



UN Tourism

UN Tourism Regional Workshop

Measuring The Sustainability Of Tourism
In Asia And The Pacific

Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
18 - 20 November 2025

General Information Note



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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
MINISTRY OF PRIMARY RESOURCES AND TOURISM
NEGARA BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

BRUNEI
ABODE OF PEACE



Host Destination

Brunei Darussalam boasts a colorful exhibition of fascinating customs and rich nature, with a contemplative respect for religion as well as reverence for its ancient sovereignty, and we would like to invite you to experience it all, right in the heart of our home.

There are plenty of options for sightseeing and leisure in the city. Sports activities are also a common pastime in Brunei Darussalam – little difficulty in finding one to participate in. Despite the urban sophistication, Brunei Darussalam is targeting to be the leading eco-tourism destination in Southeast Asia.

One of the wonderful things about Brunei Darussalam is the beautiful green scenery everywhere you go. Trees that have resided in this land for centuries soar into the air, while trails through the jungle give way to reveal waterfall. Embark your journey to catch sunset at the pristine beaches, wander the enchanting depths of the top diving sites and bask in the gorgeous sights of bright gold, pink and purple colliding across the skies.

PROGRAMME

Day 1 | 18th November 2025, Tuesday

Inauguration Ceremony

- **Registration**
- **Opening ceremony**
- **High-level dialogue on Measuring the Sustainability of Tourism**
- **Regional Workshop; Session 1:**
Title: What is the Statistical Framework for Measuring the Sustainability of Tourism (SF-MST)?
- **Regional Workshop; Session 2:**
Title: Measuring the economic sustainability of tourism

Day 2 | 19th November 2025, Wednesday

- **Regional Workshop;**
Session 2:
Title: Measuring the economic sustainability of tourism (Cont.)
Session 3:
Title: UN Tourism Statistics questionnaire
Session 4:
Title: Measuring the social sustainability of tourism

Day 3 | 20th November 2025, Thursday

- **Regional Workshop;**
Session 5:
Title: Measuring the environmental sustainability of tourism
- **Closing Ceremony**
Certificate distribution to all participants
- **Technical Tour**

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

A. Visa Requirement

Esteemed Participants entering Brunei Darussalam are required to hold a passport valid for six (6) months or more from the arrival date. The participants who are required to apply for a visa to the Brunei Darussalam must first apply at any Brunei Embassy or Consulate nearest to the participants' location. List of Brunei Darussalam overseas missions can be found at <https://www.mfa.gov.bn/Pages/mission-abroad-directory0520-6918.aspx>

More information related to visa requirements for respective countries can be found at <https://www.mfa.gov.bn/Pages/Visa-Information.aspx>

As of 1 July 2025, travellers requiring a visa to enter Brunei are required to secure **personal health insurance with a minimum coverage of BND10,000**. Travellers who do not require a visa are not mandated to have medical insurance; however, it is strongly recommended.

B. E-Travel

All foreign nationals are required to complete the E-Arrival Card at least 3 days before entering Brunei Darussalam by air, land and sea.

E-Arrival Card registration can be done through website link:
<https://www.imm.gov.bn>

For guidelines on E-Arrival Card, you may refer to the provided link: <https://bit.ly/3Sc59pP>

C. Luggage Tag

Participants are advised to either print out this artwork and securely attach it to their luggage bag, or bring it along before departure. This will assist the committee in identifying participants for the airport transfer.

Please refer to the luggage tag template through the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1G0rM9-dU6uZGI4LQrkKO-VqscJ0r5nYSh?usp=sharing>



Luggage tag

D. Ground Transfers

The Host Country is delighted to provide airport transfer services exclusively between the airport and the Radisson Hotel, the official hotel venue for the event.

To ensure a smooth experience, ground transportation for the official programmes, including the technical tour and dinner events, will also be arranged by the Host Country. Please note that these transfers will only operate to and from the Radisson Hotel.

For participants staying at other accommodation, please arrange your own transportation to and from the airport. Participants staying at the recommended hotels are also kindly requested to make their own way to the meeting venue.

