

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

## Emergency

999 - Police/Ambulance/Fire Station

Serian District Police Headquarter  
Tel : 082-874201 Fax : 082-874244

Padawan District Police Headquarter  
Tel : 082-862640 Fax : 082-862644

Serian Hospital  
Tel : 082-874311 Fax : 082-875182

## Serian Division

Resident Office Serian Division  
Tel : 082-872472 Fax : 082-872615

Serian District Office  
Tel: 082-874 511 Fax: 082-875 159

Tebedu District Office  
Tel: 082-797 204 Fax: 082-797 364

Siburan Sub District Office  
Tel: 082-864 222 Fax: 082-863 594

Serian District Council Office  
Tel : 082-874 154 Fax : 082-874799

## ACCOMMODATION

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

KC Inn, Tel: 876856,  
Serian Transit Inn, Tel: 019 888 0968.

### Homestays:

- Pichin Homestay (20 mins from Serian) Tel: 013 820 2670,
- Mongkos Homestay (1 hour from Serian) Tel: 013 576 4003,
- Lobang Batu Homestay (1 hour from Serian) Tel: Benedik 014 589 8801,
- Tebakang Melayu Homestay (30 mins from Serian) Tel: Salni Bt. Razali Tel: 014 575 6187/ Tel: Pathe Bin Abdul Rahman (Homestay Coordinator) 019 834 3182

## OTHER AMENITIES

### LIST OF LAUNDRY

- a) Serian District
  1. Cleanpro Express Self Service Laundry
  2. Laundry Bar
  3. Yasmeen Laundry
- b) Siburan Sub District
  1. Laundry 17
  2. Laundry Bar Siburan
  3. Dobi-Ku Express Laundry
  4. Hi-Q Laundry
  5. Wash & Dry

### LIST OF REGISTERED MONEY CHANGER

(currently only available in Serian District)

