



KAMPONG PERAMU TRAIL



While the village is named after the activities of its skilled craftsmen back in the day, the Malay word "meramu" means collecting of wood and other materials used to build houses. They make fine handiwork to this day, as they branch out into producing other high-quality goods that will contribute to local cottage industries.



1 Pottery House

As the owner of the most-decorated home in the water village, Awang Ahmad Bin Haji Timbang loves embellishing his abode with decorative items to complement the ever-changing colour of its walls. Aside from its many ornaments, the house is also known for the variety of flower pots that surround the house front on all ends.

Awang Ahmad Bin Haji Timbang
#140K, Kampong Peramu

2 Arch Maker

A craft that was passed down from his father, Pengiran Haji Ibrahim, Awangku Suhaimi is now the resident arch maker in this village. Along with crafting wooden arches to be displayed at national events and functions,

3 Boat Maker

Affordable, fast and convenient with no hint of traffic, the "perahu" or boat (usually attached with a motor at the back) has long been a trusted and reliable mode of transportation for the residents of Kampong Ayer. The skill of perahu or boat making is still very much alive in this modern era. Take time to visit and watch how these wooden boats are crafted with the use of both traditional and modern tools.

Awang Haji Hassan Bin Haji Rambli
#153R, Kampong Pekilong Muara, Mukim Peramu

PLACES TO VISIT IN BANDAR

Once you're done exploring Kampong Ayer, why not explore the capital? Here are some suggestions:

1 Admire the Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Mosque

One of the most magnificent landmarks in the capital and the rest of the sultanate, this beautiful mosque, named after the 28th Sultan of Brunei, was open to the public in 1958 and still remains a sight to behold.

2 Grab a bite at Mei Kong

Stop by Mei Kong Restaurant (108, Jalan Pemancha), a local favourite that serves a fantastic plate of *kolo mee*.



3 Take a stroll around Taman Mahkota Jubli Emas

Opened in October 2017, this 12-hectare park is located next to the Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Mosque, and features manicured lawns adorned with shrubs, brightly coloured flowers and exotic baobab trees.



4 Visit the Royal Regalia Museum

This museum is a tribute to His Majesty the Sultan of Brunei and features a main gallery that presents a recreation of the coronation of His Majesty the Sultan, displaying the gilded carriage that carried the newly crowned ruler through the streets. There are also galleries showcasing grand trappings of royalty, such as jewel-encrusted crowns, thrones, garments, and His Majesty's revered silver keris (dagger).

5 Enjoy a meal with a view

There are some fantastic selections of cuisine located at the waterfront that allows you to dine with a view of the water village. Head over to Kaizen Sushi Restaurant for Japanese cuisine, or at Horizons Seafood Restaurant an excellent assortment of Western and Asian fare and succulent seafood choices.



6 Check out traditional arts and crafts

Located at Jalan Residency, the Brunei Arts and Handicraft Training Centre showcases Brunei's traditional arts and crafts. In here, beautifully designed galleries showcase displays of kain tenunan, intricately hand-tooled silverware, brass-work, wood-carving and basketry.



7 Try ambuyat

Try Brunei's famous dish! This glutinous and chewy sago-based meal is twirled around a *candas* and then dipped in an assortment of exotic sauces with other condiments. Enjoy this dish at Tarindak Di'Seni (Jalan Residency, located behind the Brunei Arts and Handicraft Training Centre) with a fantastic panoramic view of Kampong Ayer.



8 Shop at Tamu Kianggeh

A visit to a *tamu* (outdoor market) is a truly authentic Bruneian experience. Located at the Kianggeh River, drop by Tamu Kianggeh for a full-on sensory adventure. Buy a snack and nibble while you shop for handicrafts, local fruits and vegetables, and some local delicacies.



1 Boats

Boat building which is still available at Kampong Peramu, is a traditional art that has been passed down from generation to generation, and until today residents of the water village use these boats for their daily commute to the mainland.



FACTS TO KNOW

2 Local Handicrafts

One of the best examples of preserving our heritage can be found in Kampong Ayer, and cottage industries producing local handicrafts such as *tudung saji*, baskets, mats and fans with the use of nipah leaves can also be bought at Kampong Ayer Cultural and Tourism Gallery.



3 Wooden bridges

Some villages in Kampong Ayer are connected by wooden bridges known as *pail*, a unique feature of the water village used for residents and visitors to travel from one village to another.

4 Village Names

Kampong Ayer comprises 30 villages, individually named for its own unique background. For example, Kampong Peramu was named because its villagers used to "meramu" (gather) wood to build houses, while Kampong Pandai Besi (blacksmith) was named because this village was once the residence of the country's blacksmith.

