

DO YOU KNOW

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WHERE TO STAY



Sabah is known as the Land Below the Wind, and is the second largest state in Malaysia. During the colonial era, Sabah was known as North Borneo. Sabah is bordered by Indonesia and its sister State Sarawak in the South. The State Capital is Kota Kinabalu formerly known as Jesselton.

Sabah is mountainous with the most famous peak being Mount Kinabalu which stands at 4095 metres above sea level. It is part of the Crocker Range Ridge, There are extensive valley and rivers among them, as well as dense rainforest. Villages are scattered within the centre of Sabah but the coastal area are more densely populated.

Historically, Sabah has a colourful history as it was administered by the British North Borneo Company in 1881 who however surrendered her to the British Crown in 1946 when they could not finance the rebuilding.

On August 31 1963, Sabah achieved independence from the British and joined the Federation in 1963.

The population of Sabah comprises many ethnic groups. The largest non-indigenous ethnic group is the Chinese while the largest indigenous ethnic group is the Kadazan-Dusun, followed by the Bajau. The Kadazandusun is a name for about 40 indigenous sub groups in Sabah.

Sabah

FEBRUARY EVENTS

NEW TALENT PAINTINGS EXHIBITION

Date : 04 January - 05 February 2007
 Organiser : Sabah Art Gallery
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KOTA KINABALU CITY IDOL

Date : February 2007
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KK CITY DAY CELEBRATION

Date : 02 February - 24 February 2007
 Organiser : Kota Kinabalu City Hall
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Grand Celebration
 1st February 2007
 9:00PM - 12:30AM
 Venue: Promenade Boulevard, Jalan Tun Fuad Stephens
 -Float Parade
 -Performance by Popular Artistes
 -INTERNATIONAL Cultural Performances (Australia, South Africa, Indonesia, Philipines, Yongin City Korea, China)
 -Flag-raising Ceremony
 -Firework Display
Launching of The City Gallery
 2nd February 2007
 3:00PM
 Venue: 7th Floor, Centre Point Sabah

Batik Show

2nd - 6th February 2007
 9:00AM - 9:00PM
 Venue: Palm Square, 4th Floor, Centre Point Sabah
 * Launching ceremony on 3rd February at 2:00PM

Chinese New Year Carnival

10th - 15th February
 6:00PM - 10:00PM
 Venue : Deasoka Garden, Gaya Street

City Run

11th February 2007
 7:00AM
 Venue : Padang Merdeka, Kota Kinabalu
International Dart Tournament
 23rd - 25th February 2007
 10:00AM - 5:00PM
 Venue : Dewan Masyarakat Kota Kinabalu

VIP Golf Tournament

24th February 2007
 6:00AM - 2:00PM
 Venue : Nexus Resort Karambunai, Menggatal

KK City Tourism Treasure Hunt

25th February 2007
 6:00AM - 2:00PM
 Venue : Nexus Resort Karambunai, Menggatal

BATIK SHOW

Date : 02 - 06 February 2007
 Organiser : Kota Kinabalu City Hall
 Venue : Palm Square, 4th Floor, Centre Point
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KOTA BELUD CULTURAL CARNIVAL 2007

Date : 10 - 11 February 2007
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Other Cultural Events:

Papar Cultural Carnival

Date: 24th - 25th February 2007
 Venue: Papar Community Hall

Lahad Datu Cultural Carnival

Date: 10th - 11th March 2007
 Venue: Lahad Datu Community Hall

Tawau Cultural Carnival

Date: 24th - 25th March 2007
 Venue: Tawau Town Field

Tenom Cultural Carnival:

PESTA KALIMARAN
 Date: 14th - 15th April 2007
 Venue: Murut Cultural Centre, Tenom.

Sandakan Cultural Carnival

Date: 9th - 10th June 2007
 Venue: Sandakan Town Field

Tuaran Cultural Carnival

Date: 21st - 22nd July 2007
 Venue: Tuaran

Kudat Cultural Carnival

Date: 27th - 28th October 2007
 Venue: Esplanade Sidek, Kudat
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Likas Square Business Suites
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Tang Dynasty Hotel
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Beverly Hotel
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Promenade Hotel
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Sutera Harbour Resort - Magellan Sutera
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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, Tenghulan, Pekan Nabalul, Sipitang, Tambunan, Keningau

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

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

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