

Malaysia Calendar of Events 2010



Le Tour de Langkawi, 1 - 7 Mar

15th Edition of Asia's premier cycling event. The race will go through 7 states of Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang, Johor, Malaka, Negeri Sembilan, Selangor and 2 Federal Territories - Putrajaya and Kuala Lumpur.

Go-Kart and Food Festival George Town, Penang **13 - 14 Mar**

Held in the heart of Penang featuring the best of both Penang food and Penang parties. Having a reputation as a food paradise, be it haute cuisine, or cuisine bourgeoise (hawker fare), Penang offers a heady and exotic mix of delicious cuisine to choose from. One of the dishes available is the famous Penang Char Koay Teow

Raptor Watch Week Tanjung Tuan, Melaka **13 - 14 Mar**

Come and join the fun filled days in the sun watching the birds in a serene and tranquil surrounding. Walk through the mangrove and get a view of the marine sanctuary (coral reef) from the top of Tanjung Tuan Forest Reserve.

Orchid Festival Botanical Gardens, Penang **14 - 21 Mar**

A splendour road show of orchids and breathtaking display of over 300 orchids of 35 species showcased by experienced and dedicated orchid growers throughout Malaysia.

2nd Putrajaya International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta **18 - 21 Mar**

Watch as colourful hot air balloons float the skies of Putrajaya. Themed '1 World, 1 Malaysia, 1 Fiesta' this event features 23 balloonists from Belgium, USA, the Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Malaysia and Japan.

MALAYSIA INTERNATIONAL SHOE FESTIVAL Putra World Trade Centre **2 - 4 Apr**

Shoes, shoes, shoes everywhere! From glamorous stilettos to stylish sandals, classic pumps and trendy boots, the festival takes visitors on a journey into the world of designer footwear.



Petronas Malaysian F1 Grand Prix

Sepang International Circuit **2 - 4 Apr**

Catch the F1 action live in Malaysia! Witness the blazing action at one of the most high-tech circuits in the world. With the extreme hot and wet conditions at the Sepang International Circuit, the skills of the world's finest drivers will be tested to the limit! Don't miss it!

13th Gendang Nusantara Festival Dataran MBMB, Melaka **10 - 16 Apr**

A cultural event showing a variety of percussion and drum music from all over the world. Ethnic dance performances accompany the enchanting music.



Miri International Jazz Festival The Pavilion, ParkCity Everly Hotel **14 - 15 May**
Groove into the jazz music culture and catch international acts performing at the Miri International Jazz Festival. This yearly event features local and international acts

Colours of Malaysia Dataran Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur **22 May**
Malaysia's premier cultural extravaganza is back to dazzle everyone! Enjoy a cornucopia of spectacular traditional performances, colourful parades as well as exhibitions that showcase the country's arts and crafts.

Gawai Dayak Festival Sarawak **1 - 2 Jun**
Gawai Dayak is a harvest festival celebrated by the state's indigenous people, particularly the Ibans and Bidayuhs, in their traditional costumes. Ceremonial offerings of various local traditional delicacies and 'tuak' (home-made rice wine) are made to the gods of rice and prosperity. This unique festivity is a 'must-see' occasion for local and foreign tourists alike.

Melaka River Fiesta Taman Rempah; Dataran Sungai Melaka **1 - 30 Jun**
Enjoy the excitement of fun-filled activities along the Melaka River.

Penang Floral Festival Botanical Gardens **6 - 13 Jun**
Don't forget to bring along your camera to snap photos of the beautiful trees and unique plants in the decorated gardens.

Super GT International Series Malaysia Sepang International Circuit **18 - 20 Jun**
Japan's biggest racing series - Super GT is coming to Malaysia and Sepang is all geared up and ready to organize the Malaysian round of Super GT International Series Malaysia.

25th Sabah Dragon Boat Race Likas Bay, Sabah **19 - 20 Jun**
A traditional Chinese event that evolved from myths and legends that has grown into one of the main highlights of the year. This exciting race has attracted many teams from as far as Australia, Hong Kong, China, Singapore and Brunei.

Fraser's Hill International Bird Race Fraser's Hill, Raub, Pahang **20 - 21 Jun**
Bird watching is a healthy and academic outdoor sport. The objectives of the Frasers Hill International Bird Race are to preserve nature and simultaneously to promote Frasers Hill as a bird sanctuary.

UNESCO World Heritage City Celebration Esplanade, Penang **7 Jul**
George Town was accorded the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage List of Cities and Sights for its 'outstanding universal value' on 7 July 2008. A month long celebration filled with cultural and music shows, traditional crafts demonstrations and exhibitions awaits you.

