

Press Release

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EXPERIENCE MALAYSIA IN June 2015

We're already halfway through the year and June promises to be an exciting, adventure-filled month with a mix of exhilarating activities. For those looking for a little thrill, come get that adrenaline fix at a few newly-opened theme parks, which are sure to get your blood running! For a more laid-back but culturally filled vacation, there is a scenic sunset music festival at the tip of Borneo in Sabah, and a dance festival in Kuala Lumpur.

Also, let's not forget that Muslims will be observing the fasting month of Ramadhan. In conjunction with this, many organisations will also hold Iftar sessions (breaking fast), among them is Iftar@KL. May I take this opportunity to welcome everyone to Malaysia, and to all Muslims, may all of us stay healthy and enthusiastic to perform our obligations to reap the best rewards.

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Sunset Music Festival

Embark on a musical journey at Tanjung Simpang Mengayau in Sabah, the northern-most tip of Borneo. Delight in an evening of classical favourites and contemporary tunes brought to you by a talented line-up of performers as the sun sets over the South and South China Seas. You won't want to miss this amazing musical experience. The stage is set for one of the most breathtaking outdoor musical events of the year – right here at the iconic Tip of Borneo!

Organizer: Sabah Tourism Board/Sri Pelancongan Sabah Sdn Bhd
Date: 5 to 6 June 2015
Venue: Tip of Borneo, Tanjung Simpang Mengayau, Kudat, Sabah
Contact: +6088 232 121
Website: www.sunsetmusicfest.my

Malaysian Dance Festival

The 2015 Malaysian Dance Festival brings together international and local choreographers, dancers and students in an exciting showcase of creative expression. Witness amazing choreography, and colourful set-ups as this event has been known to have crowned over 16 dance groups, eight from each traditional and modern category. Contestants will be judged in terms of performance, choreography, creativity and best costume. Come and support some of the finest dance crews battling it out at the DBKL auditorium at the 2015 Malaysian Dance Festival this June.

Organizer: National Department for Culture and Arts
Date: 4 to 6 June 2015
Venue: City Hall Auditorium, Kuala Lumpur
Contact: +603 2614 8200 / 8283 / 8203

Website: www.jkkn.gov.my

1Malaysia Mega Sale Carnival

The 1Malaysia Mega Sale Carnival makes up one of the three major shopping events in the country, transforming Malaysia into a festive shopping paradise for more than two months. Retail outlets, malls, and shops selling a variety of products ranging from luxurious goods to electronics and souvenirs offer great discounts and bargains during this special time. Enjoy the carnival-like atmosphere of shopping in Malaysia, the events, competitions and retail experiences during the 1Malaysia Mega Sale Carnival.

Organizer: Shopping Secretariat Malaysia, Tourism Malaysia

Date: 27 June to 31 August

Venue: Throughout Malaysia

Contact: +603 8891 8000

Website: www.tourismmalaysia.gov.my

Malaysian Gawai Dayak Open House Celebration

Throughout the years, the Gawai Day has become a symbol of unity, aspiration and hope for the Dayak community. It is a day of giving thanks to the spirits that have bestowed a bountiful harvest to the community, and marks the preparation for a new farming season and life in general. The whole community takes part in the celebration which involves a lot of rituals, singing, dancing and sharing of traditional food and drinks such as tuak, a wine made of fermented rice. Enchant yourself by the various cultural performances and traditional delicacies.

Organizer: Ministry of Tourism Sarawak

Date: 5 to 6 June

Venue: Sarawak

Contact: +6082 246 575

Website: www.mot.sarawak.gov.my

Kuantan160 Century Ride

Attention to all avid cyclists around, the Kuantan160 Century Ride is back! The race, set in the scenic east coast town of Kuantan, Pahang, will challenge cyclists to complete a gruelling ride over 160 km. The journey is enriched with the culture and architecture of Kuantan. However, expect the hot weather and elevations to give you a real challenge. Whether you want to ride with a couple of friends or get a real work-out, this event invites you to challenge yourself and take a shot at surviving the 160 km bike ride.

