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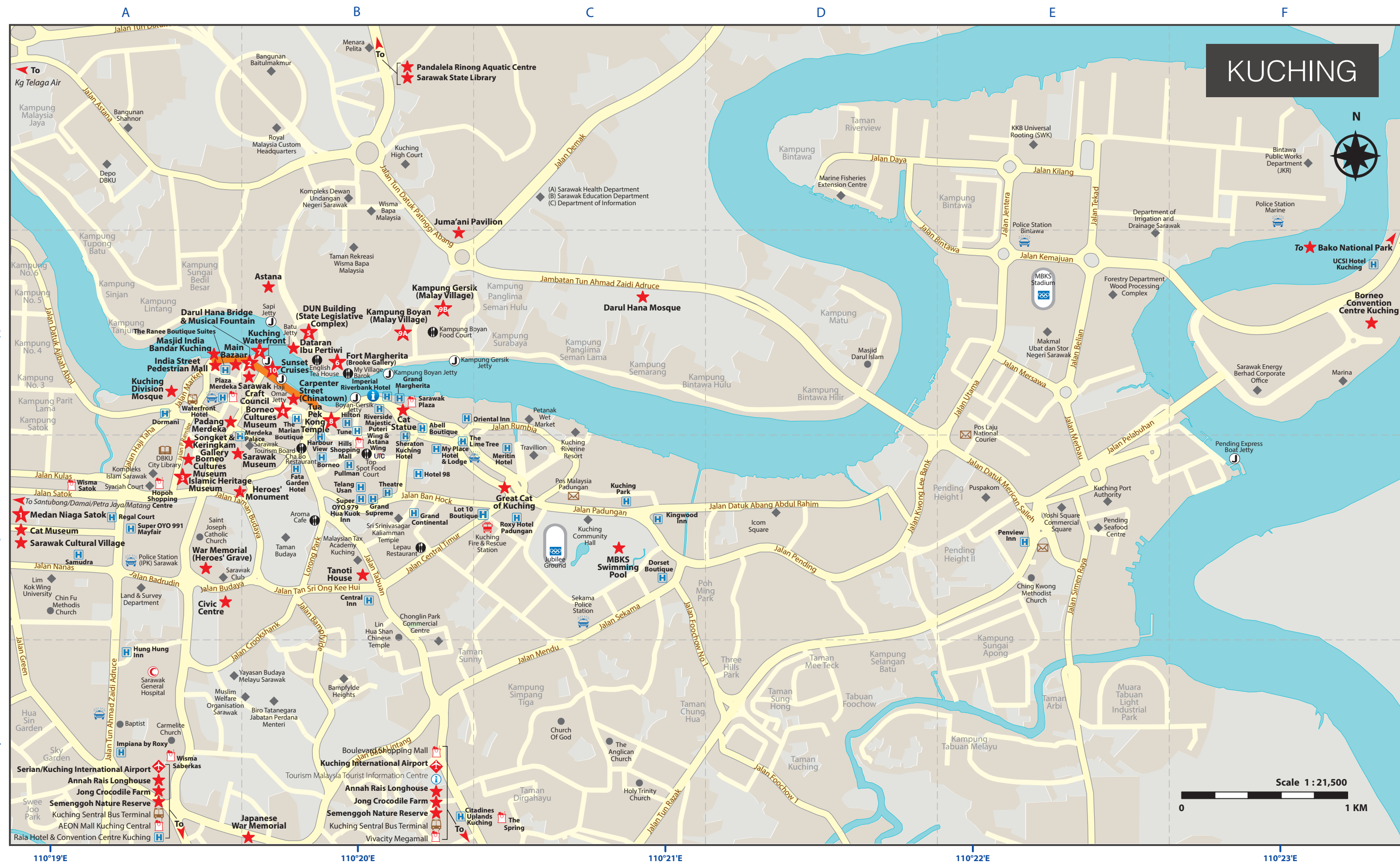
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MEDAN NIAGA SATOK

This is the biggest market in Kuching with an assortment of products ranging from fresh vegetables, jungle ferns and fruits, to traditional snacks and handicrafts. It has a lively and colourful atmosphere with five main complexes including a food court and cafeteria. The market is especially busy on Saturday afternoons.



