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Abba Paradise



MESSAGE FROM

YAB Tan Sri Datuk Patinggi Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Tun Abang Haji Openg

Premier of Sarawak

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By 2030, Sarawak will be a thriving society driven by data and innovation where everyone enjoys economic prosperity, social inclusivity and a sustainable environment.

The development of tourism in Sarawak has been grounded on a pledge that it would be carried out in a responsible and sustainable manner. The tourism sector has been identified as one of the most important economic pillars in the Post Covid-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030.

Our tourism aspiration is to position Sarawak as a leading destination for eco-tourism and business events in the ASEAN region by 2030 driven by empowered communities to conserve heritage, culture and biodiversity and to promote investment and development through responsible actions.

”

MESSAGE FROM

YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah

Minister for Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts Sarawak
Minister for Youth, Sports and Entrepreneur Development Sarawak

“ I echo the sentiment of the Premier in lauding “The Blueprint for Bau District 2016-2030”. I believe this Blueprint has become a catalyst for a transformed Bau District. When we mentioned the word “Bau” in the past, we would immediately think of gold mining, Tasik Biru, Fairy Cave, and Wind Cave. We know now that Bau District has a lot more to offer. It is known for its nature, culture, and geological heritage. If well managed and developed, these resources can be turned into attractive and lucrative business opportunities to benefit all stakeholders, including the local community.

It is critically important that tourism officials and stakeholders unite their efforts to work with community members and allow them to take a greater role in safeguarding and developing their areas. To revitalize any host community and rural destination, effective partnership and community empowerment are essential. For me, all the benefits that tourism brings are real “gold”. Today we are not here to look for gold as a mineral. Rather we are here because we believe that a responsible and sustainable development of Bau District will generate greater wealth for every stakeholder, including the community members.



FOREWORD

About Bau District and Its Tourism Development

Sarawak is home to many of Malaysia's natural wonders, among which is Bau District. Located a 40-minute drive away from Sarawak's capital, Bau earned its name when the gold mining industry emerged and flourished in the region during the mid-19th century. Chinese labourers were brought in to work in the mines, but conflicts arose and led to a protest against the White Rajah in 1857. The confrontation forced the protesters to retreat into a cave, where they were either burnt alive or suffocated to death by fire. The cave was henceforth called the Ghost Cave, while the surrounding area came to be known as "Bau", which translates into "smelly" in English. Another story behind Bau's name is related to the Bidayuh people, who referred to the "New Village" as "Kupua Baauh" in their native language. Gradually, "Baauh" became "Bau" for non-Biyaduh speakers.



Dr. Hiram Ting
Chairman, Sarawak Research Society
Director, Responsible Borneo

Bau District may be small but has plenty to offer in terms of attractions, especially when it is managed well and developed responsibly. For example, the Fairy Cave, named after the stalagmite structure at its entrance, recently reopened after undergoing maintenance and upgrading works. Tasik Biru (meaning "blue lake" in English), so-called for its greenish-blue hue produced by the reflections of the plants and sky, was a popular gold mining spot in the early 20th century. Today, it has become a new tourist attraction due to rapid development by a private company as well as various local events and activities. Another example is the Siniawan night market, which was once a station leading to gold mines and a stagnant market up to a decade ago. It is now a must-visit place for food, culture, and art lovers. The recent Siniawan Country Music Festival is also a success story showcasing the district's tourism potential.

At the end of 2020, Sarawak Premier, YB Tan Sri Datuk Patinggi Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Abang Haji Openg, announced a 10-year masterplan to revive and develop a "Greater Bau" in collaboration with the public and private sectors in Sarawak. He asserts that comprehensive economic activities in tourism and agriculture constitute the core of the masterplan for transforming Bau District. "With all this planning, the people of Bau as well as in the whole of Sarawak have a bright future because now, we also control our oil and gas activities," he stated during the launch of the Bau Bicentennial Celebration 2020 at Tasik Biru

With an allocation of RM 94 million for basic infrastructure development and RM233 million for the whole masterplan, the Sarawak Premier hopes that tourism will be the new gold for Bau District to exploit. Sharing the same view, Tasik Biru State Assemblyman YB Dato Henry Harry Jinep added, "We want Bau to be the epicentre of Sarawak's eco-tourism industry, capitalising on the tourism belt of Santubong-Bau-Sematan, presenting the endless potential to be developed as the Eco-Tourism capital of Sarawak, leveraging on digital technology [sic]." YB Dato Sri Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah, the Minister for Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts Sarawak also expressed this sentiment during the grand opening of the Paku Rock Maze Garden and Borneo Keranji Farm on 2 September, where he elevated tourism as the real gold in Sarawak for its great potential to generate wealth for every stakeholder, including the local community, when all parties work together in partnership.

About REBORN and Its Green and Gold Tourism Project

Responsible Borneo (REBORN) is an initiative under the Sarawak Research Society (SRS) aiming to deploy tourism as a vehicle to advance the knowledge and practice of responsible actions for sustainable development. It officially commenced on 28 May 2021 during the closing ceremony of ICRT2021, when YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah declared the Sarawak Commitment to Responsible Tourism (SACREST) to rebuild tourism responsibly for a sustainable future. One of its pioneering projects is the "Green and Gold Experiential Tourism in Bau District," which focuses on tourism development through effective partnerships with local communities and relevant stakeholders.

One of the initiative's driving beliefs is that tourism stakeholders, including government officials, tourism and hospitality professionals, travel businesses, academics, researchers, associations, students, community members, and visitors, should work in unison to develop tourism purposefully with the local community as the core. In fact, tourism should be developed sustainably not only to minimise its negative impacts but also to maximise benefits for society. In the wake of Covid-19, in particular, the restart and rebound of tourism must be done responsibly to ensure that every stakeholder plays their part effectively as equal partners. This includes involving local community members in tourism projects and activities so that they become resilient to challenges and more capable of safeguarding their destinations and improving their livelihood. Such an approach corresponds to the Post Covid-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030, which lays down the roadmap for Sarawak to grow into a thriving society and developed state by 2030.

This book, *Green and Gold Tourism in Bau*, serves as a guide to the history, culture, nature, arts, food, and attractions of Bau District. Through vivid descriptions, captivating photographs, and informative anecdotes of the various aspects of life in Bau, readers will be taken on a journey through its tourism destinations and offerings, from the imposing Mount Singai to the mystical Fairy Cave, and from the bustling weekend market to the quiet countryside. This is by no means a comprehensive narrative; rather, it is hopefully a starting point for more content to be created in the future to showcase Bau District and other destinations in Sarawak as well as to demonstrate how we can develop tourism in a responsible manner.

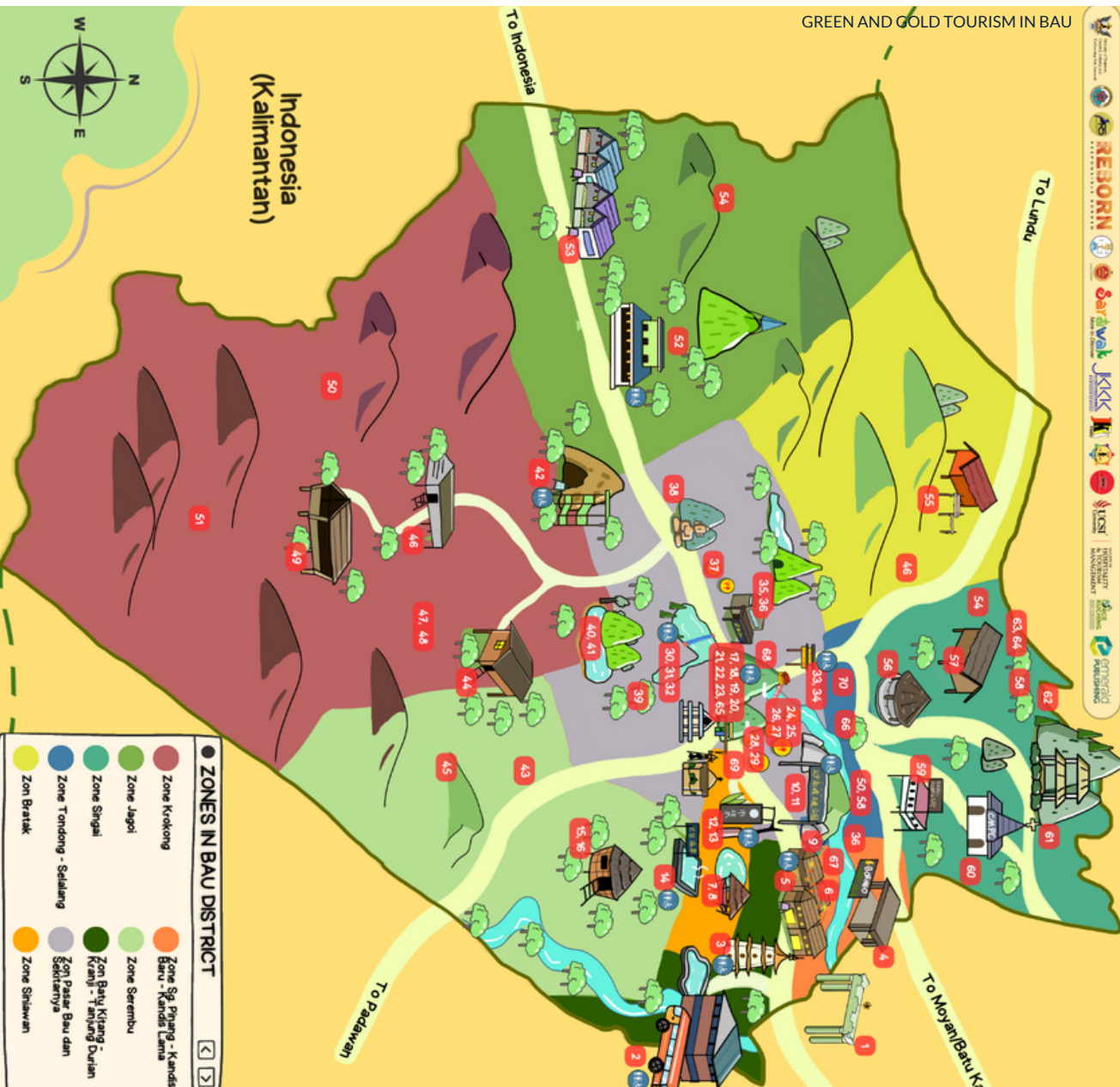
ABOUT BAU DISTRICT

Bau District is not just a place to visit, but a place to explore and experience. This district is rich with “green and gold” where “green” represents nature and landscapes in the District, and “gold” refers to history and culture, using the gold mining history in the area in the 18th-19th century as the reference. Bau is blessed with natural wonders and cultural heritage. It has a long history involving the locals and those who moved to or worked in the area. It is a destination where people can experience culture, adventure, nature, food and festivals (CANFF) which are promoted by Sarawak Tourism Board (STB) and tourism stakeholders in Sarawak to discover more about the state. As the District is just next to Kuching District and is thus not far from Kuching International Airport and Kuching Sentral Bus Terminal, it is convenient for domestic and international visitors to have a day tour and vacation (or staycation) there. Bau Masterplan and Blueprint 2030 with tourism being one of the core sectors demonstrates the long-term strategy and action plans to transform Bau District into Greater Bau, hence another thriving district in Sarawak and Malaysia.

