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MEDAN NIAGA SATOK
This is the biggest market in Kuching with an assortment of products ranging from fresh vegetables, jungle ferns, fruits to traditional snacks and handicrafts. It has a lively and colourful atmosphere with five main complexes including a food court and cafeteria. The market is especially busy on Saturday afternoons.
Tel: 082 422 578 / 414 744 (Sarawak FAMA Office)

DARUL HANA BRIDGE AND MUSICAL FOUNTAIN
Darul Hana Bridge or Golden Bridge is a stunning landmark in the city. Situated along Kuching Waterfront, this 335-metre 'S' shaped pedestrian bridge connects Kuching North and Kuching South. Morning peace and tranquility in Arabic, the Darul Hana Bridge features traditional and modern design elements including stylised hornbills which denote the state's emblem. It is open daily from 6.00am to 12.00 midnight. As the sun sets, the bridge is transformed into an eye-catching attraction with colourful lights. The bridge is also a good vantage point to enjoy the dazzling spectacle of the Darul Hana Musical Fountain. Spanning 80 metres long with an impressive nine foot wall, the fountain shoots water nearly 25 metres upwards. This fountain is set against the new State Legislative Assembly (DUN) complex, facing the Kuching Waterfront.

ISLAMIC HERITAGE MUSEUM
Visitors can get a wealth of information on the history and development of Islam in Sarawak as well as the Malay Archipelago. Browse through its seven galleries to view Islamic architecture, decorative arts, costumes as well as literature and sciences.
Tel: 082 244 232 (Sarawak Museum Department)

DBKU ORCHID GARDEN
Spread over 15.4 acres, this beautiful garden showcases 75,000 plants from 82 genera. It is divided into two areas; made up of a nursery and a display area. Among the highlights to look out for include the exquisite Norman Orchid (phalaenopsis bellina), the state flower of Sarawak and the Lady's Slipper (cypripedium sarranienum), another famous type of orchid found in Borneo. The Orchid Garden is situated overlooking Kuching Waterfront.

DUN BUILDING (STATE LEGISLATIVE COMPLEX)
The Sarawak Legislative Assembly Building is an iconic edifice in Kuching, with a distinctive umbrella shaped roof. It is the venue of the state legislative assembly sittings. Standing at 114 metres, this nine-storey building features state-of-the-art automation systems, multimedia communication facilities and environment friendly features. The State Legislative Assembly Complex is situated along the north bank of the Sarawak River.

FORT MARGHERITA (BROOKE GALLERY)
Situated along the Sarawak River, Fort Margherita is a hilltop fortress that was built in 1879 to protect Kuching from intruders and pirates. Fort Margherita was named after Raneë Margaret, the wife of Sir Charles Brooke, the second Rajah of Sarawak. An evening stroll here affords a pleasant view of the waterfront, river and surrounding areas. Visitors can take a water taxi from the Waterfront jetties to visit the fort.

KUCHING WATERFRONT
Stretching about 1km in length, Kuching Waterfront is popular for its historic buildings, hotels and dining outlets. It is surrounded by sightseeing spots such as the Old Courthouse, Sarawak Tourism Complex, Astana, Square Tower and Chinese History Museum. Kuching Waterfront is a good place to hang out or begin your discovery of the city.
Tel: 082 512 200 (Devan Bandaraya Kuching Utara)

TUA PEK KONG TEMPLE
This ornate Chinese temple is said to be one of the oldest in Sarawak, with a history dating back to 1843. It is perched atop a hill, with a commanding view of the river and the Main Bazaar shopping street. This temple is said to have been one of the few buildings that survived the Great Fire of Kuching, which took place in 1884. Its location is purported to have the best *feng shui* (Chinese geomancy) in Kuching.

Legend

- Built-up Area
- Field / Recreation
- River / Lake
- Major Road
- Secondary Road
- Place of Interest
- Information Centre
- Visitors' Information Centre
- Hotel
- Shopping
- Hospital / Clinic
- Police Station
- Fire Station
- Dining
- Jetty
- Bus Station
- Taxi Station
- Post Office
- Library
- Sports Complex
- Important Landmark, University / College
- Place of Worship

KAMPUNG BOYAN AND KAMPUNG GERSIK (MALAY VILLAGES)
Situated along the Sarawak riverbank, Kampung Boyan and Kampung Gersik are Malay villages that are easily accessible by the local boat or *perahu penambang*. These villages are defined by traditional Malay homes and rustic surroundings. They are best known for the iconic Sarawak Layer Cake. Enjoy freshly baked cakes and local Malay food at these villages.

