

# MALAYSIA *Calendar of* EVENTS & FESTIVALS

# 2018





## THROUGHOUT 2018

### **Melaka Car Free Zone 'MCFZ Ride 2018'**

1st & 3rd Sun • Menara Taming Sari, Melaka  
**MCFZ Ride is an annual heritage fun ride programme held to bring people together to foster a healthy lifestyle while appreciating the environment.**

Melaka Taming Sari  
T: 06 288 1100 • F: 06 288 1551

## JANUARY

### **New Year Celebration**

1 Jan • Merdeka Square and KLCC, Kuala Lumpur  
**Enjoy a host of exciting performances and fireworks displays to usher in the New Year.**

### **KL International New Year Run 2018**

1 Jan • Merdeka Square, Kuala Lumpur  
**Start the year with a healthy lifestyle by joining this new year run!**  
Persatuan Rekreasi Wilayah Ceria 1Malaysia  
T: 012 614 8477 • W: [www.racexasia.com](http://www.racexasia.com)

### **Watergate**

6 - 7 Jan • Taman Seri Empangan, Precinct 5, Putrajaya  
**A running competition that takes participants along a 100km route.**  
Perbadanan Putrajaya  
T: 03 8887 7736 • F: 03 8887 5013 • W: [www.ppj.gov.my](http://www.ppj.gov.my)

### **16th Royal Langkawi International Regatta**

8 - 13 Jan • Royal Langkawi Yacht Club, Langkawi, Kedah  
**A significant international-level sailing competition featuring 50 sailing boats from around the world and top teams from the Asia Pacific.**  
Royal Langkawi Yacht Club  
T: 04 966 4078 • F: 04 966 5078 • W: [www.langkawiregatta.com](http://www.langkawiregatta.com)

### **Ponggal Festival**

11 - 16 Jan • Penang  
**A Hindu thanksgiving festival dedicated to the Sun God to thank the solar deity for a bountiful harvest.**  
Penang Hindu Endowment Board  
T: 04 650 5136

### **5th Dream Car Expo**

12 - 14 Jan • KL Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur  
**A showcase of the latest models, imported and domestic vehicles. A platform for the community to share common interests, expand their networks as well as businesses.**  
Golden Land Expo  
W: [www.dreamcarexpo.com.my](http://www.dreamcarexpo.com.my)

### **Ponggal Festival**

14 - 17 Jan • Chitty Cultural Village, Melaka  
**A three-day festival highlighting the colourful, unique and fascinating traditions, heritage, special food and culture of the minority Melaka Chitty community to mark the end of the harvesting season.**  
Melaka Chitty Cultural Organization  
T: 019 667 7226

### **15th New Talent Exhibition**

18 Jan - 4 Apr • Sabah Art Gallery, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah  
**An exhibition of creative works by new talents with the objective of encouraging and promoting talented individuals to be actively involved in the creation and appreciation of visual arts in the state.**  
Sabah Art Gallery, Kota Kinabalu  
T: 088 268 748 / 825 / 875 / 806 / 535 • F: 088 210 040  
W: [www.sabahartgallery.com](http://www.sabahartgallery.com)



### **Kek Lok Si Display of Lights**

23 Jan • Kek Lok Si Temple, Penang  
**Also known as Temple of Supreme Bliss in the Hokkien dialect, Kek Lok Si Temple is a crowd puller especially during the Chinese New Year. The annual display of lights showcases more than 10,000 lights.**  
Kek Lok Si Temple  
T: 04 828 3317 • W: [www.mypenang.gov.my](http://www.mypenang.gov.my)

### **Penang International Halal Expo & Conference 2018**

26 - 28 Jan • SPICE Arena, Penang  
**Organised by Penang State Government under Halal Penang, its halal facilitation agency, this is an ideal platform for exhibitors and trade clients to promote a wide array of halal consumables and non-consumable products.**  
PIHH Development Sdn Bhd  
T: 04 262 5444

### **Tioman Surfestival**

28 - 30 Jan • Kampung Juara, Pulau Tioman, Pahang  
**This surfing competition was first held in 2010 and introduces surfing as a fun form of activity for tourists to Tioman Island.**  
Tioman Boardriders Event Management & Tioman Development Authority (TDA)  
T: 09 413 3175 / 09 413 3179  
W: [www.tiomancabana.com](http://www.tiomancabana.com) / [www.tioman.gov.my](http://www.tioman.gov.my)  
FB: Tioman Boardriders

### **Thaipusam**

31 Jan • Batu Caves, Selangor

**Thaipusam is a Hindu festival celebrated during the full moon in the Tamil month of Thai, to pay homage to Lord Muruga.**

T: 03 6189 6284

### **Penang CNY Lanterns 2018**

Jan - Feb • Dewan Sri Pinang, Penang

**This annual event features more than 38 unique lanterns that are grouped into four major sets and displayed in the vicinity of Dewan Sri Pinang, Lebu Light for 32 days during Chinese New Year.**

Penang State Government

T: 04 6501 0503 • W: [www.mypenang.gov.my](http://www.mypenang.gov.my)

## **FEBRUARY**

### **Federal Territories Day**

1 Feb

**The Federal Territories Day, celebrated every first day of February, is one of Malaysia's major holidays. The Federal Territories of Malaysia constitute Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Labuan.**

### **Maybank Championship**

1 - 4 Feb • Saujana Golf and Country Club, Selangor

**After a decade of golfing excellence, Maybank continues to give players in ASEAN and across the world a chance to redefine the game at the Maybank Championship.**

Maybank

T: 03 7846 1323 • F: 03 7846 1325

W: <https://maybankchampionship.com.my>

### **Exhibition Peking Man**

1 Feb - 31 Mar • Department of Museums Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur

**This event is a joint venture between the Government of Malaysia and China.**

Department of Museums Malaysia and RRC (Zhokoudian Site Museum, China)

T: 03 2267 1000 • F: 03 2287 1271 • W: [www.jmm.gov.my](http://www.jmm.gov.my)

### **Chinese New Year Assembly of Dragons, Unicorns & Lions**

3 Feb • Likas Sport Complex, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

**Dragons, unicorns and lions come alive during this annual performance. More than 60 dance troupes will put on a dazzling display of agility, grace and choreography as we celebrate the Lunar New Year.**

The United Sabah Chinese Communities Association of Kota Kinabalu

T: 088 262 100 • F: 088 260 630 • E: [wongsiewguen@yahoo.com](mailto:wongsiewguen@yahoo.com)

### **Chinese Cultural Oillage Exhibition**

3 Feb • Likas Sport Complex, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

**During the Chinese New Year season, a total of fifteen Chinese communities will showcase their traditional cuisine and teas.**

The United Sabah Chinese Communities Association of Kota Kinabalu

T: 088 262 100 • F: 088 260 630 • E: [wongsiewguen@yahoo.com](mailto:wongsiewguen@yahoo.com)

### **Gunung Nuang Ultra Challenge 2018**

4 Feb • Gunung Nuang, Hulu Langat, Selangor

**Gunung Nuang Ultra Challenge brings ardent climbers to conquer the highest mountain in Selangor.**

My Ultra Running

W: [www.myultrarunning.com](http://www.myultrarunning.com)

### **Chinese New Year Carnival**

10 - 12 Feb • Padang Merdeka, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

**Enjoy performances and Chinese New Year goodies as well as other festive items. Don't miss the stunning fireworks display at night!**

The Federation of Chinese Associations Sabah (FCAS) & Kota Kinabalu City Hall (DBKK)

T: 088 253 433 • F: 088 268 433

W: [www.shahuatang.com](http://www.shahuatang.com) • FB: [fcas1994](https://www.facebook.com/fcas1994)

### **Melaka International F3000 Powerboat Championship**

18 - 19 Feb • Dataran Klebang, Melaka

**Melaka International F3000 Powerboat Championship is an event that features motorised watersports and high-octane performances.**

Persatuan Permotoran Integrasi 1Malaysia / Melaka Tourism Promotion Division

T: 017 358 2909 / 06 232 8402 • F: 06 232 8367

### **Karnival Kad Ceria**

23 - 25 Feb • Dataran Putrajaya, Precinct 3, Putrajaya

**Citizens of Federal Territories get to enjoy discounts up to 70% off merchandise, food and services at 471 premises in this carnival.**

Ministry of Federal Territories Malaysia

T: 03 8000 8000 • F: 03 8889 7957 • W: [www.kwp.gov.my](http://www.kwp.gov.my)

### **Penang Hot Air Balloon Fiesta 2018**

24 - 25 Feb • Padang Polo, George Town, Penang

**A colourful event with hot air balloons, tethered balloon rides and 'Night Glow' shows. Visitors can also enjoy international balloonists showcasing their special shaped balloons as well as 'cold inflation' techniques.**

AKA Balloon Sdn. Bhd.

E: [info@penanghotairballoonfiesta.com](mailto:info@penanghotairballoonfiesta.com)

### **Fiesta Intrudu**

26 Feb • Portuguese Settlement, Melaka

**Celebrated by the Portuguese community in Melaka, Fiesta Intrudu sees children and adults splashing water on each other in the spirit of merriment and fun.**

Portuguese Settlement Regedor's Panel

T: 06 284 7050 • F: 06 284 6578

### **21st Padi Course Director Training Course**

27 Feb - 7 Mar • Borneo Divers Mabul Resort, Semporna, Sabah

**For the past 19 years, Borneo Divers Training Institute has provided logistical support for the highest level of PADI certification - the PADI Course Director Training Course.**

Borneo Divers & Sea Sports (Sabah) Sdn Bhd

T: 088 222 226 • F: 088 221 550

FB: Borneo Divers Mabul Resort

### **33rd Sabah Annual Art Festival**

Feb - Jul • Sabah Art Gallery, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

**A state wide art selection programme to discover and encourage creative individuals to follow their passion in art. Entry forms are available at the Sabah Art Gallery and all submission centres around Sabah.**

Sabah Art Gallery

T: 088 268 748 / 825 / 875 / 806 / 535 • F: 088 210 040

W: [www.sabahartgallery.com](http://www.sabahartgallery.com)

### **Federal Territories Day Celebration**

Feb • Putrajaya

**Federal Territories Day is celebrated to commemorate the establishment of the three federal territories of Kuala Lumpur, Labuan and Putrajaya.**

Perbadanan Putrajaya

T: 03 8887 7736 • F: 03 8887 5013 • W: [www.ppp.gov.my](http://www.ppp.gov.my)



### **Pasir Gudang World Kite Festival**

Feb • Pasir Gudang, Johor

**World Kite Festival is an annual event held in Pasir Gudang, Johor. It gathers almost 230 international kite flyers from more than 40 countries.**

Pasir Gudang Municipal Council, Johor  
T: 07 251 3720 • W: [www.mppg.gov.my](http://www.mppg.gov.my)

### **Chingay Festival**

Feb • Johor Bahru City, Johor

**This is a special Chinese New Year Celebration where devotees take the five deities from Johor Bahru old temple on their annual 'tour'.**

Tionghua Association Johor Bahru  
T: 07 278 8999

### **Miri Country Music Festival**

Feb • Parkcity Everly Hotel, Miri, Sarawak

**A festival for both the young and the old, and definitely for country music lovers! Enjoy varieties of food, games, souvenir items and music by some of the best country musicians from around the world.**

Planet Convention and Event-Place  
T: 082 412 100

E: [mona@placeborneo.com](mailto:mona@placeborneo.com) • W: <https://miricountrymusic.com>

### **KL Rush Explore Race 2018**

Feb • KL Tower / Around Kuala Lumpur

**This event will be held in conjunction with the Federal Territories Day with the aim of making KL Tower a hub for tourists.**

KL Tower  
T: 03 2020 5444 • W: [www.menarakl.com.my](http://www.menarakl.com.my)

### **5th Sabah FCAS International Dragon Boat Race**

Feb • Likas Bay, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

**Organised in conjunction with the Duan Wu Festival, this traditional sporting event sees local and international teams synchronising their paddling to the beat of the drum as they race to the finish line.**

