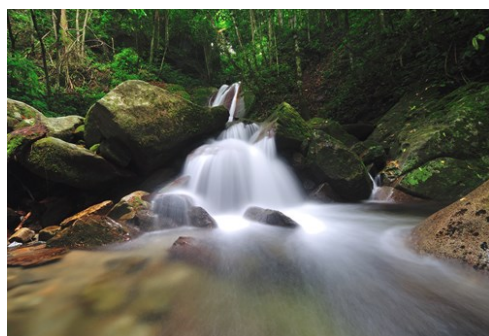




Kota Kinabalu

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Kota Kinabalu is a true oriental pearl and the capital of Sabah, a state in Malaysia. Surrounded by spectacular waters, mountains and ancient rainforest, this is truly the gateway to Borneo. Vibrant and friendly variations of everything can be found in the city, which is guaranteed to captivate you.



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THE CITY



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Kota Kinabalu, affectionately known as KK in Malaysia, is a fascinating and richly “blessed” city. It is situated on the shores of the South China Sea and flanked by lush tropical islands and clear blue waters on one side, and Mount Kinabalu on the other. The city is graced by some of the finest sunsets in the world.

Originally named Jesselton, the city was flattened during World War II, and has risen from the ashes to become a thriving and vibrantly colourful city. Much of the city is relatively new, but legacies of its Chinese trading history and colonial past can be found dotted all around town, along with water villages and an ever-expanding array of commercial and residential developments.

DO & SEE



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The centre of town is based around the waterfront area, which is home to a charming mix of old and new – trendy bars, restaurants and hotels line the area, but are contrastingly interspersed with traditional markets, fishing ports and hawker stalls, a great blend.

Sea and Island Tours



If you are into cruises, snorkeling, fishing trips or diving, the Sea Quest Tours & Travel offer a wide range of activities to choose from.

Photo: Ijam Hairi / Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Sutera Harbour Boulevard, Sutera Harbour, Kota Kinabalu

Phone: +60 88 248 006

Internet: www.seaquesttours.net

Email: info@seaquesttours.net

Atkinson Clock Tower



Atkinson is the old colonial clock tower, and the oldest surviving structure in the city from the days when it was called Jesselton.

Photo: Hockim0230 (image cropped)

Address: Jalan Padang, Kota Kinabalu

KKCBS - Kota Kinabalu City Bird Sanctuary



This is a great place to see both local and migratory North Asian birds. The 24-hectare mangrove forest is located in the city centre.

Photo: Gossipguy (image cropped)

Address: Jalan Bukit Bendera Upper, Likas, Kota Kinabalu
Public Transport: Best way to get there is by bus towards Likas from the bus stations in front of City Hall or Wawasan Plaza to Likas Square. At the traffic lights there, turn right towards Signal Hill until you get to the third junction on the left.

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday 8.00am - 6.00pm

Phone: +60 88 246 955

Gaya Street Market



Souvenirs, handicrafts, live animals, chicken pieces, potatoes and coconuts. You will find all the ingredients for a "malaysian curry" and more. This is the most interesting market in town with its bustling crowded stalls and lanes. Get there early for beautiful photos in the morning light. Don't forget to haggle the price.

Photo: CEphoto, Uwe Aranas (image cropped)

Address: Jalan Gaya, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Sunday 6.30 am - 1.00 pm

Signal Hill Observatory



Signal Hill is the highest point in the city and it is probably the best place to go if you are looking for a good view of Kota Kinabalu, especially at

sunset.

Photo: Shoestring (image cropped)

Address: Jalan Bukit Bendera, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Daily 8.00am -12.00am

More Info: Admission is free

Taman Abdul Rahman Island Park



Taman Tunku Abdul Rahman National Park, named after the first Prime Minister, is composed of five islands.

It is a true paradise for both tourists and wildlife lovers from all over the world. Do some island hopping, see exotic animals, snorkel above coral reefs and marvel over white sandy beaches or enjoy activities like windsurfing, parasailing and kayaking.

Photo: Flanagan (image cropped)

Address: Jesselton Point, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Daily 8.30am - 5pm

Internet: www.sabahtourism.com/destination/tunku-abdul-rahman-park

More Info: The park is about a 10 - 20 minute speedboat ride from the city of Kota Kinabalu. Boat transfers depart from the Jesselton Point Ferry Terminal, located next to the Malaysia Royal Custom Department. Available daily from 7.30am to 5pm

Cap Kuda Coffee Factory



Everything you ever wanted to know about the unique Malaysian caramelized coffee you will discover on a tour of this factory. Cap Kuda

Coffee Company (or Yap Yu Sdn Bhd trading as Hock Lee Coffee Powder Factory) was established in the early 1960's and is now one of the largest coffee manufacturers in Sabah.

Photo: JIL Photo / Shutterstock.com

Address: 29 Jalan Kilang, Kota Kinabalu
 Opening hours: Daily 8am - 6pm, Sunday until 5pm
 Phone: +60 88 4284 68 471
 Internet: www.ckcc.com.my
 Email: info@ckcc.com.my

City Mosque



The second main mosque in the city dwells by an impressive and peaceful lakeside. Kota Kinabalu City Mosque at Likas Bay is an extraordinary

example of marvelous contemporary architecture, resembling in some ways the design of the Masjid al-Nabawi mosque (The Prophet's Mosque) in Medina, Saudi Arabia.

The prayer room can hold up to 12,000 worshippers at one time and houses three madrasah (religious schools). The man-made lagoon which surrounds it gives it a beautiful and dramatic view on a full moon night.

Photo: Nokuro / Shutterstock.com
 Address: Jalan Tun Fuad Stephens, Likas, Kota Kinabalu
 Public Transport: Bus No.5A , direction to UMS
 More Info: The Kota Kinabalu City Mosque is located 3 kilometers from Kota Kinabalu City, about 10 - 15 minutes drive.

Monsopiad Cultural Village



Nestled beside the Penampang River are the many traditional buildings that make up the Monsopiad Cultural village, a living museum

located 16 km from the KK City Centre. On display are ceramic jars, padi grinders, bamboo items as well as the costume of Bobohizan Inai Bianti, a very senior high priestess. Other interesting exhibits include the massive monolith

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

Photo: CEphoto, Uwe Aranas (image cropped)
 Address: Kg. Kuai/Kandazon, Penampang, Kota Kinabalu
 Public Transport: Bus 13 to Donggongon town in Penampang. Then board a minibus bound for Terawi and tell your stop to the driver.
 Phone: +60 88 774 337
 Internet: www.monsopiad.com

Sabah Museum



This museum preserves the cultural identity of Sabah. It collects, conserves, educates and documents ethnographic, archaeological, historical, numismatic, art-historical, botanical, zoological and mineralogical collections from all over the state. Furthermore they research Sabah's cultural, social and natural history as they believe it is an investment for the future and is an important part of the state's heritage.

Photo: shankar s. (image cropped)
 Address: Jalan Muzium, Kota Kinabalu
 Opening hours: Daily 9 am - 5 pm
 Phone: +60 88 253 199
 Internet: www.museum.sabah.gov.my/?q=content/sabah-museum-kota-kinabalu

Adventures & Sports



If sitting still and relaxing on the beach isn't your thing, then Sabah offers a wide choice of adventure and sporting activities.

From Mounting Torque Via Ferratta, to Kiulu White Water Rafting and jungle trekking in Mesilau.

Photo: Greg Robson (image cropped)

Address: 1 Jln Jati, Off Gaya Street Opposite Pizza Hut Sugar
Bun Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

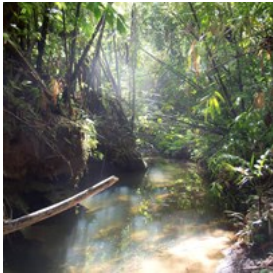
Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm

Phone: +60 14 554 2402

Internet: www.sabahbah.com/tours

Email: booktravel@sabahbah.com

Borneo Jungle



There is a range of treks to take if you want to dig deeper into the jungle.

Remember that temperatures can drop to 13°C at night, so make

sure to bring your own sleeping bag and warm clothing. Proper shoes for walking in different terrain is a must. Mosquito nets are usually provided. Some treks offer porters who will carry your backpack or knapsack. Take some time to figure out what you really want to experience since there is a vast supply of treks including everything from fish massage, forest reserve, monkey sanctuary to white water rafting through the jungle.

Photo: Luke Price (image cropped)

Internet: www.borneonaturetours.com

Golf



Golfing in Sabah means choosing from numerous golf clubs located in all corners of the state with some courses offering gorgeous scenery and

challenging play. Scenic Dalit Bay Golf & Country Club, the oldest Sabah golf course Kudat Golf Club, Borneo Golf & Country Club in Jack Nicklaus design or prestigious Sabah Golf & Country Club are all in close proximity to Kota Kinabalu. Check out the website for more information.

Internet: www.golfasian.com/golf-courses/malaysia-golf-courses/kota-kinabalu

Sabah Art Gallery



The building of the Sabah Art Gallery itself is a piece of art. Its internal structure is similar to the Guggenheim in New York and resembles bahuyun, a traditional basket which used to be woven out of bamboo. The interior is quite and peaceful and hosts an eclectic mix of local artist and student work from the Sabah region.

Photo: CEphoto, Uwe Aranas (image cropped)

Address: Mile 2, Jalan Penampang, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia

Opening hours: Daily 9am - 5pm

Phone: +60 88 268 748

Internet: www.sabah.gov.my/lks/v2/index.php?q=content/sabah-art-gallery

Jari Jari Spa



Jari Jari Spa is well-known for its top notch service and wonderful ambiance. The interior design with beautiful textured walls, a

soft tinkling fountain and dark wood flooring is just the perfect place to restore a tired body.

Photo: Merlin Phuket (image cropped)

Address: Tanjung Aru Plaza, 1, Jalan Mat. Salleh, Tanjung Aru, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 10am - 10pm, Sunday 11am - 10pm

Phone: +60 88 272 606

Internet: www.jarijari.com.my

Email: sales@jarijari.com.my

Shangri-La's Orangutan Care Project



Shangri-La's Rasa Ria Resort & Spa launched a nature care project to raise awareness for endangered species and faunas endemic to Sabah and facilitate rehabilitation programmes aiming at returning these species back into the wild. The young orang-utans are definitely the stars of the show but there is a sheer number of fascinating animals to look at and the staff will explain in detail the process of rehabilitation. Do not forget to wear sturdy footwear and prepare for mosquitos.

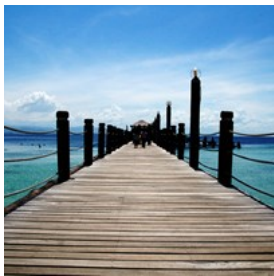
Photo: SaraYeomans (image cropped)

Address: Pantai Dalit Beach Shangri-La's Rasa Ria Resort, Kota Kinabalu

Phone: +60 88 797 888

Internet: www.shangri-la.com/kotakinabalu/rasariaresort/about/corporate-social-responsibility/sanctuary

Manukan Island



Manukan Island features a beautiful beach which is ideal for a wonderful snorkeling experience, water sport activities at a reasonable price or just enjoy the sun and relax and unwind by the sea.