CAT MUSEUM
Kuching, or fondly known as 'Cat City' is home to the world's first cat museum. It houses an assortment of information associated with the furry feline, from factual information, to history, legends and trivia. Spread over four galleries, this museum showcases more than 4,000 exhibits such as paintings, photos, feline art pieces and souvenirs. This museum is situated in the Kuching City North City Hall building.

PLACES OF INTEREST

- Astana B2
- Borneo Convention Centre Kuching F2
- Carpenter Street (Chinatown) B2
- Cat Statue B2
- Civic Centre A3
- Darul Hana Bridge & Musical Fountain B2
- Darul Hana Mosque C2
- DBKU Orchid Garden B2
- DUN Building (State Legislative Complex) B1
- Fort Margherita (Brooke Gallery) B2
- Great Cat of Kuching C3
- Heroes' Monument A3
- India Street Pedestrian Mall A2
- Islamic Heritage Museum A3
- Japanese War Memorial B4
- Kampung Boyan (Malay Village) B2
- Kampung Gersik (Malay Village) B2
- Kuching Division Mosque A2
- Kuching Waterfront B2
- Main Bazaar B2
- Masjid India Bandar Kuching B2
- Padang Merdeka A2
- Sarawak Ethnology Museum A3
- Sarawak River Cruise B2
- Songket & Keringkam Gallery A3
- Tanoti House B3
- Textile Museum B2
- Tua Pek Kong Temple B2
- Tun Jugah Textile Museum and Gallery B2
- War Memorial (Heroes' Grave) A3

ENTERTAINMENT/ SHOPPING/DINING

- Aroma Cafe B3
- Centrepoint B2
- Hills Shopping Mall B3
- Hopok Shopping Centre A3
- India Street Pedestrian Mall A2
- Kozl Square A4
- Lapau Restaurant B3
- Main Bazaar B2
- My Village Barok B2
- Plaza Merdeka Shopping Complex A2
- Sarawak Plaza B2
- The Dyak (Non-Hala) B4
- The Spring Shopping Mall C4
- Top Spot Food Court B3
- Tun Jugah Mall B2
- Wisma Saberkas A4
- Wisma Satok A3

FACILITIES

- Kuching Fire & Rescue Station C3
- Kuching Sentral Bus Terminal A4
- MBSK Swimming Pool C3
- Pandalela Rinong Aquatic Centre B1
- Police Station A3, A4, B3, C3, E2, F1
- Post Office B2, C3, E3
- Sarawak General Hospital A4
- Sarawak River Cruise Jetty B2
- Sarawak State Library B1

HOTEL

- 360 Xpress Citycentre B3
- Abell Boutique Hotel B2
- B&B Inn B3
- Borneo Hotel B3
- Central Inn B3
- Citadines Uplands Kuching B4
- Dormani Hotel A2
- Dorset Boutique Hotel C3
- Fata Garden Hotel B3
- Grand Continental Hotel B2
- Grand Margherita Hotel B3
- Harbour View Hotel B2
- Hilton Hotel Kuching B2
- Hua Kuok Inn B3
- Hung Hung Inn A4
- Imperial Riverbank Hotel B2
- Kingwood Inn Kuching C3
- Kuching Park Hotel C3
- Liwah Hotel Kuching B3
- Lot10 Boutique Hotel C3
- Mayfair Hotel A3
- Merdeka Palace Hotel & Suites A3
- Merlin Hotel C3
- My Place Hotel & Lodge B3
- Oriental Inn C3
- Penview Inn Kuching E3
- Pullman Kuching Hotel B3
- Regal Court A2
- Riverside Majestic Hotel B3
- Roxy Hotel Padungan C3
- Samudra Hotel A3
- Telang Usan Hotel B3
- The Lime Tree Hotel B3
- The Regency/Rajah Court Hotel E3
- Thompson Inn A3
- Tune Hotel B2
- Waterfront Hotel A2

