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**1 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)



**2 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. Meaning peace and tranquility in Arabic, the Darul Hana Bridge features traditional and modern design elements including stylised hombills 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.



**3 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)



**4 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 Normah Orchid (*phalaenopsis bolina*), the state flower of Sarawak and the Lady's Slipper (*paphiopedilum sandaratum*), another famous type of orchid found in Borneo. The Orchid Garden is situated overlooking Kuching Waterfront.



**5 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.



**6 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 Margherita, 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.



**7 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)



**8 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
- Tourism Malaysia Tourist 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



**9 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.



**10 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	FACILITIES	HOTEL	INFORMATION CENTRE
Astana	Kuching Fire & Rescue Station	360 Xpress Citycentre	Visitors' Information Centre (Sarawak Tourism Board)
Borneo Convention Centre Kuching	Kuching Sentral Bus Terminal	Abell Boutique Hotel	
Carpenter Street (Chinatown)	MBSK Swimming Pool	B&B Inn	
Cat Statue	Pandalela Rinong Aquatic Centre	Borneo Hotel	
Civic Centre	Police Station	Central Inn	
Darul Hana Bridge & Musical Fountain	Post Office	Citadines Uplands Kuching	
Darul Hana Mosque	Sarawak General Hospital	Dorland Hotel	
DBKU Orchid Garden	Sarawak River Cruise	Fata Garden Hotel	
DUN Building (State Legislative Complex)	Sarawak State Library	Grand Continental Hotel	
Fort Margherita (Brooke Gallery)		Grand Margherita Hotel	
Great Cat of Kuching		Grand Supreme Hotel	
Heroes' Monument		Harbour View Hotel	
India Street Pedestrian Mall		Hilton Hotel Kuching	
Islamic Heritage Museum		Hua Kuok Inn	
Japanese War Memorial		Hung Hung Inn	
Kampung Boyan (Malay Village)		Imperial Riverbank Hotel	
Kampung Gersik (Malay Village)		Kingwood Inn Kuching	
Kuching Division Mosque		Kuching Park Hotel	
Kuching Waterfront		Luwah Hotel Kuching	
Main Bazaar		Lot10 Boutique Hotel	
Masjid India Bandar Kuching		Mayfair Hotel	
Padang Merdeka		Merdeka Palace Hotel & Suites	
Sarawak Ethnology Museum		Meritin Hotel	
Sarawak River Cruise		My Place Hotel & Lodge	
Songket & Keringkam Gallery		Oriental Inn	
Tanoti House		Penview Inn Kuching	
Textile Museum		Pullman Kuching Hotel	
Tun Jugah Textile Museum and Gallery		Regal Court	
War Memorial (Heroes' Grave)		Riverside Majestic Hotel	
		Roxy Hotel Padungang	
		Samudra Hotel	
		Telang Usan Hotel	
		The Lime Tree Hotel	
		The Spring Shopping Mall	
		Thompson Inn	
		Tune Hotel	
		Waterfront Hotel	



# 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!



## S SHOPPING

There is never a dull moment when you go shopping in Sarawak. The state is known for its bewildering range of crafts, beads, baskets, 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.



## D 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 Klok 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 park-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.

# 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'.

## GT 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.

## GA 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 Sibul.



## POI 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](http://www.sarawakforestry.com)



### TALANG SATANG NATIONAL PARK

Talang Satang is Sarawak's first marine national park, established to protect and conserve marine turtles. The park is made up of four islands - Pulau Talang Besar, Pulau Talang Kecil, Pulau Satang Besar and Pulau Satang Kecil. Collectively, these islands are known as 'Turtle Islands' because they comprise 95% of the state's turtle landings. Only the largest island, Pulau Talang Besar, is open to visitors. Overnight stays are not permitted.

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### 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](http://www.sarawakforestry.com.my)



