

Malaysia Welcomes The World



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Welcome To Labuan

At the north of Brunei Bay and facing the South China Sea is the island of Labuan, an international offshore financial centre and Malaysia's only deep-water anchorage. Declared a Federal Territory on 16 April 1984, it lies 8km off the coast of Borneo adjacent to the state of Sabah. Labuan comprises of Labuan Island and the six islets of Rusukan Kecil, Rusukan Besar, Kuraman, Daat, Papan and Burung.

Bandar Labuan, formerly known as Victoria, is the major town and port. In 1990, Labuan was declared an International Offshore Financial Centre and Free Trade Zone. The main attractions of Labuan are wreck diving, sport fishing and duty-free shopping. There are four fascinating wrecks in the seas surrounding Labuan, making it a highly rated diving destination in the region.

There is accommodation to suit all types of budgets here. Enjoy fresh seafood as well as local, Chinese and Western cuisine in dining outlets around the island.

Places Of Interest

The Chimney Situated on a rise at Tanjung Kubong is the famous 'Chimney', a 106-foot high red brick stack believed to be linked to the coal mining days of Labuan. In its heyday, a thriving settlement was built at the seafront area below the Chimney. It was then used as a bell tower to announce the arrival of ships to the residents below. The structure has become an intriguing mystery that fascinates locals and visitors alike.

Labuan Bird Park Located near the Chimney structure, the park has three large dome-like cages amidst a sprawling landscape. Enhance your knowledge on the feathered species as you encounter hornbills, kingfishers, shamas, mynas, herons, peacocks and many more.

Labuan International Sea Sports Complex This complex houses the main sea sports centre, marine museum, souvenir shops, eateries, seafood restaurant and a tourist information centre. It is also the venue for the annual Labuan International Sea Challenge made up of numerous water-based competitions.

Peace Park This park was built as a memorial and renunciation of the horrors of the Second World War. Prominently seen in the park is a large raised-mound with two walls, surrounded by landscaped gardens and pavilions. Arched bridges over tranquil ponds and shaded gazebos create a feeling of serenity.

World War II Memorial This is one of the most visited places in Labuan. The beautifully landscaped memorial garden is the final resting place of 3,908 war heroes who died in battle or captivity in Borneo during the Second World War. Every year in November a commemoration is held (Remembrance Day) to honour the lives of the valiant men who fought during the war.

Surrender Point This is where the 37th Japanese Southern Army surrendered to the 9th Division Australian Imperial Forces on 9th September 1945 which led to the end of World War II in Borneo. Southeast Asia's first war crime trials were also conducted in this area.

Botanical Gardens About five minutes from Labuan town, is the Botanical Gardens which was previously the grounds of the Government House, locally known as 'Bumbung 12'. Built in 1852, the house was a long and low structure with an interesting roof design. The Botanical Gardens is a recreational park with old trees and beautiful landscaping.

Water Villages There are many water villages in Labuan. The main ones are Kampung Bebuloh Laut and Kampung Patau-Patau. Each house is connected to the other by cement walkways. These water villages, brightly decorated with colourful blooms on their verandahs are an interesting feature in Labuan.

Labuan Square or Dataran Labuan is situated at the centre of Labuan town. It is a popular venue for the island's main events and performances. Labuan's flag and that of thirteen other states in the country fly high on the raised stage in the square.

Labuan Museum The exhibits displayed here include musical instruments, monetary items, firearms, marriage accessories, costumes, artefacts and World War II memorabilia. The museum is conveniently located in the centre of Labuan town. It is a must-visit for those who wish to catch a glimpse of the island's rich history.

Labuan Marine Museum This museum was set up to preserve the precious marine heritage of Labuan. Conceptualised after a ship, visitors enter the museum through a metal bridge and are exposed to myriad aquariums displaying all kinds of marine life. One can also touch and feel starfishes, sea cucumbers and king crabs.