Given its diverse offerings, Bau District has emerged as a popular tourism destination. The local authorities, such as Bau District Office, and local communities have also put a lot of effort into developing various tourism products and destinations. When Movement Control Order (MCO) was lifted, with domestic tourism being a feasible option and intensely promoted in Sarawak, Bau District often appeared to be the primary choice of visitors during weekends and public holidays. Hence, it gives rise to experiential tourism to connect to the nature and culture of Bau rather than mere short visits for leisure. It provides opportunities for visitors to experience and appreciate Bau like never before.



*Bau Tourism Information Kiosk is located in Bau town and was constructed as well as officially established in the year 2022. The kiosk operates from **Thursday to Sunday (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)**. During the launching of the kiosk, the Minister for Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts Sarawak, YB Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah, mentioned that this was included in the blueprint of Greater Bau 2030. This kiosk will help to promote the tourism products of the locals and provide information for the visitors.*



- ZONES IN BAU DISTRICT**
- Zone Krakong
 - Zone Sg. Pinang - Kandas Baru - Kanda Lama
 - Zone Jajoi
 - Zone Serembu
 - Zone Singai
 - Zone Bary Kiang - Kanyi - Tanjung Durian
 - Zone Tondong - Salang
 - Zon Pasir Bau dan Sekitarnya
 - Zon Barak
 - Zon Shawan

- LEGEND**
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| 2 | Borneo Keranjil Farm | 24 | Lohuh Bau Beer Garden |
| 3 | KBS Buddhist Village | 25 | Lakli Bamboo Resort |
| 4 | Borneo Happy Farm | 26 | Abdul Rahman Cafe |
| 5 | Shawan Night Market | 27 | AK Curry House |
| 6 | Shan Teck Temple | 28 | Ming Meng Food Court |
| 7 | Serembu Eco Park | 29 | Wang Siang Garden Food Court |
| 8 | Mount Krian | 30 | Task Biru |
| 9 | Nirvana Memorial Temple | 31 | Task Biru Food Village |
| 10 | Paku Rook Maze Garden | 32 | Bong Lau Sian |
| 11 | Shak Bong Kung Paku | 33 | Maw San Heritage Lane |
| 12 | Paku Basar | 34 | Quo Wang Old Temple |
| 13 | Tai Spin Ja Fok Chu Nian San Tan | 35 | Wind Cave Heritage House |
| 14 | Paku Hot Spring | 36 | Wind Cave |
| 15 | Merembah Carving Park | 37 | Talton Don't Know Cafe |
| 16 | The Kadang Bar | 38 | Small Buddha Cave, Boating Bau |
| 17 | Bau Town | 39 | Cheah Yun Qiang Yin Temple |
| 18 | Peraturan Amritabha Bau | 40 | Gold Mine Cave |
| 19 | Bau Tourist Information Kiosk | 41 | Sleeping Beauty |
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| 21 | Masjid Daud Imam | 43 | Sigong Dorod Sliat Cafe |
| 22 | Ghost Cave | 44 | Abba Paradise |
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| 62 | Sarow Waterfall | | |
| 63 | Asis Tourang Resort and Homestay | | |
| 64 | Asis Buan Resort Homestay | | |
| 65 | UniversitiAsteram Vihara Nektaram | | |
| 66 | Long Hua Kung Temple | | |
| 67 | Shui Kio Bai Gong Temple | | |

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 - Bau Hospital : +6082 - 763 711
 - Bau Fire and Rescue Station : +6082 - 763 444
 - Emergency : 999
 - Pemena Bong Jong Long : +60 13-614 0700
 - Nicholas Tiong : +60 16-860 8986

BAU District Tourism Map
石隆门地区旅游地图
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ABBA PARADISE

📍 Lot 3281, Kampung Bidi, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

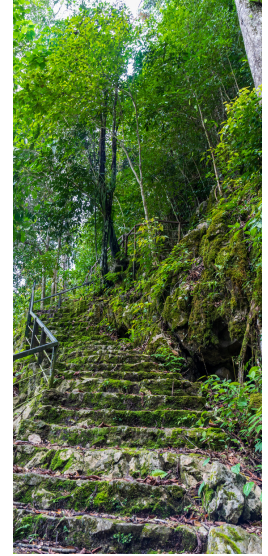
🕒 Open Daily | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

📱 Abba Paradise 阿爸乐园 Bau



Abba Paradise is a wonderful retreat destination for nature enthusiasts and those looking for a peaceful haven. Camping at Abba Paradise with family and friends is fantastic. It is reasonably priced, kid-friendly, and full of healthy activities such as exercising, reading, playing game, constructing shelters, cooking and eating wonderful meals, watching movies, and sleeping under the stars. As a result, it is one of the country's most popular leisure area.

Abba Paradise invites everyone to our small tropical paradise teeming with God's handiwork.



ABDUL RAHMAN CAFÉ

📍 Kampung Melayu Bau, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

🕒 Monday-Saturday | 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

☎ (+60) 11-1404 3594



Abdul Rahman Cafe and Catering is a restaurant with catering service located in the town of Bau. The restaurant serves a variety of Malaysian and Asian dishes, including rice, noodles, soups and curries. Abdul Rahman Cafe and Catering is known for its affordable prices and friendly service. It is a popular spot for locals and visitors, and has received positive reviews for its delicious food and welcoming atmosphere.



ADIS TIPORANG RESORT AND HOMESTAY

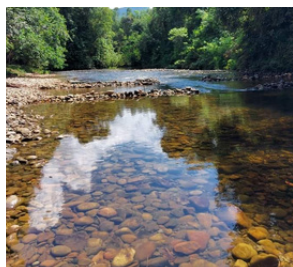


📍 Jalan Singai, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

🕒 Open Daily | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

☎ (+60) 17-805 1996



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Adis Tiporang is an attraction in Singai with a background of mountains and a pleasant atmosphere. The resort was first built in 2014. Its name was inspired by the rivers "Adis" and "Tiporang" in Kampung Segong Bau. Initially, this area was for rice cultivation. Later, the owner built an environmental landscape around the recreation and picnic area. Please contact the admin or person-in-charge for more information about the price of the resort.



ADIS BUAN RESORT HOMESTAY

 Kampung Segong, Singai, 94000 Bau, Sarawak  Wednesday-Monday | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.


 Homestay Adis Buan Resort


Adis Buan Resort is located near a clear river where the water flows from the mountain. The entrance fee is very reasonable. Visitors can enjoy various interesting activities here including kayaking, camping, renting a room, baruk or hut, barbecue, and picnic.




**"ENJOY PICNIC AT THE LUSH FOREST SURROUNDINGS,
BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAINS AND CRYSTAL WATER STREAMS"**

AK CURRY HOUSE

 Tondong, 94000, Bau

 Open Daily | 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

 (+60) 14-381 5717




AK Curry House is located in the vibrant town of Tondong in Bau, Sarawak. Our restaurant serves delicious and authentic Indian cuisine, prepared with fresh and locally sourced ingredients. AK Curry House offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere, with comfortable seating and friendly staff. Our menu features a variety of flavorful dishes, including traditional Indian curries, biryanis, and tandoori specialities. We also offer a range of vegetarian options, as well as delicious sides and desserts. Whether you are a fan of Indian cuisine or simply looking for a delicious meal, we welcome you to come and dine at AK Curry House. It is an opportunity to taste the flavours of India in the heart of Sarawak and experience the warm hospitality and culinary expertise of our family-owned restaurant.



AMITABHA, BAU

 Jalan Datuk Salau, Pekan Bau, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily




Amitabha, Bau was established in 1998. Initially, the local community worshipped with small wooden sticks in this area. Later on, they decided to build a small buddha worship temple which is now the Amitabha temple. According to the local community, Amitabha became a place of worship because of the prayers of the pregnant women. These women prayed for the safe delivery of their babies and it worked for every one of them who prayed and made a wish. The Amitabha temple is an evidence that the Bau district used to be a very small town and has developed since then.



