MALAYSIA

Situated in the heart of Southeast Asia, Malaysia is a vibrant destination with a diversity of cultures and traditions. This tropical paradise boasts pristine jungles and verdant national parks that are teeming with numerous species of birds and wildlife. Malaysia's sundrenched islands and beaches are home to a stunning range of marine life. Its natural wealth is complemented by magnificent modern landmarks and heritage buildings. There is something to charm every visitor, be it a history-lover, nature-enthusiast, sun-seeker or an avid shopper. Explore the length and breadth of the country to discover the many attractions of Malaysia!







Places of Interest



RANTAU PANJANG DUTY-FREE ZONE

In this major border crossing on the Malaysia-Thai boundary, about 40km from Kota Bharu, is a duty-free zone that's extremely popular with shoppers. All kinds of merchandise are available, including clothes, shoes, homeware and food. Little cafes and stalls are great places to take a break for a cold drink or snack. Tel: +609 747 7554 (Tourism Malaysia, Kelantan)

SITTING BUDDHA TEMPLE (WAT MACHIMMARAM)

especially during festive and auspicious days.

PANTAI IRAMA (BEACH OF MELODY)

restaurants and barbecue facilities.

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Tumpat is the site of most of the state's Buddhist temples. The Wat

Machimmaram houses a large Seated Buddha (or Sitting Buddha)

that is 30m high and 18m wide, reputedly the largest in Southeast

Asia. It is a popular pilgrimage destination for Buddhist devotees,

The Beach of Melody in Bachok, about 25km from Kota Bharu,

got its name from the gently hushing sound of the sea breeze.

Commonly known to be the most beautiful beach in Kelantan, it is

a popular spot for families. Water sports are readily available, as are



PENGKALAN KUBOR DUTY-FREE ZONE

Also located on the Malaysia-Thai border, this duty-free zone is the place to go for a wide variety of t-shirts, souvenirs, household items and more. Unlike air-conditioned exclusive duty-free shops at the airport, these are open-air stalls where visitors can immerse themselves in the local style of shopping and haggle for the best

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DRAGON BOAT TEMPLE (WAT MAI SUVANKHIRI)

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has a distinctly Thai architectural design.

Located in Tumpat and spread over an area of four hectares, this

breathtakingly beautiful complex consists of two temples. The

main temple houses a replica of a dragon that is about 45m in

length, thus earning it its name Dragon Boat Temple. The temple



MUZIUM WAU KELANTAN (KELANTAN KITE MUSEUM)

The wau or traditional kite museum at Pantai Sri Tujuh is a complete showcase of kite culture, providing information on the history and development of these giant kites. The museum has displays of the various types of kites, and also teaches visitors about the ageold traditions in Kelantan and other states in Malaysia, as well as traditional kites from around the world. Tel: +609 748 2266

Website: www.jmm.gov.my/en/museum/kelantan-state-museum



RECLINING BUDDHA TEMPLE (WAT PHOTIVIHAN)

This is a Thai Buddhist temple in the town of Tumpat, approximately 15km from Kota Bharu, that houses the largest reclining statue of Buddha (or Sleeping Buddha) in Malaysia. This 40m statue was constructed in 1973 with donations from various Buddhist associations in Malaysia and Thailand. Tel: +609 747 7554 (Tourism Malaysia, Kelantan)



PANTAI CAHAYA BULAN (BEACH OF MOONLIGHT)

Just 10km from Kota Bharu, Beach of Moonlight is a particularly beautiful stretch of white sandy beach that is popular for family outings and picnics. It also has a variety of water sports including parasailing and canoeing, as well as horse riding. Food stalls and restaurants are dotted along the beach, offering fresh barbecued

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KELANTAN STATE ART GALLERY

Located along Jalan Hospital right next to Kelantan Tourist Information Centre, the Kelantan State Art Gallery showcases some of the finest works of art from local artists in a variety of mediums, with regular exhibitions held from time to time. The art gallery was officially launched on 9 December 2013. Tel: +609 748 2266



