

Sandakan, Sabah, Malaysia

Once the capital of British North Borneo, Sandakan is now the world's best-value wildlife port — where a short drive from the pier puts you face-to-face with wild orangutans, the smallest bears on earth, and long-nosed proboscis monkeys deep in the rainforest.

-  Pier (commercial terminal)
-  Typical call: 8–10 hrs
-  Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)
-  English widely spoken
-  Wildlife destination

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Sandakan commercial port / cruise terminal, ~4.5 km from town

Best For: Wildlife (orangutans, sun bears, proboscis monkeys), WWII history

Walk to center: Not walkable — port is in an active industrial zone; take shuttle or Grab

Don't Miss: Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre 10 AM feeding + Sun Bear Centre next door

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  RM 20–50 ·  **Rideshare**  Grab

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre** — World-famous sanctuary where orphaned orangutans are re-trained for life in the wild.
- Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre** — Right next door to Sepilok — meet the world's smallest bear species, rescued from the illegal pet trade, on elevated...
- Rainforest Discovery Centre (RDC)** — A canopy walkway stretches high through the rainforest treetops near Sepilok — a paradise for birdwatchers and anyone...
- Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary** — A private sanctuary set in mangrove forest where Borneo's iconic long-nosed proboscis monkeys gather at feeding...
- Sandakan Memorial Park & Agnes Keith House** — A sobering and beautifully maintained park on the site of the WWII POW camp where the infamous Sandakan Death Marches...

BEST WALKS

- Harbour Square to Pu Ji Shi Temple** 1.5 km | Easy–Moderate | 30–40 min — From the Sandakan Harbour Square area, walk uphill through the old town to the Pu Ji Shi Buddhist Temple perched on a hill.
- Agnes Keith House & English Tea House** Easy | 30 min walk from Agnes Keith House to English Tea House — Visit the beautifully restored colonial wooden house of American author Agnes Keith — one of the few buildings to survive WWII...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:00AM–6:14PM · Jun 5:54AM–6:21PM · Aug 6:02AM–6:21PM · Sep 5:58AM–6:07PM · Oct 5:53AM–5:52PM	
Apr	85°	77°	24d		
Jun	86°	77°	28d		
Aug	86°	77°	27d		
Sep	86°	77°	27d		
Oct	85°	76°	28d		

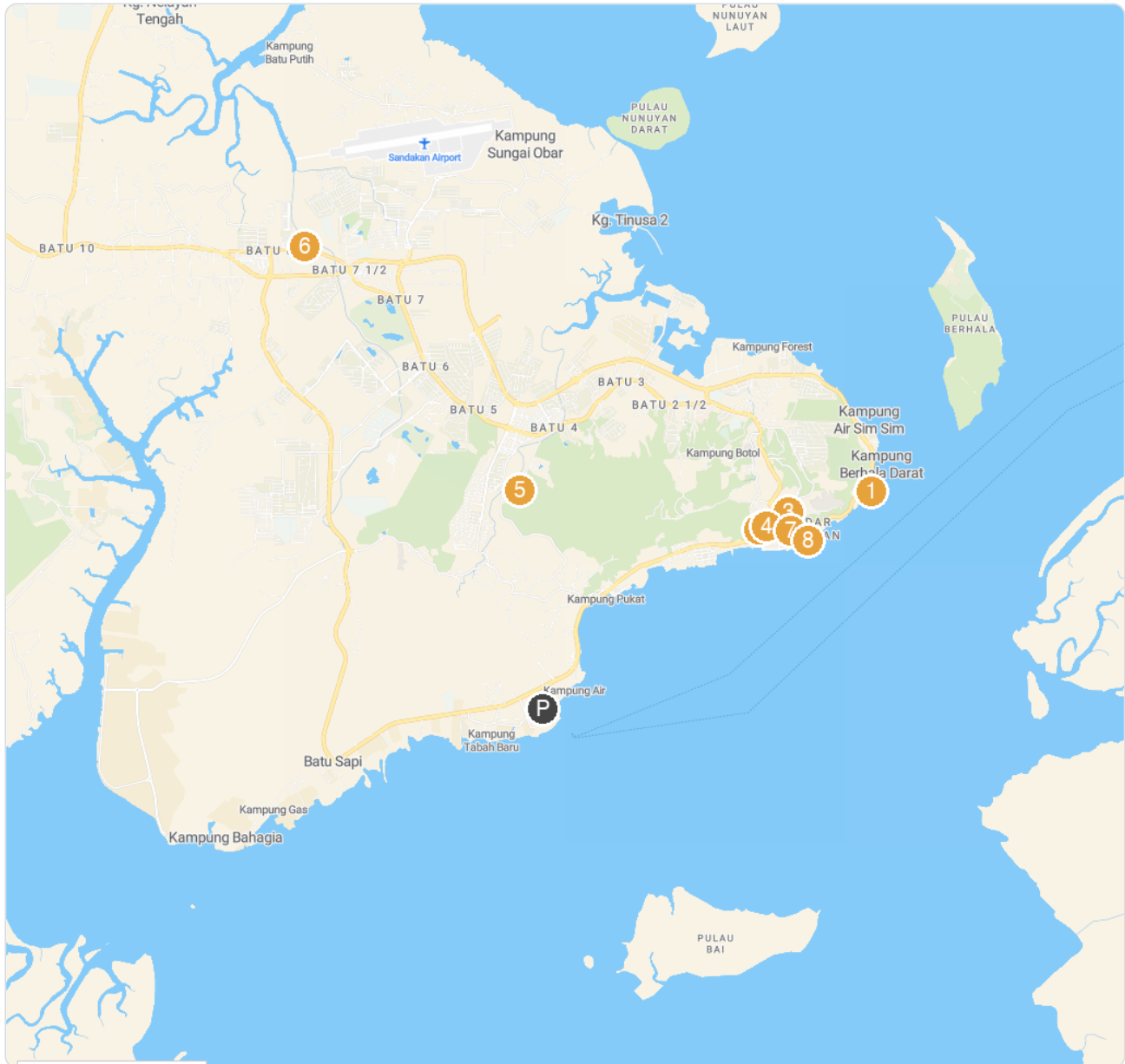
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Download Grab before you sail. Link your credit card at home — it works seamlessly in Sandakan and costs a fraction of regular

Sandakan, Sabah, 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.



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| 1 Sandakan District Mosque | Sandakan's main mosque, a prominent place of worship. | 2 St. Mary's Cathedral, Sandakan (1883/1961) | Historic Catholic cathedral, rebuilt in 1961 after WWII. |
| 3 Agnes Keith House | Historic house of American author Agnes Keith. | 4 St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Sandakan | Historic Anglican church, built with local stone. |
| 5 Gilwell Scouts Nature Park Sandakan | Nature park and campsite for Scouts and public. | 6 Sandakan Crocodile Farm | Large farm housing thousands of crocodiles. |
| 7 Sandakan Heritage Trail | Walking trail connecting Sandakan's historical landmarks. | 8 Sandakan Waterfront | Revitalized promenade with shops, restaurants, and sea views. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |