

Sabah Tea Garden

Escape the urban jungle and trade the humdrum city life with a rejuvenating vacation at Sabah Tea Garden. Set on a sprawling 6,200-acre land at 2,272 feet above sea level, the largest commercial tea plantation in Borneo is a place of wellbeing unlike any other. With its recent facelift and upgrade of services, Sabah Tea Garden is sure to delight die-hard naturalists, thrill seekers, culture vultures, and even romantic twosomes.

Visitors longing for an uninterrupted retreat can choose to stay in all day long while the curious and adventurous get under way with a variety of educational and fun-filled activities. Begin with a video overview and tour the 26-year old tea factory to gain knowledge on the step-by-step process of producing premium tea. Proceed with laidback activities such as tea sampling or batik panting before embarking to Quailey's Hill to pay respect to an Australian soldier that perished during the Sandakan-Ranau Death March in 1945.

Nature lovers seeking to pump up the adrenaline can enjoy the scenic view of Mount Kinabalu during the Sunrise Morning Walk, journey on a two-hour guided hike to the peak of Kamunsu Hill, trek along the Sapaon River to learn about the rich riverine ecosystem or head out on a night walk to discover unique insect life. Transfer to the Sapaon Recreational Area to test drive the low rope and commando course, plunge into the river for a cooling swim or hide out in the rainforest on a birdwatching mission. After the challenge is over and the wild heart is finally satisfied, enjoy a quiet picnic by

the picturesque waterway or return to the Sabah Tea House for a scrumptious Chinese inspired feast.

Request for the signature Sabah Tea Chicken Soup (chicken broth cooked with vegetables and young tea leaves) and rich Butter Chicken or Prawns. Enjoy a steaming hot cup of *Pandan Teh Tarik* (pulled tea) or *Teh Nalapak* and end on a sweet note with the famous Tea Pancakes. Sabah Tea House operates from 7.30am to 4.30pm daily and opens until 8pm for overnight guests. Those interested in holding MICE events, functions or weddings can also rent the Cultural Hall that can accommodate a maximum of 300 persons.

Although an ideal pit stop before embarking to Sandakan from Kota Kinabalu, it is highly recommended that passerby stay overnight. Camp out in the wild under a blanket of stars, experience living in a longhouse or settle in a quaint English cottage that is furnished with modern amenities such as air-conditioning and a 21-inch LCD television with cable network. With so much to offer, it's no wonder that Sabah Tea Garden was nominated the Best Tourist Attraction at the Sabah Tourism Awards 2007 and awarded the Best Tour Programme at the Tourism Malaysia Awards 2005.

Sabah Tea Garden is located at Km17, Jalan Ranau/Sandakan, Kampung Nalapak, Ranau. For enquires and reservations, call +60 88 440882, fax to +60 88 423448, e-mail info@sabahtea.net or visit www.sabahtea.net.



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