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Royal Kedah Golf Club

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Sports Complex

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RUMAH TOK SU AND RUMAH SERI BANAI (MALAY TRADITIONAL HOUSES)

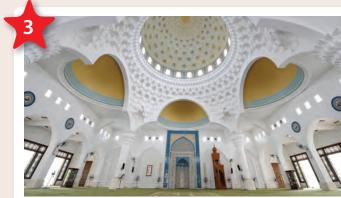
Nestled in a scenic garden, these two houses are typical examples of Kedah's traditional Malay homes. These houses used to be privately owned homes that were restored and relocated. The 100-year old Rumah Tok Su comprises six main sections and is supported by 34 pillars. It was brought from its original location in Bandar Baharu, about 100km from Alor Setar. Rumah Seri Banai was relocated from its original site in Kampung Banai. Tel: 04-733 1162



KEDAH STATE MUSEUM

Built in 1936, the museum is a showcase and repository of Kedah's rich cultural heritage. Its three floors of exhibits include antique weaponry, jewellery, costumes and furniture. Exhibits include artefacts from the Bujang Valley archaeological excavations and a bunga emas (ornate gold tree) which was offered as a tribute to the King of Siam during ancient times. Tel: 04-733 1162

Website: www.muziumkedah.gov.my



Alor Setar

Rumah Tok Su and

MASJID ALBUKHARY (ALBUKHARY MOSQUE)

The beautiful Albukhary Mosque was built by the Albukhary Foundation which carries out numerous charitable initiatives. Covering an area of 4.96 acres, the mosque can accommodate 15,000 worshippers at one time. Inspired by Islamic architecture from Turkey and Iran, the mosque boasts seven blue domes including the main dome which measures 14m in diameter. Its minaret is designed after the mosques in Madinah and Egypt.



BIG CLOCK BUILDING

A historical bell tower that keeps time, the Big Clock Building is associated with several other buildings in the area. Built in 1912, this building had an important function – to announce the Muslim prayer time. In the past, the clock would ring at prayer time, prompting the beating of the gongs at the nearby Balai Nobat. Then, the muezzin at Masjid Zahir would begin the azan, or the Muslim call to prayer.



BALAI SENI NEGERI KEDAH (KEDAH STATE ART GALLERY)

Balai Seni Negeri Kedah is a beautiful building with strong Colonial influences. One of the earliest modern buildings in Alor Setar, it has five sections housing antiques, relics and art pieces by renowned Malaysian artists such as AB Ibrahim. Built in 1912, the building served as the High Court before it was converted into the Head Office of several government departments. It was made the State Art Gallery in 1983. Tel: 04 723 7937



MENARA ALOR SETAR (ALOR SETAR TOWER)

Standing majestically at 165.5m, Alor Setar Tower is the second tallest tower in Malaysia after its counterpart, KL Tower. It is also one of the tallest telecommunications towers in the world. This state-of-theart structure has an observation deck and a revolving restaurant that offers scenic views of the surroundings. From afar, the tower's design resembles a huge bunch of paddy stalks that are tied together, reflecting Kedah's status as Malaysia's main rice producer. Tel: 04-720 2234



A three-tiered tower with an onion-shaped dome, Balai Nobat or Nobat Hall is a repository of instruments that belong to the Royal Orchestra. The nine piece ensemble includes serunai (flute), nafiri (a long trumpet), gendang (drum) and gong. The melodious nobat music is only played during royal ceremonial occasions such as inaugurations and weddings. Visitors can view Balai Nobat from the



Situated along the Kedah River, Tanjung Chali waterfront is an ideal recreation spot. A major green lung of Alor Setar, the area has a park, town square and tower. There is also a food court in the vicinity where visitors can sample local snacks and specialties.



WAT NIKRODHARAM THAI BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Situated between Jalan Telok Wanjah and Jalan Stadium, this striking Buddhist temple is a sight to behold. Built in 1968, the temple has a beautiful pediment and ornate carvings that reflect Thai and Chinese design elements. Every year, on Wesak Day, the temple attracts a stream of devotees from near and far.