E. Passenger Concession

According to Section 9 Part B of Customs Import Duties Order 1973, passengers aged 17 and above arriving to this country are allowed to bring in their personal effect not exceeding the given concession as follows:

1. Perfume – 60 milliliters
2. Scented Water - 250 grams
3. 2 bottles of alcoholic beverages (liquor) of about 2 liters (1 liter per bottle)
4. 12 cans of beer (one can x 330ml)

Owners are required to declare imported drinks (liquor) to customs officers on duty at the airport where drinks are imported. The special form of liquor is available at every Customs Post Control or Customs Office and on passenger ships.

For more information to this matter, you may refer to the provided link:

<https://bdnsw.mofe.gov.bn/Pages/PassengerConcessions.aspx>

DRESS CODE

The participants are advised to bring proper outfit according to the stated programs:

1. Training – Business formal
2. Dinner – Smart casual
3. Technical Tour – Smart casual, light and comfortable

FLIGHTS

All participants are expected to land at Brunei International Airport, the sole airport in Brunei Darussalam. As of 2025, the following flights are the only flights that operate at Brunei International Airport (BIA):

1. Royal Brunei Airlines
2. Air Asia Malaysia
3. Air Asia Indonesia
4. Singapore Airlines
5. Cebu Pacific

Below is the latest list of Scheduled Flight Destinations:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Kuala Lumpur (KUL) | 11. Hangzhou (HGH) |
| 2. Singapore (SIN) | 12. Kuching (KCH) |
| 3. Melbourne (MEL) | 13. Nanning (NNG) |
| 4. Manila (MNL) | 14. Incheon (ICN) |
| 5. Jakarta (CGK) | 15. Tokyo (NRT) |
| 6. Taipei (TPE) | 16. Kota Kinabalu (BKI) |
| 7. Ho Chi Minh City (SGN) | 17. Beijing (PKX) |
| 8. Bangkok (BKK) | 18. Dubai (DXB) |
| 9. Hong Kong (HKG) | 19. Jeddah (JED) |
| 10. London (LON) | 20. Surabaya (SUB) |
| | 21. Balikpapan (BPN) |
| | 22. Chennai (MAA) |

VENUE

OFFICIAL VENUE FOR THE UN TOURISM REGIONAL WORKSHOP
“MEASURING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF TOURISM IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC



Radisson Hotel Brunei Darussalam

Mutiara Hall, Radisson Hotel Brunei Darussalam

2203 Jln Tasek, Bandar Seri Begawan BS8674

Contact: +673 2244272

ACCOMMODATION

Participants attending the UN Tourism Workshop are kindly advised to arrange their accommodation directly with the official or recommended hotels through their respective websites. When making your reservation, please indicate that you are a Participant of the UN Tourism Workshop to be entitled to the applicable participant rate.

Detailed hotel listings and booking information are provided in the “Recommended Hotels” section.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

RADISSON HOTEL BRUNEI DARUSSALAM



- Superior Room
- Deluxe Room

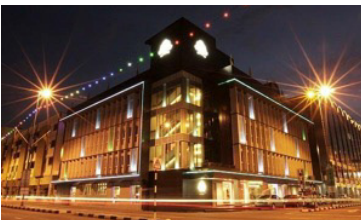
2203, Jalan Tasek, Bandar Seri Begawan, BS8674

+673 2244272

reservation.brunei@radisson.com

RECOMMENDED HOTELS

THE BRUNEI HOTEL



Price range: BND \$140

Use booking code “BKG8562”

Estimated distance to the official hotel venue is 1.5km or 4 mins by car

95, Jalan Pemancha,
Bandar Seri Begawan,
BS8811, Brunei Darussalam

+673 2244828

reservations@thebruneihotel.com

THE CAPITAL RESIDENCE SUITES



Price range: BND \$65 - \$140

Estimated distance to the official hotel venue is 1.2 km or 4 mins by car

Simpang 2, Lot 21207, Kg. Berangan,
BS8211, Bandar Seri Begawan,
Brunei Darussalam

+673 2220067 / +673 2220068
reservations@capitalresidence.com

THE BADIAH HOTEL



Price range: BND \$80 - \$90

Estimated distance to the official hotel venue is 3.4 km or 7 mins by car

Badi'ah Complex, Mile 11/4, Jalan Tutong,
Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Muara,
BA1712, Brunei Darussalam