Photo: amrufm (image cropped)

Address: Manukan Island, Malaysia

North Borneo Railway



Travel back in time to feel a touch of nostalgia of the Colonial era. A ride on the old British Rail is a brilliant way to see the countryside and its people. With the colonial style of dress of the

staff as well as a typical 'Tiffin' lunch, you will be amazed at how real the whole experience on one of the last steam trains left in the world feels.

Photo: garycycles8 (image cropped)

Address: Sutera Harbour Boulevard Level 2, The Magellan Sutera Resort, Sutera Harbour, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Leaves 9.30 am, arrives 1.40 pm at Tanjung Aru Station

Phone: +60 88 308 500

Internet: www.suteraharbour.com/north-borneo-railway

Email: nbrinfo@suteraharbour.com.my

Weston Wetland Park



Get a glimpse of Borneo's unique endemic primate and be stunned by the beauty of nature. On this guided tour, you will see the Proboscis Monkey in

their natural habitat followed by an unforgettable sunset. As soon as the sun has set, trees are full of fireflies and complement the picturesque scenery.

Photo: Christina Gallivan (image cropped)

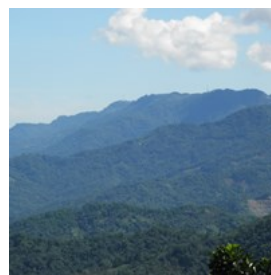
Address: Lot 3-49, 3rd Floor, Star City North | Asia City Road, Kota Kinabalu

Phone: +60 19 850 8066

Internet: www.westonwetlandpark.com

Email: sales@westonwetlandpark.com

Kokol Hill



Climbing Kokol Hill will reward you with stunning views of KK and its surroundings. On a clear day you are able not only to see the sunset in the

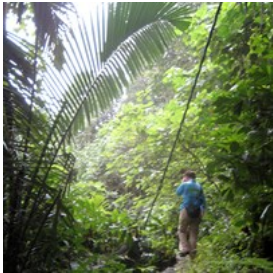
west but Mt. Kinabalu in the east and lookout as far as the western coastline of Sabah. There are a few good hiking trails to choose from for different fitness levels.

Photo: Jason Thien (image cropped)

Address: Kohol Poring Poring Road, Kota Kinabalu

More Info: Can be accessed either through Jalan Kiansom, Inanam (4wd or similar recommended) or Jalan Kokol Poring Poring just after the small town of Menggatal

Downbelow Marine & Wildlife Adventures - Day Tours



Delve into an amazing rainforest experience on the beautiful jungle island. They offer various activities like hiking, snorkeling, scuba diving

and many more. The hikes are challenging but the views are reward enough. Snorkeling and scuba diving and all the other underwater activities are managed very professionally and a fun day outdoors is guaranteed.

Photo: ben klocek (image cropped)

Address: KK Time Square, Block F, Ground Floor 33-G, 33-1, 33-2, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Daily 7am - 9pm

Phone: +60 12 866 1935

Internet: www.downbelowadventures.com

DINING



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The melange and variation of culinary experiences in KK is amazing. Being such a multi-cultural city you will find everything from Malay and Filipino hawker food to 24 hour budget Malay and Indian restaurants to exquisite

Chinese seafood restaurants as well as top-class international restaurants.

Port View Seafood



With tourist buses queuing at its door-front, Port View Seafood is one of the city's finest high-class Chinese fresh seafood restaurants. It is famous for its finest seafood specialties that can be selected directly from the aquarium.

Photo: tookapic

Address: Lot 18 Anjung Samudera, Tun Fuad Stephens Rd, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Open until 10:30 pm

Phone: +60 88 221 753

Internet: www.portview.com.my

More Info: Ground Floor, The Waterfront

Kampung Nelayan Floating Seafood Market Restaurant



Kota Kinabalu's only lakeside floating seafood restaurant is anchored within a Botanical Park. During dinner you will get "Malaysia Cultural

And Variety Show". You have fresh seafood, meat and vegetables and a nice wine selection to choose from.

Photo: Jing

Address: Taman Tun Fuad, Bukit Padang, Kampung Nelayan, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Daily 7.30am - 2pm and 6.30pm - 11pm

Phone: +60 88 231 003

Internet: www.kampungnelayan.com

Email: enquiry@kampungnelayan.com

Wa Heng Seafood Restaurant



One of several good quality yet low priced and atmospheric Chinese fresh seafood restaurants. Sited food court style around Kampung Air.

Open until 2 a.m.

Photo: norikko / Shutterstock.com

Address: 4 Jalan Kampung Air, Sedco Complex, Blok a, Kota Kinabalu

Phone: +60 88 231 668

Little Italy



Long established local Italian ristorante with stone oven baked pizza, everyday homemade pasta, antipasti and other food favourites. Italian

wine at friendly prices.

Photo: Guy Renard (image cropped)

Address: Ground Floor, Hotel Capital, Jalan Haji Saman, Kota Kinabalu

Phone: +60 88 232 231

Internet: www.littleitaly-kk.com

Filipino Market



The market next to the Centre Point Shopping Complex on Jalan Tun Fuad Stephens is known as the Filipino Market, as most of the stalls are run

by Filipino immigrants. Go here for some real atmospheric experience on a budget as the open-air hawker food stalls around the Filipino market serve up excellent barbecued fish and chicken wings.

Photo: Eric in SF (image cropped)

Address: Jalan Tun Fuad Stephens, Kota Kinabalu

Phone: Daily 5.30pm-11.00pm

Chilli Vanilla



Hungarian, Mexican and European style food made with fresh ingredients and served in a quaint and intimate setting. This little gem has a fantastic

varied menu to choose from and the food is delicious.

Photo: Selena N. B. H. (image cropped)

Address: 35, Jalan Haji Saman, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 10am - 10:30pm, Sunday 5pm - 10pm

Phone: +60 88238 098

El Centro



Popular with both expats and travellers, El Centro caters to Western tastes. It is a laid-back

Mexican-themed bar

which serves great food

and drink deals. Live music, pub quiz and Salsa night will guarantee a fun evening at El Centro.

