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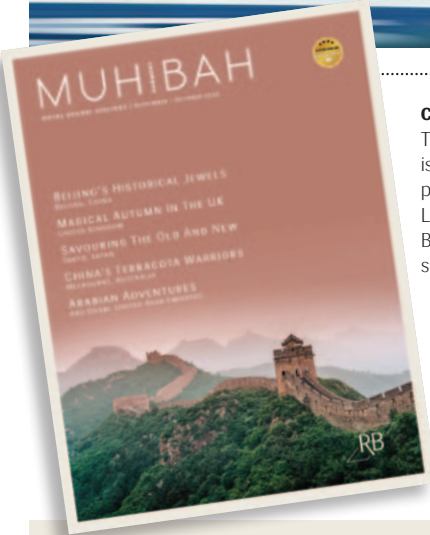
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Dear Guests,

Welcome aboard your flight today with Royal Brunei Airlines (RB). Our teams have worked meticulously behind the scenes to prepare your flight and to ensure you have a wonderful journey to your destination. We invite you to sit back, relax and enjoy the warm Bruneian hospitality.

It gives me great pleasure to share that RB, the national carrier of Brunei Darussalam, is now a certified 4-star airline, a coveted quality ranking award by Skytrax. We are delighted to join a select group of elite airlines in this prestigious category. Skytrax 4-Star Airline rating is a mark of quality distinction that recognises excellent standards of product and guest service across different assessment categories covering some 900 line items for on-board, airport and other guest touch points.

RB's achievement is a great testament of years of hard work across the Company by all of our people. My special thanks to all our frontliners who execute our service strategy every day with great pride and with warm Bruneian hospitality. May I take the opportunity to thank you – our guests for your support and the appreciation of the improvements we have made in our products and services. These have given us the honour of being 66th in the recent Top 100 airline in the world. Read more in our special feature on Page 8.

Our planning for the launch of direct flights to Beijing – Daxing airport is well advanced. We will commence these services from the northern winter scheduling season. We have announced new routes within the beautiful island

of Borneo. Our guests now have the opportunity to seamlessly transfer to Bintulu, Sibul, Sandakan and Tawau from Brunei International Airport and enjoy the many attractions and activities offered in these destinations. The RB Link services within Borneo has been a tremendous success since its launch and we trust many of our guests will find our latest innovation is of great value and convenience.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Engineering Team who have reached a significant milestone with the successful completion of our first in-house B787 heavy maintenance check on our Dreamliner fleet.

As always, I would like to conclude with a sincere word of thanks to you for flying with us today, your loyalty and support for RB is a driving force behind RB's continuous improvements.

Betterfly Royal Brunei.



With warm regards,
Karam Chand
Chief Executive Officer

INSIDE RB

Roundup of Royal Brunei Airlines happenings.



LAUNCH OF RB LINK

On 10 July 2019, Royal Brunei Airlines (RB) introduced RB Link flights with services connecting Brunei and new destinations in Borneo Island. The launch of RB Link was announced by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of Finance and Economy II; and Chairman, RB Board of Directors.

RB Link is aimed at having an expanded route network to create value for Brunei, RB, Brunei International Airport and guests who are seeking seamless connections. Linking Borneo to our greatly enhanced route network is a significant development for air connectivity within the BIMP-EIGA region and one that will stimulate travel and trade between Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia and Indonesia. RB Link flights will be supported with two brand new ATR 72-600 aircraft operated by Malindo Air and cabin crew trained to RB's service standards and initially overseen by RB cabin crew.

RB BRISBANE FLIGHTS BACK ON

Royal Brunei Airlines (RB) marked a new milestone as it celebrates the return of its non-stop services to Brisbane, Australia, on 10 July 2019. An official launch was held to commemorate the milestone at the new Collaboration Hub in RB Campus. Present as the guest of honour was Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of Finance and Economy II; and Chairman, RB Board of Directors.

A celebration dinner was also held in Brisbane at Brisbane City Hall on 11 July 2019 to commemorate the resumption of Brunei-Brisbane services. Present as guest of honour was His Excellency Zakaria Ahmad, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to Australia, alongside guests from Brisbane Airport Corporation and Brisbane travel agencies.





RB CELEBRATES HIS MAJESTY'S 73RD BIRTHDAY

Team RB was proud to participate in the annual *Bersama Rakyat* event held in conjunction with His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's 73rd Birthday celebrations at the Taman Haji Sir Omar 'Ali Saifuddien on 28 July 2019.



UBD CAREER FAIR 2019

Royal Brunei Airlines (RB)'s Training and Development section participated in the UBD Career Fair 2019 held from 18 to 20 July 2019 at UBD's Chancellor Hall, aimed at promoting careers in the aviation industry.

RB ROWS TO THE FINISH LINE AT THE BRUNEI REGATTA 2019

RB Rowers won 3rd Place in the annual Brunei Regatta 2019 for the '20-Rowers Fibreglass Private Sector Boat Race' Category held on Sunday, 25 August 2019 in Bandar Seri Begawan. The event, held at the Dermaga Diraja, drew thousands of boating enthusiasts and visitors. His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's participation in a special boat race category in the afternoon was a huge crowd-puller. The full-day event was organised in conjunction with His Majesty's 72nd birthday celebrations had 12 boat race categories being contested.



RB RECEIVES SKYTRAX 4-STAR AIRLINE RATING

Royal Brunei Airlines (RB) is proud to announce that it has received the esteemed Skytrax 4-star rating from the international air transport rating organisation following a detailed audit of the airline's overall quality of products and services standards.

The announcement of RB's 4-star accreditation was held at the Collaboration Hub, RB Campus. Present as the guest of honour was Yang Mulia Dato Seri Paduka Doctor Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy (Economy), Acting Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, Minister of Finance and Economy II, and RB Board Director. RB's Board of Directors, corporate guests, business partners, travel agents, tour and hotel operators, and staff also attended the event to celebrate the momentous achievement.



RB A 4-STAR AIRLINE!

We are proud to announce that
Royal Brunei Airlines is now
a Skytrax 4-Star Airline!





It gives us great pleasure to share that Royal Brunei Airlines has been certified with the coveted Skytrax 4-Star Airline rating! We are delighted and proud to join this exclusive list of 4-Star Airlines in the world and as one of the smallest to achieve such a global feat.

The 4-star accreditation was presented to us from the international air transport rating organisation following a detailed audit of our overall quality of products and services standards. Experienced airline auditors referred to international benchmarks covering some 900 key assessment items during the audit and we were awarded the 4 stars after every aspect of our products and services were thoroughly audited.

MUHIBAH spoke to Karam Chand, Royal Brunei Airlines's Chief Executive Officer, to learn more about the rating.

Congratulations on being a Skytrax 4-Star Airline! What does achieving this award mean to the airline?

It is an honour to be now certified with the 4-star Skytrax award. It is also pleasing to note that for Skytrax's Top 100 airlines in the world yearly ranking, we have improved to 66th position this year from 95th ranking in 2016. We were named as one of the top five most improved airlines and not long ago, top 10 most loved airline in the world.

Can you talk about the auditing process?

We engaged Skytrax in 2018 to conduct an airline quality audit on our product and service delivery across

the business, on both long haul and regional flights as well as our home airport. Since then, we have made further enhancements to our products and services, and maintained a high degree of consistency in service delivery by all our frontline staff.

What are some of these enhancements?

Supporting the service focus strategy required changes to our aircraft fleet, network and guestfacing infrastructure. Last year, we completed our fleet modernisation programme with new technology B787 Dreamliner and A320NEO aircraft. We can confidently say Royal Brunei Airlines is one of the very few airlines in the world with an average fleet age of just over two years. This investment is great for our guests as it has helped us maintain very high on-time performance of 90 percent, we offer the latest cabin features and play an active role in reducing carbon emissions.

You also expanded your flight network?


Yes, over the course of the past year, we introduced more direct flights to a number of key destinations. We have expanded our network from 17 to 25 destinations and soon to 32 including RB Link cities. In November 2017, we introduced scheduled services to Seoul; in April 2018 to Nanning and Hangzhou, followed by non-stop service between Brunei and London Heathrow in October 2018 thus putting us on equal footing with our competitors. We also have one of the shortest elapsed time between Brunei, Melbourne and now Brisbane to London Heathrow.

We also introduced Haikou in November, Taipei and Kuching in December last year, Tokyo in March this year, and launched flights to Changsha in April, Brisbane in July. Soon, we plan to introduce services to Beijing, the new Daxing International

Airport. Product innovation such as our recently introduced RB Links flights further cements our position as the National Airline of Brunei and our commitment to our guests and their needs and to the Region.

How does being awarded the Skytrax 4-Star Airline rating reflect on the airline?

The 4-star rating vindicates the products and services we introduced over the years to enhance the guest experience at every touchpoint. It is also a great testament of years of hard work across the Company by all of our people. This would not have been achieved without the contribution and hard work; from our frontliners to our colleagues in operations, commercial and support departments, who have worked tirelessly to help us achieve our goal and strategically position Royal Brunei Airlines as a globally competitive airline.

This and many other achievements over the last few years truly reflect the spirit of Royal Brunei Airlines and her people, and our strong desire to help achieve the National objectives with enhanced connectivity, be an enabler of growth in tourism and trade, and to be Brunei's international brand ambassador on a daily basis. 



SPECIAL FEATURE



THE ROAD TO 4 STARS

Royal Brunei Airlines launched a company-wide 4-star campaign in early 2018 to raise awareness, drive momentum, support and motivation in its staff, as well as made a range of products and services enhancements to achieve the rating. Here are some of these initiatives.

ENHANCED ROYAL BRUNEI AIRPORT SERVICES

Royal Brunei Airlines business guests now enjoy services such as premium lane at our counters, fast-track security screening services and fast-track airport immigration as well as dedicated special assistance check-in lane for guests in need. Business class guests also have access to online reading portal, PressReader, allowing them access to thousands of the world's most popular titles during their flight. Other enhancement also extends to various destinations in Royal Brunei Airlines's network such as improved lounge services, enhanced check-in process and improved boarding signage.

ENHANCED ONBOARD CABIN PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

New amenities and improved standards were introduced to the overall service, including turndown flatbed service for long-haul flights on B787 Dreamliner, a new signature business class boarding drink, linen tray tableclothes on A320 business class services, new headsets for business and economy class, increased entertainment content for in-flight entertainment, introduction of meal service recovery tags and economy class meal menu with dual language translation. Additionally, meal options for both classes were improved for more variety and continuously revised to ensure consistency.

ENHANCED ROYAL BRUNEI AIRLINES WEBSITE (www.flyRB.com)

Our website now provides multi-language options – English, Chinese, Korean and Japanese. This year, we plan to include Malay, Thai and Vietnamese. The website also improved sector display for flight date and price view, cabin class information, and provided updated airport information network wide.



