

# SABAH

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## QUESTIONS + ANSWERS

### HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO FLY THERE?

There are direct air services to Kota Kinabalu from Perth once a week with Malaysia Airlines. For travel from the rest of Australia, including Perth where direct flights do not suit, you can transfer through Kuala Lumpur with Malaysia Airlines or Singapore with Singapore Airlines.

The total flying time will range between 8 hours (Perth) and 11 hours (Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane).

The airport is approximately 10 minutes drive from Kota Kinabalu.

### WILL WE BE MET AND TRANSFERRED?

Yes, where transfers have been included in your arrangements, our operator (Exotic Borneo) will have their representative meet you on arrival and transfer you to your hotel.

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE AND RELIGION

Bahasa Malaysia (national language) and English is widely spoken; Mandarin and some Chinese dialects are also widely spoken. Christianity is predominantly the main religion.

### TRANSPORT: HOW TO GET AROUND?

Sightseeing is readily available through our operator. Otherwise, hire cars and taxis are available.

### SEASONS

Sabah does not have distinct wet or dry seasons. It is warm throughout the year with occasional tropical rain-showers or rainstorms - usually in the afternoons cooling the air and keeping the rainforests green.

### WHAT IS THE CURRENCY?

Malaysian Ringgit (RM)  
Travellers' cheques and foreign currencies can be changed for Malaysian Ringgit at banks and hotels. However, there are also money changer kiosks available at major shopping complexes and the airport. Most major hotels charge a nominal fee for currency conversion.

### LOCAL TIME

Standard Malaysian Time is 8 hours ahead of GMT (GMT+8).

### SHOPPING

Shopping centres, supermarkets, restaurants and mini markets are generally open daily from 10am to 10pm offering a wide range of local and international goods.

### POWER SUPPLY

Electricity is on the 240 Volts AC/ 50-Cycle system. Adaptors will be required (multi adaptor recommended).

### DRINKING WATER

It is recommended you drink bottled water only.

### DRESS CODE

Summer clothes are recommended. However, visitors to Kinabalu Park (especially climbers) must definitely bring warm and water-proof clothes as advised.

### MEDICAL

Government hospitals, clinics and dispensaries are available in all towns. The list of private medical practitioners and pharmacies are available in the local phone directory. However, those with specific medical needs are advised to have a good supply of medications.

### COMMUNICATION

Mobile telecommunications cover many parts of Sabah with the exception of some remote areas.

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