The Federation of Chinese Associations Sabah (FCAS)  
T: 088 253 433 • F: 088 268 433  
W: [www.shahuatang.com](http://www.shahuatang.com) • E: [fcasinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fcasinfo@gmail.com)

### **Fraser's Hill International Bird Race**

Feb • Bukit Fraser, Raub, Pahang

**A fun event for participants and nature lovers alike to spot, identify and record the most number of bird species. Held within the boundaries of Fraser's Hill which covers lush tropical jungles.**

Tourism Pahang  
T: 09 568 1623 / 1624 / 1627 / 09 568 7001 • F: 09 568 1626  
W: [www.pahangtourism.org.my](http://www.pahangtourism.org.my) • E: [pahangtourism2015@gmail.com](mailto:pahangtourism2015@gmail.com)  
FB: Tourism Pahang

### **Snake Temple Celebration**

Feb • Snake Temple (Ban Ka Lan), Penang

**An annual event that features a Fire Watching ceremony, cultural dances, food stalls, exhibitions and exciting performances.**

Hokkien Kongsu  
T: 04 262 0202 / 012 433 1918

### **Pai Ti Kong Festival**

Feb • Jade Emperor God's Temple, (Ti Kong Tua), Bukit Bendera, Penang

**The 9th day of Chinese New Year, also known as Jade Emperor God's birthday, is celebrated on a grand scale by the Hokkien clan to commemorate their forefathers escape in ancient China.**

T: 04 264 3456 • W: [www.mypenang.gov.my](http://www.mypenang.gov.my)

### **Thaipusam**

Feb • Little India to Waterfalls (Jalan Kebun Bunga) via Jalan Dato Keramat, Penang

**The highlight of this Hindu festival is a procession which takes place to bring the statue of Lord Muruga on a chariot led by more than 60 kavadis (ornate frames).**

Penang Hindu Endowment Board  
T: 04 650 5136 / 04 650 5215

### **Chap Goh Meh Celebration**

Feb • Fort Cornwallis, Penang

**Celebrated on the 15th night of the Lunar New Year, this festival is also known as the Chinese Valentine's Day. Young ladies of marrying age venture out to popular sea promenades to throw oranges into the sea, wishing for a good soul mate.**

Penang State Tourism Development Office  
T: 04 650 5136 • W: [www.mypenang.gov.my](http://www.mypenang.gov.my)

### **Ruhkang Kiulu Adventure Challenge 2018**

Feb • Tamparuli, Sabah

**Perfect for paragliding and white river rafting, this scenic area sets the stage for another extreme sports challenge. See participations from Kenya, Singapore, England, Brunei and of course, Malaysia!**

Tamparuli Sub-District Office & Casero Events  
T: 6019 860 1717 • W: [www.rukiac.caserosabah.com](http://www.rukiac.caserosabah.com)

### **Malaysia Chinese New Year Open House Celebration (MRTM)**

Feb

**The Malaysia Open House Celebration is a programme for people from various races to join in the festivities and enjoy cultural performances, traditional food and lots more.**

Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia  
T: 03 8000 8000 • W: [www.motac.gov.my](http://www.motac.gov.my)

### **Chinese New Year Celebrations**

Feb • Chinatown, Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu

**Chinese New Year is ushered in with fun and festivities at the state's Chinatown.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu  
T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273  
W: <http://tourism.terengganu.gov.my>



## MARCH

### ***Sth Odou Bakanjar***

3 Mar • Kuala Penyu, Sabah

***Odou Bakanjar is a festival celebrated by the Tatana ethnic community of Kuala Penyu. It is usually celebrated a day after the 15th day of the Chinese New Year with colourful dances and parades, traditional food and games.***

Sabah Cultural Board

T: 088 268 460 • F: 088 264 235

W: [www.sabah.gov.lks/v2/](http://www.sabah.gov.lks/v2/) • FB: Lembaga Kebudayaan Negeri Sabah

### ***Powerman Asia Duathlon Championship***

3 - 4 Mar • Dataran Putrajaya, Precinct 3, Putrajaya

***Over 3,000 local and foreign participants including top global athletes, multi-sport biker elites and enthusiasts gather in Putrajaya to take part in the run-bike-run race.***

Perbadanan Putrajaya

T: 03 8887 7736 • F: 03 8887 5013 • W: [www.ppj.gov.my](http://www.ppj.gov.my)

### ***Bintulu Mountain Bike Challenge***

4 Mar • Bicycle Trek, Tanjung Batu, Bintulu, Sarawak

***Bintulu Mountain Bike Challenge aims to promote Bintulu as a tourist destination and to boost the tourism image of Sarawak.***

Bintulu Development Authority / Bintulu Resident Office

T: 019 854 4636 / 086 332 277 / 086 332 011 • F: 086 330 099

E: [latif@bda.gov.my](mailto:latif@bda.gov.my) • W: [www.bda.gov.my](http://www.bda.gov.my)

### ***Pesta Angin Timur Perlis 2018 (East Wind Festival)***

9 - 11 Mar • Kampung Kota Kayang, Kangar, Perlis

***Held for the sixth time, this festival celebrates the change of the winds and the successful paddy harvest.***

Perlis State Government / Perlis National Department for Culture and Arts

T: 04 973 1851 • W: [www.perlis.gov.my](http://www.perlis.gov.my)

### ***Konvoi Berbasikal Wanita***

10 Mar • Dataran Putrajaya, Precinct 3, Putrajaya

***Nearly 3,000 woman cyclists from all walks of life converge in this competition. Held in two categories (10 km and 25 km), the ride takes cyclists around Putrajaya.***

Perbadanan Putrajaya

T: 03 8887 7736 • F: 03 8887 5013 • W: [www.ppj.gov.my](http://www.ppj.gov.my)

### ***Rhythm of Sabah Retro Music Exhibition***

10 Mar - 10 Jun

***Visit this exhibition for a walk down memory lane to revisit the state's nostalgic retro music of the 60s and 70s era.***

Sabah Museum

T: 088 225 033 / 088 215 606 • F: 088 240 230

E: [Stella.Moo@sabah.gov.my](mailto:Stella.Moo@sabah.gov.my)

### ***Borneo Ultra-Trail Marathon (BUTM) 2018***

10 - 11 Mar • Kiulu, Sabah

***BUTM is a challenging ultra-trail marathon with over five categories from 12km to 150km, designed to cater to all levels, from beginners to professional trail runners. Runners will cross village trails, hills and hanging bridges.***

Borneo Ultra Trails Sdn Bhd

T: 010 933 4800

W: [www.borneoultra.com](http://www.borneoultra.com) • FB: Borneo Ultra Marathon-BUTM

### ***Brooks Run Out Pahang Marathon 2018***

11 Mar • Taman Gelora, Kuantan, Pahang

***This marathon kicks off for the 4th time and aims to encourage Malaysians to adopt a healthy lifestyle as well as to promote Kuantan as a tourist destination.***

Monkey Theory Sdn Bhd

T: 017 513 5017 • E: [customercare@dustymonkeys.com.my](mailto:customercare@dustymonkeys.com.my)

W: [www.pahangmarathon.com](http://www.pahangmarathon.com) • FB: Dusty Monkeys



### ***Raptor Watch Week***

11 Mar • Tanjung Tuan, Melaka

***Raptor Watch is now Malaysia's biggest and best eco-tourism event and a signature for the Malaysian Nature Society (MNS). It celebrates the return of the migratory birds of prey or better known as raptors on their journey back to their breeding grounds in the northern hemisphere.***

Malaysian Nature Society (MNS)

T: 03 2287 9422 • F: 03 2287 8773 • W: [www.mns.my](http://www.mns.my)

### ***Miri Marathon***

18 Mar • Stadium Miri, Sarawak

***A road running event that comprises a full marathon, half marathon as well as a 10km and 5km run. The event is expected to attract more than 3000 runners from local and foreign countries while promoting tourism in Miri.***

Miri Marathon Association

T: 017 898 6966 • E: [yth0820@gmail.com](mailto:yth0820@gmail.com)

### ***Taman Negara Bird Count***

23 - 25 Mar • Taman Negara, Jerantut, Pahang

***An event to spot and count the various bird species that inhabit Malaysia's premier National Park, Taman Negara. Participants will be able to observe rarely seen birds and learn about their habitat in this wildlife area.***

Persatuan Pengusaha Pelancongan Taman Negara & Bird Group  
Taman Negara

T: 013 331 9822 / 019 996 5263

E: [birdgroup.tamannegara@gmail.com](mailto:birdgroup.tamannegara@gmail.com)

W: [www.motac.gov.my](http://www.motac.gov.my) • FB: Taman Negara Bird Count

### ***Sabah Agriculture Park 17th Anniversary Carnival***

25 Mar • Sabah Agriculture Park, Tenom, Sabah

***Join us at the Sabah Agriculture Park, Tenom, home to a myriad of ferns, blooms and all things green, to celebrate the anniversary of the park with several activities and games including fishing competition and more.***

Sabah Agriculture Park

T: 087 737 952 / 013 628 0785 • F: 087 737 571

E: [nsyierah@yahoo.com](mailto:nsyierah@yahoo.com) • FB: Taman Pertanian Sabah





### **Tambunan Silat Festival**

30 - 31 Mar • Tambunan Community Hall, Sabah

**Tambunan has its unique style of Silat called 'Seni Silat Kuntau Babas' which is a blend of traditional Malay Silat and Dusun Kuntau martial arts. It is only befitting that Tambunan plays host to this festival showcasing Silat movements from various associations in Sabah.**

Tambunan Silat Association & Tambunan Seni Silat Kuntau Babas Association

T: 017 836 0783 / 111 415 4106 • E: pdtambunan@gmail.com

### **National Craft Day (HKK 2018)**

Mar - Apr • Putrajaya

**National Craft Day gathers craft entrepreneurs from the whole of Malaysia showcasing local traditional as well as modern contemporary products.**

Kraftangan Malaysia

T: 03 2162 7533 • F: 03 2162 2181 • W: www.kraftangan.gov.my

### **Malaysia Women Marathon**

Mar • Shah Alam, Selangor

**The Malaysia Women Marathon will focus on the celebration of women in the world of running.**

Howei & Tourism Selangor

W: https://mwmarathon.socxs.com

### **MATTA Fair 2018**

Mar • Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur

**Malaysia's premier travel extravaganza providing global exposure and endless business opportunities.**

Malaysia Association of Tour & Travel Agents

T: 03 9222 1155 • W: www.mattafair.org.my

### **Bubble Camp**

Mar • Genting Village, Pulau Tioman, Pahang

**This is a Student Tour Programme which is offered to children aged 9 - 15 years. It exposes students to various marine related activities as well as teaches them about snorkelling and scuba diving techniques.**

Villagers Travel & Tours Sdn Bhd

T: 09 413 1442 • Fax: 09 413 1443

E: villagerstravelintours@gmail.com

W: www.damaitioman.my • FB: Damai Tioman Resort

### **St. Patrick's Festival 2018**

Mar • E&O Hotel & Straits Quay, Penang

**Organised by the Penang Irish Association, the Penang St. Patrick's Festival celebrates the very best of Irish culture and traditions. The four-day festival will showcase a musical show, parade, exhibition, concert and performances from Ireland.**

T: 012 462 5596

### **7th Tawau International Cultural Festival**

Mar • Dataran Majlis Perbandaran Tawau, Sabah

**Introducing 27 local ethnic groups originally from Tawau. Learn all about the ethnic groups, equipment and materials used in their daily lives, costumes, delicacies as well as traditional musical instruments.**

Majlis Perbandaran Tawau

T: 089 701 611

### **Kedah International River Festival**

Mar • Tanjung Chali, Alor Setar, Kedah

**The event highlights the Dragon Boat and Longboat Competitions which are Signature Events held in conjunction with the 89th Birthday of the Sultan of Kedah Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah.**