1. Serian District
2. Ambank
3. Agro Bank
4. Bank Rakyat
5. Bank Simpanan Nasional
6. TML Remittance Center Serian

### LIST OF BANKS

Serian District

1. Bank Simpanan Nasional
2. CIMB Bank
3. Agrobank
4. Bank Kerjasama Rakyat
5. Public Bank
6. Hong Leong Bank
7. Ambank

Siburan Sub District

1. RHB Bank
2. Bank Simpanan Nasional

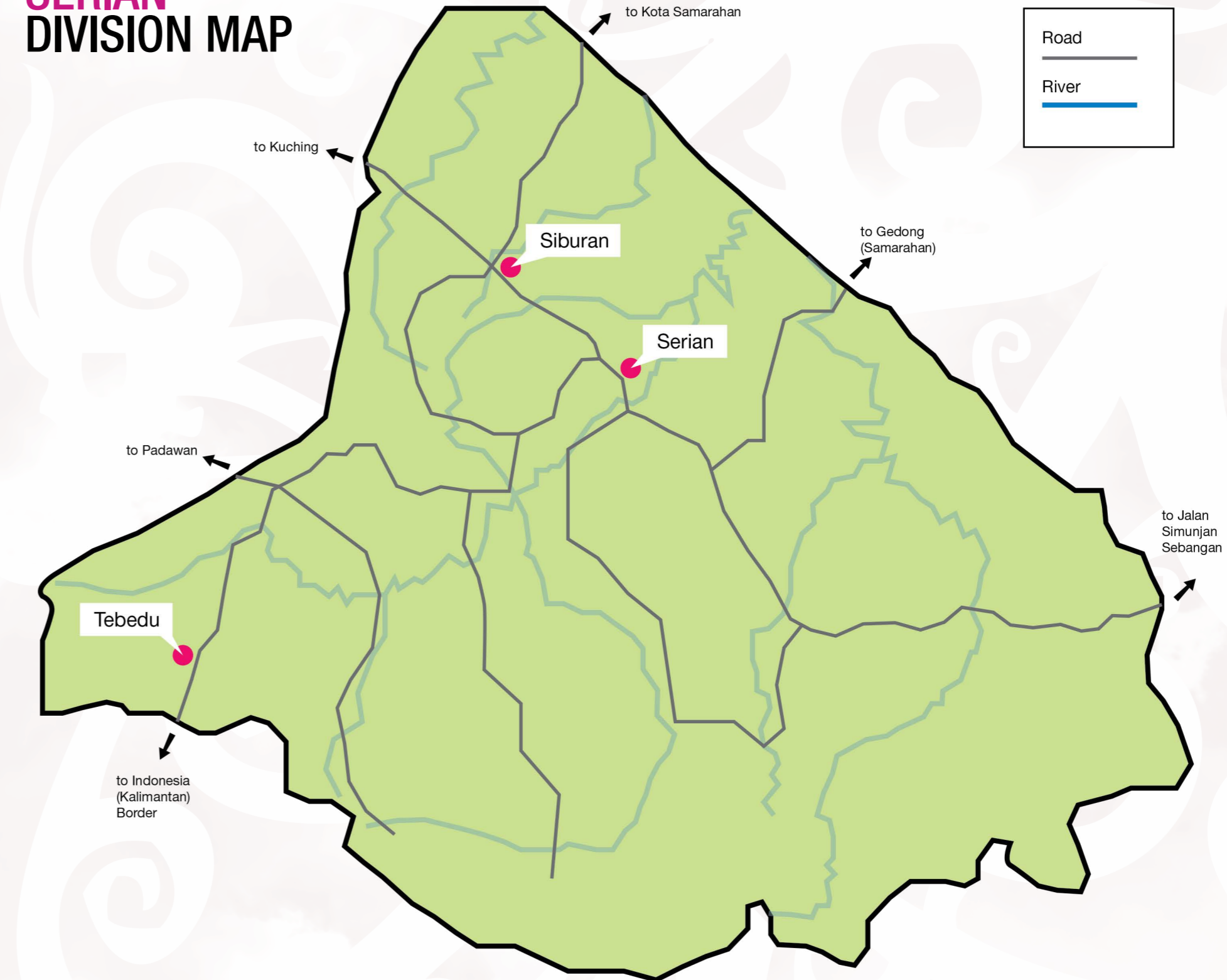
## FOOD OUTLET AND RESTAURANT

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Halal                            | Non halal                |
| 1. Nusantara Café                | 1. Yee Siang Bat Kut Teh |
| 2. M&M Café                      | 2. Star Leo              |
| 3. Kak Kams Mee Kolok            | 3. Deli Café             |
| 4. Sri Jati Café                 | 4. Ola Café              |
| 5. Genesis                       |                          |
| 6. Umi Kitchen                   |                          |
| 7. Sugar bun                     |                          |
| 8. KFC                           |                          |
| 9. Pizza Hut                     |                          |
| 10. Singapore Chicken Rice (SCR) |                          |

## SHOPPING

1. Eastern Mall
2. Pasar Tamu Serian

# SERIAN DIVISION MAP



Serian Administrative Division  
Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture,  
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SARAWAK  
DIVISIONAL BROCHURE

# SERIAN



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## EATING OUT

Like most towns in Sarawak, Serian has its share of old Chinese coffee shops known as kopi tiam with their dependable staple of morning coffee, toast (roti bakar), half boiled eggs and excellent noodle dishes such as Sarawak laksa and kolo mee.

Most are open till lunch time and closed at night. There are also halal restaurants that serve a variety of noodles and rice dishes. A few fast-food chains have opened up in the past few years.

Local Bidayuh cuisine can often be sampled during Gawai and Christmas. This is also the time to sample home-made rice wine known as **baram**. Two typical Bidayuh dishes are the assam which is chicken cooked with rice in bamboo and **dahang** ikan which is fermented fish.

Fermented durian or kasam **dihan/dihe'** and sago worms eaten raw or grilled, are an acquired taste and considered a delicacy. There is a wide range of jungle vegetables and shoots cooked in many different ways.



Assam (chicken meat cooked with rice in bamboo)



Dahang ikan



Pangkang (glutinous rice cooked in bamboo)



Sungkoik Tungkus (wrapped rice in leaf)



Durian Gunung (available during durian season only)

## ATTRACTIONS

### SERIAN TOWN



Serian town is an hour's scenic drive from Kuching along varied landscapes of padi fields, fruit orchards, limestone outcrops, caves and waterfalls. Bidayuh villages are close enough to Kuching to visit on a day trip or overnight stays at homestays dotted in many villages within the Division.

