Events & Festivals 2016

There are six international airports in Malaysia. All the states are linked with a good network of domestic airlines.

www.malaysiaairlines.com | www.airasia.com | www./flyz.com

(Trafficking In Illegal Drugs Carries The Death Penalty)
MUD Story of Kuala Lumpur
Throughout 2016 • Panggung Bandaraya, Kuala Lumpur
A vibrant cultural musical show by award-winning producer Tiara Jacquelina that traces the history of Kuala Lumpur.
Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL)
Tel: 1 800 88 3255 • Website: www.dbkl.gov.my / www.mudKL.com

KL Food Truck Festival
Throughout 2016 • Dataran Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur
Held on the first and third week of the month, this festival features food trucks lining the street overlooking Dataran Merdeka, offering a variety of mouthwatering food.
Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL)
Tel: 1 800 88 3255 • Website: www.dbkl.gov.my

Skyrides Festivals Park
Throughout 2016 • Precinct 2, Putrajaya
Visit the Skyrides Festivals Park and enjoy fantastic rides and attractions. Don’t miss the Skyride Balloon, Malaysia’s first and biggest tethered balloon ride for a magnificent view of Putrajaya from 150 metres above ground.
Skyrides Festivals Park Putrajaya
Tel: 6014 969 9482 • Facebook: www.facebook.com/skyridesfestivals

JANUARY
14th Royal Langkawi International Regatta
11 – 16 January 2016 • Royal Langkawi Yacht Club, Langkawi
A significant international-level sailing competition featuring 50 sailing boats from around the world and top teams from the Asia Pacific.
Royal Langkawi Yacht Club
Tel: 604 966 4078 • Fax: 604 966 5078 • Website: www.langkawiregatta.com

Ponggal
15 January 2016 • Arulmigu Sri Mahamariamman Temple, Lebuh Queen, Penang
Ponggal is a Hindu thanksgiving festival, celebrated after the harvesting season. The boiling of rice and milk in a clay pot is one of the main highlights.
Penang Hindu Endowment Board
Tel: 604 650 2515

Thaipusam
23 January 2016 • Nattukottai Chettier Temple, Balathandayuthapani Temple and Kovil Veedu, Penang
Celebrated by the Hindu community, Thaipusam is a day where thousands of devotees fulfil their vows to Lord Muruga.
Penang Hindu Endowment Board
Tel: 604 650 5215

Thaipusam
24 January 2016 • Batu Caves, Selangor
An important Hindu festival featuring kavadis or ornate frames carried by devotees. The festival attracts over one million people at Batu Caves, a world-renowned Hindu cave temple.
Batu Caves Hindu Association
Tel: 603 6189 6284

Tioman International Classic Surfing
29 - 31 January 2016 • Kg Juara, Pulau Tioman, Pahang
Enjoy the sand and sea while you surf against the beautiful emerald green waters of Tioman Island.
Tioman Boardriders Event
Tel: 6013 717 6677 • E-mail: somanboardriders@gmail.com • Fb: Tioman Boardriders

World Curry Festival
29 - 31 January 2016 • SPICE Arena, Penang
Held in conjunction with Penang International Halal Expo & Conference 2016 (PIHEC), the festival showcases an array of culinary delights.
Penang International Halal Hub
Tel: 604 262 5444
FEBRUARY

Kek Lok Si Display of Lights
3 February - 7 March 2016 • Kek Lok Si Temple, Penang
Devotees from near and far flock to this 120-year-old temple for its annual lighting display of more than 10,000 lights.
Kek Lok Si Temple
Tel: 604 628 3317

Penang Hot Air Balloon Fiesta 2016
9 - 10 February 2016 • Padang Polo, Penang
Watch balloons in various colours floating against the picturesque backdrop of George Town World Heritage Site.
Penang Global Tourism
Tel: 604 264 3456

Festival of Cheng Chooi Chor Soo Kong Birthday
13 February 2016 • Snake Temple / Ban Ka Lan, Penang
The Hokkien Kongsi celebrate the birthday of the Cheng Chooi Chor Soo Kong Deity of Hock Hin Keong on the sixth day of the Chinese New Year.
Hokkien Kongsi
Tel: 604 262 0202 / 6012 433 1918

Penangites CNY Celebration 2016
13 February 2016 • Various locations in Penang
Enjoy wushu performances, fireworks displays, lion and dragon dances, Chingay parades, decoration of red lanterns and many more in this exciting New Year festival.
Clan Association Youth Committee Penang
Tel: 604 264 5576

Prosperity Yusheng
14 February 2016 • Tow Boo Kong Temple, Butterworth, Penang
Every year, Penangites and visitors come together for a mass tossing of Yee Sang at the Tow Boo Kong Temple to celebrate the seventh day of Chinese New Year.
Tow Boo Kong Temple
Tel: 604 351 8717

Pai Ti Kong Festival
15 February 2016 • Chew Jetty, Penang
The ninth day of Chinese New Year is celebrated on a grand scale by the Hokkien clan to commemorate their forefathers' escape in ancient China.
Chew Jetty Committee
Tel: 6012 412 6800 / 6017 475 6932

Malaysia Chinese New Year Open House Celebration
20 February 2016 • Ipoh, Perak
Experience the Chinese New Year festivities in an open house celebration, a programme that brings people together to celebrate the country's various festivals.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia
Tel: 603 8000 8000 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

Chap Goh Meh Celebration
22 February 2016 • Esplanade, George Town, Penang
The fifteenth day of the Chinese New Year, also known as the Chinese Valentine's Day, attracts singletons who throw oranges into the sea with hopes of finding their true soul mates.
Penang State Tourism Development
Tel: 604 650 5136

Festival Layang-Layang Sedunia Pasir Gudang 2016
(‘World Kite Festival’)
23 - 28 February 2016 • Bukit Layang-Layang, Pasir Gudang, Johor
The World Kite Festival is an annual event that features kite-players showcasing their colourful kites and skills.
Pasir Gudang Municipal Council
Tel: 607 254 7777 • E-mail: mmpg@johor.gov.my

Tour of Sarawak 2016
24 - 26 February 2016
This is a five-stage road cycling event sanctioned by the world cycling governing body, Union Cycliste International as a 2.2 race category.
Fadz Industries Sdn. Bhd.
Tel: 603 9054 8657 • Website: www.toursarawak.com

Hari Moyang Mah Meri (Mah Meri Ancestors’ Day)
26 February 2016 • Kampung Sungai Bumbun, Carey Island, Selangor
This is a celebration of the Mah Meri indigenous community, honouring their ancestors or Moyang. Enjoy traditional dances and visits to the aboriginal craft centre.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Selangor Office (MOTAC Selangor)
Tel: 603 5511 1122

World Table Tennis Championship (WTTC)
28 February - 6 March 2016 • Penang
Watch your favourite tennis stars in action. It's all happening in Malaysia!
Volume One Promotion Sdn Bhd
Website: www.volumoneasia.com

Pesta Perarakan Chingay 2016 (Chingay Parade)
28 February 2016 • Johor Bahru, Johor
Chingay is a street parade that is part of the Chinese New Year celebration. The parade brings together nearly 145 groups along a 15km route around the city.
Persekutuan Hung Hua Johor Bahru
Tel / Fax: 607 278 8999 • E-mail: phhj@tbjohor.hoo.gov.my

Treasures of Czech Castle Architecture
28 February - 31 March 2016 • National Museum, Kuala Lumpur
Present a unique and attractive part of the national cultural heritage of the Czech Republic.
Department of Museums Malaysia
Tel: 603 2267 1000 • Website: www.jmm.gov.my

National Craft Day 2016
February / March 2016 • Kuala Lumpur
This event features 500 craft entrepreneurs from around Malaysia. The highlight is the handicraft sale which showcases local craft products with innovative designs and motifs.
Perbadanan Kemajuan Kraftangan Malaysia
Tel: 603 2162 7533 / 2162 7459 • Website: www.kraftangan.gov.my

