PACKAGE 4

SARAWAK SELF-DRIVE DISCOVERY

DIY self-drive package that lets you explore nature at your own pace and plan each journey around your preferred schedule.

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Kuching – Sibu – Bintulu – Miri

4 Days / 3 Nights DIY Road Trip

Experience Sarawak's nature, culture, food and cities with the freedom of your own rental car.

This flexible self-drive itinerary begins in Kuching, includes two nights to discover the capital's major attractions, continues with an overnight stay in Sibu and ends at Miri Airport.

Route: Kuching International Airport → Kuching → Sibu → Bintulu → Miri Airport

* Night 1: Kuching

* Night 2: Kuching

* Night 3: Sibu

Accomodation: Hotels may be selected according to each traveller’s preferred location and budget.

DAY 1

Kuching Wildlife, Heritage and Local Flavours

8:00 AM | Collect Your Rental Car

Collect your pre-booked rental car at Kuching International Airport. After the vehicle handover and safety briefing, begin your Kuching sightseeing programme.

Traditional Kuching Breakfast. Start with a local breakfast and try:

* Sarawak laksa

* Kuching-style kolo mee

* Local coffee or tea

Borneo Cultures Museum

Visit Borneo Cultures Museum and discover the history, traditional lifestyles, art and diverse communities of Sarawak and Borneo.

Allow approximately two hours for the visit. Admission tickets should be purchased separately, and opening hours should be confirmed in advance.

Lunch in Kuching

Enjoy lunch at a restaurant of your choice. Recommended Sarawak dishes include:

* Ayam pansuh

* Midin with garlic or belacan

* Manok kacangma

* Umai

* Local seafood

Semenggoh Wildlife Centre

Travel to Semenggoh Wildlife Centre for the afternoon Orang Utan feeding session.

Observe semi-wild orang utans in their natural forest environment and learn about Sarawak's wildlife conservation efforts.

Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed because the orangutans move freely within the reserve. Guests should arrive before the feeding session and confirm the latest visitor schedule.

Sarawak Kek Lapis Experience

Return to Kuching Waterfront and take a traditional perahu tambang across the Sarawak River to Kampung Boyan.

Visit a local kek lapis shop to:

* Sample different flavours of Sarawak layer cake

* See its colourful patterns

* Learn about this famous Sarawak delicacy

* Purchase cakes as gifts or souvenirs

Evening at Kuching Waterfront

Explore the waterfront at your own pace:

* Kuching Waterfront promenade
* Darul Hana Bridge
* Floating Mosque
* Old Court House
* Views of the Astana
* Sarawak State Legislative Assembly Building
* Waterfront light and musical fountain, subject to schedule

Optional activity: Join a sunset cruise along the Sarawak River.

Overnight: Kuching

DAY 2

Sarawak Cultural Village and Santubong

8:00 AM | Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel or visit a local coffee shop.

9:00 AM | Depart for Santubong

Drive approximately 45 minutes from Kuching city to Sarawak Cultural Village at the foot of Mount Santubong.

10:00 AM | Sarawak Cultural Village

Explore Sarawak’s award-winning living museum and discover the traditions of its diverse communities.

Visit traditional buildings representing:

* Bidayuh
* Iban
* Orang Ulu
* Penan
* Melanau
* Malay
* Chinese communities

Activities may include:

Exploring traditional longhouses, Watching craft demonstrations, Learning about traditional musical instruments, Trying traditional games, Observing weaving and beadwork, Learning about the lifestyles of Sarawak’s communities, Sampling selected traditional food, subject to availability

11:30 AM | Cultural Performance

Watch the multicultural performance featuring traditional music, costumes and dances from Sarawak’s different ethnic groups. Performance times twice daily.

Lunch : Enjoy lunch at Sarawak Cultural Village, Damai Central or a nearby seafood restaurant at Kampung Buntal.

Afternoon at Damai and Santubong

After visiting the cultural village, enjoy a relaxed afternoon around the Santubong and Damai area.

Suggested activities:

* Walk around Damai Central
* Photograph the large hornbill landmark
* Relax beside Damai Beach
* Enjoy views of Mount Santubong
* Stop for coffee or refreshments
* Watch the sunset, subject to weather conditions

Optional activities requiring separate advance arrangements:

* Santubong mangrove cruise
* Wildlife and dolphin-watching cruise
* Guided nature walk
* Kayaking experience

Evening | *Return to Kuching*

Drive back to Kuching and enjoy dinner at a local seafood restaurant or food centre.

Overnight: Kuching Town

DAY 3

Kuching – Sibu

7:00 AM | Breakfast and Check-Out

Have breakfast and check out from your Kuching hotel.