Kedah State Sport Council

T: 04 774 4000 • F: 604 774 4166

W: http://portal.kedah.gov.my/profail-sukan

### **Pesta Pantai Beautiful Terengganu**

Mar • Pantai Batu Burok, Terengganu

**An event to capture the past glory of Terengganu Beach Festival to preserve the state's arts, traditions, culture and heritage as a component of Terengganu's tourism attractions.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu

T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273

W: https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my

### **Kenyir Bird & Nature Quest**

Mar • Tasik Kenyir, Terengganu

**This event comprises lectures, workshops and activities such as birdwatching, tracking elephants, jungle trekking and cave visits. It offers participants an unforgettable experience, while raising awareness of Terengganu's environmental heritage.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu

T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273

W: https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my

### **Kapas-Marang International Swimathon**

Mar • Pulau Kapas & Pantai Kelulut, Terengganu

**The 6.5km swim from Kapas Island to Kelulut Beach in Seberang Marang is a test of endurance, determination and sheer strength.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu

T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273

W: https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my

## **APRIL**

### **The Malaysia International Halal Showcase (MIHAS)**

4 - 7 Apr • Malaysia International Trade & Exhibition Centre (MITEC), Kuala Lumpur

**Respected as a modern, peaceful and prosperous Islamic country especially among OIC member countries, Malaysia has the added advantage of championing the halal cause.**

Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI)

T: 03 4142 1699 • W: www.mih.com.my

### **Route 68 Challenge**

7 Apr • Gombak, Selangor

**The route will start and end at an orang asli settlement, winding through hilly roads surrounded by lush green forests – bringing you the most unique ultramarathon race experience.**

My Ultra Running

W: www.myultrarunning.com



### **Badi Ultra Trail Challenge**

7 Apr • Inobong Tamu, Penampang, Sabah

**The run takes places in the spectacular Crocker Range Park, along primary and secondary jungles and small villages. Funds raised are to support KLF in preserving and promoting the language of the Kadazandusun community.**

EduLife Bhd & Kadazandusun Language Foundation (KLF)

T: 010 986 8759 / 088 724 852

E: [edulifeborneo@gmail.com](mailto:edulifeborneo@gmail.com) / [klf6392@gmail.com](mailto:klf6392@gmail.com)

### **26th Invitational Artist Exhibition**

12 Apr - 4 Jul • Sabah Art Gallery, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

**An exhibition which aims to honour the efforts of active artists for their contribution in developing Sabah's art throughout the years.**

Sabah Art Gallery

T: 088 268 748 / 825 / 875 / 806 / 535 • F: 088 210 040

W: [www.sabahartgallery.com](http://www.sabahartgallery.com)

### **Pameran Tokoh Tamadun Islam**

13 Apr - 31 Aug • Sabah Museum, Sabah

**Visit the Sabah Museum as it highlights the roles and contributions of Sabah-born leaders in the development of Islamic civilisation.**

Sabah Museum

T: 088 538 234 • F: 088 240 230 • E: [Nismah.Kanak@sabah.gov.my](mailto:Nismah.Kanak@sabah.gov.my)

### **14th Anniversary of Historic Melaka City Council (MBMB)**

14 Apr • Dataran MBMB, Melaka

**Catch the celebration in conjunction with the 14th anniversary of Melaka Historic City. You will be entertained with concerts by popular artists and exciting cultural shows.**

Historic Melaka City Council (MBMB)

T: 06 285 9700 • F: 06 232 5716

Melaka Tourism Promotion Division (Tourism Melaka)

T: 06 232 8402 • F: 06 232 8367

### **The Rungus Kiansamung Festival**

20 - 21 Apr • Kampung Tinangol, Matunggong Town, Kudat, Sabah

**Also known as the Rungus Strongman Festival, this festival will showcase traditional sports, a beauty pageant and interesting rituals. The highlight is the Open Strongman Competition or Kiansamung Competition (the Spirit of Strongman).**

Rungus Strongman Association Sabah

T: 016 837 3910 • F: 088 663 187 • E: [stephnoris@yahoo.com](mailto:stephnoris@yahoo.com)

### **Let's Read Together For 10 Minutes**

25 Apr • Kuala Lumpur

**Organised to honour to the World Book and Copyright Day, this programme encourages participants from throughout the country to read simultaneously within the allotted ten minutes time.**

National Library of Malaysia & Majlis Perpustakaan Awam Negeri

### **World Harvest Festival**

27 - 29 Apr • Sarawak Cultural Village, Kuching, Sarawak

**World Harvest Festival helps to steer and commemorate the unique Gawai or Harvest Festival.**

Sarawak Cultural Village

T: 082 846 108 / 846 078 • F: 082 846 988

### **Wings of KKB 2018**

28 - 29 Apr • Kuala Kubu Bharu, Selangor

**Birdwatching and photography enthusiasts converge in Kuala Kubu Bharu or KKB for another interesting round of birdwatching.**

Hulu Selangor City Council

T: 03 6064 1331

### **Melaka Ingress Mission Day**

29 Apr • Banda Hilir, Melaka

**Explore the state in this wonderful event that is organised by Tourism Melaka.**

Melaka Tourism Promotion Division (Tourism Melaka)

T: 06 232 8402 • F: 06 232 8367

### **Karnival Harumanis Perlis**

Apr - May • Pusat Pertanian Bukit Bintang 1, Sungai Batu Pahat, Perlis

**Savour the delicious Harumanis mango, a specialty of the state. The seasonal fruit is usually available between March to early June.**

Perlis State Government

T: 04 938 4466 • W: <http://pertanian.perlis.gov.my>

### **Squid Jigging Season**

Apr - Jul • Off the waters of Pulau Kapas, Redang and Perhentian, Terengganu

**The squid jigging activity has its own following, where enthusiasts spend hours on board the boat waiting for a good catch.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu

T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273

W: <https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my>

### **Perlis Marathon 2018**

Apr • Kompleks Sukan Tuanku Syed Putra, Kangar, Perlis

**In its fourth year, Perlis Marathon is one of the most anticipated events with exciting giveaways such as fabulous cash prizes and even a car!**

Perlis State Government

T: 04 976 7406 • W: [www.perlis.gov.my](http://www.perlis.gov.my)

### **Pesta Kaul Mukah**

Apr • Tapak Kaul, Taman Kuala Dana, Mukah, Sarawak

**Kaul is a traditional festival celebrated by the Melanau community. Originally a religious ceremony to appease the spirits, it is now celebrated with highlights such as the "Tibow" (Gigantic Swing) stunt, display of Melanau traditional dress, games, dance, etc.**

Persatuan Melanau Mukah

T: 084 872 060 / 013 777 074 / 019 817 1945 • F: 084 872 060

E: [john\\_jennifer@hotmail.com](mailto:john_jennifer@hotmail.com) / [pxineo@gmail.com](mailto:pxineo@gmail.com)

### **Melaka MATTA Fair**

Apr • Melaka International Trade Centre (MITC), Melaka

**An International showcase of tourism packages offering inbound and outbound tours from local and international operators. Visitors will enjoy lots of discounts.**

Melaka Tourism Promotion Division (Tourism Melaka)

T: 06 232 8402 • F: 06 232 8367

### **Melaka Sungai Rambai Fly In**

Apr • Sungai Rambai Drome, Melaka

**A yearly event that brings lots of fun and joy to the people of Melaka. Various activities are arranged to make this a special and memorable event for locals and foreigners.**

Japerun Sungai Rambai / Melaka Tourism Promotion Division (Tourism Melaka)

T: 06 265 8188 / 06 232 8402 • F: 06 265 8050 / 06 232 8367





### **Pocong Night Ride**

Apr • Johor Bahru, Johor

**Open to all ages, this programme takes participants along the scenic rural roads and quiet countrysides.**

Johor Bahru Tengah Municipal Council, Johor

T: 07 555 5000 / 07 556 8007 • W: [www.mpjbt.gov.my](http://www.mpjbt.gov.my)

### **Terengganu Bike Week**

Apr • Pantai Batu Burok, Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu

**An annual events that gathers bikers from around the country and brings them to explore Terengganu.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu

T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273

W: <https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my>

### **Yang diPertuan Muda Terengganu Cup**

Apr • Terengganu International Endurance, Setiu, Terengganu

**The 80km horse endurance race encourages local youths and participants from horse clubs in the country to participate in horse riding sports in the state.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu

T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273

W: <https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my>

### **Duyong Art Fest**

Apr • Pulau Duyong, Terengganu

**Weaving and selling various crafts and traditional food items on the jetty are among the uniqueness of this carnival. Duyong Art Fest is held at Duyong Island, Terengganu.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu

T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273

W: <https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my>

### **NS Nature MTB Jamboree**

Apr • Seri Menanti, Negeri Sembilan

**This is an annual event to promote nature, history and sports.**

Negeri Sembilan Tourism Board

T: 06 765 9734 • W: <http://bikeaway.com.my>

### **Warna Warni Adat Perpatih (Luak Sungai Ujong)**

Apr • Seremban, Negeri Sembilan

**The event emphasises on empowering the traditional customs of Negeri Sembilan's matrilineal social system called Adat Perpatih.**

Negeri Sembilan Museum Board

T: 06 763 1149 • W: <http://lmns.ns.gov.my>

### **Nasi Ambeng Festival**

Apr • Homestay Banghunis, Sepang, Selangor

**Visitors will be able to experience the traditional method of enjoying 'Nasi Ambeng' a specialty of Selangor. This festival also promotes the Sepang district, particularly the Banghunis Homestay.**

National Department for Culture and Arts Selangor

T: 03 5510 2664 • W: [www.jkkn.gov.my/en](http://www.jkkn.gov.my/en)

### **Thai Water Festival**

Apr • Wat Chayamangkalaram Thai Buddhist Temple & Dhamikarama Burmese Buddhist Temple, Penang

**Chaiyamangalaram Buddhist Temple is the oldest Thai Temple in Malaysia, built in 1845. The annual Songkran Water Festival has been organised for more than 15 years by this temple.**

Penang Thai Community

T: 04 226 8503

### **Oaisakhi Celebration**

Apr • Fort Cornwallis, Penang

**Vasakhi (also spelled Baisakhi) is the festival which celebrates the founding of the Sikh community known as the Khalsa. It is celebrated on 14 April each year.**

Wadda Gurdwara Sahib Penang / Sikh Naujawan Sabha Penang

T: 012 489 9204

### **International Colloquium on Studies of Bajau Sama' and Maritime Cultures**

Apr • Tun Mustapha Museum, Semporna, Sabah

**Get to know the Bajau / Sama' community and their maritime culture, socio-cultural aspects, development, rituals, history and more. Held in conjunction with Regatta Lepa, the colloquium takes place for four days.**

Sabah Museum

T: 088 225 033 / 088 215 606 • F: 088 240 230

E: [Judeth.Baptist@sabah.gov.my](mailto:Judeth.Baptist@sabah.gov.my)

### **My Oaisakhi Fest 2018**

Apr • Malaysia Tourism Centre, Kuala Lumpur

**This national level festival gives a glimpse into the colourful culture and traditions of the Sikh community. Join in the festivities which feature energetic performances and irresistible gastronomic delights.**

Malaysia Punjabi Chambers of Commerce and Industries

T: 03 9235 4800 / 4900 • W: [www.motac.gov.my](http://www.motac.gov.my)

### **Malaysia International Shoe Festival**

Apr • Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur

**Enjoy a journey into the world of stylish footwear. Meet world-renowned footwear designers, celebrities and get the latest designs and creations.**

Malaysia Footwear Manufacturers Association

T: 03 9285 5382 • W: [www.malaysiafootwear.com](http://www.malaysiafootwear.com)





## Book Worm Run 2018

1 - 17 May • Putrajaya

**Book Worm Run 2018 will be held in conjunction with the u-Pustaka 7th anniversary celebration. The objectives are to inculcate the reading habit and a healthy lifestyle.**

Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia / Ministry of Communications and Multimedia Malaysia / National Library of Malaysia