“The 4-Star Airline Rating recognises improvements that the airline has introduced over the last two years, both in terms of product change and development and enhancement of the frontline staff service.

New aircraft and cabin products have played an important part in the quality improvement process. Royal Brunei Airlines has been certified with the coveted Skytrax 4-Star Airline rating, joining a select group of elite airlines in this prestigious category. This 4-Star Airline rating is a mark of quality distinction that recognises excellent standards of Product and Staff service across different assessment categories for both the Onboard and Airport environment.”

- **Edward Plaisted,**
Skytrax Chief Executive Officer





Magical AUTUMN in the UK

Best spots in the UK for the most
amazing autumn views.

Words MEL SIM



There's just something magical and romantic when autumn comes about. The air is crisp and chilly while the leaves start to turn into dazzling shades, making just about every scene picture perfect. The British autumn is all of these things and more with its flurry of red, yellow and gold in the most beautiful landscapes you'll set your eyes upon, which is why it is the best time to visit to soak up all of that beauty. Here are our picks on where to go.



LONDON

Even your usual London tourist haunts get a beautiful makeover during autumn. If you're after some of the most incredible views in the city, there are a few locations to check out. Good starting points would be London's royal parks such as the 2,500-acre Richmond Park where deers graze freely in nature's beauty that would have turned a stunning auburn during autumn. Or right in the city, Hyde Park, where a stroll during autumn will be one of the most magical and memorable if you want a quick getaway from London's hustle and bustle.





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NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK

Just 16 kilometres away from Bournemouth is the New Forest National Park, a paradise come true in autumn as it transforms into a remarkable canopy of red, gold, brown and yellow. Hike, cycle or go horse riding to take in all that breathtaking beauty with ponies, deers and cattle wandering freely. Want the whole experience? Visit during the New Forest Walking Festival from 12 to 27 October 2019 where you can sign up for one of the many guided walks led by local experts to learn more about the history, heritage and wildlife. For details, go to thenewforest.co.uk.



CAWDOR CASTLE

Located between Inverness and Nairn, Cawdor Castle – the oldest castle in Scotland – is one of the most beautiful spots for its magnificent fiery gardens and trails that go on and on. This 15th century private fortress was built by the Thanes of Cawdor, and today it is a popular destination to take a walk back into history as you roam the castle's rooms as well as three different gardens each one with their own history. In addition, there is also access to the Big Wood, a remnant of the ancient Caledonian forest that is home to trees and nature trails. The castle and its gardens are open only till 6 October so plan your trip here accordingly. Private tours are available by appointment only (cawdorcastle.com) during the closed season from October to April.



THE COTSWOLDS

Autumn is all about going outdoors to enjoy the air while walking over crunchy leaves, and there's no better place to do so than in the Cotswolds with its colourful woodland and quaint villages. Take a leisure walk around the ruins of Minster Lovell Hall and Dovecote with its backdrop of gold-yellow trees or roam free in the Batsford Arboretum to enjoy all the bright seasonal colours and fresh air. The Royal Gardens at Highgrove, the private gardens of The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, are a sight to behold with its immaculately manicured gardens rich in reds and oranges while Bourton-on-the-Water, The Venice of the Cotswolds, will charm you with its attractive little bridges made even more spectacular set against autumn's beautiful scenery.





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^ SNOWDONIA

One of the most scenic regions in Britain, Wales's Snowdonia is all about rugged mountains, coastal areas and forests. In autumn, it comes alive in the red and golden hues of trees, purplish heather on the mountainsides, and the deep blue of the sea. Autumn is the best time to visit as it is a calmer and quieter place minus the chock-a-block of tourists. Plus, you can take advantage of the off-peak offers to grab yourself a bargain. The days are warm, making it perfect for walking through fallen leaves while the evenings are cool enough to enjoy hot chocolate in front of a cosy fire. Places to check out include Glynllifon Park, Snowdon for panoramic views, the historic town of Bala and Portmeirion Village known for its brightly painted buildings, formal gardens, and woodland walks.



David Broadbent Photography

^ FOREST OF DEAN

One of the last ancient forests in the UK, Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire, has been inhabited since the Iron Ages and was used by the Anglo-Saxon kings as royal hunting grounds. Today, aside from its historical significance, it is a place of natural beauty that comes alive with spectacular colours during autumn. If you're into walks, this is the best place to get a taste of British autumns. Located nearby are also picturesque villages like Newent and Cinderford, and historical landmarks such as the Tintern Abbey. If you want to really soak in all that history, check-in at the Speech House Hotel, a former 17th century hunting lodge at the very heart of the forest.



LAKE DISTRICT

With colours in full bloom, autumn is the prettiest time of the year to visit the Lake District. This UNESCO World Heritage Site offers a bit of everything – picturesque walks and camping escapades in its national parks, historic inns to explore, great restaurants to dine on the best of British food and artisanal shops selling the best of Lake District produce and goods. ✓

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city's best historical sites for
an experience you won't forget.

Words **CLAUDIA ZEE**





THE FORBIDDEN CITY

China's most significant attraction, the Forbidden City (also The Imperial Palace) traces its origins back to the Yuan Dynasty in the 13th century. With its scarlet walls and golden roofs, this beautiful 720,000 square metre palace was once home to 24 Ming and Qing Emperors. When here, visit the Meridian Gate, the Golden River Bridges (five richly decorated white marble bridges), The Hall of Preserving Harmony (functioned as the Emperor's banquet hall), the Palace of Heavenly Purity and the Hall of Military Courage to recall the past glories of China's imperial families.

TIP: Visit during the winter for the most beautiful scenery!

THE SUMMER PALACE

For a different experience in Beijing that's away from its usual hustle and bustle, it's worth making a 15km drive to the Summer Palace. Said to be the best preserved imperial garden in the world and the largest of its kind still in existence in China, the beautiful Summer Palace was once the playground for emperors fleeing hot Chinese summers for cool breeze among trees. The palace with its huge lake and hilltop views offers a vast ground for exploring its temples, gardens, pavilions, bridges, courtyards and corridors. Do check out the Long Corridor that is decorated with a plethora of paintings or the Buddhist Temple of the Sea of Wisdom filled with effigies of Buddha. During warm weathers, pedal boats are available for rent - try to do a circuit along the Kunming Lake for the most gorgeous views.

TIP: There's a lot to cover at the Summer Palace so plan to spend at least half a day here.



THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

Of course, no trip to Beijing is complete without visiting The Great Wall. And at just an hour away from Beijing, there's no excuse not to go! With construction beginning as early as the 7th century B.C.E, The Great Wall was mostly expanded in the Ming Dynasty. Talk a walk along Badaling Pass, the first part of the Wall to be opened to tourists and immerse yourself in this impressive structure that still remain well preserved surrounded by dramatic scenery. Other less crowded sections include Juyongguan, Huanghuacheng, Jiankou, Mutianyu, Gubeikou, Jinshanling and Simatai.

TIP: It gets really busy at The Great Wall so plan your trip for an early arrival. Put on your most comfortable pair of hiking shoes too!



BEIHAI PARK

If you've made your way to the Forbidden Palace, then it's worth to take a short 10-minute walk over to Beihai Park, one of the oldest surviving imperial gardens in Beijing. This beautiful open space is a grand sight to behold with its scenic lake, impressive gardens, ancient sculptures and traditional pavilions. It is said that the park was built because emperors were searching for a secret potion that was the elixir of life on three magic mountains on the sea – Penglai, Yingzhou and Fangzhang – where gods who lived there possessed the potion. Hence, Beihai Park was laid out in the form of one pool and three "mountains".

TIP: Best time of the day to visit the park is in the morning where locals buzz about doing their exercises, singing and dancing!



THE TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

A place for worship for emperors in the Ming and Qing Dynasty, The Temple of Heaven is a cluster of Beijing's most sacred buildings. Here, old temples and shrines are set out in two sections – one rectangular and the other semi-circular – to symbolise heaven and earth. Today, this sacrificial compound is where locals come early in the morning to do their exercises and get together for song and play. One of its wonders is the brightly decorated Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests erected using traditional Chinese architecture of wood and entirely without nails featuring a three-tier marble terrace and a roof covered with 50,000 blue glazed tiles. Visit the Echo Wall, which echoes even the quietest of voices.

TIP: Don't miss the unique century-old trees that line the green lawn – some are over 600 years old!








HUTONG BEIJING

A *hutong* is a narrow lane in Beijing between traditional folk houses, and in the past, the city was filled with hundreds of them. Unfortunately due to city construction, many have been replaced by today's modern streets. Now, no more than 1,000 remain in the old town and have been transformed into commercialised tourist attractions filled with street food stalls, souvenir shops, bars and a few shops selling goods to the locals. Still, they are worth a visit. Two main areas are the Shichahai and Bell/Drum Towers not far from The Forbidden City, and the Qianmen and Dashilar Area near Tiananmen Square. Take a stroll along the twisted lanes of these *hutongs* to explore the traditional homes for a feel of what it was like, or you can opt for the touristy thing to do which is to take a rickshaw to guide you for a special tour.

TIP: Want a different *hutong* tour? Rent a bike and peddle your way through the lanes.

MING TOMBS

A UNESCO World Heritage, the Ming Tombs is one of the best-preserved imperial mausoleums in the world with 13 tombs from the Ming Dynasty. At present, only the Dingling Tomb, Changling Tomb and Zhaoling Tomb ('ling' here meaning 'tomb') are open to the public to go into the burial chambers to view unearthed precious relics and imperial coffins. Because the area is so vast, it is almost impossible to visit all (or even two!). Our recommendation? The Dingling Tomb is ideal if you have no problem with your knees as it requires some climbing down from the entrance while the Changling Tomb is for those who have some difficulty in walking.

TIP: There are different ticket prices for each tomb so be sure to check ahead. 

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Savouring The **OLD** & **NEW**

Where the past meets the
present in Asakusa, the heart
of Tokyo's historic downtown.

Words ANIS RAMLI Images JNTO



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The Tokyo Sky Tree looks down at Asakusa from across the Sumida River.

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Souvenir-hunting along Nakamise-dori.

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Asakusa hosts some of Tokyo's largest summer festivals.



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Asakusa, in the heart of Tokyo's *shitamachi* (downtown), lies along the Sumida River, a popular site for viewing cherry blossoms. The season drives the crowds in droves but, outside the frenzied sakura season, Asakusa charms with its old town feel juxtaposed against Japan's never-ending thirst for modernisation.

