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whatever they have in the nursery, they lugged to the site and utilised.

"The garden can be used for cocktails," Bremer shares, adding that it can accommodate quite a number of people.

Called the Borneo Terrace, the beautiful garden looks best in the evenings, under the shadow of the gigantic tree in front.

By the way some of the plants available at Borneo Terrace includes Eugenia, Sri Kelapa, Tanjung tree, spider Lily and Bougainvillea.

There are also Red Powder Puff, Ficus, Arboricola, Pandanus and Hibiscus as well as Traveller's Palm, Button plant and Lucky Plant. There are 468 plants there.

STAR has another garden at the roof top where the horizon lounge is. The garden here is marvellous especially if you want to watch the sunset. There is a bench in the garden with a good vintage sight of the setting sun.

The sight is so breathtaking; you can never quite forget it, and may compare it against sunsets sighted in other parts of the world.

These two gardens are must-visits and enjoyed when you stay or visit STAR. They are so beautifully made; you forget that they are actually located on concrete ground.



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Diving sites in Sabah

Divers will testify that Sabah's diving sites are exciting, fascinating and not readily forgotten.

This is especially true for those who managed to take in the marvels of coral gardens, fishes, caverns, turtles and a dugong or two.

A diving spot in Sabah well known in the international diving community is the Sipadan Island. It boasts diverse marine life and those who have dived there will sing the praises of colourful fishes, corals reefs and other sights that only the marine world can give.

North of this island is another diving site that offers a different world of diving opportunities from most other diving locations.

Here is a macro diving paradise where you will be able to find rare macro-world inhabitants hard to find at other dive sites.

It is known as one of the best muck diving site among the international diving community.

Muck diving is a term used to described diving with restricted visibility especially in shallow sites with sandy bottoms.



The site in question is Kapalai, a water village style resort perched atop a splendid reef that borders the rich and deep Celebes Sea. Although not far from Sipadan, Kapalai scuba diving itself is completely different.

Kapalai is considered a macro-lovers paradise. This does not necessarily mean poor visibility but due to the various interesting inhabitants such as frogfish, blue-ringed octopus and cuttlefish.

Most dives here are nice and gentle in warm, relatively shallow water, so are perfect for the less experienced, as well as yielding sufficient rewards for experienced divers.

Diving in Kapalai is nice as the gentle sea breezes cool the divers as they come up from the waters. The chalets there also give them a sense of freedom and comfort while according them the proximity to amazing diving.