



# Umang Ting Ting

- Dance of the Brunei-Malays

The Brunei-Malays originate from the Brunei Sultanate and are found along the West Coast of Sabah, reaching as far north as Papar and as far south as Limbang in Sarawak. The traditions and practices of the Brunei Malays are largely dependent on their Malay and Muslim values but the royal influences of the Brunei Sultanate also affect parts of their customs.

The Umang Ting Ting is one of the traditional dances of the Brunei-Malay community, often performed during festivities. It is performed to the playing of several traditional instruments, namely the gambus, a wooden lute and an exchange of witty mockery and teasing between the singers. The dance is signified with the gentle swaying hand movements of the ladies while the men appear to 'court' the ladies with their hops and skips. An upbeat yet graceful dance, the Umang Ting Ting is often performed during weddings or to greet dignitaries



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