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BADUL HOMESTAY

 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily

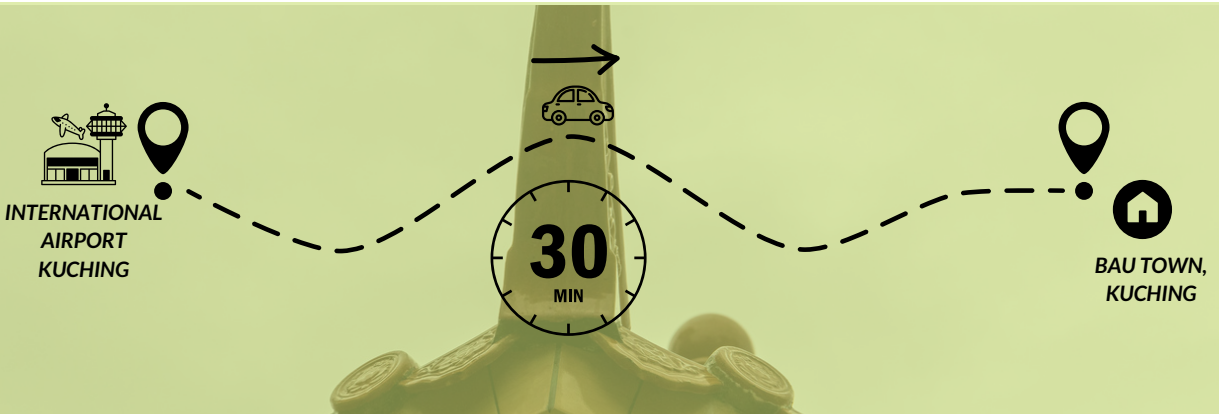
 Badul Homestay Singai - BHS




Badul Homestay is a peaceful and charming retreat located in the picturesque town of Singai in Bau Sarawak. Our homestay offers a unique opportunity to experience the local culture and way of life while enjoying comfortable and authentic accommodations. Badul Homestay features cosy and spacious guest rooms that are furnished with traditional decor and modern amenities. You can choose from a variety of room options, including private rooms and shared dormitories, all of which are designed to provide a comfortable and relaxing stay.




Source from Badul Homestay Facebook

**BONG LAU SIAN TEMPLE**

 Jalan Bong Loh Sian, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

 (+60) 19-818 0880



Bong Lau Sian Temple is a Chinese temple located in Bau. It is a popular religious site among the local Chinese community and attracts visitors from other parts of Sarawak and beyond. The temple is dedicated to various deities and features ornate decorations, including intricate carvings, statues and colourful paintings. Bong Lau Sian Temple holds various cultural and religious events throughout the year, including Chinese New Year celebrations and other traditional festivals. It is a must-visit destination for anyone interested in Chinese culture and religion.

BORNEO TRIBAL VILLAGE



Bung Bikuang Obut Pikatang, Adis Soba Road, Kampung Apar Singai, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

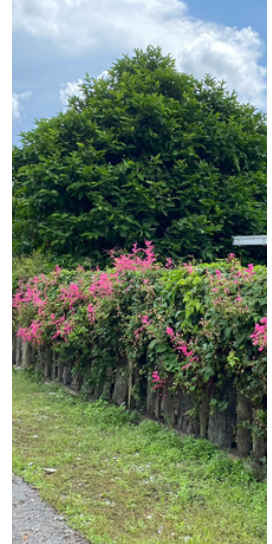


Monday-Saturday | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Borneo Tribal Village

Borneo Tribal Village, nestling at the fringe of Kampung Apar Singai, is a jungle resort and a unique eco-tourism product intended to be a tribal heritage blending and evolving into contemporary living and the living museum of flora and fauna and local tribes of Sarawak in Borneo, East Malaysia. All the building designs of the traditional village section are based on the traditional building architecture using local materials but aided by modern construction methods. The village, set in a primary jungle and rainforest, has a mystical tranquil ambiance. The planting scheme will incorporate indigenous fruit trees, herbs, shrubs, pitcher plants and wild orchids. Visitors will also get to try Bidayuh cuisine alongside a wide-ranging menu to cater to all tastes upon request. Borneo Tribal Village will support and promote the retention and understanding of the Bidayuh language, culture, and tradition, and indeed, will support local employment and economic and community development.



BORNEO KERANJI FARM



C7J6+F5, 94000 Bau, Sarawak



Open Daily | 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.




Borneo Keranji Farm


First, the idea to establish Borneo Keranji Farm is based on the location near the airport. The management wishes this place to be a choice for people to come every week for a day trip or weekend stay. Moreover, Borneo Keranji Farm can also be a place for gathering. This place has a Bus Cafe that can accommodate around 20 people. It can also be used for barbecue and steamboat. In terms of the concept, Borneo Keranji Farm is adopting Borneo element like the Dayak design on the bus, the music played and the use of Belian wood.




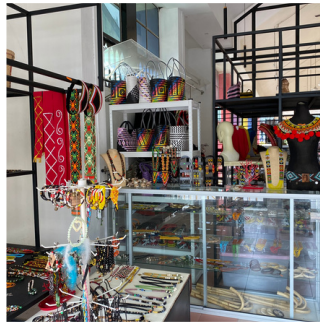
BAU HANDICRAFT HOUSE

Bau Handicraft House is a cultural and tourist attraction located in the town of Bau. The Bau Handicraft House features a variety of handicrafts made by the local Bidayuh community, including woven baskets, beadwork, wood carvings and pottery. Visitors can watch the artisans at work and learn about the traditional techniques used to create these beautiful and unique crafts. The Bau Handicraft House is a popular attraction for tourists interested in learning about and supporting local traditional crafts. If you are visiting Bau and are interested in cultural tourism or looking for unique souvenirs to bring back home, the Bau Handicraft House is worth a visit!

 Pekan Bau, 94000 Bau, Sarawak


 Open Daily | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

 (+60) 82-763 130



BUNG JAGOI HERITAGE & SUMMIT

 Kampung Duyoh, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

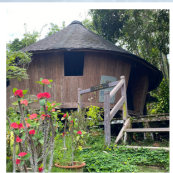
 Bung Jagoi Tourism



Bung Jagoi or Mount Jagoi was the first Bidayuh village within the Jagoi areas dating back to the 1920s. It is located on a pristine hilltop with the highest peak measuring 1,600 feet above sea level. Though this legendary Bung Jagoi provided settlement to the community, a place to hunt, collect forest products and practise shifting agriculture, it still has more than 400 hectares of tropical green rainforest. Located an hour's drive from Kuching, Bung Jagoi is situated near the Malaysia-Kalimantan, Indonesia border. Bung means summit in the Bidayuh Bau dialect. Hence the area is near the hilltop, about 280 meters above sea level and surrounded by more than 500 hectares of pristine forest.




With just around 320 meters above sea level, the Bung Jagoi is one of the most family-friendly trails in Kuching. The trail is easy to hike and suitable for children and seniors, perfect for a weekend gateway. Furthermore, it also has a picturesque viewpoint on the summit peak. And if hiking is not your cup of tea, you can bring your family to the waterfall, just a few minutes of walk at the mountain base.





"A HIDDEN GEM OF BUNG JAGOI"



BUNG PODAD

 Kampung Peros, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

 (+60) 13-803 5516
(+60) 17-858 3918



The formation of Malaysia on 16 September 1963 led to the Malaysia-Indonesia confrontation as a result of the policy practised by Indonesia against the Dutch and the Sultanate of Brunei since 1962. From 20 January 1963 to 11 August 1966, Camp Podad was a military operation control base in Sarawak (Malaysia) and Borneo that controlled the border and air route from Lundu to Serian. Also, this area used to become a station which to boost the signal more stronger to other station. Therefore, Podad Camp is a historic place that needs to be visited.

Bung Podad is a peak of mountain located in the Kampung Peros area of the Bau district in the state of Sarawak, Malaysia. It is situated in a hilly area surrounded by lush green forests and is known for its beautiful natural scenery. Like many other villages in the Bau district, Bung Podad is mainly inhabited by the Bidayuh people, who are the indigenous people of Sarawak. The Bidayuh people have a rich cultural heritage and are known for their traditional practices, music, and cuisine. One of the popular dishes of the Bidayuh people is manok pansoh, which is chicken cooked in bamboo over an open fire. Another popular dish is midin, a wild fern cooked with garlic, chilli, and shrimp paste.

Bung Podad is a great place to visit if you are looking to experience the culture and traditions of the Bidayuh people and enjoy the natural beauty of Sarawak. The village offers a peaceful and serene environment, and visitors can enjoy activities like hiking, birdwatching, and swimming in nearby rivers and streams.



BUNG BRATAK HERITAGE CENTRE



Kampung Tembawang Sauh,
Jalan Bau-Lundu, 94000 Bau, Sarawak



Open Daily | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Bung Bratak Heritage Centre



Bung Bratak Heritage Centre is one of the most historic heritage sites in Sarawak. The journey from Kuching to Lundu via Batu Kawa/Pekan Bau takes approximately one hour. The entrance fee is RM10 per person. If you want to get in touch with nature, you can spend the night here. The accommodation price ranges from RM90 to RM140, depending on the package provided. The highest peak recorded for Bung Bratak was 161 mdpl. To get to the top, you can continue to hike from behind the cafe around the area. To get here, you may park your vehicle at the foot of the hill and climb leisurely through the steps for 20 to 30 minutes. The comfortable air and the view overlooking Mount Singai and Serapi are very pleasing to the eye and can relieve the fatigue of climbing.



Bung Bratak is one of the settlements of the Jagoi Bidayuh community since 750 years ago. In 1838, it was attacked by outsiders where houses were burned, adults were killed and children were kidnapped. At the time of the incident, Commander Kulow and the others were managing rice crops at the foot of the hill.





Following the incident, Commander Kulow sought the help of Rajah James Brooke and managed to rescue the kidnapped children. After that, Bung Bratak was rebuilt and returned to prosperity and harmony. But over time, the people around this area have moved to other places. Now it is one of the tourist centres in Sarawak, and the Bung Bratak Festival is held on Sept 1 every year to commemorate this event.


C



CATHOLIC MEMORIAL PILGRIMAGE CENTER

 Jalan CMPC Kampung Tanjong Bowang Singai, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

 (+60) 13-805 7776



WORTH WALKING UP GAZILLION STEPS!

Catholic Memorial and Pilgrimage Centre, located half way up Mount Singai in Bau, is both a retreat and a pilgrimage centre for locals and visitors. The climb up the mountain slope is easy as wooden steps have been built by the local community. You can see a lot of fruit trees and wild flowers on both sides of the trail. The centre has a hostel, a dining hall, a Church and a gretto. The hike to the centre will provide a much needed exercise for the body and the mind.