MASJID ZAHIR (ZAHIR MOSQUE)

Built in 1912, Masjid Zahir is one of the oldest and most beautiful mosques in the country. Occupying an area of 124,412 sq ft, the mosque was built on the burial site of warriors who died defending Kedah against Siam in 1821. It has one main dome and five smaller domes which represent the five pillars of Islam. The design of this mosque is inspired by the Aziz Mosque in Langkat, North Sumatera. Masjid Zahir is regularly voted as one of the top ten most beautiful mosques in the



PEKAN RABU

Pekan Rabu literally means 'Wednesday Market' in Malay, simply because it used to operate once a week on Wednesdays. Malaysia's fourth Prime Minister, Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, worked as a trader here when his studies were interrupted during the Japanese occupation. This bustling bazaar offers some 350 stalls selling a wide range of products. Get everything from farm produce to apparel, traditional handicrafts and local delicacies. Pekan Rabu is open daily.



This historical building used to be the residence of Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, Malaysia's first Prime Minister. The house was the premier's private retreat whenever he returned to Kedah. Equipped with audio visual aids, the house exhibits the original furniture, photographs, personal effects and souvenirs of the beloved statesman. It was here that Tunku pursued his creative writing, entertained foreign dignitaries and organised successful election

Tel: 04-720 4205 (National Archives of Malaysia)

SULTAN ABDUL HALIM MU'ADZAM SHAH GALLERY

Alor Setar High Court.

Officially opened in 2007, the gallery pays tribute to Sultan Abdul

Halim Mu'adzam Shah, the 14th King of Malaysia. It displays a vast

collection of exhibits including charts of the royal lineage as well

as photographs, personal effects and memorabilia of the King

and other members of the royal family. The gallery is housed in a

historical building that was erected in 1922. It used to serve as the



Built in 1898, Balai Besar translates to Grand Audience Hall. This wooden pavilion was originally erected in 1735 by His Royal Highness Sultan Muhammad Jiwa Zainal Adilin Muazzam Shah, the 19th Sultan of Kedah. However, it was destroyed after attacks by Bugis and Siam. In 1904, during the reign of Sultan Abdul Halim Shah, the hall was restored for the wedding ceremonies of five princes and princesses. Balai Besar was also used for installation ceremonies and conferences.



SULTAN ABDUL HAMID COLLEGE

Established in 1908, this is one of the most prestigious learning institutions in the country. The first principal of this college was Encik Mohamad Iskandar, the father of Tun Mahathir Mohamad, Malaysia's fourth Prime Minister. Sultan Abdul Hamid College has an illustrious alumni list including His Royal Highness the Sultan of Kedah, the Regent of Kedah as well as the first and fourth Prime Ministers of Malaysia.



MUZIUM DIRAJA (ROYAL MUSEUM)

Situated next to Balai Besar, the Royal Museum displays the regalia of the royal family. Erected in 1735, this building was originally built as a palace when Alor Setar was declared as the capital city of Kedah. It was known by several other names such as Istana Kota Setar, Istana Mak Wan Besar, Istana Pelamin or Rumah Pelamin. During the war, the palace fell to the hands of the Japanese forces. It was restored in 1983 and made into a Royal Museum. Tel: 04-733 1162



TUN DR. MAHATHIR'S BIRTHPLACE

This traditional wooden house was the birthplace and early home of Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, Malaysia's fourth and longest-serving Prime Minister. It holds many stories of the former premier's formative years under the strict guidance of his father. Exhibits include furniture, documents, school photographs and many more. The complex consists of two exhibitions halls, an auditorium, an office, a souvenir shop and the first ice factory in Alor Setar.

Tel: 04-772 1795 (National Archives of 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 sun-drenched 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 historylover, nature-enthusiast, sun-seeker or an avid shopper. Explore the length and breadth of the country to discover the many attractions of Malaysia!

Kedah **MAP OF MALAYSIA** Malaysia for its vast expanses of rice fields. Kedah i



Places of Interest



GUNUNG KERIANG

Alor Setar, near the Paddy Museum.

A cluster of 99 glorious islands, Langkawi boasts emerald waters, administrative centre, beckons with more sightseeing spots. Website: www.lada.gov.my



Gunung Jerai is Kedah's oldest hill resort and recreational park. Standing at 1,200 m above sea level, this legendary mountain is also the highest peak in Kedah. In days of yore, Gunung Jerai was a landmark for ships that sailed along the waters. The mountain and its surroundings are ideal for nature-based activities such as hiking, camping and mountain biking. On the way to the top, stop by at the Forestry Museum (Muzium Perhutanan). Resort accommodation is located atop the hill. Visitors can enjoy a panoramic view of the sea and nearby islands.