Photo: UnknownNet Photography (image cropped)

Address: 32, Jalan Haji Saman, Pusat Bandar, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Daily 12pm - 12am

Phone: +60 19 893 5499

Internet: www.elcentro.my

Naan, Flavours of India Restaurant at Shangri-La's Rasa Ria Resort



Naan serves a wonderful selection of authentic Indian cuisine inspired by Northern Indian and coastal Goa delicacies. The delicious food is

cooked to perfection with the freshest

ingredients and the perfect combination of spices.

Photo: pulaw (image cropped)

Address: Dalit Bay Golf & Country Club - Kota Kinabalu, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Daily 6:30pm - 10:30pm

Phone: +60 88 792 888

Internet: www.shangri-la.com/kotakinabalu/rasariaresort/dining/restaurants/naan-flavours-of-india

Ferdinand's



Ferdinand's is set in a relaxed and elegant setting with subtle lighting and classy decoration. Whether you try the lobster bisque or

crusted salmon, every menu item will satisfy your taste buds.

Photo: NadineDoerle

Address: The Magellan Sutera, Sutera Harbour Resort, 1 Sutera Harbour Boulevard, Sutera Harbour, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

Opening hours: Daily 6pm - 11pm

Phone: +60 88 318 888

Internet: www.suteraharbour.com/the-magellan-sutera/dining/ferdinands

More Info: Level 2, The Magellan Sutera Resort

Kudos Modern European Dining



Located in the iconic Jesselton Hotel, Kudos is the place to go for fine dining and delicious western food. Portions are generous and the

wines are a good match with the tenderloin and ribeye steaks.

Photo: Andrey Bayda / Shutterstock.com

Address: 69, Gaya Street, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 6:30am - 10pm, Friday - Sunday 6:30am - 11pm

Phone: +60 88 532 166

Internet: www.facebook.com/kudosbistro.kk

Welcome Seafood Restaurants



Welcome Seafood Restaurant is a popular spot for locals as well as tourists. It serves fresh seafood in a lively setting at very affordable prices.

Go up to the counter to choose your own crabs, prawns, squids and local vegetables and specify how you would like them to be cooked. Make sure to try their all-time favourite Wet Butter Tiger Prawn.

Photo: juliwatson

Address: GF, G-15 - G-18, Asia City, Jalan Coastal, Kota Kinabalu, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

Phone: +60 16 847 8181

Internet: www.wsr.com.my

Email: info@wsr.com.my

Kedai Kopi Yee Fung



Kedai Kopi Yee Fung is famous for its tasty laksa, which has the reputation of being the best in Kota Kinabalu. Laksa is a hearty blend of rice

noodles and prawns in creamy coconut laksa broth, topped with sliced beancurd puffs, omelette strips, shredded chicken, coriander sprigs, half a lime and served with a spoonful of chilli sambal paste.

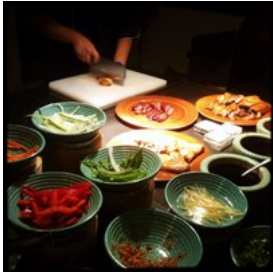
Photo: LWYang (image cropped)

Address: 127, Jalan Gaya, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 6:30am - 6pm, Saturday - Sunday 6:30am - 4pm

Phone: +60 88 312 042

Coast Restaurant & Bar at Shangri-La's Rasa Ria Resort



Coast Restaurant is situated in an idyllic spot to watch the sunset. The big buffet features so many choices and caters to everybody's taste, from local favourites to western delights.

Photo: Kim van Velzen (image cropped)

Address: Dalit Bay Golf & Country Club - Kota Kinabalu, Kota Kinabalu

Phone: +60 88 792 888

Internet: www.shangri-la.com/kotakinabalu/rasariaresort/dining/restaurants/coast-restaurant-bar

Kozan, Teppanyaki at Shangri-La's Rasa Ria Resort



Japanese cuisine in a modern interior. The signature dish, chicken teppanyaki, is prepared on the "teppan", the large Japanese iron hotplate.

The attentive staff seem to anticipate all your needs to make your evening a wonderful delight.

Photo: Erik Charlton (image cropped)

Address: Dalit Bay Golf & Country Club - Kota Kinabalu, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Sunday - Saturday 6:30pm - 10:30pm

Phone: +60 88 792 888

Internet: www.shangri-la.com/kotakinabalu/rasariaresort/dining/restaurants/kozan-teppan-yaki

Suang Tain Seafood Restaurant



Located in a covered open space area, Suang Tain Seafood Restaurant offers a wide range of seafood, including lobsters, crabs, prawns,

lots of different fishes and clams. Service is

impeccable and the food is always served with a smile.

Photo: Kondor83 / Shutterstock.com

Address: No. 9-12, Sedco Square, Kampung Air, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Sunday - Saturday 2pm - 12:30am

Phone: +60 88 223 080

Shang Palace at Shangri-La's Tanjung Aru Resort and Spa - Kota Kinabalu



Shang Palace has a nice mix of traditional Chinese and western dishes as well as a variety of fine oriental cuisine and dim sum. All dishes are

beautifully presented and delicious.

Photo: Alpha (image cropped)

Address: 20 Jalan Aru, Tanjung Aru, 88100 Kota Kinabalu

Phone: +60 88 327 940

Internet: www.shangri-la.com/en/property/kotakinabalu/tanjungaruresort/dining/restaurant/shangpalace

Mai Yai Thai Orchid Restaurant



Dine on spicy Thai food with authentic flavors and fresh tastes while enjoying the view of the waterfront and the fresh breeze.

