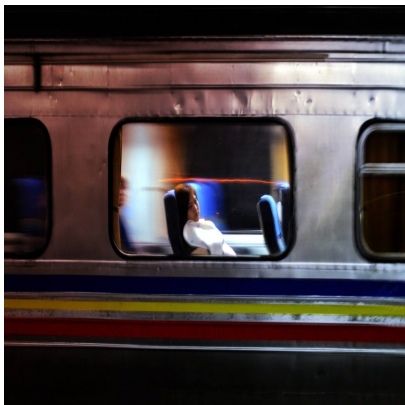




KTM Shuttle Selatan: Plan the JB Sentral Connection

Description

Shuttle Selatan is a Malaysian domestic rail service introduced on 16 June 2026. One sector runs Kulaiâ??Kempas Baruâ??JB Sentral; the other runs Kempas Baruâ??Pasir Gudang, making Kempas Baru the interchange. It is not the Shuttle Tebrau border train. KTM lists about 35 minutes for the 34km Kulaiâ??JB Sentral sector and 40â??45 minutes for the 25km Kempas Baruâ??Pasir Gudang sector. [KTM Shuttle Selatan fact sheet](#). [KTM current train-time hub](#).

Choose the branch that matches the case

Situation	Next step
Starting at JB Sentral for Kulai	Use the Kulaiâ??Kempas Baruâ??JB Sentral sector
Travelling between JB Sentral and Pasir Gudang	Plan a change at Kempas Baru and verify both trains
Boarding at Pasir Gudang	Expect the special onboard mobile-handheld purchase process and cashless payment
Crossing from Singapore	Book the border segment separately; Shuttle Selatan starts within Malaysia

What the official record establishes

- [KTM Shuttle Selatan fact sheet](#): KTM states the route pattern, service design, trip counts, indicative journey times and ticketing conditions.
- [KTM current train-time hub](#): KTM lists the current Shuttle Selatan Kulaiâ??Kempas Baruâ??JB Sentral timetable effective 16 June 2026 and current timetable files.

Keep three services separate

Shuttle Tebrau crosses between Woodlands and JB Sentral. Shuttle Selatan connects points within Johor. ETS is a separate longer-distance service. [KTM Shuttle Selatan fact sheet](#).

Build the journey as separate tickets and time blocks so a delay at immigration is not hidden inside a domestic connection.

Read the two sectors

The Kulai route serves three stations and has ten trips daily in the fact sheet. The Pasir Gudang sector serves two stations and has four trips, with Kempas Baru linking them. [KTM Shuttle Selatan fact sheet](#).

A “trip” in the fact sheet may refer to a scheduled movement; verify the direction and current timetable for the chosen date.

Use the correct ticket channel

KTM lists QR tickets, Komuter Link and its mobile channels for station access. At Pasir Gudang, the fact sheet says tickets are purchased onboard through crew mobile handheld devices. [KTM Shuttle Selatan fact sheet](#).

For Pasir Gudang’s special onboard mobile-handheld purchase, the fact sheet specifies a cashless method. Verify current methods separately for other stations.

Budget the interchange

A 35-minute and a 40–45-minute ride do not create a 75-minute through journey unless the schedules connect perfectly. Add platform finding, buffer and any ticket validation.

Treat the through time as a timetable calculation, not a fixed promise.

Check last-mile transport

The fact sheet notes local bus connectivity and service information, including operating context from 7am to 10pm. Last-mile frequency and the walking route still need a same-day check. [KTM Shuttle Selatan fact sheet](#).

Save the destination in the local map and know whether a bus, ride-hail or pickup is the fallback.

Design the connection around missed-train consequences

Write down the arrival train, intended onward service, next acceptable service and the point at which you would switch to another plan. Add time for immigration, station movement, ticket collection rules and an unfamiliar platform. Do not build a separate ticket into an assumed protected connection.

When the itinerary depends on a last service or a fixed event, the consequence of a miss matters more than the shortest theoretical transfer. Use KTM's current timetable and booking record on travel day, not a screenshot saved weeks earlier.

Calculate a connection as four time blocks

Separate immigration and arrival uncertainty, movement within the station, scheduled waiting time and the Shuttle Selatan ride. For a Kempas Baru change, repeat the exercise for the second train and identify the next workable service if the first is missed.

Adding 35 minutes and 40-45 minutes produces only a ride-time subtotal. It is not a through journey estimate until the current timetable and transfer wait are added.

Protect the return journey from the last-service problem

Work backwards from the last acceptable arrival at JB Sentral or the border connection. Note the latest departure that still leaves a fallback, the cashless method available and the destination's last-mile option.

If a missed train would strand the traveller or break a fixed appointment, choose an earlier sector. A short scheduled ride can still be a fragile itinerary when frequencies are limited.

Keep both timetable directions

Save the outbound and return files with their effective date; a route name alone does not identify direction or day.

Reopen KTM's train-time hub on travel day because a previously downloaded file can remain on a phone after the service changes.

Work the example before the real decision

A traveller reaches JB Sentral at 10am and wants Pasir Gudang. They first find a JB Sentral-Kempas departure, then a separate Kempas-Pasir Gudang train, add at least one missed-connection buffer and confirm the special Pasir Gudang ticket method for the return. The 40-45-minute sector time is not presented as the total trip.

Checklist

1. Separate the border train from Shuttle Selatan
2. Choose Kulai or Pasir Gudang sector
3. Check both directions on the travel date
4. Add a Kempas Baru interchange buffer
5. Prepare cashless payment for the Pasir Gudang special channel

6. Plan the destination's last mile

Mistakes to avoid

- Calling Shuttle Selatan the border train
- Adding ride times without connection wait
- Assuming the Pasir Gudang special channel accepts cash
- Using one ticket assumption for every station
- Ignoring the return timetable

Related next reads

After choose the right sector, connection and ticket method without confusing Shuttle Selatan with Shuttle Tebrau, a reader can [connect JB Sentral with Senai Airport](#), or [compare another Johor visit](#).

Questions readers ask

When did Shuttle Selatan start?

KTM introduced it on 16 June 2026.

Where do passengers change for Pasir Gudang?

Kempas Baru is the interchange.

Is cash accepted?

The fact sheet specifies cashless payment for Pasir Gudang's special onboard channel; verify other stations separately.

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