

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Emergency

Sri Aman Hospital
083-322 151

Sri Aman Police Station
083 - 322121

Lubuk Antu Police Station
083 - 584 102

Sri Aman Division

Resident Office Sri Aman Division
Tel : 083 - 323366 Fax : 083 - 320568

Sri Aman

Sri Aman District Office
Tel : 083 - 322013 / 083 - 322012
Fax : 083 - 321703

Sri Aman District Council Office
083 - 322 072

Lubuk Antu

Lubuk Antu District Office
Tel : 083 - 584108
Fax : 083 - 584141

Lubuk Antu District Council Office
083 - 563 015

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in Sri Aman Division consists of Resort style accommodation, hotels, budget inns and homestays. The following is a selection of the more established properties:

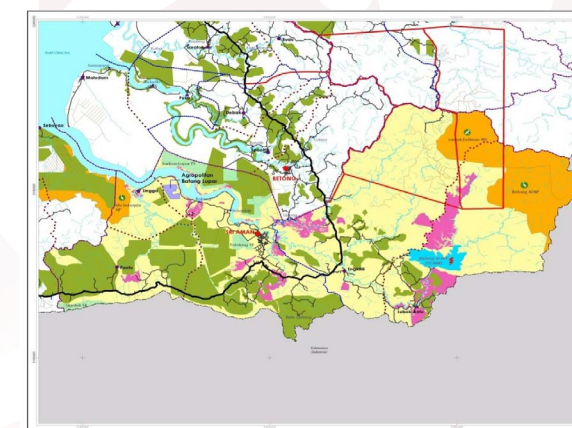
Hotels & Homestays	Contact No.
Aiman Batang Ai Resort & Retreat	019 336 8033
Seri Simanggang Hotel (Sri Aman)	322699
Hoover Hotel (Sri Aman)	321985
Mega Inn (Sri Aman)	326998
Fortune Inn	325333
Kelingkang Inn (Lubuk Antu)	584216
Crystal Inn	326822
Regent Inn	325857
Champion Inn	320140
Theatre Inn	327988
Goodview Inn	321908
Mei Xin Inn	323522
Sun Sun Aircond Hotel	017-2703378 (Mr. Ting)
Homestay Rh Wilson bana, Po Ai Melugu	014-5778580