TASIK PERGAU (LAKE PERGAU)

Tasik Pergau is surrounded by lush rainforests of the Pergau Lake Sanctuary Park that provide the backdrop to the lake's own enchanting beauty. The tranquil environment of the lake is a draw for those wishing for a quiet holiday, while the fauna and flora in the area are equally attractive to nature lovers. For angling enthusiasts, Tasik Pergau is teeming with freshwater fish. Tel: +609 913 2200 (KESEDAR)



GUNUNG STONG STATE PARK

The state park features several prominent mountain peaks and one of the highest waterfalls in Malaysia, the seventiered Jelawang Waterfall. It is a significant conservation area flourishing with exotic flora and fauna as well as breathtaking 225-million-year-old limestone caves. Gunung Ayam, the highest peak at 1,504m, is an ideal spot to catch a beautiful sunrise or sunset

Tel: +609 748 1957 (Kelantan Forestry Department) Website: www.kesedar.gov.my/en/gua-stong



GUA IKAN, GUA BATU SUSUN AND GUA KERIS

These three caves can be accessed via long-tailed boats along the Galas River. Gua Ikan or Fish Cave is named after a solitary fishshaped rock. It is a fascinating experience for naturalists, with a huge chamber of beautifully sculpted stalactites and stalagmites as well as resident bats. The other two caves have smaller passageways and more intricate routes, presenting greater challenges.

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MASJID KAMPUNG LAUT (KAMPUNG LAUT MOSQUE)

The Kampung Laut Mosque was originally built in Kampung Laut

(hence its name) by the Kelantan riverbank. Floods damaged it in

1967 and it was then relocated to Nilam Puri. One of the oldest

mosques in Malaysia, its architecture dates it at around 300 years

old. Its unique architecture has been adopted into many official

buildings in Kelantan. Nilam Puri is about 15km from Kota Bharu.

SUNGAI NENGGIRI AND GUA CHA

(NENGGIRI RIVER AND CHA CAVE)

The Nenggiri River offers opportunities for Grade 1 – 2 whitewater rafting along a series of rapids while taking in the spectacular scenery and occasional wildlife. Cha Cave is the largest rock shelter along the river valley, housing Neolithic remains dating 5,000 to 9,000 years back, including well-made stone tools, pottery, shell

necklaces and stone bracelets. Tel: +609 913 2200 / 2201

Tel: +609 748 2266

Website: www.kesedar.gov.my/en/sungai-nengiri



KUALA KOH NATIONAL PARK

Taman Negara is Malaysia's premier and largest national park that is spread over the three states of Pahang, Kelantan and Terengganu. Sprawling over 1,013 sq km, the National Park in Kuala Koh makes up 24% of the total park area. Numerous trails and treks are a great way to get to know the surroundings, such as the 'ficus trail' across

Tel: +609 912 2940 (Gua Musang Wildlife Department) Website: www.kesedar.gov.my/en/kuala-koh



SWEE NYET KONG TEMPLE

This Chinese temple in Pulai contains a sacred painting of the Goddess of Mercy or Kuan Yin, estimated to be 500 to 700 years old. Every year, a nine-day festival is held in honour of her birthday, with devotees coming from all around Asia. It is said that the painting was brought from China by one of the early Chinese immigrants.

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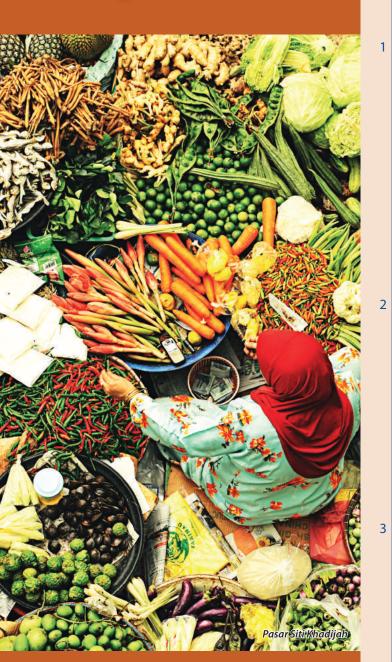