An option is to stay overnight in Serian town and to take the opportunity to visit some of the fascinating sights and sounds of rural Sarawak.



### SERIAN MARKET & BAZAAR



The bustling Serian market and bazaar, situated right in the centre of the town offers a good insight into the native cuisine and handicrafts of the area. It is one of the best markets for jungle produce, fruits, vegetables, fresh-water fish and legally permitted wild meat such as crocodile.

There is a wide variety of fiddlehead ferns and seasonal fruits. Serian is also known for its durians with visitors coming from far and wide to sample the different varieties during the durian season.

The market and bazaar is open everyday but gets especially busy during weekends and public holidays where more traders and farmers bring their wares from the fertile hinterland. The food court upstairs is only opened in the mornings and a night market operates in the parking lot nearby.



## RANCHAN RECREATIONAL PARK



The Ranchan Recreation Park is a purpose-built family park. A popular picnic and cook-out spot is by the waterfall at Ranchan Park. There are, however, warning signs to warn people not to swim during the rainy season as large volumes of water flowing from the hills can cause flash floods.

There are two restaurants on site and the durian orchard allows visitors to pick their own fruits to consume on site. Accommodation is available ranging from RM15 per night for dormitories to RM120 per night for chalets. There is also a multipurpose hall for rent at RM120 a day.

### Transportations mode & Estimated cost :

- By land (60 km; 1 ½ hours)
- Bus (RM10 per pax; one way)
- Grab Car (RM80 one way)
- Van (RM250 per vehicle)

### Fee :

- No entrance fee
Teress Suite : RM 120.00 per night
Rumah berasingan : RM100.00 per night
Rumah sebandung : RM80.00 per night

- Hostel : RM150.00 per night/RM15.00 per bed
Lecture Hall : RM120.00 per day/ 60.00 per night
Ranchan New Hall : the fee is varied according to the function

Contact No : during office hour only-Monday to Friday only
Serian District Council
Tel No : 082-874154
Fax : 082-874799

### Travel Tips :

- Insect repellent
Extra clothes
Food for family picnic
Suitable shoes
Avoid visit during rainy season due to "Kepala Air" phenomena

## LAKE DANU SERIAN



Situated right in the centre of Serian Town is Lake Danu Serian - a large man-made lake ideal for leisure activities.

### Traveller Experience :

- Man made lake
Suitable for leisure activities such as jogging, cycling and sight viewing
Visitors can play tennis as there is tennis court nearby the lake, soccer field and also playground for children

### Transportations mode & Estimated cost :

- By land (60 km; 1 ½ hours)
- Bus (RM10 per pax; one way)
- Grab Car (RM80 one way)
- Van (RM250 per vehicle)

### Contact No : during office hour only-Monday to Friday only

Serian District Council
Tel No: 082-874154
Fax: 082-874799
Email: mdsarian@sarawak.gov.my

### Travel Tips :

- Bring umbrella or caps
Wear suitable cloth for leisure activities preferably sports wear
Bring extra drinking water

## JONG CROCODILE FARM



Jong Crocodile Farm located approximately 45 minutes from Kuching encompasses a mini zoo, a crocodile museum and is reportedly the first and largest captive breeding crocodile farm in the country. A wide variety of estuarine and fresh water crocodiles can be observed here as well as animals endemic to Borneo such as sun bears, deers, pheasants, turtles, monitor lizards, birds and some species of monkeys.

The best time to visit is during the daily crocodile feeding times at 11am and 3pm daily. The museum showcases exhibits relating to crocodiles. Of particular interest is the skull of the notorious bujang senang, a crocodile that once terrorised the inhabitants living along the Batang Lupar. The Souvenir & Gift shop offers a range of crocodile leather goods ranging from wallets to belts.

### Transportations mode & Estimated cost :

- By land : van
Van (RM350 per vehicle)

### Entrance Fee :

- Sarawakian : Adult RM14.00, Children (3 years - 12 years) RM7.00
Non Sarawakian : Adult RM24.00, Children 3 years-12 years) RM12.00

### Contact No :

Tel No: 082-242790
Website: http://www.jongcrocodile.com/

### Travel Tips :

- Bring umbrella/cap
Extra precaution with wildlife

## GUA SIREH KAMPUNG BANTANG



Gua Sireh at Kampung Bantang is situated 20 minutes from Serian along the Baki-Rih Road off the Serian-Tebedu road. The cave is an important archaeological site where human occupation dates back 20,000 years ago. Pottery shards, food debris and evidence of early rice farming activities were discovered. Ancient wall paintings of human and animal motifs are found on the interior walls.