SRI AMAN DEMOGRAPHIC STRUCTURE

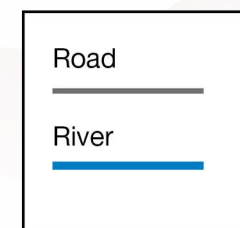
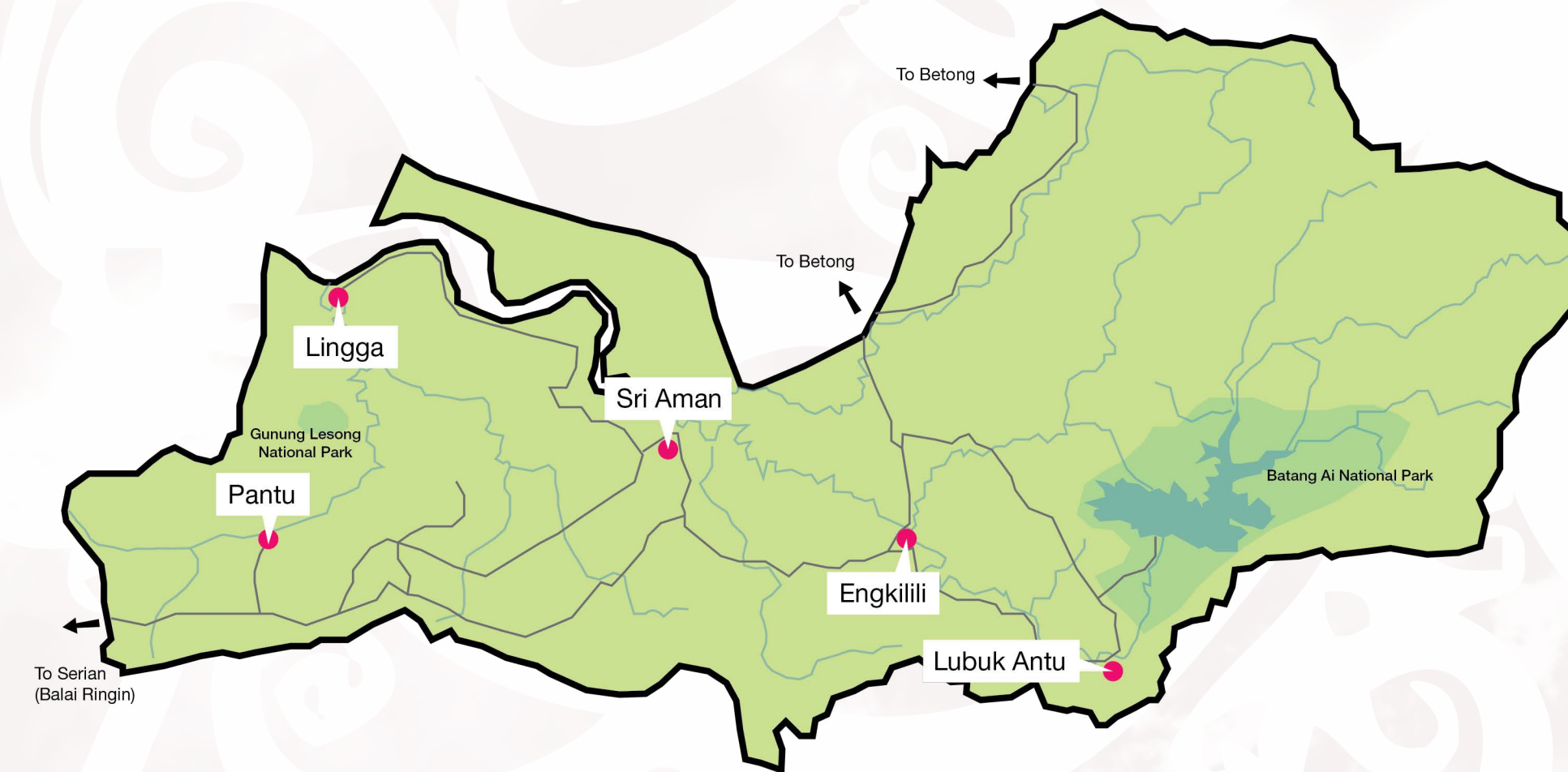
RACE	YEAR 2017*		TOTAL
	Sri Aman	Lubok Antu	
Malay	19,100	900	20,000
Iban	43,800	27,700	71,500
Bidayuh	500	200	700
Melanau	200	-	200
Other Bumiputera	500	200	700
Chinese	9,600	1,900	11,500
Indians + Others	200	200	400
Non-Citizen	1,000	500	1,500
TOTAL	75,000	31,700	106,700

Source: State Planning Unit ; Sarawak Facts and Figures (2016)

*Population projections based on the adjusted Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2010. The added total may differ due to rounding.



SRI AMAN DIVISION MAP



SARAWAK DIVISIONAL BROCHURE

SRI AMAN



Sri Aman Administrative Division
Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture,
Youth & Sports Sarawak



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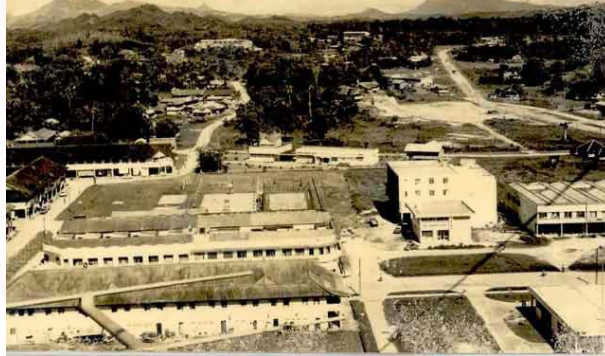
SRI AMAN TOWN



The town of Sri Aman is a bustling center especially at the morning market that sells an astonishing range of jungle products, agricultural produce, local handicrafts as well as fresh-water fish and prawns. There are plenty of coffee shops that offer Chinese and Malay food.

Sri Aman is also a popular rest-stop for visitors traveling further up to the Batang Ai National Park or for those traveling onwards to the central and northern cities of Sarawak. It is also where thousands gather to watch the benak (tidal bore) and a festival has been built around this natural occurrence.