INFORMATION CENTRE

- Visitors' Information Centre (Sarawak Tourism Board) A2

Malaysia

Situated in the heart of Southeast Asia, Malaysia is a vibrant destination with a diversity of cultures and traditions. This tropical paradise boasts pristine jungles and verdant national parks that are teeming with numerous species of birds and wildlife. Malaysia's sun-drenched islands and beaches are home to a stunning range of marine life. Its natural wealth is complemented by magnificent modern landmarks and heritage buildings. There is something to charm every visitor, be it a history-lover, nature-enthusiast, sun-seeker or an avid shopper. Explore the length and breadth of the country to discover the many attractions of Malaysia!



Sarawak

Occupying the southwestern ridge of Borneo, Sarawak is an adventure destination unlike any other. It is Malaysia's largest state and one of the two states that make up East Malaysia. The state is home to a UNESCO World Heritage Site, numerous protected national parks, the world's largest cave chambers as well as razor-sharp limestone pinnacles. Primates such as the orang utan and proboscis monkey are among the state's treasures. Visitors can see Rafflesia, the world's largest flower as well as palms and orchids. The vast number of hornbills found here has made Sarawak to be fondly known as the 'Land of the Hornbills'.

GETTING THERE

Sarawak is well-connected to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's capital city. It is also easily accessible from Sabah and Labuan. Sarawak has direct air links with several other countries. In addition, regular ferry services connect Sarawak to Labuan.

GETTING AROUND

Despite the vast size of the state, getting around Sarawak is fairly convenient with a good network of roads and rural air services. There are a number of smaller airports and airstrips in Sarawak, situated in Miri, Bintulu and Sibü.



PLACE OF INTEREST



TANJUNG DATU NATIONAL PARK KUCHING

Covering an area of only 14 sq km, this is the smallest national park in the state. Tanjung Datu National Park is less accessible compared to other parks, but the beautiful sights, pristine beaches and seclusion make it a perfect holiday destination. Visitors can marvel at unusual plants and trees such as the Putat tree, Strangling Figs, Umbrella Palms and Sea Morning Glory which blossom in a riot of colours. Website: www.sarawakforestry.com