A guide from the local community is needed to visit the caves. The trek to the caves is via a wooden walkway and another 15 minutes walk up wooden stairs to the entrance. The excavation site is cordoned off by the Sarawak Museum authorities but visitors are allowed to explore other parts of the cave. Visitors are advised to bring along drinking water, torches and wear suitable hiking shoes.

### Fee :

- Entrance Fee (Free)
Guide Fee:
Sarawak tourist: RM20.00 per pax
West Malaysia / Sabah / International tourist: RM40.00 per pax

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Serian Resident's Office
Tel No: 082-872472
Fax: 082-872615
Email: serianro@sarawak.gov.my

Tel No.: KK Eshap Ak Sa'eh (013-5781792)



## SILABUR CAVE KAMPUNG LOBANG BATU



Silabur Cave is situated off the Serian-Tebedu road. From the turning into Kampung Tebakang its another 20 minutes drive to the Bidayuh village of Kampung Lobang Batu.

The limestone cave with its dramatic vertical cliffs is the nesting place for thousands of swiftlets and bats. The swiftlets' nests are harvested periodically and processed for the local and international market. The trek to the foothills take an hour and it takes another hour to climb up to the cave entrance. Fit hikers can trek up to the summit of Mount Silabur. Visitors should bring along drinking water, torchlights, safety helmets and wear suitable hiking shoes.

Accommodation can be arranged at the Lobang Batu homestay (RM80 per person). Guide fees: RM26 per person. Cave entrance fee: RM10 for Sarawakians and RM20 for non-Sarawakians. The caves are managed by the Silabur Association.

### Transportations mode & Estimated cost :

- By land: bus, car (from Kuching 80km; 1½ hours)
- Bus (RM15 per pax; one way from Kuching to Tebedu)
- Van (RM350 per vehicle)

### Contact No :

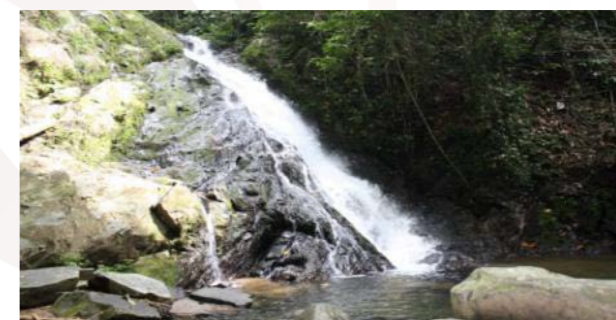
Silabur Association
Beneidik, Tel: 014 589 8801
Able, Tel: 011 1939 9146
Marasang, Tel: 014 591 2964.

### Travel Tips :

- Good shoes
Extra clothes
Don't come if rainy season for safety reason



## JANGGA' WATERFALL KAMPUNG SENAH RAYANG



Jangga' Waterfall is situated at the Bidayuh Kampung of Senah Rayang about 45 minutes from Serian. While the multiple-tiered cascading waterfall itself is worth a visit, the village itself is a model of unity and harmony with a close knit population of Christians and Muslims. The waterfall is situated approximately 20 minutes walk from the village and visitors could hike up the waterfall to enjoy the wonderful cooling pools found at each tier.

### Traveller Experience :

- Adventurous journey to reach the waterfall because of its hilly road
Sight viewing around the village, with crystal clear water along the river nearby kampung
Picnic site at waterfall (walking distance 20 minutes from kampung)
Nearby mount is reported to have Rafflesia

### Transportations mode & Estimated cost :

- By land : (83km from Kuching, 1 ½ hours)
Van (RM400 per vehicle)

### Fee :

- Village tour : RM6 per person
Guide fees to the waterfall: RM4 per person.