SIMANGGANG TOWN 1965



FORT ALICE SRI AMAN



Fort Alice was built in 1864 by Rajah Charles Brooke to exert control on the Batang Lupar River where **Rentap**, an Iban chieftain, was resisting the Brooke's rule and led many raids against the Brooke army.



The Fort, named after Brooke's wife, served as a defensive structure and like many other forts in Sarawak, it is made of belian (ironwood). It has a square floor plan with a watchtower at each corner and a central courtyard surrounded by a fence of sharpened iron pikes. The Fort, situated right in town, is easily visible and a short walk from the riverfront.

In 2017, after extensive restoration by the state government, the Malaysian Institute of Architects awarded Fort Alice the Gold Medal in the "Conservation" category. Today, Fort Alice is a Heritage Museum.

How to get there :

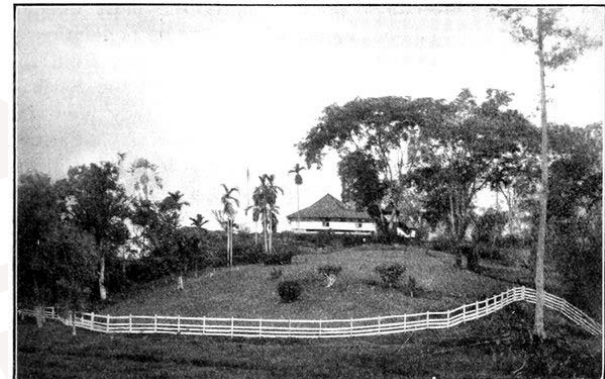
Getting there by bus is easy for people outside of Sri Aman especially from Kuching or other major cities. The charges would vary from different places. Other choice of transport would be taxi or by renting a car but it would be costly since the journey from Kuching or other major cities would take more than 3 hours.

Contact No :

Tel No : +6082-244232
Fax : +6082-246680
www.museum.sarawak.gov.my

Travel Tips :

Monday to Friday – 9.00 am – 4.45 pm
Saturday – Sunday – 10.00 am – 4.00 pm



RUMAH SRI AMAN



Traveller Experience :

Highlight

Rumah Sri Aman or previously known as **Rumah Segi Lapan** (Octagonal House) was built during Rajah Brooke reigned. It was used as an administrative centre where it house several government departments. On 21 October 1973, Rumah Sri Aman had witnessed the signing of "Peace Declaration" between Sarawak Government and North Kalimantan Communist Party (PARAKU) which ended the confrontation of Malaysia-Indonesia. Today, Rumah Sri Aman has been conserved and has become one of the iconic building in Sri Aman Town.

Entrance :

Currently, the facility is restricted for the public. However, appointment could be made if the public wish to visit the house.

Contact No :

Tel No : +6082-323366
Fax No : +6083-320568
www.sriaman.sarawak.gov.my

MOUNT HOSANNA CHAPEL



Located 157km on the Kuching-Sri Aman road, the Mount Hosanna Chapel is easily spotted from the roadside by its imposing facade. There are around 100 steps leading to the entrance. The Chapel attracts worshippers from the surrounding villagers and pilgrims from far and wide.

How to get there :

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Contact No :

Tel No : +6083-322087
http://kuchingcatholic.org/parish/mount-hosanna-chapel

Travel Tips :

For special arrangement / pilgrimages, please contact the Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Sri Aman.

PANORAMA BENAK PARK



With the influx of visitors during the tidal bore occurrence, Sri Aman authorities built the Panorama Benak Park on the banks of Batang Lupar. Its strategic location on high ground has made it an ideal platform to view the tidal bore and to observe activities on the river as well as to enjoy the scenic river view.

Traveller Experience :

Highlight

Known as an art and photo gallery which exhibits interesting arts and photographs on Tidal Bore or Benak. The gallery is built next to Fort Alice and also give a great view to watch Tidal Bore phenomenon since the roof of this gallery is made for recreational park. It is suitable for the family to do light activities and enjoying the scenic view.