Photo: Tej3478 (image cropped)

Address: Lot 13, The Waterfront, Jalan Tun Fuad Stephens, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Sunday - Saturday 11:30am - 11:30pm

Phone: +60 88 234 841

Coco-Joe's



Located on the seaside, Coco-Joe's boasts a fantastic oceanside view. Enjoy a cold fresh coconut opened up on the spot and dining in a casual and laid-back setting.

Photo: Jim Lightfoot / Shutterstock.com (image cropped)
Address: 20, Jalan Aru, Shangri-La's Tanjung Aru Resort & Spa, Kota Kinabalu
Opening hours: Sunday - Saturday 2pm - 11pm
Phone: +60 88 225 800
Internet: www.shangri-la.com/kr/kotakinabalu/tanjungaruresort/dining/restaurants/coco-joe-bar-grill

Beyond Veggie



For vegetarian eaters, Beyond Veggie serves meatless alternatives in a cozy environment. Try the delicious curry, bean curds and fried rice with satay Ginger Tofu. Everything is 100% without meat and even most of the cakes are eggless, made with vegetarian gelatine and animal rennet-free dairy products.

Photo: Marian Weyo / Shutterstock.com
Address: 1st Floor, 65, 1-8-G, 1-7-G, Jalan Tun Fuad Stephen, Kota Kinabalu
Opening hours: Daily 10am - 10pm
Phone: +60 88-487 023

The Aussie Barbeque And Bar



The Aussie Barbeque House Specials are Borneo Spiced Chicken, Tiger Prawns and Chilli Crabs. Wine and dine with a stunning

water-front view while sipping an ice-cold Tiger

beer.

Photo: Cambridge Brewing Co. (image cropped)
Address: 5, Jalan Tun Fuad Stephen, Cultural Entertainment Esplanade, Kota Kinabalu
Phone: +60 14 959 1835
Internet: www.aussiebbqandbar.com

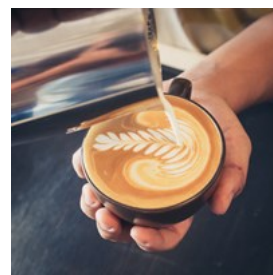
CAFES



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The inner city is a calm and friendly place, and once again a mix of old and new can be found around every corner, something which characterises this place.

Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf



Born and brewed in California in 1963, Herbert B. Hyman started The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf. Now, over 40 years later, The Coffee Bean &

Tea Leaf has grown into one of the largest privately-owned, family-run coffee and tea companies in the world. This is the original "real coffee" chain in KK, now open on the picturesque waterfront.

Photo: Coffee Lover / Shutterstock.com
Address: Jln Haji Saman, Kota Kinabalu Lama, Kota Kinabalu
Phone: Daily 8am - 12am

Taman Selera



Relaxed beachside Malay café and restaurant, sited at Tanjung Aru - the favourite out of town beach.

Photo: Audy39 / Shutterstock.com

Address: Pantai Tg.Aru, Jalan Moyog, Off Jln.Selangor, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Daily 9am - 2am

Phone: +60 88 474 308

The Jesselton Hotel



High tea is very popular here, and KK's most famous hotel is a great place to enjoy it.

Mountbatten Lounge is known for its delicious

afternoon tea and intimate drinks.

Photo: LvZhe / Shutterstock.com

Address: 69 Jalan Gaya, Kota Kinabalu

Phone: +60 88 223 333

Internet: www.jesseltonhotel.com

Email: reservation@jesseltonhotel.com

Wisma Merdeka Food Court



Wisma Merdeka Food Court is a popular food court for mid-day bargain eating. It is a good place for locals and visitors alike and a nice palce for

people watching.

Photo: Everything / Shutterstock.com

Address: Jalan Haji Saman, Kota Kinabalu

Phone: +60 16 830 3061

More Info: 2nd Floor, Wisma Merdeka

Starbucks



Starbucks has become a firm favourite with locals and tourists - with guaranteed great coffee, cakes and WiFi. There are three Starbucks in KK.

Photo: Shaiith / Shutterstock.com

Address: Jalan Fuad Stephen Lot No. 8, Ground & 1st Floor Block C, Kota Kinabalu

Internet: www.starbucks.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Alexander Synaptic (image cropped)

Most of the city's bars are located within reasonable walking distance of one another, making a varied evening out a comfortable option. The majority of the larger hotels have bars with live bands, although the bulk of the more popular haunts are to be found on the waterfront and on the side streets opposite this strip. KK's busy nightlife scene is largely based around late night fun pubs and bars, which generally have live bands playing until late, There are also a couple of decent night clubs, and most are located close to one another, so it's easy to find what suits.

Cock & Bull Bistro



With its three locations, this is one of the most popular late night drinking establishments in KK. The relaxing Bar serves good food and has live bands most nights from 9pm.

Photo: Nomad_Soul / Shutterstock.com

Address: Jalan Tun Fuad Stephen, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Sunday-Thursday: 3:00 pm - 1:00 am,

Friday-Saturday: 3:00 pm - 2:00 am

Phone: +60 88 222 842

Internet: www.cocknbullbistro.com

Upper Star



Upper Star is a friendly and very popular pub. It is a wine bar and restaurant, with some of the best prices in town.

Photo: Gorodisskij / Shutterstock.com

Address: Lot 49, Imago Shopping Mall, Coastal Highway, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

Opening hours: Daily 10am - 10pm

Phone: +60 88 487 223

More Info: Segama Complex, opposite Hyatt Hotel

The Office



Located in the Api Api Centre, nestled in between the Marina Court Condominiums and Centrepoint Shopping Centre, this small local style pub is often used as a starting point for a night out. It serves a scrumptious pub grub menu and boasts a big screen for viewing sporting events, as well as a pool table. Live band on Saturdays and Sundays while

Wednesday night features Pub Quiz Night.