+673 2222888
reservation@badiahhotel.com

THE RIZQUN INTERNATIONAL HOTEL



Price range: BND \$170

Estimated distance to the official hotel venue is 3.6 km or 4 mins by car

The Mall, Abdul Razak Complex,
Gadong, BE3519, Bandar Seri Begawan,
Brunei Darussalam

+673 2423000
reservation@rizquninternational.com
dm@rizquninternational.com

CENTREPOINT HOTEL



Price range: BND \$145 - \$190

Estimated distance to the official hotel venue is 4.3 km or 8 mins by car

Abdul Razak Complex,
BE3519, Bandar Seri Begawan,
Brunei Darussalam

reservations@thecentrepointhotel.com

MULIA HOTEL BRUNEI



Price range: BND \$165 - \$809

Estimated distance to the official hotel venue is 6.2 km or 9 mins by car

Lot 31954, Simpang 9, Kg. Anggerek Desa, Jalan Berakas, BB3713, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam

+673 2335544

enquiries@muliahotelbrunei.com

STARLODGE BRUNEI



Price range: N/A

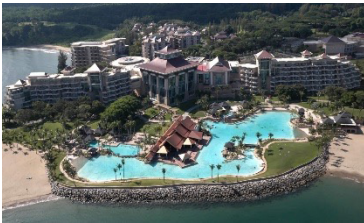
Estimated distance to the official hotel venue is 18 km or 23 mins by car

Address: Lot 27192, Kampong Jerudong, Jalan Pulau Kubu, Sengkurong, BG1183

Telephone: +673 2611618

reservations@starlodgebrunei.com

THE EMPIRE BRUNEI



Price range: N/A

Estimated distance to the official hotel venue is 20.6km or 24 mins by car

Kg. Jerudong, Muara – Tutong Highway, BG3112, Brunei Darussalam

+673 2418888

res@theempirebrunei.com

info@theempirebrunei.com

AL AFIAH HOTEL



Price range: N/A

Estimated distance to the official hotel venue is 1.9 km or 4 mins by car

Unit 4, Ground Floor, Block A Bangunan Begawan Pehin Dato Haji Mohd. Yusof, Spg 88, Kampung Kiulap, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam BE1518

+673 223 1459

reservations@alafiahhotel.com

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

People

Brunei Darussalam is predominantly made up of Malays (65.8%), with significant Chinese (10.2%), Indian, and indigenous populations (23.9%) with seven different ethnics; Melayu Brunei, Kedayan, Dusun, Tutong, Belait, Murut, and Bisaya (note that two of the ethnics were named after two of Brunei's districts – gives you a hint as to where most of them live). The Malay population is divided into these 7 ethnic groups, and each are characterized by distinct aspects of its culture and lifestyle with their native language as well as customs and traditions.

Language

Bahasa Melayu, or Malay, is the official language of Brunei Darussalam. However, English is the language of business and is widely spoken at all levels. Mandarin, Chinese dialects, and native Borneo languages are also spoken by various segments of the population. Even though Brunei Darussalam has significant Chinese, Indian, and indigenous Bornean population that add to the cultural make up of the nation, Brunei Darussalam is primarily Malay.

Religion

Brunei Darussalam has a rich Islamic heritage, and its practices are regularly observed by the people as the country's official religion. The nation has some of the region's most beautiful and iconic mosques, with ancient artifacts of the country's history. All are welcome to explore and understand the Islamic values that are integrated with the culture and cavillation of Brunei Darussalam and its people.

Climate

Sunny with a chance of showers would be the best way to describe the weather in Brunei Darussalam. Clear, blue skies are pretty much a daily phenomenon but do take note that the wettest month are from October to January and from May to July.

Currency and Banking

The currency of Brunei Darussalam is equivalent to Singapore, and vice versa. Both currencies can be used in both countries. Cash withdrawal can be done at Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) where easily found at any main shopping centre.

Credit cards such as Visa and Master Card are also accepted at certain resorts, hotels, restaurants and stores. Two of the most prominent banks in the country are Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam (BIBD) and Baiduri Bank. Other international banks that can be found are Maybank, Standard Chartered Bank, United Overseas Bank Limited (UOB), RHB Bank, and Bank of China.

