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PLACES OF INTEREST IN SABAH

- 1 Kota Kinabalu City - the international gateway to Sabah
- 1 Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park - Malaysia's premier marine park comprises of five islands - Gaya, Sapi, Manukan, Mamutik and Sulug
- 1 Beringgis Papar - KK Adventure Park
- 1 Monsopiad Cultural Village - the house of skulls and legend of head hunter
- 1 Kinabalu Park - Mt. Kinabalu World Heritage Site
- 1 Poring Hot Springs - hot springs, rainforest canopy walk
- 1 Sabah Tea - Visit to Sabah's only tea plantation of organic tea
- 1 Klias Wetlands - mangrove wetlands, fire flies and proboscis monkeys
- 1 Tiga Island - island where CBS series "Survivor" was filmed
- 1 Padas Water Rafting - adventure river rafting
- 1 Labuan Island - the international garden of Borneo
- 1 Kota Belud Tamu - traditional Bajau natives sunday market
- 1 Kudat Rungus Village - visit traditional runigus cultural long houses
- 1 Tenom - the centre of Murut culture and Sabah Agricultural Park
- 1 Batu Punggul - jungle trekking and hiking destination
- 1 Crocker Range Park - Rafflesia research centre and jungle trekking
- 1 North Borneo Railway - take a journey back in time through steam train
- 1 Sandakan - the gateway to Borneo's wildlife
- 1 Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary - world famous conservation centre
- 1 Sukau - lower kinabatangan wetlands, proboscis monkey and wildlife
- 1 Turtle Islands Marine Park - turtle conservation area which comprises of three islands - Seligaan, Bakkungan Kecil and Gulisan
- 1 Gomantong Caves - limestone cave, bird nest collection, culture
- 1 Langkayan Island - a fabulous diving resort of Beluran
- 1 Danum Valley - Rainforest conservation centre
- 1 Tabin Wildlife Reserve - Borneo's richest wildlife concentration
- 1 Tawau Hills Park - a national park of Tawau with hot spring
- 1 Sipadan Island - world famous diving destination
- 1 Maliau Basin - Sabah's Lost World
- 1 Layang-Layang Island - world famous diving destination
- 1 Simpang Mengayau - tip of Borneo

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SANDAKAN was the capital of Sabah, during the British rule in 1884 when it was known as the British North Borneo.

This municipality is suffused with history as it saw more than 2000 Australian and British Prisoner of War (POW) was incarcerated during the Second World War and witnessed Malcolm Macdonald, governor general of British Borneo, unveiled a memorial for these dead heroes.

Sandakan if it could speak has a lot of tales to tell.

Anyway, Sandakan is where the famous American Author Agnes Keith used to live.

If you like history, Sandakan has a lot to offer, but those who know next to nothing about Sandakan may be a little confused as to where to start looking. This is because development just seems to grow around 'history'.

Anyway, history has it that William Pryer, the first Resident of the East Coast, founded Sandakan in 1879. After that Sandakan rode towards rapid development. The first school St Mary was formed in 1887, the oldest company was started in 1882 and in 1883, a monthly newspaper the British North Borneo Herald started printing and did not stop until the Japanese Occupation occurred.

In 1897 telegraph communication between Sandakan and London was established, roads were sealed by 1899 and electricity supply introduced in 1897. In 1923, Sandakan had an automatic telephone exchange and in 1912 motorcars appeared in the streets. A golf club was formed in 1917.

That's a very brief history of Sandakan. As for the sights, well, you can start by viewing the Masjid Jamek. It is located next to the new Hotel Sandakan. This mosque is about 100 years old and is still functioning as a place of prayers to the faithful. You should also visit the MPS square where the William B Pryer monument is placed. An interesting memorial for Chartered Company's officers who died in service is also situated here.

A memorial for the World War Two heroes is located here too. Nearby is the Stairs with 100 steps. This leads towards Agnes Keith's house. The house is now conserved by the Sabah State Museum. It is a replica of the original house where the American author lived in with her husband and family from 1934 to 1942. It was in that house that she wrote her three well-known books titled. 'The

Meandering through Sandakan

Land below the Wind', 'Three Came Home' and 'White Men Return'.

The other place to visit is the Chinese Temple, Goddess of Mercy Temple. This place of worship was constructed in the late 1880's. A little further down the road, you will come upon a pathway that will lead you to St Michael and All Angel's Church. This building is believed to be the first stone building erected in Sandakan, with stones acquired from nearby Buli Sim Sim.

Going down from the church you will see the oldest temple in Sandakan. It is called the Sam Sing Kung Chinese Temple, which was constructed in 1885.

The other place to visit is the Sandakan Memorial Park. This park commemorates the sacrifice and sufferings endured by both Australian and British soldiers who were held by the Japanese as Prisoners of War between 1942 and 1945. The memorial provides information on the atrocities suffered by the soldiers during the occupation.

Other than these sights, you can enjoy the sights, smell and sound of Sandakan by going to places such as the Central Market, the English Tea House and Restaurant and the shopping complexes around Jalan Pryer and Lebuah Dua. I recommend that you get a map from the Tourist Information Centre at Sandakan Municipal Council, so you will know where to go.
So! Explore Sandakan...have fun.

