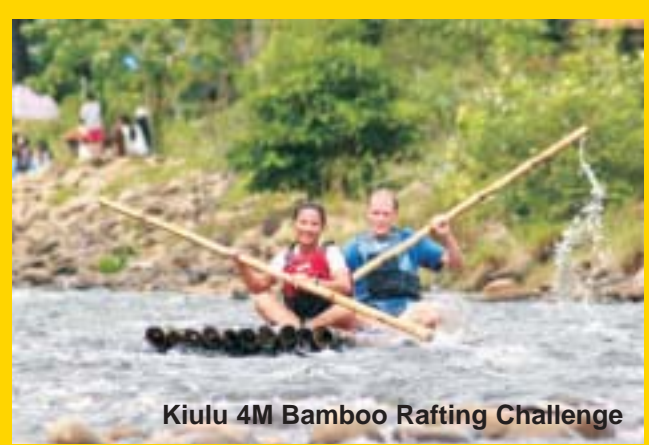




TM Mt. Kinabalu International Climbathon

of Sabah!



Kiulu 4M Bamboo Rafting Challenge



Sabah Fest



Kota Belud Tamu Besar

July

With so much to see and do in July, you'll wish there were more than 31 days! The month kicks off with the Sago Fest in Kuala Penyu on 4–6 July. A great opportunity to taste your first sago worm, yum! The Lok Kawi Wildlife Park celebrates its Open Day on 6 July, with free admission for all. Kids will love the elephant ride, and the lovable Orang Utan will charm you. Want to do your part for the environment? Visit the town of Semporna and the island of Mabul from 12–14 July and participate in their annual clean-up efforts to raise awareness on the importance of conserving the marine environment.

August

Are you tough enough? On 23–24 August, the world's top mountain runners race each other to the top of Mount Kinabalu and back during the TM 22nd Mt. Kinabalu International Climbathon, some clocking less than 3 hours. Take the opportunity to explore Malaysia's first World Heritage Site, Kinabalu Park. August also marks Malaysia's 51st anniversary. Don't miss the Merdeka Day Parade on 31 August!

September

Our Muslim friends observe fasting during the month of Ramadhan as they prepare for Hari Raya Aidilfitri. This is a great chance to sample delicious local foods during 'buka puasa' (breaking of fast) come sun down. Visit any of the 'ramadhan bazaars' nearest to you and enjoy a variety of kuih muih (cakes), nasi campur (mixed rice) and desserts galore.

October

Selamat Hari Raya! October also brings you a variety of events, including the not-to-be-missed Kota Belud Tamu Besar (25–26 October), the Gong Festival of Matunggong, Kudat (24 October) and the 4X4 Borneo Safari (26 October – 2 November) which takes adventure enthusiasts into the heart of Sabah to tackle challenging terrain.

November

In November, we invite you to venture to the east of Sabah, namely Sandakan. A wildlife paradise, this is the best place to see Sabah's 'wild' residents in their natural habitat. The riverbanks of Kinabatangan are teeming with wildlife, from leaping Proboscis Monkeys to the elusive Borneo Pygmy Elephant. Also a boat ride away from Sandakan are the Selingan Turtle Islands, a sanctuary for sea turtles who lay eggs here on a daily basis. This conservation effort aims to protect the sea turtles while educating visitors on sea turtle protection.

December

'Tis the season to be jolly and adventurous! The Kiulu 4M Challenge takes place on 7 December. This is a unique traditional extreme sports event, which incorporates four Kadazandusun activities — running, rafting, paddle-swimming with a bamboo pole and bamboo stilt walking. Sounds interesting? Come and check it out for yourself in the picturesque district of Kiulu. Of course, who could forget the Christmas season? Join the festivities during the 'open house', a time for friends and family to visit each other in the spirit of goodwill. Wishing you a tropical Christmas in Sabah Malaysian Borneo!