T: 03 8000 8000 • W: [www.motac.gov.my](http://www.motac.gov.my)

## Malaysia International Dive Expo (MIDE)

4 - 6 May • Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), Kuala Lumpur

**Established in 2006, the annually held MIDE continues to contribute significantly to the dive industry in Malaysia and the surrounding region. The expo is also the hub for dive courses, dive equipment and dive holidays.**

Asia Events Exsic Sdn Bhd

T: 03 7980 9902 • W: [www.mide.com.my](http://www.mide.com.my)

## Miri City International Deep Sea Fishing Tournament

10 - 13 May • Miri, Sarawak

**Held for the 11th time, this tournament is jointly organised by the Miri Anglers Club and Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture, Ministry of Youth and Sport, Maritim Malaysia, Jabatan Perikanan Laut Sarawak and Miri City Council.**

Miri Anglers Club

## Borneo Jazz Festival

11 - 12 May • Parkcity Everly Hotel, Miri, Sarawak

**Entering its 12th year in Miri, the Borneo Jazz Festival is one of the longest running Jazz festivals in the region. Don't miss the performances by regionally and internationally recognised jazz musicians.**

Sarawak Tourism Board

T: 082 423 600 • E: [stb@sarawaktourism.com](mailto:stb@sarawaktourism.com)

W: [www.jazzborneo.com](http://www.jazzborneo.com)

## "Malaysia My-O Asia Cup" Championship

12 May • Ipoh, Perak

**'Malaysia My-O Asia Cup' Championship is based on compass and map use. It is open to all Malaysians including college students and invited Asian countries. The categories are Foot Orienteering, MTB Orienteering, Combo (Foot O + MTB O).**

Meose Orienteering Malaysia Club

T: 012 407 1495 / 012 447 6371

E: [magnetedge@gmail.com](mailto:magnetedge@gmail.com) • W: [www.malaysiaorienteering.com](http://www.malaysiaorienteering.com)

## Bengkoka Festival & Harvest Festival

12 May • Bengkoka Square, Pitas, Sabah

**A colourful event held in conjunction with the Harvest Festival to showcase Pitas and its attractions. Enjoy traditional performances, sea sports, a decorative boat competition, an agriculture and commercial expo, singing competition and the crowning of the Unduk Ngadau Harvest Festival Queen.**

Pitas District Office

T: 019 849 0069

## 32nd Harvest Festival & Sabah Fest Open Day Regatta

12 - 13 May • Kinabalu Yacht Club, Tanjung Aru, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

**Let's celebrate Ka'amatan together! The Kinabalu Yacht Club will be organising this annual event in conjunction with the Harvest Festival season. See sailing enthusiasts set their sails in Tanjung Aru this Ka'amatan.**

Kinabalu Yacht Club

T: 088 277 321 • F: 088 243 007

W: [www.kinabaluyachtclub.com](http://www.kinabaluyachtclub.com)



## Tug of War Tambunan Open 2018

12 - 13 May • Tambunan Tug of War Arena, Sabah

**Tug of War Tambunan Open is here again! Watch the exciting tournament unfold as we witness teams from all over the country competing for the ultimate title of 'Tug of War Champion'.**

Tambunan Tug of War Association

T: 087 774 225 / 087 770 203 / 013 858 5000 • F: 087 773 122

E: [pdambunan@gmail.com](mailto:pdambunan@gmail.com)

## Mabul World Turtle Day

14 - 17 May • Borneo Divers Mabul Resort, Semporna, Sabah

**World Turtle Day was first celebrated in the year 2000 to increase awareness about turtles and to help these marine creatures thrive and survive. Join as a volunteer and get the chance to see sea turtles up close!**

Borneo Divers & Sea Sports (Sabah) Sdn Bhd

T: 088 222 226 • F: 088 221 550 • W: [www.borneodivers.info](http://www.borneodivers.info)

## International Museum Day

15 May • Sabah Museum, Sabah

**May 18th of each year has been designated as World Museum Day by the International Council of Museums (ICOM). Sabah Museum will hold special events such as the launch of 'Diaries of GC Woolley' Vol. 3 and Vol. 4 and a special exhibition.**

Sabah Museum

T: 088 225 033 / 088 215 606 • F: 088 240 230

E: [Stella.Moo@sabah.gov.my](mailto:Stella.Moo@sabah.gov.my) / [Suchin.Sidih@sabah.gov.my](mailto:Suchin.Sidih@sabah.gov.my)

## Madinah Ramadhan

15 May - 14 Jun • Sultan Muhammad IV Stadium, Kota Bharu, Kelantan

**This event is annually organised by The Kota Bharu Municipal Council Islamic City (MPKB-BRI) to celebrate the fasting month. Imams are specially invited from Saudi Arabia to lead the Tarawih Prayers. Non-Muslim visitors can also participate to experience the breaking of fast session.**

Kota Bharu Municipal Council Islamic City (MPKB-BRI)

T: 09 745 4000 / 748 6026 • W: [www.mpkbbri.gov.my](http://www.mpkbbri.gov.my)

## Bazaar Ramadan

15 May - 14 Jun • Jalan Mahkota, Kuantan, Pahang

**The biggest Ramadan bazaar in Pahang brings together a variety of delicacies from around the country. Visitors can join in the picnic style 'iftar' (breaking fast at the field), a unique attraction for foreign tourists.**

Kuantan Municipal Council

T: 09 573 5239 • F: 09 573 5381 • W: [www.mpk.gov.my](http://www.mpk.gov.my)

### **Sant Sohan Singh Ji Barsi**

18 - 21 May • Sikh Temple, Jalan Temenggong, Pahang  
**An annual pilgrimage that gathers thousands of Sikhs from all over Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia in memory of the Guru, His Holiness Sant Sohan Singh Ji.**  
Sikh Temple Management Committee  
T: 012 679 3889

### **Tambunan District Level Ka'amatan Festival Celebration 2018**

19 May • Pisompuruan Square, Tambunan, Sabah  
**This festival continues the long tradition of thanksgiving celebrations, marking the end of harvest season and looking forward to a bountiful harvest in the next season. Join the locals in the merrymaking!**  
Tambunan District Office  
T: 087 774 225 / 771 800 / 013 868 6788 • F: 087 773 122  
E: pdtambunan@gmail.com

### **Melaka International Dragon Boat Race**

21 May • Melaka River, Melaka  
**Its thrills and excitement galore as magnificent dragon-like boats compete against one another.**  
Persatuan Perahu Naga Negeri Melaka  
T: 06 281 5649 • F: 06 281 5649

### **Tadau Ka'amatan - Harvest Festival - Finale**

30 - 31 May • Hongkod Koisaan, Penampang, Sabah  
**The month-long celebration attracts some 5,000 visitors each year. Join the merriment as locals sing, dance, eat and play traditional games. The highlight is the final round of the Harvest Beauty Queen pageant.**  
Kadazan Dusun Cultural Association (KDCA)  
T: 088 713 696 / 715 924 • F: 088 713 350

### **Iftar @ KL**

May - Jun • Merdeka Square, Kuala Lumpur  
**Celebrate Ramadan and experience the Iftar (breaking of fast) against the backdrop of historical monuments. This Islamic themed festival will also feature a bazaar and religious activities.**  
Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia  
T: 03 8000 8000 • W: [www.motac.gov.my](http://www.motac.gov.my)

### **Miri May Fest**

May • Various Locations in Miri City, Sarawak  
**Miri City Council is the main coordinator and promoter of Miri May Fest, a programme which began in 1989. Enjoy a host of entertainment programmes, promotions, sales, sports as well as cultural, recreational and social activities.**  
Government Agencies, NGOs, Social Clubs and Commercial Collaborations with Miri City Council  
T: 085 424 111 • F: 085 435 602 • W: [www.miricouncil.gov.my](http://www.miricouncil.gov.my)

### **Terengganu International Paragliding Competition**

May • Kota Putera Paragliding Park, Besut, Terengganu  
**The inaugural edition of the event will see over 50 participants from all over the world competing in what is deemed the biggest gliding competition ever held in Malaysia.**  
Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu  
T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273  
W: <https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my>

### **Port Dickson Beach Festival**

May • Pantai Cahaya Negeri, Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan  
**Enjoy over 30 exciting activities at Port Dickson's beaches along with dance, music and food.**  
Negeri Sembilan Tourism Board  
T: 06 677 3647 • FB: Festival-Pantai-Port-Dickson

### **KL Tower International Towerthon Challenge 2018**

May • Kuala Lumpur Tower, Kuala Lumpur  
**This staircase run has gained much popularity among local and international sports enthusiasts, both young and old. Participants must complete an 800-metre run uphill before conquering 2,058 steps and reaching the top level at 283 meters.**  
KL Tower  
T: 03 2020 5444 • W: [www.menarakl.com.my](http://www.menarakl.com.my)

### **International Museum Day**

May • Melaka  
**Held annually, this programme brings a series of activities such as exhibitions, seminars and community programmes.**  
Department of Museums Malaysia and Museums Associations of Malaysia  
T: 03 2267 1000 • F: 03 2287 1271 • W: [www.jmm.gov.my](http://www.jmm.gov.my)

### **Malaysian Red Crescent 70th Anniversary Celebration**

May • Gallery 1, Department of Museums Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur  
**This event chronicles the history of Malaysian Red Crescent Society throughout 70 years with a variety of artefacts and collections.**  
Department of Museums Malaysia / Malaysian Red Crescent Society  
T: 03 2267 1000 • F: 03 2287 1271 • W: [www.jmm.gov.my](http://www.jmm.gov.my)

### **Malaysia Pesta Ka'amatan Open House Celebration (MRTM)**

May  
**The Malaysia Open House Celebration is a programme for people from various races to join in the festivities and enjoy cultural performances, traditional food and lots more.**  
Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia  
T: 03 8000 8000 • W: [www.motac.gov.my](http://www.motac.gov.my)





## **SAS International Eco Challenge**

May • Tekek Village, Pulau Tioman, Pahang

**An eco-tourism racing event that puts Tioman Island firmly on the tourist map. This race tests the endurance of participants in running across various terrain while enjoying the breathtaking sights.**

SAS Tioman International Eco Challenge Sdn Bhd

T: 03 6206 3830 • F: 03 6206 3880

E: sastiec@yahoo.com • W: [www.eco-challenge.com.my](http://www.eco-challenge.com.my)

## **Penang Anime Matsuri**

May • Esplanade, Penang

**Penang Anime Matsuri 2018 is a family-friendly festival (Matsuri) focusing on Anime, Cosplay, Games (ACG) and Japanese pop culture.**

Penang Global Tourism

T: 04 264 3456 / 016 422 8200 • W: [www.mypenang.gov.my](http://www.mypenang.gov.my)

## **Rally of Perlis**

May • Arau, Perlis

**An exciting event not to be missed in Malaysia's northernmost state.**

Perlis State Government

T: 04 973 1947 • W: [www.perlis.gov.my](http://www.perlis.gov.my)

## **Hari Peladang, Penternak & Nelayan Negeri Kedah**

May • Taman Jubli Emas, Alor Setar, Kedah

**A programme aimed to educate and to promote the latest technology for the transformation and modernisation of the agricultural sector.**

Kedah State Economic Planning Unit

T: 04 774 4000 • F: 04 774 4456

W: <http://portal.kedah.gov.my/profailupen>

# **JUNE**

## **The Rungus Photography & Art Exhibition**

8 - 9 Jun • Kg. Tinangol, Matunggong Town, Sabah

**This exhibition honours the contribution of Rungus photographers. Visitors can enjoy traditional dance shows, a Rungus fashion show, a handicraft sale and exhibition of the Sunset Photography Competition.**

Rungus Photography Club Sabah

T: 016 837 3910 • F: 088 663 187 • E: [stephnoris@yahoo.com](mailto:stephnoris@yahoo.com)

