

Batu Caves – January 22, 2017 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

We were rested and full of energy or at least some energy. Nancy thought we needed to practice our navigation and driving skills, found the Batu Caves and thought this site would be interesting to visit and off we go.

The caves are a Hindu shrine and dedicated to Lord Murugan. Lord Murugan is the Hindu god of war. He is the Commander-in-Chief of the army of the devas. He is also the primary deity of the Kaumaram sect Hinduism.

The Chinese were the first to use the caves – they dug up the bat guano and used the guano to fertilize their crops.

You see the statue of Lord Murugan long before you pull into the parking area.



We toured three of the four large caves. The first cave we explored was the Ramayana Cave that depicts the story of Rama.



Next up for us the Temple Cave. Only 272 steps to the entrance. Believe me it's not as easy as one might think. We used the Macaque monkeys as an excuse to catch our breath.



Once you reach the entrance you still have lots of steps. Note the steepness of the steps. And yes, it is a big cave.



On our way down from Temple Cave we stopped to do the Dark Caves. This is a series of caves – some narrow, some wide, and some very large – which have been left natural. Before you enter the cave (by tourist groups with a guide) you are issued hardhat and torch (flashlight). We both thought this was an interesting tour and enjoyed every step.

A photo of the largest statue of Lord Murugan in the world! In the background are the previous climbed – up and down – concrete stairs.



And always the religious/retail shops between you and your car.



May you be blessed with escalators rather than concrete steps.