

## Iban Longhouse

The iban longhouse tour at Batang Ai is a unique experience to be cherished. Lemanak River is about four hours' drive from Kuching. Visitors will get an opportunity to journey upstream along the river on a wooden longboat, before arriving at the longhouse where many interesting activities await. Be awed by a blowpipe demonstration, see how rice is cooked in bamboo tubes and watch a traditional native dance.

Batang Ai is the site of the 24,040ha Batang Ai National Park. it is home to the endangered gibbons, orang utans and hornbills. Just outside the park is the fivestar Batang Ai Longhouse Resort, offering longhouse-style accommodation with all the trappings of modernity.

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## Sarawak Cultural Village





Tucked away at the foothills of legendary Mount Santubong, 35 km from Kuching is the award winning “Sarawak Cultural Village” which is also the venue for the World Harvest Festival and the Rainforest World Music Festival, an internationally renowned festival.

This living museum depicts the heritage of the major racial groups in Sarawak and conveniently portrays their respective lifestyle amidst 14 acres of tropical vegetation.

Here, it is possible to see Sarawak’s ethnic diversity at a glance. The handicraft is both bewildering and tempting, including the Kain Songket (Malay cloth with gold inlay), Pua Kumbu (Iban housewives textiles), Melanau Terendak (sunhat), Bidayuh tambok (basket), Iban parang (swords), Orang Ulu wood carving and Chinese ceramics.

The 45-minute cultural performance of songs, dances and entertainment is something you will not want to miss during your visit to Sarawak.

Opening hours: 9. am – 5. pm daily

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## **Monsopiad Cultural Village**

There are the many traditional buildings nestled besides the Penampang River that make up the Monsopiad Cultural village, a living museum located 16 km or about half an hour away from the Kota Kinabalu City Centre. Monsopiad was a fearsome warrior who lived in the village of Kuai nearly 200 years ago.

At the Village, visit the Tangkob or Grainery where the padi is housed. Kotos Di Monsopiad or Monsopiad’s Main House is

dedicated to the life and times of Monsopiad and his descendants. On display are ceramic jars, padi grinders, bamboo items as well as the costume of Bobohizan Inai Bianti, direct descendant of Monsopiad and very senior high priestess.

Other interesting exhibits include the massive monolith which invokes a dozen legends, the traditional restaurant and of course Siou Do Mohoing, or the House of Skulls, where all 42 'trophies' of Monsopiad hang from the rafters.

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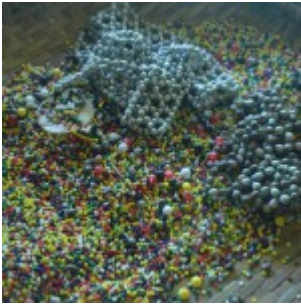
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Mari Mari Cultural Village is located deep in the countryside approximately 25 minutes away from the modern and developing Kota Kinabalu city. The village operates as a museum that preserves Borneo ethnic culture to share the knowledge, history, culture, and tradition of Borneo.

The tour offers the opportunity to see and experience the culture and lifestyle of the indigenous ethnic groups of Borneo used to live in the olden days without electricity in their land.

The village demonstrates 5 different ethnic tribes in one village. They are the rice farmer Kadazan-Dusun, the longhouse resident Rungus, the hunters and fisherman Lundayeh, the cowboy and sea gypsy Bajau, and the famously feared headhunting tribe Murut.

Package only, includes return transfer, guide and meals. Tours are held daily at 10.00am, 3.00pm and 7.00pm.

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# Malacca

Melaka enjoys a strategic location on the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia, along the historic Straits of Malacca, covering an area of 1,650 sq km. Established in 1403, it was an important trading post in Malaysia's early history and attracted traders from all over the world.



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Today, it is home to the UNESCO World Heritage City of Melaka. This capital city invites you to experience the old world charm of buildings and architecture inherited from centuries of Portuguese, Dutch and British rule, and to witness the various customs and cultures of its people. Beyond the city are attractions such as fruit farms, animal and nature parks as well as resorts and homestays.