Asakusa came to be thanks to a rich next-door neighbour, Kuramae. During the Edo period (1603-1868), Kuramae – which means “in front of the storehouses” – was, as the name suggests, a district for rice storage. Kuramae's rice agents (*fudasashi*) would later profit from the monopoly of rice sales, giving out loans with high interests. With a considerable amount of disposable income in their hands, the *fudasashi* would spend it in Asakusa, where kabuki theatres and geisha houses were aplenty.

Today, many consider Asakusa to be the heart of Old Tokyo. Narrow alleys, modest family-owned business, traditional houses – these all can be seen around this neighbourhood. Most of the activities in Asakusa is centred around the



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instantly-recognised and enormous bright-red Kaminarimon, meaning "thunder gate". The gate's centrepiece is a magnificent red lantern made by a Kyoto lantern maker. It measures 3.9-metres high, 3.3-metres wide and weighs about 700 kilograms. Enter through this gate and it will take you to Sensoji Temple, but not before you marvel at the small souvenir shops where traditional crafts remain alive on Nakamise-dori. There are the *ukiyo-e* woodblock prints, *geta* (the high wooden platform clogs), washi paper from the 150-year-old Kurodaya-Honten and makers of traditional rice crackers, to name a few.

Branch out from Kaminarimon and you will find dozens of smaller shopping streets, perfect for a leisurely wander. Denpoin-dori, Kannon-dori and Asakusa Chuo-dori still maintain the flair of the Asakusa of before, with man-powered *jinrikisha* (rickshaw) still an unmistakable sight, albeit for the pleasure of tourists. These rickshaws, however, are a long-standing Asakusa institution and were first introduced to the area at the end of the Edo period when the ban on anything with wheels was finally lifted. It is easy to dismiss the ride as

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See how traditional rice crackers are made at Nakamise-dori.

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Rickshaws are a long-standing Asakusa institution.

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An example of old-meets-new!



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The Sumida River is a popular cherry blossom viewing site.

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Visitors waiting to tuck into a dorayaki, a traditional Japanese pancake.



Anis Ramli

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simply a tourist attraction but, as one passenger described it, being on the rickshaw allowed him to see parts of Asakusa that are not immediately seen by the pedestrian, especially with a well-informed driver.

Drivers can tell you where to spot the earliest cherry blossoms (at the aptly named Sakura Hostel Asakusa), stunning pocket gardens around Asakusa, the oldest soba store (Namikiyabu, founded in 1913) – and all these while running a commentary pulling the rickshaw! Perhaps the best way to get an insight into Asakusa is to speak with these drivers. With a rigorous training that takes a minimum a month to complete with two exams, a ride on the rickshaw will change your perspective of doing sightseeing, especially in a historical area such as Asakusa. ✓

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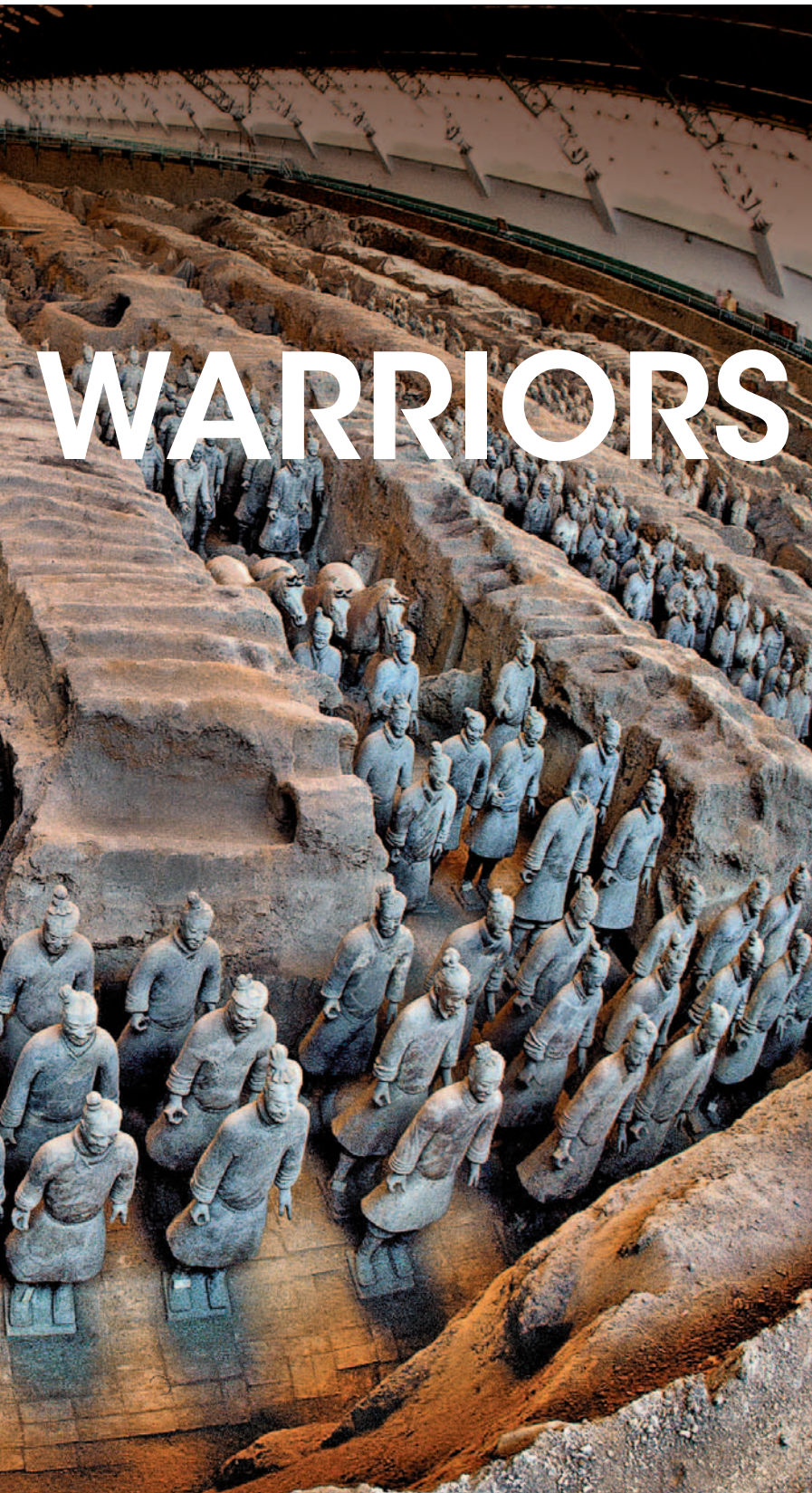
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CHINA'S TERRACOTTA

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WARRIORS

Catch one of
China's great
archaeological
discoveries at the
**National Gallery
of Victoria,
Melbourne.**

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Images **NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA**

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Qin Shihuang's
terracotta warriors
@ Shaanxi History
Museum (Shaanxi
Cultural Heritage
Promotion Center) and
Emperor Qin Shihuang's
Mausoleum Site
Museum.

FEATURES

In 1974, farmers digging a well in China's Shaanxi province uncovered a strange life-size clay figure of a soldier poised for battle. The Chinese authorities were immediately notified of this discovery and soon government archaeologists were dispatched to the site to investigate further.

What they found at the site remains one of the greatest discoveries in the world today – thousands of clay soldiers, each with unique facial expressions and positioned according to rank. Further excavations revealed swords, arrow tips, weapons, clay horses and wooden chariots, many in pristine condition.

The discovery is often described as the eighth wonder of the world. The Terracotta Warriors, as they are known, were created over 2,000 years ago and represent the armies of Qin Shi Huangdi, the first emperor of China. They were his 'guardians of immortality', designed to protect the first emperor in the afterlife. It is estimated that there are more than 6,000 of such warriors.

According to writings of court historian Siam Qian during the following Han Dynasty, Qin ordered the creation of the warriors and the mausoleum they were kept in shortly after taking the throne. More than 700,000 labourers – mostly forced labour consisting of prisoners and convicts – worked on the project. The mausoleum is a vast site that ranges over kilometres, and the Terracotta Warriors are located in an important part of the overall mausoleum that is sited around one-and-a-half kilometres from the First Emperor's burial mound.

Excavations revealed many pits within and outside the walls of the mausoleum. But further excavations are on hold to best keep the ancient tomb preserved due to the complex conditions inside. Currently, only four percent of the site has been excavated.



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WHO IS QIN SHI HUANGDI?

THE CHINESE EMPEROR BEHIND THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Young emperor Ying Zheng took the throne in 246 B.C. at the age of 13. By 221 B.C., he unified a collection of warring kingdoms and renamed himself Qin Shi Huangdi – the First Emperor of Qin.

Aside from his ferocious character, Emperor Qin was known for many things – he introduced a new imperial currency and standardised weights and measures. He ordered for the Chinese writing to be made uniform, interlinked the states with canals and roads, and is credited for building the first version of the Great Wall.



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Qin Shihuang's
terracotta warriors. Pit 1
Qin dynasty 221-206
BCE (detail) @ Shaanxi
History Museum
(Shaanxi Cultural
Heritage Promotion
Center) and Emperor Qin
Shihuang's Mausoleum
Site Museum.

THE WARRIORS ARRIVE AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA

If you don't have the opportunity to visit the actual mausoleum site of the Terracotta Warriors at the Shaanxi History Museum (Shaanxi Cultural Heritage Promotion Center), you can still experience for yourself the grandness of these 'guardians of immortality' at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) from now till 13 October 2019.

NGV presented the very first major exhibition outside of China of the Terracotta Warriors in 1982 in a historical exhibition. This year, the warriors return for a second time to the Gallery. In this large-scale presentation, a total of eight warrior figures and two life-size horses from the Imperial Army as well as two half-size replica bronze chariots each drawn by four horses will be featured.

These amazing sculptures will be accompanied by an extraordinary presentation of more than 170 treasures from ancient China, on loan from museums and archaeological sites in Shaanxi province and spanning more than 1,200 years of Chinese history. Both Terracotta Warriors and these priceless artefacts offer incredible insight into the formative years of Chinese civilisation.

He relocated influential families from their home provinces to the Shaanxi capital where he could keep a close eye on them to ensure that his ruling was followed and no one would be out of line. If they did, they would suffer the consequences, like the 460 scholars who were rounded up and executed for criticising the government.

The emperor was also obsessed with the idea of immortality. Hence his most stunning project – the Terracotta Warriors, which started shortly after he took the throne. Today, the warriors and other statues serve as a symbol of the scale of the emperor's reign and his influence over the vast land of China.



THE EXHIBITION SHOWCASE

THE WARRIORS

At the Gallery's hall of the Terracotta Warriors, the first warrior you will see is an Armoured General, the highest ranking of all the warriors at the exhibition. Other warriors you'll see include a range of military men in different ranks and styles.

