



The 12 Months

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No doubt about it: Sabah is great all year around! Here are 12 fantastic reasons to pack your bags and head to the Land below the Wind any time of the year:

January

Start the year slow and steady by exploring Kota Kinabalu city. As the excitement of ushering the New Year dies down, this is a great time to see what Kota Kinabalu has to offer. For a quick walk down memory lane, sign up for the KK Heritage Walk and visit some of the city's historical landmarks. When the sun goes down, stroll along the Waterfront, the city's one-stop dining and entertainment spot. From North Indian cuisine to everyone's favourite happy hour joint, you'll find it all at the Waterfront.

February

It's time to paint the town red – literally! February is a significant month for the Chinese community as they welcome the Chinese New Year. 2008 marks the Year of the Rat and festivities are marked with several street festivals (check out the Gaya Street Angpow Festival on 16 February 2008) and pulsating lion and dragon dance performances! February also marks the 8th City Day anniversary for Kota Kinabalu.

March

Take advantage of the sunny skies and calm waters in March by heading out to sea! Seasoned anglers claim that March is one of the best times to try your hand at deep sea fishing thanks to the good weather forecast. The waters surrounding the island of Mengalum are a favoured spot, while others head north to Kudat. Good weather also promises a great outing to the nearby islands of the Tunku Abdul Rahman Park.

April

April is a great time to visit the east coast district of Tawau. The Sea Bajau community of Semporna celebrate the Regatta Lepa (which takes place on 19 & 20 April 2008), which honours the traditional use of their wooden sailing boat, known as the 'lepa'. The colourful sails of the lepa line along the coast, making it an unforgettable spectacle. And while you're in Semporna, why not make your way to the nearby islands of Sipadan, Mabul, Matakang and Kapalai for an amazing scuba diving experience?

May

It's a cultural extravaganza in the month of May! Throughout the month, the Kadazandusun community celebrate the harvest festival, which culminates on 30 and 31 May. The Grand Finale of the Tadau Kaamatan (Harvest Festival) is held in Penampang district on these two days, which are also public holidays for the State. For a kaleidoscope of culture and traditions, don't miss the Sabah Fest which takes place on 3 and 4 May.

June

The dragons come alive each June as Sabah plays host to some of the top Dragon Boat teams from around the world. The annual Sabah Dragon Boat Race is an exciting event that will take place on 15 June 2008. Teams from as far away as Japan and Australia have participated in this event over the years. Come and cheer for your favourite team!