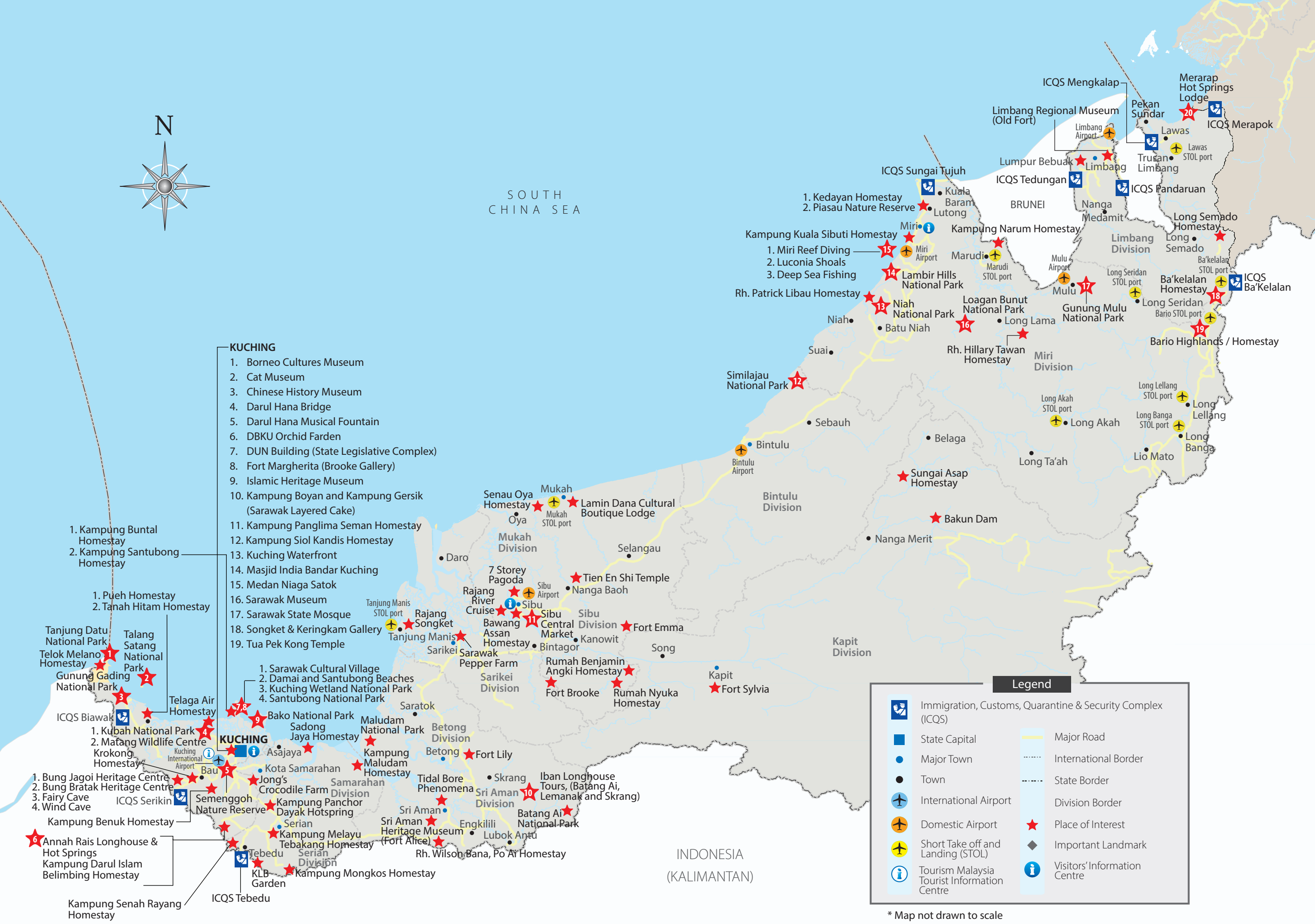
SHOPPING

There is never a dull moment when you go shopping in Sarawak. The state is known for its bewildering range of crafts, beads, basketry, woven fabrics, pottery and many more. The Main Bazaar offers rows and rows of shops filled with souvenir items and collectibles that will enchant shoppers. Among the most popular items on the shopping list include the Pua Kumbu textile which is fashioned as table runners, cushion covers or bags. Bamboo mats in all shapes and sizes are another favourite item. Sarawak is also known for its pottery which boasts distinct designs. For something different, take home the world-famous Sarawak pepper.



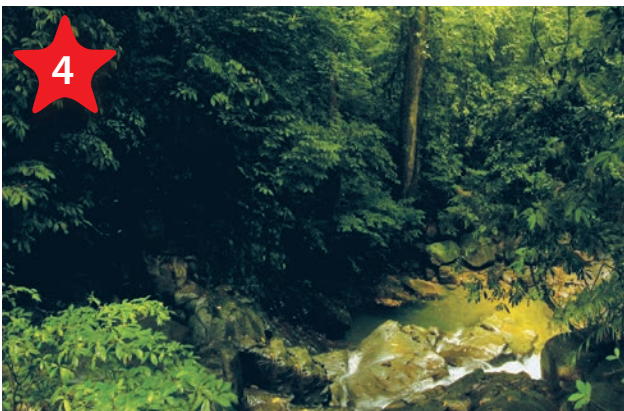
DINING

Sarawak has an irresistible range of delicacies that will tempt the taste buds of travellers. Try the signature Sarawak Laksa – a spicy and sour noodle dish or savour Kolok Mee, a Chinese noodle dish tossed with lard, garlic oil and black vinegar. Seafood lovers can delight in Ikan Terubok, a salted fish that is fried or grilled. Muslim visitors can look out for *halal* signboards at restaurants for a pork-free version of the state's delicacies. Sarawak's ethnic fare include Midin (a jungle fern), Manok Pansoh (a chicken dish), Umai (a raw fish salad) and Bubur Pedas (spicy porridge). For sweet endings, try the pretty and colourful Sarawak Layer Cake. If you love fruits, don't leave without trying the sweet and juicy Sarawak pineapple.