MARCH

Powerman Asian Championship Malaysia
2 - 8 March 2016 • Putrajaya
Powerman is a global duathlon race series consisting of two disciplines. Watch the action in Malaysia!
E-Plus Entertainment Productions
Website: http://eplusglobal.com/#home

Pesta Angin Timur (East Wind Fiesta)
11 - 13 March 2016 • Kg. Sungai Berembang, Simpang Empat, Perlis
The simplicity of rural life is featured through a variety of activities such as folk games, delicious local cuisine, traditional angling, traditional ploughing and cultural performances.
Cultural Arts Development Division, JKKN
Tel: 603 2614 8200 ext 8222 / 604 979 3604

8th Putrajaya International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta 2016
11 - 13 March 2016 • Millennium Monument, Precinct 2, Putrajaya
View colourful hot air balloons from around the world. The fiesta features balloons in various shapes and sizes resembling a teardrop, clown, elephant and even Darth Vader.
AAK Balloon Sdn Bhd
Tel: 603 2162 7533 / 2162 7459

Penang Yosakoi Parade
12 March 2016 • Esplanade, George Town, Penang
Equally exciting as the popular Mardi Gras, Penang Yosakoi Parade is a huge Japanese-themed street parade.
Pink Hibiscus Club and MBPP
Tel: 6012 413 9096
Raptor Watch Week
12 March 2016 • Tanjung Tuan, Melaka
Birdwatchers converge in Port Dickson to watch the annual migration of these birds of prey, on their journey back to the northern hemisphere.
Malaysia Nature Society
Tel: 603 2287 9422 • Website: www.mns.my / rnsraptorwatch.wordpress.com

Disney on Ice Magical Ice Festival
25 - 27 March 2016 • SPICE Arena, Penang
Get ready to enter a world of enchantment featuring the most magical moments across from the kingdom in Disney on Ice Magical Ice Festival.
PR Worldwide Sdn Bhd
Website: www.prworldwideonline.com

Putrajaya Bridge Ride 2016
26 March 2016 • Kompleks Perbadanan Putrajaya, Putrajaya
A relaxing tour that takes participants by bicycle to view the beautiful bridges of Putrajaya by night. Open to all ages and nationalities.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya Office
Tel: 603 2161 5161 / 1043 • Website: www.putrajayabridge.com

BMW Malaysia Open (Women’s Tennis Association) 2016
March 2016 • Royal Selangor Golf Club, Selangor
This international women’s tennis tournament has been a big success and is now a much-anticipated event on the Malaysian event calendar.
Carbon Media Management Sdn Bhd
Website: www.bmwmalaysianopen.com

Malaysia Book Village Festival 2016 (MBVFest 2016)
March 2016 • Kampung Buku Malaysia, Lubuk Semilang, Langkawi
A great opportunity for book lovers to appreciate the works of leading writers.
Perpustakaan Negara Malaysia
Tel: 603 2687 1700 • Website: wwwprm.gov.my

Koleksi Potret Perlis
March - December 2016 • Galeri Potret Negara, Kuala Lumpur
Browse through a collection of 44 portraits of distinguished parliamentary leaders such as Yang di-Pertua Dewan Negara, Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Prime Minister.
Balai Seni Visual Negara
Tel: 603 4026 7000 • Website: www.artgallery.gov.my • Fb: Balai Seni Visual Negara

Malaysia Water Festival
11 - 13 April 2016 • Kg Taak, Pengkalan Hulu, Perak
This is the New Year celebration of the Siamese community in Malaysia, marking the end of summer and the arrival of the rainy season. Enjoy activities and expos, water sports, a Songkran Queen Contest and traditional musical performances.
Songkran Organising Committee / Pengkalan Hulu District Council

13th Anniversary of Historic Melaka City Council (MBMB)
13 April 2016 • Melaka
Celebrate to commemorate the 13th anniversary of Melaka as a Historic City, this event is filled with entertaining concerts and cultural shows that will enthral audience.
Majlis Bandaraya Melaka Beraejarah
Tel: 604 285 9702 • Website: www.mmb.gov.my

Thai Water Festival (Songkran)
13 - 15 April 2016 • Wat Chayamangkalaram Thai Buddhist Temple, Dhammakarama Burmese Buddhist Temple (Lorong Burma, Pulau Tikus) & Wat Rajaphohong Buddhist Temple (Ara Kuda, Bukit Mertajam), Penang
Songkran is a traditional Thai festival that is also celebrated in Penang. Devotees wash away bad luck by splashing water on each other.
Penang Thai Community
Tel: 604 226 8503

Vaisakhi Celebration
14 April 2016 • Penang Times Square, Penang
This Sikh feast marks the harvest festival and the religious Khalsa Janam Divas. It is usually celebrated in a colourful carnival-like atmosphere.
Wadda Gurdwara Sahib Penang & Sikh Naujawan Sabha Penang
Tel: 6012 489 9204

Festival Nasi Ambeng
Nasi Ambeng Festival
15 - 17 April 2016 • Bangphuris Homestay, Sepang, Selangor
The aroma of ‘Ambeng Rice’ is guaranteed to beckon visitors, both local and international to enjoy the uniqueness of this rice dish.
Cultural Arts Development Division, JKKN
Tel: 603 2614 8200 ext 8222 / 03 5510 2664 / 2791
E-mail: rsl@jkkn.gov.my / ghazali@jkkn.gov.my

Festival Tanjung Piai
Eco-Cultural Festival Tanjung Piai
15 - 17 April 2016 • Tanjung Piai, Pantai, Johor
Held against the backdrop of Tanjung Piai, the southernmost point of Peninsular Malaysia, this festival highlights the traditional heritage of Johor.
Cultural Arts Development Division, JKKN
Tel: 603 2614 8200 ext 8222 / 603 224 8270 / 223 1249
E-mail: rsl@jkkn.gov.my / hamid@jkkn.gov.my

Malaysia Water Festival
Pesta Air Port Dickson
15 - 17 April 2016 • Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan
This is the second stop of the Malaysia Water Festival series. Enjoy over 30 exciting activities along with dance, music and food.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia
Tel: 603 8000 8000 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

Regatta Lepa
22 - 24 April 2016 • Semporna, Sabah
A colourful festival that pays homage to the lepa, a traditional single-mast sailing boat of the Bajaus of Semporna. Witness the crowning of the most beautiful lepa, the Lepa Beauty Pageant and much more.
Semporna District Office
Tel: 012 489 9204

Vaisakhi Celebration
23 April 2016 • MATIC, Kuala Lumpur
Join in the colourful Sikh festival and enjoy the pulsating rhythm, vibrant dances and authentic local food.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia
Tel: 603 8000 8000 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

Sabah Fest – A Cultural Extravaganza
29 April, 30 April & 1 May 2016 • Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
This prelude to the statewide Harvest Festival celebration features dances, music, fashion, food and more. It is a wonderful blend of cultural and natural heritage that is richly embedded in folklore.
Sabah Tourism Board / Sri Pelancongan Sabah
Tel: 088 232 121
E-mail: zachary@sabahtourism.com • Website: www.sabahtourism.com

APRIL
Malaysia Water Festival
Pesta Air Labuan
29 April - 1 May 2016 • Labuan International Sea Sport Complex, Labuan
This is the biggest annual event in Labuan. Major competitions include the Labuan International Deep Sea Fishing Tournament, Cross Channel Swimming Challenge and Round Island Kayak Challenge.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia
Tel: 603 8000 8000 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

Lebuh Seni Putrajaya
30 April 2016 • Putrajaya
A showcase of arts that takes place in the beautiful intelligent garden city.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia
Tel: 603 8000 8000 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

Terengganu International Candat Sotong Festival
April 2016 • Pulau Perhentian, Redang, Setiu, Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu
This annual event brings the media for an adventurous squid jiggling trip.
Participants will be assisted by experienced and skilled fishermen.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Terengganu Office
Tel: 603 517 1111 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

