



Ushering in Chinese New Year

Celebrating Chinese New Year in Malaysia is always exciting, even for a local. House visiting, ang pow giving, the colour red splashed everywhere and firecrackers never fail to impress! But what gets everyone's attention is the Lion Dance. More a symbolic ritual done in front of a premise, it is fascinating to watch the amount of energy a troupe of lion dance possesses.

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I Braved it and Survived!

Chinatown! It's loud, it's packed with people, and it has some pretty good bargains. This place is not for the faint-hearted though; you'll need to have your bargaining wits about you to "close" the deal!

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Royal Belum Forest

The Royal Belum Forest is a massive 290,000 hectares with a crazy 146,000 hectares of pure virgin forest. It is most pleasing to know that Malaysia is determined to protect nature, especially in this day and age of modernization.

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Asam laksa - You'll get Hooked on it!

It's fragrant, sour, spicy and I love it! Asam Laksa is a local dish of rice noodles, with bits of mackerel, onions, cucumber, lettuce, chilli and mint leaves swirled together in a fish-base soup and prawn paste for that sweet taste. Locals finish it on the spot while standing, a feat still beyond me especially when I'm no expert with chopsticks!

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Kek Lok Si Temple Display of Lights



6 - 14 February 2010

During the Chinese New Year (CNY) celebrations, approximately 230,000 light bulbs and 10,000 lanterns will be lighted up every night for 33 days in conjunction with CNY. The temple is particularly impressive as it remains open until late at night, while the thousands of lights turn the scenery into a sea of light.

Chinese New Year



14 - 15 February 2010

Chinese New Year is a time for celebration and merrymaking. Family reunion feasts and open houses are a common feature and children receive 'ang paws' or little red money packets from the elders. Don't miss the exciting lion and dragon dance performances at shopping malls and homes!

Chap Goh Meh Celebration



27 February 2010

Chap Goh Meh, also known as Chinese Valentine's Day, is a time for young maidens to ride along the scenic Esplanade in trishaws, seeking out their soul mate. As part of the tradition, the women will throw oranges into the sea while wishing for a good husband. The 15th night of the Lunar New Year is celebrated with joy and excitement to mark the end of the festivities.

KK City Tourism Treasure Hunt 2010



28 February 2010

An annual event held in conjunction with the city day celebration. Treasure hunters search the city high and low while getting to know Kota Kinabalu better. Everyone is welcome to join the hunt and win attractive prizes.