IMPORTANT CONTACTS

999 - Police/Ambulance/Fire Station

Resident Office Samarahan Division Tel: 082 - 671 205 Fax: 082 - 671 289

Samarahan District Office

Sadong Jaya District Office

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

Simunjan District Office

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

Emergency

Samarahan Division

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

Asaiava District Office

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

Sebuyau District Office

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

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.

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

EDUCATION INSTITUTIONAL

Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)



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

Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM)



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

Institut Tadbiran Awam Negara (INTAN) Kampus Wilayah Sarawak



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

Institut Latihan Perindustrian Kota Samarahan



Lot 249 Blok 14, Sarawak Natural Resource Park, Jalan Datuk Mohd Musa, 94300, Kota Samarahan Sarawak, Malaysia Tel: 082-465100

• Fax: 082-465113 Email: info.ilpks@jtm.gov.my

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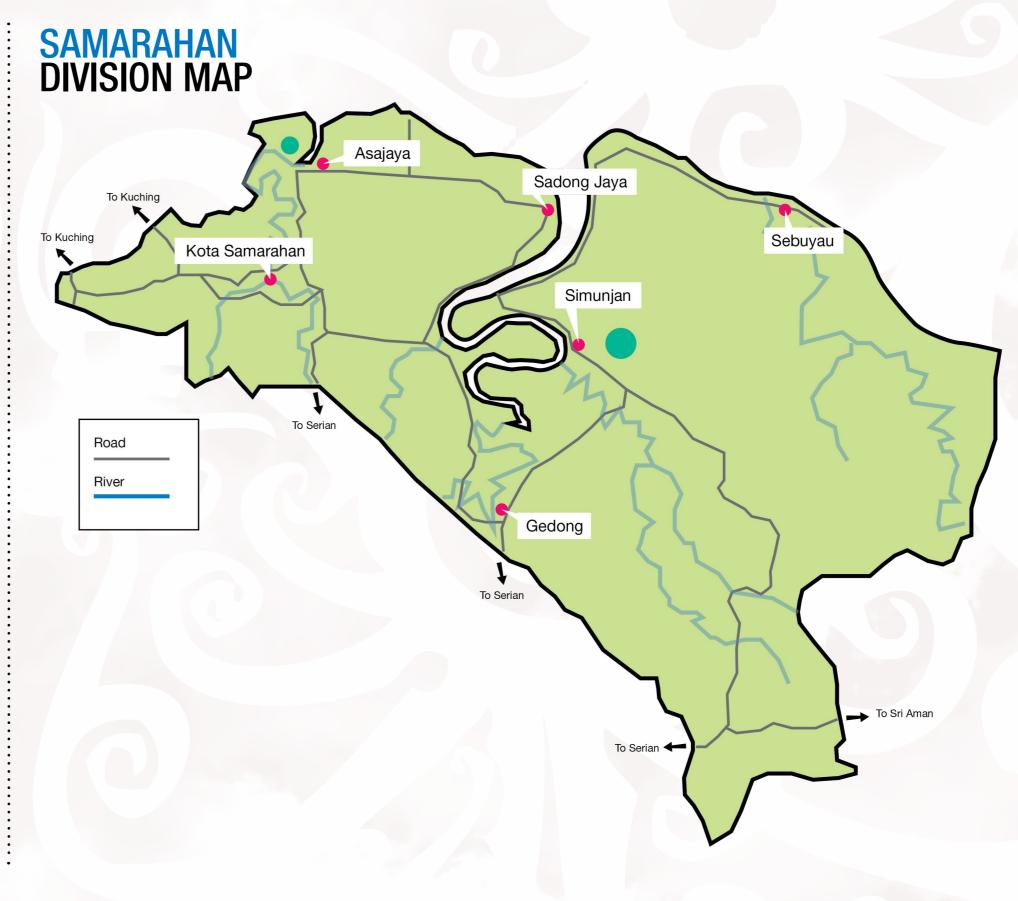
Jln Datuk Mohd Musa, Kota Samarahan, 94300 Kuching Tel: 082-673800/082-673700

Fax: 082-672984 Website: ipgmktar.edu.my

Kampus Institut Kemajuan Desa (INFRA) Cawangan Sarawak



Kampus Institut Kemajuan Desa (INFRA) Cawangan Sarawak 94300 Kota Samarahan, Sarawak



SARAWAK **DIVISIONAL BROCHURE**



Samarahan Administrative Division

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SARAWAK TOURISM BOARD

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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 (UITM) as well as a teachers' training centre, an industrial training centre and the Sarawak Tropical Research

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



Iniversity Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)



Mara University of Technology (UiTM) Samarahan Campus



The Summer 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



house. Bugis traditional houses are easily identified with the

KAMPUNG JAIE

unique wooden structures and are built on tall belian (ironwood)

Driving is always the best option to visit outlying areas which offers

ristas of scenic countryside comprising coconut and pineapple

Kampung Jaie 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

plantations as well as aqua-culture farms. If chanced upon

ALI WALLACE CEMETERY

chief assistant or 'headman'.