“We may have different religions, different languages, different colored skin, but we all belong to one human race”


-- Kofi Annan.



CHEE YUN QUANG YIN TEMPLE

 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:30am - 5:00pm


 (+60) 19-818 0880


The temple is known for its beautiful architecture and intricate decorations, which feature traditional Chinese motifs and designs. Visitors can admire the colourful paintings and statues of deities, as well as the ornate carvings and engravings on the temple's pillars and beams. In addition to its religious significance, the Chee Yun Quang Yin Temple is also a cultural landmark in Sarawak, reflecting the history and traditions of the Chinese community in the region. The temple hosts various cultural and religious events throughout the year, including festivals, prayer sessions, and meditation retreats.




D

DONU PENINJAU / JAMES BROOKE HERITAGE TRAIL/BUNG MUAN

 Kampung Peninjau Lama, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Booking Only

 (+60) 82-763 129


One of Sarawak's most famous historical sites is located around the riverine bazaar of Siniawan and Mount Serembu. Siniawan was made famous by Rajah James Brooke who built a cottage high up in the hills. James Brooke first




travelled up the Sarawak River in 1839 to quell a rebellion led by the Sarawak Malay aristocracy under their chief Datu Patinggi Ali who challenged the authority of the Brunei Sultanate who colonised the State from as early as the 15th century. In 1841 after making peace with the Sarawak Malays, Brooke became their Rajah and their Bidayuh allies at Bung Muan and planned to develop the area. After Brooke became Rajah, he put an end to head-hunting and built a cottage just above Bung Muan at a place called Peninjau. Spenser St John said Peninjau got its name from a large rock jutting out of the mountain from where the Rajah would sit and enjoy a panoramic view of Gunung Santubong and the meandering Sarawak River.

DAYAK TUA PEK KONG TEMPLE

 Toluok Mongag, Kampung Bijuray Mongag, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

 (+60) 10-356 5560



Jambusan Road is a road located in the Kampung Skiat area of Bau district in Sarawak, Malaysia. The road is home to the Tua Pek Kong Temple, which is a significant religious site for the local Chinese community. The Tua Pek Kong Temple is a traditional Chinese temple dedicated to the deity Tua Pek Kong, who is believed to be a protector of sailors. The temple is an important cultural and historical landmark in the area and is visited by many locals and tourists. Inside the temple, visitors can see statues of various Chinese deities, including Tua Pek Kong, Guan Yin and Buddha.

The temple hosts various religious and cultural events throughout the year, including the Chinese New Year celebrations, the Mid-Autumn Festival, and the Hungry Ghost Festival. These events offer visitors the opportunity to experience the traditional Chinese culture and customs. More and more people are praying at Tua Pek Kong Temple. It has become a great destination to experience the Chinese culture and traditions in Sarawak, Malaysia. The temple is a significant landmark in the area and is a must-visit for anyone interested in exploring the cultural diversity of the region.





FAIRY CAVE



94000 Bau, Sarawak



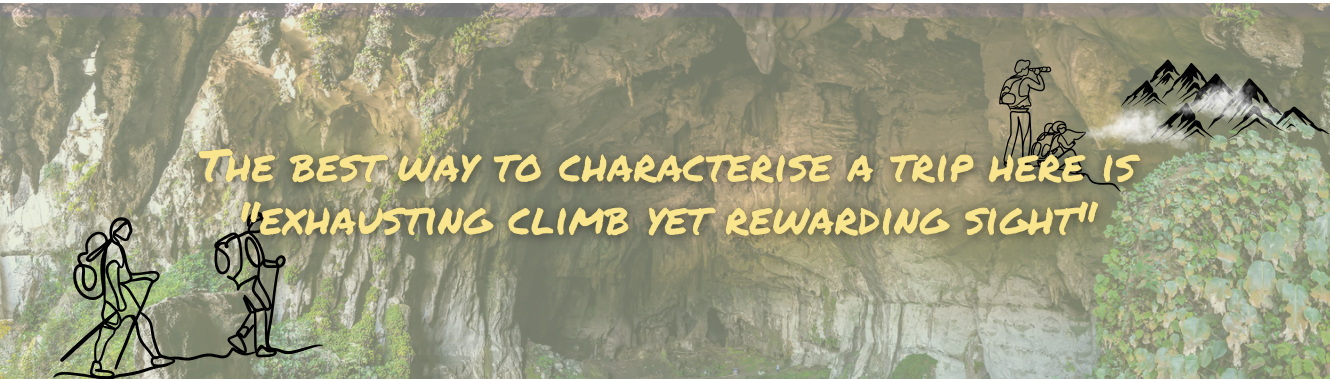
Tuesday-Sunday | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



(+60) 13-803 5516



Even though the climb may be challenging for someone, But, since Sarawak Forest Corporate (SFC) involved, the facilities is more improved to ensure the safety of visitors. Visitors can access the interior areas, where additional caverns are visible, using adequate concrete walkways. The morning is the ideal time to travel as the sunlight makes the interior structures appear even more amazing to the camera. The large roof hole of Fairy Cave, a colossal breach through which the sun shines into the cave's interior structures, must be the most impressive scenic view of the cave. With its lush vegetation, shimmering sunrays, and intimidating rock environs, the gap itself is a photographer's dream scene.




For those who enjoy taking photos within natural caverns, Fairy Cave in Bau is a must-visit location. Kuching is only a short drive away. You must go up around four flights of steps to get to the door, so be advised! It goes without saying that the view from the summit is stunning. Over the horizon is a cave surrounded by agricultural land with rice fields, other crops, and undeveloped woodland. Another wonder is the cave itself. Stalactites and stalagmites in the limestone caverns with deep scars are massive. The structure of the cave has been described in several literary works as a massive, miles-long limestone protrusion.





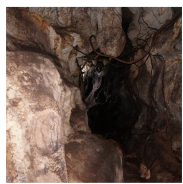
 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Not Open for Public

GHOST CAVE


The history of Ghost Cave all began when the reform-minded administration under Hadfields Brooke angered the Mau San miners and the Twelve Kongs, sparking a rebellion against the White Rajah in 1857, led by Liu Shan Bang, the leader of the Twelve Kongs, at Tian Tsze Lung Kung in Mau San. About 600 miners who had neither proper weapons nor military training, paddled down the Sarawak River to attack the Astana. Hadfields Brooke escaped by swimming across the Sarawak River to the southern shore. Not long after, Brooke retaliated with his army, comprising Skrang Iban warriors and Malays loyal to him, and defeated the miners in a series of counterattacks. More than 100 miners were killed, including Liu Shan Bang in Jugan Siniawan. The Shan Teck


Photo credit: Mr. Jong (Facebook)




Temple in Siniawan was later built in memory of the tragic event. It was said that the remaining miners retreated further into Mau San. Some escaped to Sambas and Kalimantan, while most perished on the way. Many miners and their families hid in Ghost Cave and were subsequently hunted down and killed by the Rajah's forces. The Rajah's forces blocked the cave's entrance by wooden blocks and burned it. The victims inside the cave were choked by the smoke and died. Since then, many Bau residents have been avoiding the cave like a plague after being told it was haunted.

GUO WANG OLD TEMPLE

 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.


 (+60) 19-818 0880





The Guo Wang Old Temple is another notable temple located in the town of Bau, in the state of Sarawak, Malaysia. This Taoist temple is dedicated to the deity Guan Yu, who is known for his loyalty, bravery, and righteousness in Chinese mythology. The temple is believed to have been built in the late 19th century by Chinese immigrants who settled in the area. Over the years, the temple has undergone several renovations and expansions, but it has retained its traditional architecture and decorations. The temple portrays an important cultural and religious landmark in Bau, reflecting the history and traditions of the Chinese community in the region.



GOLDEN HILL TEMPLE

 C562+QC, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.


 (+60) 19-818 0880



In the early days, the Tua Pek Kong is only located in a small area for people to worship. The miners always worship the god before working to get protection and success in mining activities. After 1990, the Tua Pek Kong is established and has become a temple on top of Mountain Tasik Biru until now. Tua Pek Kong Tasik Biru is a relatively new temple, having been built in the early 2000s. It features a traditional Chinese architectural style, with ornate decorations and intricate carvings. The temple not only equipped some facilities, but renovated with new feature, for example, the red bridge. Visitors to Tua Pek Kong Tasik Biru can enjoy the beautiful scenery of the surroundings, including the Blue Lake nearby.



GOLD MINE CAVE (DERED KRIAN NATIONAL PARK)

 C562+QC, 94000 Bau, Sarawak  Not open for Public

The mining cave is situated within a Totally Protected Area (TPA) of the Dered Krian National Park, managed by the Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC). This low-lying area is susceptible to flooding, especially during the rainy season. However, during a recent tour, it was alarming to discover an increase in illegal mining activities within the cave, causing significant damage to its interior. Unless these unlawful mining activities are halted, they pose a severe threat to permanently altering the cave's natural state. To address this issue, Sarawak Delta GeoPark collected samples for further investigation.



Green & Gold experimental tour program to Dered Krain National Park with MOTAC on 7th October 2023. Scan here to read more.

H

HOMESTAY KROKONG



Kampung Krokong Peros, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

Open Daily | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(+60) 13-803 5516



Homestay Krokong is in the District of Bau. It is a historical place and the first gold mine in Sarawak. It is approximately a 40-minute drive from Kuching City International Airport along with a beautiful scenic panorama all the way to Bau. Homestay Krokong is unique and has plenty to offer. The surrounding is blessed with limestone mountains and caves which are excellent for rock climbing activities and birdnest harvesting. The aura of staying at the farm-style home, with riverine sports and its unspoiled greenery, plenty of forest to trek and mountain biking trails make your stay all the more memorable. The area has 24-hour Wi-Fi and other cellular communication services.



