

DO YOU KNOW

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WHERE TO STAY

The Rungus is one of the 40 ethnic groups under the Kadazandusun umbrella. They live in the Northern part of Sabah; Kudat, Kota Marudu and Pitas. They have their own unique dress, architecture and customs.

They may well be the most traditional people, as some of them still live in longhouses where each family live in different rooms but share the common hall.

The longhouse is like a terrace house with 12 doors but on stilts of about five to six feet tall.

They are mostly farmers but they also sell handicrafts of beads and woven cloth. Nowadays the Rungus is very much in the mainstream of society with educated and learned individuals among them.

The traditional Rungus dress is black; the knee length skirt is black and the blouse is like a tube. A shoulder cloth like a poncho is worn to cover the shoulder. They then don brass coils on their arms and bracelets of shells and wild fruit seeds. They are very creative with the costume jewelleryes.

The men usually wear black pants and black embroidered blouse. Over the blouse they don bead sashes in criss-cross fashion. Their sigar or head gear is also a sight to see. They usually don the costume during festivities such as the Harvest Festival, Gong Festival and other ethnic celebrations.



Rungus

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Hotel Deleton
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Kinabalu Daya Hotel
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Beverly Hotel
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Promenade Hotel
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Beringgis Beach Resort, Papar
Phone: 6 088 752 999
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DECEMBER EVENTS

BALIK KAMPUNG SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Date : 08 November - 31 December 2006
Organiser : Sabah Museum
Venue : Sabah Museum, Sabah
Contact Person : Mr. Dius Kubud
Telephone : 088 253199
Fax : 088 240230
Email Contact : Muzium.Sabah@sabah.gov.my

GRAPHIC ART EXHIBITION

Date : 07 December - 01 January 2007
Organiser : Sabah Art Gallery
Venue : Sabah Art Gallery, Sabah
Contact Person : Datuk Yaman Mus
Telephone : 088 268875
Fax : 088 210040
Email Contact : gallery_9@msn.com

PESTA KENINGAU

Date : 09 - 10 December 2006
Organiser : District Office of Keningau
Contact Person : Tuan Hj. Zulkifli Nasir (District Officer) / Sri Pelancongan Sabah Sdn Bhd
Telephone : +6087-331519 / 301509 / 301507 / +6088-232121
Fax : +6088-265540

GAYA CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2006

Date : 18 - 22 December 2006
Organiser : Kota Kinabalu City Council
Venue : Lintasan Deasoka, Gaya Street

Contact Person : Neil Mah (Organising Chairman)
Telephone : 6088-427900 / 6013 879 8415
Email Contact : gxc@eventmalaysia.net
Event Website : <http://www.eventmalaysia.net/gxc>

DRUNK BEFORE DAWN - THE MUSICAL

Date : 21 December 2006
Organiser : Borneo Revival Sdn. Bhd.
Telephone : 60 88-264462 / 6014 670 0635
Event Website : <http://www.d-gap.org/dbd/>
Matinee shows are at 2:00 pm (tickets priced at RM100, RM50 and RM30) and evening shows are at 7:30 pm (tickets priced at RM200, RM100 and RM50).

CHRISTMAS AND YEAR-END FESTIVITIES

Date : 22 - 31 December 2006
Organiser : Hyatt Regency Kinabalu
Venue : Hyatt Regency Kinabalu, KK
Contact Person : Food & Beverage Dept
Telephone : 088 221234
Fax : 088 254315
Email Contact : hyatt.kinabalu@hyattintl.com

CHRISTMAS DAY

Date : 25 December 2006
Organiser : Sabah Tourism Board / Sri Pelancongan Sabah Sdn Bhd
Telephone : 088 212121 / 232121

Fax : 088 212075 / 265540
Email Contact : info@sabahtourism.com

HARI RAYA AIDIL ADHA

Date : 31 December 2006
Muslims around the world once again celebrate this day in the Islamic calendar. This is a special and rare occasion where the Aidil Adha is celebrated twice within the same year. Muslims go for their Hajj Pilgrimage prior to the day of celebration.
Email Contact : info@sabahtourism.com

THE NEW YEAR'S EVE MIDNIGHT DIP

Date : 31 December - 01 January 2007
Organiser : Sabah Tourism Board / Sri Pelancongan Sabah Sdn. Bhd.
Telephone : +60 88 212121 / 232121
Fax : +60 88 212075 / 265540
Email Contact : info@sabahtourism.com
Event Website : <http://www.sabahtourism.com>

@ GOING RETRO PARTY

Date : 31 December 2006
Organiser : @mosphere Revolving Restaurant & Lounge
Venue : 18th floor of Menara Tun Mustapha, Kota Kinabalu
Telephone : +6088- 425 100 / 249 276
Free valet parking for the night. Tickets sold at RM288 per person (inclusive of dinner) and RM35 for entry after 10pm.

Weekly TAMU (Open Market) in Sabah

■ Tamus are held in almost every town/district in Sabah. Most local traders gather to buy, sell or barter their farm produce, handicrafts, traditional ware, musical instruments, etc.

SUNDAY 6am - 2pm
Kota Belud, Tuaran, Putatan, Papar, Babagon, Tambunan, Tenom, Membakut, Kota Marudu, Sikuati, Gaya Street Fair (Kota Kinabalu)

MONDAY 6am - 2pm
Tandek

TUESDAY 6am - 2pm
Kiulu

WEDNESDAY 6am - 2pm
Pinggan-pinggan, Tamparuli & Kudat

THURSDAY 6am - 2pm
Donggongan, Telipok, Tenghilan, Pekan Nabal, Sipitang, Tambunan, Keningau

FRIDAY 6am - 2pm
Donggongan, Sunsuron, Weston, Mesapol, Kanibangan

SATURDAY 6am - 2pm
Kinarut, Beaufort, Sindumin, Matunggong, Pekan Pitas

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