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EXPERIENCE MALAYSIA IN APRIL 2015

April is an exciting month to travel around the country to experience the Malaysia Year of Festivals. Let the Bajaus of Saba share their love for the sea with you during the colourful Regatta Lepa race. Or enjoy the traditional food, culture and pa times of the Sarawakian Melanaus during the Kaul Mukah Festival.

There's also a silat carnival, featuring Malaysia's martial arts tradition, going on in Kelantan.

For more modern pursuits, Penang's World Music Festival, Ironman 70.3 Putrajaya and shopping bargains during the Gran Prix sale promises lots of fun.

To give you some ideas of what to do this April, here's a line-up of well-balanced events for tourists, both local and foreign, enjoy in Malaysia. Plan your trip well, or engage the services of a licensed tour operator/travel agent.

Happy holidays!

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Penang World Music Festival

Penang World Music Festival features a colourful assortment of performances ranging from traditional to fusion. Experienc mind-blowing performances by international musicians from Spain, Germany, South Africa, India and more. Marvel at th fusion of historic and contemporary attractions, right in our UNESCO Heritage City. We invite you to experience food that w exhilarate your taste buds while indulging yourself in this all-in-one music and culture trip.

Organizer: Penang State Tourism
Date: 11 to 12 April
Venue: Esplanade, Penang
Contact: +604 650 5136
Website: www.penangworldmusic.gov.my

Labuan National Water Festival

This water-splashing event invites visitors to come and enjoy, relax, eat, play and compete in numerous water-related activitie such as fishing, round-island kayaking, cross-channel swimming, and shore fishing. Take part in a beach tug-of-wa competition, test your agility in climbing a slippery pole or take out the competition in a fun pillow fight! Visitors are als welcome to join the Labuan International Sea Challenge which is part of the annual Malaysia Water Festival; it is among th biggest and popular water sports events in the country. If you are a water sports lover, then Labuan is the place for you.

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Organizer: Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia
Date: 24 to 26 April 2015
Venue: Federal Territory of Labuan
Contact: +6087 422622
Website: www.motour-labuan.com / www.lisc.com.my

1Malaysia Grand Prix Sale

The 1Malaysia Grand Prix Sale, held in conjunction with the annual Formula 1 Grand Prix, is a highly-anticipated sale in whic shoppers can expect to buy fabulous products at a bargain. Tourists coming to enjoy the F1 race can later experience th Truly Malaysian shopping thrill off-circuit which not only offers the best prices with the best varieties of items but also offers a array of dining choices that will ignite your senses. From seductive culinary temptations and fun and recreation to relaxatio and entertainment, experience it all at the 1Malaysia Grand Prix Sale.

Organizer: Ministry of Tourism and Culture
Date: 14 March to 5 April
Venue: Participating malls throughout Klang Valley
Contact: +603 8891 8000
Website: www.tourismmalaysia.gov.my

Ironman 70.3

The Ironman event is not for the faint-hearted. If you have the iron will and determination to swim for 1.9 km, cycle for 90 km and run for 21.1 km, then you might just cross that finish line with bragging rights. But if you don't, it's still great to watch th sheer physical and mental strength of man from the sidelines.

Organizer: World Triathlon Corporation
Date: 5 April
Venue: Millennium Monument, Precinct 2, Putrajaya
Contact: +603 7491 0591
Website: www.ironman.com

Wings of Kuala Kubu Bharu- Selangor Bird Race

The fourth Wings of Kuala Kubu Bharu is a great opportunity for birders to come together to enjoy nature and expand the knowledge of the different species of birds and their habitats. Participants will go through 10 different checkpoints starting fro the charming town of Kuala Kubu Baru, past the Kalumpung Hot Springs and ending at the Genting Highlands Awana Reso The area is part of the Important Bird Area and has gems such as the Marbled Wren Babbler, Pygmy Wren Babbler, Larg Niltava, Silver-Breasted Broadbills and three hornbills namely Rhinoceros, Great and Bushy Crested. Experience the gree side of Malaysia here at the Wings of KKB Selangor Bird Race event.