Electricity

The standard electrical current or supply voltage in Brunei Darussalam is 220-240 volts AC (50 cycles). Most places including the hotels in Brunei Darussalam uses the Type-G three pin plug. Participants are advised to bring their own adapter if necessary or you may purchase your universal travel adapters from any nearby hardware and electrical stores to your hotel.



Telecommunications

SIM Cards can be purchased at Brunei International Airport. Brunei Darussalam offers three (3) telecommunication companies where SIM cards can be purchased from, which are Progresif, DST and Imagine. With each companies providing variety of data plan, participants are recommended to research desired data plan, if required, before departure.

DST:

<https://dst.com.bn/easi-tourist/>

Progresif:

<https://www.progresif.com/productaddon/invdex/view?id=154>

Imagine:

<https://imagine.com.bn/personal/wish-prepaid/>

Getting Around

Participants are advised to use the Dart (e-hailing app) for transport services around Brunei. The Dart application can be downloaded on Google Play for Android and App Store for iOS.



Dart (e-hailing app)

Food Delivery Services

Two local applications are available for food delivery services which are GoMamam and HeyDomo. They only allow cashless payment. Both applications can be downloaded on AppStore and PlayStore.

HeyDomo

<https://www.heydomo.com/>



GoMamam

<https://www.gomamam.com/>



Important Contact Details

1. Ambulance – 991
2. Police – 993
3. Fire Brigade – 995
4. Search and Rescue – 998
5. Flight Information – +673 2331747 / +673 2336757

Nearest hospital

In case of emergency, participants may find the nearest hospital below:

Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha Hospital (RIPAS)

Jalan Putera Al-Muhtadee Billah,
Bandar Seri Begawan BA1712

Jerudong Park Medical Centre

Jerudong Park BG 3122, Brunei Muara
Brunei Darussalam

TECHNICAL TOUR SITE

Bintudoh Greenspring Resort, Tutong

Welcome to Your Cultural Journey in Brunei.

Dear Participants,

You are invited to join an cultural immersion experience in Tutong, the second district of Brunei. This technical tour will showcase sustainable community-based tourism practices while providing you with insights into Brunei's rich cultural heritage.

The tour is managed by KommuniHub Co., a community-based organization that has been working with local communities since 2018 to develop cultural tourism experiences, organize community events and support local livelihoods.

About Your Destination

Tutong District is located 40-50 minutes by road from Brunei's capital, Bandar Seri Begawan. Known for its pristine green landscapes and deep-rooted traditions, Tutong is home to 3 of Brunei's 7 ethnic groups of Brunei (puak Brunei). Each group maintains distinct customs, traditional attire, and culinary practices that have been preserved for generations.

Your experience will take place at Bintudoh Green Spring Resort, a nature lodge surrounded by lush forests and open spaces. This venue provides the perfect setting for cultural exchange in a natural environment.

Your Cultural Experience

Upon arrival, you'll be greeted with a cultural performance by local community members. You're invited to participate! Learn the rhythm and meaning behind traditional dances as community guide you through the movements. Lunch will be prepared by the local community, featuring authentic local dishes. Your cultural journey will be a hands-on exploration of local food heritage, guided by local community who will share their knowledge and techniques.



Candas Making Activity

Participants will learn how to make candas (~ a traditional bamboo chopstick), used for eating Ambuyat (~ a traditional Bruneian dish made from sago) and participants will be guided on how to eat Ambuyat.

Kelupis Jalin Activity

Participants will also be introduced to Kelupis Jalin, a unique preparation by the Kedayan ethnic group where rice is wrapped and carefully woven together before being steamed. This method is distinctive to Kedayan culture and highlights the artistry behind local culinary traditions.

