

## ***Day 25 – Flight changes and Petronas Towers [Tuesday 15-Feb-2011]***

Got up fairly early and worked on yesterday's diary. I had a morning call with GSN back in Waltham.

We also used the morning time to think about what we should do next and what to do about the stop-over in the Maldives. We debated if to leverage our stop in Dubai or if to purchase a side ticket and visit Phuket in Thailand. The warnings about Dubai from the US State Department were sufficiently ominous to re-consider that alternative. So we settled for Phuket, which is no cake walk either.

At first, we tried to visit a local travel agent in Chinatown, but that was a no-go. We then took a train to KL Central, where Malaysia Airlines has a big office. It was a challenge to work change the ticket to depart one week later from Kuala Lumpur to just transit through the Maldives and then to add an additional flight. Part of the problem is that our Visa cards do not appear to be supported in most places we go. So we had to take out cash on several occasions. But we got the tickets settled in the end.



**We wandered into one area of Chinatown. Behind the storefronts are more store “layers”**

The store fronts have little stands in the alleys. Behind them are more stores and restaurants.



**Wandering around stands in Kuala Lumpur's Chinatown**



**Looked good, tasted good but I am not sure what we ate, except the rice**

After we had done some shopping in Chinatown, we went back to the Guest House. I bought a new watch, btw. I paid a total of \$5 for it.

We rested a bit. While I was fiddling with the computer a major rain came through. It really poured outside. Fortunately, it stopped by the time we were ready to get back out again. We walked over to the train station and took a train to KL City Center, since we wanted to see the famous Petronas Towers.



**Malaysia is Muslim country: this is the side of the train in Kuala Lumpur**



**Impressive: The Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur used to be the world's tallest**



**There is a nice park behind the Petronas towers**



**Another side shot of the Petronas Towers in Malaysia**



**Evening shot of me and Lilli by the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur**



**Lilli is getting ready to be served an evening snack in Kuala Lumpur's Chinatown**



**Lilli is serving up some good Chinese food with cold Carlsberg beers**



**My table neighbor from Saigon showed me a real \$100B bill from Zimbabwe.**

After eating a good meal, we headed back to the hostel and ate some of the fruit that I bought and then watched the final bits of “There is something about Mary”. Those weird looking fruits are cousins to the lychee, but they were not as tasty. Note to self: they have big rats in Chinatown.