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# Best Places to eat in Kota Kinabalu

From restaurants to food courts and street stalls, Kota Kinabalu has an array of culinary delights to suit everyone palate and wallet. One way to find these gastronomical palate and wallet. One way to find these gastronomical delights is to follow that scent of spices that fill the evening air. Fancy an evening of open air dining? Love your seafood fresh? A visit to Sri Selera (Sedco Complex) is highly recommended, with its huge tanks filled with live lobster, crabs and fish, seafood couldn't come any fresher.

When it comes to authentic Australian cuisine nothing comes remotely close to Aussie BBQ and Bar, the ambiance, the view, the serenity, make spending an afternoon or evening there so special. If it's something spicy and aromatic that you're looking for, located next to Aussie BBQ and Bar is Kohinoor which is an amazing authentic North Indian restaurant, this is one of my favorite restaurants. Once you taste those delicious naans, curries or spinach with cottage cheese you will be back for more. Look out for the Kohinoor meal deal in the easysaver voucher section.

Bella Italia offers you a little piece of Italy with its authentic traditional Italian food. Chef Maurizio has brought with him traditional recipes passed down through generations from Reggio Calabria, South Italy. His signature pizzas start at RM7 and you get to choose your toppings. The lamb shank braised in juniper juice is delightful. Another item on that awesome menu that I just can't resist is their lasagna. Another amazing Italian restaurant tucked away in Damai, Luyang is Pizza Ria. With its delicious Calzone style pizza with topping choices of Tuna, Beef, Chicken and Mushroom you are spoilt for choice. A discount voucher in this book entitles you to a special deal.

For healthy hotpots or popularly known as Steamboat visit Beijing Restaurant. It's a fun way of socializing whilst indulging in fresh low fat meals such as seafood, meat soup and vegetables from a big hotpot. Kampung Nelayan or Fisherman Village is Kota Kinabalu's own floating restaurant, with its impressive architecture and fantastic setting you will enjoy an evening of fresh seafood and watch cultural stage performances. For excellent deals check out buyersguide.com.my. If you're looking for something truly awesome, something that's one of a kind; you've got to check out the revolving restaurant Atmosphere located on the 18th Floor of Menara Tun Mustafa (Yayasan Sabah Building). Just a 10 minute drive from the city center with an unparalleled view of Kota Kinabalu that's simply breathtaking, live music and excellence food its got to be one of the most memorable places where you can unwind with family and friends.

For hand pulled noodles or La Mian make your way to HengLong in Warisan Square. Their chefs are from China and they make the most authentic pulled noodles known to be served in the Imperial Palaces of native China. With all the variety of international eateries available here in Kota Kinabalu, you really are spoilt for choice.

Bon Appetit!



Nagisa Japanese Restaurant Hyatt Regency Kinabalu



## WHERE TO STAY

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Hotel Shangri-La  
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