

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Emergency

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Samarahan Division

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Samarahan District Office

Tel : 082 - 671 105 / 671 148
Fax: 082 - 671 042

Asajaya District Office

Tel : 082 - 829 014 / 015 Fax : 082 - 829 008

Sadong Jaya District Office

Tel : 082 - 821 208 Fax : 082 - 821 206

Simunjan District Office

Tel : 082 - 803 649 Fax : 082 - 803 916

Sebuyau District Office

Tel : 083 - 467 121/ 122 Fax : 083 - 467 213



Samarahan Administrative Division

Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture,
Youth & Sports Sarawak



SARAWAK TOURISM BOARD
www.sarawaktourism.com

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in Samarahan Division consists of hotels, budget inns and homestays. The following is a selection of the more established properties:

My Inn Hotel, Tel: 617828 and Place2Stay Hotel, Tel: 505622.

There are dozens of homestay and longhouse options in the outlying districts. Sadong Jaya itself has 10 homestays that are registered with the Ministry of Tourism and Culture.

Address :

No. 1, Kampung Sungai Bilis, Asajaya, 94600, Kota Samarahan,
Contact No : 014 - 887 7868
Website : www.homsa.my

EDUCATION INSTITUTIONAL

Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)



Address :

Jalan Datuk Mohammad Musa, 94300 Kota Samarahan, Sarawak
Tel : (60) 82 58 1174/ 1214/ 1207/ 1217/ 1032

Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM)



Address :

Jalan Meranek, 94300 Kota Samarahan, Sarawak
Tel : 082-677 200

Institut Tadbiran Awam Negara (INTAN) Kampus Wilayah Sarawak



Address :

JPA, No. 2 Lot 5452, Jalan Datuk Mohammad Musa, 94300 Kota Samarahan, Sarawak

Institut Latihan Perindustrian Kota Samarahan (ILP)



Address :

Lot 249 Blok 14, Sarawak Natural Resource Park, Jalan Datuk Mohd Musa, 94300, Kota Samarahan Sarawak, Malaysia
Tel: 082-465100
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Email : info.ilpks@jtm.gov.my

Institut Pendidikan Guru Kampus Tun Abdul Razak (IPGKTAR)



Address :

Jln Datuk Mohd Musa, Kota Samarahan, 94300 Kuching
Tel : 082-673800/082-673700
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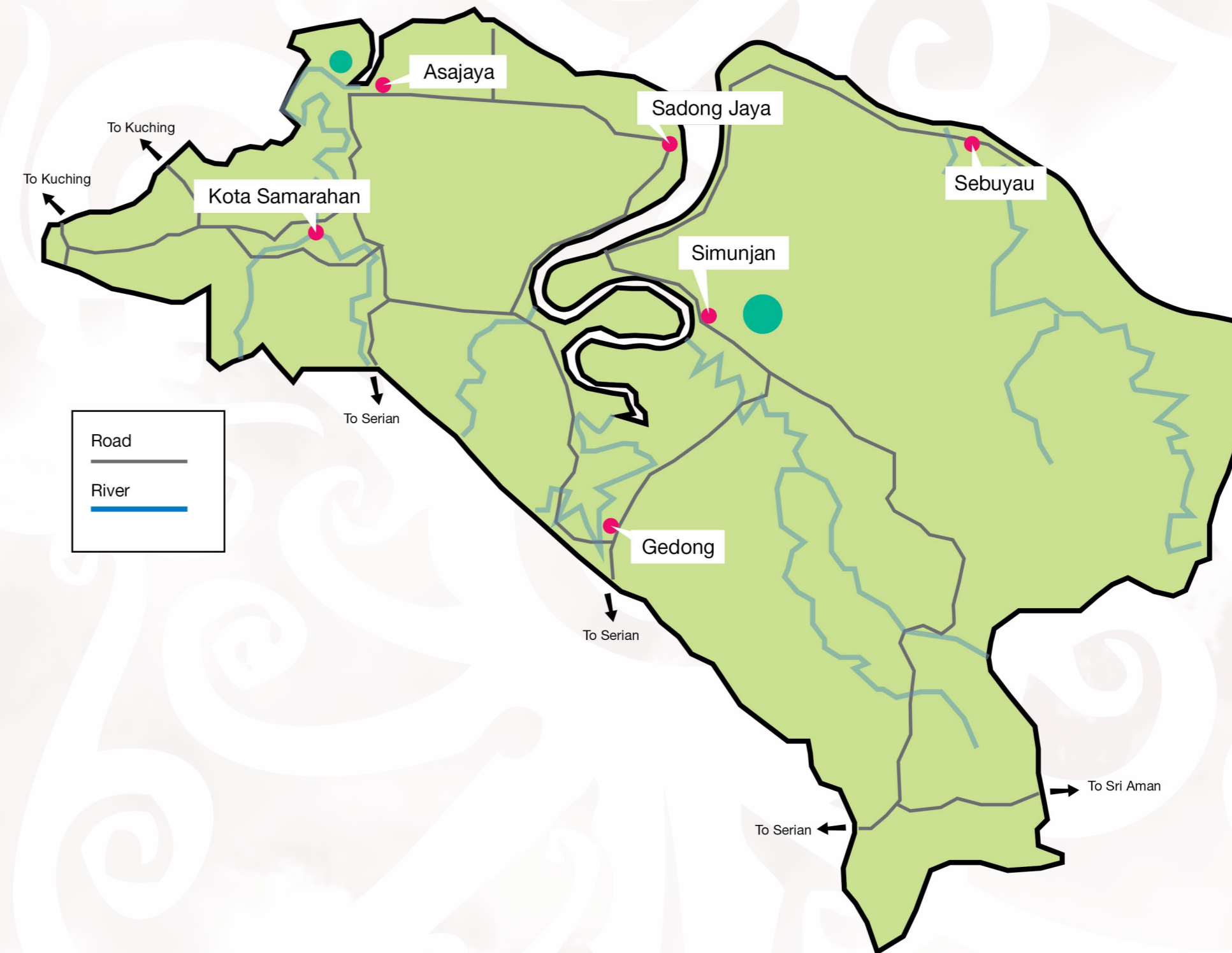
Kampus Institut Kemajuan Desa (INFRA) Cawangan Sarawak



