

Bintulu, Sarawak, Malaysia

A Borneo port where dense rainforest meets the South China Sea — Similajau's wild beaches, the Kemena riverfront, and markets piled with belacan and kek lapis await on a shore day.

- Docked (deepwater berth)
- Typical call: 7-9 hrs
- Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)
- Malay; English widely understood

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Deepwater berth at Bintulu Port — ships dock directly, no tender
Walk to centre: ~2 km from port to Bintulu Waterfront Promenade; taxi 5–10 min

Best For: Rainforest trekking, wildlife, local markets, Sarawakian food
Don't Miss: Similajau National Park beaches and Council Negeri Monument

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ RM 30–40 · **Rideshare** ✓ Grab, Maxim

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Similajau National Park** — About 30 km north of town, Similajau protects 7,000 ha of coastal rainforest and some of Sarawak's most untouched beaches.
- Bintulu Waterfront & Markets** — Stroll the Kemena River promenade past the Council Negeri Monument — the spot where Sarawak's first State Legislative Assembly met in 1867.
- Sebauh River Wildlife Cruise** — A motorboat cruise up the Sebauh River, inland from Bintulu, offers chances to spot long-tailed macaques, kingfishers, hornbills, and possibly...
- Kampung Jepak Fishing Village** — A short drive across the Kemena River estuary, this traditional Malay fishing village is where Bintulu's famous belacan shrimp paste is still made by...
- Taman Tumbina Botanical & Zoo Park** — Bintulu's hilltop botanical and zoological park overlooks the South China Sea.

BEST WALKS

- Kemena Waterfront Promenade Walk** 2 km one-way | Easy | 30-45 min — Follow the paved promenade along the Kemena River from the Council Negeri Monument past colourful fishing boats to the old Tua Pek Kong Chinese temple.
- Tanjung Batu Beach Stroll** 1.5 km beach | Easy | 20-30 min — A short taxi ride south of town, Tanjung Batu is Bintulu's main public beach — a mix of rocky outcrops and sandy stretches with basic facilities.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:22AM–6:33PM · Jun 6:19AM–6:37PM · Aug 6:25AM–6:38PM · Sep 6:19AM–6:26PM · Oct 6:12AM–6:14PM	
Apr	86°	75°	26d		
Jun	86°	75°	24d		
Aug	86°	75°	26d		
Sep	86°	75°	25d		
Oct	85°	75°	28d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Rain is frequent year-round. Bintulu sits near the equator — afternoon downpours are common even outside official monsoon season (Oct–Feb). Pack a compact rain jacket.
- Crocodiles are real. Saltwater crocodiles inhabit the Kemena River and surrounding waterways. Do not swim in rivers or mangroves — stick to patrolled beaches like Tanjung Batu or Similajau's designated areas.
- Eat Sarawak Laksa for breakfast. It's the signature dish — a coconut-herb broth with rice vermicelli, prawns, and chicken. Pasar Utama and riverside coffee shops serve it from 7 AM. Far better than anything on the ship.
- Download Grab before you arrive. It's the standard rideshare across Malaysia and avoids haggling. Works reliably in Bintulu town; less so in remote areas near Similajau.
- This is an industrial port, not a cruise hub. There are no dedicated shore-excursion desks or tourist infrastructure at the pier. Pre-book tours through your ship or a local operator, or organise a private driver for the day.
- Equatorial heat and humidity. Expect 30-34°C with very high humidity. Light, breathable clothing, sunscreen, and water are essential — especially for Similajau National Park trails.

Bintulu, Sarawak, Malaysia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

Taman Tumbina Zoo
Bintulu's only zoo, featuring local and exotic animals.
- 2

Pasar TAMU Bintulu
Vibrant local market selling fresh produce and traditional goods.
- 3

Darul Makmur Mosque, Jepak Village
Prominent mosque in Jepak Village, known for its architecture.
- 4

Bintulu Waterfront
Scenic promenade along Kemena River, perfect for strolls.
- 5

Tumbina Hill Peak Point
Panoramic viewpoint atop Tumbina Hill, offering city views.
- P

Cruise port / terminal