Photo: Nejron Photo / Shutterstock.com

Address: Api Api Centre, Kota Kinabalu

Phone: Daily 4pm - 1:30am, Weekends until 2am

JUGs



Classy upmarket late night pub at one of the city's best out of town resorts. With 5 large LCD screens, projectors and nice furniture this pub provides all you need to catch up on news from the sports world. There are also 2 pool tables, 2 darts boards and a foosball table.

Photo: Kat (image cropped)

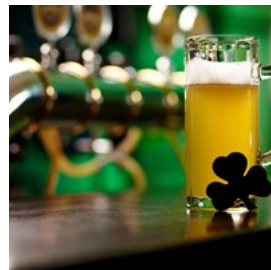
Address: 1 Sutera Harbour Boulevard, Kota Kinabalu

Phone: +60 88 318 888

Internet: www.suteraharbour.com

More Info: Sutera Harbour Resort

Shenanigans



The original, and still one of the most popular live music clubs in town. Shenanigans is very lively all weekend and on Wednesdays. At the

Irish-themed fun pub you can enjoy live bands and DJ performances as well as sport events on the big screen on the outdoor terrace with a view of the waterfront.

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com

Address: Jalan Datuk Saleh Sulong, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday: 5:00 pm - 1:00 am,

Friday - Saturday: 5:00 pm - 2:00 am

Phone: +60 88 29 5300

Internet: www.kinabalu.regency.hyatt.com

Email: kinabalu.regency@hyatt.com

More Info: Hyatt Hotel

B.E.D.



Neatly located in the Waterfront complex, this is the best true night club in the city centre. B.E.D. stands for "Best Entertainment

Destination" and is one of Kota Kinabalu's biggest club / pub / live entertainment venues. Apart from the main floor immediately in front of the raised stage, B.E.D. also has a members-only area, as well as more private areas, which can be closed off for larger private gatherings.

Photo: Razumovskaya Marina Nikolaevna / Shutterstock.com
 Address: Jalan Tun Fuad Stephens, Kota Kinabalu
 Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday: 7pm - 1am, Friday - Saturday: until 2am
 Phone: +60 88 251 901
 Email: kksyabas@gmail.com
 More Info: The Waterfront

Borneo Lounge & Bar



One of the city's most popular bars is situated in Shangri-La's Tanjung Aru Resort and Spa. The Lounge and Bar is an all-day spot to meet and relax or catch the sunset and a cool cocktail.

Photo: GDmitry / Shutterstock.com
 Address: Tanjung Aru, Kota Kinabalu
 Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday 9am - 12am, Friday - Saturday 9am - 1am
 Phone: +60 88 327 888
 Internet: www.shangri-la.com/kotakinabalu/tanjungaruresort/dining/bars-lounges/borneo-lounge-bar
 More Info: Shagri La Hotel Main lobby

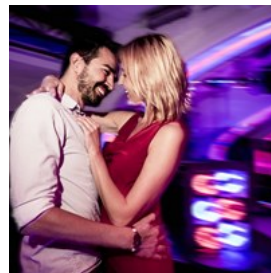
The Place



Open (and serving beer) 24/7, they feature a pool table and screens and are thus popular for late night European football games and early morning rugby games. Locals prefer this open bar with outside seating and reasonable prices for pizza and drinks to let a successful night out come to an end after the nightclubs have closed.

Photo: BlueSkyImage / Shutterstock.com
 Address: Api Api Centre, Kota Kinabalu
 Phone: +60 88 236 702
 Internet: www.the-place-kk.webs.com/theplace24hbar.htm
 More Info: Ground floor Block 2, directly behind the Marina Court

Rumba



Latino bar serving great cocktails and with regular Latino style bands and dancing every night except Sunday. Come early evening for Latin American inspired food from the varied menu. Need to catch your breath between dance partners? An outside, walled-off area provides some fresh Borneo air and an upstairs part away from the music gives the ear a rest as well.

Photo: mauro_grigollo / Shutterstock.com
 Address: Jalan Tun Fuad Stephens, Kota Kinabalu
 Phone: +60 88 322 222
 More Info: Le Meridien Hotel

El Centro



Popular with both expats and travellers, El Centro caters to Western tastes.

It is a laid-back Mexican-themed bar which serves great food and drink deals. Live music, pub quiz and Salsa night will guarantee a fun evening at El Centro.

Photo: astarot / Shutterstock.com

Address: 32, Jalan Haji Saman, Pusat Bandar, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Daily 12pm - 12am

Phone: +60 19 893 5499

Internet: www.elcentro.my

Sunset Bar



Enjoy an ice-cold cocktail in a beautiful scenery with a view of the picturesque sunset over the sea. With a jazz band playing in the

background, this is certainly a perfect spot to relax and unwind.

Photo: SARYMSAKOV ANDREY / Shutterstock.com

Address: Shangri-la Tanjung Aru Resort and Spa, 20 Jalan Aru, Tanjung Aru, Sabah, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Daily 2pm - 11pm

Phone: +60 88 327 888

Internet: www.shangri-la.com/kotakinabalu/tanjungaruresort/dining/bars-lounges/sunset-bar

Mosaic



Classy but slightly expensive is Mosaic, a bar situated in the Hyatt Hotel. The wine bar-themed café serves a decent selection of mostly

Australian wines and food from salads to meat dishes.

Photo: Christopher Gardiner / Shutterstock.com

Address: Jalan Datuk Saleh Sulong, Kota Kinabalu

Phone: +60 88 29 5300

Internet: www.kinabalu.regency.hyatt.com

Email: kinabalu.regency@hyatt.com

More Info: Hyatt Hotel

The Aussie Barbeque And Bar



Located at the waterfront, The Aussie Barbeque and Bar boasts a stunning water front view. Try their famous chilli crab, lamb shank curry, roasted pork belly or the ever-popular Aussie Burger and jumbo prawns served with Thai sauce or herb and garlic butter.

