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We're already halfway through the year as we celebrate the Malaysia Year of Festivals campaign, and June promises to be an exciting, adventure-filled month. Come join us in a mix of exhilarating activities. For those looking for a little more thrill, come get that adrenaline fix at a few newly opened theme parks, which is sure to get your blood running! However if you are in the mood for a more laid back but culturally filled vacation, the options are endless this June, as tourists can choose to enjoy a scenic, sunset music festival at the tip of Borneo in Sabah, or watch a local choreographed dance at the Malaysian Dance Festival in Kuala Lumpur.

Also, let's not forget that this month; once again Muslims will be observing the beginning of the fasting month of Ramadhan. In conjunction with this many organisation will also perform IFTAR (Breaking Fast), and of them is Iftar@KL. May I take this opportunity to welcome all tourists to Malaysia, and to all Muslims; may all of us stay healthy and enthusiastic to perform our obligation to reap the best reward.

**Mohmed Razip Hasan**  
**Director of Communications & Publicity**  
**Tourism Malaysia**

### SUNSET MUSIC FESTIVAL



Embark on a musical journey at Tanjung Simpang Mengayau in Sabah, the northern-most tip of Borneo. Delight in an evening of classical favourites and contemporary tunes brought to you by a talented line-up of performers as the sun sets over the Sulu and South China Seas. You won't want to miss this amazing musical experience. The stage is set for one of the most breathtaking outdoor musical events of the year – right here at the iconic Tip of

Date : 5 to 6 June 2015  
 Venue : Tip of Borneo, Tanjung Simpang Mengayau, Kudat, Sabah  
 Organiser : Sabah Tourism Board/Sri Pelancongan Sabah Sdn Bhd  
 Contact : +6088-232121  
 Website : [www.sunsetmusicfest.my](http://www.sunsetmusicfest.my)

## MALAYSIAN DANCE FESTIVAL

The 2015 Malaysian Dance Festival brings together international and local choreographers, dancers and students in an exciting showcase of creative expression. Witness amazing choreography, and colourful set-ups as this event has been known to have crowned over 16 dance groups, eight from each traditional and modern category. Contestants will be judged in terms of performance, choreography, creativity and best costume. Come and support some of the finest dance crews battling it out at the DBKL auditorium at the 2015 Malaysian Dance Festival this June.



Date : 4 to 6 June 2015  
Venue : City Hall Auditorium, Kuala Lumpur  
Organiser : National Department for Culture and Arts  
Contact : +603-2614 8200/ 8283/ 8203  
Website : [www.jkkn.gov.my](http://www.jkkn.gov.my)

## 1MALAYSIA MEGA SALE CARNIVAL



The 1Malaysia Mega Sale Carnival makes up one of the three major shopping events in the country, transforming Malaysia into a festive shopping paradise for more than two months. Retail outlets, malls, and shops selling a variety of products ranging from luxurious goods to electronics and souvenirs offer great discounts and bargains during this special time. Enjoy the carnival-like atmosphere of shopping in Malaysia, the events, competitions and retail experiences during the 1Malaysia Mega Sale Carnival.

Date : 27 June to 31 Aug  
Venue : Throughout Malaysia  
Organiser : Shopping Secretariat Malaysia  
Contact : +603-8891 8000  
Website : [www.tourismmalaysia.gov.my](http://www.tourismmalaysia.gov.my)

## KUANTAN160 CENTURY RIDE

Attention to all avid cyclists around, the Kuantan160 Century Ride is back! The race, set in the scenic east coast town of Kuantan, Pahang, will challenge cyclists to complete a gruelling ride over 160 km. The journey is enriched with the culture and architecture of Kuantan. However, expect the hot weather and elevations to give you a real challenge. Whether you want to ride with a couple of friends or get a real work-out, this event invites you to challenge yourself and take a shot at surviving the 160 km bike ride.



Date : 7 June  
Venue : Kuantan, Pahang  
Organiser: Pahang  
Tourism and  
Culture Office  
Contact : +609 517 1111  
Website :  
[www.kuantan160.com](http://www.kuantan160.com)

## MALAYSIAN GAWAI DAYAK OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION



Throughout the years, the Gawai Day has become a symbol of unity, aspiration and hope for the Dayak community. It is a day of giving thanks to the spirits that have bestowed a bountiful harvest to the community, and marks the preparation for a new farming season and life in general. The whole community takes part in the celebration which involves a lot of rituals, singing, dancing and sharing of traditional food and drinks such as tuak, a wine made of fermented rice. Enchant yourself by the various cultural performances and traditional delicacies.