DARUL HANA BRIDGE AND MUSICAL FOUNTAIN

Darul Hana Bridge or Golden Bridge is a stunning landmark in the city. Situated along Kuching Waterfront, this 335m 'S' shaped pedestrian bridge connects Kuching North and Kuching South. Meaning 'peace' and 'tranquility' in Arabic, the Darul Hana Bridge features traditional and modern design elements, including stylised hornbills which denote the state's emblem. As the sun sets, the bridge is transformed into an eye-catching attraction with colourful lights. The bridge is also a good vantage point to enjoy the dazzling spectacle of the Darul Hana Musical Fountain. Spanning 80m long with an impressive nine foot wall, the fountain shoots water nearly 25m upwards. This fountain is set against the new State Legislative Assembly (DUN) complex, facing the Kuching Waterfront.



ISLAMIC HERITAGE MUSEUM

Visitors can get a wealth of information on the history and development of Islam in Sarawak as well as the Malay Archipelago. Browse through its seven galleries to view Islamic architecture, decorative arts, costumes, as well as literature and science.



BORNEO CULTURES MUSEUM

This highly interactive museum spans across five levels, containing exhibitions that showcase the Sarawak people, their variety of cultures, as well as its illustrious history. Walk around and discover a wide collection of genuine artefacts, ranging from culturally significant jars, beads, archaeological specimens, and even authentic burial items. Young minds interested in river conservation will find the second floor particularly intriguing. This museum is easy to visit, as it is located right in the middle of Kuching city.



DUN BUILDING (STATE LEGISLATIVE COMPLEX)

The Sarawak Legislative Assembly Building is an iconic edifice in Kuching, with a distinctive umbrella shaped roof. It is the venue of the state legislative assembly sittings. Standing at 114m, this nine-storey building features state-of-the-art automation systems, multimedia communication facilities, and environment friendly features. The State Legislative Assembly Complex is situated along the north bank of the Sarawak River.



FORT MARGHERITA (BROOKE GALLERY)

Situated along the Sarawak River, Fort Margherita is a hilltop fortress that was built in 1879 to protect Kuching from intruders and pirates. Fort Margherita was named after Ranees Margaret, the wife of Sir Charles Brooke, the second Rajah of Sarawak. An evening stroll here affords a pleasant view of the waterfront, river, and surrounding areas. Visitors can take a water taxi from the Waterfront jetties to visit the fort.



KUCHING WATERFRONT

Stretching about 1km in length, Kuching Waterfront is popular for its historic buildings, hotels, and dining outlets. It is surrounded by sightseeing spots such as the Old Courthouse, Sarawak Tourism Complex, Astana, Square Tower, and Chinese History Museum. Kuching Waterfront is a good place to hang out or begin your discovery of the city.



TUA PEK KONG TEMPLE

This ornate Chinese temple is said to be one of the oldest in Sarawak, with a history dating back to 1843. It is perched atop a hill, with a commanding view of the river and the Main Bazaar shopping street. This temple is said to have been one of the few buildings that survived the Great Fire of Kuching, which took place in 1884. Its location is purported to have the best feng shui (Chinese geomancy) in Kuching.



KAMPUNG BOYAN AND KAMPUNG GERSIK (MALAY VILLAGES)

Situated along the Sarawak riverbank, Kampung Boyan and Kampung Gersik are Malay villages that are easily accessible by the local boat or perahu penambang. These villages are defined by traditional Malay homes and rustic surroundings. They are best known for the iconic Sarawak layer cake. Enjoy freshly baked cakes and local Malay food at these villages.



SUNSET CRUISES

As visitors make their way down the Sarawak River, they will delight in viewing some of Kuching's most historical landmarks situated along its banks. But why not elevate an already breathtaking experience by taking it all in during the sunset instead? Departing daily at 5:30pm, the Royal Kuching Cruise and Sarawak River Cruise will take visitors on a mesmerising journey, where the hues of the sunset will accompany the sights, the food, and even a cultural performance—surely a memory to last a lifetime.



• Fairy Cave



• Bidayuh Ring Ladies



• Susung Waterfall

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Immerse yourself in the vibrant heart of Southeast Asia with a visit to Malaysia. Experience the beauty of pristine jungles, verdant national parks, and sun-drenched islands teeming with marine life. Explore modern landmarks and heritage buildings, while indulging in the rich blend of various cultures and traditions. Whether you're a history-lover, nature enthusiast, sun-seeker, or avid shopper; Malaysia has something for everyone. Embark on a journey to discover the country's many alluring attractions!!



S SHOPPING

Sarawak is known for its bewildering range of crafts, beads, basketry, woven fabrics, pottery, and many more – so much so that Kuching was awarded as a World Craft City by the World Craft Council in 2019. The Main Bazaar offers rows and rows of shops filled with souvenir items and collectibles that will enchant shoppers. Among the most popular items on the shopping list includes the *pua kumbu* textile which is fashioned as table runners, cushion covers, or bags. Other textiles that will catch your eye is the *batik Sarawak* or *batik linut*. What's interesting about this textile is that its design is made using sago flour. Bamboo mats in all shapes and sizes are another favourite item. For something different, take home the world-famous Sarawak pepper.