## **Pesta Babulang & Lumba Kerbau (Buffalo Race Festival)**

6 - 8 Jun • Kampung Datu Danau, Limbang, Sarawak

**Pesta Babulang is a festival significant to the Bisaya community in Limbang. The highlight is the buffalo race involving teams Limbang and Brunei trying to outrace each other, riding on bare buffalo back.**

Sarawak Bisaya Association

T: 019 885 2705 / 019 874 6965 / 013 841 7457 / 085 433 202

F: 085 432 876

E: [antonikg@sarawak.gov.my](mailto:antonikg@sarawak.gov.my) / [sumatnie@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sumatnie@yahoo.co.uk)

## **#MalaysiaNgaji**

7 Jun • Kuala Lumpur

**National Library of Malaysia and 14 other State Libraries in Malaysia are organising the World #QuranHour campaign for the third time this year. The campaign, to be held concurrently nationwide is aimed at encouraging reading, understanding and practising the Quran.**

National Library of Malaysia / Majlis Perpustakaan Awam Negeri

## **Sambutan Malam Tujuh Likur (7 Days Prior to the End of Ramadan)**

23 Jun • Ayer Keroh, Melaka

**An event that could not be missed by many Muslims before celebrating Hari Raya Aidilfitri. This is a significant day for Muslims not only in Malaysia but all over the world.**

Melaka Tourism Promotion Division (Tourism Melaka)

T: 06 232 8402 • F: 06 232 8367

## **Fiesta San Pedro**

29 Jun - 2 Jul • Portuguese Settlement, Melaka

**This colourful festival honours St. Peter, the patron saint of fishermen. Held at the Portuguese Settlement, the highlights include a decorated boat festival, food and fun fair.**

Portuguese Settlement Regedor's Panel

T: 06 284 7050 • F: 06 284 6578

## **Malaysia Hari Gawai Open House Celebration (MRTM)**

Jun

**The Malaysia Open House Celebration is a programme for people from various races to join in the festivities and enjoy cultural performances, traditional food and lots more.**

Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia

T: 03 8000 8000 • W: [www.motac.gov.my](http://www.motac.gov.my)

## **Malaysia Hari Raya Aidilfitri Open House Celebration (MRTM)**

Jun

**The Malaysia Open House Celebration is a programme for people from various races to join in the festivities and enjoy cultural performances, traditional food and lots more.**

Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia

T: 03 8000 8000 • W: [www.motac.gov.my](http://www.motac.gov.my)

## **Penang International Food Festival**

Jun • George Town, Penang

**This festival celebrates the wondrous delicacies found in the Pearl of the Orient. Penangites take immense pride in their food heritage and it is no wonder that Penang is hailed as the food capital of Malaysia.**

Penang State Government / Penang Global Tourism

T: 04 650 5136 / 04 264 3456 • W: [www.mypenang.gov.my](http://www.mypenang.gov.my)

## **Beautiful Ramadan in Terengganu**

Jun • All districts in Terengganu

**The month-long event is held in conjunction with the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. Its features an assortment of traditional and contemporary mouth-watering food along with religious programmes and talks.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu

T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273

W: <https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my>

## **Pelita Raya Terengganu Competition**

Jun • All districts in Terengganu

**A showcase of creativity by installing a lamp to bamboo framework or wood.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu

T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273

W: <https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my>

## **Sambutan Malam Tujuh Likur**

Jun • All districts in Terengganu

**The traditional practice of lighting lamps during the Ramadan month, especially the last seven nights before Hari Raya Aidilfitri.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu

T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273

W: <https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my>

## Crafts Exotica

1 - 14 Jul • Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

**Crafts Exotica is a programme highlighting the cultural heritage of Sabah through handicraft-making clinics and workshops, along with a showcase of traditional games.**

Sabah Museum

T: 088 225 233 / 088 215 606 • F: 088 240 230

E: Suchin.Sidih@sabah.gov.my

## The 19th International Architecture, Interior Design & Building Exhibition, Malaysia 2018 (ARCHIDEX 2018)

4 - 7 Jul • Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur

**Southeast Asia's most successful annual industry trade event for the architecture, interior design and building fraternity.**

C.I.S Network Sdn Bhd

T: 03 7982 4668 • W: [www.cisnetwork.com](http://www.cisnetwork.com) / [www.archidex.com.my](http://www.archidex.com.my)

## Agnes Keith Day

6 - 7 Jul • Sandakan, Sabah

**Agnes Keith is the renowned American author of 'Land Below the Wind'. The book chronicles her life in Sandakan between 1934 to 1952. On Agnes Keith Day, visitors are invited to visit her former residence in Sandakan; rebuilt and turned into a museum.**

Sabah Museum

T: 089 221 140 • F: 089 223 390 • E: [Safinah.Yusop@sabah.gov.my](mailto:Safinah.Yusop@sabah.gov.my)

## 9th Anniversary of UNESCO World Heritage City Celebration

7 Jul • Banda Hilir, Melaka

**An annual event celebrated in conjunction with the declaration of Melaka City as a UNESCO World Heritage City on 7 July 2008.**

Historic Melaka City Council (MBMB)

T: 06 285 9700 • F: 06 232 5716

Melaka Tourism Promotion Division (Tourism Melaka)

T: 06 232 8402 • F: 06 232 8367

## Launching of Magahau Rungus Festival

7 Jul • Kampung Tinangol, Matunggong, Kudat, Sabah

**The annual thanksgiving feast showcasing the Rungus culture is celebrated with traditions and rituals. Highlights include a traditional sport known as Hontira, performances, handicraft exhibitions and a Rungus beauty pageant.**

Persatuan Momogun Rungus Malaysia Sabah

T: 016 837 3910 / 013 888 3608 • E: [stephnoris@yahoo.com](mailto:stephnoris@yahoo.com)

## George Town World Heritage Day

7 Jul • George Town, Penang

**This community centered festival features a diverse range of art demonstrations, exhibitions and street performances conducted by members of the community.**

George Town World Heritage Incorporated (GTWHI)

T: 04 261 6606 • W: [www.heritagecelebrations.info](http://www.heritagecelebrations.info)

## 11th Sabah Women Art Exhibition

12 Jul - 14 Oct • Sabah Art Gallery, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

**This exhibition is aimed at encouraging women artists to express themselves through art. Their involvement in this activity could lead to the development of a special creative movement and style in the country.**

Sabah Art Gallery

T: 088 268 748 / 825 / 875 / 806 / 535 • F: 088 210 040

W: [www.sabahartgallery.com](http://www.sabahartgallery.com)

## Malaysia Coffee Fest

12 - 15 Jul • 1 Utama Shopping Centre, Selangor

**The festival is open to all coffee and tea industry players and coffee enthusiasts.**

T: 03 6211 2438 • F: 03 6206 2428 • W: [www.mycoffeesfest.com.my](http://www.mycoffeesfest.com.my)

## Rainforest World Music Festival

13 - 15 Jul • Sarawak Cultural Village, Sarawak

**The Rainforest World Music Festival is an annual three-day music festival celebrating the diversity of world music. Enjoy music workshops, cultural displays, craft displays, food stalls, and main-stage evening concerts.**

Sarawak Tourism Board

<https://sarawaktourism.com>

## MITM Travel Fair

14 - 15 Jul • Penang

**The MITM Travel Fair is an anticipated annual travel event in Penang, where consumers can purchase flight tickets and travel packages at promotional prices. More than 300 booths are expected from tour agents, airlines and NTOs.**

Malaysia Chinese Tourism Association (MCTA)

T: 04 262 2333 • E: [mcta.penang@gmail.com](mailto:mcta.penang@gmail.com)

## Sabah Museum Day

14 Jul - 31 Dec • Sabah Museum, Sabah

**Sabah Museum opens its doors to visitors and invites you to participate in the many activities held in conjunction with the museum's 53rd anniversary.**

Sabah Museum

T: 088 225 033 • F: 088 240 230 • E: [Arif.AbdHamid@sabah.gov.my](mailto:Arif.AbdHamid@sabah.gov.my)

## The 5th Symposium of the International Council for Traditional Music Study Group on Performing Arts of Southeast Asia (ICTM-PASEA)

16 - 22 Jul • Sabah Museum, Sabah

**The 5th symposium of ICTM-PASEA is a forum to discuss on matters pertaining to traditional performing arts, music, dances, theatres and performances in the Southeast Asian region.**

Sabah Museum

T: 088 225 033 / 088 215 606 • F: 088 240 230

E: [Judeth.Baptist@sabah.gov.my](mailto:Judeth.Baptist@sabah.gov.my)

## 10th Kota Kinabalu International Film Festival (KKIFF)

21 - 29 Jul • MBO Imago Mall and Black Box KK, Suria Sabah, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

**For film lovers and filmmakers, this is an opportunity to watch films from around the world. Highlights include Sabah Filmmaking Workshops, Special Series 10 Talk and Sabah Pitching Training and Awards Night.**

Society of Performing Arts Kota Kinabalu

T: 014 351 4298 / 088 490 246 • F: 088 490 246

W: [www.kkiff.com](http://www.kkiff.com)

## Flower Festival

28 - 29 Jul • Sabah Agriculture Park, Tenom, Sabah

**Sabah's rich floral heritage is celebrated with a flower sale, competitions and games. This is a great opportunity to visit the sprawling Sabah Agriculture Park in Tenom, home to a myriad of ferns, blooms and all things green.**

Sabah Agriculture Park

T: 087 737 952 / 013 628 0785 • F: 087 737 571

FB: [TamanPertanianSabah](https://www.facebook.com/TamanPertanianSabah)

## Closing Ceremony of Magahau Rungus Festival

30 - 31 Jul • Matunggong Town, Kudat, Sabah

**Make your way to Matunggong to join and witness the closing ceremony of the Magahau Rungus Festival. Be sure to catch the Beauty Pageant, singing competition, music and traditional performances.**

Persatuan Momogun Rungus Malaysia Sabah

T: 016 837 3910 • E: [stephnoris@yahoo.com](mailto:stephnoris@yahoo.com)



### **NS Nature MTB Jamboree**

Jul • Jelebu, Negeri Sembilan

**This is an annual event to promote nature, history and sports.**

Negeri Sembilan Tourism Board

T: 06 765 9734 • W: <http://bikeaway.com.my>

### **Kuala Lumpur Fashion Week 2018**

Jul • Kuala Lumpur

**Kuala Lumpur Fashion Week was conceptualised in 2013 for Malaysian designers to showcase their Ready to Wear Collections. It ultimately highlighted the strength and creativity of Malaysia's Fashion industry to local and international customers.**

Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia

T: 03 8000 8000 • W: [www.motac.gov.my](http://www.motac.gov.my)

### **Penang Bon Odori 2018**

Jul • Dewan Sri Pinang / Esplanade, Penang

**Bon Odori is a traditional and merry Japanese festival that is celebrated with dance and lively drum performances to welcome the homecoming of ancestral spirits.**

Penang State Government / Penang Global Tourism

T: 04 650 5136 / 04 264 3456 • W: [www.visitpenang.gov.my](http://www.visitpenang.gov.my)

### **St. Anne's Festival**

Jul • St. Anne's Church, Bukit Mertajam, Penang

**A 10-day Novena prayer that draws many believers. In conjunction with St. Anne's Feast, a candlelight procession is usually conducted at the church grounds at night.**

St. Anne's Church

T: 04 538 6405 • W: [www.stannebm.org](http://www.stannebm.org)

### **10th KL International Gifts, Premium & Stationery Fair 2018**

Jul • Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur

**This event is Malaysia's largest Gifts, Premiums and Stationery Fair featuring creative retail gifts, promotional premium items, specialty printings, product packaging on display and many more.**

Malaysia Gifts & Premium Association (MGPA)

T: 03 7887 3338 • W: [www.kligp.com.my](http://www.kligp.com.my) / [www.mgpa.org.my](http://www.mgpa.org.my)

## **AUGUST**

### **Kuching Festival**

1 - 31 Aug • Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Selatan & its Vicinity, Sarawak