Date : 5 to 6 June 2015  
Venue : Sarawak  
Organiser : Ministry of Tourism Sarawak  
Contact : +6082 246 575  
Website : [www.mot.sarawak.gov.my](http://www.mot.sarawak.gov.my)

## THE ORCHARD WELLNESS AND HEALTH RESORT MALAYSIA



**THE ORCHARD**  
WELLNESS & HEALTH RESORT MALAYSIA

The Orchard Wellness and Health Resort is a destination spa which advocates maintaining wellness in a natural green environment where one can seek healthcare treatment in a restful setting. Combining modern science and holistic treatments, the resort encourages healthy living in every aspect. Experience a secluded world of nature and serenity located within 100 acres of the world's largest collection of tropical fruits estate, while you nurture yourself back to health!

Location : Lubok China, Melaka  
Contact : +606 5528 999  
Website : [www.orchardwellness.com](http://www.orchardwellness.com)

### MALAYSIA'S TADAU KA'AMATAN: OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION (MRTM- TADAU)



Come together and celebrate the Tadau Ka'amatan in Sabah! This month-long Harvest Festival celebrates the cultural lifestyle of the Kadazandusun community of Sabah. It is held to welcome the new Harvest Season and to offer gratitude for the good harvest. The event is usually celebrated with general merry-making, cultural performances, traditional sports, and of course, the Unduk Ngadau (Harvest Festival Queen) pageant. Guests will be enthralled by cultural performances and traditional delicacies. It's a great opportunity for visitors to experience the hospitality and celebrations of the Sabahans.

Date : 6 June  
 Venue : Ranau, Sabah  
 Organiser : Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia  
 Contact : +603- 8000 8000  
 Website : [www.motac.gov.my](http://www.motac.gov.my)

### PENANG BRIDGE HALF MARATHON

The Penang Bridge Half Marathon is a sports event catered to serious runners as well as amateur ones from both local and international grounds. The main attraction is the opportunity to run across the iconic bridge that connects the island to mainland Malaysia. Uniting thousands of marathon enthusiasts annually, the run is well known for the captivating sight of the sunrise over a panoramic Penang. The race is very popular among sportsmen, school-going youngsters, working adults and families in search of a good time. If you're looking for a healthier way to spend time with your family; this 21km run is the event you won't want to miss!

Date : 14 June  
 Venue : Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah Bridge, Penang  
 Organizer : Penang State Tourism Development Committee  
 Contact : +60 016 411 0000 / +604-6505136  
 Website : [www.penangmarathon.gov.my](http://www.penangmarathon.gov.my)



## Iftar@KL

The month of Ramadan is a holy month observed by Muslims all over the world. Muslims refrain from eating and drinking, but come evening, they prepare to break their fast with special meals, prayers and spiritual gatherings. Experience the breaking of fast right in Kuala Lumpur's bustling heritage environment with Malaysians of all races at Iftar@KL. What can you expect? The Jalan Raja road will be closed to traffic and special mats will be rolled out for the public to "picnic" on the road and enjoy a free meal when the time comes to break the fast at around 7:30 pm. Quranic recitations, mass prayers, bubur lambuk (a type of traditional porridge) demonstration, and special talks are scheduled from 5pm to 10pm. This peaceful mass gathering in the city is a great way to reflect on unity, spirituality and the beauty of a diverse population. All are welcome!

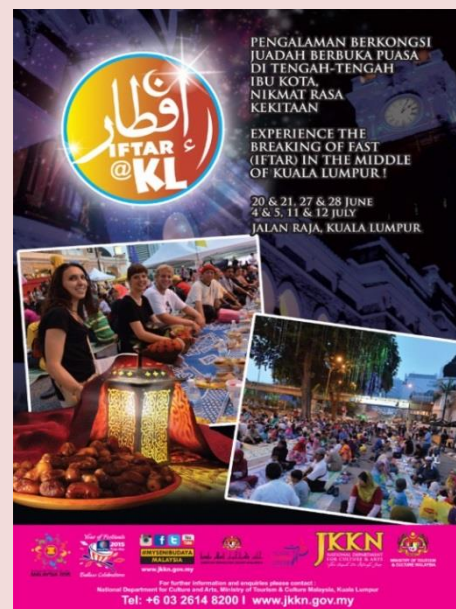
Date : 20 to 21 and 27 to 28 (3 to 4 and 10 to 11 Ramadhan)  
June 2015