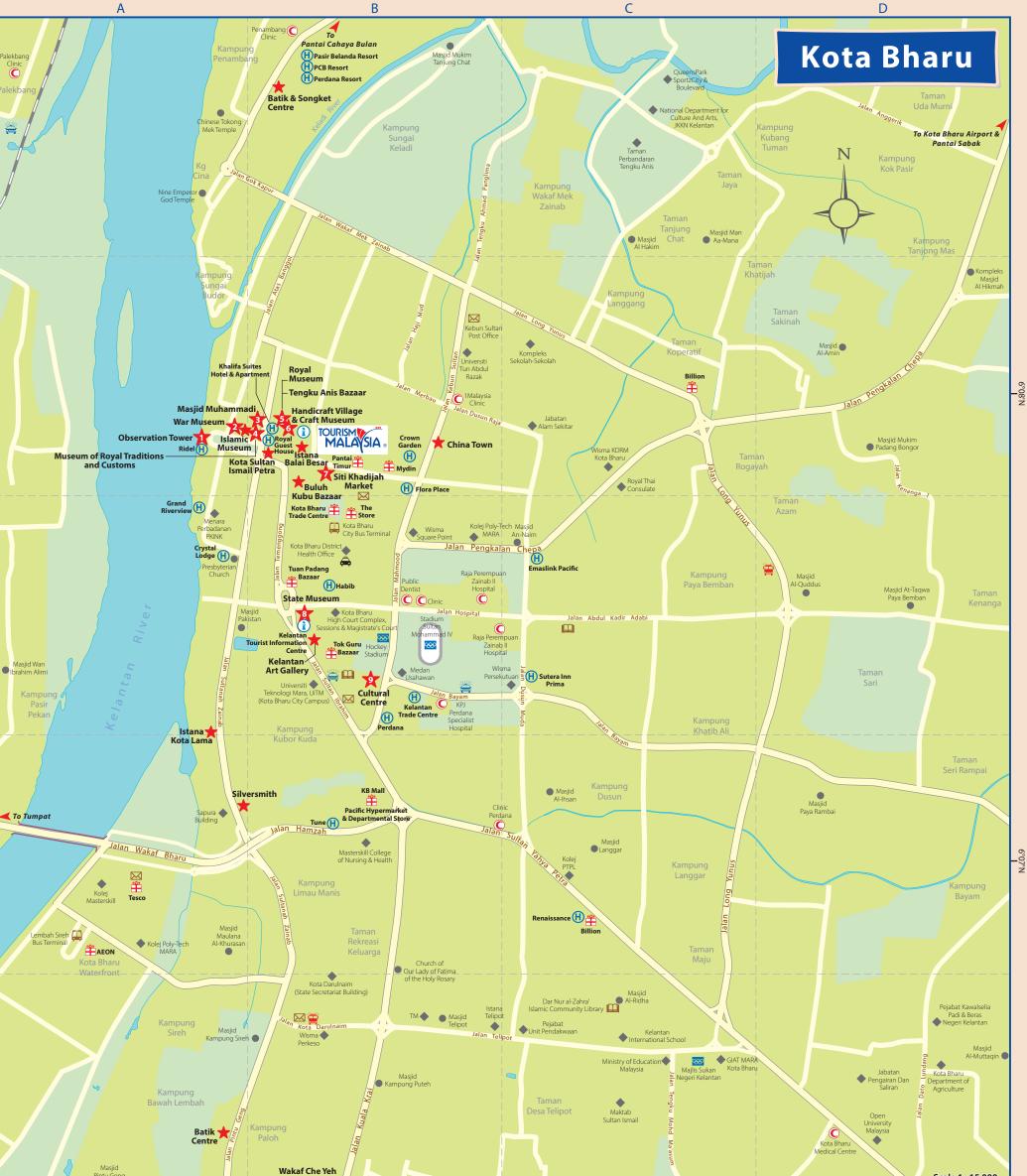
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To Machang, Gua Musang