HERITAGE HOUSE BAU

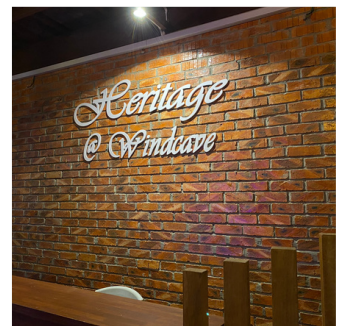
1140, Lot 10, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

Tuesday-Sunday | 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

(+60) 19-316 7988




Heritage House Bau is a cultural and tourism accommodation option. The Heritage House features a comfortable environment. During their stay, guests can enjoy the lounge and wake up to a beautiful mountain view. They can also learn about the history and culture of the Bidayuh community and visit nearby cultural attractions, such as the Wind Cave Heritage Trail and the Bung Bratak Heritage Centre.




K

KAMPUNG LIDAH TANAH

 *Jln Kampong Lidah Tanah,
93250 Bau, Sarawak*

 *Booking Only*

 *(+60) 82-763 129*


Kampung Lidah Tanah is a small village located in the Bau district of Sarawak, Malaysia. The village is known for its historical significance as the final resting place of Allahyarham Kenit Bin Jen, a prominent figure in the Bidayuh community. Allahyarham Kenit Bin Jen was a community leader and a respected figure in the Bidayuh community. He played an important role in the development of the Bidayuh community in Sarawak, particularly in the Bau district. His contributions to the community were recognised by the state government, who awarded him the title of Pemanca. After passing away, Allahyarham Kenit Bin Jen was buried in Kampung Lidah Tanah. His grave has become a significant landmark in the village and is visited by many people who come to pay their respects.




Kampung Lidah Tanah is a quiet and peaceful village that offers visitors a glimpse into the traditional lifestyle of the Bidayuh people. The village is surrounded by lush green forests and is home to many traditional Bidayuh houses. Overall, Kampung Lidah Tanah is a place of historical significance and is a great place to visit if you are interested in learning about the culture and traditions of the Bidayuh people in Sarawak.

KBS BUDDHIST VILLAGE

 *271, Jalan Kopit, Kampong Tanjung
Durian, 94000 Bau, Sarawak*

 *Open Daily | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

 *(+60) 82-699 816*



The Buddhist New Village is the construction of a new Buddhist community under the Kuching Buddhist Layman Forest. The whole concept is to realise pure land on earth. An Amitabha House was built under the leadership of the Kuching Buddhist Layman Forest Director. Besides that, an incineration site, Tibetan Temple, Three Treasures hall, and the Xiangshan Vegetarian Restaurant were built too. In the next ten years, other hardware facilities in the new village will continue to be built.





For instance, the Big Bell Tower, elderly care centre, hospice care centre, kindergarten, multi-purpose centre, staff dormitory, multiple apartments, 500 Arhat Pagodas, Buddha Buddha (standing statue), retreat, Jingshe, Yuanlin runway, release pool etc. Covering an area of more than 50 acres, it integrates practice, leisure, medicine, education, welfare, and culture. It is guided by the spirit of Buddha, and the goal of Buddhist life is to create a Buddhist city. Xian will become a model of Buddhism in Malaysia.






KOLOYAN RIVER COTTAGE

 B-1154, Pisa, Lorong 12, Jalan Kg Blimbini, Krokong, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

 (+60) 16-866 8360

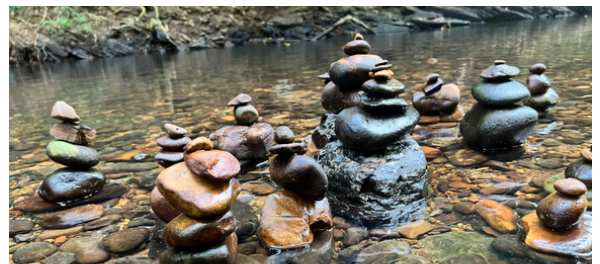


Koloayan River Cottage is a privately owned homestay based in Kampung Blimbini, Krokong, Bau, Sarawak. Merging a unique landscape surrounded by nature next to the river stream, the homestay is the perfect place to relax and spend time unwinding in the picturesque surroundings.

With a convenient location accessible by a road that is about a 20-minute drive from Bau town and connected by good cell phone and telco 3G/4G internet connectivity signal, Koloayan River Cottage offers the perfect spot for a short getaway with friends, family and loved ones. Simplicity combined with rustic elegance, Koloayan River Cottage is the best place to be in nature's wonderful serenity. Koloayan River Cottage not only offers homestay and lodge, it also has picnic spot and camping site. The site is suitable for small group gatherings or big group events for up to 100 pax room occupancy. Please contact to Mr. Kevin for more information.



Campsite view



"A river seems like a magic thing. Magic, moving, living part of the earth itself."

- Laura Gilpin



View of outside resort





Resort



Evening view

LIBIKI BAMBOO RESORT

 Toluok Mongag, Kampung Bijuray Mongag, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.


 Libiki Bamboo Resort





Libiki bamboo resort is one of the most recommended Borneo Tropical rainforest jungle retreat spots suitable for those who seek a calming ambience. Visitors sleep tight while listening to the therapeutic sounds of the river flowing and crickets chirping and enjoying the cool refreshing breeze of the rainforest at night. The resort is a peninsular-shaped resort surrounded by the Sarawak River on both sides.



LONG HUA KUNG TEMPLE

 F59W+23, Musi, 94000 Bau, Sarawak


 Open Daily | 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.


 (+60) 19-818 0880


Long Hua Kung Temple is a Buddhist temple located in the town of Bau, Sarawak, Malaysia. The temple is dedicated to the goddess Tua Pek Gong, who is also known as the goddess of the land and is widely worshipped in Malaysia and Southeast Asia. The temple is a popular tourist attraction in Bau. It is known for its colourful and intricate architecture. The temple is adorned with ornate carvings, colourful paintings, and intricate statues that represent various deities and historical figures from Chinese folklore. Long Hua Kung Temple often holds donation events to help the poor, celebrates the gods' birthdays, and more.



LOBUH BAU BEER GARDEN

 Bau Hawker Centre, Pekan Bau,
94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 6:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

 (+60) 12-888 3232




Lobuh Bau Beer Garden is a popular outdoor dining and drinking spot located in the town of Bau. The beer garden offers a relaxing atmosphere where customers can enjoy local food and drinks while socialising with friends and family. Some popular dishes at Lobuh Bau Beer Garden include grilled seafood and satay. The beer garden also offers a variety of drinks, including beer, wine and cocktails.




THE WORLD IS A BOOK AND THOSE WHO DO NOT
TRAVEL READ ONLY A PAGE.
- SAINT AUGUSTINE

LINA CAFE

 1, Jalan Ong Guan Cheng, Pekan Bau,
94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

 (+60) 82-763 016




Credit by Bartholomew (Foursquare, 2017)


Lina Cafe is a small restaurant located in the town of Bau. Some popular dishes at Lina Cafe include Roti Kahwin and Roti Canai. This cafe also serves a range of drinks, including coffee, tea and cold beverages. Overall, Lina Cafe is known for its affordable prices and friendly service. Due to a good taste of the food, the restaurant usually will close 10am or 11am since it also recommended by a lot of local communities in Bau, Kuching.



LOYAL GENERAL TEMPLE

 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

 (+60) 82-765 490





The Loyal goddess is brought by the Chinese leader Liu Shang Ban from Manterado, Indonesia. The Loyal General Temple symbolises the status of the court and administration by Twelve Company before Brooke's era. It is also a place of gathering for politics meetings and adjudgment cases of prisoners. Now, the temple is generally open all the time except during special occasions and festivals. Visitors may contact Pemanca Bong for more information before paying a visit.




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MOUNT SINGAI

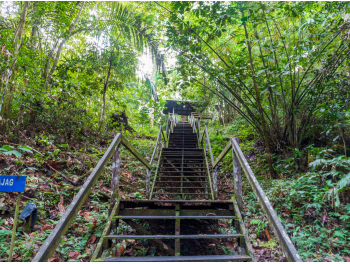
 Singai, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.


 (+60) 12-881 2392


Mount Singai in Bau is better known for its pilgrimage purposes among Catholics. It is about a 40-50 minutes drive from Kuching city. Roads leading to the mountain foot are good and sealed. Visitors will expect to pass by several Bidayuh villages while making their way to the foot of the mountain. There is a private parking area nearby with an entry fee of RM3 per person. At the foot of the mountain, there is a massive white arch located near a small café that sells food and drinks to climbers. No fee entry is needed for climbing Mount Singai.


Heading up from the foot of Mount Singai to the pilgrimage area towards the Catholic church, there are wooden stairs with 14 rest stops, each marked with a cross. Once climbers have reached the top, they will see the Catholic church. It is where the journey to the peak of Mount Singai begins. There is a marked path to the peak, but the trail itself is underdeveloped, making it a more adventurous trek. The journey takes more than an hour. The trail is very slippery and rocky. Some paths are steep and will need the help of ropes to climb.



MEREMBEH CAVING PARK

 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

 Koperasi Kampung Merembek Bau Berhad




Prosih Cave and Merembek Caving Park are thrilling and adventurous attractions located in the scenic village of Kampung Merembek, Bau Sarawak. Our caving park is a must-visit destination for travellers who seek excitement and discovery. Prosih Cave is a natural wonder, with stunning rock formations, underground rivers, and hidden chambers formed over millions of years. Visitors to the cave can explore its depths through our guided tours, which take you on a journey through its maze-like passages and reveal its fascinating geological features.


Merembek Caving Park offers a range of outdoor activities for adventure enthusiasts. You can go jungle trekking, river rafting, and rock climbing, all while enjoying the beautiful scenery of the surrounding rainforest. Our experienced guides will ensure your safety and provide you with all the necessary equipment. At Prosih Cave and Merembek Caving Park, we strive to provide a memorable and educational experience for our visitors. You can learn about the history and ecology of the cave and the surrounding area, as well as the local culture and way of life. You can also enjoy delicious local food and drinks, prepared by our talented cooks. Whether you are a solo traveller, a couple, or a family, we welcome you to come and experience the thrill and wonder of Prosih Cave and Merembek Caving Park. It is an adventure you will never forget!