Each warrior consists of seven different parts – a plinth, feet, legs, torso, arms, hands and head. They were each given an individualised appearance through the use of different moulds and by manipulating the position of fingers and arms while the clay was still soft. Workers of these Terracotta Warriors were each held personally responsible for the quality of the work. They had to sign their names on parts they made and were punished if the part did not meet certain standards.

While they may appear a light grey now, the Terracotta Warriors were first brightly coloured. Their faces in flesh tones with dark brown hair and eyes, and even eyelashes delicately brushed in. They wore clothes in tints of red, blue, green, yellow, purple and white.

THE HORSES AND THE CHARIOTS

Horses were important for work and warfare in ancient China. The two terracotta horses at the Gallery's showcase are of those found at the mausoleum that pulled chariots. There is also a replica of the chariot at the Gallery.

It is known that the excavation uncovered both clay objects as well as real people and animals. This is because the Qin has an ancient practice of human and animal sacrifice where their religious ceremonies included ritual offerings to the gods that sometimes required the slaughter of animals.

With this in mind, excavations at the Terracotta Warriors mausoleum uncovered the skeletons of animals such as horses.



ALSO ON EXHIBIT



CAI GUO-QIANG: THE TRANSIENT LANDSCAPE

Presented in parallel with the Terracotta Warriors exhibition at the Gallery is contemporary artist Cai Guo-Qiang's new artwork inspired by his home country's culture and philosophical traditions. The exhibitions include a must-not-miss monumental installation of 10,000 suspended porcelain birds spiralling over visitors' heads at the Gallery. The birds create a three-dimensional impression of a calligraphic drawing of the sacred Mount Li, the site of the ancient tomb of China's first emperor and his warriors.



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Installation view of
Terracotta Warriors: Guardians of Immortality and Cai Guo-Qiang: The Transient Landscape at NGV International, 24 May - 13 October 2019. Photo @ Tobias Titz Photography.



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Chariot horse
Qin dynasty 221 - 207 BCE earthenware
Emperor Qin Shihuang's Mausoleum Site Museum (Xi'an).

The Terracotta Warriors: Guardians of Immortality and Cai Guo-Qiang: The Transient Landscape will be on display from now till 13 October 2019 at NGV International, 180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, Australia. Tickets and information are available from the NGV website ngv.vic.gov.au.

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Bell of Duke Wu of Qin, Qin gong bo
Spring and Autumn period 771-475 BCE bronze
Baoji Bronze Museum, Baoji.

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Human remains were also discovered, including female remains presumed to be those of Qin's concubines and the male remains thought to be stable hands and grooms as well as labourers.

THE ARTEFACTS

Alongside the Terracotta Warriors in the Gallery's exhibition is an astounding collection of artefacts from early Chinese dynasties, including the time of Confucius, that reflect the cultural diversity of China. Ones to look out for include the Chinese bell or *bo*, a prestigious object that belonged to the Duke Wu. The *bo* played an important role in ancient China's rituals and ceremonies where it may have been used for musical entertainments or more serious ceremonial functions. Look closely and you'll see shapes of auspicious mythical horned dragons and serpents, reminding us that the supernatural worlds were very much an important aspect for the ancient Chinese.

Another unique artefact on display?

The Han dynasty's version of Terracotta Warriors, a marked difference from the Qin version. At around a third of the size of the Qin Terracotta Warriors, the Han's version is less monumental with a humbler appeal. It's a true reflection of the contrast between both dynasties and its emperors – the Qin emperor was more grandiose while the Han rulers were more modest. ✓

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Arabian Adventures

From camel rides to dune bashing,
it's time for some fun under the sun
in Abu Dhabi's glorious desert.

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With easy access to Abu Dhabi's vast desert, you can be sure that there will be a whole load of activities waiting for you in the sand. The temperatures might be crazy but the experiences are crazier, especially if this is the first time you're experiencing what the desert has to offer... and that's plenty! Add on the unmistakable air of mystery about the desert and it makes the whole experience more exciting. We've put together a list of things you can get up to in and around Abu Dhabi's desert.

Camping

A trip to the desert isn't complete without spending a night under the stars. Not only does it give you a chance to see the desert at its most peaceful and splendid, it's a great way to experience the essence of old Arabia and aspects of traditional Emirati life. The best time to camp are in the colder months to enjoy a good Bedouin meal around a flaming bonfire at night. For safety purpose and to take the hassle out of planning, hire a guide to arrange the experience for you. There are many you can check out online.

Dune Bashing

If you've hired a guide for your camping escapade, chances are it will also include a dune bashing experience, which is a popular Emirati activity. Hang on tight because it is be a thrilling ride while your guide tackles those sand dunes! A popular spot is Tel Moreeb in the Liwa Oasis at the Empty Quarter desert. The dune is considered by many to be the world's tallest sand dune at over 300 metres high and a 50-degree incline that will get your adrenaline pumping. For this reason alone, it's also known as Scary Mountain!



PLANNING YOUR DESERT ESCAPEDE?

MAKE SURE TO PACK THESE THINGS FOR A COMFORTABLE EXPERIENCE.

- Plenty of liquids – the desert can get quite warm, even during the cooler months
- SPF sunscreen, especially if you are visiting during midday
- Insect repellent
- Staying overnight? Pack in a whistle for safety measures so that you can let others know where you are
- First-aid essentials like plasters and anti-inflammatory balms

Skiing

Skiing in Abu Dhabi takes on a different meaning altogether... you'll be hitting the slopes that are actually the towering sand dunes in the desert! With hundreds of metres above land (much like the ski slopes), these sand dunes are a sand-skier's paradise. Popular spots include the Liwa Oasis on the edges of the Rub al-Khali for its high-enough but not intimidating dunes so novices can give it a go on the gentler slopes. Just remember to hit the dunes early in the morning where temperatures are more forgiving.



TOP PLACES FOR YOUR DESERT EXPERIENCE

RUB AL KHALI (EMPTY QUARTER), AL DHAFRA

The world's largest uninterrupted sand mass making up almost two-thirds of the Emirate, Rub Al Khali will blow you away with its dramatic landscape of ever-changing endless dunes.

AL KHAZNAH

Tucked between Abu Dhabi city and Al Ain oasis is the popular Al Khaznah known also for its breathtaking dunes. The popular Arabian Nights Village is located here as well as the Al Badeyah desert camp.


- Bags to collect waste – it's customary not to leave any waste behind after your camping trip
- An extra set of light and loose clothes that protect your arms and legs from the sun

Camel Trekking

The best way to explore the desert? On a camel for that nostalgic feel on how things used to be in these vast lands. Get ready to be blown away with views of the massive desert and enormous dunes. If you can, book yourself a sunset trek to get the most beautiful sights. You can book a tour with any reputable operators and most, if not all, camel treks end with a sampling of Middle Eastern treats.



Stay In A Desert Resort

Set against the stunning backdrop of the world's largest sand desert the Empty Quarter is the beautiful Qasr Al Sarab by Anantara to give you the ultimate desert experience. Just 90 minutes away from Abu Dhabi, you'll feel as if you've entered into a completely different realm. The resort boasts of 140 rooms, 14 suites and 52 pool villas to choose from, each one facing the arid beauty of the desert. While you enjoy all the luxuries it has to offer, you can also create your own desert experiences to remember. Our recommendation? Try the signature candlelit private dining in the desert where you can also take in the most magnificent sunset. Don't forget to check out the resort's spa treatments that include an ancient Hammam ritual and the signature Arabian Desert Rose Ritual to lose yourself in pure Arabian luxury and tranquility. 

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STYLISH DINING

Brunei's food and beverage scene ups the notch in terms of sophistication and chicness – thanks to Alter Ego Fusion, a modern Asian fusion restaurant that's all about stylish as well as delicious comfort food.






From the same people who brought you High Frequency Lifestyle Café in Brunei, is a trendy spot that's fast making its way into every foodie's must-visit list: Alter Ego Fusion.

Located at Setia Kenangan 2 in Kiulap, the café is one of the most aesthetically pleasing cafes in town thanks to its intricate and unique interior. Walk in and you will be greeted by a striking duality of design; with one half exuding industrial style through the use of raw brick walls complemented by furnishings of wood and iron, while copper tables with contemporary marble tops oversee a hand-painted mural of the Amsterdam canal on the other half. Don't mistake it for being cold and unapproachable though, as the restaurant amps up on personality with hanging plants and warm lighting in just about every corner, giving it a feel-good ambience that makes you want to hang around longer and soak up the atmosphere.

Naturally, you would expect the menu here to receive the same amount of detailed scrutiny that the café's founders have put into its visual presentation. Rest assured that it is certainly the case. Offering what it calls Modern Asian Fusion, Alter Ego Fusion's menu is a delightful mix of East Meets West with a twist of local flavours. Popular dishes include the Charred Grilled Avocado (Peruvian Ceviche with Lavosh Bread) and Mango Ricotta Bruschetta for light eats, and if you're feeling really hungry, check out the Mandarin Short Ribs (braised Australian ribs with oriental spice honey glaze), Blackened Chicken (Cajun style oven-baked chicken covered in charred herbs and spices) and Seabass Meuniere (pan-seared seabass with rosti and bagna cauda sauce).



For those who must end their meal with a sweet offering, you won't be disappointed at Alter Ego Fusion as the café has a wide range of cake and dessert options. Standout favourites include the classic French Frasier, Russian Honey Cake and Gula Melaka Cake – all simply irresistible for a satisfying end! Should you feel like something more sophisticated, the café provides plated desserts featuring interpretations of popular local desserts, such as the visually exquisite Deconstructed Cendul as well as Mango Sticky Rice.

Simply put, Alter Ego Fusion is that one café that you dream about having in your neighbourhood after coming across it during your holidays abroad. It will pave the way for even more eateries to flood your Instagram feed. It's pretty apt then that the one thing that catches your eye at the café is a small chalkboard on the viewing table surrounded by greenery and canisters of exotic-flavoured teas from ETTTE Tea (Nasi Lemak or Pandan Chiffon Tea anyone?) with the words "Brunei is Changing" written on it. We sure hope that this means more and more cafes just like Alter Ego Fusion will pop up to spoil us for choice! 

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Fri: 2pm to 11pm
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NATURE'S PARADISE

Away from human habitation and home to endangered wildlife species, Danum Valley Conservation Area is a gift from Mother Nature.

Words **AMELIA NG**



THE LAST UNDISTURBED RAINFOREST

Sabah is the place for nature lovers to visit and there's no better spot to indulge than at Danum Valley Conservation Area. One of the richest conservation areas in the world at 130 years old, Danum Valley boasts of over 200 species of trees per hectare and is home for endangered wildlife species such as the Sumatran rhino, banteng, Asian elephant, clouded leopard, orangutan and proboscis monkey.