How to get there :

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WILSON BANA IBAN LONGHOUSE



Located at Po Ai Melugu, 27km from Sri Aman, the Wilson Bana Iban longhouse promises an interesting homestay experience. The interior is beautifully decorated with tribal motifs and the traditional rui or corridor is made from belian planks. Visitors can participate in activities and sample Iban cuisine.

Contact No :

Longhouse Headman, Wilson Bana, Tel: 014 577 8580.



How to get there :

Located at Melugu, 27KM from Sri Aman town, visitors can reach there by catar transports (mini bus/van or car).

Entrance Fee :

RM35 – RM60 per night (depending on the activities requested)

GUNUNG LESONG NATIONAL PARK



The journey to Gunung Lesong National Park is taken overland and by boat. From the town of Lingga (1 hour from Sri Aman), visitors will have to travel by boat (an hour) or a 4WD (1 – 2 hours) through the rugged hinterland to reach the entrance of the National Park in Pantu. There is a friendly Iban longhouse of Munggu Sawa nearby whose residents enjoy having visitors pop by.

There are several waterfalls and many bathing pools. Wildlife is often heard but not seen. Seasoned hikers can attempt to reach the summit of Gunung Lesong.

How to get there :

Visitors can go by car to Lingga town which approximately 1 hour from Sri Aman town. From Lingga, the visitors must then, travel by boat and advance arrangement must be made. The boat journey is roughly 1 hours from the Lingga Jetty. For those who like more adventure, visitors can reach Gunung Lesong National Park via Pantu town, and use 4x4 via logging road to Engkerani, Pantu which will take the visitor direct to the national park entrance. The journey will take approximately 1 – 2 hours from Pantu Town.

Entrance Fee :

RM10 per person
Guide fees will be confirmed upon reservation.

Contact No :

Victor Luna, Sarawak Forestry Corporation, Kuching Tel: 082 248088 (Kuching) www.sarawakforestry.com

Longhouse Headman, Munggu Sawa: 019 459 2140.

Travel Tips :

Bring small change, bring water, umbrella/raincoat, wear sports shoes. The visitors can contact local tour guide as they offer attractive packages for the visitors. For more info, please contact Gunung Lesong Community Based Eco-Tourism personnel or local travel agencies to know more.

LUBOK ANTU TOWN

Lubok Antu is located about 85km from the town of Sri Aman and situated near the international border of Kalimantan, Indonesia. The name of the town itself sends shivers down one's spine as lubok means pool and antu means spirit or ghost. Despite its name, Lubok Antu is a small but vibrant and friendly town with a few shophouses and a bustling weekend market. There are plenty of Iban longhouses in the vicinity.

BATU NABAU LUBOK ANTU



Batu Nabau (Python Rock) is situated 36km from Sri Aman town and a further 3km inland from Engklli. This mysterious rock, measuring 2 meters in length with a pointed tip is awash with legends. Locals believe in legends where the stone turns into a snake.

Traveller Experience :

History & Highlight

Nabau - derived from the Iban language term which means the great python. The stone is cylindrical with a length of about nine meters and a diameter of two meters.

The stone, which seems to have a pointed tip like a snake's head, seems to come out of the ground, causing people to believe that the stone is indeed a snake that turns stone. Batu Nabau is also known as Batu Lintang by the locals. Located 15 minutes from Engklli Town to the longhouse area before continuing with a 10 minute walks into the forest.

How to get there :

There is no public transport going to Batu Nabau. However, people can go by renting a car or using their own transport. The journey will take approximately around 20 minutes from Sri Aman Town.

Travel Tips :

Bring insect repellent, bring water, umbrella/raincoat, wear sports shoes.



BATANG AI RECREATIONAL PARK



Situated 10 minutes drive away from Lubok Antu is the Batang Ai Recreational Park which features a suspension bridge and pedestrian walkways for recreational activities.

Traveller Experience :

Highlight

Located at Batang Ai Dam, Batang Ai Recreational Park is one of the most interesting and must be visited by visitors who come to Lubok Antu town.

Facilities provided such as suspension bridges, pedestrian paths are suitable for visitors who wish to enjoy the beauty of man-made lakes. It has beautiful natural scenery and is suitable for activities such as fishing and recreation. Batang Ai Festival has been made an annual event since 2014 and has attract many visitors to come to experience the festival which been held here, at Batang Ai Recreational Park.