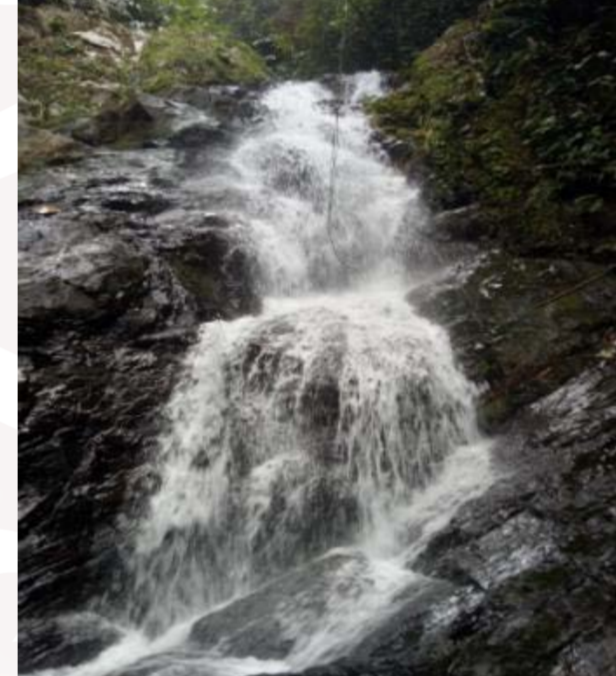
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Serian Resident's Office
Tel No: 082-872472
Fax: 082-872615
Email: serianro@sarawak.gov.my

Tel No.: KK Johari Bin Mohd Jeypridin ( 019-8255229)

### Travel Tips :

- Extra clothes
Insect repellent
Caps
Sports shoes



## KLB GARDEN TEBEDU



KLB Garden, situated at the border town of Tebedu about 45 minutes drive from Serian, is described as an eco-tourism park. It includes a mini zoo, a petting zoo, an aviary, a tropical fruit orchard and a garden with exotic orchids and pitcher plants. There are two halal cafes which offer local and western food, and vegetarian options. A camping site is available for visitors for overnight stays. Opening Times: 8.30am to 5pm. Closed on Thursdays.

### Traveller Experience :

- Educational tour as it has many animal
Animal feeding
Cycling & boating

### Transportations mode & Estimated cost :

- By land (from Kuching 88km; 1 hour 45 minutes)
- Bus (RM15 per pax; one way from Kuching to Tebedu)
- Van (RM400 per vehicle)

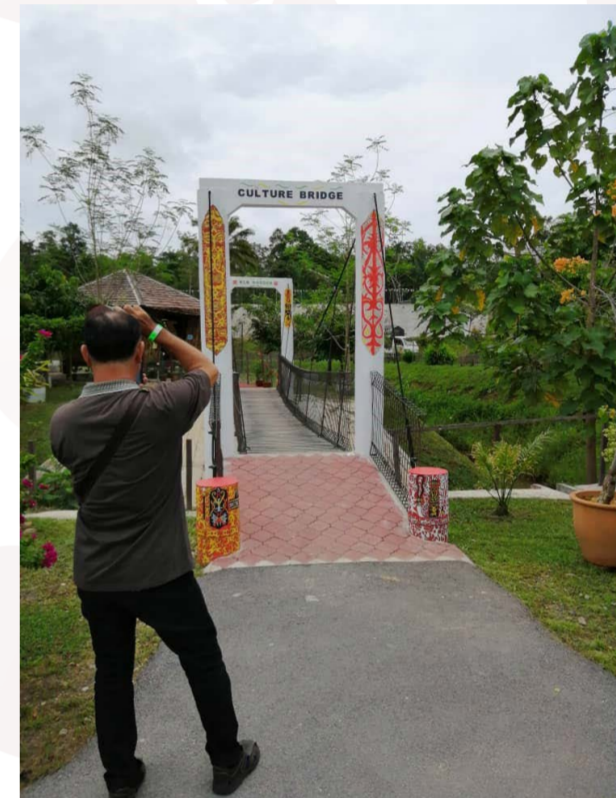
### Entrance Fee :

- RM 8 - Children (age 5-12)
RM16 - Adult (age 13 and above)
Free - Infant (ages 4 and below), senior citizen (ages 60 and above) & Disabled (OKU)

Contact No :
Tel No: 013-8361185/019-8860812
Website:https://www.kibgarden.com
Email:kibgarden@gmail.com/ kibgarden@yahoo.com

### Travel Tips :

- Brings caps/ umbrella
Close on every Thursday



## EVENTS

### LAKE DANU FESTIVAL



Lake Danu Festival (April) - is an annual event that encourages the participation of local communities. Among the activities held are water-based events such as kayaking, tug-of-war competitions, duck catching competitions, food fairs, exhibitions, a beauty pageant and a concert.