Before, it was an informal protected area in the Ulu Segama Forest Reserve of primary, undisturbed predominantly lowland rainforest. Today, Danum Valley has evolved into one of the foremost rainforest research establishments in Southeast Asia. It is managed by Yayasan Sabah for conservation, research, education and habitat restoration training

purposes. All 438-square kilometres of its land remain undisturbed by human settlement, meaning that hunting, logging and other human interference is non-existent, which is unique in itself.

A TRUE BORNEO ADVENTURE

Thankfully, it is open to tourists to explore and indulge in their fascination for nature. Step into this dense, tropical wonderland and you'll get the ultimate Borneo experience of outdoor adventures. Hire an experienced nature guide (there are many you can source online) and jungle trek this green beauty where over 340 species of birds, 12 species of mammals, 72 species of reptiles and 56 species of amphibians live relatively untouched. It will be an encounter unlike any, one that will allow you to further appreciate the natural beauty that is Danum Valley and Borneo.

TRAVEL INFO

HOW TO GET HERE

The nearest town to Danum Valley Conservation Area is Lahad Datu, which is accessible by land from Kota Kinabalu, Sandakan or Tawau. Then it is an 81km drive from Lahad Datu town to Danum Valley that takes about two hours.


WHERE TO STAY

There are different types of accommodation available in Danum Valley from luxurious to budget. Check them out online.

PERFECT FOR

Adventure seekers, birdwatchers, wildlife photographers and basically anyone up for a unique thrill!

While here, open up your horizon to even more adventures unique to this land. There's the ancient Kadazandusun burial site you can visit complete with belian coffins and ceramic spirit jars. Or trek to Danum Valley's many beautiful waterfalls and rivers such as the Sungai Purut seven-tiered pools where you can enjoy a cooling dip after a long trek.

Feeling more adventurous? Try tubing in the river! Birdwatchers will also thrill at the 170m long canopy walkway, which offers them a closer look into the birdlife in the forest canopy. To complete your Danum Valley experience, check out the night safari tour in an open jeep where you might just catch a glimpse of the more elusive wildlife. 

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THE RACE IS ON!

Ready for some heart-pumping motorsport action? Head to Singapore this September to catch the 12th edition of the **Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix**.

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FORMULA 1 SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX BY THE NUMBERS

5
MONTHS

to set up the race infrastructure

2
MONTHS

to tear it all down

Over **4,000** NUMBER OF CREW
working round the clock to set up the circuit facilities

61
NUMBER OF LAPS
the drivers have to
complete on the circuit

Approximately **700**
TONNES IN FORMULA 1 CARGO
flow in on seven jumbo jets
(that's equivalent to approximately
280 African elephants!)

Once again, Singapore buzzes with a pulsating excitement in September where the city will play host to over 250,000 enthusiasts making their way to the Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix 2019. And we're not just talking about race-car enthusiasts but also revellers who want in on the exhilarating atmosphere with stellar international music acts performing live on stage, special dining events, and of course, the shopping, glitz, and glamour that Singapore already has to offer as a must-visit destination.

What's unique about the Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix is that it features a street circuit hosting the world's only full night race in the Formula 1 calendar with drivers racing under a state-of-the-art lighting system featuring 1,600 lighting projectors around the track. Singapore first made history by hosting the world's first Formula 1-night race in 2008 and since then,

has continued to attract fans from across the globe and will do so until 2021.

This year, the race's 12th edition will be held from 20 to 22 September at the Marina Bay Street Circuit with the world's finest drivers racing under bright lights and speeds up to 325km/h around Singapore's picturesque Marina Bay on a track set against the backdrop of the city's stunning skyline. It is exactly how you'd imagine a street-car race to be – filled with suspense, thrill, drama and absolutely electrifying! 

TICKETING INFO

General tickets to the Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix 2019 start from S\$98 for a single-day ticket and S\$268 for a three-day ticket. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.singaporegp.sg.

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR THE SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX 2019



THE ENTERTAINMENT

Over the race weekend, there will be nine stages set up within the Circuit Park with over 100 hours of non-stop entertainment. Set to perform this year are Swedish House Mafia, Muse, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Gwen Stefani, Toots and the Maytals, Fatboy Slim, Hans Zimmer and many more.



THE DINING

Enjoy a wide range of gastronomic offerings from global cuisine to Singapore's popular hawker food. Vegetarian and halal food are also available. Over at the exclusive Formula 1 Paddock Club™, celebrity chef Heston Blumenthal will make his culinary debut along with other renowned names like NOBU, Rockpool by Neil Perry, COMO Cuisine, Tarte by Cheryl Koh and Stockton Bar by Maximal Concepts.



FUN ACTIVITIES

You're in for a lot of excitement within the Circuit Park with free activities such as race simulators, Pit Stop Challenge where you can change the tyres of a replica Formula 1 car, other classic games and more.

AMAZING PHOTO OPP

Photography fans won't be disappointed at the Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix 2019 as the Marina Bay Street Circuit is a photographer's dream come true! With its stunning backdrop of downtown Singapore and buzz all around, there are plenty of locations for the perfect shot. Don't miss the spectacular fireworks display that will light up the Marina Bay skyline once the chequered flag is waved on Sunday, 22 September!

Model turned celebrity chef – it's been an exciting journey for **Danielle Graham** who is cooking up a storm with her cookbook and stylish kitchenware.

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DOMESTIC GODDESS

You were a model previously and now you're a celebrity chef with a cookbook and kitchenware collection. How did that come about?

My modelling career took off when I was 18 and moved to Hong Kong. I started to live on my own. It was the first time I had a kitchen. I was eager to cook the dishes my family taught me and to experiment with ideas from my travels and the restaurants I've been to.

Learning to cook involved a lot of trial and error for me. I went to cooking classes, had lessons with chef friends, and kept recipes from magazines. Cooking is my passion and it always has been since I was a little girl helping my parents out in the kitchen. It was my dream to publish a cookbook. I was talking about it for a while and finally made it happen when my kids were a bit older and I had more time to work on it. The kitchenware line has been a natural progression. I wanted to make products I loved cooking with. I'm thrilled with how they have turned out. I hope everyone enjoys cooking with them too.

What's your inspiration when it comes to cooking?

I have wonderful childhood memories with food. When I was about five, my mother came to school and cooked fried rice for my friends and me. I was fascinated and proud. I think I fell in love with food from that day. I wanted to be just like my mum, a fantastic cook!

Growing up, I loved being in the kitchen with her. We would always get our hands dirty when making wontons together. It became a family tradition every Chinese New Year. Just like how I helped my mother make wontons, my daughter Sophia now loves to help me. My father cultivated my love for comfort food from a young age. I have fond memories of him cooking Sunday roast lunches for our family. He taught me how to make mashed potatoes when I was eight, and now it is my son's favourite thing to eat.

Tell us your cookbook, *On the Table at Home*.

Home cooking is something I am passionate about and my focus is on fresh produce without too many preservatives or pesticides. I like to plan our meals and believe my children have blossomed mostly eating home-cooked food.

Creating this book is something very close to my heart and has been a dream of mine since I was a teenager. It has brought me closer to my Eurasian heritage, beliefs and traditions. I grew up with my Chinese mother and Irish father instilling the love of eating well and sharing meals. My parents were always in the kitchen making something amazing and I inherited this love of cooking from them.

My cookbook has a good mix of Asian and Western dishes inspired by family recipes that has been passed down to me, from a travel destination, or a memory of that place. I am lucky to have had amazing people to cook for and with me, and who teach and inspire me. Besides my parents, these include my stepfather, grandmother, cousins and close friends.

Over a year ago I choose to work with an Australian team to make my cookbook dream a reality. I feel so lucky to have been able to work with such a talented and passionate group of people. They saw my vision and executed it perfectly. The book is beautifully styled and photographed. It has been an incredible learning experience and such an honour. My darling childhood friend and well-known Sydney food stylist Claire Delmar came on board and introduced me to Tracy Lines, my publishing consultant and designer, and Chris Chen, our photographer who took the most beautiful photographs.

What was it like putting the cookbook together?

It was an amazing journey that took about two years to make. There were many sleepless nights and my children were convinced the book is my third

baby! It was not easy trying to juggle my time with work and family. I tried my best and worked so hard on it.

Now you have a new range of kitchenware! How did that idea come along?


Danielle by Danielle Peita Graham grew out of my desire to create a modern and long-lasting line of essential kitchenware that makes cooking at home easier. I really hope to inspire more people to spend time at home cooking the food they love to make, transforming fresh ingredients into nourishing meals for their family and friends.

The kitchenware products are highly functional and of the best quality. My children love that their names are engraved on the knives. It's great when I get feedback from customers telling me they love cooking with them. A client in New York recently bought the whole set and has been cooking up a storm with them.

What's next for you?

I have friends and fans asking me to make ceramics after seeing the ones I used in my cookbook. So I will be looking into that.

How does it feel to have come this far?

I am grateful that I am doing what I love and it feels so satisfying when I hear people are cooking the recipes and using my kitchenware to make them. At the end of the day I hope to inspire people to invest in goodness and cook with passion. 

CHECK IT OUT

For more information on Danielle's cookbook and kitchenware, go to www.daniellepeitagraham.com. Follow her culinary adventures on Instagram @daniellepeitagraham @daniellekitchenessentials @onthetableathome

WHAT'S NEW

Trends and gadgets from around the globe.