Visitors to this area normally make their way to visit the grave of Ali bin Amit in Kampung Jaie. 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

TANAH PERKUBURAN

ISLAM KAMPUNG JAIE

SADONG JAYA

Simunjan, located approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes drive from Ulu that provides the experience of staying in a Bugis traditional 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 TOWN







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

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

Kapitan Lai Pian Sin Tel: 019 868 5162

Simunjan District Council Tel No :082 - 803 622 Fax No: 082 - 803 785



BELIONG TOWN



ituated about 45 minutes from Kota Samarahan in the Asaiava District, is the little village of Beliong which is accessed by boats from the jetty. The main attraction here is the Fu Teck K'iung Temple which is visited by people seeking good health and

FU TECK K'IUNG TEMPLE



such as the Mid-Autumn Festival held annually on 15 August. The Temple contains many ornate statues of deities with elaborate urals and landscaped gardens.

Traveller Experience The Temple was built in 1989

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)

Kapitan Liu Ted Kong el: 013 820 6919



CAMPUNG 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 UITM campus and follow the signs to Kampung



Kampung Entingan Jetty



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



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 interestting 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

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

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Email/Website: www.simunjandc.sarawak.gov.my



EATING OUT

n the main town areas, coffee shops and hawker 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.

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 Bugis community has its own specialities such as burasak

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.







Mee Udang Gumpey

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.

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Address: Dapuh Temuai Cafe, 94300 Kota Samarahan,

Popular dishes: Menus from Bidayuh Traditional food

- Operation Hours: 0930 a.m. 0130 a.m. Contact No: 012-8871499
- Non-Halal

Rumah Asap Nibong



- Address: Jalan Kampung Sigitin, 94300 Kota Samarahan,
- 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 Kafeteria, Sindang Baru, 94300 Kota Samarahan, Sarawak
- Operation Hours: 0715 a.m. 1030 p.m.
- Contact No: 082-661624 Offers delicious dan large portion Malay Food with affordable

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







Samarahan Pineapple



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

EVENTS

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 pindang, ambal as well as other local delicacies. Other activities include a Mini Exotic Pet Show, Kids Coloring Contest, Mini

Concert and an Aerobathon competition Contact No:

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.

Contact No:

Samarahan Resident's Office Tel: 673833.

SIMUNJAN FESTIVAL



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

Simunian Festival (September) – a biennial held at the Central

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.

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.

Peninsular Malaysia

Sarawak

Sarawak

Sumatra, Indonesia

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.

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.



SAMARAHAN DIVISION

Samarahan Division includes the Districts of Samarahan, Asajaya and Simunjan and the Sub-Districts of Sadong Jaya and Sebuyau. The laid-back rural image which once underpinned Samarahan and its surrounding is now a fast-developing growth area.

The towns and its outlying areas are well connected with a good road system including the Outer Ring Road from Kuching. Agriculture and light industries are the main economic activities. The fast-paced development has made Kota Samarahan, the capital of Samarahan Division, almost a suburb of Kuching.



Samarahan Resident Office

Notes:

The area code for all telephone numbers in Samarahan, unless otherwise stated is, 082 from outside the area and +6082 from overseas. For mobile phones, add +6 for international dialling followed by the number.

People



The residents of Samarahan are predominantly Malay but the ethnic mix is as varied as it is elsewhere in Sarawak with communities of Iban, Bidayuh, Melanau, Chinese and even a small Bugis community (a seafaring group from Sulawesi) who have assimilated with the local population.

Most villages are situated by the rivers that mark its geographical landscape such as the Batang Samarahan, Batang Sadong and Batang Lupar. The tourism sector, particularly homestay operators and Iban longhouses in several settlements in the interior offer tourists an introduction to the culture and arts of the people.



Samarahan District Office



Asajaya District Office



Sadong Jaya District Office



Sebuyau District Office



SAMARAHAN DIVISION PROFILE

	Total Area	2,927.56 square kilometres
	Major Ethnic Group	Malay, Iban, Bidayuh, Chinese and other indigenous groups
	Major Languages	Malay, Iban, Bidayuh & Chinese
	Major Religions	Islam, Christian, Buddhist and Hindu

DISTANCE FROM SAMARAHAN TO MAJOR DESTINATIONS

Destinations from Kota Samarahan	Distance	Travelling Duration
Kuching International Airport	22.3 km via Kuching to Samarahan Expressway	27 mins
Kuching Central Bus Terminal	23.5 km via Kuching to Samarahan Expressway	28 mins
Senari Port	34.6 km via Jalan Bako	41 mins
Kuching Port Authority	22.9 km via Kuching to Samarahan Expressway	31 mins
Pan Borneo – Batu 15	18.4 km via Route 8302	22 mins
Gunung Ngeli Simunjan	68.6 km	1 hr 44 mins
Sebangan Wharf	68.7 km	1 hr 21 mins