Address :

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94300 Kota Samarahan, Sarawak
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SAMARAHAN DIVISION MAP



SARAWAK DIVISIONAL BROCHURE SAMARAHAN



ATTRACTIONS

KOTA SAMARAHAN



The capital Kota Samarahan, is located about 30 km from Kuching. The town is an education hub and officially known as Town of Knowledge. There are two full-fledged universities, University Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) and Mara University of Technology (UTM) as well as a teachers' training centre, an industrial training centre and the Sarawak Tropical Research Institute.

Kota Samarahan has booming commercial centres with malls such as The Summer Mall and Aiman Mall with plenty of restaurants and fast-food outlets catering to the increasing population.



University Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)



Mara University of Technology (UTM) Samarahan Campus



The Summer Mall



Aiman Mall



Batang Sadong Bridge is a major bridge connecting Sadong Jaya near Asajaya and Sadong near Simunjan in Samarahan Division, Sarawak, Malaysia. Opened on 16 October 2016, the 1.48 km (1 mile) bridge is now the longest bridge in Sarawak & third longest bridge in Malaysia across a river replacing the ferry service across Batang Sadong river



SADONG JAYA



Located approximately 75km from Kuching, Sadong Jaya offers plenty of opportunities for tourists to experience the unique cultures and traditions of the people.

HOMESTAY KAMPUNG IBOI ULU



There are 10 registered homestays including one in Kampung Iboi Ulu that provides the experience of staying in a Bugis traditional house. Bugis traditional houses are easily identified with the unique wooden structures and are built on tall belian (ironwood) stilts.



KAMPUNG JAJIE



Driving is always the best option to visit outlying areas which offers vistas of scenic countryside comprising coconut and pineapple plantations as well as aqua-culture farms. If chanced upon Kampung Jajie visitors can observe the skills of the locals in the making of knives such as the keris, a ceremonial dagger with a wavy blade and other types of knives such as the parang (local machetes).



ALI WALLACE CEMETERY

Visitors to this area normally make their way to visit the grave of Ali bin Amir in Kampung Jajie. He was the trusted assistant of British naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace who arrived in Sarawak in 1854 and led expeditions to many parts of Sarawak including Simunjan. Ali, later known as Ali Wallace would eventually become Wallace's chief assistant or 'headman'.



SIMUNJAN TOWN



Simunjan, located approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes drive from Kuching, was a thriving coal-mining town from the early days of the Brooke rule to the outbreak of World War II. It was later run by the Japanese during their occupation of Sarawak. A steam engine used in those days is displayed right in the centre of the town. Long-abandoned coal-mines can still be found around the foothills of Gunung Ngeli.



Simunjan Landmark



GUNUNG NGELI



Gunung Ngeli (934ft) is fast becoming a tourist attraction. As the British naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace discovered, the mountain is rich in biodiversity and insect life.

The foothills of Gunung Ngeli has been converted into a recreational park with a trail and steps leading to the almost flat summit which offers scenic views of Batang Sadong and Simunjan Town.

It takes approximately two hours to climb the mountain and visitors will need the services of a local guide (RM200 per group).

