



## MEDIA INFO

### A MAGIC CARPET RIDE OVER SABAH



Fly over fields of *padi* and enjoy magnificent views of the highlands



A bird's eye view of one of Sabah's islands at the Tunku Abdul Rahman Park

“It’s the closest thing you’ll get to a magic carpet ride!” Captain Harold hollered to me above the din of the engine before he grabbed the controls and expertly eased us off the ground.

We were both securely strapped in the front seats of a Sabah Air helicopter, its transparent bubble windows offering unobstructed views of the surroundings. Even the bottom of the helicopter was made of transparent material, giving one the feeling of literally flying on air. Whatever initial fear I had was soon forgotten as Captain

Harold piloted the machine with great skill and confidence over Sabah's varied landscape.

The contrasting Sabah vista is indeed best appreciated from the air when you can see the sprawling city of Kota Kinabalu below, the blues and the greens of the sea on one side, and the rugged highlands and verdant rainforest on the other.

Several flight packages are available for those wanting to see Sabah from a bird's eye view. The basic package, the Kota Kinabalu Aerial Delight, takes approximately 20 minutes and offers an aerial view of Kota Kinabalu, the Tunku Abdul Rahman park islands and coastal beaches. View several prominent Kota Kinabalu landmarks such as the Sabah Foundation building and the state mosque during this flight. Weather permitting, one can even see the majestic Mount Kinabalu looming in the distance.

The Mount Kinabalu Aerial Fantasy is a 60-minute flight tour of Southeast Asia's highest mountain located in Sabah. The highest point of the Crocker Range at 4,101 metres, Mount Kinabalu rises up from among the rainforest and clouds, to offer breathtaking views to flight passengers. On the return journey, fly over vast fields of *padi* and traditional villages.

The Tip of Borneo flight package is another interesting choice which takes passengers to the northern-most point of Sabah and the island of Borneo. Departing from Kota Kinabalu, the helicopter flies over

Kota Kinabalu city and its landmarks such as the Tun Mustapa Tower, Universiti Malaysia Sabah and Nexus Karambunai Resort. It then journeys over coastal beaches and occasionally over the interiors of Sabah, giving passengers the opportunity to see Sabah's contrasting landscapes before arriving at the Tip of Borneo in Kudat. Catch the beautiful views of Sabah's beaches along the west coast and take in the raging beauty of the South China Seas as the waves crash onto the shores. The helicopter lands here for a 15-minute photo opportunity before proceeding to take passengers to lunch at the Kudat Golf and Marina Resort. The entire aerial tour takes about two hours.

Other flight packages can be arranged to suit the needs of passengers, such as an escape to the countryside for an intimate picnic, a flight over the rainforests and mangroves of Sabah, and a trip to the Mount Kinabalu Golf Course at an altitude of 1,800 metres.

Whatever your choice, be assured that seeing Sabah by air is a unique and safe experience. For more information, visit [www.sabahair.com.my](http://www.sabahair.com.my).

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