



... experience Sabah's culture

Sabah is a melting pot of cultures, with more than 30 ethnic groups who speak more than 100 dialects. To experience the multifarious cultures and traditions of Sabah, visit any of the cultural villages around Kota Kinabalu, offering visitors an interactive experience. Monsopiad Cultural Village (info@monsopiad.com, 088-774337) located in Penampang (approximately 15 minutes from the city centre) was the original location where the fearless headhunter, Monsopiad, once resided. Today, the Cultural Village built in his name is run by Monsopiad's descendants. Also worth a visit is the Mari-Mari Cultural Village in Inanam (www.traversetours.com, 088-260501), Linangkit Cultural Village in Tuaran (www.linangkit.com, 088-787382) and Sabah Museum's Heritage Village.

... wine and dine

No holiday would be complete without a gastronomic affair. In Kota Kinabalu, start in the famous Gaya Street where coffeeshops galore await you. The best time to visit coffee shops are in the mornings – locals take breakfast seriously here! From kon lau mein (homemade noodles in a special sauce) to nasi lemak, fill your stomachs with local delights. Not sure what to order? Your friendly coffeeshop staff will be more than happy to recommend their specialties. In the evenings, swing by the Waterfront, which offers a fantastic variety of international flavours – from fusion Italian to North Indian. Have a nightcap at any of the bars found here or enjoy a night of clubbing and karaoke. It's all here at the Waterfront! In Sandakan and Tawau, the seafood is a must-try. Served fresh from the sea at hard-to-beat prices, it's every seafood fans' paradise.

For more information on the featured places, contact Sabah Tourism Board at 088-212121 or Sri Pelancongan Sabah at 088-232121. E-mail info@sabahtourism.com or visit www.sabahtourism.com

