

TRUE STORY

They call Sabah



M eet Marianne Brown and Robert Sharp. They are Australians from Townsville who moved lock stock and barrel to Kota Kinabalu 15 months ago and now call Malaysia home. Marianne and Robert (Bob for short) now own a restaurant at KKs Waterfront called Aussie BBQ and Bar. When I asked them what made them decide on KK, Robert did not hesitate to describe the obvious. "It's the beautiful nature and peace loving people that drew us to this part of the world". But their story of moving to Malaysia is a fascinating one and needs to be told.

I find stories about incidents or experiences that changed people's lives extremely fascinating; in the case of Marianne and Bob this is how it happened. Three years ago Marianne was doing her banking in Townsville where she struck a conversation with her teller. Her teller was actually a Sabahan living in Townsville who recommended a holiday in KK. Marianne was fascinated and decided to take a holiday with

Bob. They stayed in a 5-star hotel in KK and took a trip to Kuala Penyu. They were sold! They decided to make KK their home and they have never looked back since. They do occasional island hopping. Bob enjoys reef fishing and he plans to buy a boat. They love making new friends so you are most welcome to visit their delightful restaurant for a chat.

If you are visiting Sabah and wish to make Malaysia your home as well, the Malaysian government has made it relatively easy under the My Second Home (MM2H) programme. It was launched a few years ago by the Malaysian government and offers renewable, ten-year multiple entry visa for qualified applicants who would like to come and live here or spend extended periods in the country.

The MM2H programme is one of the most attractive long-term stay visa programmes in Asia and there are many reasons why Malaysia is an excellent choice to retire or spend extended periods here.

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