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## SERIAN RAFTING CHALLENGE



Serian Rafting Challenge (July) - on the Kayan River starts at Kampung Tema Mawang to Kampung Tebakang Dayak. It is a good 25 km of shallow and reasonably fast flowing river that offers lots of thrills and spills. Other activities held during this event are a beauty pageant, karaoke contests, exhibitions and sales, lucky draw and telematches.

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## NGIRADAN / NGIRUMANG



Ngiradan or Ngirumang (April) - is a celebration of first harvest by Bidayuh people. During this festival, visitors will be served with traditional delicacies such as smoked labai (wild boar) and pais fish.

All types of fried and spicy food are not allowed in this celebration as Bidayuh folks believe it will not bring luck in rice harvesting. Also, celebrants are not allowed to wash hands immediately after having meals and they are only allowed to do so after waiting at least half an hour.

### Contact No : during office hour only-Monday to Friday only

Tebedu District Office
Tel: 082-797 204
Fax: 082-797 364







## 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.

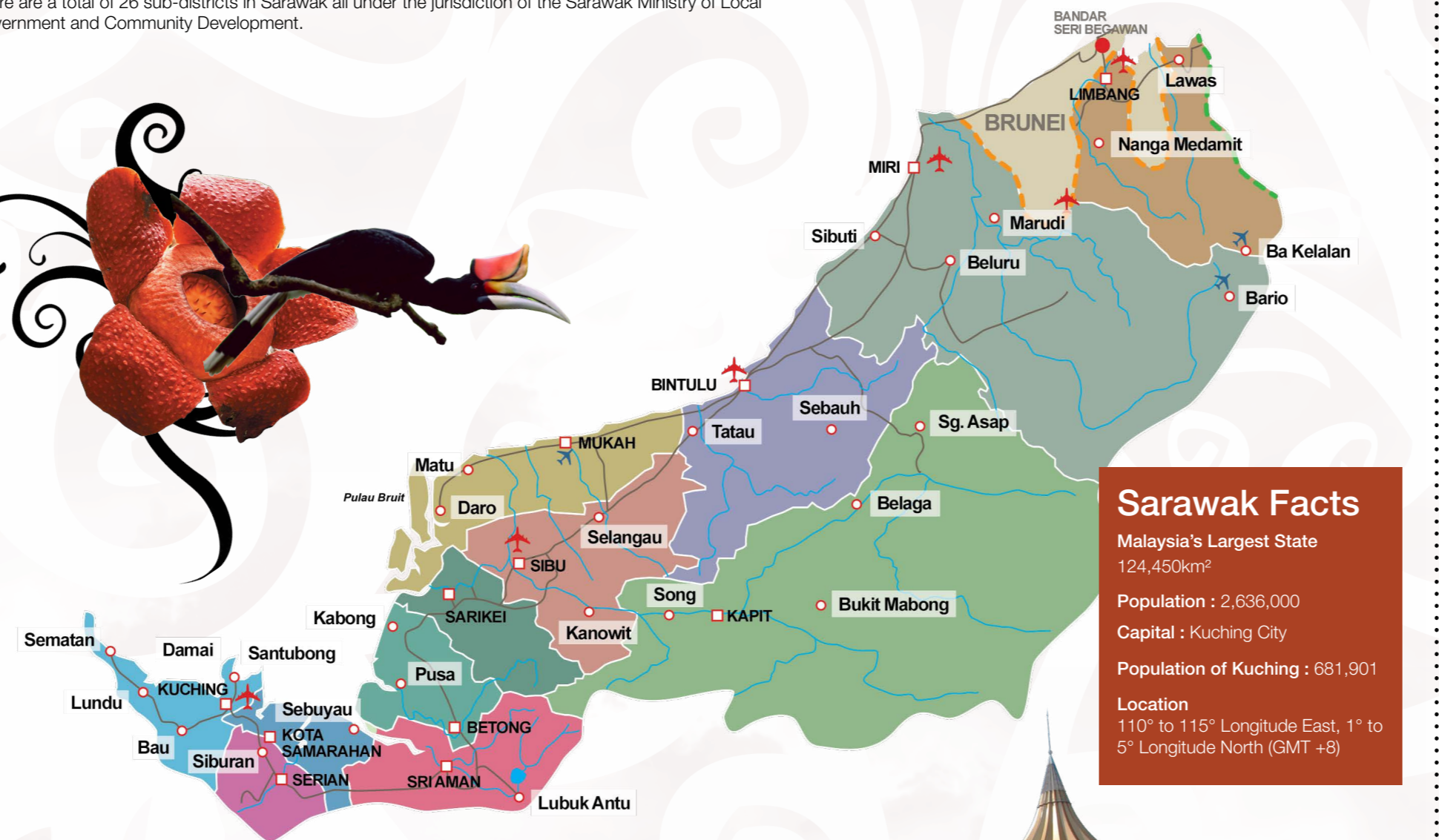


## SARAWAK MAP

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  
124,450km<sup>2</sup>  
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)

## SERIAN DIVISION



Serian Division includes the Districts of Serian, Tebedu and the Sub-District of Siburan located in the south-western region of Sarawak. The capital, Serian, is situated approximately 65 kilometers from Kuching. The town is well connected to the rich hinterland of Sarawak via the Pan-Borneo Highway.

In recent years, the quaint town with its proliferation of coffee shops underwent massive construction of flyovers and new township developments. Yet the town maintains its slow-paced life and comes alive during the weekends when farmers bring in their wares to be sold at the famous market and bazaar right in the centre of town.

Serian has always been a must-stop centre for visitors travelling to other parts of Sarawak or towards the international overland border crossings of Entikong and Tebedu into Indonesia's Kalimantan. It is also a jumping-off point for exploring rural Sarawak and the Bidayuh heartland.