Traditional Kueh (Snack) Making

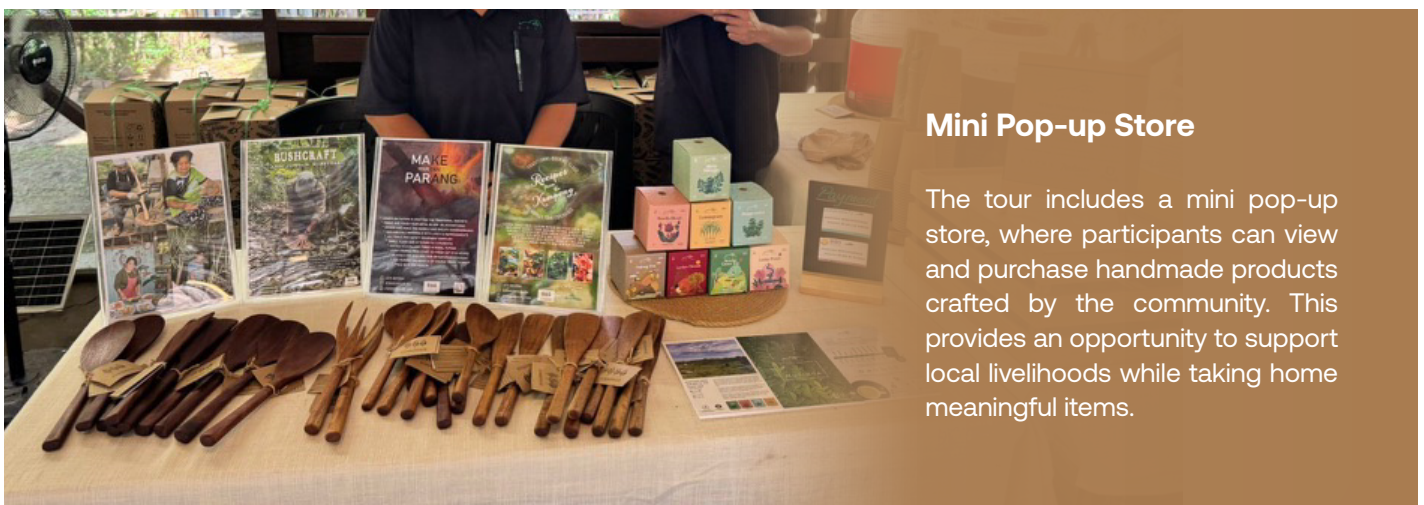
Join this hands-on session and learn how to make traditional Bruneian kueh, guided by locals who have been making them for years. It's a fun and interactive way to discover the techniques and ingredients behind some of Brunei's favourite snacks. After the session, enjoy tasting a variety of freshly made kueh that showcase the unique flavours and traditions passed down through generations.



Candas Making Activity



Kelupis Jalin Activity



Mini Pop-up Store

The tour includes a mini pop-up store, where participants can view and purchase handmade products crafted by the community. This provides an opportunity to support local livelihoods while taking home meaningful items.

What to Bring?

- Outdoor activity clothes (loose and comfortable clothing), sun hats and outdoor shoes/ trainers
- Lightweight raincoat
- Insect repellent
- Hand towel / wet wipes
- Brunei dollar cash for souvenir
- Any medication that you may require
- Food containers should you wish to take away
- Refillable drinks bottle
- A fully charged camera/mobile phone to record your memories

Note: KommuniHub Co. strive to be sustainable and eco-friendly, we do not supply any single-use plastic containers or plastic bags.

PLACES TO VISIT



Jame' Asr Hassanil Bokiah Mosque

This opulent mosque is a unique blend of luxury, culture, and spirituality, standing tall with 29 golden domes and air-conditioned interiors that accommodate up to 4,000 worshippers. From Philippine hardwood to Persian carpets and Italian marble to real gold—Jame' Asr is a stunning example of craftsmanship and luxury, fit for royalty.



Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Mosque

Rising up majestically amidst the vibrant blue skies, the Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque is an architectural marvel, named after the modern architect of Brunei and the 28th Sultan of Brunei. Brunei's most iconic and oldest mosque is the tallest structure in Bandar Seri Begawan at 52 metres, able to house 3000 worshippers and boasting a spectacular dome covered in pure gold.



Golden Jubilee Park

Stroll through the Golden Jubilee Park and enjoy the gorgeous view of the artificial lagoon of the Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque and the Sultan Bolkiah Mahligai Barge replica. Be enchanted by the soft glow of the park lights at night as boats from Kampong Ayer cruise across the river. Nearby the park is the Yayasan Shopping Complex, where you can have your shopping needs met, all within walking distance.