Photo: Cambridge Brewing Co. (image cropped)

Address: 5, Jalan Tun Fuad Stephen, Cultural Entertainment Esplanade, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia

Phone: +60 88 243 449

Internet: www.aussiebbqandbar.com

The Shamrock Irish Bar



The name already indicates that The Shamrock is a traditional Irish pub. Guinness on draught, live music that varies from night to night, typical Irish decor and a friendly atmosphere, what more do you need?

Photo: marco monetti (image cropped)

Address: Lot 6, Waterfront, Anjung Samudera, Jalan Tun Fuad Stephen, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia

Phone: +60 88 249 829

Sullys Bar



Sullys Bar is renowned for good music in sophisticated surroundings. Their target group is adults aged 30+ who love it for

its quieter music but with a huge variety of different musical themes, ranging from Jazz to 70's. Make sure not to miss Booboo Band, the house band.

Photo: melis / Shutterstock.com

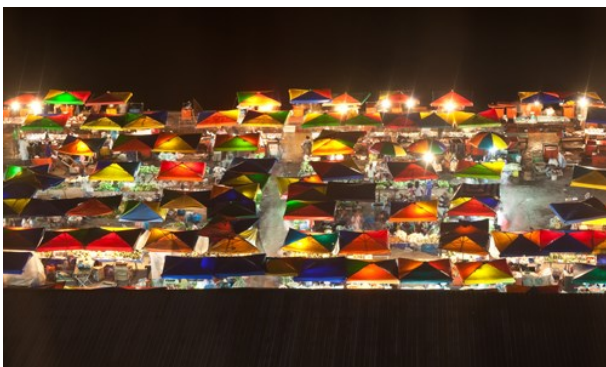
Address: Kk Times Square Hotel, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 5pm - 1:30am, Sunday 6pm - 12:30am

Phone: +60 88 447 107

Email: info@sullysbar.asia

SHOPPING



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For handicrafts you will find several small shops in the various shopping malls, but for the best bargains, most authentic goods and the most fun shopping experience - head for the handicraft market, on the seafront by the Filipino market; the place is a virtual labyrinth of craft stalls.

The old Filipino market is also the best tamu (fresh market) in town, and is a great place to buy local produce and seafood.

The biggest shopping centre in town is Centre Point, a huge multi-story centre full of just about everything you could wish for, with electronic goods being a speciality. Further along the main street, you'll find Wisma Merdeka, another multi-story shopping centre with loads of great shops, this is a great place for bargain clothes, and it has the best "Borneo" bookshop in town - Borneo Books.

Dotted between the two major centres you will find loads of small local shops selling everyday products, while the new and expanding Warasan Square and Asia City are great and plush centres to buy brand name goods.

For small souvenirs and budget buys, try the regular night market in Kampung Air, and be prepared to haggle!

Gaya Street Market



Souvenirs, handicrafts, live animals, chicken pieces, potatoes and coconuts. You will find all the ingredients for a "malaysian curry" and more. This is the most interesting market in town with its bustling crowded stalls and lanes. Get there early for beautiful photos in the morning light. Don't forget to haggle the price.

Photo: CEphoto, Uwe Aranas (image cropped)

Address: Jalan Gaya, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Sunday 6.30 am - 1.00 pm

Filipino Market



The market next to the Centre Point Shopping Complex on Jalan Tun Fuad Stephens is known as the Filipino Market, as most of the stalls are run by Filipino immigrants. Lots of Filipino and local handicrafts are sold in the hundreds of cramped stalls and alleyways which are strung by low-slung curtains of shells, baskets and bags. Everything from traditional medicine and toiletries to food.

Photo: Eric in SF (image cropped)

Address: Jalan Tun Fuad Stephens, Kota Kinabalu

Opening hours: Daily 5.30pm-11pm

Centre Point Sabah



The biggest shopping centre in town is Centre Point, a huge multi-story centre full of just about everything you could wish for, with electronic goods being a speciality. Centre Point is well-known as an exclusive retail establishment with a broad selection of brand name men's and ladies' apparel, household products, accessories, and a food court offering diverse Asian foods and International cuisine. Brands range from The Mod House, RSH, NIKE, Adidas, Giordano, Hush Puppies, Unionbay, Botton, Aussino, Levis, Clark, Vincci, to Diesel, Starbucks and Secret Recipe.

Photo: Jason Thien (image cropped)

Address: 1, Jalan Centre Point, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia

Phone: +60 88 246 900

Internet: www.centrepoin sabah.com

Wisma Merdeka



Along the main street from Centre Point, you'll find Wisma Merdeka, another multi-story shopping centre with loads of great shops.

Wisma Merdecka features mostly local sellers which gives it a unique character and merchandise profile. This is a great place for buying clothes or souvenirs, and it is home to the best "Borneo" bookshop in town - Borneo Books and the city's largest golf shop.

Photo: CEphoto, Uwe Aranas (image cropped)

Address: Jalan Tun Razak, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia

Opening hours: Daily 10am - 10pm

Phone: +60 88 232 761

Internet: www.wismamerdeka.com

Borneo Books Services



Located on the ground floor of the Wisma Merdeka shopping mall next to the Hyatt Hotel in the city centre is the best "Borneo" bookshop in town. Borneo Books offers novels, travel guides, popular books on the natural history, culture, history and cookery of the island and a large number of specialist books.