Places of Interest Batik & Songket Centre Batik Centre Buluh Kubu Bazaar China Town Cultural Centre Handicraft Village & Craft Museum Islamic Museum Istana Balai Besar Istana Kota Lama Kota Sultan Ismail Petra Masjid Muhammadi Museum of Royal Traditions and Customs Observation Tower Royal Museum Silversmith Siti Khadijah Market State Museum War Museum Kelantan Art Gallery Tok Guru Bazaar Billion KB Mall Kota Bharu Trade Centre

Pacific Hypermarket & Departmental Store Panta Timur The Store AEON

Dar Nur al-Zahra' Islamic Community Library C5 Hockey Stadium Jabatan Alam Sekitar Jabatan Pengairan Dan Saliran Kota Bharu City Bus Terminal Kota Bharu Department of Agriculture

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Places of Interest



MENARA TINJAU (OBSERVATION TOWER)

This observation tower is located on Padang Merdeka or Merdeka Square in the centre of Kota Bharu near the banks of the Kelantan River. Visitors can make their ascent up to the top of the tower. From this vantage point, a 360-degree bird's eye view of the quaint beauty of Kota Bharu can be enjoyed, day or night. Tel: +609 747 7554 (Tourism Malaysia, Kelantan)



WAR MUSEUM (BANK KERAPU)

This building was built by Mercantile Bank in 1912. Used by Japanese troops during World War II as a secret police station for war coordination, it continued to function as a bank until 1992, when it was turned into the War Memorial by the Kelantan Museum Corporation.

Tel: +609 748 2266 Website: www.jmm.gov.my/ms/museum/bank-kerapu-secondworld-war-memorial



MASJID MUHAMMADI (MUHAMMADI MOSQUE)

The Muhammadi Mosque is the state mosque of Kelantan, built originally of wood in 1867 and renovated several times since then. Unique in its architecture, it appeals to both pilgrims and visitors who are interested in its history. Used daily and on special occasions, it is also known as a centre for spreading Islamic teachings in Kelantan. Tel: +609 748 1512

(Kelantan Council of Islamic Religion and Malay Customs)



MUSEUM OF ROYAL TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS (ISTANA JAHAR)

This museum was built in 1887 by Sultan Muhamad, with intricate woodcarvings and elaborate roofs that showcase excellent Kelantanese craftsmanship. The palace has been converted into a museum to share even more of Kelantanese heritage and culture with the world. Here, visitors can learn all about royal births, weddings and other ceremonial occasions. Tel: +609 748 2266



ROYAL MUSEUM (ISTANA BATU)

The Royal Museum was built in 1939 under the reign of Sultan Ismail I. Formerly the palace of the crown prince, it was donated to the state to be used as a museum. Today, the richly furnished rooms are a lovely repository of Kelantan royal family regalia and the museum disseminates information on the state's royal family, their personal collections and palace decorations.

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KAMPUNG KRAFTANGAN (HANDICRAFT VILLAGE AND CRAFT MUSEUM)

Located in the heart of Kota Bharu's cultural zone, the Handicraft Village and Craft Museum provide visitors with the opportunity to see firsthand how the state's famous handicrafts are made. Demonstrations of traditional embroidery, songket weaving, batik printing, silverwork and woodcarving are all carried out by skilled artisans. The Craft Museum houses many fine examples of Kelantanese craftsmanship. Tel: +609 748 2266



PASAR SITI KHADIJAH (SITI KHADIJAH MARKET)

This market is the economic centre of the community, a great introduction to the people and cuisine of Kelantan. It is named after Prophet Muhammad's entrepreneurial wife - a fitting name for a market uniquely run by mostly women. It has something for everyone, from fresh produce to traditional crafts and cakes. It is also a slice of life in Kelantan, abuzz with the colours, scents and sounds of the local community.