Contact No :

Kapitan Lai Pian Sin
Tel No :082 – 803 622
Fax No : 082 – 803 785
Website : www.simunjandc.sarawak.gov.my



BELONG TOWN



Situated about 45 minutes from Kota Samarahan in the Asajaya District, is the little village of Belong which is accessed by boats from the jetty. The main attraction here is the Fu Teck K'iuang Temple which is visited by people seeking good health and fortune.



FU TECK K'IUANG TEMPLE



Fu Teck K'iuang Temple gets especially busy during celebrations such as the Mid-Autumn Festival held annually on 15 August. The Temple contains many ornate statues of deities with elaborate murals and landscaped gardens.

Traveller Experience :

The Temple was built in 1989
Celebration:
a) Greet The Gods (the 3rd day of the first month)
b) Da Bo Gong Qian Qiu Bao Birthday (March 29)
c) Mid-Autumn Festival (August 15)

Contact No :

Kapitan Liu Ted Kong
Tel: 013 820 6919



KAMPUNG ENTINGAN

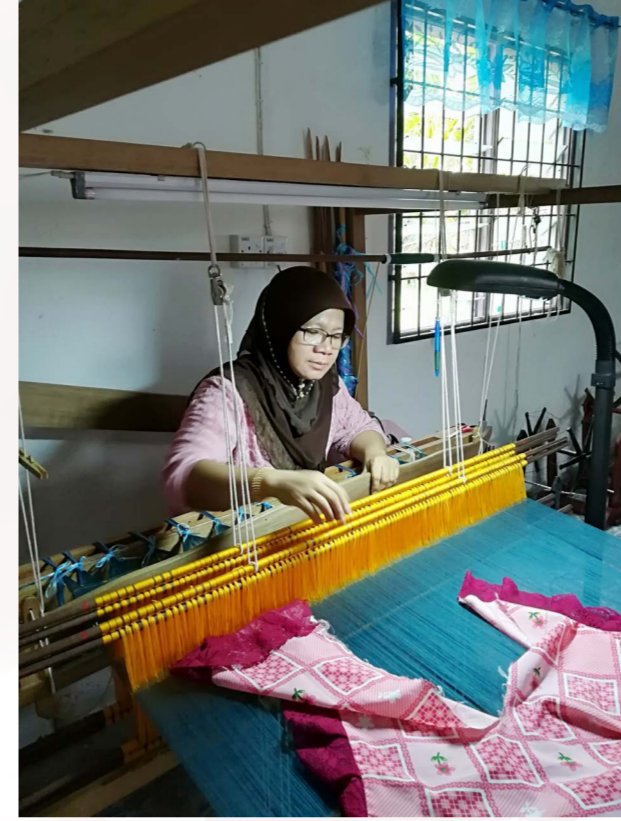


Samarahan Division is known to have the most crocodiles in Sarawak. Visitors can observe crocodiles and crocodile feeding sessions in the village of Kampung Entingan situated along the Tuang River. To get there, look out for the roundabout that shows the exit to the UTM campus and follow the signs to Kampung Entingan.



Kampung Entingan Jetty

KAMPUNG MANG



Further up the road approximately 18 km away is Kampung Mang where there is a thriving cottage industry for songket weaving. Songket is hand-woven silk which is intricately patterned with gold or silver threads.



BOILER SIMUNJAN



Traveller Experience :

The "Boiler" was used during coal mining in Simunjan in the British colonial era early 60s.

Now the "Boiler" or call by the name of "Kepala Keretapi" by the locals became a tourist attraction in Simunjan District.

How to get there :

By car about 1 hr 45 mins drive



SIMUNJAN COAL MINES'S RUIN



Traveller Experience :

The Simunjan Coal Works area, Gunung Ngeli an historic mining hill exploited by first the British and then the Japanese.

With a bit of trekking several interesting mine entrances can be viewed in a fun day outing from Simunjan Town. There are 9 mine caves in all. Called by the name "Lubang 8" by the locals.

How to get there :

By car to Simunjan Town. About 1 hr 45 mins drive

Entrance Fee :

No entrance fee but in order to do the trekking need a guide from local people which cost starting from RM50 per day

Contact No :

Simunjan District Council
Tel No :082 – 803 622
Fax No : 082 – 803 785
Email/Website : www.simunjandc.sarawak.gov.my



EATING OUT

In the main town areas, coffee shops and hawkers stalls serve the obligatory Sarawak laksa and kolo mee and other local delicacies. However, Samarahan has its own unique home-cooked variety of local cuisine featuring Malay, Bugis and Iban dishes.

Among the popular Malay dishes are the seasonal tubular molluscs, known as ambal cooked with curry powder and pekasam udang which is preserved prawns.