How to get there :

Visitors can go by car or by bus from Sri Aman town and will reach Lubok Antu Town approximately in 1 hour time and will take another 10 minutes drive from Lubok-Antu Town.

BATANG AI NATIONAL PARK



Batang Ai National Park is located 15km upriver from the Batang Ai Hydro Lake, (275km or 5 hours drive from Kuching). It borders the region's largest trans-national protected area for tropical rainforest conservation, the Lanjak-Entimau Wildlife Sanctuary in Sarawak and the Bentuang-Karimun National Park in Indonesia. This totally protected area forms a sanctuary for one of the few viable orang utan populations in Borneo as well as many other endangered species. While the Lanjak-Entimau Wildlife Sanctuary is a restricted area, visitors can still access the Batang Ai National Park.

For conservation and safety purposes, visitors to the Batang Ai National Park must be accompanied by registered guides or park rangers at all times. Access is by motorized traditional longboat from the Aiman Batang Ai Resort jetty or the Batang Ai public jetty. The boat journey across the Batang Ai lake takes an hour or more and ascends the Batang Ai river. There may be times that the water-level is too low and visitors are required to jump into the river to help push the boat over rapids.

Traveller Experience :

Highlight

The creation of Sarawak's largest man-made lake has provided access to this fascinating national park. Created as part of a hydroelectric scheme, the 24-square-kilometre Batang Ai Lake boasts Iban longhouses and habitats of wild orangutans in the vicinity.

The Iban, Sarawak's largest ethnic group, and once renowned headhunters, still live in traditional longhouses around Batang Ai. Visitors to the park can reach the longhouses by boat travelling up on one of the rivers that flow into the lake or as they trek on the jungle trails looking for wildlife. They can stay at Iban longhouses and sample their age-old way of life

Contact No :

Tel No : +6082-248088
www.sarawakforestry.com

NANGA JENGIN BATANG AI



Nanga Jengin is a traditional Iban longhouse and accessed by longboat from the Aiman Batang Ai Resort jetty or the Batang Ai public jetty and an hour on the Batang Ai River.

Traveller Experience :

Highlight

The Iban, Sarawak's largest ethnic group, and once renowned headhunters, still live in traditional longhouses around Batang Ai. Nanga Jengin, Batang Ai offers traditional lifestyle experiences to the visitors and tourists, this traditional longhouse is one of the longhouses which still maintain it heritage and uniqueness. The facilities includes suspension bridge, resthouse for visitors and other facilities.

NANGA SUMPA BATANG AI



The Nanga Sumpa Iban longhouse located on the banks of the Delok River, is approximately a 1½ hour longboat ride from the Batang Ai Lake. Facilities include a jungle lodge for visitors who can indulge in a range of activities such as jungle trekking, Orang Utan watch and trek to the Wong Ensula Waterfall.

How to get to Batang Ai NP, Nanga Jengin & Nanga Sumpa :

Access is by motorized traditional longboat from the Aiman Batang Ai Resort jetty or the Batang Ai public jetty. There is no public longboat service and transport should be arranged in advance. The boat journey is roughly 1 hours – 2 hour crossing they hydro lake and another hour ascending the fast-flowing Batang Ai river. At times of low water visitors may have to jump into the crystal clear stream and help to push the boat through small rapids – all part of the fascinating Batang Ai experience.

Travel Tips :

The Batang Ai hydro lake is about 275km (or 5 hours drive) from Kuching. Most visitors arrive as part of an organised tour group where all transport is included. Contact the Visitor's Information Centre in Kuching for a list of approved tour operators.

BATANG AI DAM



WONG PUPU SRI AMAN



Traveller Experience :

Highlight

- Located in Batu Lintang, Sri Aman
- Distance from Sri Aman Town is about 35KM by land transport.
- It is a recreation place.
- Ideal for picnic and bathing activities.

How to get there :

There is no public transport going to Wong Pupu. However, people can go by renting a car or using their own transport. The journey will take approximately around 20 minutes from Sri Aman Town.

Contact No :

Tel No : +6083-322704
Fax : +6083-321648
www.sriaman.sarawak.gov.my

Travel Tips :

Bring insect repellent, water, umbrella/raincoat, wear sports shoes.