**Expect a host of activities in this festival held to commemorate the declaration of Kuching as a city on 1 August 1988. Enjoy a Food Fair, Trade Fair, Nightly Entertainment and a Garden Show.**

Majlis Bandaraya Kuching Selatan

T: 082 354 200 • F: 082 417 372

E: [liewli@mbks.gov.my](mailto:liewli@mbks.gov.my) • W: [www.mbks.gov.my](http://www.mbks.gov.my)

### **National Day Celebration**

1 Aug - 30 Sep • Gallery 2, Department of Museums, Kuala Lumpur

**This event showcases various activities in relation to the theme of Malaysia's National Day 2018.**

Department of Museums Malaysia

T: 03 2267 1000 • F: 03 2287 1271 • W: [www.jmm.gov.my](http://www.jmm.gov.my)

### **The Gimpuhut Foundation Festival**

10 - 11 Aug • Rungus Longhouse, Kampung Bavanggazo, Matunggong Town, Sabah

**Travel north to Matunggong Town in Kudat to witness the Rungus Gimpuhut Foundation launching ceremony. The highlight is a Charity Dinner with the appearance of Rungus beauty queens.**

Persatuan Fesyen Rungus Sabah

T: 013 557 9597 • F: 088 663 187 • E: [melissastephen@gmail.com](mailto:melissastephen@gmail.com)



### **Kuching Marathon 2018**

12 Aug

**Kuching Marathon (KM) is an annual event which brings runners from all over the world to the beautiful city of Kuching in Sarawak.**

Kuching Marathon Association

T: 082 415 934

E: [kchmarathon@gmail.com](mailto:kchmarathon@gmail.com) • W: [www.marathonkuching.com](http://www.marathonkuching.com)

### **World Library and Information Congress, 84th IFLA General Conference and Assembly (IFLA, WLIC 2018)**

24 - 30 Aug • Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur

**Through this programme, Malaysia will be seen as a leader in cultivating the reading culture as well as promoting the importance of libraries and information services that will result in social, cultural and economic growth.**

Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia / National Library of Malaysia / Librarians Association of Malaysia

T: 03 8000 8000 • W: [www.motac.gov.my](http://www.motac.gov.my)

### **Merdeka Day Countdown Celebration**

30 Aug • Hang Tuah Mall, Melaka

**Enjoy a host of activities as you await the countdown to celebrate Malaysia's National Day!**

Historic Melaka City Council (MBMB)

T: 06 285 9700 • F: 06 232 5716

Melaka Tourism Promotion Division (Tourism Melaka)

T: 06 232 8402 • F: 06 232 8367

### **Night at Museum**

30 - 31 Aug • All museums in Malaysia

**This is an annual program at the National Museum in conjunction with the Independence month to promote patriotism and love for the museum.**

Department of Museums Malaysia and Museums Association of Malaysia

T: 03 2267 1000 • F: 03 2287 1271 • W: [www.jmm.gov.my](http://www.jmm.gov.my)

### **25th Merdeka Day Open Regatta**

31 Aug - 2 Sep • Kinabalu Yacht Club, Tanjung Aru, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

**Celebrated on Merdeka Day, this annual regatta is held to promote sports tourism in Sabah.**

Kinabalu Yacht Club

T: 088 277 321 • F: 088 243 007 • W: [www.kinabaluyachtclub.com](http://www.kinabaluyachtclub.com)

### **Penang Hungry Ghost Festival 2018**

Aug - Sep • Penang

**The Chinese believe that every year, the Gates of Hell are opened and the spirits return to earth. During the one month time, prayers, opera performances and puppet theatres are conducted for the spirits.**

Penang State Government

T: 04 650 5136 • W: [www.visitpenang.gov.my](http://www.visitpenang.gov.my)

### **Ipoh International Run**

Aug • Ipoh, Perak

**Contestants from around the world converge in Ipoh in a race that takes them around the scenic city. This run consists of four categories which are 5km, 7km, 10km and 21km.**

Majlis Bandaraya Ipoh

T: 05 208 3333 • F: 05 253 7396 / 05 208 3530

E: [mbi@mbi.gov.my](mailto:mbi@mbi.gov.my) • W: [www.mbi.gov.my](http://www.mbi.gov.my)

### **International Rally Johor**

Aug • Johor Bahru, Johor

**Covering a distance of 77km, this adventure rally takes participants through the state's terrain in the quest to be the champion.**

Wheel Sport Management

T: 03 7495 1188 • W: [www.malaysianrally.com](http://www.malaysianrally.com)

### **MATTA Fair Johor**

Aug • Johor Bahru, Johor

**Explore the attractions of Johor, from adventure, nature, history, beaches and islands.**

MATTA Johor

T: 07 335 5370 • W: [www.matta.org.my](http://www.matta.org.my)

### **MITM Johor**

Aug • Johor Bahru, Johor

**The exhibition brings more than 60 exhibitors with 302 exhibition booths offering a wide range of travel packages, air fares and travel-related products and services.**

Johor Tourism

T: 07 223 4935 / 224 9960 • W: <https://tourism.johor.my>

### **MTB Challenge**

Aug • Arau, Perlis

**An exciting event not to be missed in Malaysia's northernmost state.**

Perlis State Government

T: 04 973 1947 • W: [www.perlis.gov.my](http://www.perlis.gov.my)

### **Mount Stong International Climathon 2018**

Aug • Stong State Park, Dabong, Kelantan

**Situated at the massive Titiwangsa mountain range, Mount Stong is one of the challenging peaks to conquer. Participants can enjoy the breathtaking scenery including Jelawang Waterfalls, one of the highest in Southeast Asia.**

Kelantan Tourism Information Centre (TIC) / Division of Tourism & Culture

T: 09 748 5534 / 748 6652

### **Kelantan International Kite Festival 2018**

Aug • Geting Beach, Tumpat, Kelantan

**Watch as colourful and unique traditional kites (Wau) and modern kites of all shapes and sizes take to the skies, handled by top fliers.**

Kelantan Tourism Information Centre (TIC) / Division of Tourism & Culture

T: 09 748 5534 / 748 6652

### **Start In Tioman**

Aug • Genting Village, Pulau Tioman, Pahang

**This event encourages diving enthusiasts to choose Tioman Island as their diving destination and offers a chance to obtain the diving license at an affordable price.**

Villagers Travel & Tours Sdn Bhd

T: 09 413 1442 • F: 09 413 1443 • E: [villagerstravelintours@gmail.com](mailto:villagerstravelintours@gmail.com)

W: [www.damaitioman.my](http://www.damaitioman.my) • FB: Damai Tioman Resort

### **George Town Festival**

Aug • Penang

**The festival aims to make arts accessible to the community by transforming the city into a global stage, showcasing world-class performances, visual installations and collaborations from international and local artists.**

George Town Festival Secretariat

### **Bon Odori**

Aug • National Sports Complex, Shah Alam, Selangor

**Every year this Japanese-Malaysian Cultural Exchange is held at the National Sports Complex in Shah Alam, with an expected attendance of over 30,000 participants.**

The Japan Club of Malaysia

T: 03 2274 2274 • F: 03 2274 3584 • W: [www.jckl.org.my](http://www.jckl.org.my)

### **Selangor International Indigenous Arts Festival**

Aug • Taman Botani Negara Shah Alam, Selangor

**Selangor International Indigenous Arts Festival is organised for the third year with the cooperation of Asian Indigenous People Acts (AIPP).**

Tourism Selangor

T: 03 5513 2000 • F: 03 5513 6268 • W: [www.tourismselangor.my](http://www.tourismselangor.my)

### **Port Dickson International Triathlon**

Aug • Avillion Admiral Cove, Negeri Sembilan

**Catch the live action as participants undertake challenges such as swimming, cycling and running.**

Negeri Sembilan Tourism Board

T: 06 765 9734 • W: [www.triathlonmalaysia.com](http://www.triathlonmalaysia.com)

### **Terengganu Peranakan Festival**

Aug • Chinatown, Kuala Terengganu

**This is a cultural extravaganza where visitors can see and experience the rich heritage of the Peranakan Community in Terengganu. There are fondly addressed as Awang and Mek.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu

T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273

W: <https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my>

### **Qurban @ Terengganu**

Aug • All districts in Terengganu

**Experience Hari Raya Aidiladha or the 'feast of sacrifice' that is celebrated by Muslims.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu

T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273

W: <https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my>





## SEPTEMBER

### **International Badang Challenge**

5 - 8 Sep • Dataran Badang, Kampung Labu Kubung, Kuala Kangsar, Perak

**International Badang Challenge is open to participants from Malaysian and Asian countries. It is open to Men, Women and Juniors aged 13 to 17 years.**

Homestay Labu Kubung

T: 019 577 3471 / 019 446 8695 • F: 05 526 1615

E: badangchallenge.2017@gmail.com

W: www.badangchallenge.com

### **Badi Taginambur Batu 10 Festival**

6 - 7 Sep • Tamu Mingguan Taginambur, Batu 10, Kota Belud, Sabah

**Since the 60s, the Badi/Tamu Taginambur at Batu 10 has been held every Friday and it is known as the second largest open market in Kota Belud.**

Persatuan Eko-Pelancongan Taginambur River Park

T: 014 658 3637 • E: pitosmkn@yahoo.com

### **Asia Pacific Masters Game 2018**

7 - 15 Sep • Penang

**APMG is the first-ever masters multi-sport event in Asia. An estimated 10,000 participants from the Asia Pacific region are expected to participate in nine days of sporting challenge and excitement.**

Penang State Government / Asia Pacific Masters Game Secretariat

T: 04 227 2458 • W: www.apmg2018.com

### **SUKMA Games**

12 - 22 Sep • Perak

**SUKMA Games is the largest and most prestigious national-level tournament in Malaysia, held once every two years to explore new talents.**

Perak State Government

T: 05 209 5000 • F: 05 2555 5026 • W: www.perak.gov.my

Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia

T: 03 8871 3333 • F: 03 8888 8770 • W: www.kbs.gov.my

National Sports Council

T: 03 8992 9600 • F: 03 8996 7400 • W: www.nsc.gov.my

### **Program Bermalam di Muzium (Night at Museum)**

16 Sep • Sabah Museum, Sabah

**Grab this opportunity to spend a night at the Museum in conjunction with the Independence Day.**

Sabah Museum

T: 088 225 033 • F: 088 240 230 • E: Arif.AbdHamid@sabah.gov.my

### **Citrawarna @ Kuala Lumpur 2018**

16 Sep • Dataran Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur

**Citrawarna is an annual festival organised by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia which incorporates a variety of attractions including parades, dance performances and cultural demonstrations.**

Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia

T: 03 8000 8000 • W: www.motac.gov.my

### **Program Animbol Taka Muzium**

22 Sep • Sabah Museum, Sabah

**Held in conjunction with the Visit Keningau Year 2018, this programme strives to bring people closer to the museum.**

Sabah Museum

T: 087 339 126 • F: 087 339 159 • E: Doutis.Goukit@sabah.gov.my

### **Tambunan Lantern Festival**

24 Sep • Pisompuruan Square, Tambunan, Sabah

**Enjoy the evening as the community of Tambunan celebrate with their custom-made lanterns and parade around the town of Tambunan.**

Tambunan Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Yuh Min Chinese Elementary School

T: 088 260 111 / 268 222 • F: 088 245 333

### **Melaka 750+6 Golf Open in Conjunction with the 79th Birthday of TYT Governor of Melaka**

28 - 30 Sep • Ayer Keroh Country Club Berhad, Tiara Melaka Golf And Country Club, ORNA Golf & Country Club, A' Famosa Golf Resort, Melaka

**A unique golf tournament with 1,500 players played at four international standard golf courses over three days.**

Persatuan Golf Negeri Melaka

T: 06 231 0149 • F: 06 231 0149

### **Pangkor International Development Dialogue (PIDD)**

Sep • Ipoh, Perak

**The Pangkor Dialogue is an international knowledge exchange, which aims to inspire sustainable economic growth in the region.**