Tel: +609 747 7554 (Tourism Malaysia, Kelantan)



STATE MUSEUM

The State Museum sits in the building which originally housed the Land Office under British rule. Converted into a museum today, it houses special exhibits such as traditional arts, crafts and musical instruments. There are even artefacts of ceramics from early trading with China

Tel: +609 748 2266 Website: www.jmm.gov.my/en/museum/ kelantan-state-museum



GELANGGANG SENI (CULTURAL CENTRE)

Located just outside Kota Bharu, this cultural centre is the best place in Kelantan to sample a taste of the rich cultural heritage of the state, rarely seen anywhere else in Malaysia. A range of traditional activities are showcased, including bird-singing competitions, wau (giant kite-flying), top spinning, playing of *rebana ubi* (giant drums) and wayang kulit (shadow puppetry). Tel: +609 748 5534 / 3543



WAKAF CHE YEH NIGHT MARKET

This is the largest market in the state, about 4km from Kota Bharu, and quite close to the Thai border. Functioning as a wet and wholesale market during the day, it comes alive at night, with an assortment of local products ranging from fabrics and clothes to food and local fruits. Whether just wandering around and taking in the local colour or haggling with local traders, a visit here is as entertaining as it is eye-opening.

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Accommodation

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Gua Musang

Fully Inn *** Tel: +609 912 3311 /3366/3399 Kesedar Inn ** Tel: +609 912 11229 Tel: +609 912 0730 Goa Inn Hotel Hotel Usaha Tel: +609 912 4003

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Sri Pantai Resort Tel: +6012 952 1759 Sudara Beach Resort ** Tel: +609 748 1434 Villa Danialla Beach Resort**** Tel: +6013 961 6000

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Tok Aman Bali Beach Resort **** Tel: +609 691 8899 Arwana Inn Tok Bali ** Tel: +609 778 0888









Shopping

A bewildering range of handicrafts in various colours, shapes and sizes fill the shelves at Kelantan's souvenir shops. Take your pick from the intricate handicrafts, silverware, fashionable batik sarongs, pareos and trendy bags to the richly-embroidered songket fabric and many more. In many places, visitors can also watch how the crafts are made. Some items such as wau (giant kites) can be custom-made to suit your liking. Duty-free shopping zones are available at Rantau Panjang, Pengkalan Kubor and Bukit Bunga.

Dining

There is a delightful assortment of local fare and most eateries are open until late at night to cater to the adventurous foodies. Rice, the staple food, is creatively cooked in many ways with the use of different herbs and spices. Local dishes are spicy and pungent and some dishes have Thai influences. The state is also known for its variety of sumptuous desserts. Alternatively, visitors can opt for Western food served at major restaurants and hotels. Fast food outlets are available in major towns.

Getting Here

There are daily flights to Kota Bharu from Kuala Lumpur offered by Malaysia Airlines, AirAsia, Firefly, Rayani Air and Malindo Air. Keretapi Tanah Melayu (KTMB) or Malayan Railway offers a more laid-back journey by rail from Kuala Lumpur and Johor Bahru. There are also scheduled air-conditioned express buses from Kuala Lumpur linking to major towns in Kelantan. Taxis are an alternative mode of transport as there is a good network of roads linking major towns in the country to Kelantan.

Getting Around

Buses and taxis ply the roads between Kota Bharu and the outlying districts. In Kota Bharu itself, trishaws are a more affordable and quaint mode of transportation. The local bus station is situated near the Handicraft Village which connects to various places within Kota Bharu, while the buses from the Kota Bharu City Bus Terminal and Lembah Sireh Bus Terminal connect Kota Bharu to the rest of Kelantan. The local train is another interesting way to get around in Kelantan. This train operates within the state and connects Tumpat in the north to Gua Musang in the south.

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