

TRI-STATE FAMILY DAY TRIP TO KUALA SELANGOR

The MMA branches of Selangor, Wilayah Persekutuan and Negeri Sembilan jointly organized a family day trip to Kuala Selangor for their members and immediate family on Saturday, 24th June 2023. It was a full day of fun filled activities in the historical town of Kuala Selangor. A total of 27 people participated in this family day trip. We departed from Subang Jaya at 7.30 am in a tour bus and arrived at Kuala Selangor at 8.30 am.

TAMAN ALAM (NATURE PARK)

The tour started with a visit to the Taman Alam Nature Park in Kuala Selangor. The flora and fauna in the mangrove forest was very refreshing and rejuvenating. We walked the 3 kilometer trail over 1.5 hours.



BUKIT MELAWATI

After the Nature Park we took a tram ride up Bukit Melawati which is next to the Nature Park. On arrival at the hill top we were greeted by hundreds of Macaques and Silver leaved Monkeys which climbed all over tram and also on to our shoulders and heads. This was an interesting and unique welcome experience. We enjoyed feeding the monkeys. The view of the Straits of Malacca from the hilltop was very breath-taking. The canons on display next to the lighthouse were the remnants from the old Bugis and later Dutch forts. The small museum on the hilltop gave us interesting information on the history of Kuala Selangor.



SKY MIRROR

After a quick lunch we boarded the speedboat at the jetty for our boat ride to SKY MIRROR which is in mid sea in the straits of Malacca, off the coast of Kuala Selangor. After 30 minutes of boat ride, we arrived at the Sky Mirror site. A Sky Mirror is an area in the sea where the sea bed almost reaches the surface of the sea. During high tide it is completely submerged. However, during low tides, the ground (sea bed) just about appears above the water surface. The shallow water reflects the whole sky and everything above the surface producing the mirror effect. We spend about an hour and half taking photos (with mirror images) in various poses. The tour operators are very skillful in taking these mirror-image photos.

After returning from the sky mirror trip we had fresh seafood dinner in a restaurant next to the pier.



[EAGLE FEEDING / FIRE FLY / BLUE TEARS](#)

At 6.30 pm we boarded the speedboat for our ride to the estuary of Selangor River for the Eagle Feeding experience. **Eagle Feeding** will be a wonderful experience in Kuala Selangor. The tour guide will bring the food (chicken skin) and throw them onto the water. Hundreds of eagles swarm around our boat to feed on them.

After the Eagle Feed trip, the boat took us upstream to the mangrove shores to witness the Fireflies. Along the great bends and curves of Selangor River we witnessed the fireflies' mesmerizing displays. It was like "Christmas Trees" on the river banks.

After the Fireflies tour the boat took us back to the estuary of Selangor River to see the Blue Tears. Kuala Selangor's "Blue Tears" is a natural night-time phenomenon caused by Dinoflagellates, an algae or marine plankton that emits blue-green light at night. We used nets provided by the tour operator to stir up the water so that the bioluminescence is more visible. The boat tours finished at about 8.30 pm and we started on our return journey to Subang Jaya.



After the very delightful experience of both land and sea tours we returned with wonderful memories.

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