

## Press Release

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### EXPERIENCE MALAYSIA IN May 2015

It's the beginning of summer in many parts of the world, but Malaysia is blessed with eternal summer all year long, perfect for all sorts of outdoor activities. We are taking advantage of the great weather to showcase beautiful orchids, lilies, and other flowers at the flower festivals in Putrajaya and Penang.

Meanwhile, learn about our traditional cultures during the celebrations of World Harvest Festival, Sabah Fest and Tada Kaamatan. Theatre, music and kite-flying are also happening in May. Take advantage of the long Labor Day weekend in the first week of May to savor the sights and sounds of Malaysia. Happy Labor Day!

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#### ROYAL Floria 2015, PUTRAJAYA

The 8th Royal FLORIA Putrajaya Flower and Garden Festival, 2015 will feature the spring and winter gardens as its new and major attraction with an exhibition of lilies totaling 150 species in specially designed gardens and exhibits. It was formerly known as Putrajaya Flower and Garden Festival (Floria) before it received the royal status last year, becoming Royal Floria Putrajaya. Come join us and don't miss out on one of the biggest flower festivals in Malaysia.

Organizer: Putrajaya Corporation  
Date: 30 May to 7 June, 2015  
Venue: Anjung Floria, in Precinct 4, Putrajaya.  
Contact: +603 888 7713  
Website: [www.floriaputrajaya.com.my](http://www.floriaputrajaya.com.my) or [www.facebook.com/putrajayafioria](http://www.facebook.com/putrajayafioria)

#### Melaka International River Festival 2015

Melaka's diverse culture and ethnic heritage comes alive at the Melaka International River Festival 2015. Watch the decorated floats, colorful Melaka trishaws, musicians and other exciting performances take on the streets and rivers of Melaka. Among the competitions that will be held during the event are Remote Control Power Boat, Dragon Boat Competition, Sungai Melaka International Marathon, Ratu Kebaya Beauty Pageant and Cultural Performances from various Ethnic groups.

Organizer: Rivers and Coastal Development Corporation Melaka  
Date: 30 May to 14 June, 2015  
Venue: Dataran Sungai Melaka & Taman Rempah, along the Malacca River  
Contact: +606 281 4323 / +606 281 4322  
Website: [www.ppspm.gov.my](http://www.ppspm.gov.my)

#### Penang Anime Matsuri Summer Party 2015

For the first time ever in sunny Penang Island, from the producer of Anime Festival Asia, comes the first ever-outdoor Anison party, the summer party of Anime Matsuri! Happening in the heart of Penang's heritage area, George Town, expect an exciting 2-day event with power-packed activities such as Akihabara X town, Creators Market, Cosplay Celebrities, Japanese Food, Outdoor Anisong concert & party and a good chance to showcase your best yukata (kimono)!

Organizer: SOZO

Date: 23 to 24 May, 2015

Venue: Esplanade, George Town Penang

Contact: +604 264 3456

Website: [www.pamsummer.asia](http://www.pamsummer.asia) / [www.penangglobaltourism.com](http://www.penangglobaltourism.com)

### **LEGO Friends Musical Performance in Asia**

Celebrate the magic of friendship at LEGOLAND Malaysia Resort with the power of music and catch the LEGO Friends LIVE at the newly refurbished and fully air-conditioned LEGO City Stage. Join Olivia, Emma, Stephanie, Mia and Andrea in their first musical performance in Asia! Bring your kids to dance and sing along as the girls showcase their famed musical talents and perform original LEGO Friends songs.

Organizer: Malaysia Resort, Merlin Entertainments Group

Date: 14 March to 12 June, 2015

Venue: LEGO City Stage, LEGOLAND Malaysia Resort

Contact: +607 597 8819

Website: [www.legoland.com.my](http://www.legoland.com.my)

### **Sabah Fest 2015**

Come and join one of Sabah's biggest and most vividly decorated cultural parades that incorporate dance, music, fashion, food and more. The Sabah Fest 2015 presents a wonderful blend of cultural and natural heritage that is richly embedded in folklore prelude to the state-wide Harvest Festival celebration. This superbly entertaining cultural extravaganza is where visitors can expect a slice of the most decadently stuffed cultural activities, shows and delicacies. Whether you are an explorer with a taste for culture or just a tourist looking for new experiences, this 2015 Sabah Fest is the perfect destination for you!

Organizer: Sabah Tourism Board (Sri Pelancongan Sabah)

Date: 1 to 3 May, 2015

Venue: National Department of Culture and Art, Auditorium

Contact: +6088 221 732 / +6088 248 698

Website: [www.sabahtourism.com](http://www.sabahtourism.com)

### **Tadau Ka'amatan, Harvest Festival**

This vibrant cultural musical show centers around three Malaysian friends hoping to make their niches in the frontier town of Kuala Lumpur during the 1880's mining boom. This charming little play was put together by a string of talented actors, with the hopes of celebrating the people of Kuala Lumpur and all of its charms. Whether you are a historian interested in the story of how Kuala Lumpur gained its name and how it came to be; or just here to support a Malaysian production, these enthusiastic ensembles of actors will always be ready on stage for your viewership twice a day, 7 days a week!