Malaysia International Shoe Festival
April 2016 • Kuala Lumpur
Enjoy a journey into the world of stylish footwear. Meet world-renowned footwear designers, celebrities and get the latest designs and creations.
Malaysian Footwear Manufacturers Association
Tel: 603 9285 5382

Ironman 70.3 Putrajaya
April 2016 • Putrajaya
Ironman 70.3, also known as a Half Ironman, is one in a series of middle-distance triathlon races organised by the World Triathlon Corporation (WTC).
IRONMAN Asia-Pacific.
Website: http://ap.ironman.com

Miri City International Deep Sea Fishing Tournament
April 2016 • Miri Marina Bay - Miri Offshore: Luconia Shoals, Sarawak
This tournament takes place in Luconia Shoals, situated in the waters off Miri. It attracts anglers from China, Singapore, Hong Kong and Brunei.
Miri Anglers Club
Tel: 6019 815 1818

Penang International Fashion Week
April 2016 • Gurney Paragon Mall, Penang
Gurney Paragon Mall will be transformed into the very epicentre of trendy craftsmanship, featuring local Penang designers as well as renowned international names.
Gurney Paragon Mall
Tel: 604 228 8266

Siri Semarak Bangsawan
Malay Opera
April - November 2016 • Auditorium Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur
‘Bangsawan’ which means nobleman, depicts the legends and stories of Malay nobles in the palaces of the olden days.
Cultural Arts Development Division, JKKN
Tel: 603 2614 8200 ext 8222 / 8212
E-mail: rosi@jkkn.gov.my / shahrizal@jkkn.gov.my

Borneo International Marathon
1 May 2016 • Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
The Borneo International Marathon will be held along the scenic coastal roads of Kota Kinabalu with three main categories – 10km, 21.1km (half-marathon) and 42.2km (full marathon).
Championship Sports Event Sdn Bhd
Tel: 6088 218 833
E-mail: info@borneomarathon.com • Website: www.borneomarathon.com
Mount Stong International Climbathon
7 May 2016 • Stong Hill, Dabong, Kelantan
This international climbathon promotes Stong Hill, one of the most attractive tourist spots in Kelantan. It has the highest cascading waterfall in Southeast Asia.
Kelantan Tourist Information Centre
Tel: 609 747 5534 / 3543 • Website: www.tic.kelantan.gov.my

Cak Lempong Xtravaganza
Xtravaganza Cak Lempong
7 - 8 May 2016 • Kompleks JKKN, Negeri Sembilan
Xtravaganza Cak Lempong features an orchestra consisting of about 100 musicians playing the ‘cak lempong’, a traditional musical instrument in a variety of traditional and modern genre.
Cultural Arts Development Division, JKKN
Tel: 603 2614 8200 ext 8222 / 603 767 6793
E-mail: rosli@jkkn.gov.my / radzi@jkkn.gov.my

Borneo Jazz Festival
13 - 14 May 2016 • ParkCity Everly Hotel, Miri, Sarawak
Borneo Jazz Festival was introduced in 2006 at ParkCity Everly Hotel, Miri. It is a festival awaited by fans of jazz music and promotes Miri as a tourist destination.
Sarawak Tourism Board
Tel: 6082 423 600 • Website: www.sarawaktourism.com

SBK Superbike (FIM World Championship)
13 - 15 May 2016 • Sepang International Circuit, Sepang, Selangor
Sepang International Circuit plays host to the Malaysian round of this exciting championship which features an impressive display of superbikes.
Sepang International Circuit
Tel: 603 8778 2200
E-mail: inquiries@sepangcircuit.com • Website: www.sepangcircuit.com

Citrawarna
14 May 2016 • Dataran Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur
This grand showcase returns for another year with the best of what Malaysia has to offer and to prove that colours and cultures always have a correlation with one another.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture
Tel: 603 8000 8000 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

Malaysia Tadau Ka’amatan Open House Celebration
14 Mei 2016 • Sandakan, Sabah
Experience the Tadau Ka’amatan festivities in an open house celebration, a programme that brings people together to celebrate the country’s various festivals.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia
Tel: 603 8000 8000 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

National International Museum Day Celebration 2016
16 - 22 May 2016 • Kedah
Entering its 20th year, this event offers the chance to enjoy exhibitions, seminars, community activities, cultural exchanges as well as recreational programmes.
Department of Museums Malaysia
Tel: 603 2267 1000
Kedah Museum Board
Tel: 604 733 1162

Sant Sohan Singh Ji Barsi 2016
20 - 22 May 2016 • Gurdwara Sahib Sikh Temple, Jalan Temenggong, Melaka
One of the biggest Sikh festivals in the country, this event pays tribute to the much revered His Holiness Sant Baba Sohan Singh Ji.
Sikh Temple Management Committee
Tel: 6012 679 3889 • Website: gurdwarasahibmelaka.net

KL Tower International Towerthon Challenge 2016
21 May 2016 • KL Tower, Kuala Lumpur
An energetic staircase run that takes participants 800 metres uphill, conquering 2,058 steps before reaching the top level at 283 metres above ground.
Menara Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 603 2020 5444 • Website: www.menarakl.com.my
Pesta Air Chenor
Chenor Water Fiesta
21 - 22 May 2016 • Chenor, Pahang
This festival will highlight the uniqueness of Pahang's cuisines which uses the bounty from the river and local plants. A variety of cultural and arts activities as well as performances also await you. Cultural Arts Development Division, JKKN
Tel: 603 2614 8200 ext 8222 / 609 517 8466
E-mail: rosli@jkkn.gov.my / suamri@jkkn.gov.my

Melaka River International Festival
25 May - 4 June 2016 • Dataran Sungai Melaka & Taman Rempah, Melaka
This great festival features more than 50 types of activities and competitions, including kayaking, dragon boat race, treasure hunt, float processions and many more.
Melaka Islands, Riverine and Coastal Development Corporation (PPSPM)
Tel: 606 281 4322

Magic of the Night
27 May - 4 June 2016 • Putrajaya
Enjoy a dazzling evening with the glittering lights of decorated floats brought in from every state in Malaysia.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia
Tel: 603 8000 8000 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

Floria DiRaja Putrajaya
27 May – 4 June 2016 • Anjung Floria, Precinct 4, Putrajaya
An international-standard programme highlighting the variety of flowers and gardens. It is organised annually to showcase the latest from the horticulture and landscape industries.
Perbadanan Putrajaya
Tel: 603 8887 7000 • Website: www.ppj.gov.my

Langkawi International Laks Carnival (LILAC)
27 - 29 May 2016 • Laman Padi, Langkawi
Sample the traditional rice-noodle delicacy, get great recipes from local and international Laks Masters and participate in various activities.
Langkawi Development Authority (LADA)
Tel: 604 960 0600 • Website: www.lada.gov.my

Festival Lesung Berirama
27 - 29 May 2016 • Paddy Museum, Kedah
Experience the cultural activities that take place after the harvesting season in Kedah. Visitors will be able to hear the unique rhythm produced by pounding the mortar to produce rice flakes.
Cultural Arts Development Division, JKKN
Tel: 603 2614 8200 ext 8222 / 604 731 5930
E-mail: rosli@jkkn.gov.my / mutaibb@jkkn.gov.my

The Kelantan International INT-GT Kite Festival
27 - 30 May 2016 • Pantai Gading, Tumpat, Kelantan
Kite-flying, a traditional pastime of the Kelantan people, reaches new heights with this international festival.
Kelantan Tourism Information Centre
Tel: 609 747 5534 / 3543 • Website: www.tic.kelantan.gov.my

Penang International Dragon Boat Festival
28 - 29 May 2016 • Mengkuang Dam, Bukit Mertajam, Penang
Dragon boat is a team-focused sport which promotes discipline, harmony, physical fitness and mental toughness. For Penangites, it is an honoured sport that inculcates racial harmony.
Penang International Dragon Boat Festival Committee
Tel: 604 650 5136 / 604 261 9012 / 6016 411 0000
Website: penangdragonboat.gov.my