The Bugis community has its own specialties such as burasak which is cooked rice wrapped in banana leaves and steamed and ikan masak pidang where fresh fish is cooked for approximately 8 hours until the bones soften and the entire fish can be eaten - bones and all.

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

Other Iban delicacies are fermented meat or fish known as kasam. Fresh-water fish is normally cooked with local eggplant or lemongrass and often served with stir-fried forest ferns such as midin or the fiddlehead fern, pucuk paku.



Burasak



Ambal



Mee Udang Gumpay



SAMARAHAN POPULAR FOOD OUTLETS / RESTAURANTS

Rumah Asap Dayak Samarahan



- Address : Rumah Asap Dayak Samarahan, Samarindah, 94300 Kota Samarahan, Sarawak
- Operation Hours: 0300 p.m. – 1200 a.m.
- Non-Halal
- Popular dishes: Dayak Food such as Three layer pork barbecue, manok pansoh (chicken cooked in bamboo), babi pansoh (pork cooked in bamboo) and grilled pork innards.

Dapuh Temuai



- Address : Dapuh Temuai Cafe, 94300 Kota Samarahan, Sarawak
- Operation Hours: 0930 a.m. – 0130 a.m.
- Contact No: 012-8871499
- Non-Halal
- Popular dishes : Menu from Bidayuh Traditional food

Rumah Asap Nibong



- Address: Jalan Kampung Siglitin, 94300 Kota Samarahan, Sarawak
- Operation Hours: 0400 p.m. – 1200 a.m.
- Contact No: - Nil
- Non-Halal
- Popular dishes: Dayak Food such as Three layer pork barbecue, manok pansoh (chicken cooked in bamboo), babi pansoh (pork cooked in bamboo) and grilled pork innards.

Oten @ Rasaindah Kafe



- Address: Oten's @ Rasa Indah Kafe, Sindang Baru, 94300 Kota Samarahan, Sarawak
- Operation Hours: 0715 a.m. – 1030 p.m.
- Halal
- Contact No: 082-661624
- Offers delicious dan large portion Malay Food with affordable price.



BANDAR RIYAL MARKET



Bandar Riyal Market or commonly known as Samarindah market is located about 20km away from the Kuching city centre. Within the market, there are about 60 stalls selling local agricultural produce, imported vegetables and fruits, meat and fish and many more.



Samarahan Pineapple



Samarahan Corn

EVENTS

SAMARAHAN BIKE CHALLENGE



Samarahan Bike Challenge (March) – held at the Summer Mall in Kota Samarahan, this is one of the biggest bicycle racing events in Sarawak, with categories for the 42 km Men, 30km Men Junior, 36 km Veteran, 30 km Women and 42 km Sarawak Close. The event is open to both amateur and professional cyclists and attracts participants from all over Malaysia, Indonesia, Europe and Africa. This annual event is jointly organised by the Divisional Tourism Task Group, the Samarahan District Office and the Sarawak Cycling Association.

Contact No :

District Office Samarahan
Tel: 671105/012 893 2898.



SAMARAHAN REGGATA

Samarahan Reggata (July) – takes place at Kampung Tambirat, Asajaya. Participants can compete for reggata, boat racing and other sports.

Contact No :

Asajaya District Office - 082 - 829 014 / 829 015



SAMARAHAN BRIDGE HALF MARATHON



Samarahan Bridge Half Marathon (September) – takes place across the iconic 788m long Batang Samarahan Bridge that connects the Samarahan and Asajaya District. Participants can compete for 21 km, 10 km and 5 km runs. The event encourages the participation of the local communities. The event is organised by the Samarahan Resident's Office in collaboration with the Youth and Sports Department.

Contact No :

Tel: 673833/012 326 7735



SAMARAHAN FOOD FESTIVAL



Samarahan Food Festival (September) – the 3-day Festival highlights Malay and Bugis cuisine such as burasak, ikan masak pidang, ambal as well as other local delicacies. Other activities include a Mini Exotic Pet Show, Kids Coloring Contest, Mini Concert and an Aerobathon competition.

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Samarahan Resident's Office
Tel: 673833.



SADONG JAYA FESTIVAL

Sadong Jaya Festival (October) – a biennial event, this is a showcase of Bugis culture and traditional as such as bermukun (ad-lib call and response in poetry and rhyming forms) and bergendang (drumming). Other activities include singing competitions and a beauty pageant. The Festival also features a wide range of local cuisine, and farm produce from the surrounding areas.

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SIMUNJAN FESTIVAL



Simunjan Festival (September) – a biennial held at the Central Padang in Simunjan, this 3-day event features a regatta and other water sports activities on the Batang Sadong. There are traditional performances of bermukun and bergendang and opportunities to sample a wide range of local cuisine. Other activities include singing competitions, band competitions, concerts and a beauty pageant.