ULU MUDA ECO PARK

Tucked away in the northeastern corner of Kedah, this remote 120,000 ha forest is known as a sanctuary for endangered and rare wildlife. The area is home to 109 species of mammals, 54 species of reptiles, 33 species of fish and 200 species of bird. Activities include camping, birdwatching, fishing and jungle trekking. The entry point to the park is from Gubir Jetty. Accommodation is available in Gubir and at the nearby Pedu Lake.



Shopping

Kedah is a favourite destination among shoppers, as it has several duty-free shopping zones. Bukit Kayu Hitam, situated on the border of Malaysia and Thailand, is one of the most popular duty-free shopping zones in the country. The island of Langkawi is another favourite destination among shoppers. Visitors can stock up on imported confectionery, crockery, apparel, electrical items and gadgets. In towns such as Alor Setar and Sungai Petani, numerous shopping malls offer the best brands and labels. For a unique experience, try shopping at local bazaars such as Pekan Rabu.



Dining

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Kedah is the place to savour an assortment of Northern favourites. Among the specialties in Kedah are Laksa Kuala Kedah, a dish comprising rice noodles and aromatic fish gravy. It is garnished with cucumber, onion and herbs. Other delicacies include Pekasam or a preserved salted fish and Nasi Ulam, which is a combination of rice, fresh herbs and spices. Other unique dishes include Gulai Rebung, or stir-fried bamboo shoots. The town of Kuala Kedah is famed for its Laksa while the seaside town Tanjung Dawai draws seafood lovers from around the state. The island of Langkawi has numerous international restaurants, including restaurants that offer cooking classes.



The capital of Kedah, Alor Setar, is easily accessible by land, air or rail. It is connected to other states in Malaysia via the North-South Expressway. Bukit Kayu Hitam is the entry point for visitors who are driving in from Thailand. Malaysia Airlines, AirAsia and Malindo Air offer daily flights to the city from Kuala Lumpur. The flight duration

Cruises. Visitors from Thailand can sail into Langkawi from Satun.



Getting Around

Buses and taxis are easily available in Alor Setar and Sungai Petani. Alor Setar's main bus terminal is Shahab Perdana. Getting around Langkawi is fairly easy as there are car and motorbike rentals.

Contact Numbers

Mainland Kedah Tourism Malaysia Kedah Office Tel: 04 731 2322 / 730 1322

Tourist Information Centre, Bukit Kayu Hitam Tel: 04 922 2078

Tourist Information Centre, Langkawi International Airport

stretches of white sandy beaches and natural attractions. It is famed as one of the region's best holiday destinations, offering superb beach resorts, an international airport, picturesque golf courses and well-equipped marinas. Langkawi has the distinction of being Southeast Asia's first UNESCO Global Geopark, a status accorded for its geological formations. Kuah, the island's main entry point and

Gunung Keriang is an elephant shaped limestone formation. It is a

favourite spot for caving, hiking and jungle trekking. Explorers can

enjoy a lovely view of the rustic countryside and sprawling paddy

plantations. This limestone hill also contains nearly 10 different

types of rocks, including crystal formations. Gunung Keriang

Recreational Park has walking trails with concrete railings and

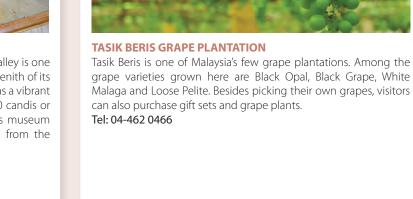
gazebos. This nature-lover's getaway is situated about 12km from



BUJANG VALLEY ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM

Sprawling some 400 sq km, Lembah Bujang or Bujang Valley is one of the richest archaeological sites in the country. At the zenith of its fame from the 3rd to the 12 century AD, Bujang Valley was a vibrant trading centre and a flourishing kingdom. More than 20 candis or ancient temples have been unearthed in the area. This museum showcases nearly 1,000 artefacts that were recovered from the buried civilisation Tel: 04 457 2005

Website: www.jmm.gov.my



Alor Setar

ASRC Hotel

Fuller Hotel

Holiday Villa

Hotel Federal

Grand Alora Hotel

Grand Crystal Hotel

Hotel Seri Malaysia

Lee Garden Motel

Motel Bee Garden

New Regent Hotel

Sabena.com Hotel

The Regency Hotel

Sungai Petani

Emerald Puteri Hotel

Harvard Suasana Hotel

Hotel Seri Malaysia

Northern Lodge Pantai Merdeka Resort

Park Avenue Hotel

Pendang Lake Resort

(Darul Aman Suites)