Kuantan Century Ride (Kuantan 160)
29 May 2016 • Kuantan, Pahang
This prestigious cycling event involves more than 20 countries such as Singapore, United Kingdom, Japan, China, Denmark, Thailand, India and others.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Pahang Office
Tel: 609 517 1111
E-mail: pahang@motac.gov.my • Website: www.motac.gov.my

Tadau Ka’amatan – Harvest Festival
30 - 31 May 2016 • Penampang, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
The month-long Harvest Festival celebration will culminate at Hongkod Koisaan, the KDCA Hall in Penampang. Join in the merriment as local folks sing, dance, eat and play traditional games.
Kadazan Dusun Cultural Association (KDCA)
Tel: 6088 713 696 / 6088 715 924

Penang Anime Matsuri Summer Party 2016
May 2016 • Esplanade & Dewan Sri Pinang, George Town, Penang
Enjoy attractions such as Akihabara X town, Creators Market, Merchandise Town, Night Doujin Market, Cosplay Celebrities, Japanese Food, an Outdoor Anisong concert and many more.
Sooz Pte Ltd
Tel: 6016 422 8200

Xterra Asian Championship
May 2016 • Pantai Kok, Langkawi
The XTERRA race series is the best-known series of off-road triathlons, and is considered to be the “de facto” world championship of the sport.
Radius World
Tel: 603 7968 8844
E-mail: enquiry@xterramy.com • Website: www.xterramy.com

World Harvest Festival
May 2016 • Sarawak Cultural Village, Kuching, Sarawak
World Harvest Festival helps to steer and commemorate the unique Hari Gawai Harvest Festival. Sarawak Cultural Village
Tel: 6082 846 411
E-mail: enquiry@sccv.com.my • Website: www.scv.com.my

Wesak Day
May 2016 • Malaysian Buddhist Association Building, Penang
Wesak Day is observed by devotees to celebrate Buddha’s birthday, enlightenment and achievement of Nirvana.
Malaysian Buddhist Association
Tel: 604 226 2690

Angling & Outdoor Recreational Fair
May 2016 • Setia City Convention Centre, Shah Alam, Selangor
Touted as the most popular fishing tackle show over the years, the event has attracted the keen participation of major fishing tackle distributors and retailers in Malaysia.
Nanyang Press Holdings Berhad
Tel: 603 7663 8118 • FB: www.facebook.com/aofair

JUNE

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2 June 2016 • Sibu, Sarawak
Experience the Hari Gawai festivities in an open house celebration, a programme that brings people together to celebrate the country’s various festivals.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia
Tel: 603 8000 8000 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

Sunset Music Fest
3 - 4 June 2016 • Tip of Borneo, Tanjung Simpang Mengayau, Kudat, Sabah
Embark on a musical journey at Tanjung Simpang Mengayau (Tip of Borneo), Kudat. Be serended with classical favourites and contemporary tunes as the sun sets in the horizon.
Sabah Tourism Board / Sri Pelancongan Sabah
Tel: 6088 232 121
E-mail: zachary@sabahtourism.com • Website: www.sabahtourism.com

Melaka Sungai Rambai Fly In
3 - 5 June 2016 • Sungai Rambai Drome, Melaka
This yearly event hosts a great array of activities for both local and foreign visitors.
Japerun Sungai Rambai
Tel: 606 265 8188

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Sunset Music Fest
3 - 4 June 2016 • Tip of Borneo, Tanjung Simpang Mengayau, Kudat, Sabah
Embark on a musical journey at Tanjung Simpang Mengayau (Tip of Borneo), Kudat. Be serended with classical favourites and contemporary tunes as the sun sets in the horizon.
Sabah Tourism Board / Sri Pelancongan Sabah
Tel: 6088 232 121
E-mail: zachary@sabahtourism.com • Website: www.sabahtourism.com

Melaka Sungai Rambai Fly In
3 - 5 June 2016 • Sungai Rambai Drome, Melaka
This yearly event hosts a great array of activities for both local and foreign visitors.
Japerun Sungai Rambai
Tel: 606 265 8188
Terengganu Peranakan Festival 2016
3 - 8 June 2016 • Kampung Cina, Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu
This is a cultural extravaganza where visitors can see and experience the rich heritage of the Peranakan community. They are fondly addressed as Awang and Mek in Terengganu.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Terengganu Office
Tel: 603 517 1111 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

Festival Ramadan Putrajaya 2016
6 June - 5 July 2016 • Dataran Putrajaya, Kiblat Walk, Masjid Tuanku Zainal Abidin, Precinct 3, Putrajaya
The month-long event is held in conjunction with the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. It features an assortment of mouthwatering food along with religious programmes and talks.
Perbadanan Putrajaya
Tel: 603 8887 7000 • Website: www.ppj.gov.my

Ramadan Bazaar
6 June - 6 July 2016 • Along streets of Penang
During the Muslim fasting month, a sumptuous array of food, local delicacies, festive clothes, clothing and religious items will be sold at the month-long evening bazaar.
Panang Global Tourism
Tel: 604 264 3456
E-mail: info@panangglobaltourism.com • Website: mypanang.gov.my

Melaka International Dragon Boat Race
11 June 2016 • Melaka River, Melaka
Enjoy thrills and excitement as dragon boats race along the Melaka River.
Penciptaan Perahu Naga Negeri Melaka
Tel: 606 281 5649

IFTAR@KL
11, 12, 18, 19, 25 & 26 June 2016 • Jalan Raja / Merdeka Square, Kuala Lumpur
Celebrate Ramadan in true Malaysian style by observing Iftar (breaking of fast) amidst the backdrop of the historic Merdeka Square. This Islamic themed festival will also feature a bazaar and religious activities.
Cultural Arts Development Division, JKKN
Tel: 603-2614 8200 ext 8222 / 8209
E-mail: roslil@jkkn.gov.my / amirul@jkkn.gov.my

Dikir Barat Perdana
18 - 19 June 2016 • Kompleks JKKN, Kelantan
Dikir Barat is a chorus by a group of 10 or 15 men and accompanied by traditional percussions and gongs. Satirical, humorous and clever, this performance will tickle the audience with the current affairs.
Cultural Arts Development Division, JKKN
Tel: 603 2614 8200 ext 8222 / 609 741 7000
E-mail: roslil@jkkn.gov.my / kasim@jkkn.gov.my

Sabah FCAS International Dragon Boat Race
21 - 22 June 2016 • Teluk Likas, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
Organised in conjunction with the Duan Wu Festival, this Chinese tradition has evolved throughout the years into one of the main sporting events in Sabah. The Federation of Chinese Associations, Sabah
Tel: 6088 253 433
E-mail: fcasinfo@gmail.com • Website: www.sabahdragonboat.my

KK Jazz Festival
22 - 23 June 2016 • Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
A much-anticipated jazz musical extravaganza that features a line-up of international and local artists. It is a fundraising event benefitting various charities in the state.
SPAWS & Rotary Club Kota Kinabalu
Tel: 6019 853 9922 / 6016 810 6438
E-mail: sparksmalaysia@gmail.com • Website: www.sabahjazz.com

Selangor Homestay Festival
22 - 24 June 2016 • i-City, Shah Alam, Selangor
A three-day festival showcasing homestay packages as well as products by small and medium industries (SMI). There will also be handicraft demonstrations and cultural shows.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Selangor Office
Tel: 603 5511 1122

Fiesta San Pedro
25 - 29 June 2016 • Portuguese Settlement, Melaka
This festival honours St Peter, the patron saint of fishermen. The Portuguese Settlement in Melaka will be bustling with activities as well as food and fun fairs.
Portuguese Settlement Regedor’s Panel
Tel: 606 284 7050

1Malaysia Mega Sale Shopping Carnival
27 June - 31 August 2016 • Throughout Malaysia
The country’s biggest shopping event offers mega shopping excitement and great entertainment.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia
Tel: 603 8000 8000 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