Merembek Village in Bau by REBORN. Scan to read more.

MENDUNG ESCAPE

 Jalan Singai, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

 (+60) 10-961 5338


Mendung Escape is located at the foot of Mountain Singai. It nestles amidst nature, away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Visitors have to hike 700 meters up a 60-degree average angle of inclination which will take about 30 minutes to get to the picturesque stay. The house has three bedrooms and is perfect for five persons.


"ABOVE THE CLOUDS, UNDER THE STARS"


For hikers who enjoy a retreat to nature, this is a beautiful place in Borneo for you to relax and escape the city's hustle and bustle.



MING MING FOOD COURT

 Jalan Datuk Salau, Pekan Bau, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.


 (+60) 13-810 1171





Ming Ming Food Court is a favoured food centre located in the town of Bau. The food court features a variety of stalls offering traditional Malaysian and Chinese cuisines, as well as snacks and drinks. You can find dishes like kolo mee, fried chicken and cendol. Ming Ming Food Court is an everyday go-to spot for locals and tourists.



MOUNT KRIAN

 Tasik Biru, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Booking Only

 (+60) 19-818 0880

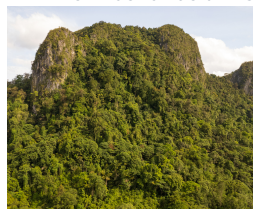


THIS WAY UP


TO GUNUNG KRIAN (Mount Krian)





Mount Krian is a scenic mountain located in the heart of Kampung Krian, Bau Sarawak. Rising to a height of 430 meters, Mount Krian offers breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding landscape and is a popular destination for hiking and outdoor enthusiasts. The hiking trail up Mount Krian is challenging yet rewarding. It takes you through lush rainforests, rocky terrains and steep ascents. Along the way, you will encounter diverse arrays of flora and fauna, including towering trees, exotic birds, and even monkeys. At the summit of Mount Krian, you will be rewarded with stunning views of the rolling hills and valleys of Sarawak. On a clear day, you can even see as far as the South China Sea and the neighboring mountains. Mount Krian offers a unique opportunity to explore the beauty and diversity of Sarawak's natural landscape. The mountain is easily accessible from Jalan Tanjung Batu and is only a short drive from Bau town.

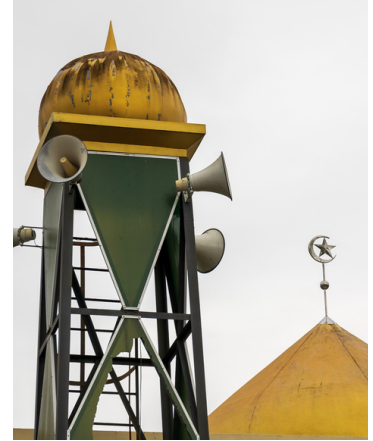


MASJID DARUL IMAN DAERAH BAU

 Daerah Bau, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 4:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.


 (+60) 82-763 129





Masjid Darul Iman is a beautiful mosque located in Daerah Bau, Sarawak. This stunning mosque is a symbol of the vibrant Islamic community in the region, and is an important centre for worship, community activities and religious education. The mosque was built in the traditional Malay style with a large central dome and towering minarets that rise high into the sky. The interior is decorated with intricate patterns and designs, creating a serene and peaceful atmosphere for prayer and contemplation. Masjid Darul Iman is more than just a place of worship. It is a vibrant hub of community activity, hosting events and activities throughout the year, bringing together people from all walks of life. The mosque also provides religious education for children and adults to preserve and promote the rich Islamic heritage of Sarawak.

N

NIRVANA MEMORIAL TEMPLE

 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

 (+60) 19-818 0880





Launched in 2001, Nirvana Memorial Park in Bau has a strategic location. It takes only a 30-minute drive from Kuching city. It overlooks undulating choice land endowed with good geomancy, commanding a magnificent view of surrounding landscape. Nirvana Memorial Park in Bau has the same standard of landscaping and architecture that has won numerous awards for Nirvana Memorial Park in Semenyih. The Entrance Arch is a typical sight. There are also chapel, temple, pavilions and beautiful landscaping like fountains, bridges and arbours in the park. An ancestral tablet hall is one salient feature that complements the temple. Lush greenery and floral variety also complement the undulating landscape serviced by spacious roads and ample parking lots. The chapel is meant for holding funeral services for deceased Christians, while the temple is equipped with advanced laser systems and Buddhist architecture. The park has feng shui features comparable to that of Nirvana Memorial Park in Semenyih. The hardware is enhanced by first-rate service, professional management, Perpetual Trust Fund, magnificent landscaping and far-sighted planning.



OLD CEMITARY OF THE 12 KONGSI

 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.


 (+60) 19-818 0880

It was the grave for the first person who came from China before the issue of Hwa Gong. It is also the place to commemorate the 12 Kongsi leaders. The commemorative plaque was hanging the names of Liu ShangBan, Liu Zhengzheng, Ling ChaoYuan, Wang Jia and others. Nowadays, people still worship the 12 Kongsi leaders. Visitors to the Maw San The 12 Kongsi can explore the buildings and learn about the history and traditions of each clan association. The leader of the Chinese community like Pemanca Bong and other local communities continue to do cleaning and offering during Chin Ming festival.




P

PINEAPPLE MD2 ESTATE

 Kampung Padang Pan, KM8, Jalan Gumbang Balingies, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Booking Only

 (+60) 12-886 6929



Pineapple MD2 Estate is a sprawling pineapple plantation located in the beautiful town of Bau Sarawak. The estate is one of the largest and most productive pineapple farms in the region, specialising in the cultivation of the famous MD2 pineapple variety. Pineapple MD2 Estate offers a unique and educational experience for visitors, allowing them to witness firsthand the entire process of pineapple cultivation, from planting to harvesting. Visitors can take a guided tour of the plantation and learn about the different stages of pineapple growth, including how the plants are nurtured, irrigated, and protected from pests and diseases. Pineapple MD2 Estate is committed to sustainable agriculture and environmental conservation where eco-friendly farming methods are used to minimise the impact on the environment and promote biodiversity.



PAKU ROCK MAZE GARDEN



Scan here to know more about Paku Rock Maze Garden

C5GV+G2, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

Open Daily | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(+60) 13-813 9783



Paku Town has Chinese and mining histories for more than 200 years. Its name is derived from two sources. The first saying was that Paku Town was named after the Hakka pronunciation of Serembu. The second saying was that according to legend, there was an olive tree in the centre of the town. The olives would be stained with sand when they dropped to the ground. Hence the name “沙榄埔”. Paku rock maze is a naturally formed stone forest landform located behind the Shiwang Temple. Before 2021, it was an undeveloped primitive stone forest overgrown with shrubs. Paku rock maze garden, in addition to the representative "Golden Hoop", also has a mini "Five Fingers Mountain" standing in the centre. Its height is only half of an average person's height, and its five uplifted ridges and spreading moss are like a miniature model of a plateau mountain. The name "Five Fingers Mountain" comes not only from the similar shape of its five ridges but also to echo the culture of "Monkey King" together with the roots of the "Golden Hoop". It is hoped that while developing its tourism potential, cultural heritage is integrated.



PAKU HOT SPRING

Paku Hotspring Kampung Sibulung, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

Open Daily | 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Paku Hot Springs



The Paku Hot Spring in Bau is only half-an-hour's drive from Kuching city. It is believed that natural hot springs with geothermally heated underground water pooling have healing properties. This hot spring attraction is managed by Kampung Sibulung village development and security committee (JKKK).



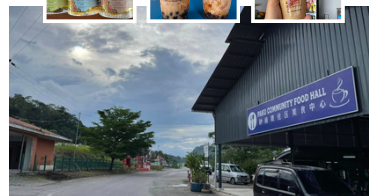
PAKU BAZAAR

Open Daily | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

C5GV+G2, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

(+60) 13-813 9783


Paku Food Market is a lively marketplace in the charming village of Paku in Bau, Sarawak. Our market is a popular destination for food lovers. It offers a wide variety of local dishes and delicacies. Paku Food Market features a bustling and colourful atmosphere, with locals selling dishes. Our market is a hub of activity and a great place to experience the local food culture. You can watch vendors prepare fresh dishes or chat with friendly locals and other food enthusiasts.




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REDEEMS CENTRE

 Kampong Apar Singai, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

 (+60) 19-850 7472





Redeems Centre Singai is a community-based social enterprise located in the rural town of Bau Sarawak. Our centre is dedicated to providing employment and training opportunities for the local community while promoting sustainable development and environmental conservation. It offers a badminton court for rent. The hall in Redeems Centre can be used for functions or events. Some activities held at Redeems Centre include Gawai Redeems and Borneo Spartan and it also became an annual events at REDEEMS Centre at Singai, Bau.




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SERIKIN BORDER MARKET

 Serikin, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Saturday & Sunday only | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.




 (+60) 12-881 2392



Serikin village, situated at the Malaysia-Indonesia border, is a popular tourist destination because of thriving cross-border trading activities. Besides boosting the local economy, the Serikin bazaar is also an avenue for Indonesian traders, mainly from West Kalimantan, enticed by the favourable currency exchange rates to earn their living by selling various products at bargain prices. During weekends, traders from across the border and nearby areas come to offer their wares and produce. They hawk authentic Indonesian sarongs, local products such as rattan, local produce, meats, seafood, household items and other products like exotic animals. The village is also known for selling imported goods such as bags and jewellery. Along the way are makeshift roadside markets selling anything from antiques to wild ornamental plants, exotic orchids to equally exotic fruits, local kueh to all types of pulut and locally grown fragrant rice. Aside from this, you will also get the chance to learn about the culture of the locals during your visit to the village.



SEREMBU ECOPARK

-  Siniawan, 94000 Bau, Sarawak
-  Open Daily | 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
-  (+60) 19-854 8444

"IMMERSE YOURSELF IN NATURE AT CHARMING MOUNTAIN RETREAT!"