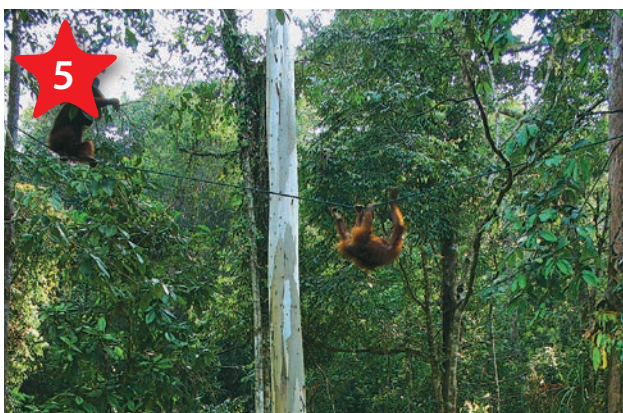
GUNUNG GADING NATIONAL PARK LUNDU

This park boasts an extraordinary attraction – it is home to Rafflesia – the world's largest flower. Other activities here include hiking along the jungle trails, trekking to the summit of Gunung Gading and visiting the waterfalls and streams nearby. The park is accessible from Kuching on a day trip. Tel: 082 735 144 (Gunung Gading National Park) / 082 248 088 (Booking Office) Website: www.sarawakforestry.com



KUBAH NATIONAL PARK KUCHING

Covering 2,230 hectares, the national park is known for its amazing collection of palms. It is said that there are nearly a hundred palm species in an area of just 22 sq. km. With its scenic sights, Kubah National Park has been the site of movies such as 'Farewell to the King' and 'The Sleeping Dictionary'. The park is situated about 22km from Kuching. Website: www.sarawakforestry.com.my



SEMENGGOH NATURE RESERVE PADAWAN

A short distance away from Kuching, this nature reserve serves as a temporary home for injured and orphaned orang utans. It has also developed into a learning centre about orang utans as well as other rare and endemic species. Visitors can catch sight of the orang utans during the feeding times, while appreciating the rare flora and fauna. Tel: 082 618 325 (Semenggoh Main Office) Website: www.sarawakforestry.com



ANNAH RAIS LONGHOUSE AND HOT SPRINGS, PADAWAN

Located about 60km from Kuching, this longhouse offers a chance to experience the traditional lifestyle of the local folk. Watch cultural performances, try your hand at playing the musical instruments, learn how to prepare local delicacies or go trekking to enjoy the outdoors. Trips to Annah Rais Longhouse must be pre-arranged. Take a dip at the nearby hot springs and find yourself feeling rejuvenated. The natural hot springs is just a short drive up the road from the longhouse.



SARAWAK CULTURAL VILLAGE DAMAI

Touted as the 'living museum', this award-winning attraction is situated about 32km from Kuching. It is a microcosm of Sarawak, showcasing the cultural diversity of the ethnic groups. Visit the traditional dwellings of the Melanau, Bidayuh, Iban and Orang Ulu communities and get a glimpse of their lifestyle. Don't miss the elaborate cultural performance held twice daily. Sarawak Cultural Village is the location of the annual Rainforest World Music Festival. Tel: 082 846 108 Website: www.scv.com.my



DAMAI AND SANTUBONG BEACHES

The Santubong peninsula is the location of some of Sarawak's finest beaches and beach resorts. Set against the backdrop of the imposing Gunung Santubong with sweeping views of the South China Sea, these beaches are popular among holidaymakers from all over. The award-winning Sarawak Cultural Village is also situated here.



BAKO NATIONAL PARK KUCHING

Bako National Park is the oldest national park in Sarawak. It is also the most accessible national park from Kuching. Bako is home to proboscis monkeys, long tailed macaques, plantain squirrels, mouse deer and about 150 species of birds. Nearly every type of vegetation in Borneo can be found here, making it an ideal destination for visitors with a limited time. Tel: 012 878 0784 (Bako Terminal) / 082 370 434 (Bako National Park)



IBAN LONGHOUSE TOURS BATANG AI, LEMANAK AND SKRANG

Enjoy a longboat journey that takes you into the heartland of the Iban tribe. These tours take visitors to the traditional longhouse settlements to experience the culture and lifestyle of one of the largest and well-known ethnic groups in Sarawak. The Iban people are famed for their warm hospitality and visitors can see activities such as blowpipe demonstrations, basket weaving, cooking in freshly cut bamboo tubes, native dances and many more.