Fraser’s Hill International Bird Race
28 - 31 June 2016 • Fraser’s Hill, Raub, Pahang
Fraser’s Hill, which ranks as the ninth Important Bird Area (IBA) in the world, will be the host of this birding event.
Pahang Tourism
Tel: 609 517 1623
E-mail: pkbf@streamyx.com • Website: www.pkbf.gov.my

Penang International Lion Dance on Stilts Championship
June 2016 • Han Chiang Stadium, Penang
Come watch the action-packed and exciting Lion Dance on stilts competition by Malaysian and foreign teams.
Penang Tourism Development Committee and Wushu, Lion & Dragon Dance Association, Penang
Tel: 604 650 5136 • Website: visitpenang.gov.my

Borneo Cultural Festival
June 2016 • Sibu Town Square, Sibu, Sarawak
The festival highlights cultural and multi-ethnic inspirations from the island of Borneo, and other Asian countries. It showcases traditional dances, arts, games and music while promoting Sibu’s local attractions.
Sibu Municipal Council
Tel: 6084 333 411 / 6084 333 411 (Hotline) • E-mail: SMC@smc.gov.my

Pesta Babulang dan Lumba Kerbau Bisaya
June 2016 • Limbang, Sarawak
Pesta Babulang and Lumba Kerbau is a festival filled with the rich heritage and culture of the indigenous Bisaya community. It features traditional games, cultural performances and the highlight is a buffalo race.
Pejabat Residen Bahagian Limbang
Tel: 6085 202 106

Penang AgroFest
June 2016 • Expo Site; Seberang Jaya, Penang
This eagerly-awaited annual event is a platform for government agencies, the private sector and entrepreneurs to highlight their latest technology, innovation and success stories in the agricultural industry.
Penang Agriculture & Agro-based Industries, Rural Development and Health Office
Tel: 604 650 5386

Auto City Carnival
June 2016 • Auto City, Juru, Penang
A galore of activities such as contests, shows and entertainment are held throughout this period.
Auto City
Tel: 604 501 1222 • Website: autocity.com.my

Penang Durian Festival
June - July 2016 • Air Junjung Indah, Balik Pulau, Penang
Celebrating the ‘King of Fruits’, Penang’s famous durian estates will exhibit and sell their prized durians during the annual durian season.
Penang State Tourism Development
Tel: 604 650 5136
**George Town World Heritage Day**

7 July 2016 • George Town, Penang

This occasion commemorates the day George Town was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List of Cities and Sites, on 7 July 2008.

George Town World Heritage Incorporated (GTWHI)
Tel: 604 261 6606

**National Day Exhibition 2016**

16 July - 16 September 2016 • National Museum, Kuala Lumpur

In conjunction with the National Day celebration 2016, this exhibition will recall the journey and fight to free the country from the clutches of colonialism, as well as the many challenges faced to achieve independence.

National Museum, Department of Museums Malaysia
Tel: 603 2267 1000

**Malaysia Aidilfitri Open House Celebration**

17 July 2016 • Melaka

Experience the Hari Raya Aidilfitri festivities in an open house celebration, a programme that brings people together to celebrate the country’s various festivals.

Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia
Tel: 603 8000 8000 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

**St. Anne’s Festival**

24 July - 2 August 2016 • St. Anne’s Church, Bukit Mertajam, Penang

The 10-day Novena brings a carnival-like atmosphere to the town of Bukit Mertajam and the church compound with masses and prayers.

St. Anne’s Church
Tel: 604 538 6405

**KL Big Kitchen 2016**

29 - 31 July 2016 • Dataran Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur

A three-day food festival that showcases the diversity of cuisine available in Kuala Lumpur.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall
Tel: 603 2698 0332
E-mail: pelancongan@dbkl.gov.my / info@klbigkitchen.com
Website: www.klbigkitchen.com

**10th Malaysia International Dive Expo (MIDE)**

29 - 31 July 2016 • Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), Kuala Lumpur

MIDE is a premier show that is designed to build a high-end exhibition platform to expand the dive market. The show is also the meeting place for industry players.

Asia Events Exsic Sdn Bhd
Tel: 603 7980 9902 • Website: www.mide.com.my

**8th Anniversary of UNESCO World Heritage City Celebration**

30 July 2016 • Banda Hilir, Melaka

An annual event celebrated to commemorate the declaration of Melaka City as a UNESCO World Heritage City on 7 July 2008.

Majlis Bandaraya Melaka Bersejarah (MBMB)
Tel: 606 285 9702

**Penang Bon Odori Festival**

30 July 2016 • Esplanade, Penang

A traditional and merry Japanese festival that is celebrated with dances and lively drum performances to welcome the homecoming of ancestral spirits.

The Consulate-General of Japan, Penang State Tourism Development, & Bon Odori Organising Committee
Tel: 604 650 5136 / 604 261 9012 • Website: visitpenang.gov.my

**KL Tower Street Soccer Competition**

30 - 31 July 2016 • KL Tower, Kuala Lumpur

This competition presents a unique way of playing street soccer. The preliminary session will be held on 30 July while the finals take place the next day.

Menara Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 603 2020 5444 • Website: www.menarakl.com.my
Sabah International Folklore Festival
July 2016 • Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
Be entertained by international and local folk dances that highlight the incredible diversity of cultures in this east meets west musical extravaganza.
Sabah Cultural Board
Tel: 6088 268 460 / 6011 1206 1209 • E-mail: siffborneo@gmail.com
Website: www.sabah.gov.my/ko/kv2/

Penang MITM Travel Fair
July 2016 • SPICE Arena, Penang
Planning your next getaway? Join MITM for a variety of reasonably priced options from 300 travel agents and companies. Entrance is free.
Malaysian Chinese Tourism Association
Tel: 604 262 2333 • Website: mcta.penang@gmail.com

Ipoh International Waiters Race
July 2016 • Ipoh, Perak
Originating from France, this race exhibits the skills of the famous French garcons. The objective is not only to promulgate Ipoh’s food and services industry but also to acknowledge the service of waiters in the hospitality industry.
Malaysian Association of Hotels (MAH) Perak Chapter
Website: www.hotels.org.my

AUGUST

George Town Festival
1 - 31 August 2016 • George Town, Penang
The arts and cultural celebration sets off in the heart of George Town with film screenings, music and dance performances, art exhibitions, forums, art installations and more.
George Town Festival Secretariat
Tel: 604 261 6308

Penang Hungry Ghost Festival
3 - 31 August 2016 • Around Penang
Staged opera performances and puppet shows are conducted at makeshift altars erected at roadides to entertain spirits, ghosts and the public.
Penang Global Tourism
Tel: 604 264 3456
E-mail: info@penangglobaltourism.com • Website: mypenang.gov.my

Yang di-Pertuan Agong Exhibition
4 August - 15 August 2016 • Royal Museum, Kuala Lumpur
This exhibition will highlight the Royal Regalia, especially those used during the coronation of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.
Royal Museum
Tel: 603 2272 1896

Rainforest World Music Festival
5 - 7 August 2016 • Sarawak Cultural Village (SCV) Kuching, Sarawak
The Rainforest World Music Festival features musicians from around the world, showcasing traditional and original musical instruments.
Sarawak Tourism Board
Tel: 6082 423 600 • Website: www.sarawaktourism.com

KL City Race
12 - 14 August 2016 • Kuala Lumpur
Kuala Lumpur is transformed into a grand stage with racing teams blazing their way to reach the finishing line.
Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL)
Tel: 1 800 88 3255 • Website: www.dbkl.gov.my

Start In Tioman (SIT)
18 - 21 August 2016 • Kg Genting, Pulau Tioman, Pahang
Divided into three categories, this event will boost Tioman’s attraction as a diving paradise.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Pahang Office
Tel: 609 517 1111
E-mail: pahang@motac.gov.my • Website: www.motac.gov.my
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**Rhythm of Gamelan**
19 - 21 August 2016 • Kompleks Suakan Negeri, Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu
Gamelan musicians from near and far gather in Kuala Terengganu to discuss and explore the finer nuances of this remarkable musical instrument. It also features a two-day workshop by professionals from Malaysia, Indonesia and Europe.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Terengganu Office
Tel: 603 517 1111 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