BEAUTY SLEEP

Organic beauty brand **Gorgias London's** Age Renewal Facial Oils are just what you need to wake up to beautiful skin the next day. Formulated with the natural combination of the best oils, each one offers intense hydration, complete night repair, and total nourishment. The Transformation Facial Oil features 100 percent natural grape seed, Amaranth and avocado oils to lock in moisture and fight wrinkles while the Berry Blend Facial Oil with its 100 percent natural coldpressed strawberry, cranberry and raspberry seed oil deeply nourishes skin and triggers collagen production. For supple skin with a youthful radiance, try the Mediterranean Blend Facial Oil with almond oil, olive oil and prickly pear to rejuvenate skin. To use, apply one to two drops daily after cleansing skin.

gorgiaslondon.com



COOKIE GALORE

Straight from Brunei comes these amazing cookie flavours created by the popular bakery, **Bake Culture**. Named "Flavours of Asia", the Cookie Series features seven flavours inspired by local Bruneian favourites as well as other popular flavours from Southeast Asia like The Musang King, The Golden Salted Egg, Nasi Lemak, Brunei Laksa and more. It's definitely not your normal cookie for sure. Just like all other items are Bake Culture, these cookies are certified halal and made without added preservatives or artificial colours.

bakeculture.com.bn

80s COOL

One word to describe **Montblanc's** latest Meisterstück Soft Grain Mix Tapes Capsule Collection? Rad! This bold and cool line of luggage and accessories is inspired by the popular 80s music scene featuring a graphic cassette tape print. It's a nice contrast between the black soft grain leather with a retro-ish print on it, giving you both class and trendy at the same time. Check out the backpack that's perfect for travelling with its padded laptop pocket and adjustable shoulder straps, or the portfolio case to hold all your important documents.

montblanc.com





MULTI-TASKER

Tea tree oil is a natural medicine cabinet in a bottle and with **Thursday Plantation's** latest Tea Tree Manuka Honey Balm, you can easily bring this powerhouse ingredient wherever you go. From soothing stings and bites as well as minimising skin irritation that's common when on holiday, this do-it-all balm features a fantastic range of uses and benefits thanks to the natural antiseptic properties of 100 percent pure tea tree oil. Add on manuka honey, another incredible natural ingredient from Australia, and what you get is a highly moisturising balm that's gentle on the skin.

thursdayplantation.com

COLD NORTH

Casual winterwear footwear is chic and fashionable with popular sneakers brand **Hogan's** Autumn Winter 2019 collection where we travel to the northern hemisphere for style inspiration. Think stylish yet practical sneakers and boots with faux fur, soft rope laces, trims and textures inspired by ice climbing. Pair them with structured over-parkas and winter down jackets for a true contemporary and urban look. Definitely for those who want to dress comfortably but still look stylish.

hogan.com



TERRACOTTA GIFTS

In conjunction with its must-visit Terracotta Warrior exhibition, the **National Gallery of Victoria** presents a new collection of homewares, books, ceramics and fashion to celebrate Chinese art and design. They make great gifts or keepsakes from your visit. Favourites include the tote bags, mugs and children's tees.

ngv.vic.gov.au

BLACK IS BACK

Celebrating femininity, the Sui Black Autumn collection features a range of **Anna Sui** makeup encased in charming black packaging with the brand's iconic heart motif and a dotted pattern. Find favourites like Sui Black Rouge lippies in 10 colours, cream and powder blushes in six colours, a black jet eyeliner and many more. Fall in love too with the classic Anna Sui tea rose fragrance that brings calmness to mind with its fruity and spicy notes.

annasui.com







SEE Kota Tua – which is also known as Old Town Batavia – is one of the most historical parts in Jakarta. This cultural heart of the city brings you back to the 17th century days of Jakarta’s Dutch colonial period with its heritage buildings that have now been transformed into museums, cafes and art galleries. Make sure to visit key spots such as the Fatahillah Museum (History



LIVING IT UP IN JAKARTA

The best things to do while in Indonesia’s vibrant, diverse capital.

Museum of Jakarta) housed in the Town Hall, the Wayang Museum displaying traditional Indonesian shadow puppets, and the iconic Café Batavia in an 1830s building. Feeling adventurous? Rent one of the colourful Sepeda Ontel bicycles with matching-hued floppy hats for fun selfie times.

DO Travelling with kids? It’s always a good idea to head to Dunia Fantasi, Jakarta’s answer to Disneyland complete with its own Main Street and a Puppet Castle. Check out rides and attractions such as the Niagara Flume and the Hailintar Twister that will get a squeal or two out of you. There is also a Star Wars section and a large Ferris wheel for the most amazing sights of the park.

Note: Dunia Fantasi is located inside Ancol Dreamland, which is also home to other theme parks like the Atlantis Water Adventures and SeaWorld so if you really want to make a day out of it, plan in advance.

SHOP Love bargain shopping in markets? Then you’ve come to the right place! Jakarta is teemed with traditional markets selling street food, artsy items, household necessities and clothes. To browse to your heart’s content, head to the district of Menteng famous for its flea markets. The main market is the Jalan Surabaya Flea Market that has been operating since the 70s and known for its antiques. Prices aren’t fixed so you’ll have to haggle for the best bargains, which is part of the fun!



STAY Located in Jakarta’s business district, Aryaduta Jakarta is within close proximity to Jakarta’s high-end shopping malls with plenty of dining and entertainment choices nearby as well as the city’s top museums and galleries. It’s the ideal accommodation if you want to explore Jakarta’s bustling city life, and is just a 45-minute drive from Soekarno Hatta International Airport. If you can, get to the highest floor of the hotel to get a spectacular view of the Semanggi Interchange, a city of the icon resembling a cloverleaf. ✓

Royal Brunei Airlines flies Jakarta 4x weekly. Discover things to do in Jakarta in www.muhibah.com.bn



WHAT'S ON

A world of adventure and new experiences await you when you fly with Royal Brunei Airlines. Make your trip even more memorable with free flights, seat upgrades and other privileges with **Royal Skies**, our frequent flyer programme. Not yet a member?

Register on: www.flyroyalbrunei.com/royalskies



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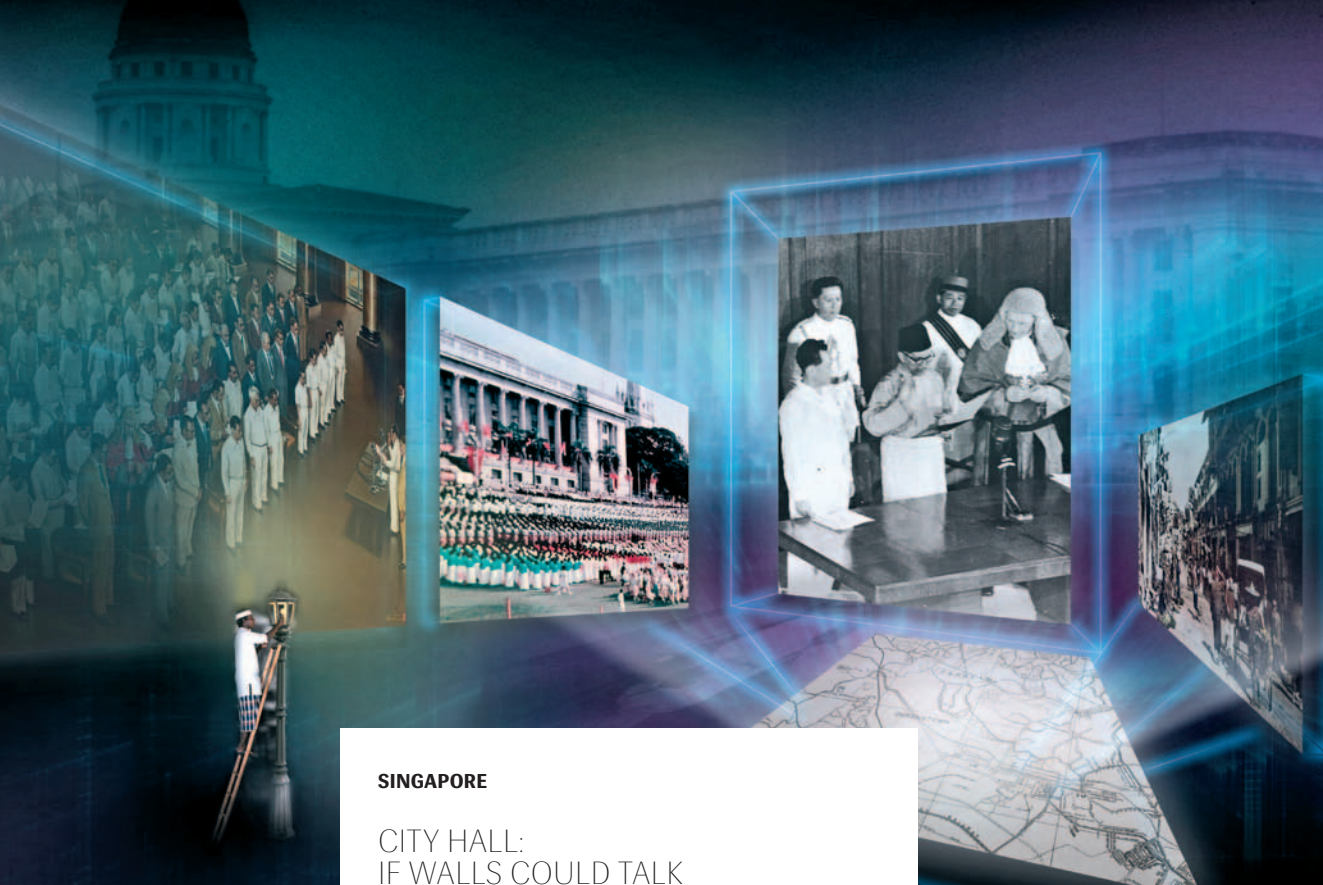
AUSTRALIA

WEEKEND WORKSHOPS

Get your kids started on arts and culture at the National Gallery of Victoria's Weekend Workshops where they will discover the gallery's collection and create their own works of art using a variety of media, including a gallery sketching session and hands-on studio activities. Booking is required while a fee applies.

ngv.vic.gov.au





SINGAPORE

CITY HALL: IF WALLS COULD TALK

In conjunction with the Singapore Bicentennial commemoration, the National Gallery Singapore presents this unique immersive multimedia experience that will tell the lesser-known stories of pivotal moments that occurred within the walls of City Hall since being erected in 1929. It's a front row seat to defining events such as the swearing in of the nation's first President, the unveiling of the national flag and anthem as well as the chronicles of the building's rich past. Further uncover the nation's history through key artworks within the gallery as well as through an interactive digital wall.

nationalgallery.sg

Opening

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VIETNAM

VIETNAM NATIONAL DAY

Expect big parades, events, rallies and fireworks across Vietnam during its national day. If you're in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City or Da Nang, make sure to head out into the streets to join in the exuberant celebration.

vietnam.travel

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JAPAN

KISHIWADA DANJIRI FESTIVAL

Japan's most extravagant *danjiri* float (wooden float) festival takes place around Kishiwada Castle in Osaka, thrilling spectators with its display of portable shrines wheeled at fast pace through packed streets. It's all exciting – and dangerous at the same time – with a man standing on top of each float as he is being wobbled around narrow corners. With over 500,000 visitors each year making their way to witness this, you don't want to miss it if you're in Osaka at the same time.

japan.travel

25-29^{Sep}



MALAYSIA

SEASHORTS FILM FESTIVAL

The annual SeaShorts Film Festival will be held in Melaka, Malaysia for the very first time, hosting its usual fresh line-up of works from emerging and established talents in Southeast Asia and beyond for a celebration of short film. Over the five days of the festival, visitors can have their pick of film screenings, forums and masterclasses while local directors will be vying for the Next New Wave Award as well as SeaShorts Award.

nextnewwave.com.my

3-6^{Oct}

UNITED KINGDOM

WALES RALLY GB 75TH ANNIVERSARY

This year will be the 75th running of the Wales Rally GB and it will be celebrated in style. There will be a special showcase featuring standout rally cars from past generations at the popular Oulton Park circuit when the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) arrives in the UK. Fans not only get to see for themselves classics like Ford Escorts but also join in the excitement of the popular rally.

walesrallygb.com



HONG KONG

4-7^{Oct}

FINE ART ASIA

Asia's leading international fine art fair returns to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre to celebrate the city's peak art season. It will be held alongside Ink Asia 2019, the world's first art fair dedicated to ink art. Fine Art Asia will work with Masterpiece London in this installation where there will be a Masterpiece Pavilion featuring 25 exhibiting galleries and launches offering the finest works of art, design, furniture and jewellery, from antiquity to the present day.

fineartasia.com



SELAMAT DATANG

Selamat Datang means 'Welcome' in Malay, and your seamless journey begins here.

