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[Take LATAR Expressway This Hari Raya Break and Discover 15 Golden Travel Spots](#)

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KUALA LUMPUR --- With the Hari Raya break round the corner, fret not for ideas of where to visit. Interesting places abound for the family to explore when on the new LATAR Expressway – a 33km dual carriageway stretch of easy driving -- and a whole array of travel gateways open up for the entire family. And it's toll-free until 31 August 2011.

If your idea is to spend time watching birds in Nature Park, trace the historical sights of Bukit Malawati or feast your eyes on fireflies by night in Kampung Kuantan in Kuala Selangor, then take the LATAR Expressway and be there in less than an hour.

Working closely with the Majlis Daerah Kuala Selangor (MDKS), LATAR Expressway is promoting the touristic spots that one can access through its expressway and four interchanges.

"Local tourism here at Kuala Selangor will see a big boom given that one can reach Ijok in Kuala Selangor district within a convenient 18 minutes using the LATAR Expressway. In fact interest has mounted for these touristic spots as many have discovered from our Facebook promotions," said KL-Kuala Selangor Expressway Berhad Chief Executive Officer Amran Amir.

Opened to the public since 23 June, LATAR Expressway has charted all the places of interest that are accessible from the expressway by the motoring public. And the result is a fascinating list of 15 golden travel spots that aim to delight the entire family.

These places of interest are clearly postmarked on the LATAR Expressway, and with four well-located interchanges throughout the expressway, getting there is easy and convenient. The 15 golden travel spots for families include:

- Golden Monkey Colony – at Bukit Malawati where you will find the silver leaf monkeys with their golden monkey offsprings.
- Kuala Selangor Nature Park – offering views of spectacular migratory birds and other animals
- Kuala Selangor Fishing Village – offering cheap and choice seafood restaurants
- Pantai Remis – offering a pristine beach beside Pantai Indah Resort, food and souvenir stalls on weekends and public holidays
- Mangrove Forest Reserve – is located at Pantai Indah Resort, replete with small prawns, fishes, hermit crabs, clams and cockles. The beach is also a treat for seashell collectors and educational tours and activities.
- Bukit Malawati Historical Hill – has historical and heritage value, it being the site of the first Selangor Sultanate's Palace and location of the Altingsburg light house.
- Sekinchan Paddy Fields – is the country's golden rice bowl, which would delight the artist or painter
- Tanjung Karang Fishing Village – features as an old fishing village dotted with seafood restaurants
- Kampung Kuantan Fireflies Sanctuary and Kampung Bukit Belimbing Firefly Park – offer well-organised boat rides for firefly watching in their natural habitat.
- Sungai Buloh New Market – the place for seafood and other delicacies in Jeram.
- Pasir Penambang market – sells both fresh and dried seafood.
- Fresh Water Fish Aquarium – an educational spot for understanding fresh water fish and its history.
- Hutan Lipur Kancing – an excellent picnic spot with waterfalls to thrill.
- Templer's Park – this beautiful park is a precious repository for flora and fauna, and one of the last proper green lungs within the city outskirts. Located within the park are some beautiful multi-tiered waterfalls that are popular with tourists and visitors during the weekend.
- Taman Rimba Komenwel – is another popular resort with the locals and tourists. There are accommodations.

Said Shahrein Zainal, a father of four: "We had such a fabulous time at the bird sanctuary in Kuala Selangor Nature Park. We exited at Ijok and were at the bird place within minutes."

For another local tourist, Maniam Selvadurai aged 28, getting to the firefly colony in Kampung Kuantan with his family was according to him a breeze. "My family and I were traveling from Rawang to Kuala Selangor; we took the LATAR Expressway at the Taman Rimba Templer Interchange and from there on, it was a straight route in the direction of Kuala Selangor to watch the fireflies. What a treat it was for my younger siblings," said Maniam.

Another Kuala Lumpurian, Zainunreen Mohamad, said he and his family were amazed at the golden monkey off springs of the silver leaf monkey species, saying, "We have never seen such delightful creatures that really mesmerised my children. They were thrilled to the core of their bone marrow. All this just a half hour away from Kuala Lumpur if you take LATAR Expressway."



Golden Monkey Colony



Zainunreen Mohamad's family enjoying moments with the Silver Leaf Monkeys



Tourists at Silver Leaf Monkey Colony