**Melaka MITS MATTA Fair**
19 - 21 August 2016 • Melaka International Trade Centre (MITC), Melaka
An international showcase of tourism packages offering inbound and outbound services from local and international operators. Lots of discounts for visitors!
Melaka Tourism Promotion Division / MATTA Melaka Chapter
Tel: 606 232 8402

**Malaysia International Mask Festival**
19 - 21 August 2016 • Esplanade, KLC Park, Kuala Lumpur
The enigma and mysticism of masks will become the focal point of activities during this inaugural festival. It is participated by Italy, Japan, China, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia.
Research & Development Division, JKKN
Tel: 603 2641 8200 ext 8339 • E-mail: salmiyani@jkkn.gov.my

**Festival Boria**
Boria Festival
20 - 21 August 2016 • Fort Cornwallis, Penang
This event aims to highlight Boria as one of Penang’s traditional arts, advocating unity and intercultural harmony.
Cultural Arts Development Division, JKKN
Tel: 603 2641 8200 ext 8222 / 604 281 7791 / 7792
E-mail: rosi@jkkn.gov.my / riza@jkkn.gov.my

**Karnival Nilai-Nilai Murni dan Jejak Warisan**
26 - 28 August 2016 • Negeri Sembilan
An interesting carnival to honour the traditional customs and values of the community.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia
Tel: 603 8000 8000 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

**Konsert Di Ambang Merdeka @Menara KL**
27 August 2016 • KL Tower, Kuala Lumpur
Heled in conjunction with the National Day celebrations, this concert features performances by artists and lots more. Audience will be entitled to a free entrance to the Observation Deck.
Menara Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 603 2020 5444 • Website: www.menarakl.com.my

**Selangor Open Championship Jetski Competition**
27 - 29 August 2016 • Tasik Biru, Kundang Selayang, Selangor
This competition features both local and international categories with participants from Thailand, Brunei, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia and Japan.
Selayang Municipal Council
Tel: 606 6126 5800

**Rainbow Half Marathon 2016**
August 2016 • Taiping, Perak
This sporting event will put the peaceful town of Taiping in international limelight with the participation of nearly 4,000 athletes including those from Africa, Switzerland, United Kingdom, China and more.
Majlis Perbandaran Taiping
Tel: 603 808 0777 • Website: www.mptraiping.gov.my

**Padawan Raft Safari**
August 2016 • Kg. Annah Rais - Kg. Temurang - Kg. Danu - Kg. Git, Padawan, Kuching, Sarawak
A chance to get close to nature, enjoy its natural wealth and cruise down crystal clear rivers on a bamboo raft, surrounded by beautiful scenery.
Padawan Municipal Council
Tel: 6082 615 566 • Website: www.mpp.sarawak.gov.my

**KL International Orchid & Bonsai**
August 2016 • Perdana Botanical Gardens, Kuala Lumpur
A dazzling showcase of different varieties of orchids and bonsai plants, held at the city’s beautiful lake gardens.
Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL)
Tel: 1 800 88 3255 • Website: www.dbkl.gov.my

**Pameran Selusir**
August - September 2016 • Galeri REKA, Balai Seni Visual Negara, Kuala Lumpur
A showcase of ceramic crafts by local and international artists.
Balai Seni Visual Negara
Tel: 603 4026 7000
Website: www.artgallery.gov.my • Fl: Balai Seni Visual Negara

**Kuala Lumpur Fashion Week, Ready to Wear**
August 2016 • Pavilion Kuala Lumpur
Kuala Lumpur Fashion Week is the main platform in which local fashion designers can present their work on a huge scale.
Fashionably KL Sdn Bhd
Tel: 603 2733 9337 • Website: www.klfashionweek.com

**JB Arts Festival 2016**
1 - 30 September 2016 • Johor Bahru, Johor
This is an annual event which incorporates all genres of performing arts – music, theatre, dance, visual arts and comedy – both contemporary and traditional.
The Johor Society for the Performing Arts
Tel: 6019 716 9900 / 6019 713 9900 • E-mail: jartsfest@hotmail.com

**PD International Bike Fest 2016**
6 - 7 September 2016 • PD Waterfront, Negeri Sembilan
Enjoy the 14th edition of PD Bike Fest – this year’s event will incorporate sports cars, 4 x 4 and other 2 x 2 vehicles.
Negeri Sembilan Tourism Board
Tel: 606 765 9725 / 9734 • Website: http://tourism.ns.gov.my

**Pesta Pantai Terengganu**
16 - 18 September 2016 • Dataran Batu Buruk, Terengganu
A fun-filled beach festival that features everything from traditional games to cultural performances, exhibitions and contests along with a great variety of local delights.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Terengganu Office
Tel: 603 517 1111 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

**KL International Marathon**
11 September 2016 • Kuala Lumpur
Featuring breathtaking buildings and iconic landmarks, the city of Kuala Lumpur will be an impressive backdrop for this marathon.
Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL)
Tel: 1 800 88 3255 • Website: www.dbkl.gov.my

**Mid-Autumn Festival**
15 September 2016 • George Town, Penang
The Mid-Autumn Festival, commonly known in Malaysia as the Lantern and Mooncake Festival, is a popular East Asian celebration of abundance and togetherness.
Penang Global Tourism
Tel: 604 264 3456
E-mail: info@penangglobaltourism.com • Website: mypenang.gov.my

**ASEAN Songket Weaving Exhibition**
15 September - 31 December 2016
This exhibition will highlight the artistry, intricacy, traditional production methods and exclusive value of songket.
National Textile Museum
Tel: 603 2694 3457 / 603 2694 3461 • Website: www.muziumtekstinegara.gov.my

**Borneo Bird Festival/Race**
15 - 17 September 2016 • Rainforest Discovery Center, Sandakan, Sabah
Bird enthusiasts from all across the globe will congregate at the third edition of this festival. Sabah is home to 568 bird species, four of which are found nowhere else in the world.
Sabah Tourism Board / Sri Pelancongan Sabah
Tel: 6088 212 121 • Website: www.sabahtourism.com

**Bon Odori Festival**
17 September 2016 • National Sports Complex, Shah Alam, Selangor
Bon Odori is a Japanese cultural performance. This celebration in Shah Alam is the biggest in Malaysia with over 20,000 people.
Kuala Lumpur Japan Club
Tel: 603 2274 2274
Pesta Pantai Terengganu
Terengganu Beach Fiesta
17 September 2016 • Dataran Batu Burok, Terengganu
A fun and wholesome beach festival for the whole family. Plenty of activities for children including colouring competitions and beach games.
Cultural Arts Development Division, JKKN
Tel: 603 2614 8200 ext 8222 / 603 617 8831
E-mail: rosli@jkkn.gov.my / hasryn@jkkn.gov.my

Gendang Melayu Sarawak
Sarawak Malay Drums
17 - 18 September 2016 • Kuching Waterfront, Sarawak
The convivial nature of the Sarawakians is reflected in this festival featuring the traditional Sarawak Malay Drums.
Cultural Arts Development Division, JKKN
Tel: 603 2614 8200 ext 8222 / 6082 422 006 / 423 106
E-mail: rosli@jkkn.gov.my / zaifri@jkkn.gov.my

Festival Permainan Rakyat
Traditional Games Festival
17 - 18 September 2016 • Titiwangsa Lake Gardens, Kuala Lumpur
A fun and educational festival where one can enjoy the traditional games played by our forefathers. Try your hand at congkak or play the Malaysian hopscotch.
Cultural Arts Development Division, JKKN
Tel: 603 2614 8200 ext 8222 / 603 2072 6431 / 6779
E-mail: rosli@jkkn.gov.my / amran@jkkn.gov.my