Sarawak

Occupying the southwestern ridge of Borneo, Sarawak is an adventure destination unlike any other. It is Malaysia's largest state and one of the two states that make up East Malaysia. The state is home to a UNESCO World Heritage Site, numerous protected national parks, the world's largest cave chambers, as well as razor-sharp limestone rimnacles. Primates such as the orang utan and proboscis monkey are among the state's treasures. Visitors can see the *Rafflesia*, the world's largest flower as well as palms and orchids. The vast number of hornbills found here has made Sarawak to be fondly known as the 'Land of the Hornbills'.



GT GETTING THERE

Sarawak is well-connected to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's capital city. It is also easily accessible from Sabah and Labuan. Sarawak has direct air links with several other countries. In addition, regular ferry services connect Sarawak to Labuan.

GA GETTING AROUND

Despite the vast size of the state, getting around Sarawak is fairly convenient with a good network of roads and rural air services. There are a number of smaller airports and airstrips in Sarawak, situated in Miri, Bintulu and Sibü.



POI PLACE OF INTEREST



TANJUNG DATU NATIONAL PARK | KUCHING

Covering an area of only 14 sq km, this is the smallest national park in the state. Tanjung Datu National Park is less accessible compared to other parks, but the beautiful sights, pristine beaches, and seclusion make it a perfect holiday destination. Visitors can marvel at unusual plants and trees such as the Putat tree, Strangling Figs, Umbrella Palms and Sea Morning Glory which blossom in a riot of colours.

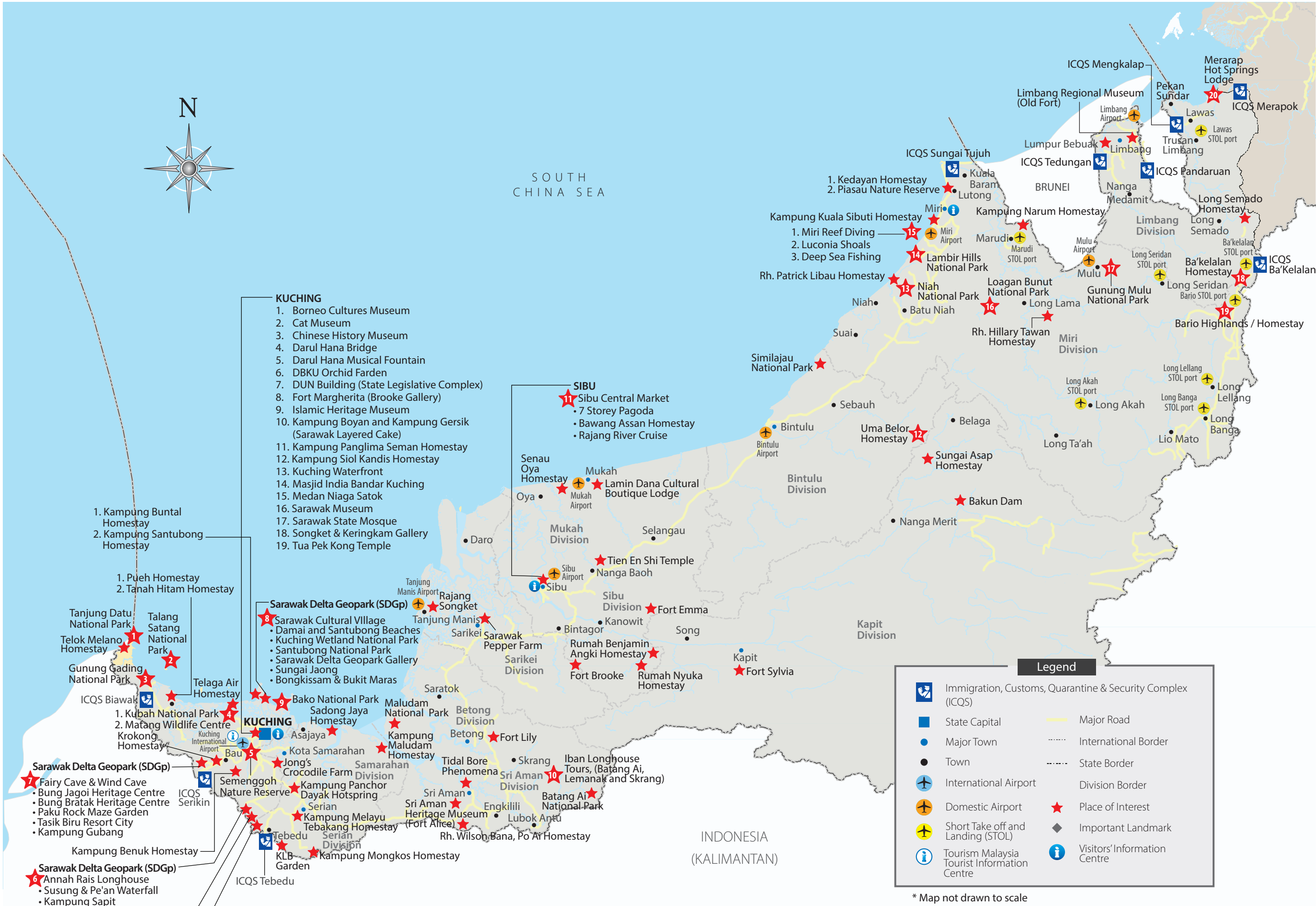
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TALANG SATANG NATIONAL PARK