Royal Regalia Museum

A trip to a new country would not be complete without learning about the history of the country, and what better way to learn than by paying a visit to the museums and cultural centres dedicated just for this! As the name suggests, this museum showcases a selection of royal regalia and memorabilia of His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam from his early childhood years up to his coronation day in 1968. The museum is home to a mock-up of His Majesty The Sultan's coronation, a great opportunity for the public who were not there for the event to see what it was like.



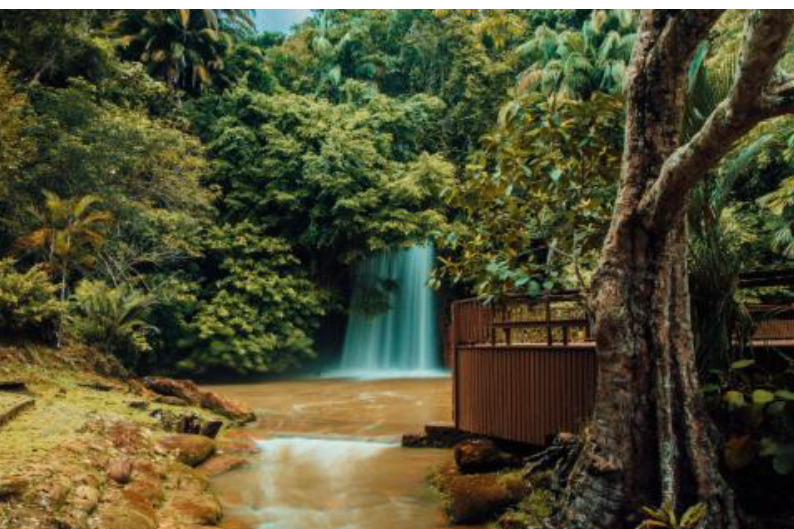
Balai Khazanah Islam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah

Majestic, local-inspired beauty meets modern engineering, with distinctive influences of Islamic architecture. The designs of the Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Islamic Treasury are the brainchild of the world-renowned PEI Architects, whose founders are the sons of I. M. Pei, the designer of the Louvre Pyramid in Paris, France, and the Museum of Islamic Art in Doha, Qatar. The Treasury houses His Majesty the Sultan's vast personal collection of Islamic artifacts, manuscripts, and Qurans.



Canopy Walk At Ulu Temburong National Park

The Belalong Canopy Walkway is considered to by many to be one of Brunei's most majestic locations. Walk across five connected towers with a canopy height of over 43 meters. From up here you can experience a birds eye view of the pristine beauty of Brunei's rainforests, one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world. Its recommended you begin your hike at dawn or dusk, so you can watch the brilliant sun rise or set past the jungle horizon.



Tasek Lama Recreational Park

Just minutes from the heart of Bandar Seri Begawan, Tasek Lama Recreational Park is one of Brunei's most accessible nature escapes. Surrounded by lush rainforest and cascading waterfalls, it offers scenic walking and hiking trails for all fitness levels. Adventure seekers can explore jungle paths to Sarang Helang (Eagle's Nest) and Bukit Markuching, or enjoy panoramic views from the park's viewing tower. Home to over 80 bird species, including the rare Straw-headed Bulbul and the melodic White-rumped Shama, Tasek Lama perfectly blends recreation, relaxation, and rainforest discovery.

RECOMMENDED ACTIVITY

Brunei Safari & Heritage River Cruise

Brunei Safari River Cruise

Over 70% of Brunei Darussalam is covered in lush, evergreen rainforest. Before roads existed, rivers were the main routes connecting traditional settlements, with boats serving as vital links. The Brunei River, once the heart of trade and civilization, welcomed merchants from near and far seeking the country's rich natural resources.

Flowing into Brunei Bay and the South China Sea, the Brunei River branches into several tributaries, including Sungai Kedayan and Sungai Menglait, which weave through Bandar Seri Begawan. These rivers bring a touch of nature to the city as they pass by Taman Mahkota Jubli Emas, Kiulap, and Gadong, where jetties still line the banks.

