

Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

Borneo's most liveable city pairs a handsome colonial waterfront with one-of-a-kind wildlife encounters. It's one of the rare cruise ports where you can watch orangutans roam free in a rainforest reserve, then be back on board in time for dinner.

⚓ Pier dock (Senari or Pending Terminal) ⌚ Typical call: 8–10 hrs 🇲🇾 Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) 🗣️ Malay & English widely spoken 🦋 Borneo wildlife

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — large ships at Senari Terminal (~20 km from centre); smaller ships at Pending Terminal (~10 km)

Walk to centre: Not walkable from port — shuttle or Grab required

Best For: Orangutan encounters, colonial history, Sarawakian food

Don't Miss: Sarawak Laksa for breakfast and the Borneo Cultures Museum

🚗 Getting around: 🚖 Taxi ✅ RM 50–70 (~USD 11–16) · 📱 Rideshare ✅ Grab

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Semenggoh Orangutan Centre** — Semi-wild Bornean orangutans roam a rainforest reserve and return to feeding platforms twice a day.
- **Sarawak Cultural Village** — A living museum at the foot of Mount Santubong featuring full-scale replica longhouses of Iban, Bidayuh, and Orang Ulu peoples, with scheduled...
- **Fort Margherita & Brooke Gallery** — Cross the Sarawak River by traditional wooden water taxi (50 sen) to visit the 1879 fort that once guarded Kuching from pirates.
- **Bako National Park** — Sarawak's oldest park features proboscis monkeys, pitcher plants, and dramatic sea stacks.
- **Kuching Waterfront & Borneo Cultures Museum** — The landscaped esplanade alongside the Sarawak River is Kuching's heart.

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Chinatown Loop** ~2 km · 1–1.5 hrs · Easy — Start at the Kuching Waterfront esplanade and walk east past the Tua Pek Kong Temple (1876) to the Darul Hana pedestrian bridge.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇲🇾 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:34AM–6:42PM · Jun 6:33AM–6:45PM · Aug 6:38AM–6:47PM · Sep 6:30AM–6:37PM · Oct 6:22AM–6:26PM	
Apr	86°	75°	27d		
Jun	86°	75°	25d		
Aug	87°	74°	24d		
Sep	86°	74°	26d		
Oct	86°	74°	29d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring mosquito repellent — you're in equatorial Borneo. Essential for any excursion involving parks or jungle areas.
- Carry cash (MYR) — street food, water taxis (penambang), and small souvenir shops are cash-only. ATMs are plentiful downtown.
- Eat Sarawak Laksa — it's the signature dish of Kuching, famously called the "Breakfast of the Gods" by Anthony Bourdain. Find it at any local kopitiam (coffee shop) near Carpenter Street.
- Plan for the drive back — traffic across Kuching's river bridges can back up in the afternoon. Allow at least 60–75 minutes to return to Senari Terminal before all-aboard.
- Download Grab before you arrive — it's Southeast Asia's ride-hailing app and far cheaper than negotiating with taxis near the port gate.
- Don't swim in open water — Sarawak rivers and coastal beaches have estuarine crocodiles and seasonal jellyfish. Stick to hotel pools if you want a dip.

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A detailed map of Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia. The Sarawak River flows through the city, with the Sungei Belaga (Belaga River) joining it from the south. Major roads shown include Jalan Haji Kassan, Lorong Merdeka 11, Jalan Padi, Shell Jalan Astana, Jalan Hashim Jaffar, Lorong Jahar, Jalan Laruh, Jalan Dagok, Jalan Kulas, Ayan, Jalan Rambutan, Jalan Safok, and Jalan Gawai. Numbered locations 1 through 8 are marked with red circles. Other landmarks include Orchard Park, Sarawak Botanical Garden, Pangkalan Sg Bedil, Pangkalan Sapi, Jetty Kampong Tanjung, TEK0 Teh & Kc, Cafe Diners kak Mariam, D Pondok Sate Kajang #UNIMASGEOSTARS24, Wisma Hopoh, Taman Muzium, Bishop's house, Ibu Pertiwi (Southeast Asia Tallest Flag Pole), and Taman Perpaduan. A bus route is indicated by a blue dashed line connecting several stops along the river and through the city center.

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