### 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.



### 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.



### 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.



### 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](http://www.sarawakforestry.com)



### 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](http://www.sarawakforestry.com)



### 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.

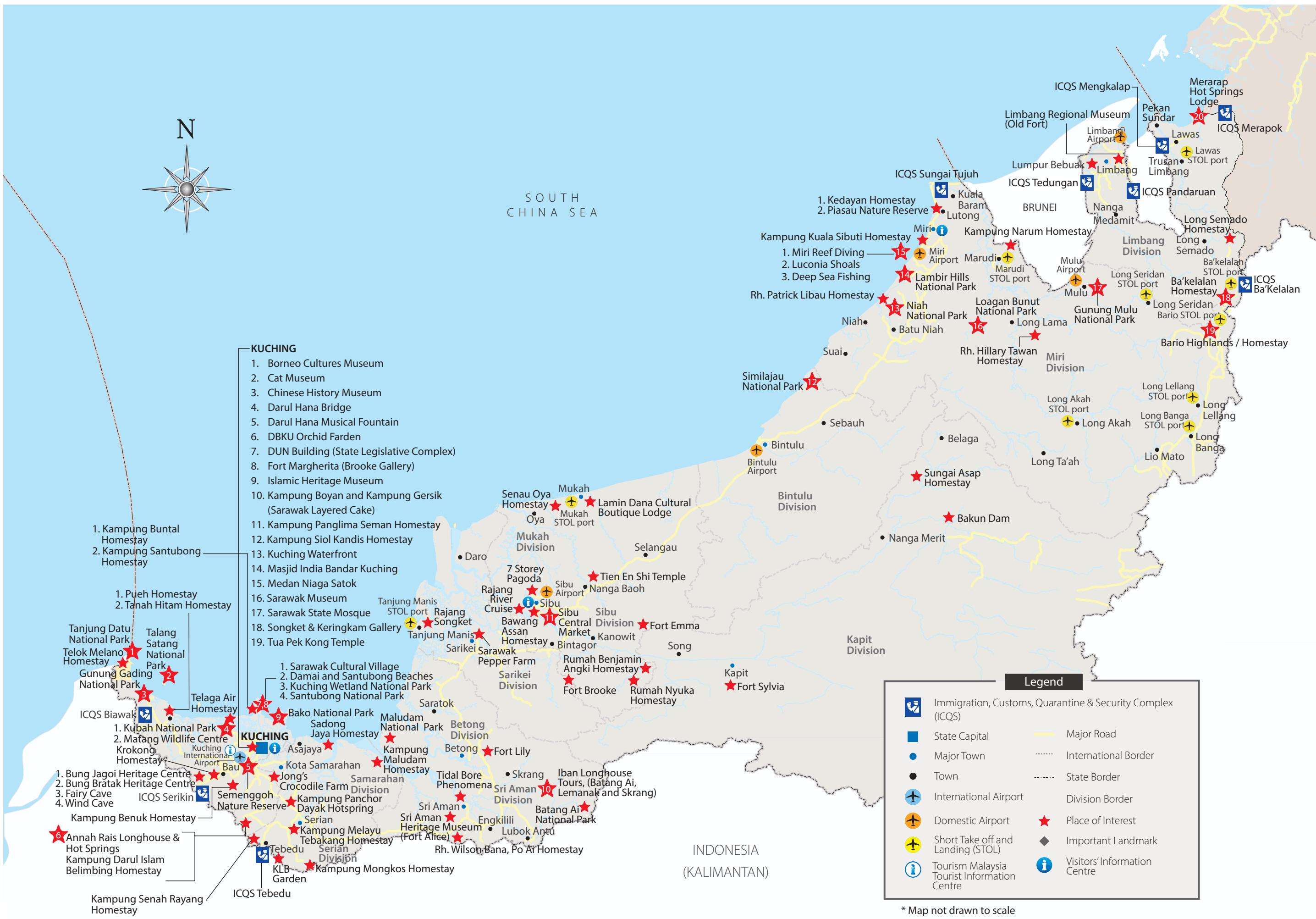
Tel: 082 646 108  
Website: [www.scv.com.my](http://www.scv.com.my)



### 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)



### SIBUL CENTRAL MARKET

The Sibul 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 Sibul 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.

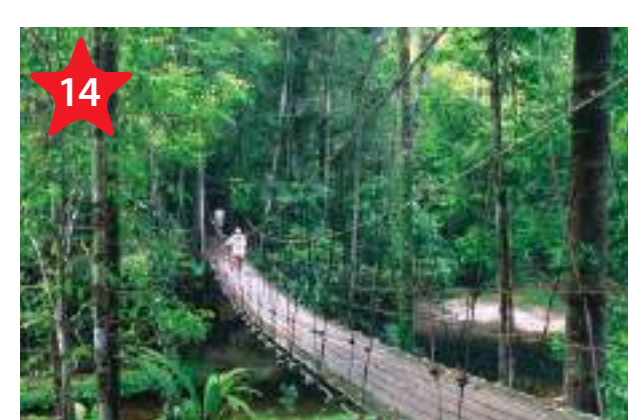
Website: [www.sarawakforestry.com](http://www.sarawakforestry.com)



### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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  
(Borsamulu 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 unusual flora and fauna. Bario is the producer of a special variety of highland rice. The highland is accessible by air from Miri.



### 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 Tusan 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