Organizer: Kadazan Dusun Cultural Association (KDCA)

Date: 30 to 31 May, 2015

Venue: Penampang, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

Contact: +6088 317 696 / +6088 715 924

Website: [www.sabah.com](http://www.sabah.com)

**MUD: Our Story of Kuala Lumpur**

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Organizer: MUDKL

Running Time: Daily shows at 3pm and 8:30pm

Venue: Panggung Bandaraya, Jalan Raja at Dataran Merdeka

Contact: +603 2602 3335

Website: [www.mudkl.com](http://www.mudkl.com)

### **World Harvest Festival 2015**

The World Harvest Festival is an ethnic festival that is one of the highlights of the Gawai Dayak celebration and provides a

opportunity for visitors with an appetite for culture to learn the cultures, traditions and aspirations of the Dayak community. The

main highlight of the World Harvest Festival is the theme play which had received rave reviews from the media in the past

Visitors can also sample traditional food that will surely tickle your taste buds as well as participate in a series of workshops b

local cultural troupes. The popular ethnic beauty pageant lends color and vibrancy to the event as it is one of the most highly

anticipated portion of the festival. Join us at this culturally-packed event at the 2015 World Harvest Festival.

Organizer: Sarawak Cultural Village Association

Date: 1 to 3 May

Venue: Sarawak Cultural Village, Damai

Contact: +6082 846 411

Website: [www.scv.com.my](http://www.scv.com.my)

Flower enthusiasts should make a beeline for the Penang Floral Festival where 800 different types of orchids of various species and hybrids will be on display at Penang Botanic Gardens. Workshops, contests, exhibitions and classes on floral related topics will be held at this event along with the sale of plants and gardening equipment. A competition for Bonsai, Orchid plants and potted plants will also be held prior to the festival and the winning entries will be placed at the venue as part of the exhibition. What a great excuse to put on your summer dress and sun hat and to come have a walk through our beautiful botanical garden for a date with nature!

Organizer: The Friends of the Penang Botanical Gardens Society (FRIENDS)

Date: 30 May to 7 June, 2015

Venue: Penang Botanical Garden Grounds

Contact: +604 226 4404

Website: [www.botanicalgardens.penang.gov.my](http://www.botanicalgardens.penang.gov.my)

### **Kuala Lumpur Big Kitchen Festival 201**

The sights and smells of the Kuala Lumpur culinary scene will fill the atmosphere of Merdeka Square on the 29th of May

sate the hunger of food lovers everywhere. The three-day festival is filled with music performances, a culinary workshop

section and fun activities designed especially for food-loving individuals! A wide variety of food trucks and stalls will line

Merdeka Square, serving up all kinds of local, fusion and even gourmet selections. Enjoy all kinds of street food, fine dining

food trucks, desserts and even a special Big Kitchen pantry filled with local products and herbs & spices. Visitors will have plenty to sample from as they walk the lanes of the festival. The KL Big Kitchen Festival is truly a foodie's must-go-to event.

Organizer: Kuala Lumpur City Hall Tourism Unit

Date: 29 to 31 May

Venue: Merdeka Square, Kuala Lumpur

Contact: +603 2698 0332

Website: [www.visitkl.gov.my](http://www.visitkl.gov.my)

### **Borneo Jazz Festival**

With the on-going effort to promote jazz music, the inaugural Borneo Jazz Festival is back for its 10th anniversary in Sarawak.

The two-day exciting festival of Jazz music will be celebrated by the best performers' line-up promising the festival to be a h

celebratory note by bringing back favorite performers from the past years from different countries to celebrate a decade

Jazz by the sea. The performing bands will cover a wide range of jazz genre from all over the world. From the local scene, "A

The Best", a five-piece ensemble with Miri-born Syafiee Obe Hairunie, who is also the conductor of the Kuching SONS Jazz

Orchestra to lead the local challenge. It parades contemporary jazz with a twist of Malaysian flavor with added Latin rhythm

Jazz lovers are guaranteed a night of soul filling, ear licking, head swaying, music. Come party with us old-school style at th

2015 Borneo Jazz Festival.

Organizer: Sarawak Tourism Board

Date: 8 to 9 May

Venue: Park City Everly Hotel, Miri

Contact: +6082 423 600

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

### **National Wau Festival of Kelantan 2015**

Join us at one of the biggest kite-flying events in Peninsular Malaysia that celebrates the beauty of Malaysian kites, one

which is wau bulan. Literally translated as “moon-kite”, it is an intricately designed Malaysian kite (normally with floral motifs)

traditionally flown by men in the Malaysian state of Kelantan. This year's Kite Festival brings all the brave, chest banging kite

flying champions out there to compete in The Best Wau Take-Off, Best Wau Flying Competition, Rokkaku Competition, and

The National Kite-Flying Performance which is known as one of the best kite flying shows in Asia. Get a taste of Kelantan

culture as you participate in the many kite-making workshops, competitions, expos and many more!

Organizer: Kelantan Tourist Information Center

Date: 27 to 30 May

Venue: Pantai Genting Tumpat, Kelantan

Contact: +609 748 5534 / +609 784 3543

Website: [www.tic.kelantan.gov.my](http://www.tic.kelantan.gov.my)

All information is correct at time of publication. Visitors are advised to contact the event organizer for the latest updates.

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