### Notes:

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

## People

The residents of Serian Division are predominantly Bidayuh but the ethnic mix is as varied as it is elsewhere in Sarawak with Ibans, Chinese, Malay and other smaller ethnic groups residing throughout the division.

The Bidayuh, are known as Land Dayaks, a term first used during the time of James Brooke, the first White Rajah of Sarawak.

They are a diverse community with different dialects spoken in different areas. Some Bidayuh communities living in rural areas still practice rituals centred on the rice planting circles. Bidayuh like other indigenous tribes of Borneo celebrate Gawai (harvest festival) on 1st June. This is a thanksgiving festival marking bountiful yields of padi. This is the best time to visit Bidayuh villages to join in the merry-making, observe traditional performances and rituals and sample local cuisine.

- Among sub Ethnic Bidayuh that resides at Serian Division:
1. Bukar Sadong-mainly in Serian and Tebedu District
  2. Bianah-mainly at Kampung Tepoi, under Tebedu District
  3. Pinyawa
  4. Biatah
  5. Bisapug
- Siburan Sub District (under Serian Administration)



Another unique sub ethnic in Serian Division is known as Iban Remun or Milikin and what distinguish this sub ethnic from others is its language differs from standardize Iban language.

It is said that Iban Remun originated from Batang Kapuas, same as the other two sub ethnic Iban Sebuyau and Iban Balau. The Remun sub ethnic migrated from Batang Kapuas as they need source of food, as well as explore new land. The Remun sub ethnic has its own association, known as Serian Iban Remun Association (SIRA).

## SERIAN DIVISION PROFILE

Total Area	2039.9 square kilometres
Major Ethnic Group	Bidayuh, Iban, Malay, Chinese, Melanau, Other Bumiputera, Others
Major Languages	Bidayuh, Iban, Malay, Chinese
Major Religions	Christians, Muslim, Buddhist

## DISTANCE FROM SERIAN TO MAJOR DESTINATIONS

Destinations from Serian	Distance	Travelling Duration*
Kuching	62.3	1 hour 10 min
Sri Aman	131 km	2 hours 25 min
Sibu	342	5 hours 47 min
Sarikei	290	4 hours 55 min
Miri	739	12 hours 4 min
Limbang	633	14 hours 58 min
Samarahan	54.4	56 min
Mukah	492	8 hours 14 min
Bintulu	549	9 hours 30 min
Betong	188	3 hours 19 min

\*Travelling duration may vary as it is estimated duration only