Mangroves and nipah palms thrive along the riverbanks, creating sanctuaries for wildlife such as herons, egrets, and kingfishers. A boat ride along these rivers offers not only a refreshing city view but also a glimpse of the vibrant flora and fauna that flourish within the capital. Start your river safari from any jetty and let local boatmen take you on a scenic journey through Brunei's living heritage.

Scan QR code to download
our Safari River Cruise e-brochure
For more information visit Bruneitourism.com



Brunei Heritage River Cruise

Brunei Darussalam is one of Southeast Asia's oldest sovereign nations, with its early history recorded by Chinese, Arab, and Spanish explorers. The Brunei River played a vital role in shaping the nation's heritage as a major maritime trade route from the 14th to 16th centuries. Protected by the calm waters of Brunei Bay, merchant ships from China and Europe once anchored here, trading valuable goods during the empire's Golden Age under Sultan Bolkiah, the fifth Sultan of Brunei.

Foreign merchants brought gold, silk, silver, and ceramics to exchange for Brunei's prized natural resources — including spices, sandalwood, rattan, agarwood, and the highly valued camphor. Life thrived in Kampong Ayer, the remarkable water village that has stood on the Brunei River for over 600 years. Though many have since relocated to the mainland, a significant number of residents continue to live in this well-preserved settlement — still the largest water village in the world.

A cruise along the Brunei River offers a journey through this rich maritime past — where history, culture, and legend flow together, echoing the grandeur of the once-mighty Brunei Empire.

Scan QR code to download
our Heritage River Cruise e-brochure
For more information visit Bruneitourism.com



PLACES TO SHOP

Brunei is a land of hidden treasures with plenty of interesting places to shop. Discover the vibrant outdoor markets that sell an array of items ranging from local food to unique handicrafts. Alternatively, explore the shopping complexes that offer a diverse range of products such as clothing, electronics, and cosmetics under one roof. Each shopping area in Brunei has its charm and provides a unique shopping experience.

Bandar Seri Begawan

The equivalent to the Central Business District or Downtown, this area has a good mix of eclectic and high-end shops. Visit the Yayasan SHHB Complex or take a stroll around the myriad buildings to see what you might uncover there!

Gadong

Brunei's premier shopping area and home to the biggest and grandest mall in the country, The Mall. Have all of your shopping needs and food cravings met here!

Kiulap

A shopping zone ready to win you over with the multitude of trendy shops and restaurants there. Visit the new Impiana Jaya Complex or take a walk around Regent Square, One Riverside and others to find out what other retail treasures can be found.

Kg Jaya Setia

The latest shopping precinct, Kg Jaya Setia is full of life on any day. Browse through the shopping malls such as Times Square Shopping Complex, Citis Square, Airport Mall, BT Complex and Koprijaya Complex. It just one hop away from each other.

Batu Satu

A little further away from the other shopping areas but worth the trip. Plaza Abdul Razak has a diverse selection of shops while the neighbouring Plaza Athirah building has a big selection of colourful textile shops. Visit The One Brunei where you can get yourself a range of local souvenir at Bruneian Made shop. Take a walk through the streets to find more hidden treasures.

Brunei Arts and Handicraft Training Centre

Built along the banks of the Brunei River in Bandar Seri Begawan, the Brunei Arts & Handicraft Training Centre was established to preserve and promote the nation's rich tradition of craftsmanship. Visitors can explore exquisite displays of Jong Sarat brocades, hand-woven baskets, silverware, brassware, intricate wood carvings, and replicas of the traditional Keris dagger — many of which are available for purchase at the centre's shop. More than a showcase of heritage, the Centre also serves as a training hub, offering courses in weaving, metalwork, and woodcraft to ensure these artisanal skills continue to thrive. Located along Jalan Residency, it is an ideal stop for those wishing to observe live craft demonstrations, held every Monday and Wednesday from 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., where visitors can watch local artisans at work. Open on weekdays from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (with reduced hours on Fridays), the Centre offers a meaningful glimpse into Brunei's enduring artistic heritage



MUST TRY FOODS



Ambuyat

Brunei's proud national dish, ambuyat, is made from the starchy interior of the sago palm trunk mixed with water into a sticky, tapioca-like texture. It's eaten with a tangy, spicy dip called cacah — and traditionally, it's swallowed rather than chewed for its smooth, savoury taste. Using a V-shaped bamboo stick called candas, diners twirl the ambuyat, dip it into the cacah, and enjoy a uniquely Bruneian culinary experience.



