

About Kuching City

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Kuching is the capital of the East Malaysian State of Sarawak. Kuching is the most populous city in the state of Sarawak and the fourth largest city in Malaysia. Kuching was elevated to city status on 1 August 1988.

Nestled on the banks of the Sarawak River, the capital, Kuching, retains the old-world charm of its romantic past. The river is the focal point of the town and features a graceful, European-style esplanade - The Kuching Waterfront - with views across to the Astana (the palace) and Fort Margherita. For another perspective on the town, hire a boat and cruise down the river either by day or night - the sunset is mesmerising. The narrow, bustling streets near the river are crammed with ornate temples, markets, historic buildings and traditional Chinese shophouses selling local handicrafts. Kuching also lays claim to nine museums, many within walking distance of each other.

No other city in Malaysia displays its charm with such an easy grace as Kuching, the capital of Sarawak. The city is cut almost in half by the meandering Sarawak River - its lifeline since time immemorial and where it all began in 1839. Its skyline is a mix of minarets and domes, ornate temple roofs, church spires, fortress, towers, modern and colonial buildings - all set amidst a profusion of greenery against the dramatic backdrop of the inky-blue Santubong and Matang mountains.

A tour of Kuching will take you from the era of the White Rajahs to the present day. Visit the world renowned Sarawak Museum and the Brooke Legacy (White Rajahs) - Fort Margherita, Square Tower, Astana and the Court House. There is also the Satok Suspension Bridge, Cat Gallery, Cat Monument, Tua Pek Kong - Chinese Temple, the old State Mosque and one of the hottest leisure spots in the City, the Kuching Waterfront Esplanade.