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Melaka City Centre Shopping by Lek Boonlert

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From night markets to traditional bazaars to ultramodern shopping centres, the Melakans love to shop and if shopping is your thing too then youâ€™ve come to the right place. If you are looking for everyday produce with the Melakan slant on things, you can do no better than visiting one of the many night markets. If locally produced art, craftwork and antiques is more your thing then try the colonial Dutch buildings on Jonkers Street which house a wonderful selection of shops. Remember to make sure you give yourself plenty of time to browse and to haggle. For locally produced crafts visit the Intocraft centre for ceramics style pottery, batik and traditional Nonya footwear.

During your stay make sure you also visit Dataran Pahlawan Melaka which is the largest shopping mall in the city. This megamall is themed to bridge old and new, and you will learn about the history of shopping, right from the days of bartering, as you browse. In addition to retail outlets, this large mall houses many fine cafes, restaurants and a variety of entertainment areas including a cinema.

Visitors who love to shop will also appreciate the Jalan Hang Tuah mall which was designed to merge the modern shopping centre with traditional night markets. The installation of bright sparkling lights in the mall has made it easy for tourists to wander along the streets to select a favourite eatery or where to stop for a cool drink.

Melaka city centre hotels are within easy walking distance to all types of retail outlets, making this Malay city a great place for shoppers.

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