5 Fishing

While fishing is no longer the main source of income for most of the residents here, there are still plenty of fishermen who live in this area. They can be seen on colourful boats catching fish with locally made fishing gear such as *kilung*, *lintau*, *kabat*, *tugu*, *pukat*, *rigis* and *rawai*.



DOS & DON'TS

- Please negotiate with the boatmen and confirm your boat fares before boarding the vessel. Boat fares should begin at BND\$1.
- Life jackets should be worn at all times.
- Dress modestly in light clothing for the warm weather when touring around Kampong Ayer.
- Although Brunei is a safe country, it is still advisable to travel with company and to keep an emergency contact number ready at all times.
- Be careful on the wooden walkways as the planks have large spaces in between them.
- Don't forget to hydrate frequently by keeping a water bottle with you at all times.

LOCAL LINGO

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| Good morning
Selamat pagi | I want to go to ...
Saya mahu pergi ke... |
| Good afternoon
Selamat petang | Turn right
Belok ke kanan |
| Goodnight
Selamat malam | Turn left
Belok ke kiri |
| Thank you
Terima kasih | Go straight
Jalan terus |
| You're welcome
Sama-sama | Airport
Lapangan terbang |
| What is your name?
Siapa nama awda? | Town
Bandar |
| My name is ...
Nama saya ... | Home
Rumah |
| Excuse me
Maafkan saya | Shops
Kedai |
| Yes
Ya | Eat
Makan |
| No
Tidak | Drink
Minum |
| How much?
Berapa? | Walk
Jalan |
| Where is the toilet?
Di mana tandas? | 1, 2, 3...
Satu, Dua, Tiga... |