WONG AJONG LUBOK ANTU



Traveller Experience :

Highlight

Located 5 km from Engklli Town by land transport. It is a recreation place. Ideal for picnic and bathing activities. It is often visited by the locals to do the recreational activities there.

How to get there :

There is no public transport going to Wong Ajong. However, people can go by renting a car or using their own transport. The journey will take approximately around 20 minutes from Sri Aman Town.

Contact No :

Tel No : +6083-322704
Fax : +6083-321648
www.sriaman.sarawak.gov.my

Travel Tips :

Bring water, insect repellent, umbrella/raincoat, wear sports shoes and bring swimming suit.

EVENTS

BENAK ROAD TRAIL RUN

Benak Road Trail Run – begins in Sri Aman and runners will experience the excitement of running through the town, villages and jungle terrain. Categories: 10km/5km Fun Run.

Contact No :

Public Works Department, Sri Aman: Tel: 322181.

PANTU FESTIVAL

Pesta Pantu (Pantu Festival) – aims to promote local cuisine, jungle products and handicrafts. The festival takes on a carnival like atmosphere featuring activities such as a beauty pageant, singing competitions and cultural performances. Other activities include Pantu Fun Run.

Contact No :

Pantu Sub-District Office Tel: 011 1814 2317.

PESTA BENAK SRI AMAN



Pesta Benak (Tidal Bore Festival) – the tidal bore phenomenon on Batang Lupar occurs throughout the year but it is at its highest when the tide rises and seawater gushes up the river and creates a series of waves traveling inland. Many activities are held such as longboat paddling competitions, surfing and all manner of water sports. On land, there are plenty of activities such as food and trade fairs as well as entertainment.

Traveller Experience :

History & Highlight

Started back in 1998 and has grown rapidly until been categorized as a state level event. Held at the Riverfront of Batang Lupar in Bandar Sri Aman, it give live experience for tourists and visitors on this unique phenomenon of tidal bore or the local calls it "Benak". Benak Batang Lupar been listed among the top 10 largest tidal bore in the world.

Synonym with it's tagged line "Think Tidal Bore, Visit Sri Aman", it offers great experience for those who want to see this natural phenomenon which occurs everyday with different wavelength and height.

How to get there :

Getting there by bus is easy for people outside of Sri Aman especially from Kuching or other major cities. The charges would vary from different places. Other choice of transport would be taxi or by renting a car but it would be costly since the journey from Kuching or other major cities would take more than 3 hours.

Contact No :

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LINGGA FESTIVAL

Pesta Lingga - is an annual event organised by the Sri Aman District and Lingga Sub-District Office. A variety of activities are held such as the Lingga Regatta, water sports, and food fair and cultural performances. There is also a Lingga Kitchen Demonstration, development exhibitions and a food bazaar.

Contact No :

Lingga Sub-District Office, Tel: 011 1844 0241

BATANG AI FESTIVAL

The annual Batang Ai Festival attracts many visitors with its various activities held such as water sports, singing and dancing competitions, concerts, and food fair.

Contact No :

Lubok Antu District Office Tel: 584108.

EATING OUT

Sri Aman has its share of old Chinese coffee shops known as kopi tiam with their dependable staple of morning coffee, roti bakar (toast), half-boiled eggs and noodle dishes.

The best time to savour Iban cuisine is during the Gawai celebrations on 1st June. A popular dish is **panseh** which is meat or fish seasoned with lemongrass and cooked in bamboo over an open fire.

Other Iban delicacies are **kasam** which is fermented meat or fish. Fresh-water fish is cooked in soups with local eggplant or lemongrass. Forest ferns such as **midin** and the fiddlehead **pucuk paku** have a special place in the diet of the people.

Iban custom dictates that a glass of tuak or rice wine is offered to visitors upon arrival.



Pansuh



Midin



ABOUT SARAWAK

Located on the north-western shore of the Island of Borneo is Sarawak, the largest state of Malaysia. A beautiful land coloured in peace and tradition, Sarawak is a prime destination for travel nomads seeking untouched culture, exhilarating adventure and breath-taking nature.



Whether it is sharing in the lifestyle of one of the many indigenous communities' longhouses, exploring gigantic caves in the heart of the Bornean rainforest, or shooting the rapids on a swollen river, visitors will leave Sarawak having enjoyed a host of memorable experiences.