Ritma Kinabalu
Rhythm of Kinabalu
17 - 18 September 2016 • Kompleks JKKN, Sabah
Rhythm of Kinabalu profiles Sabah’s traditional music, performed by musicians from various local ethnic groups.
Cultural Arts Development Division, JKKN
Tel: 603 2614 8200 ext 8222 / 6088 237 052 / 051
E-mail: rosli@jkkn.gov.my / raizuli@jkkn.gov.my

Borneo International Kite Festival (BIKF)
19 - 27 September 2016 • Old Airport, Bintulu, Sarawak
This festival unites kite-flying enthusiasts from around the world while promoting Bintulu as a tourist destination.
BDA Head Office
Tel: 6086 332 011 • Hotline: 6086 332 277
E-mail: bda@bda.gov.my

Kuala Lumpur Fabulous Food Hunt 2016
24 September 2016 • Kuala Lumpur
A food-based exploration that is held in conjunction with ‘Citrarasa’ and the ‘Fabulous Food 1Malaysia Campaign’. It takes 150 teams around Kuala Lumpur using the city’s public transportation.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture
Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya Office
Tel: 603 2161 5161 / 1043 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

Royal Pahang Billfish International Challenge
24 - 25 September 2016 • Rompin, Pahang
Practicing the ‘catch and release method’, this event attracts anglers from China, Singapore, United Kingdom, Japan and Australia.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Pahang Office / Tioman Development Authority (TDA)
Tel: 609 517 1111
E-mail: pahang@motac.gov.my • Website: www.motac.gov.my

Malaysia Open Kuala Lumpur 2016 ATP 250
24 September – 2 October 2016 • Panasonic National Sports Centre, Kuala Lumpur
The ATP World Tour 250 series is the newest series for tennis tournaments of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) from the 2009 ATP World Tour. IMG
Tel: 852 2894 0288

Lebuh Seni Putrajaya
25 September 2016 • Putrajaya
A showcase of arts that takes place in the beautiful intelligent garden city.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia
Tel: 603 8000 8000 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

F1 Petronas Malaysia Grand Prix
30 September - 2 October 2016 • Sepang International Circuit, Selangor
Featuring a double frontage grandstand, this circuit provides an awesome view of one of the best races in the world.
Sepang International Circuit Sdn Bhd
Tel: 603 8778 2200 • Website: www.sepangcircuit.com
Tow Boo Kong Association
Noordin Street, Farlim, Butterworth, Bukit Mertajam, Penang
1 - 9 October 2016 • Tow Boo Kong, Burmah Road, Macallum Street Ghaut, Jelutong, Nine Emperor Gods Festival
Tel: 6089 666 196 • Website: www.borneobirdrace.com

Sandakan Borneo Bird Club
September 2016 • Miri-Labuan-Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
This race attracts about 30 - 40 yachts of various types. The unique event showcases the different cultures and attractions found in Borneo. Sarawak Yachting Association
Tel: 6085 423 033

Sarawak International Dragon Boat Regatta
September 2016 • Kuching Waterfront, Kuching, Sarawak
The Dragon Boat Race continues to be an important event in the tourism calendar. The event in Sarawak attracts huge global participation and promotes local tourism. Ministry of Tourism, Sarawak
Tel: 6082 319 313

113KM Desaru Triathlon 2016
September 2016 • Pantai Desaru, Kota Tinggi, Johor
An exciting event with three categories to bring out the champion in this test of endurance. Jabatan Pelancongan Negeri Johor KEJORA / Eventure Global Pte Ltd
Tel: 607 224 9960 • E-mail: info@kohortourism.com.my

PD International Army Tatoos Festival 2016
September 2016 • Bandar Tentera Darat, Negeri Sembilan
Held for two nights, this festival will feature military forces from various ASEAN countries such as Thailand, Singapore, Brunei, Indonesia. Negeri Sembilan Tourism Board
Tel: 606 765 9725 / 9734 • Website: http://tourism.ns.gov.my

Sarawak Regatta
September 2016 • Kuching Waterfront, Kuching, Sarawak
Held since 1872, Sarawak Regatta is the oldest water sports event in Sarawak. Various activities such as boat races, cultural shows, food and trade fairs will be held during the regatta. Kuching Residents Office / Ministry of Tourism
Tel: 6082 319 309 / 313

Sibu International Dance Festival
September 2016 • Sibu Civic Centre, Sarawak
This festival is a showcase of all kinds of dances - traditional and modern, for all age groups, races and cultures, both locally and internationally. Horniland Dance Theatre

KL Tower International Jump Malaysia
30 September - 3 October 2016 • KL Tower, Kuala Lumpur
KL Tower is a magnet for extreme sports enthusiasts particularly ‘BASE’ (building, antennas, span, earth) jumpers. Every year more than 100 daredevils jump from the tower and make three second free falls before opening their chutes, leaving spectators breathless!
Menara Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 603 2020 5444 • Website: www.menarakl.com.my

Asia Pacific Ironman Langkawi
September 2016 • Langkawi
Ironman is triathlon’s marquee challenge and the world’s most challenging single day endurance test consisting of a 3.8km swim, a 180km cycling race and a 42.2km run.
IRONMAN Asia-Pacific
Website: http://api.ironman.com

Borneo International Yachting Challenge
September 2016 • Miri-Labuan-Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
The event attracts about 30 - 40 yachts of various types. The unique event showcases the different cultures and attractions found in Borneo. Sarawak Yachting Association
Tel: 6085 423 033

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Tel: 6082 319 313

Putrajaya International Islamic Arts Festival (PIACUF)
27 - 30 October 2016 • Kompleks Perbadanan Putrajaya & DataSar Dun, Precinct 3, Putrajaya
PIACUF is a platform to showcase Islamic arts, culture and civilisation with thinkers and scholars from around the world. Perbadanan Putrajaya
Tel: 603 8887 7000
E-mail: piacuf.paj@ppj.gov.my
Website: www.piacuf.com • Fb: www.facebook.com/piacuf

MotoGP
28 - 30 October 2016 • Sepang International Circuit, Selangor
Watch as riders from the world blaze their trails across Sepang International Circuit, one of the most challenging tracks in the world. Sepang International Circuit Sdn Bhd
Tel: 603 8778 2200 • Website: www.sepangcircuit.com

Terengganu International Islamic Arts Festival 2016
29 - 31 October 2016 • Taman Tamadun Islam (TTI) Convention Centre, Terengganu
Experience and enjoy a collection of Islamic heritage from calligraphy competitions, musical performances, khat writing workshops as well as an exhibition on Muslim fashion. Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Terengganu Office
Tel: 603 517 1111 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

Malaysia International Gourmet Festival (MIGF) 2016
October 2016 • Kuala Lumpur
This programme showcases the diversity of Malaysian cuisine at its best. Specific hotels will feature delicacies, cultural shows and handicrafts from the different states around the country. AsiaReach Events Sdn. Bhd.
Tel: 603 2282 8029 • Website: www.migf.com

Oktobefest
October 2016 • Malaysian-German Society, Penang
Locals and tourists flock here for the array of German brews and food, in celebration of Oktoberfest. Keep a lookout for the Bavarian dance specially flown in from Germany.
Malaysian-German Society
Tel: 604 229 6853
**Retrofest Asia 2016**
October 2016 • Sur Beach, Sunway Lagoon, Selangor
A home-grown retro music festival to relive and promote the great music of the 80s and 90s. It is a unique, one-of-its-kind music festival in Malaysia and Southeast Asia.
JS Concert Sdn Bhd
Website: www.jscconcert.com

**Sime Darby LPGA Malaysia 2016**
October 2016 • Yayasan Sime Darby, Kuala Lumpur
The Sime Darby LPGA Malaysia is a women’s professional golf tournament on the LPGA Tour.
Yayasan Sime Darby

**CIMB Classic 2016**
October 2016 • Kuala Lumpur
First played in 2010, the CIMB Classic is the only official PGA TOUR FedExCup event in Southeast Asia. It features a limited 78-player field, with a prize purse of USD 7 million and no cut, making it one of the richest professional golf tournaments in the region.
Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club
Website: www.cimbclassic.com

