

DO YOU KNOW

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WHERE TO STAY

The Lion dance is a very interesting feature during the Chinese New Year. One week before the actual new year, 'lions' will be seen in and around the city, dancing away. They go to housing areas and perform lion dances in front of homes. The more establish lion dance troupes will dance in front of commercial establishments and opulent families. The sounds of fire crackers and drums usually accompany them, infusing a festive air in the atmosphere.

Actually the Lion dance is a form of traditional dance in Chinese culture, in which performers mimic the lion's movements in a lion costume.

The lion costume is operated by a pair of dancers. The pair of dancers, forming the back and fore legs of the beast performs acrobatics that is a wonder to behold. They are so light and seem to jump and gambol around energetically,

The dance is traditionally accompanied by gongs, drums and fire-crackers, representing the descent of good luck, but firecrackers are now banned in Malaysia for safety reasons, so the drums compensate for the absence.

The lion dance originated in China about a thousand years ago where the lion is traditionally regarded as a guardian creature in Chinese culture. Migration of the Chinese have caused it to be seen worldwide but there are different variations of the lion dance between the mainland China, Taiwan,



The Lion Dance

Hong Kong, Macau, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Singapore.

There are a number of Chinese lion dance styles with the most popular Chinese lion dance styles being the northern and southern lion dance.

Northern dance has origins stemming from the northern parts of China where it was used as entertainment for the imperial court. The northern lion is usually red, orange, and yellow in colour, is shaggy in appearance, with a golden head. The northern dance is very acrobatic and is mainly

performed as entertainment.

The southern lion dance is more symbolic in nature. It is usually performed as a ceremony to exorcise evil spirits and to summon luck and fortune. The southern lion exhibits a wide variety of colour and has a distinctive head with large eyes, a mirror on the forehead, and a single horn at centre of the head.

If you want to spot this difference, look for the mirror and single horn on the forehead of the lion and then look out for shaggy lions. Have fun.

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

KOTA KINABALU CITY IDOL

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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, Meng-gatal

KK City Tourism Treasure Hunt

25th February 2007

6:00AM - 2:00PM
Venue : Nexus Resort Karambunai, Meng-gatal

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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Date : 18 - 19 February 2007

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2ND INTERNATIONAL SABAH OPEN DART TOURNAMENT

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CITY DAY REGATTA 2007

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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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