As a part of Malaysia, Sarawak is a peaceful and stable place for travel, suited for large groups or single travellers alike.

With thick jungles a few steps from luxurious resorts and modern amenities, it is the perfect location for a wide range of experiences. As these two worlds collide, the people of Sarawak meet in the middle, with a mixture of modern savvy and proudly-kept traditions, wild nature lining organised infrastructure and old-fashioned hospitality mixed with connectivity.

Revealing a side of Asia unlike anywhere else, Sarawak offers an alternative for those seeking humble authenticity far from the tourist-trap clichés, whether their visit to Sarawak is a complement to a trip to Peninsular Malaysia and neighbouring countries, or a journey of discovery all on its own.

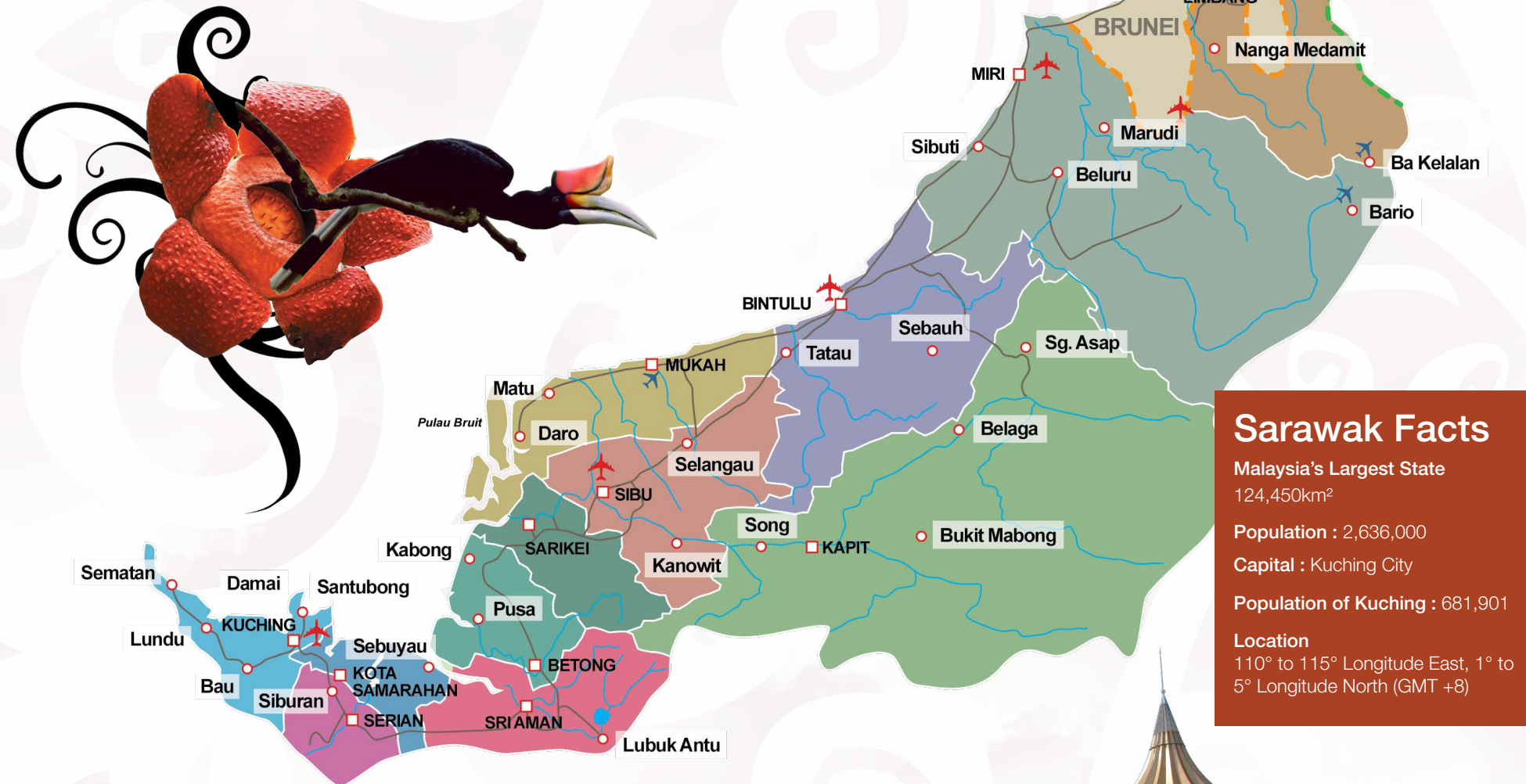


SARAWAK MAP

Sarawak is divided into divisions, 12 in all, each headed by an appointed resident. A division is divided into districts, each headed by a district officer, which are in turn divided into sub-districts, each headed by a Sarawak Administrative Officer (SAO).

There is also one development officer for each division and district to implement development projects. The state government appoints a headman (known as ketua kampung or penghulu) for each village.

There are a total of 26 sub-districts in Sarawak all under the jurisdiction of the Sarawak Ministry of Local Government and Community Development.



Sarawak Facts

Malaysia's Largest State
124,450km²
Population : 2,636,000
Capital : Kuching City
Population of Kuching : 681,901
Location
110° to 115° Longitude East, 1° to 5° Longitude North (GMT +8)

SRI AMAN DIVISION



Sri Aman Division includes the Districts of Sri Aman and Lubok Antu and the three Sub-Districts of Lingga, Pantu and Engkilili. The capital is Sri Aman town which is accessed by road from Kuching.