Organizer: Hulu Selangor Disctrict Council
Date: 24 to 26 April
Venue: Kuala Kubu Bharu and Awana Resort, Genting Highlands
Contact: +603 60641331
Website: www.wingsofkkb.blogspot.com

Nasi Ambeng Carnival

Nasi ambeng or nasi ambang is a fragrant rice dish consisting of white rice served with chicken curry or chicken cooked in so sauce, vegetables, fried noodles, some salted fish, fried coconut flesh, and so on. It is cooked during important celebration and served in a tray to be shared by four to five people. Come and experience the unique, communal dining style an

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delicious food of the Javanese-Malay people at the Nasi Ambang Carnival.

Organizer: National Department for Culture and Arts
Date: 17 to 18 April
Venue: Banghuris Homestay, Sg. Pelek, Sepang Selangor
Contact: +603 5510 2664
Website: www.jkkn.gov

UNESCO World Heritage Exhibition

The UNESCO World Heritage Exhibition is being held at Sultan Abdul Samad Building, Kuala Lumpur. This exhibition feature

the four UNESCO World Heritage sites in Malaysia namely the cities of Melaka and George Town, the Archaeological Heritag

of Lembah Lenggong, Gunung Mulu National Park and Kinabalu Park. Though small, the exhibition is packed with mar

interesting exhibits and information about each UNESCO site, and is a great stop before tourists decide to visit any of th

actual destinations. The UNESCO World Heritage Exhibition runs until 31 December 2015. Admission is free.

Organizer: Department of National Heritage

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Date: Until 31 December 2015

Venue: Sultan Abdul Samad Building, Kuala Lumpur

Contact: +603 2260 9000

Website: www.facebook.com/jabatanwarisannegara

Regatta Lepa Fiesta

The Regatta Lepa traditional boat race occurs annually in April and it is a vibrant festival that pays homage to the lepa, th

traditional single-mast sailing boat of the Bajau people of Semporna, Sabah. Witness a fleet of colourful lepas decorating th

coast of Semporna during the annual Regatta Lepa event. Enjoy unique cultural performances, the Lepa Beauty Pageant, th

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Most Beautiful Lepa competition, fireworks displays and so much more!

Organizer: Sri Pelancongan Sabah Sdn Bhd

Date: 24 to 26 April

Venue: Regatta Lepa Square, Semporna

Contact: +6088 232121 / +6013 850 4007

Website: www.sabahtourism.com

The Nusantara Silat Carnival

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The Nusantara Silat Carnival 2015 is organized by the Kelantan Tourism Information Centre. This event brings sil

practitioners all the way from Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore and Brunei. Kelantan is proud to be the birthplace of the sil

jatuh which is a very unique form of martial arts. Visitors are welcome to learn about the unique martial art culture of silat in th

beautiful and culture-rich state of Kelantan.

Organizer: TIC Kelantan

Date: 5 to 7 April

Venue: Kota Bharu City Hall Council, Kelantan

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Contact: +609 748 5534 / +609 748 3543

Website: www.tic.kelantan.gov.my

Kaul Mukah Festival

Come and experience the lifestyle of the Melanau community living along the coastal area of Sarawak, and celebrate one

their highly cherished traditional festivals. The Kaul Mukah is celebrated as a religious ceremony to appease spirits of the se

land, forest and farm, making it the most important festival in the Melanau traditional calendar. The festival site is on the bank

of the Mukah river estuary where visitors can relax, soak in the culture and participate in the activities, traditional games

major highlight is the giant traditional swing called “Tibow”) as well as savour their unique delicacies. The Kaul Mukah festiv

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provides an amazing opportunity for visitors to experience the Truly Malaysia cultural heritage that in its essence is wh

makes Malaysia a diversified and culturally rich country.

Organizer: Kaul Mukah Festival Committee

Date: 25 to 26 April

Venue: Mukah Festival Ground

Contact: +6016 578 1945

Website: www.kaulmukah.com

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

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