8:00 AM | Depart for Sibu

Begin the self-drive journey towards Sibu via the Pan Borneo Highway. Allow approximately six to seven hours, including meal and rest stops.

Recommended Stops

* Refreshment break around Pasar Lachau, Sri Aman or Betong
* Lunch stop in Sarikei
* Purchase Sarikei pineapple products or local snacks
* Photograph selected countryside views
* Take regular rest breaks along the journey

Approximately 3:00–4:00 PM | Arrive in Sibu

Check in to a hotel of your choice. Staying near Sibu town centre is recommended.

Sibu Heritage and Riverside Walk

Depending on your arrival time, explore:

* Tua Pek Kong Temple and Pagoda
* Sibu Heritage Centre, subject to opening hours
* Sibu Town Square
* Rajang Esplanade
* Sibu Swan Statue

Evening at Sibu Night Market

Experience Sibu Night Market and sample its local street food.

Recommended items include:

* Kompia
* Mee sua
* Sibu-style dumplings
* Local kuih
* Grilled and fried snacks
* Seasonal dabai, when available

Overnight: Sibu

DAY 4

Sibu – Bintulu – Miri

7:00 AM | Authentic Kampua Mee Breakfast

Begin the morning with an authentic bowl of Sibu kampua mee, one of the town’s most famous Foochow dishes.

Guests may enjoy kampua mee at a traditional coffee shop or at the food section of Sibu Central Market.

8:00 AM | Sibu Central Market

Explore the colours and energy of everyday local life at Sibu Central Market.

Discover stalls selling:

* Fresh river fish and seafood
* Jungle produce
* Seasonal fruits and vegetables
* Traditional snacks
* Dried food and local ingredients
* Handicrafts and household products

Allow approximately one hour to explore the market.

9:30 AM | Check-Out and Depart for Miri

Continue your self-drive journey towards Miri.

Lunch and Rest Stop in Bintulu

Stop in Bintulu for lunch and take a proper break before continuing north.

The total drive from Sibu to Miri normally takes approximately 5½–6 hours, excluding meals and rest stops.

Approximately 5:00–6:00 PM | Arrive in Miri

Proceed to Miri Airport and return the rental car at the Hornbill Car Rental service counter.

Guests may stay overnight in Miri or continue with their pre-booked travel arrangements.

PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS

* Flexible four-day DIY itinerary
* Two nights in Kuching
* One night in Sibu
* Semenggoh orangutan experience
* Borneo Cultures Museum
* Sarawak Cultural Village
* Multicultural dance performance
* Santubong and Damai Beach
* Sample authentic Sarawak kek lapis
* Traditional perahu tambang river crossing
* Kuching Waterfront evening experience
* Visit Sibu Central Market
* Taste authentic Sibu kampua mee
* Experience Sibu Night Market
* Scenic drive across Sarawak

* Convenient rental-car return at Miri Airport

* Special one-way self-drive rental rate

CAR RENTAL ARRANGEMENT

Collection: Kuching International Airport.

Return: Miri Airport

Recommended Rental Duration: Four days or longer

Rental Type: One-way self-drive rental

A special package rate is available for advance reservations. Vehicle availability and one-way drop-off arrangements are subject to confirmation.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

* Four-day self-drive rental car

* Vehicle collection at Kuching International Airport

* Vehicle return at Miri Airport

* One-way drop-off arrangement

* Standard vehicle insurance

* Roadside assistance within Sarawak

* Suggested digital travel itinerary

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

* Hotel accommodation
* Fuel and parking charges
* Meals and personal expenses
* Attraction entrance tickets
* Sarawak Cultural Village admission
* Borneo Cultures Museum admission
* Semenggoh Wildlife Centre admission
* River cruises or boat fares
* Additional insurance or Collision Damage Reduction
* Flights or onward transportation from Miri

ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Guests are advised to arrange the following before travelling:

1. Reserve the one-way rental car.
2. Book two nights of accommodation in Kuching.
3. Book one night of accommodation in Sibu.
4. Purchase Sarawak Cultural Village tickets.
5. Confirm the latest cultural performance schedule.
6. Confirm Semenggoh’s feeding and visitor schedule.
7. Purchase museum tickets where required.
8. Arrange optional river cruises in advance.
9. Inform Hornbill Car Rental of the expected return time at Miri Airport.

IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION

Driving times are estimates and may change depending on weather, traffic, road conditions and rest stops.

Guests should observe local speed limits, avoid rushing and take regular breaks. Two drivers are recommended for additional comfort during the long-distance journey.

All hotels, restaurants and optional activities remain flexible, allowing travellers to customise the journey according to their interests and preferred schedule.

Discover the people, flavours and landscapes of Sarawak, one memorable drive at a time.