Serenely located at the foothills of Mount Serembu and built among the lush green jungle, the Serembu Eco Park in Siniawan is one of the latest additions to the list of tourist attractions in the Bau district. Located about 28km from Kuching, it features unique accommodations, a floating restaurant and a wooden bar that all blend seamlessly with their surroundings. It is a pleasant weekend retreat for city folks to escape from the hustle and bustle of city life.




At the moment, the park offers two village-style houses for overnight stays. The Brooke House has two standard rooms (maximum of four people each) and a family room (maximum of nine people). The Kasah House is a dormitory-style room that can accommodate between eight and 14 people. For those who love camping, Serembu Eco Park also offers camping sites for rent. There are also barbeque pits near the campsites for in-house guests and campers. Day trippers are also welcome to rent the facilities. The Ayak Baroh Bar serves both alcoholic beverages and soft drinks, and it is a great place to chill and spend time with friends and family. It also serves as an eatery that sells cooked foods and light meals to visitors and caters for the breakfast of the in-house guests.



SIGON DOROD SKIAT CAFE


-  Lorong 5, Kampung Skiat Lama, Baru Bau, 94000 Bau, Sarawak
-  Tuesday-Sunday | 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.


-  (+60) 10-818 3477


This restaurant is famous in Kampung Skiat. The must-try dishes are special kolo goreng mee, kolo mi special, nasi kuah and mi terbang. These delectable local food will give the customers a memorable experience in Bau. Whether you are a local or a visitor in Bau Sarawak, we welcome you to come and enjoy our hospitality and delicious food and drinks. It is the perfect place to escape from the hustle and bustle of the city and recharge.



STASS NATURE HERITAGE PARK

 Stass Nature Heritage Park, 1312, 94000 Bau, Sarawak


 Booking Only


 (+60) 82-763 129

The Stass Nature Heritage Park is located at Kampung Stass, Bau, Kuching. It is locally known as Dorod Tramuok. Dorod means mountain, and Tramuok means pitcher plant. As the name implies, many pitcher plants were in the area years ago. Stass Nature Heritage Park is home to a diverse range of flora and fauna, including rare and endangered species unique to the region. You can explore our park's many walking trails, which wind through lush rainforests and offer stunning views of the surrounding hills and valleys. Our park also features several natural attractions, including a waterfall and a crystal-clear stream that is perfect for swimming and cooling off on a hot day. You can also enjoy a picnic or barbecue in our designated areas. At Stass Nature Heritage Park, we are committed to preserving the natural environment and promoting sustainable tourism. We work closely with the local community to ensure our park is maintained and protected for future generations.



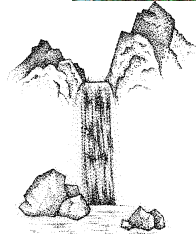
SATOW WATERFALL

 Kampung Bobak, Singai, 94000 Bau, Sarawak


 (+60) 82-763 129





Satow waterfall is popular not only among the locals but also among tourists who are looking to spend some time in nature. It has at least six tiers. Some have concrete steps to pave an easy walk, especially for children, through the park to waterfalls. Shades and barbecue pits are provided to make the recreational area more people-friendly. According to the locals, the waterfalls are most beautiful after a downpour as the cascading water creates a breathtaking scene of nature's wonder. This recreational spot is not only a place for tourists to experience nature but also for locals to have a cool dip in the pool on a hot day.



SHAK BONG KUNG PAKU

 C5GV+G2, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.


 (+60) 19-818 0880


These temples are generally open all the time except during special occasions and festivals. The temple is located beside the Paku Rock Maze Garden and is managed by the local community (JKKK). Visitors may show their support by purchasing the local products and food prepared by the hawkers.






SHANG TECK TEMPLE (LIU SHAN BANG TEMPLE)

 Jalan Jugah Siniawan, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

 (+60) 19-818 0880


The Mau San Tian Tsze Lung Kung is more than a century old. It was founded around the time when gold and antimony were discovered in Mau San around the 1820s to 1830s. The host deity is Lau Chu Tian Tsze, a deity of Hakka origin since most miners were Hakka. Most of them originated from Sambas, Kalimantan. This temple provided the pioneer miners with spiritual support and served as a centre for cultural activities and other administrative matters of the Twelve Kongs. Before the arrival of Sir James Brooke, Sarawak was under the rule of Brunei. Around that time, Sarawak, particularly the settlement around the gold mining areas, was facing an uprising against the Brunei ruling from native Dayaks and Malays. James Brooke assisted the Sultan of Brunei to settle the local civil war and thus was granted White Rajah to rule Sarawak. As Brooke established his rule over Sarawak, he began to impose taxes, prohibit opium and wine trading, and restrict gold and antimony trading, particularly to the self-governing Mau San and the Twelve Kongs. It was said that James Brooke had previously established an agreement with the Twelve Kongs regarding non-intervention in respective areas, partly because of his involvement with the local civil war between Brunei and local Dayaks and earlier political circumstances. The Twelve Kongs and the Chinese miners in Mau San were already well established. They were contented with their self-ruling since the poor administration by Brunei and the civil war.


The reforming Brooke administration provoked the Mau San miners and the Twelve Kongs. Thus, a rebellion started against the White Rajah. The rebellion was initiated in 1857 at Tian Tsze Lung Kung in Mau San by Liu Shan Bang, the leader of the Twelve Kongs. 600 armed miners, without proper weapons and military training, paddled down the Sarawak River and attacked the Istana. James Brooke escaped the assault. Five Europeans were killed, and one was mistaken to be James Brooke. With no political will and planning, the Chinese miners stayed and ruled Kuching for three days before returning to their base. More than a hundred miners were killed, including the leader Liu Shan Bang. The Shan Teck Temple in Siniawan was later constructed in memory of the tragic event of Liu Shan Bang and his associates.



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 94000 Bau, Sarawak


 Open Daily | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.


 (+60) 19-818 0880




St. Stephen Church is located in the town of Bau, Sarawak. The church is a beautiful and historical landmark that has served the local Christian community for many years. It is an important spiritual and cultural centre for the local Christian community. It is a place of worship, reflection, and community building. The church hosts regular services, weddings, and other special events that bring people together to celebrate their faith and strengthen their bonds.

SINIAWAN NIGHT MARKET

 Siniawan Old Town, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

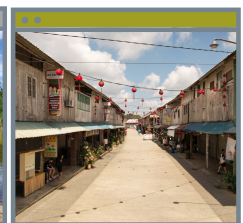
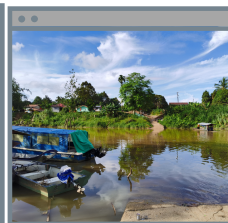
 Thursday-Sunday | 4:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

 (+60) 13-574 6688

Siniawan town has a different meaning to most people in Kuching. It is famously known as the “Siniawan Night Market”. Back in the days, Siniawan would cater to the gold prospectors in nearby Bau, Sarawak. It was established long before White Rajah James Brooke set foot in the state. The Chinese gold miners who settled at Siniawan were originally from Sambas, Mandor, or Montrado, which is called Indonesian West Kalimantan today. Their movements at that time were motivated by the gold rush and conflicts between rival groups of miners. The town later saw further upheavals. It went through the Japanese occupation, the Malaysia-Indonesia Confrontation, and the communist insurgency. Despite surviving through the bleakest of times, the town appears not as resilient as we think.





It is slowly losing its glitter. In the mid-19th century wooden architecture of the shophouses is unique and has attracted shutterbugs from near and far. Due to the town's rich historical legacy, the state Tourism and Heritage Ministry wants to turn Siniawan into a heritage town. Assistant minister Datuk Talip Zulpilip said the unique town design and its history should be preserved for the new generation. If Siniawan is gazetted as a heritage town, it would definitely become a major tourist attraction as it is one of the few places in Sarawak which has maintained its old building structure and architecture until today. Today Siniawan is not only a historical town but also a quaint village with a thriving bird's nests business. The locals have also started a regular weekend karaoke session. The two main rows of wooden shophouses have been modified into hawker food stalls during weekend evenings where tables and chairs are set right in the middle of the road.

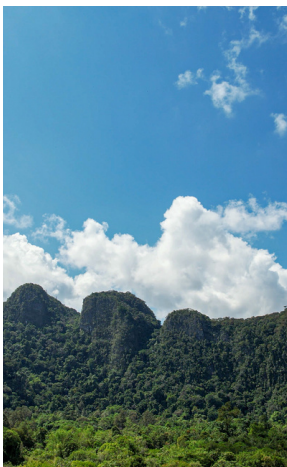


SLEEPING BEAUTY

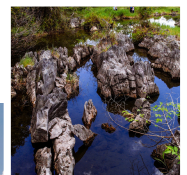
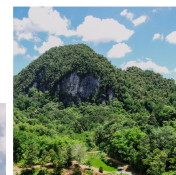
 95XC+C4, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Booking Only


 (+60) 19-818 0880





Mountain Sleeping Beauty is another major discovery in Bau District. The mountain looks like a sleeping baby from close or far. It is located not far from Mountain Giant Baby. Mountain Sleeping Beauty looks like a mother whereas Mountain Giant Baby looks like her baby. Unfortunately, Mountain Sleeping Beauty is still closed to the public. Sarawak Forestry Corporate is playing an important role to preserve the nature of Mountain Sleeping Beauty and to prevent any illegal activities.



SMALL BUDDHA CAVE, BOEING BAU

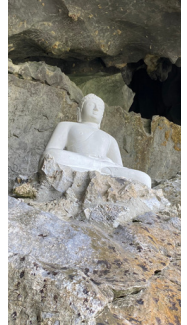
 Q509, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.


 (+60) 19-818 0880





The Sakyamuni Buddha statue is the treasure of the mountain in Baolingshan Town. Due to a tsunami that broke out in the Indian Ocean, the Buddha statue drifted to the mouth of the Lunle River along with the seawater and was enshrined here by someone with a predestined relationship. Therefore, good believers who believe in Buddhism have come here to pray for the light of the Buddha.