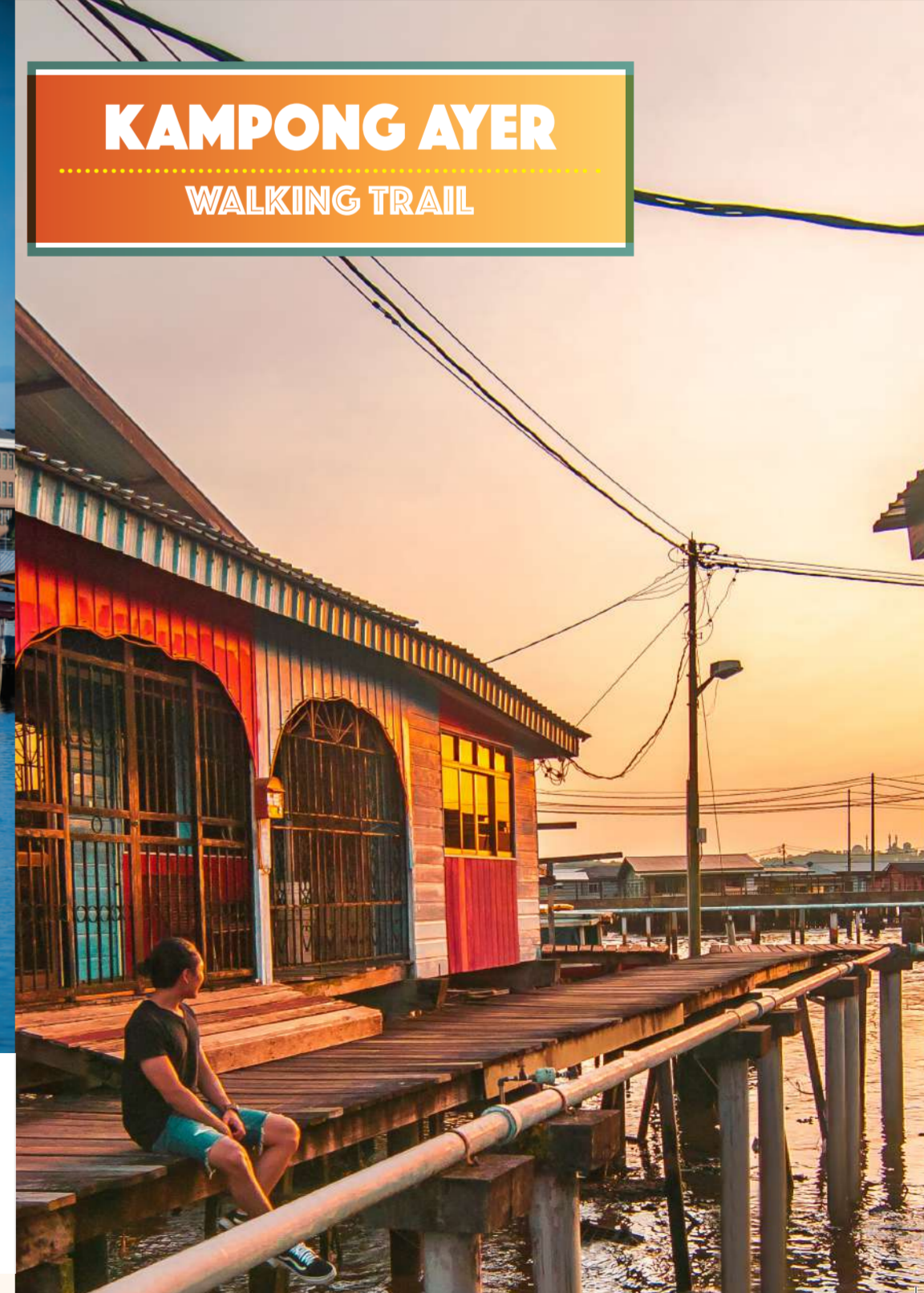
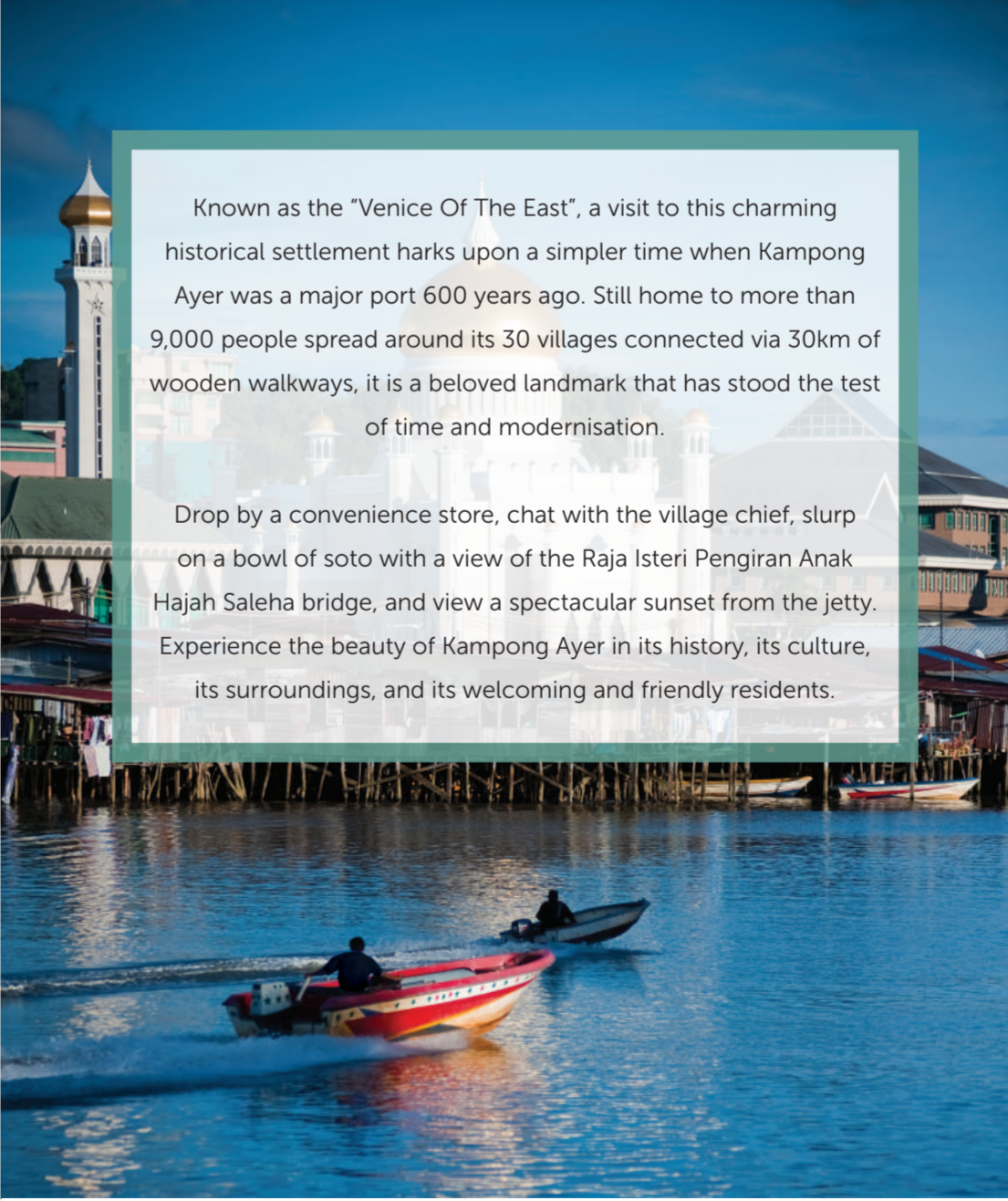
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- EMERGENCY**
Police 993
Fire 995
Ambulance 991
Directory Enquiries 113
Darussalam hotline 123
- FLIGHT INFORMATION**
General 2331747
- TAXI SERVICES**
Taxi
673-8833182
Dart Services
673-8383278
Dart is a taxi-hailing app that can be downloaded on Google Play and the App Store
- MEDICAL SERVICES**
RIPAS Hospital
673-2242424
Jerudong Park Medical Centre (JPMC)
673-2614133
Gleneagles JPMC
673-2611212
Tutong Hospital
673-4221010 Ext 123
Kuala Belait Hospital
673-3335331
Temburong Hospital
673-5221526 Ext 127