Organizer: Pahang Tourism and Culture Office

Date: 7 June

Venue: Kuantan, Pahang

Contact: +609 517 1111

Website: www.kuantan160.com

The Orchard Wellness and Health Resort Malaysia

Come together and celebrate the Tadau Ka'amatan in Sabah! This month-long Harvest Festival celebrates the culture and lifestyle of the Kadazandusun community of Sabah. It is held to welcome the new Harvest Season and to offer gratitude for the good harvest. The event is usually celebrated with general merry-making, cultural performances, traditional sports, and of course, the Unduk Ngadau (Harvest Festival Queen) pageant. Guests will be enthralled by cultural performances and traditional delicacies. It's a great opportunity for visitors to experience the hospitality and celebrations of the Sabahans.

Organizer: Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia

Date: 6 June

Venue: Ranau, Sabah

Contact: +603 8000 8000

Website: www.motac.gov.my

Penang Bridge Half Marathon

The Penang Bridge Half Marathon is a sports event catered to serious runners as well as amateur ones from both local and international grounds. The main attraction is the opportunity to run across the iconic bridge that connects the island of Penang to mainland Malaysia. Uniting thousands of marathon enthusiasts annually, the run is well known for the captivating sight of the sunrise over a panoramic Penang. Very popular among sportsmen, school-going youngsters, working adults and families, this is a search of good time. If you're looking for a healthier way to spend time with your family; this 21km run is the event you won't want to miss!

Organizer: Penang State Tourism Development Committee

Date: 14 June

Venue: Sulta Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah Bridge, Penang

Contact: +60 016 411 0000

Website: www.penangmarathon.gov.my

Special Announcement

The Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board (Tourism Malaysia) are pleased to announce the call for nominations for the Malaysia Tourism Awards 2014/15. The prestigious Malaysia Tourism Awards, which recognise and honours local and international tourism industry players for outstanding and innovative products and services, is held once every two years; this will be the 19th edition of the esteemed awards. Members of the local and international travel trade fraternity and the media are invited to submit their nominations for fourteen award categories. Download nomination form from www.tourism.gov.my and www.motac.gov.my. Call +603 8891 8000 for enquiries. Closing date is 30 June 2015.

New Adventure Theme Parks in Malaysia! Joining well-established theme parks Sunway Lagoon and Legoland are new and unique adventure spots that offer visitors an exhilarating time.

Located in the newest shopping mall, IOI City Mall, Putrajaya, District 21 (district21.com.my) offers activities for all visitors to get you climbing, jumping, riding, sliding and flying. It's a fairly small space, but loaded with challenging rides including – if you dare – an obstacle-course 20m up in the air. After a tiring day, enjoy great shopping and dining at the rest of the mall.

Dubbed as Malaysia's first indoor trampoline park, Jumpstreet (jumpstreetasia.com) in Petaling Jaya consists of hundreds of interconnected trampolines from the floor right up to the walls. This amazing urban indoor playground welcomes visitors aged 3 years old. Jump around in the open court, play trampoline dodge ball or hone your aerial skills in the high performance area.

ESCAPE (escape.my) is an outdoor theme park in Penang built to offer a fun and safe adventure play environment amidst nature. It is the first environmentally friendly theme park in Malaysia. Its emphasis is on connecting with others and capturing a sense of adventure. Challenge yourself to an aerial obstacle course, climb trees, jump off high platforms and squeeze through tunnels and burrows.

Skytrex Adventure (skytrex-adventure.com) in Langkawi provides a tree-to-tree 'sky-trekking' experience where you can fly, swing, glide and dangle on the various aerial obstacles suspended above the lush tropical Malaysian rainforest. Experience the Malaysian rainforest in a unique way. Note: While the theme parks welcome visitors of all ages, there are minimum height and weight requirements for some activities. All information is correct at time of publication. Visitors are advised to contact the event organiser for the latest updates.

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