Nasi Katok

“Nasi” means rice and “katok” means knock — a name born from the days when customers would knock on sellers’ doors to place an order. Over time, the name stuck, and nasi katok became one of Brunei’s most beloved dishes. Simple yet satisfying, it features a serving of rice, a piece of fried chicken, and a spicy sambal — all for just BND 1, making it a true local favourite.



Pulut Panggang

prepared by having its wrapped contents grilled instead of steamed, like it is done with kelupis. For some of the best tastes of pulut panggang, we recommend stopping by a long-standing Chinese restaurant called Mei Fang in Tutong. Be wary though as they’re so delicious there, they can even run out as early as 8:30 am in the morning!



Penyaram

Have you ever seen a UFO up-close and personal? Well, have you eaten a UFO before? In Brunei, you’ll get that chance. The Penyaram, or also known as Kuih UFO, a creation by the Bruneian Malay and the Bajaus. Take some rice flour, or corn flour, sprinkle in some coconut milk to mold the dough, before throwing it into a pan-full of hot cooking oil for a bite of Brunei’s very own UFO!

COFFEE SPOTS TO EXPLORE



Ri's Cafe

Located near One Riverside, this cosy beige café offers aromatic brews, pastries, and desserts in a warm home-like setting. Relax on plush sofas indoors or enjoy the fresh air outside while soaking in the serene ambience.

Instagram: @riscafe.bn



Dil's Café

Just a 5-minute drive from Kiulap, Dil's Café is a must-visit for coffee lovers and foodies alike. Owned by Dil, a passionate coffee connoisseur, the café serves local favourites and sweet treats, including unique cakes crafted from his own recipes. Even the vegan cakes are packed with flavour, making every visit a delicious experience.

Instagram: @dils.cafe.bn



Erti Kopi

Open daily from 7am to midnight, Erti Kafe in Berakas is a favourite for office workers and late-night café-goers. Founded by two brothers, the café boasts award-winning baristas and a menu of specialty coffees and creative mocktails.

(Instagram: @erti.kopi)



Roasted Sip

Cosy and warm, Roasted Sip offers a great ambience for conversations or some peaceful me-time. As a local roaster, their beans are roasted on-site and served across several branches in Bandar Seri Begawan. For those attending the event, the nearest outlets are located at Kiulap and Pavo Point in the city centre. They open early for sunrise-chasers to enjoy freshly brewed coffee, warm pastries, and delightful desserts in a jar.

Instagram: @roastedsip

MATCHA HIGHLIGHTS IN BRUNEI



Chasen

Tucked in the bustling heart of Kiulap's commercial district, Chasen has established itself as a go-to matcha café in Brunei. Known for its wide range of flavored matcha and a rare Houjicha series, it offers something for both traditionalists and adventurous palates. The café also delights with matcha ice cream and trendy desserts — currently serving the popular banana pudding matcha, a hit in the global matcha scene.



Kyo

Kyo, proudly calling itself “The Matcha Space,” started as a home-based venture in Mata-Mata and has now opened its first café in Menglait. Specialising in authentic ceremonial matcha, the café also delights visitors with matcha-based pastries, sweets, and desserts — a perfect haven for matcha lovers seeking both tradition and creativity in every sip and bite.



Koicha Matcha Studio

Koicha began as a humble pop-up in 2022 and blossomed into a full café by late 2024. Dedicated to authenticity, it serves specialty matcha made from the highest-grade ceremonial powder, carefully prepared to offer a refined and refreshing experience, making it a must-visit for true matcha lovers.



Matcha Mura Tea Room

Nestled in Jerudong, Matcha Mura Tea Room is a must-visit for matcha lovers, offering flavored matcha like strawberry and gula melaka, plus refreshing fusions such as Lemonade Matcha. Open daily and until midnight on Saturdays, it's perfect for both daytime treats and late-night indulgence.

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