Formerly known as Simanggang, it was established in 1849 and served as a fort and administrative centre of the Rajah Brooke rule. Located on the Batang Lupar, it is a three-hour drive, 193 km from Kuching. It is a trade centre and exporter for timber, oil palm rubber, pepper and agricultural products.

There are regular inter-division express bus services that travel to and fro between Sri Aman, Kuching, Sarikei, Sibuan, Bintulu and Miri.

Notes:

The area code for all telephone numbers in Sri Aman, unless otherwise stated is, 083 from outside the area and +6083 from overseas. For mobile phones, add +6 for international dialling followed by the number.

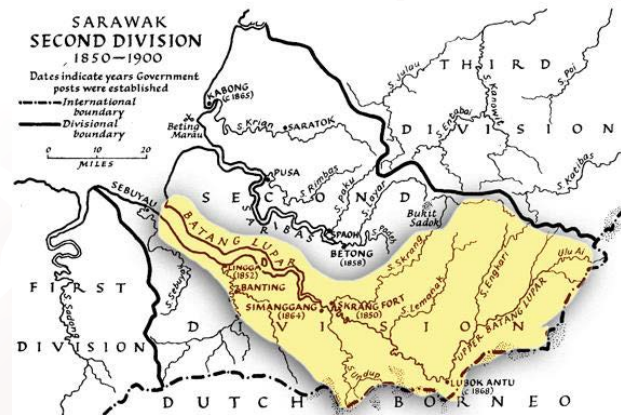
History



1950 Simanggang



1960 Simanggang



Second Division known as Simanggang was established on 1st June, 1873.



A memorandum of Understanding between Datuk Haji Abdul Rahman Yaakub, Chief Minister of Sarawak and Encik Bong Kee Chok, Director of PARAKU (Parti Rakyat Kalimantan Utara) was signed on 21st October 1973 at Rumah Kerajaan, Simanggang. Simanggang was renamed as Sri Aman.

On 26th March, 2002 the administrative boundary of Sri Aman Division was realigned to form a new Division, Betong.

People



The residents of Sri Aman are predominantly Iban but the ethnic mix is as varied as it is elsewhere in Sarawak with communities of Chinese, Bidayuh, Malay and other minority ethnic groups. The Iban are scattered throughout the hinterland with many of them living in traditional longhouses.

Visitors can enjoy spontaneous longhouse hospitality at its best with overnight stays. Although many of the younger generations have moved into towns, the longhouses are still their ancestral homes where the inhabitants are mainly farmers who cultivate rice and a variety of crops.

SRI AMAN DIVISION PROFILE

Total Area	5,466.7 square kilometres
Major Ethnic Group	Malay, Iban, Chinese
Major Languages	Malay, Iban, Chinese
Major Religions	Islam, Christian, Buddhist