Rainforest World Music Festival Sarawak Cultural Village, Santubong, Kuching **9 - 11 Jul**
Musicians from around the world gather to perform diverse ethnic music in a living museum known as Sarawak Culture Village. The festival is set to bring ardent fans of music from all corners of the world.



Merdeka Month Celebration 1 - 31 Aug

The date marks a commemoration of Malaysia's 53rd Year of Independence, celebrated in a joyous mood by all Malaysians. Highlights include parades, fireworks displays and much more! Join in the merriment!

LANGKAWI WATER STAGE SHOW Pantai Cenang, Langkawi **6 - 8 Aug**

Visit the beautiful island of Langkawi and enjoy enthralling performances and stage shows. Be enchanted by the colourful displays that will make your holiday even more exciting. Don't miss the chance to visit Langkawi's beautiful beaches during this magical event!

All-Star National Chingay Competition Esplanade, Penang **7 Aug**

It is a competition of balancing giant flags with outstanding acrobatic stunts for your enjoyment and anticipation. An exciting and stunning competition not to be missed!

Bazaar Ramadhan Throughout Malaysia **11 Aug - 9 Sept**

As the fasting month begins, stalls and bazaars sprout around the city, offering an array of delicious fare for Muslims to break their fast. Sample the authentic delights or watch the cooking demonstrations.

Ramadan Bazaar Throughout Malaysia **11 Aug - 9 Sept**

In conjunction with the Muslims' fasting month of Ramadan, the Ramadan Bazaar is organised throughout the country. This bustling evening bazaar offers sumptuous delicacies for the breaking of fast.

Hari Raya Aidil Fitri Throughout Malaysia **10 - 11 Sept**

After fasting from dawn to dusk for a month, Hari Raya Aidilfitri is a day that signifies victory for Muslims everywhere. On this special day, Muslims attend special morning prayers in mosques and visit the cemeteries of their loved ones. Decked in their traditional finery, friends and family from near and far come together to celebrate this joyous occasion. There will be lots of tasty delicacies to make the celebration memorable!

LANTERN FESTIVAL Central Market, Kuala Lumpur **18 Sept**

Celebrated in the 18th month of the Chinese Lunar calendar, the Lantern Festival is a delightful event for visitors of all ages. The highlight will be a lantern procession where children and adults carry lanterns in various shapes and sizes. Don't miss the chance to savour tasty moon-cakes baked specially for this occasion.



MALAYSIA OPEN KUALA LUMPUR

Putra Stadium, Bukit Jalil, Selangor **25 Sep - 3 Oct**

Visitors can enjoy great action at this tennis tournament. Catch the slick moves of the players as they vie for the coveted medal. Make your reservations early to watch it live!

Malaysia International Gourmet Festival Kuala Lumpur **1 - 31 Oct**

Savour delicious culinary creations in this fabulous festival. Be here in Malaysia as gourmet restaurants and top chefs whip up a variety of dishes and delicacies using the finest ingredients from the four corners of the world. Tempt your taste buds with a myriad of flavours and enjoy the remarkable culinary journey!

Malaysian Motorcycle Grand Prix Sepang International Circuit **8 - 10 Oct**

Catch the world's best in action at the Malaysian Motorcycle Grand Prix!

Borneo Bird Festival Rainforest Discovery Centre, Sandakan **15 - 17 Oct**

Sabah is home to 568 bird species, 4 of which are found nowhere else in the world. Bird enthusiasts from all across the globe will be at this festival which is held for the 2nd time here.

24th Mt Kinabalu International Climbathon Kota Kinabalu, Sabah **23 - 24 Oct**

'The World's Toughest Mountain Race', a challenge to go up and down Mt. Kinabalu (4095.2 m). This exciting race is a test of endurance for participants. The average climber takes two days to climb the mountain but participants of the race can make it less than 3 hours up and down Mt Kinabalu. The Climbathon is part of the Sky Runners World Series Circuit.

Deepavali Throughout Malaysia **5 Nov**

Deepavali or the 'Festival of Lights' is celebrated by Hindus with prayers, family gatherings and festivities. Open houses are held where family and friends visit each other and enjoy delicious traditional goodies. (except Labuan and Sarawak).

Remembrance Day Labuan **14 Nov**

A poignant event held yearly at the Labuan Commonwealth War Cemetery to remember the courageous men who died during the war.

Hari Raya Aidiladha Throughout Malaysia **17 Nov**

Commonly known as Hari Raya Haji, this festival marks the culmination of the Hajj pilgrimage to Mekah which is performed by millions of Muslims annually. It is also known as Hari Raya Qurban. Muslims in the country celebrate the festival with prayers and the sacrifice of cattle.