Institut Darul Ridzuan

T: 05 241 2670 • F: 05 241 2671

W: www.idrperak.my • E: info@idrperak.com

### **Sibu International Base Jump**

Sep • Sibu Town Square, Sarawak

**This exciting programme is organised by the Tourism Task Force Group and Sarawak Tourism Board. Event organisers are keen to invite BASE jumpers from all over the world to participate in the Sibu BASE Jump.**

Resident Office Sibu

T: 019 818 4480 / 084 321 963 • F: 084 320 970

E: webmaster@residensibu.sarawak.gov.my

W: https://residensibu.sarawak.gov.my

### **Borneo International Kite Festival**

Sep

**This annual event is ranked as the most spectacular event of its-kind in the state. It showcases a rich combination of activities for all to experience and enjoy.**

Bintulu Development Authority

T: 019 844 6770 / 013 833 4211 / 086 332 277 / 086 332 011

F: 086 330 099 / 086 332 255

E: muammarq@bda.gov.my / Maes7747@gmail.com

W: http://www.bda.gov.my

### **Kembara Mahkota Johor**

Sep • Johor Bahru, Johor

**This royal event has been one of the state's most iconic events where Johoreans from all walks of life are set to meet the royal family up close and personal.**

Johor Tourism

T: 07 223 4935 / 224 9960 • W: https://tourism.johor.my

### **Pesta Air Kuala Perlis 2018**

Sep • Kuala Perlis, Perlis

**Watersports and other splashing activities take centrestage in this festival which involves the local villagers, invited teams and government agencies.**

Perlis State Government

T: 04 973 1851 • W: www.perlis.gov.my

### **Melaka River International Festival**

Sep • Dataran Sungai Melaka & Spice Garden, Melaka

**This fiesta promotes Melaka as a tourist destination and provides entertainment, education and a fascinating cultural experience for local and foreign tourists.**

Melaka Islands, Riverine & Coastal Development Corporation (PPSPM)

T: 06 281 4322 • F: 06 281 4325

Melaka Tourism Promotion Division (Tourism Melaka)

T: 06 232 8402 • F: 06 232 8367

### **MATTA Fair 2018**

Sep • Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur

**MATTA Fair will provide visitors with a host of exciting and value for money travel options and excellent business and travel opportunities.**

MATTA Sdn Bhd

T: 03 9222 1155 • W: [www.mattafair.org.my](http://www.mattafair.org.my)

### **Run Forest Run (Nature)**

Sep • KL Tower, Kuala Lumpur

**A Family Nature Run where all participants get to enjoy the sights and scenes of a forest reserve located right within the city.**

KL Tower

T: 03 2020 5444 • W: [www.menarakl.com.my](http://www.menarakl.com.my)

### **PD International Bike Fest**

Sep • Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan

**An annual tourism event featuring a high-powered motorbike exhibition, carnival and booths by motorcycle clubs.**

Negeri Sembilan Tourism Board / Seremban District Motorcycle Club (SDMC)

T: 06 765 9734 • W: <http://sdmcmalaysia.blogspot.my/>

### **Royal Pahang Billfish International Challenge**

Sep • Kuala Rompin, Rompin, Pahang

**Held in Rompin, this challenge is based on a catch and release concept. The competition is an annual event for fishing enthusiasts to pit their skills in catching billfish.**

Ministry of Tourism & Culture, Pahang / Malaysia Fishing Association (PeMM)

T: 09 517 1111 • F: 09 514 6900

E: [pahang@motac.gov.my](mailto:pahang@motac.gov.my) / [ridzuan\\_ghazali@yahoo.com](mailto:ridzuan_ghazali@yahoo.com)

W: [www.rpbic.com.my](http://www.rpbic.com.my)

### **Rompin Festival**

Sep • Pantai Hiburan, Kuala Rompin, Rompin, Pahang

**A week-long annual carnival and one of the biggest events to be held in Rompin. A fun-filled event full of sporting activities, art & cultural shows, stage shows, exhibitions as well as food & beverages.**

Rompin District Council

T: 09 414 6677 • F: 09 414 6077

E: [norzilawatimd@gmail.com](mailto:norzilawatimd@gmail.com) • W: [www.mdrompin.gov.my](http://www.mdrompin.gov.my)

### **Iluu Iluui (Tapioca Festival)**

Sep • Open Stage, Nabawan District Office, Sabah

**Tapioca has always been the staple food for the Murut tribe especially in the interiors. Don't miss the exhibition and sale of food products made from tapioca, along with singing and cultural performances.**

Nabawan District Office and other related agencies

T: 087 366 211 • F: 087 366 212

### **Bagan Lalang Beach Festival**

Sep • Bagan Lalang Beach, Selangor

**Various activities and competitions take place in this interesting beach festival, held at one of the most rustic beach getaways on the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia.**

Selangor City Council

T: 03 8319 0200 / 0300 • F: 03 831 9022

W: [www.mpsepang.gov.my](http://www.mpsepang.gov.my)

### **Terengganu International Islamic Arts Festival**

Sep • Taman Tamadun Islam, Terengganu

**Calligraphy lovers and practitioners will enjoy a visit to this festival, organised to promote the Islamic Arts and calligraphy to the world.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu

T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273

W: <https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my>

### **Sultan Mahmud Bridge International Run**

Sep • Pantai Batu Burok, Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu

**A half and full marathon race around Kuala Terengganu which offers a spectacular view of Kuala Terengganu, its lagoon, Pulau Duyong Marina and Pulau Wan Man where the Crystal Mosque is situated.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu

T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273

W: <https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my>

## **OCTOBER**

### **Fellowship Ride to the Centre of Peninsular Malaysia**

6 - 7 Oct • Temerloh, Pahang

**The Fellowship Run is a road race that starts in Temerloh and ends at the central point of Peninsular Malaysia at Lanchang. The ride takes participants through scenic routes and tourist attractions.**

Masterpiece Enterprise / Persatuan Berbasikal Daerah Temerloh

T: 019 923 6217 / 014 277 9111

E: [iszarizal@gmail.com](mailto:iszarizal@gmail.com) • FB: PBD Temerloh

### **Borneo Bird Festival**

19 - 21 Oct • Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

**The Borneo Bird Festival celebrates the feathered beauties of Borneo, creating public awareness in conservation efforts while promoting birdwatching and eco-tourism activities.**

Sabah Tourism Board / Sandakan Borneo Bird Club

T: 089 666 196 • W: [www.borneobirdfestival.com](http://www.borneobirdfestival.com)

### **Notolon Tarob Festival**

24 - 25 Oct • Kg. Tinangol, Matunggong, Kudat, Sabah

**The Notolon Tarob Festival (Solar Eclipse) is held to commemorate the solar eclipse that took place in the Matunggong District on this date in 1994. Cultural performances, Matunggong Photography Carnival, antiques exhibition and an open air market are among the highlighted events.**

Rungus Photography Club Sabah

T: 016 837 3910 • F: 088 663 187

E: [stephnoris@yahoo.com](mailto:stephnoris@yahoo.com)

### **Tamu Besar Kota Belud**

27 - 28 Oct • Weekly Tamu Ground, Kota Belud, Sabah

**The Tamu Besar is the biggest traditional open-air market in Sabah. Highlights include a buffalo race, Sarimpak Beauty Queen contest and the colourful parade of horses and Bajau horsemen - known as the "Cowboys of the East".**

Kota Belud District Office

T: 088 976 621 • F: 088 977 064

E: [Peter.Jiton@sabah.gov.my](mailto:Peter.Jiton@sabah.gov.my)

### **Borneo Highlands Padawan Nature Challenge**

28 Oct

**A cycling and trekking challenge with different categories for experts, amateurs and those who love nature and the environment.**

Pitcher Plant Garden Car Park, Borneo Highlands

T: 082 577 930 / 082 615 566 • F: 082 576 680 / 082 611 832

E: [enquiry@borneohighlands.com](mailto:enquiry@borneohighlands.com) / [mpp@sarawak.gov.my](mailto:mpp@sarawak.gov.my)

### **28th Borneo Safari International Off-Road Challenge**

28 Oct - 4 Nov • Frontage, Sabah Tourism Board,

Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

**The much anticipated eight-day event is one of the most gruelling yet exciting off-road challenges traversing the rugged terrain of Sabah.**

Sabah Four Wheel Drive Association

T: 014 850 3456 • F: 088 275 630 • W: [www.borneosafari.com](http://www.borneosafari.com)



### **Gong Festival**

28 - 29 Oct • Community Hall, Matunggong, Kudat, Sabah

**The gong is one of the quintessential musical instruments of Sabah and is produced by craft makers in Matunggong, Kudat. See how they are made and played to produce the unique sounds of ethnic Sabah music.**

Matunggong Sub-District Office

T: 088 613 767 • F: 088 613 786 • E: [bianus.kontong@sabah.gov.my](mailto:bianus.kontong@sabah.gov.my)

### **CIMB Classic**

Oct - Nov • Kuala Lumpur

**The CIMB Classic is the first official PGA TOUR FedEx Cup event in Asia, held at Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club, Kuala Lumpur.**

W: [www.pgatour.com](http://www.pgatour.com)

### **Night of Fright**

Oct - Nov • Sunway Lagoon, Selangor

**Get ready to feel the fear as nights of fright return to Sunway Lagoon!**

Sunway Lagoon

T: 03 5639 0000 • F: 03 5639 0050 • W: <https://sunwaylagoon.com>

### **33rd Sabah Annual Art Exhibition**

Oct 2018 - Jan 2019 • Sabah Art Gallery, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

**A major annual exhibition involving selected artworks by school students and professional artists. The award-winning works are all related to Sabah giving them a distinctive ethnic theme.**

Sabah Art Gallery

T: 088 268 748 / 825 / 875 / 806 / 535 • F: 088 210 040

W: [www.sabahartgallery.com](http://www.sabahartgallery.com)

### **Terengganu Eco Marine Tourism Conference**

Oct • Kuala Terengganu & Setiu, Terengganu

**Seminars and workshops to discuss eco and marine issues to increase awareness towards conservational efforts in Terengganu.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu

T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273

W: <https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my>

### **Sultan Mizan Cup**

Oct • TIEP, Lembah Bidong, Setiu, Terengganu

**A 120km endurance horse riding challenge in Terengganu that tests the stamina and skills of the riders.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu

T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273

W: <https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my>

### **Nine Emperor Gods Festival**

Oct • Kow Boo Tong Temple, Penang

**The nine-day celebration sees devotees dressed in traditional white, carrying incense and candles, awaiting the 'arrival' of the nine Gods.**

Kow Boo Tong Temple

### **33rd Sabah Annual Art Selection Award**

Oct • Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

**Sabah Annual Art Selection Award will showcase award-winning artworks of local talents ranging from secondary school students to professional artists throughout the state.**

Sabah Cultural Board

T: 088 268 806 • F: 088 210 040 • W: [www.sabah.gov.my](http://www.sabah.gov.my)

### **Let's Go With Me**

Oct • Kota Bharu, Kelantan

**Let's Go With Me also known as Royal Walkathon, offers an opportunity for the people of Kelantan to join the 7km walking event with their beloved Sultan.**

Pertubuhan Kerabat D'Raja Kelantan Al-Muhammadi

T: 09 741 6605 / 744 4333

### **Kedah International Halal Festival**

Oct • Taman Jubli Emas, Alor Setar, Kedah

**This event gathers hawkers and food entrepreneurs from all districts in Kedah as well as the neighbouring countries, presenting a variety of unique local delicacies to locals and tourists.**

Unit Pembangunan Usahawan Negeri Kedah (UPUK)

T: 04 735 0069 • F: 04 735 0148 • W: [www.upuk.kedah.gov.my](http://www.upuk.kedah.gov.my)

### **135th Exhibition Museum of Perak, Taiping**

Oct • Museum of Perak, Taiping, Perak

**This event showcases the history of Perak Museum, Taiping which is the first museum in Malaysia.**

Museum of Perak, Taiping / Department of Museums Malaysia

T: 03 2267 1000 • F: 03 2287 1271 • W: [www.jmm.gov.my](http://www.jmm.gov.my)

