

Do you know?

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WHERE TO STAY

RAFFLESIA

RAFFLESIA is the largest flower in the world. One of its species *Rafflesia Arnoldii* has even made it into the Guinness Book of Records.

It is also very pretty, but it is actually a genus of parasitic plant, and smells of rotten meat. The horrible smell attracts flies and other insects.

There are various species of *Rafflesia*, and they are all found in South east Asia, including West

Malaysia, Sumatra, Kalimantan and of course Sabah. It does not have any leaves, or stem. It just grows out of the ground.

If you wish to view this flower in Sabah, the best place to go is the Tambunan *Rafflesia* Reserve, sited at about 60 kilometres from Kota Kinabalu.

The *Rafflesia Pricei* species grows here although there may be some other species as well. This reserve covers more than 300 acres of land and trekking around it may not be too convenient but you will get to enjoy the relatively pristine forest.

Information on the flowering season can be acquired from the *Rafflesia* Information Centre sited by the roadside. There are also trails here that lead to flowering sites.

Species of *Rafflesia* include *Rafflesia arnoldii*, *Rafflesia cantleyi*, *Rafflesia gadutensis*, *Rafflesia hasseltii*, *Rafflesia keithii*, *Rafflesia kerrii*, *Rafflesia manillana*, *Rafflesia micropylora*, *Rafflesia patma*, *Rafflesia pricei*, *Rafflesia rochussenii*, *Rafflesia schadenbergiana*, *Rafflesia speciosa*, *Rafflesia tengku-adlinii* and *Rafflesia tuan-mudae*

The species *Rafflesia arnoldii* has the world's largest single flower. It was discovered in the Indonesian rain forest by an Indonesian guide working for Dr. Joseph Arnold in 1818, and named after Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles



MAY EVENTS

Tabin Wildlife Photo Hut

Date : May to July 2006
 Organiser : Tabin Wildlife S/B/Intra Travel Service Sdn Bhd
 Venue : Tabin Wildlife Reserve, Lahad Datu
 Further Info : Alixon Ho
 Tel : 088 260558 / 262558, Fax : 088 267558
 Email : enquiry@tabinwildlife.com.my

Monsopiad Cultural Village Harvest Festival Celebration

Date : 14 May 2006
 Organiser : Monsopiad Cultural Village
 Venue : Monsopiad Cultural Village, P'pang
 Further Info : Agil Bajera
 Tel : 088774337, Fax : 088 761680
 Email : info@monsopiad.com

Crafts Exotica

Date : 02 - 27 May 2006
 Organiser : Sabah Museum
 Venue : Sabah Museum, Kota Kinabalu
 Further Info : Datuk Joseph Pounis Guntavid
 Tel : 088 253199, Fax : 088 240230
 Email : Muzium.Sabah@sabah.gov.my

Patterns and Colours of Sabah

Date : 11 May - 05 June 2006
 Organiser : Sabah Art Gallery
 Venue : Sabah Art Gallery, Kota Kinabalu
 Further Info : Datuk Yaman Mus
 Tel : 088 268875
 Fax : 088 210040
 Email : gallery_9@msn.com

Sabah International Fishing Tournament

Date : 12 - 14 May 2006
 Organiser : Sabah Angler's Association
 Venue : (Not Stated)
 Further Info : Datuk Wilfred Lingham
 Tel : 013 5582204 / 019 8212419
 Fax : 088 261271 / 249158

Kota Kinabalu Symphony Orchestra at the Tip of Borneo

Date : 13 May 2006
 Organiser : Sabah Tourism Board / Sri Pelancongan Sabah Sdn Bhd / Kota Kinabalu Symphony Orchestra (KKSO)
 Venue : Tanjung Simpang Mengayau, Kudat (Time: 5.30pm onwards)
 Further Info : Susan Shahira
 Tel : 088 232121
 Fax : 088 265540
 Email : shahira@sabahtourism.com
 Website : <http://www.sabahtourism.com/event/kkso>

Harvest Festival Celebration

Date : 15 - 31 May 2006
 Organiser : Hyatt Regency Kinabalu
 Venue : Tanjung Ria Café, Hyatt Regency Kinabalu, Kota Kinabalu
 Further Info : Food & Beverage Department
 Tel : 088 221234
 Fax : 088 254315
 Email : hyatt.kinabalu@hyattintl.com

Sabah World Museum Day 2006

Date : 18 - 23 May 2006

Organiser : Sabah Museum
 Venue : Sabah Museum, Kota Kinabalu
 Further Info : Datuk Joseph Pounis Guntavid
 Tel : 088 253199
 Fax : 088 240230
 Email : Muzium.Sabah@sabah.gov.my

Harvest Festival (Sandakan)

Date : 20 May 2006
 Organiser : Sandakan Municipal Council
 Venue : Sandakan, Sabah
 Further Info : Yeo Boon Hai
 Tel : 089 275400 / 272439/272460
 Fax : 089 727112
 Email : Yeo.BoonHai@sabah.gov.my

Harvest Festival Regatta

Date : 27 - 28 May 2006
 Organiser : Kinabalu Yacht Club
 Venue : (Not Stated)
 Further Info : Mr. Christopher Chin
 Tel : 088 240070 / 243070
 Fax : 088 243007

Grand Finale – Tadau Kaamatan Celebrations

Date : 30 - 31 May 2006
 Organiser : Kadazandusun Cultural Association (KDCA)
 Venue : KDCA Hall Penampang
 Further Info : (Not Stated)
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Nexus Resort Karambunai
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Shangri-La Tanjung Aru Resort
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 Fax: 60 088 244871 / 217155

Sutera Harbour Resort - Magellan Sutera
 Phone: 6 088 318 888
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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, 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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