Come, experience wonder and excitement in historical Melaka!

Places of Interest:

- **Baba and Nyonya Heritage Museum** – this building is

typical of the 19th century Baroque style homes of wealthy Chinese families. Furnished with Chinese rosewood furniture with a mix of Chinese, Victorian and Dutch designs, this longish residence has an interior that opens into a courtyard that admits sun and rain. This museum was the ancestral home of three generations of a Baba Nyonya family and is situated along Jalan Tun Tan Cheng Lock.

- **Jonker Street** – or Jalan Hang Jebat is interspersed with antique shops selling an interesting array of authentic artefacts and relics. Some date as far back as 300 years and can be found among a host of interesting collectibles, each with its own history and mystery. Located in the older section of the city, Jonker Street is popular among bargain hunters and antique collectors.
- **Maritime Museum** – the Maritime Museum is housed in a replica of the Flor de la Mar, a Portuguese vessel that sank off the coast of Melaka. The museum has pictorial displays of the history of Melaka, beginning from the Sultanate of Melaka in the 14th century to the pre-independence era. Inside the museum are models of ships, authentic maps, charts and old iron chests that were once used to store precious cargo.
- **Melaka River Cruise** – the 45-minute Melaka river Cruise passes through the downtown area where you can see old warehouses, shop houses, bridges and Kampung Morten, a traditional Malay village. The return trip passes wharves down river. Booking for cruises along the Melaka river can be made at the quay behind the tourist information centre.
- **Melaka Sultanate Palace** – a replica of a 15th century palace in Melaka, this museum mainly displays exhibits that are related to the culture of Melaka. Other items include a huge diorama depicting a sultan's court as

well as clothing, weapons, stone inscriptions, musical instruments and photographs.

- **Porta De Santiago (A'Famosa)** – the Portuguese admiral, alfonso d'albuquerque, built Porta de Santiago or a'Famosa in 1511. However, this fortress was badly damaged during the dutch invasion in 1641. Fortunately, Sir Stamford raffles, a British official, intervened in 1808 and saved what remains of a'Famosa today. this famous landmark is located near St. Paul's Church.
- **Stadthuys** – the Stadthuys is the most imposing relic of the dutch rule in Melaka. it features salmon red walls, heavy wooden doors and wrought-iron hinges. once the official residence of the dutch governors and their officers, it now houses the Museum of History and ethnography. next to it is Christ Church, a dutch reformed Church that was constructed in 1753.
- **Taming Sari Tower** – a 360 degrees view of Banda Hilir and its environs awaits you at the 110m high taming Sari tower. the name and design of this tower was inspired by the taming sari dagger, the legendary weapon owned by the Malay warrior, Hang tuah. this tower is only a few minutes away from the dataran Pahlawan Megamall and Mahkota Parade Shopping Complex.
- **A'Famosa Resort** – the star attraction in alor gajah, the a'Famosa resort boasts several themed attractions, which include the a'Famosa Water World, a'Famosa animal World Safari, a'Famosa Cowboy town and a children's theme park. this resort is situated just off the north-South expressway.
- Bukit Cina
- Cheng Hoon Teng Temple
- Chetti Museum
- Christ Church
- Dutch Cemetery

- Hang Jebat's Mausoleum
  - Hang Kasturi's Mausoleum
  - Hang Li Po's Well
  - Kampung Hulu Mosque
  - Kampung Kling Mosque
  - Portuguese Square
  - Proclamation of Independence Memorial
  - Sam Po Kong Temple
  - Sri Poyyatha Vinayagar Moorthi Temple
  - St. Francis Xavier's Church
  - St. John's Fort
  - St. Paul's Church
  - St. Peter's Church
  - Tengkeru Mosque
  - Villa Sentosa, Kampung Morten
  - Mini Malaysia and Mini ASEAN Park
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