SIBU CENTRAL MARKET

The Sibü Central Market offers interesting and lively sights of traders selling a variety of items in a clean and hygienic setting. This is the largest market in Sarawak, offering everything from exotic fruits and vegetables of the rainforest to handicrafts and poultry. The Sibü Market is situated along Jalan Channel opposite the Express Boat Passenger Terminal.



SIMILAJAU NATIONAL PARK BINTULU

Similajau National Park is known for its scenic coastline, emerald waters and golden beaches. Its most prominent attraction is the trails that run along the coastline. About 24 species of mammals have been sighted in this park. It is also a paradise for birders with over 185 species of birds. The park lies 30km from Bintulu town. Website: www.sarawakforestry.com



NIAH NATIONAL PARK MIRI

Dubbed as the 'cradle of human civilisation in the region', Niah National Park is one of the most important archaeological sites in the world. This primary rainforest is the site of numerous artefacts and ancient tombs. Highlights include the Great Cave which contains excavation sites and the Painted Caves which feature ancient drawings of the journey to afterlife. Tel: 085 737 454 / 737 450 (Niah National Park and Wildlife Office) Website: www.sarawakforestry.com



LAMBIR HILLS NATIONAL PARK

Lambir Hills National Park is said to have one of the world's greatest levels of plant diversity. Its 6,952 hectares of land is covered in lowland dipterocarp and heath forests. Its tall trees rise to a height of 450 metres and the forest canopy is home to 237 species of birds. Visitors can access this park within 40 minutes' drive from Miri. Tel: 011-6572 9433 / 011-6573 0144 Website: www.sarawakforestry.com



MIRI REEF DIVING

The recently discovered Miri reef offers a fantastic experience for dive enthusiasts. Hard and soft corals, together with anemones, sponges, crinoids, coral fishes and other reef creatures make the seascape colourful and exciting. Wreck diving enthusiasts will be thrilled to discover two wrecks at a depth of 18 metres. With a visibility of 10 to 30 metres, Miri's underwater haven is a must on every diver's itinerary. Tel: 085-434 181 (Miri Visitors Information Centre)



LOAGAN BUNUT NATIONAL PARK MIRI

Situated around Sarawak's largest natural lake, this park is the site of an unusual aquatic ecosystem. Depending on the time of the year, the lake fills or dries up into a shallow muddy pool. This cycle of drought and flood produces an extraordinary food chain for aquatic and terrestrial creatures. Enjoy the attractions of this park, from longboat rides to watching fishermen use traditional fishing methods. Website: www.sarawakforestry.com



GUNUNG MULU NATIONAL PARK MIRI

Sprawling over 52,865 hectares, Mulu National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is Sarawak's largest national park, comprising a vast wilderness, magnificent karst formations and extensive cave networks. Mulu National Park boasts astounding attractions such as the world's largest cave passage and Asia's longest cave. Tel: 085 792 600/601/602/603 (Borsarmulu Park Management)



BA' KELALAN MIRI

Ba' Kelalan is a group of nine villages situated amidst the cool Bario Highlands at about 3,000 feet above sea level. It is one of the most important settlements of the Lun Bawang ethnic group. Ba' Kelalan produces highland rice, and mountain salt is obtained from nearby hills. The remoteness of this area makes it a great spot for trekking. Ba' Kelalan is connected by air to the towns of Miri and Lawas. Tel: 085-434 181 (Miri Visitors Information Centre)



BARIO HIGHLANDS MIRI

The remote Bario Highlands is situated on the northeast of Sarawak. It is the home of the Kelabit people, one of the smallest ethnic groups in the state. Situated at an altitude of 3,280 metres above sea level, the highland is home to unspoilt flora and fauna. Bario is the producer of a special variety of highland rice. The highland is accessible by air from Miri. Tel: 085-434 181 (Miri Visitors Information Centre)



MERARAP HOTSPRINGS LODGE LAWAS

Hidden deep in the Ba' Kelalan forest is the Merarap Hot Springs Lodge. The water from the natural hot springs is channelled into dip pools for visitors to relax. The raging Trusan River situated nearby is excellent for white water rafting. The lodge is situated about 70km from Lawas and is only accessible via a four-wheel drive. It can accommodate up to 30 visitors at one time. Tel: 012 661 1160