Talang Satang is Sarawak's first marine national park, established to protect and conserve marine turtles. The park is made up of four islands - Talang Besar Island, Talang Kecil Island, Satang Besar Island and Satang Kecil Island. Collectively, these islands are known as 'Turtle Islands' because they comprise 95% of the state's turtle landings. Only the largest island, Talang Besar Island, is open to visitors. Overnight stays are not permitted.

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GUNUNG GADING NATIONAL PARK | LUNDU

This park boasts an extraordinary attraction – it is home to the *Rafflesia* – the world's largest flower. Other activities here include hiking along the jungle trails, trekking to the summit of Mount Gading, and visiting the waterfalls and streams nearby. The park is accessible from Kuching on a day trip.

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SEMENGGOH NATURE RESERVE | PADAWAN

A short distance away from Kuching, this nature reserve serves as a temporary home for injured and orphaned orang utans. It has also developed into a learning centre about orang utans as well as other rare and endemic species. Semenggoh Nature Reserve is located within the Sarawak Delta Geopark site. Visitors can catch sight of the orang utans during the feeding times, while appreciating the rare flora and fauna.

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FAIRY CAVE AND WIND CAVE

The Fairy Cave and Wind Cave are geosite spots in the Sarawak Delta Geopark, located 45 minutes away from Kuching town and 10 minutes from each other. At the Fairy Cave, adventurous activities are aplenty such as hiking, caving, and rock climbing. However, certified guides and equipment are required for activities here due to its extreme nature. At the Wind Cave, visitors can get up close and personal with the fauna that reside in the caves. Keep your eyes peeled for the Pari Pari gecko – a lizard endemic to Sarawak. This cave is also known for being a site for the study of bats.



SARAWAK CULTURAL VILLAGE | DAMAI

Touted as the 'living museum', this award-winning attraction is situated about 32km from Kuching. It is a microcosm of Sarawak, showcasing the cultural diversity of the ethnic groups. Visit the traditional dwellings of the Melanau, Bidayuh, Iban, and Orang Ulu communities and get a glimpse of their lifestyle. Don't miss the elaborate cultural performance held twice daily. Sarawak Cultural Village is located within the Sarawak Delta Geopark area and is the venue of the annual Rainforest World Music Festival.

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BAKO NATIONAL PARK | KUCHING

The Sarawak Delta Geopark was recognised as Malaysia's sixth national geopark in 2022, consisting of 28 geosites, 12 biosites, and 14 cultural sites. One of those geosites is the Bako National Park, the oldest national park in Sarawak. It is the most accessible park from Kuching, containing a treasure-trove of flora and fauna. The park has five geosites; namely the Plateau Sandstone Tanjung Sapi, Rocky Coast Teluk Pandan, Abrasional Platform Tanjung Rhu, Mesa Pulau Lakei, and the Plateau Bako.



IBAN LONGHOUSE TOURS BATANG AI, LEMANAK AND SKRANG

Enjoy a longboat journey that takes you into the heartland of the Iban tribe. These tours take visitors to the traditional longhouse settlements to experience the culture and lifestyle of one of the largest and well-known ethnic groups in Sarawak. The Iban people are famed for their warm hospitality, and visitors can see activities such as blowpipe demonstrations, basket weaving, cooking in freshly cut bamboo tubes, native dances, and many more.



SIBU CENTRAL MARKET

The Sibü Central Market offers the interesting and lively sight of traders selling a variety of items in a clean and hygienic setting. This is the largest market in Sarawak, offering everything from exotic fruits and vegetables of the rainforest to handicrafts and poultry. The Sibü Market is situated along Jalan Channel opposite the Express Boat Passenger Terminal.



