

# Frankincense

## – A Family Cafe



Looking for a dose of hearty home-cooked food? Swing by Frankincense, a quaint family-friendly café located at the Sri Kepayan Commercial Centre in Kota Kinabalu. Set up by husband and wife team of Casey and Cathy Lee, Frankincense offers the unique combination of Baba & Nyonya cuisine (of Malay-Chinese influence most popular in the Malaysian states of Melaka and Penang) and local Kadazandusun fare. On the menu you will find plenty of coffee shop favourites including toast, nasi lemak and fried noodles. But the real crowd-puller here is the variety of Baba Nyonya & local dishes, best enjoyed with a plate of steamed rice. Try the Ayam Pongteh, a simple chicken stew cooked with soya sauce and sengkung (a crunchy type of fruit with an apple-like texture). According to Casey, the Ayam Pongteh dish is a must-have for the Baba Nyonya community on Chinese New Year Eve. Also served here is the Ayam Tempura, a chicken dish cooked with green pepper and vinegar served in a delicious gravy. The Nenas Masak Lemak is popular pick among the regulars – pineapple slices cooked in a coconut milk. You won't be disappointed! Complement your meal with unforgettable Sabahan delights such as the hinava (pickled Spanish mackerel), tuhau (a pounded ginger-like plant mixed with lime juice, onions and chillies) and cincalok (a zesty shrimp paste served with lime and chillies). End your meal with a cup of Jenny's Yogurt Ice Cream – some diners have been known to bring more than a cup or two home! The best part is all dishes are priced under RM10.00. Frankincense truly lives up to its 'family-friendly' concept with its Kids Corner. Tiny tots simply love the pint-sized tables and chairs and the reading corner keeps them busy. The café can seat up to 50 people. For a cozy dining experience for the whole family, look no further than Frankincense!

**Frankincense is open Monday to Saturday, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. It is located at No. 17, Ground Floor, Block H, Lot 3, Sri Kepayan Commercial Centre (within the Austral Park housing estate). Does not serve pork. For more information, please contact Casey Lee at 016 813 9119**

## Ikan Bakar Pasar Sim Sim



When in Sandakan, find your way to the much-raved about Pasar Sim Sim. At first glance it appears to be your average market, but Pasar Sim Sim's main attraction is the Ikan Bakar (Grilled Fish) stalls. Locals flock here during lunch and dinner to enjoy some of the arguably best grilled fish in this part of Sabah. According to Sandakan folk, Pasar Sim Sim started out as a modest market selling fresh produce and the like. But it wasn't until 2004 that it gained popularity for its ikan bakar stalls. The friendly 'makcik' (aunties) and their assistants are proud to show their array of fresh fish, including grouper, ikan bahlulu, ikan belays, ikan merah (red snapper) and ikan putih (trevally). Many visitors from the west coast (namely Kota Kinabalu) even claim that no trip to Sandakan is complete without an ikan bakar adventure!

The ikan bakar is best served with plain white rice and a generous serving of sambal belacan (shrimp paste) – it might be a tad spicy, so go easy on the belacan! There are also plenty of side dishes to go with your ikan bakar, from local vegetables to pickled delights. Be adventurous and try a bit of everything! **The market is open daily from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. It is located on Jalan Buli Sim Sim, Sandakan.**



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