

CRAFTED EXPERIENCES

AT GAYA ISLAND RESORT





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SUNSET CRUISE

Embrace the spirit of seafaring tradition as you set out towards the neighbouring islands at dusk. Feel the gentle sea breeze and listen to the lapping of waves as you cruise along the coastline. Sip on a complimentary glass of house wine or a refreshing soft drink while the horizon transforms into a breathtaking canvas of golden hues, deepening into shades of amber and rose. As daylight fades, watch the distant city skyline begin to sparkle like scattered diamonds against the twilight—a perfect harmony of nature’s spectacle and urban charm. It is an evening of quiet magic, where the beauty of sea and sky unfold in timeless elegance.

“Selamat Berlayar” – may your voyage be as enchanting as the sunset.

VENUE Meet at Concierge | TIME 5.15pm | FREQUENCY Daily | Minimum 4 persons | Maximum 8 persons | DURATION 1 hour 30 minutes | Advanced reservation required | Subject to weather and tide conditions.

GAYA SNORKELLING EXPEDITION

Another wondrous world lies just moments from our main beach. Explore the clear waters of the House Reef on an exploratory snorkelling tour guided by our Resident Marine Biologist. Drift over lush coral gardens and discover a wealth of marine life amidst an array of hard and soft corals that form intricate and fragile labyrinths across the seabed. Glide alongside schools of colourful reef fish, spot graceful sea turtles gliding through the depths, and keep watch for the occasional blacktip reef shark patrolling the reef edge. Along the way, your marine biologist will share insights into coral conservation, the delicate balance of this underwater ecosystem, and the vital role these reefs play in sustaining marine biodiversity—offering a deeper appreciation for the living wonders beneath the surface.

Inclusions: Guided tour by resident marine biologist, briefing on safety and snorkelling techniques, marine identifications slate, mask and snorkel, a debriefing session and a personal buoyancy aid (if required).

VENUE Meet at Watersports Centre | FREQUENCY Daily | Maximum 12 persons | DURATION 1 hour | Advanced reservation required by 5.00pm the day before | Subject to weather and tide conditions

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BORNEO CULINARY JOURNEY

Embark on an immersive exploration of Sabahan cuisine with a cooking class hosted by our skilled Chef. The journey begins with an introduction to the island's vibrant local ingredients and fresh produce—many foraged or sourced from nearby communities—revealing the rich tapestry of flavours that define Borneo's culinary identity.

Guided by the Chef's expertise, the interactive cooking session offers hands-on insights into authentic recipes handed down over generations from the region's diverse ethnic groups. Each dish tells a story of tradition, heritage, and the land from which it came. The experience culminates in a communal-style tasting, where guests gather to savour the fruits of their labour, sharing stories and flavours around a single table. To mark the occasion, each participant receives a certificate commemorating their journey into the heart of Borneo's culinary soul.

VENUE Meet at Fisherman's Cove | TIME 11.30am | FREQUENCY Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday | Maximum 4 people | DURATION 2 hours | Advanced reservation is required

THE WILDLIFE WONDERS

Pulau Gaya is a bird lover's paradise, home to over 40 spectacular species thriving in its lush rainforests and pristine coastal habitats. From the soaring Oriental Pied Hornbill to the elusive Philippine Megapode, the island teems with avian life waiting to be discovered. Guided by the resort's dedicated Director of Conservation, Justin Juhun, guests embark on immersive birding expeditions that reveal the hidden rhythms of the island's wildlife. Along the way, Justin shares his work monitoring nesting sites, rehabilitating injured birds, and preserving fragile habitats, offering an intimate glimpse into the island's conservation efforts.

Whether you are a seasoned birder or a curious novice, each expedition unveils the hidden rhythms of the island's wild heart, deepening your connection to the natural world and the efforts to protect it.

DURATION 3 Days, 2 Nights | Available upon request | Activities are subject to weather and tide conditions

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KOTA KINABALU CITY EXCURSION

Explore the vibrant streets of Kota Kinabalu on this immersive excursion, perfectly blending culture, cuisine, and urban exploration. Designed for travellers seeking to experience the authentic heart of the city beyond the usual tourist spots, this guided walk takes you through colourful markets, historic landmarks, and hidden local gems.

Stroll through bustling bazaars, sample delicious local specialities, and uncover the rich heritage of Sabah's capital. From lively handicraft stalls to Instagrammable locations, this tour offers a deeper connection to Kota Kinabalu's dynamic energy and warm local spirit. Whether you're savouring traditional flavours or chatting with friendly vendors, you'll discover why this excursion is not to be missed!

VENUE Meet at Reception | TIME 9am | Minimum 2 persons | Maximum 12 persons |
DURATION 3 hours | Advanced reservation required | Subject to weather and tide conditions

GAYA STREET (SUNDAY MARKET)

Originally named Bond Street, Gaya Street located in the Kota Kinabalu Central Business District has been the centre of business for over a hundred years. The wooden shops with nipah roofs are long gone but here is where generations-old family businesses are still thriving passed down from father to son.

Every Sunday from 6.00am to 1.00pm the whole stretch of Gaya Street is closed off to traffic to make way for the street fair. A must visit market while in Kota Kinabalu, you will be fascinated by the various items and goods sold at this fair.

From arts and crafts, batik sarongs, footwear, fruits and flowers, local food such as Mee Tuaren, antiques and souvenirs, to even pets and herbs, this is the best place to experience the culture and lifestyle of the locals.

VENUE Meet at Reception | TIME 9am | FREQUENCY Sunday | Maximum 12 persons |
DURATION 3 hours | Subject to weather conditions

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THE SABAH SCENT ADVENTURES

Explore the intangible yet powerfully evocative realm of scent, where memory, emotion, and nature converge. Guided by our resident scent artist, journey into the heart of Borneo's aromatic heritage through a curated selection of indigenous oils, each distilled from the island's lush landscapes.

Discover the stories behind these precious essences—their origins, their potent benefits, and the generations of wisdom they carry. Under the gentle guidance of our scent artist, learn the basics of olfactory alchemy and the art of custom blending, where you will craft a fragrance uniquely your own. Whether seeking a personal memento or simply a deeper connection to the island, this immersive experience awakens the senses and leaves you with a lingering trace of Borneo's soul.

VENUE Spa Village Gaya Island | TIME 11.30am | FREQUENCY Wednesday & Friday |
DURATION 30 minutes | Advance reservation is required

MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

As dusk settles over the island, the atmosphere at Gaya Island Resort transforms into something truly magical with our weekly Movie Nights under the Stars. Held every Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, we invite guests to swap the confines of a traditional cinema for the natural beauty of our open-air garden area, situated right next to the Pool Bar and Lounge. Here, amongst the lush tropical lawn, we thoughtfully place comfortable bean bags, creating a relaxed and cosy setting where families and couples alike can unwind and enjoy a film together. Surrounded by the sights and sounds of the tropical evening, guests can simply sink into their seats, order their favourite drinks and snacks from the nearby bar, and experience the magic of cinema in the heart of nature. It is the perfect way to wind down after a day of adventure, offering a unique blend of entertainment and island serenity beneath the canopy of the stars.

VENUE Pool Bar Garden Area | TIME 8.30pm | FREQUENCY Wednesday, Friday & Sunday
| Subject to weather conditions

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