KAMPONG AYER WALKING TRAIL

Known as the "Venice Of The East", a visit to this charming historical settlement harks upon a simpler time when Kampong Ayer was a major port 600 years ago. Still home to more than 9,000 people spread around its 30 villages connected via 30km of wooden walkways, it is a beloved landmark that has stood the test of time and modernisation.

Drop by a convenience store, chat with the village chief, slurp on a bowl of soto with a view of the Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha bridge, and view a spectacular sunset from the jetty. Experience the beauty of Kampong Ayer in its history, its culture, its surroundings, and its welcoming and friendly residents.



KG LURONG SIKUNA TRAIL

1 **Rumah Ketua Kampong Lurong Sikuna**

Visit the village head, Haji Ahmad Bujang, and sit down for a chat, and he will enlighten you on the everyday life and history about the establishment of Kampong Ayer. Located at the modern settlement of Kampong Ayer, his house is both a bed and breakfast and a tribute to the local culture, housing an array of local artefacts. A *pelamin* is the centerpiece, which is a decorated dais often used at Brunei Malay weddings.

#2, B1, Skim Perintis, Jabatan Lela Menchanai, Kampong Lurong Sikuna (673-8816873/ 673-2201194)

2 **Prawn Crackers Maker**

As a product of the cottage industry in Kampong Ayer, *keropok udang* or prawn crackers by Awang Osman are a must-try when you're in the area. Dough is made from a mix of fresh prawns and tapioca flour, sliced thinly and then dried under the sun on rattan trays to create delicious savoury snacks. While the house is located in Kampong Peramu, it is easier to access following this map's trail.

Awang Osman Bin Haji Besar #132G, Kampong Peramu

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1 **Kunyit 7 Lodge**

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FB: Kunyit 7 Lodge
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2 **Jabal Rahmah**

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Awang Haji Mohamad Sufri Bin Haji Mohd Zain #19, Kampong Bakut Berumput

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KAMPONG SETIA 'A' TRAIL

1 **Did You Know?** Birds of a feather flock together—especially when they're the birds that gave Kampong Setia its name. "Setia" which means "loyal" in Malay perfectly describes the harmony of the tight-knit pack of birds which are frequently spotted at the village.



Soto at Restoran Terapung



Restoran Terapung

1 Terapung Restaurant

With a tried-and-true menu of classic local dishes, Restoran Terapung (Floating Restaurant) needs little in the way of frills when it comes to the dishes they serve. Order a dish of their raved about *nasi ayam penyot* with extra spicy *sambal* or their special *soto*, and enjoy your meal with the scenic view of the magnificent Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha bridge, Brunei's first cable-stayed bridge, named after His Majesty The Sultan of Brunei's wife.

Open daily: 9am - 10pm
#127D, Kampong Setia 'A' (673-8116723)

2 Syarikat Mastura dan anak-anak (Minimart)

With the villages in Kampong Ayer being self-sufficient with their own schools, clinics, post offices and gas stations, do not be surprised to find convenience stores scattered within the area as well. Just like your average corner store, but with the added bonus of being above water, stop by for a breather here, and refresh yourself with a cold drink and maybe a snack while taking in the priceless scenery around you.

#126D, Kampong Setia 'A'

3 Haji Ahmad Bin Haji Abang Man

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KAMPONG TAMOI UJUNG TRAIL

1 **Did You Know?** An old folklore tells the tale of the courageous warrior Tamamur Liau Haris who, as the village protector, fought off intruders valiantly. From the name "Tamamur" which means gallant and noble, the word Tamoi was born. Today, the village that gained its name from the legend has established a reputation as a Malay cake making community.



Pengarah Haji Mokti Bin Mohammad Salleh's House



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Pengarah Haji Mokti Bin Mohammad Salleh #9B, Kampong Tamoi Ujung (673-2239790)

2 Kuih-Muih makers

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Selurut



Kuih Calak

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