Photo: luminaimages / Shutterstock.com

Address: Wisma Merdeka Phase 1, A235- 237 2nd floor, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

Phone: +60 88 241 050

Internet: www.borneobooks.com

Asia City



Asia City is a great and plush centre to buy clothing and accessories. You can find all kind of shops, slimming and beauty salons, tuck shops

and a strip of a Borneo arts & crafts stalls lining the walkway. The food court is home to popular restaurants like Fook Yuen and other Korean, Japanese, Indian and local eateries.

Photo: Rawpixel.com / Shutterstock.com
Address: Asia City Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
Phone: +60 88 448 409

Kampung Air



For small souvenirs and budget buys, try the regular night market in Kampung Air, and be prepared to haggle! This flea market is a perfect

place to shop if you are looking for souvenirs and bargains. Conveniently located just a stroll from the Centre Point Shopping Mall.

Photo: Khalzuri Yazid (image cropped)
Address: Kampung Air, Kota Kinabalu

Night Food Market



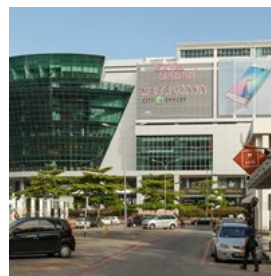
The Night Food Market is one of the most famous food courts in all South East Asia and offers everything from fresh fruit and vegetables to

handicrafts and local souevenirs. It is open from around 5:30 in the afternoon until the last horsetrading is over. With its hustle and bustle and smoke from all the food stands fading away into the night sky, it is almost impossible to miss

the market.

Photo: Christina Gallivan (image cropped)
Address: Jalan Tun Fuad Stephens, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
Opening hours: Daily 5:30pm - late
Internet: www.thelongestwayhome.com/blog/sabah-malaysia-n-borneo/night-market-in-kota-kinabalu-a-tourists-night-out

Suria Sabah Mall



Known for carrying all major brands like Levi's, Esprit, Mango, Thomas Sabo and Swatch just to name a few, Suria Sabah Mall is the most popular mall in KK. This shopping mall with 3 levels and 1 basement is a perfect air-conditioned hideaway for those unbearable hot days in Kota Kinabalu.

Photo: CEphoto, Uwe Aranas (image cropped)
Address: Suria Sabah Shopping Mall, Jalan Tun Fuad Stephen, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
Phone: +60 088 487 087
Internet: www.suriasabah.com.my

Borneo Trading Post



Tired of tacky, plasticky souvenirs? Borneo Trading Post offers a truly unique range of high quality artisanal treasures and antiques from Borneo island and the rest of South East Asia.

Photo: Kerina yin (image cropped)
Address: Lot 16, The Waterfront, Jalan Tun Fuad Stephens, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
Phone: +60 88 231 655
Internet: www.borneotradingpost.com
Email: jeannie-chin@borneotradingpost.com

Sabah Art Gallery



The building of the Sabah Art Gallery itself is a piece of art. Its internal structure is similar to the Guggenheim in New York and resembles bahuyun, a traditional basket which used to be woven out of bamboo. The interior is quiet and peaceful and hosts an eclectic mix of local artist and student work from the Sabah region.

Photo: CEphoto, Uwe Aranas (image cropped)

Address: Mile 2, Jalan Penampang, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia

Opening hours: Daily 9am - 5pm

Phone: +60 88 268 748

Internet: www.sabah.gov.my/lks/v2/index.php?q=content/sabah-art-gallery

Cocoa Kingdom



Welcome to a chocolate lover's wonderland. Try locally made chocolates in variable shapes and flavours at affordable prices and sample their best-sellers.

Photo: 2creative / Shutterstock.com

Address: No. 1 Lorong Bunga Telur A, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia

Phone: +60 88 214 128

Internet: www.cocoakingdom.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



Jason Thien (image cropped)

Kota Kinabalu International Airport



KK airport is located just outside of Tanjung Aru, which is about 10-15 minutes away from the city. There are two terminals: the main KK International terminal and Terminal 2 (serving low cost carriers as well as full service airlines), both use the same runways, but the terminals are separate.

To get from the terminal to the city you have to take the airport taxi. Vouchers can be collected from the taxi kiosk.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Jalan Lapangan Terbang, Kota Kinabalu

Phone: +60 88 219 081

Internet: www.malaysiaairports.com.my

Public Transport



KK is a relatively small city, and the centre is easy to navigate on foot. The only other real transport option is by taxi, and rates are reasonable.

If you are heading to the outlying areas like Tawau, Inanam, Penampang, Luyang, Beverly Hills, a less expensive alternative would be the popular minibuses. However, be aware that they are not air-conditioned.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



There is no general taxi contact number, as they are plentiful, and all hotels will be able to book one if required.

Destinations like the resort hotels are often fixed and general prices should vary between RM5 to RM10.

Pharmacy



Doses Farmasi

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Lot G8, Block A, Damai Plaza, Jalan Damai, Luyang, Kota Kinabalu

Phone: +60 88 262 271

Post



Pejabat Pos

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Jalan Chong Thein Vun, Off Jalan Tun Razak, Sabah, Kota Kinabalu

Phone: +60 88 210 855

Telephone



Country code: +60 City code: 88

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



Malaysia runs on 220v, and most modern hotels use UK style 3 pin plugs, but you often also find 2 pin sockets and plugs.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

618,000

Currency

Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)
RM1 ~ US\$0,25

Opening hours

Banks: Monday - Friday 9 am - 4:30 pm. Closed from 12:30 - 2 pm

Shopping centres vary, Monday - Friday: 10 am - 9 pm

Newspapers

Borneo Post
Sabah Times
Daily Express

Emergency numbers

999

Tourist information

Sabah Tourism Board
51 Jalan Gaya, Kota Kinabalu
+60 88 212 121

Opening hours: 8 am - 5 pm week days, 9 am - 4 pm weekends.