**Pameran Retro Biennal**
October / November 2016
View a collection of works created by artists who represented the country to Biennale dan Triennale. Balai Seni Visual Negara, Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 603 4026 7000
Website: www.artgallery.gov.my • Fb: Balai Seni Visual Negara

**NS International Folklore 2016**
October 2016 • Seremban, Negeri Sembilan
Held for a week, the event will showcase a range of interesting programmes such as parades, dances and more.
Negeri Sembilan Tourism Board
Tel: 606 765 9725 / 9734 • Website: http://tourism.ns.gov.my

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**NOVEMBER**

**Malaysia Deepavali Open House Celebration**
5 November 2016 • Klunian, Johor
Experience the Deepavali festivities in an open house celebration, a programme that brings people together to celebrate the country’s various festivals.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia
Tel: 603 8000 8000 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

**Teluk Chempedak Downhill International Challenge**
5 - 6 November 2016 • Teluk Chempedak, Kuantan, Pahang
Teluk Chempedak Downhill track offers the best scenery ever for the downhillers. Facing the South China Sea from atop Bukit Pelindung will be the biggest motivation of this extreme challenge.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Pahang Office with Kimi Mind Resources
Tel: 609 517 1111
E-mail: pahang@motac.gov.my • Website: www.motac.gov.my

**Joget 1Malaysia**
1Malaysia Joget
12 - 13 November 2016 • Bandar Hilir, Melaka
Originating from the historical city of Melaka, this dance flourished during the spice trade and owes its ancestry to the Portuguese ‘Branyo’. Enjoy performances of Joget by different groups from Melaka and its neighbouring states.
Cultural Arts Development Division, JKKN
Tel: 603 2614 8200 ext 8222 / 605 253 7001
E-mail: rosli@jkkn.gov.my / zulkarnain@jkkn.gov.my

**1Malaysia Year End Sale**
14 November 2016 - 3 January 2017 • Throughout Malaysia
Enjoy great bargains and discounts on your favourite items and branded products.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia
Tel: 603 8000 8000 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

**A Journey Through Time X by Starhill Gallery**
18 - 25 November 2016 • Starhill Gallery, Kuala Lumpur
This annual event will once again be a focal point for watch and jewellery enthusiasts to come together in celebration of beauty, luxury and excellence.
YTL Corporation Berhad
Tel: 603 2142 6633

**Penang Bridge International Marathon 2016**
20 November 2016 • Penang Bridge, Penang
An international marathon that takes place at our iconic landmark, the Penang Bridge. It garners over thousands of entries from local and international runners alike.
Penang State Tourism Development Office
Tel: 604 650 5136

**Folklore Music Festival**
21 November 2016 • Dataran Ipoh, Perak
This festival will portray the unique repertoire of folk songs from all the districts in the state.
Cultural Arts Development Division, JKKN
Tel: 603 2614 8200 ext 8222 / 605 253 7001
E-mail: rosli@jkkn.gov.my / zulkarnain@jkkn.gov.my

**George Town Literary Festival**
25 - 27 November 2016 • George Town, Penang
Literature lovers will get to mix and mingle with celebrated writers, poets, thinkers and critics within the charm of George Town where their stories are told through prose, poetry, spoken word and film.
Penang Global Tourism
Tel: 604 264 3456
E-mail: info@penangglobaltourism.com • Website: my.penang.gov.my

**In-between Arts Festival**
28 - 30 November 2016 • Penang
Wedged between the George Town Literary Festival and the Penang Island Jazz Festival, the In-between Arts Festival (IBAF) aims to showcase words, music, culture and everything in between.
Penang Global Tourism
Tel: 604 264 3456
E-mail: info@penangglobaltourism.com • Website: my.penang.gov.my

**Raja Muda Selangor International Regatta**
November 2016 • Royal Selangor Yacht Club, Tanjung Harapan, Selangor
A prestigious and challenging offshore and inshore sailing race organised annually by the Royal Selangor Yacht Club. It attracts a variety of yachts, from top class IRC1 racers to slow classic cruisers dating back over 100 years.
Royal Selangor Yacht Club
Tel: 603 3168 6964

**Adu Kolek**
November 2016 • Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu
A traditional canoe race, this event takes place during the monsoon season, where the favourable wind creates the perfect setting.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Terengganu Office
Tel: 603 517 1111 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

**Ironman Langkawi**
November 2016 • Pantai Kok, Langkawi
The iconic IRONMAN® brand and event series is the largest participation sports platform in the world.
Ironman Asia Pacific
Website: www.ironman.com

**NS International Power Boat 2016**
November 2016 • PD Waterfront, Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan
10 countries take part in this F3000 competition which features speed and thrills.
Negeri Sembilan Tourism Board
Tel: 606 765 9725 / 9734 • Website: http://tourism.ns.gov.my
DECEMBER

Penang Island Jazz Festival
1 - 3 December 2016 • Batu Ferringhi, Penang
Held since 2004, this independent music festival highlights the best of local and international jazz musicians from all over the world.
The Capricorn Connection
Tel: 6012 296 7800

Cherating International Surfing Competition
3 - 4 December 2016 • Cherating Beach, Kuantan, Pahang
Watch the experts take on the waves in the beautiful Cherating beach. Participation will include surfers from Singapore, Australia, Maldives and France.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Pahang Office
Tel: 609 517 1111
E-mail: pahang@motac.gov.my • Website: www.motac.gov.my

KL Tower Hunt 2016
3 - 4 December 2016 • KL Tower, Kuala Lumpur
The KL Tower Hunt takes participants on a 300 km journey, from KL Tower in the capital city, to KOMTAR in the northern state of Penang, in a quest to complete challenges and find clues relating to Malaysia’s heritage.
Menara Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 603 2020 5444 • Website: www.menarakl.com.my

Festival Gendang & Tari 2016
3 - 5 December 2016 • Dataran Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur
Enjoy a variety of cultural shows and performances featuring the gendang, a traditional percussion instrument.
Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL)
Tel: 1 800 88 3255 • Website: www.dbkl.gov.my

2nd Kiulu Adventure Challenge
4 December 2016 • Kiulu, Sabah
This challenge gives adventure enthusiasts the experience of running, mountain biking, rafting and participating in other outdoor activities in the beautiful district of Kiulu.
Sri Pelancongan Sabah / Kiulu Tourism Association
Tel: 6088 232 121
E-mail: zachary@sabahtourism.com • Website: www.sabahtourism.com

Melaka Tourism Week
9 - 11 December 2016 • Melaka
A three-day fiesta featuring an incredible range of indoor and outdoor activities such as futsal, street soccer, etc.
Melaka Tourism Promotion Division
Tel: 606 232 8402

Penang Pesta Chingay Parade
18 December 2016 • Padang Brown to Esplanade, Penang
Held since 1919, the Chingay Parade celebrates the birthday of the Goddess of Mercy. Highlights include an impressive balancing act by the Chingay and Lion Dance troupe members using a 40 feet tall stilts pole.
Penang State Tourism Development Office
Tel: 604 650 5136

Malaysia Christmas Open House Celebration
25 December 2016 • Kuala Lumpur
Experience the Christmas festivities in an open house celebration, a programme that brings people together to celebrate the country’s various festivals.
Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia
Tel: 603 8000 8000 • Website: www.motac.gov.my

New Year 2017 Countdown
31 December 2016 • Dataran Pahlawan, Melaka
It is going to be fun, fireworks displays and music all night long as the state celebrates and begins the countdown to New Year 2017.
Melaka Tourism Promotion Division
Tel: 606 232 8402

Miss Tourism International
31 December 2016 • Kuala Lumpur
Globally recognised as a premier international pageant, the Miss Tourism International world final is the only New Year eve pageant that plays host to more than 30 international beauty queens.
Tel: 603 9284 1133
There are six international airports in Malaysia. All the states are linked with a good network of domestic airlines.