The Universiti Inn

Rumah Rehat Sik

Hotel Seri Malaysia Kulim

HIG Hotel Langkawi

Kulim

The Regency Darulaman Golf Resort

Kubang Pasu

Bustani Hotel

EDC Hotel

Swiss Inn Hotel

Pendang

SP Inn

Cinta Sayang Golf & Country Club

Seberang Perak Hotel

Sentosa Regency Hotel

Comfort Motel

Miramar Hotel

Royale Hotel

Samila Hotel

Star City Hotel

Accommodation



SUNGAI MERBOK MANGROVE FOREST RESERVE

National Science Centre is situated on a five-acre site next to the Paddy Museum in Gunung Keriang. The first-of-its-kind in the northern region, this centre has a range of interactive displays that encourage children to explore the world of science. Galleries include Science Mall, Fascinating Tunnel, Islam and Science Corner as well as Oryza Education Park. The building itself is an interesting showcase of innovation with energy-efficient and environmentally friendly architecture.

Tel: 04 735 3373 Website: www.psn.gov.my

NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE



PADDY MUSEUM

One of Kedah's must-visit attractions, the Paddy Museum gives an insight into paddy planting and harvesting with an exceptional collection of exhibits. Visitors will find everything related to paddy, from the tools that are used, to types of rice, and even the taboos and legends associated with rice-farming. The top floor of the museum features a revolving platform where visitors can sit back and enjoy a 360° wall mural and diorama depicting life in a rice Tel: 04 735 1315

Website: www.muziumkedah.gov.my



TERUSAN WAN MAT SAMAN

Stretching 36km between Alor Setar and Gurun, Terusan Wan Mat Saman is the longest canal or aqueduct in Malaysia. The canal was built in 1885, and was a monumental achievement at the time as it became a vital channel of irrigation for the paddy fields in Kedah. The canal is named after Dato'Wan Muhammad Saman Wan Ismail, the state's Chief Minister at the time who instructed the building of the canal.



Covering 4,114 ha, the Sungai Merbok mangrove forest reserve is among the largest in Malaysia. Sungai Merbok mangroves support an incredible diversity of animal life and ecosystems. It is also a hotspot for birdwatching as more than 80 species of birds populate the area. River cruises through the mangrove forest can be arranged. Boats can be chartered from Semiling Jetty. This wellequipped jetty complex has a car park, information centre as well as a Mangrove Forest Reserve Museum.



TREE TOP WALK & SUNGAI SEDIM WHITEWATER RAFTING One of the world's longest tree top walks, Sungai Sedim Tree Top Walk takes visitors on an exhilarating adventure through a lush rainforest canopy. Stretching 925m, this walkway is built with galvanised steel and equipped with railings. Visitors can have a spectacular view of Sedim River, one of the best locations in the country for whitewater rafting. Various species of birds, butterflies, hornbills and small animals can be spotted. Chalets and dormitory style accommodation is available. Tel: 04 490 1588 / 491 0641



ULU LEGONG HOT SPRINGS

Tel: 04 472 1548 / 1468

Situated about 22km from Baling, the Ulu Legong Hot springs recreational centre comprises five pools with temperatures ranging between 30° to 60°C. Visitors come here to relax and soak in its therapeutic sulphur-rich waters. It is the only hot springs in the country to operate around the clock. Facilities include a 24-hour cafeteria, gazebos, ladies' pool, changing rooms and showers.

Kulim Inn Langkawi Adya Hotel Berjaya Langkawi Resort

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Getting There

is approximately one hour.

Langkawi is connected by air to Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Singapore. The Senandung Langkawi express train departs from Kuala Lumpur and stops at major towns in Kedah such as Alor Setar, Sungai Petani and Gurun. Visitors heading to Langkawi can disembark at Alor Setar and proceed to the island by a ferry. The jumping off points to Langkawi are situated in Kuala Kedah and Kuala Perlis. Langkawi is also a stopover for the luxury liner, Star



Tourist Information Centre, Kuah, Langkawi Tel: 04 966 7089 / 9416

Tourist Information Centre, Jetty Point Complex, Langkawi