BUSINESS CLASS

RB B787 Dreamliner Business Class cabin features "Contour" seats that recline to a 180 degree flat bed for a peaceful rest, along with a plush duvet and pillows. Each seat is equipped with a 15.4" touchscreen LCD Monitor powered by the Panasonic eX2 in-flight entertainment system and in-seat power connector. The Business Class cabin lavatories are also fitted with bidets for guests' convenience.

RB A320neo Business Class cabin features a spacious 43" seat pitch with in-seat power port. The seats are also fitted with an 11.6" touchscreen monitor with Thales Avant (Gen5) inflight entertainment system.

ECONOMY CLASS COMFORT

RB B787 and A320neo Economy Class cabin seats with semi-articulating

recline, adjustable headrest and better legroom make for a more comfortable journey. Each seat is also fitted with a personal touchscreen monitor and in-seat USB charging port.

RB IMPIAN INFLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

RB Impian Inflight Entertainment system offers 1,000 entertainment options throughout the flight. A library of hit movies, classic Hollywood films and TV and audio programmes for all ages are available on board. Refer to the Impian entertainment guide to make your entertainment selection. For Business Class seats, the audio jack and audio/video remote control are located in your seat armrest. Seatback-mounted personal screens are only available on our B787 and A320neo aircraft. Elsewhere, guests can avail our service, sit back and relax with our overhead movie screens.

CUISINE

RB serves a Halal menu that combines both Western and Asian flavours with ingredients that have been carefully chosen for freshness.

Business Class guests on long-haul flights can now pre-select meal times. Our 'Dine Upon Request' service is available throughout the flight up until 90 minutes before landing. Guests on all classes can also enjoy our 'Food Fit to Fly by' service menu that features healthier and lighter meal options, complemented by our award-winning cabin service from our crew.

We also offer tasty culinary options to meet various dietary requirements. Special meals can be ordered when you make your reservation. Please confirm your request at least 24 hours before boarding your flight.

ALCOHOL-FREE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

Royal Brunei Airlines operates alcohol-free flights to all destinations.

HAND LUGGAGE

For your safety and comfort, you may store your hand luggage in the overhead lockers or under the seat in front of you. Please do not hesitate to ask our cabin crew for help in stowing your luggage properly. Be careful when opening the overhead luggage compartments, as items dislodged by aircraft movement may fall on you or fellow guests.





LIQUIDS, AEROSOLS AND GELS (LAG)

Various countries have implemented restrictions on the carriage of liquids, aerosols and gels in compliance with new guidelines set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Guests transiting through airports and carrying any liquids, pastes and gels in containers over 100ml may be asked to dispose the items at security checkpoints.

These restrictions may affect your ability to carry duty-free purchases on board the aircraft. Customers are advised to check with duty free personnel before making their purchases. All liquids, aerosols and gels must be carried in containers of no greater than 100ml/3.3oz capacity (approximately 100gm in weight) and placed in a transparent, resealable plastic bag. The plastic bag must be removed from the carry-on baggage and presented to security personnel at the checkpoint for inspection and separate x-ray screening.

Exceptions to the new regulations are medicines and dietary supplements needed during a flight, including baby food. Proof of need may be required.

USE OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Electronic devices such as Citizen's band (CB) radio, remote-controlled devices (such as radio controlled toys), and transmitting devices that emit radio frequencies are not to be used at any time during the flight. These devices may interfere with the aircraft's electronic equipment, compromising aircraft safety and endangering the lives of guests and crew.

The following devices may be used on board, except during take-off, initial climb, approach and landing: mobile phones (which must be switched to flight mode), personal computers, FM receivers, calculators, electronic shavers, audio and video recorders, hand-held computer games, and playback devices.

LITHIUM BATTERIES

The abundant stored energy that makes lithium batteries practical also makes them dangerous when they are not packed and carried properly. RB follows the recommendations from ICAO and IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations in our efforts to mitigate these risks of the hazards.

Low and medium powered rechargeable batteries in equipment and limited quantity of spares are recommended as carry-on baggage. All spare units must be in the original packaging or have the exposed terminals taped over. Medium and large non-rechargeable must be carried as cargo/freight in accordance with current Dangerous Goods Regulations. High-Powered batteries are not permitted on board passenger aircraft.

Information of safe carriage of lithium batteries on board RB flights is also available at www.flyroyalbrunei.com.

PORTABLE CHARGERS OR POWER BANKS

In line with safety regulations on the carriage of lithium batteries, the following policy applies on the carriage and use of portable chargers or power banks on all RB flights:

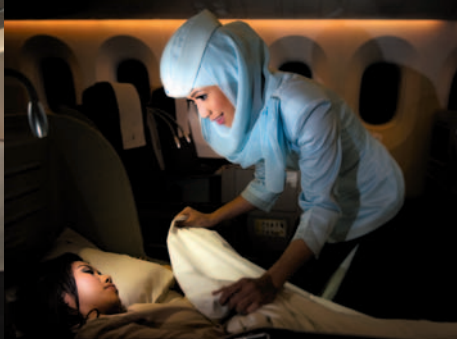
In cabin baggage (carry-on)

RB allows for the carriage of portable chargers or power banks in carry-on baggage under the following guidelines:

- device cannot be charged or used in flight at any time
- device is switched off and placed in a sealed bag prior to the flight



WELCOME ONBOARD



- device with lithium ion batteries and a watt-hour rating that does not exceed 100Wh is permitted up to a maximum of four batteries per person
- device with lithium ion batteries and a watt-hour that **exceeds 160Wh** is permitted with prior-approval from airline, up to a maximum of two batteries per person.

For checked baggage

Portable chargers or power banks are **strictly prohibited** in checked baggage for all RB flights.

NON-SMOKING POLICY

Royal Brunei Airlines operates non-smoking flights to all destinations.

ONLINE BOOKING

Fly through the airport. You can now book online at www.flyroyalbrunei.com, check-in online and print your own electronic ticket (e-ticket). Online check-in is available 48 hours before flight departure and closes 60 minutes before departure time.

CHECK IN

Check-in counters at the Brunei International Airport are open three hours

before flight departure, and from 12 noon for evening flights. Guests are advised to check-in at least two hours before departure to allow for security and baggage checks. Check-in counters will be closed 45 minutes before departure, after which no boarding passes will be issued. Royal Brunei Airlines also advises its guests to reach the boarding gate 20 minutes before the flight departs to avoid missing their flights.

GUEST COMMENTS

Your comments and suggestions will help us enhance our services. Please e-mail us at: guestexperience@rba.com.bn.

BRUNEI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Brunei International Airport's computerised passenger and cargo handling facilities can handle 3 million guests and 50,000 tonnes of cargo a year. Among the facilities offered at the airport are the Airport Prayer Hall (*Surau Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Brunei Darussalam*), telephones and Free Wi-Fi services, restaurants and shower facilities for guests who want to rest or freshen up before their flight.

For guests's comfort and convenience, RB Service Centre is located on the Departure Hall area. Guests can make reservations, ticket purchase, book tour packages and redeem Royal Skies miles. The Customer Service Centre at the Brunei International Airport operates 7 days a week, from 8am to 9pm Mondays to Saturdays, and 8am to 5pm on Sundays; except for Friday midday break from 12noon to 2pm.

Our Business Class and Royal Skies Elite guests can now enjoy the service of our RB porters at departure curb-side for

baggage assistance and trolley service to the check-in counters. The premium check-in lounge offers our Business Class and Royal Skies Elite guests with a relaxed check-in experience.

RB Economy class guests and groups booking may proceed to RB check-in counter Row B.

Business Class guests and Royal Skies Gold members are invited to access the RB Business Class Lounge prior to their flights. Fitted with plush, comfortable interiors and furnishings designed to make guests feel at home, the lounge offers ample opportunity to relax and experience RB's warm hospitality. Guests at the Business Class Lounge have access to executive meeting rooms and all the facilities offered at the Sky Lounge in addition to the coffee bar.

The RB Sky Lounge is open to Royal Skies Silver members, corporate guests, customer airline guests, Priority Pass

customers and walk-in guests. The lounge can seat 120 guests and features buffet dining, a prayer room, a movie room, kids' room, a family zone, a gaming area featuring PS4 and Xbox Kinect, as well as a Virtual Reality station. Other facilities include complimentary massage chairs, shower rooms, ablution areas and High Definition TVs.

Duty-free shops offer consumer goods at competitive prices. There are several outlets, including a money changer located at the departure/transit hall. On sale are portable electrical goods with international warranties, designer goods, perfumes and confectionery. Brunei International Airport is a smoke-free airport.

A mobile application app has been developed by the Department of Civil Aviation to help guests/visitors experience the newly refurbished Brunei International Airport seamlessly through the 'iFLYBRUNEI' app on the smartphone.

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE Brunei Visitor Information

Visas* Austrian, German, Malaysian, Singaporean, British nationals with the right of abode in the United Kingdom, The Netherlands and New Zealand nationals are exempted from the requirement to obtain a visa for visits not exceeding 30 days. American passport holders can enter Brunei Darussalam for three months without visas. For nationals of Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Republic of Maldives, Norway, Oman, The Philippines, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand and The Principality of Liechtenstein – visas are waived for 14-day visits. Nationals of Australia are issued visas on arrival at the Brunei International Airport for visits not exceeding 30 days.

All other visitors entering Brunei Darussalam must have visas obtainable from any Brunei Darussalam diplomatic mission abroad. These visas are normally issued for a two-week stay but can be renewed in Brunei. Visitors must hold onward tickets and sufficient funds to support themselves while in the country.

N.B. For more details, please contact your nearest Brunei Embassy or diplomatic representative.