Venue : Sultan Abdul Samad  
Building, Jalan Raja,  
Kuala Lumpur

Organiser : National Department for Culture and Arts (JKKN)

Contact : +603 2614 8200

Website : [www.jkkn.gov.my](http://www.jkkn.gov.my)



## The Malaysia Tourism Awards



The Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board (Tourism Malaysia) are pleased to announce the call for nominations for the Malaysia Tourism Awards 2014/2015. The prestigious Malaysia Tourism Awards, which recognises and honours local and international tourism industry players for outstanding and innovative products and services, is held once every two years; this will be the 19th edition of the esteemed awards. Members of the local and international travel trade fraternity and the media are invited to submit their nominations for fourteen award categories. Download nomination forms from [www.tourism.gov.my](http://www.tourism.gov.my) and [www.motac.gov.my](http://www.motac.gov.my). Call +603 8891 8000 for enquiries. Closing date is 30 June 2015.

## New Adventure Theme Parks in Malaysia!

Joining well-established theme parks Sunway Lagoon and Legoland are new and unique adventure spots that offer visitors an exhilarating time.

Located in the newest shopping mall, IOI City Mall, Putrajaya, **District 21** ([district21.com.my](http://district21.com.my)) offers activities for all visitors to get you climbing, jumping, riding, sliding and flying. It's a fairly small space, but loaded with challenging rides including – if you dare – an obstacle-course 20m up in the air. After a tiring day, enjoy great shopping and dining at the rest of the mall.

Dubbed as Malaysia's first indoor trampoline park, **Jumpstreet** ([jumpstreetasia.com](http://jumpstreetasia.com)) in Petaling Jaya consists of hundreds of interconnected trampolines from the floor right up to the walls. This amazing urban indoor playground welcomes visitors aged 3 years old. Jump around in the open court, play trampoline dodge ball or hone your aerial skills in the high performance area.

**ESCAPE** ([escape.my](http://escape.my)) is an outdoor theme park in Penang built to offer a fun and safe adventure play environment amidst nature. It is the first environmentally friendly theme park in Malaysia. Its emphasis is on connecting with others and capturing a sense of adventure. Challenge yourself to an aerial obstacle course, climb trees, jump off high platforms and squeeze through tunnels and burrows.

**Skytrex Adventure** ([skytrex-adventure.com](http://skytrex-adventure.com)) in Langkawi provides a tree-to-tree 'sky-trekking' experience where you can fly, swing, glide and dangle on the various aerial obstacles suspended above the lush tropical Malaysian rainforest. Experience the Malaysian rainforest in a unique way.

*Note: While the theme parks welcome visitors of all ages, there are minimum height and weight requirements for some activities.*



All information is correct at time of publication.

Visitors are advised to contact the event organiser for the latest updates.

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**MALAYSIA TOURISM PROMOTION BOARD OR TOURISM MALAYSIA** is an agency under the Ministry of Tourism & Culture, Malaysia. Tourism Malaysia focuses on the specific task of promoting Malaysia at all levels. Since its inception, Tourism Malaysia has grown by leaps and bounds and it has emerged as a major player in the international tourism scene. In 2013, Malaysia registered 25.7 million tourist arrivals and RM65.4 billion in receipts, making tourism its second largest foreign exchange earner and the sixth highest contributor to its Gross National Income (GNI).

Malaysia continues promoting the country with the **MALAYSIA YEAR OF FESTIVALS (MyFEST)** campaign this year with the theme "Endless Celebrations" emphasising the various festivals celebrated by its multicultural society. Both campaigns are key drivers towards achieving the country's target of 36 million tourist arrivals and RM168 billion in receipts by 2020, as outlined in the Tourism NKEA (National Key Economic Area).

Through the Tourism NKEA, collaborative efforts between the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, other Government agencies and the private sector have been enhanced to help secure Malaysia's position as a leading tourist destination. The targets set under the Tourism NKEA will be achieved through the implementation of twelve Entry Point Projects (EPPs) clustered under five themes: Affordable Luxury; Nature Adventure; Family Fun; Events, Entertainment, Spa and Sports; and Business Tourism.

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