UMA BELOR HOMESTAY | SIBU

This homestay is where visitors can get a true taste of traditional Sarawak life. Located three hours from Bintulu, visitors will be able to take part in the daily activities of the Kayan people that call it home. Nearby the homestay are a few longhouses such as Uma Bakah, Uma Ukir, Uma Kelap, and Uma Lahanan. Learn to cook, farm, and see how the local wine, *burak*, is made. Visitors will also be introduced to the Kayan culture and heritage through handicrafts as well as the traditional Datun Julut dance.



NIAH NATIONAL PARK | MIRI

Dubbed as the 'cradle of human civilisation in the region', Niah National Park is one of the most important archaeological sites in the world. This primary rainforest is the site of numerous artefacts and ancient tombs. Highlights include the Great Cave which contains excavation sites and the Painted Caves which feature ancient drawings of the journey to afterlife. Niah National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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LAMBIR HILLS NATIONAL PARK

Lambir Hills National Park is said to have one of the world's greatest levels of plant diversity. Its 6,952 hectares of land is covered in lowland dipterocarp and heath forests. Its tall trees rise to a height of 450m and the forest canopy is home to 237 species of birds. Visitors can access this park within 40 minutes' drive from Miri.

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MIRI REEF DIVING

The Miri reef offers a fantastic experience for dive enthusiasts. Hard and soft corals, together with anemones, sponges, crinoids, coral fishes, and other reef creatures make the seascape colourful and exciting. Wreck diving enthusiasts will be thrilled to discover two wrecks at a depth of 18m. With a visibility of 10 to 30m, Miri's underwater haven is a must on every diver's itinerary.

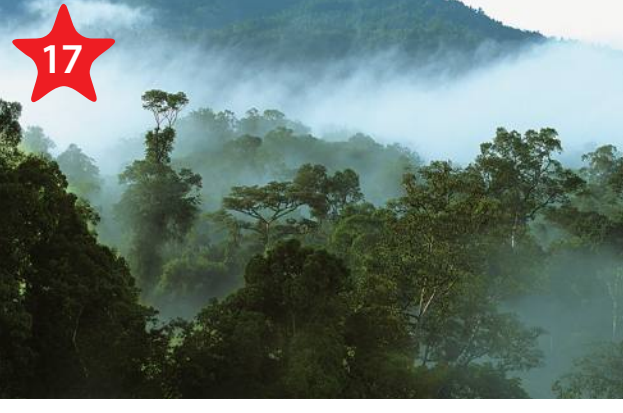


LOAGAN BUNUT NATIONAL PARK

| MIRI

Situated around Sarawak's largest natural lake, this park is the site of an unusual aquatic ecosystem. Depending on the time of the year, the lake fills or dries up into a shallow muddy pool. This cycle of drought and flood produces an extraordinary food chain for aquatic and terrestrial creatures. Enjoy the attractions of this park, from longboat rides to watching fishermen use traditional fishing methods.

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GUNUNG MULU NATIONAL PARK

| MIRI

Sprawling over 52,865 hectares, Mulu National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is Sarawak's largest national park, comprising a vast wilderness, magnificent karst formations and extensive cave networks. Mulu National Park boasts astounding attractions such as the world's largest cave passage and Asia's longest cave.



BA' KELALAN

| MIRI

Ba' Kelalan is a group of nine villages situated amidst the cool Bario Highlands at about 3,000 feet above sea level. It is one of the most important settlements of the Lun Bawang ethnic group. Ba' Kelalan produces highland rice, and mountain salt is obtained from nearby hills. The remoteness of this area makes it a great spot for trekking. Ba' Kelalan is connected by air to the towns of Miri and Lawas.



BARIO HIGHLANDS

| MIRI

The remote Bario Highlands is situated on the northeast of Sarawak. It is the home of the Kelabit people, one of the smallest ethnic groups in the state. Situated at an altitude of 3,280m above sea level, the highland is home to unspoilt flora and fauna. Bario is the producer of a special variety of highland rice. The highland is accessible by air from Miri.



MERARAP HOTSPRINGS LODGE | LAWAS

Hidden deep in the Ba' Kelalan forest is the Merarap Hot Springs Lodge. The water from the natural hot springs is channeled into dip pools for visitors to relax in. The raging Trusan River situated nearby is excellent for white water rafting. The lodge is situated about 70km from Lawas and is only accessible via a four-wheel drive. It can accommodate up to 30 visitors at one time.