SHUI KO BAI GONG TEMPLE

 Jalan Bau, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

 (+60) 19-818 0880





According to the history from Pemanca Bong, Shui Koi Bai Temple was a gathering point for Liu Shang Ban and others before they left using the small river which was just under the temple after assaulting Brooke in Kuching. They prayed for a successful return after the war. Unfortunately, they sacrificed after being attacked and defeated by Brooke. The temple is generally open all the time except during special occasions and festivals.




SITI CAFÉ



 Pekan Bau, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.


 (+60) 82-762 821




It offers a wide range of menu items, including traditional Sarawakian dishes, Western breakfast, and beverages. The cafe also offers a selection of homemade cakes and pastries, perfect for satisfying your sweet tooth. Siti Cafe also offers excellent services at affordable prices. If you are looking for a great place to eat and relax in Bau, be sure to check out Siti Cafe.



SIANG SIANG GARDEN FOODCOURT

 Pekan Bau, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.





The food court features a variety of stalls offering traditional Malaysian and Chinese cuisines, as well as snacks and drinks. It has a lively atmosphere and is a great place to try a variety of local dishes.




SEBUKU TUA PEK KUNG



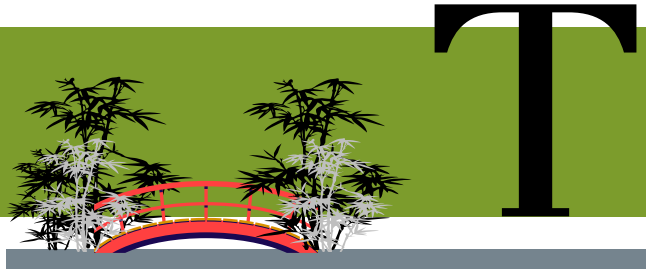
 Jalan Sebuku, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.


 (+60) 82-763 129





Sebuku Tua Pek Kung Temple also a Chinese temple have history which located in Sebuku, Bau. It is one of the oldest temples in the area, dating back to the early 19th century, this place also become a starting point for another team used to gathering to support Liu Shang Ban. They were using the boats and head to Brooke fortress. One of the manuscript on the wooden plat proved the timeline of the temple build on 19th century. Sebuku Tua Pek Kung still remain same and good condition and it prove the developed of the Sebuku.



TRINGGUS BONG

 (+60) 13-803 5516

 Jalan Kg Tringgus Bong, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tringgus Bong is a small rural village located in the district of Bau, in the state of Sarawak, Malaysia. The village is situated approximately 40 kilometres from Kuching, the capital city of Sarawak. Tringgus Bong, being a small village, offers a peaceful and serene environment for those who are looking to escape the hustle and bustle of city life.



Also, within Tringgus Bong separate 3 sections: Triggus Matan, Rabak Rotan and Tringgus Bong, each section managed by local community leader. The main language spoken in Tringgus Bong is Bidayuh, which is also the main language spoken by the Bidayuh people who are the indigenous people of Sarawak. The Bidayuh people are known for their hospitality, traditional cultural practices, and delicious cuisine, which includes dishes like manok pansoh (chicken cooked in bamboo), umai (raw fish salad), and tuak (rice wine). Overall, Tringgus Bong is a great place to visit if you are looking to experience the culture and tradition of the Bidayuh people and enjoy the natural beauty of Sarawak.



THE KADUNG BAR, KAMPUNG MEREMBEH

📍 96W3+QX, 94000 Bau, Sarawak 🕒 Saturday-Sunday | 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.

☎ (+60) 16-292 7170

The Kadung Bar is a lively and vibrant bar located in the heart of Bau Sarawak. Our bar is the perfect place to unwind and enjoy a refreshing drink with friends after a long day or to kick off a night of fun and entertainment. The Kadung Bar offers a wide selection of beers, wines, spirits, and cocktails, as well as delicious bar snacks and finger foods. Our bartenders are skilled and experienced, and they can mix up any drink you desire, be it a classic cocktail or a unique creation. The atmosphere at The Kadung Bar is lively and welcoming, with music and entertainment that cater to a diverse crowd.



You can enjoy live performances by local musicians, join in on karaoke sessions, or watch your favourite sports games on our big screens. At The Kadung Bar, we strive to provide a fun and safe environment for our customers. Our staff is friendly, professional and always ready to assist you with any request or inquiry. Whether you are a local or a visitor to Bau Sarawak, we welcome you to come and experience the energy and excitement of The Kadung Bar.



TAI SHIN JA FOK CHU NAN SHAN TUN

📍 94000 Bau, Sarawak

🕒 Open Daily | 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.


☎ (+60) 19-818 0880




These temples are generally open all the time except during special occasions and festivals. The Nan Shan Tun is located in Paku, Bau and is managed by the security community (JKKK) of Paku. On the first and the fifteenth day of the Chinese calendar, they will celebrate festivals such as the gods' birthdays, singing competition, and more for charity purpose.

👣 Leave Nothing But Footprint 👣

TASIK BIRU FOOD VILLAGE

 Pekan Bau, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

 Tasik Biru Food Village 2023



Photo credit: Facebook - Tasik Biru Food Village 2023





Tasik Biru Food Village is situated near Tasik Biru (Blue Lake). It is a popular tourist attraction in the area. The food centre features a variety of stalls offering traditional Malaysian and Chinese cuisines, as well as snacks and drinks. Tasik Biru Food Village is a popular spot for locals and tourists especially on weekends and holidays. The food centre has a lively atmosphere and is a great place to try the local dishes, also can enjoy the live band performance.




Photo credit: Facebook - Tasik Biru Food Village 2023

TAITON DON'T KNOW CAFÉ

 Q134-1, 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.


 (+60) 19- 837 8345





Taiton Don't Know Cafe is a small eatery located in Taiton, Bau. It offers Chinese dishes as well as other snacks. The cafe is well-known by the name "Don't Know" "不知道" because most of the people will reply "don't know" when they're asked by others about what to have for breakfast and lunch.



TASIK BIRU

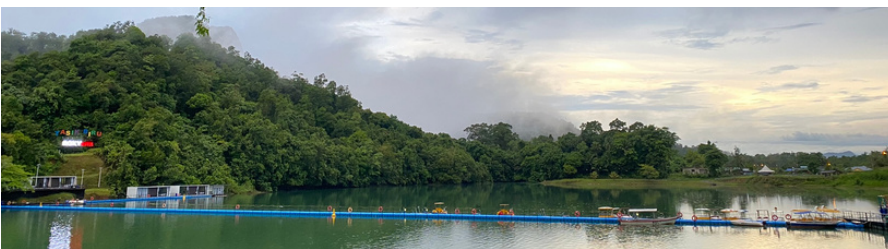
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 94000 Bau, Sarawak

 Open Daily | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Tasik Biru derived its name from its unnaturally blue colour, which is a result of high levels of arsenic. Tasik Biru is a man-made lake and was originally an open mining pit. It used to be a famous location for gold mining, established by the Hakka Chinese miners in the 1800s. When the mining stopped, the pit was filled by rainwater and became a lake.



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UNIVERSAL HOME - VISHWA NIKETANAM

📍 Jalan Seringgok, 94000 Bau, Sarawak 🕒 Open Daily | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ☎️ (+60) 14-706 0921

Vishwa Niketanam is a spiritual centre located in the town of Bau. It was founded by Swami Brahmananda Saraswati, who was a disciple of Swami Sivananda Saraswati. The centre offers classes and retreats on meditation, yoga, and spiritual growth. It is also a place to host various cultural and religious events throughout the year. The centre is open to people of all backgrounds and beliefs who are interested in exploring their spiritual paths.



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WIND CAVE

📍 C47Q+Q2, 94000 Bau, Sarawak 🕒 Wednesday-Sunday | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ☎️ (+60) 82-765 490



Wind Cave Natural Reserve, also known as Lubang Angin, offers guests a genuine yet generally safe caving experience in bat-infested tunnels. You may also visit portions of the 6.16 hectares of woodland and rivers in the protected area surrounding the caverns. The cave is home to a variety of stunning rock formations, including stalactites, stalagmites, and columns, that have been sculpted over millions of years by the flow of water and minerals. The cave is also inhabited by a variety of wildlife, including bats, swiftlets and insects, making it a unique and fascinating ecosystem to explore. Visitors to Wind Cave can follow a well-maintained boardwalk that takes them through the cave system, allowing them to marvel at the intricate rock formations and observe the wildlife in its natural habitat.

The cave is also equipped with lighting systems that highlight the unique features of the cave, making it a truly immersive experience. Wind Cave is located 2 kilometers from Bau, a historic gold mining community, and 48 kilometers from Kuching, Sarawak.

What is Responsible Tourism?

Responsible Tourism advocates behavioural change and collective actions among stakeholders to sustain tourism for the well-being of the people and planet.

Responsibility in a tourism destination needs efforts and commitment from all relevant stakeholders. It encompasses the local government, tourism businesses, academics, associations, communities and tourists or visitors. It is a network where all entities are actors that need to co-create values and contribute collectively to a particular destination.

Responsible Tourism not only aims to minimise the negative impact of travel on the environment, culture, and society of the destinations but also to maximise the positive impact of travel on the local communities and destinations. It is a call to action, and thus a social movement, rather than another tourism label or product, to make informed decisions based on priorities and contexts.

“
Responsible Tourism is about "making better places for people to live in and better places for people to visit."
 ”

The Cape Town Declaration

(International Conference on Responsible Tourism in Destinations, 2002, page. 3)



Why does Responsible Tourism matter?

Responsible Tourism matters due to reasons such as:

01 Apart from minimising the negative impacts of tourism on the environment, culture, and society, it looks into maximising benefits to the local communities and destinations through tourism;

02 It highlights the role of stakeholders and their actions in any tourism activities; hence “who is responsible for what”;

03 It calls for behavioural change at the individual level and the need for effective partnership at the corporate level; it makes every stakeholder an equal partner;

04 It heightens the need to build a resilient and future-proof tourism industry and ecosystem;

05 It promotes meaningful connection and purposeful experience in travel, while inculcating in visitors a sense of responsibility for sustainable development.

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