### **National Folklore Storytelling Competition**

Oct • National Library of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur

**An event held to promote local folktales among youngsters so that they appreciate the good values and uniqueness of our traditions.**

National Library of Malaysia / State Public Libraries

T: 03 2687 4339 • W: [www.pnm.gov.my](http://www.pnm.gov.my)

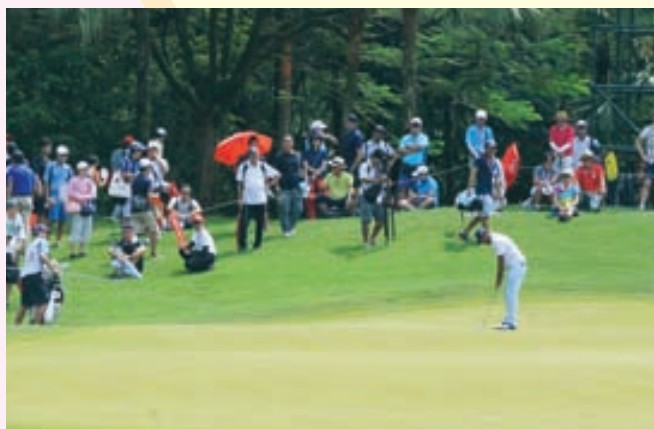
### **KL Tower International Jump Malaysia 2018**

Oct • KL Tower, Kuala Lumpur

**Every year, more than 100 daredevils make repeated jumps from the tower and make three second free falls before opening their chutes, leaving spectators breathless.**

KL Tower

T: 03 2020 5444 • W: [www.menarakl.com.my](http://www.menarakl.com.my)



# NOVEMBER

## MotoGP

2 - 4 Nov • Sepang International Circuit, Selangor  
**The race gets bigger and better this year with more exciting action and activities.**  
 Sepang International Circuit  
 T: 03 8778 2222 • W: [www.sepangcircuit.com](http://www.sepangcircuit.com)

## Program Khazanah Kita

2 - 3 Nov • Kota Kinabalu, Sabah  
**Visit the Sabah Museum to experience everything from Iranun ethnic delicacies from the Kota Belud district to the Tinauh wedding ceremony of the Murut Tahol ethnic group from Tenom.**  
 Sabah Museum  
 T: 088 225 033 • F: 088 240 230 • E: [Robin.Lojiwin@sabah.gov.my](mailto:Robin.Lojiwin@sabah.gov.my)

## Borneo Divers' Celebration of Sea Turtles in Mabul

19 - 22 Nov • Borneo Divers Mabul Resort, Semporna, Sabah  
**Join this programme to increase your knowledge of sea turtles and help them to thrive and survive. Don't miss this chance to see these marine creatures up close.**  
 Borneo Divers & Sea Sports (Sabah) Sdn. Bhd.  
 T: 088 222 226 • F: 088 221 550 • W: [www.borneodivers.info](http://www.borneodivers.info)

## The Rungus Antique & Art Exhibition

23 - 24 Nov • Kampung Bavanggazo Longhouse, Matunggong, Kudat, Sabah  
**Learn more about the Rungus culture and heritage during this two-day exhibition. Enjoy activities such as the Rungus Heritage & Antiques Exhibition, traditional handicraft exhibition and music.**  
 Rungus Fashion Association Sabah  
 T: 013 889 8533 • E: [stephnoris@yahoo.com](mailto:stephnoris@yahoo.com)

## Tambunan Music Festival

24 Nov • Tundorongan Tombului Tambunan (3T) Open Stage, Tambunan, Sabah  
**Tambunan born and bred singers will serenade your evening away, performing some of the well-known classics and evergreen Dusun language songs, as well as new and modern songs.**  
 Tambunan District Office  
 T: 011 3315 0991 • E: [pdttambunan@gmail.com](mailto:pdttambunan@gmail.com)

## Penang Bridge International Marathon

27 - 28 Nov • Penang Bridge, Penang  
**An anticipated run in Malaysia since its inception in 1986. This event is held annually on the Penang Bridge, the iconic bridge that connects Penang Island to Penang Mainland.**  
 Penang State Government  
 T: 04 650 5136 • W: [www.visitpenang.gov.my](http://www.visitpenang.gov.my)



## Pesta Pulau Pinang

Nov - Dec • Tapak Pesta Sungai Nibong, Penang  
**First held in December 1970 at the Esplanade, the Pesta will showcase consumer goods and business items in a carnival-like environment during the holiday period.**  
 JKN Pulau Pinang  
 W: [www.jkn.penang.gov.my](http://www.jkn.penang.gov.my)

## Siol Mountain Bike Challenge

Nov • Bukit Siol, Kuching, Sarawak  
**Siol Mountain Bike Challenge aims to promote Kuching as a tourist destination to build the tourism image of Sarawak through the participation of other states as well as neighboring countries.**  
 Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara

## MAHA 2018

Nov • MAEPS Serdang, Selangor  
**Malaysia's leading agricultural show is back with a host of offers and irresistible items.**  
 Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI)  
 W: [www.maha.gov.my](http://www.maha.gov.my)

## The Raja Muda Selangor International Regatta

Nov • Royal Selangor Yacht Club, Selangor  
**The regatta consists of three overnight passage races, 260 miles in total, plus three days of harbour / inshore racing in Penang and Langkawi.**  
 Royal Selangor Yacht Club  
 T: 03 3168 6964 • F: 03 3168 8650 • W: [www.rmsir.com](http://www.rmsir.com)

## Kuala Lumpur International Craft Festival (KLICF 2018)

Nov • Dataran Putrajaya  
**Kuala Lumpur International Craft Festival (KLICF) is the platform for Malaysian craft entrepreneurs to share their experience and insights about art with international participants.**  
 Kraftangan Malaysia  
 T: 03 2162 7533 • F: 03 2162 2181  
 W: [www.kraftangan.gov.my](http://www.kraftangan.gov.my)

## Malaysia Deepavali Open House Celebration (MRTM)

Nov  
**The Malaysia Open House Celebration is a programme for people from various races to join in the festivities and enjoy cultural performances, traditional food and lots more.**  
 Ministry of Culture and Arts Malaysia  
 T: 03 8000 8000 • W: [www.motac.gov.my](http://www.motac.gov.my)

# DECEMBER

## Ba... Ke Taman Kita!

1 - 2 Dec • Sabah Agriculture Park, Tenom, Sabah  
**In this school holiday season, explore the Sabah Agriculture Park; home to a variety of gardens, blooms and all things green. This two-day event features a variety of fun activities and competitions.**  
 Sabah Agriculture Park, Tenom  
 T: 087 737 952 • F: 087 737 571 • E: [insyierah@yahoo.com](mailto:insyierah@yahoo.com)





### **Asia Mountain Bike Series 2018**

7 - 9 Dec • Tandarason Resort & Country Club (TRCC), Pisompuruan Square & Sinurambi Tambunan, Sabah  
**Riders from all across Asia such as the Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore, Japan & Kazakhstan, will be calling Tambunan their home as they compete and pave their way to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.**

Sabah State Cycling Association / Tambunan Cycling Association  
T: 013 815 0888 • F: 088 718 062  
E: rajjasanang@yahoo.com • FB: Asiamountainbike.series

### **Borneo Bug Fest 2018**

8 - 9 Dec • Car Park Area, DBKK HQ Building, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

**A not-to-be-missed event for enthusiasts and owners of Classic Volkswagen vehicles available in Borneo, Peninsular Malaysia and abroad.**

Sabah Classic Volkswagen Club  
T: 019 537 5924 • F: 088 244 544

### **Dragon Boat Race Festival**

1st week of Dec • Teluk Bahang Dam, Penang

**Penang International Dragon Boat Festival Committee (PIDBF) invites participants from around the world to participate in this year's Dragon Boat Race.**

Penang State Government / Penang International Dragon Boat Festival Committee  
T: 04 650 5136 • W: www.penangdragonboat.gov.my

### **Karnival Upin & Ipin**

21 - 24 Dec • Kuala Lumpur

**The much-awaited Karnival Upin & Ipin comes again with fun activities featuring the famous characters Upin & Ipin along with Aris, Ara, the lovely princess from Puteri and more. Enjoy the special performance by Ultraman Ribut and get a chance to see Rumah Opah up close.**

Les Copaque Production Sdn Bhd  
T: 03 5511 8089  
E: info@lescopaque.com • W: www.lescopaque.com

### **Melaka Tourism Week & New Year Countdown**

30 - 31 Dec • Dataran 1 Malaysia, Melaka

**Come to the town's most celebrated carnival where you can have fun, enjoy fireworks displays and music all night long as we look forward to the New Year 2018!**

Melaka Tourism Promotion Division (Tourism Melaka)  
T: 06 232 8402 • F: 06 232 8367

### **Christmas Tree Decoration Contest**

Dec • Sibu Town Square Phase 1 & 2, Sarawak

**A seasonal event that has become a significant tourist attraction during this joyous festival period.**

Sibu Municipal Council  
T: 084 333 411 ext. 205 / 303 • F: 084 320 240  
E: smc@smc.gov.my • W: www.smc.gov.my

### **Sibu Bike Week**

Dec • Sibu Town Square Phase 1 & 2, Sarawak

**A gathering of enthusiasts who are into high-powered motorbikes as well as cars and automotive-related things.**

Razz Chopper Motor Club  
T: 019 855 7171

### **International Paddy Festival**

Dec • Mount Keriang, Alor Setar, Kedah

**Get a glimpse into the livelihood and cultures of the local communities in Kedah. Various activities related to paddy planting such as demonstrations, traditional games and traditional food will be presented.**

Kedah State Economic Planning Unit  
T: 04 774 4000 F: 04 774 4456  
W: http://portal.kedah.gov.my/profailupen

### **Pesta Chingay, Lion & Dragon Dance Parade**

Dec • Penang

**The Chingay parade celebrates the birthday of Chinese deities with a floating procession, dance parade as well as performances and a beauty pageant. The highlight is the amazing show of Lion Dance on stilts.**

Penang State Government  
T: 04 650 5136 • W: www.visitpenang.gov.my

### **Magic of the Night 2018**

Dec • Putrajaya

**Enjoy a dazzling evening with the glittering lights of decorated floats brought in from every state of Malaysia.**

Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia  
T: 03 8000 8000 • W: www.motac.gov.my

### **Malaysia Christmas Open House Celebration (MRTM)**

Dec

**The Malaysia Open House Celebration is a programme for people from various races to join in the festivities and enjoy cultural performances, traditional food and lots more.**

Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia  
T: 03 8000 8000 • W: www.motac.gov.my

### **Museum Night Trails**

Dec • National Textile Museum, Royal Museum, National Museum, Malay World Ethnology Museum, Orang Asli Craft Museum, Kuala Lumpur and Selangor

**This programme allows visitors to enjoy the experience of visiting the museum at night.**

Department of Museums Malaysia  
T: 03 2267 1000 • F: 03 2287 1271 • W: www.jmm.gov.my

### **ASEAN Monsoon Casting Tournament**

Dec • Tasik Kenyir, Terengganu

**An angling competition held against the backdrop of the lush jungles of Lake Kenyir. It is participated by local anglers as well as participants from ASEAN countries.**

Secretariat Beautiful Terengganu  
T: 09 623 1553 • F: 09 631 0273  
W: https://tourism.terengganu.gov.my

### **Festival Puisi & Lagu Rakyat Antarabangsa (Pulara-9)**

Dec • Pulau Pangkor, Perak

**This festival is held for the fifth time to appreciate the beauty of poetry and diversity of folk songs by various participating countries.**

Tourism Perak Management Berhad  
T: 05 249 9966 • F: 05 242 3388 • E: wow@tourismperakmalaysia.com  
W: www.tourismperakmalaysia.com





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