

# DO YOU KNOW

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## Kuala Penyu

**K**uala Penyu is a town located in Interior Division of Sabah. The district is also called Kuala Penyu. The people here are mostly Kadazandusun of Tatanah descent. There are also Malay of Brunei descent as well as Bisayah and Kadayans.

The residents of this area are mostly farmers and fishermen, but nowadays they are very much in the mainstream of development

with prominent government officers among them.

Located in the Klias Peninsular, Kuala Penyu boasts an abundance of mangrove swamp forests which houses a diversity of fauna, including the proboscis monkeys. Several tour companies now utilise the river as a tourism destination.

Kuala Penyu is also famous for its beaches, especially Tempurung beach and Sawangan beach. Once

every year, Sawangan Beach will come alive, as the Pesta Rumbia or Sago Festival is held there. During the event, visitors will be accorded knowledge on the utilisation of the Rumbia. They will also be able to sample the veritable sago grub, which is considered a delectable delicacy by locals.

It is one of the gateways to Pulau Tiga National Park, where Survivor: Borneo was set.

## WHERE TO STAY

**Winner Hotel**  
Phone: 60 088 243222  
Fax: 60 088 217345

**Hotel Deleton**  
Phone: 60 088 252222  
Fax: 60 088 267999

**Kinabalu Daya Hotel**  
Phone: 60 088 240000  
Fax: 60 088 263909

**Berjaya Palace Hotel**  
Phone: 60 088 211911  
Fax: 60 088 211600

**Hotel Shangri-La**  
Phone: 60 088 212800  
Fax: 60 088 212078

**Likas Square Business Suites**  
Phone: 60 088 252233  
Fax: 60 088 251122

**Tang Dynasty Hotel**  
Phone: 60 088 263389 / 251155  
Fax: 60 088 263989 / 265566

**Beverly Hotel**  
Phone: 60 088 258998  
Fax: 60 088 258778

**Promenade Hotel**  
Phone: 60 088 265555  
Fax: 60 088 246666 / 253980

**Hyatt Regency Kinabalu**  
Phone: 60 088 221234  
Fax: 60 088 225972

**Le Meridien Kota Kinabalu**  
Phone: 60 088 322222  
Fax: 60 088 322223

**Nexus Resort Karambunai**  
Phone: 6 088 411222 / 411030  
Fax: 6 088 411020 / 412028

**Shangri-La Tanjung Aru Resort**  
Phone: 60 088 225800 / 41800 / 293306 (Reserv)  
Fax: 60 088 244871 / 217155

**Sutera Harbour Resort - Magellan Sutera**  
Phone: 6 088 318 888  
Fax: 6 088 317 777

**Sutera Harbour Resort - Pacific Sutera**  
Phone: 6 088 318888  
Fax: 6 088 317777

**Hotel Capital Sdn Bhd**  
23, Jalan Haji Saman  
P.O Box 11223, 88813  
Kota Kinabalu  
Phone: 6 088 231 999 (10 lines)  
Fax: 6 088 237 222  
E mail: capitalh@streamyx.com

**Beringgis Beach Resort, Papar**  
Phone: 6 088 752 999  
E mail: bbrpapar@tm.net.my

## 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

### 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.event-malaysia.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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