA ISKANDAR

Kota Iskandar offers Guided Tours for visitors to learn about Johor's administrative centre and living legacy. Standard packages include a guided tour, access to the Assembly Hall, an ID card and refreshments.



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## WATCH JOHOREAN STATE ASSEMBLY LIVE!

Here you can actually catch democracy in action at the State Legislative Assembly Hall, Malaysia's first state assembly that's open to the public.

## TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK

You can also relax in the many lush gardens, such as the fragrant **Laman Kasturi** (Musk Lime Garden) and **Laman Bunga Rampai** (Potpourri Garden). A tropical oasis with a relaxing waterfall can even be found indoors at the **Jauhar Atrium**.

For more info on Kota Iskandar, log on to [www.kotaiskandar.com](http://www.kotaiskandar.com)

### Useful Tips

**#1** Make the most of your experience by choosing a guided tour, available daily except Mondays and public holidays.

**#2** Make sure to check with your travel agents on the times and dates of the state assembly sessions.

**#3** There's a strict dress code that you should adhere to when visiting the state assembly.