Currency Bearer Negotiation Instrument Declaration Guests entering or leaving Brunei who carry physical currency or bearer negotiable instruments valued at BND15,000 or more are required to complete a declaration form and submit it to a customs officer (if arriving in Brunei) or an immigration officer (if departing Brunei).

Duty-free Allowance* The import of the following products is subject to restrictions imposed by Brunei's Customs and Excise Department.

Cigarettes: Effective 1 April, 2017, guests will be charged duty on cigarettes at the following rates:

per stick	\$0.50
for each 20 sticks pack	\$10
for each carton of 10 packs	\$100.

Please refer the new charges imposed by Royal Customs and Excise Department.

Alcohol: Non-Muslim guests may bring in two bottles of liquor plus 12 cans of beer for personal consumption only; and a reasonable quantity of perfumes.

Transportation Brunei International Airport is about 11km from the capital, Car rental, public buses and registered taxis are available at the arrivals. The Land transport department strongly advise visitors to only use regulated and insured taxis. For more info on registered taxis you may visit – www.mincom.gov.bn/ brunitaxifare or contact +6737181643.

Currency The Brunei dollar is on a par with the Singapore dollar, which is also accepted in Brunei. Banks, hotels and many department stores will cash traveller's cheques.

Language Malay is the official language but English is widely used. Other languages include Chinese and its dialect variants and other indigenous dialects. Although the official religion is Islam, other faiths including Christianity and Buddhism are practised.

Clothing Light clothing is advisable as the climate is generally warm and humid. Women are requested to dress modestly in keeping with local customs.

Health Doctors provide private medical services for a nominal charge. There are a number of state health clinics and hospitals.

Credit Cards Hotels, department stores and other major establishments generally accept all internationally known credit cards.

Tipping Optional. Some hotels add a 10 per cent service charge to their room rates.

Telephones Overseas calls can be made from hotel rooms through the operator, or via international direct dialling (IDD). There are also coin and phonecard operated public telephones.

Utilities Power supply is 220 - 240v, 50 cycles. The PAL and NTSC systems are used by local television. Tap water is generally safe to drink although some take the precaution of boiling it.

Media Radio Television Brunei has nightly news bulletins and a range of popular entertainment in both English and Malay. Cable network and Malaysian television programmes can also be received. There are two local daily newspapers namely: Borneo Bulletin (English) and Media Permata (Malay). Other regional and international publications are also available at newstands.

Food For the adventurous, the food stalls offer Malay favourites, such as satay (barbecued meat on a skewer) and local dishes prepared with curry or coconut milk. Chinese, European and Indian cuisines are also available. All F&B businesses, including hotel restaurants, close for Friday prayer 12pm to 2pm. For hotel guests, room service dining operates as usual.

Hotels Accommodation in the capital ranges from international standard to middle range hotels. Service apartments are also available at reasonable rates.

Shopping Department stores and shops offer goods ranging from cosmetics and stereos to local handicrafts such as the keris (an ornamental dagger), miniature brass cannons, and kain tenunan, a cloth woven with gold or silver threads.

Festivals and Celebrations National Day, 23 February, Hari Raya, the end of the Muslim fasting month, and His Majesty The Sultan's birthday, 15 July. Other public holidays include Chinese Lunar New Year and Christmas.

Customs and Courtesy

- In mosques, visitors should remove their shoes and should not pass in front of people at prayer. A woman should ensure that her head, knees and arms are covered before entering mosques. Robes are provided at the entrance to the mosque.
- A Bruneian shakes hands lightly and brings his hands to his chest. Members of the opposite sex do not shake hands.
- It is impolite to point with the index finger (use the right thumb instead) or to beckon someone with fingers and palm facing upwards. Instead the whole hand should be waved with palm facing downwards. The right fist should never be smacked into the left palm.
- Gifts, particularly food, are passed with the right hand.

* The visa and duty-free allowances are provided as a guideline and may change without notice.

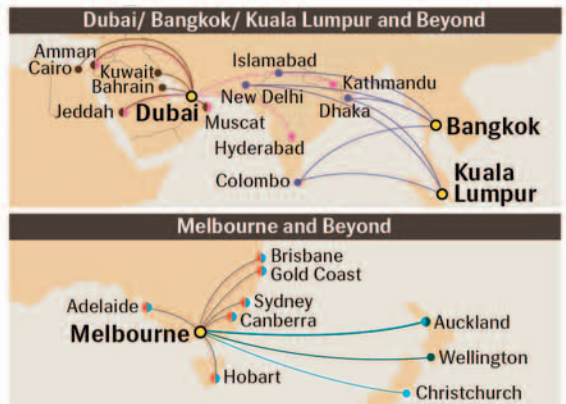
ROUTE MAP & DESTINATIONS



Interline Partners

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- Flydubai
- Virgin Australia
- Air New Zealand
- Qantas
- Thai Airways
- Bangkok Airways
- Jet Airways
- Biman Bangladesh Airlines
- Malaysia Airlines



ABODE OF PEACE

Brunei Darussalam is a country rich in culture and heritage. It is a small, peaceful, prosperous kingdom on the northern shore of the ecologically-rich island of Borneo. Come and discover Brunei, a Kingdom of Unexpected Treasures.

Brunei is arguably best known today as an oil producing country. The nation became independent in 1984 and, thanks to its large reserves of oil and gas, now has one of the highest standards of living in the world. Its population of just over 408,000 is made up of two-thirds ethnic Malay, with the remainder being Chinese, Indian and other indigenous groups. The Sultanate has four districts: Brunei-Muara (which includes the capital Bandar Seri Begawan), Temburong, Tutong and Belait. 'Darussalam', the Arabic word for 'Abode of Peace' describes Brunei's Islamic history that dates back some 1,500 years. Today, Brunei remains the world's only Malay Islamic Monarchy with an unbroken royal lineage that has ruled the nation for the past 600 years.

www.bruneitourism.travel

For more information on Brunei, email: info@bruneitourism.travel

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BRUNEI TOURISM AND
JACQUELINE WONG

CAPITAL ATTRACTIONS

Small in size but big in attractions, Brunei's capital has lots to offer.

Brunei-Muara

1 THE OMAR ALI SAIFUDDIEN MOSQUE

Brunei Darussalam's iconic landmark, the mosque was completed in 1958 and is named after the 28th Sultan, the late Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddin, who is referred to as the Architect of Modern Brunei.

2 ISTANA NURUL IMAN

The official residence of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam. Although not open to public, except during Hari Raya Aidil Fitri, its golden domes and vaulted roof can be viewed from Kampong Ayer.

3 LAPAU AND DEWAN MAJLIS

The Royal Ceremonial Hall features an exquisite golden dome and hosts all of the Sultanate's traditional royal ceremonies.



MUSLIM PRAYER TIMES in Brunei Darussalam

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Subuh	4.56	4.56	4.56	4.56	4.56	4.56	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.54	4.54	4.54	4.54	4.54	4.54	4.53	4.53	4.53	4.53	4.53	4.52	4.52	4.52	4.52	4.51	4.51	4.51	
Syuruk	6.14	6.14	6.14	6.14	6.13	6.13	6.13	6.13	6.13	6.12	6.12	6.12	6.12	6.11	6.11	6.11	6.11	6.10	6.10	6.10	6.10	6.10	6.09	6.09	6.09	6.09	6.08	6.08	6.08	
Doha	6.37	6.36	6.36	6.36	6.36	6.36	6.35	6.35	6.35	6.35	6.34	6.34	6.34	6.34	6.33	6.33	6.33	6.33	6.32	6.32	6.32	6.32	6.32	6.31	6.31	6.31	6.31	6.30	6.30	
Zohor	12.22	12.21	12.21	12.21	12.20	12.20	12.19	12.19	12.19	12.18	12.18	12.18	12.17	12.17	12.16	12.16	12.15	12.15	12.15	12.15	12.14	12.14	12.14	12.13	12.13	12.13	12.12	12.12	12.12	
Asar	3.28	3.27	3.26	3.25	3.24	3.23	3.22	3.21	3.20	3.19	3.18	3.18	3.19	3.19	3.19	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.21	3.21	3.21	3.21	3.22	3.22	3.22	3.22	3.22	3.22	
Maghrib	6.27	6.26	6.26	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.24	6.24	6.23	6.23	6.22	6.22	6.21	6.21	6.20	6.20	6.19	6.19	6.18	6.18	6.17	6.17	6.16	6.16	6.15	6.15	6.14	6.14	6.13	6.13
Ishyak	7.37	7.36	7.36	7.35	7.35	7.34	7.34	7.33	7.32	7.32	7.31	7.31	7.30	7.30	7.29	7.29	7.28	7.28	7.27	7.27	7.26	7.26	7.25	7.25	7.24	7.24	7.23	7.23	7.22	7.22

4 THE ROYAL REGALIA BUILDING
The museum is home to a collection of royal regalia, including the royal chariot, gold and silver ceremonial armoury, the jewel encrusted crowns used during the coronation and a replica of the throne, which is used by the Sultan on state occasions.

5 ISTANA DARUSSALAM
Located on Jalan Sumbiling, this wooden palace captures the architectural heritage of old Malay palaces. Visitors may view only from outside.

6 THE SULTAN HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH FOUNDATION COMPLEX
The capital's most popular shopping venues, it combines both traditional Malay and modern architecture.

7 BRUNEI MUSEUM
Brunei's national museum spotlights Brunei's role in Southeast Asia's history. The Islamic Art Gallery has historical pieces of Islamic art and a commendable Quran collection.

8 BRUNEI ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS CENTRE
Brunei's ancient and traditional arts and crafts – *kain tenunan*, silver & brass ware, wood carving and basketry – are showcased in this centre, aimed to preserve its rich legacy.

9 TAMU KIANGGEH
The Tamu, or open air market, on the banks of the Kianggeh River is a popular local market for traditional dishes, fruits, vegetables, flowers and handicrafts.

10 KAMPONG AYER
The world's largest water village that is home to more than 30,000 people living on unique wooden houses on stilts over the Brunei River.

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

11 Temburong
ULU TEMBURONG NATIONAL PARK
Explore Brunei's lush virgin forest through lofty canopy walkways, scenic hiking trails and a thrilling river ride to the park on the Temburong River.

12 Tutong
TASEK MERIMBUN
Brunei's largest lake that curves in an 'S' has an island in the centre accessible via a wooden walkway and various facilities for picnics and recreation.

13 Belait
OIL & GAS DISCOVERY CENTRE
An 'edutainment' facility, this interactive science centre aims to make science exciting and accessible to all with more than 100 hands-on exhibits in themed areas to explore.



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Subuh	4.51	4.51	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.49	4.49	4.49	4.49	4.49	4.48	4.48	4.48	4.48	4.48	4.48	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.46	4.46	4.46	4.46	4.46	
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