WHERE TO GO **WITHIN 45 MINS RADIUS OF MIRI CITY CENTRE**

Miri is home to some of the most remarkable natural attractions in the world including the Niah and Mulu caves, as well as the picturesque Pinnacles, gorgeous waterfalls and miracles of nature that will make your jaw drop! But if you just don't have the luxury of time to go to these amazing places, you can opt for destinations closer to Miri City Centre instead.

We list here places of interest that are within a 45-minute radius from Miri City centre.

WITNESS THE BLUE TEARS I. OF TUSAN BEACH

Just 30 minutes by car from Miri city centre, Tusan Beach is within easy reach yet secluded enough for anyone looking to disconnect from the bustles of urban life. The sandy beach runs along the beautiful coastline walled by vertical sandstone cliffs. Among the interesting features of Tusan Beach are the rock formations resulting from erosion over the decades.

What's even more fascinating is the "blue tears" phenomenon, which attracts scores of visitors to witness the gathering of bioluminescent microorganisms on Tusan Beach at night, when the conditions are just right. These microorganisms, known as dinoflagellates, glow blue in the dark of night. The waves carry them towards shore, causing a blue glow line where sand meets sea.



It doesn't happen every night, but if you're lucky enough to see it happen it'll be one of the best experiences you've had on your

2. GET UP-CLOSE WITH MIRI'S SUPER CROC

Around 30 minutes from Miri City Centre is the Miri Crocodile Farm, which sits near the mouth of Kuala Baram River. The 22-acre crocodile farm and mini zoo is home to more than 1,000 estuarine crocodiles and Malayan gharials. One of the big (and we say this in literal terms) attractions is a 70-year-old super crocodile, whose sheer size will send shivers down your spine. The crocodile feeding is not to be missed as well (be sure to check at the counter on when the feeding times are). Visitors can also view other reptiles, mammals and birds, including the Southern Cassowary - the last living dinosaur. Southern Cassowaries are known to be the deadliest birds on earth, with their dagger-like claws that can inflict serious injuries.

www.miricrocodilefarm.com





3. GET A GOOD VIEW OF THE CITY

See Miri City from a higher vantage point at Canada Hill, a popular hotspot among locals and tourists alike. Getting there from Miri City Centre takes less than 10 minutes via Jalan Oil Well No.1, and the view you get from up there is splendid. As a bonus, Canada Hill is also the site of Sarawak's very first oil well. Popularly known as the Grand Old Lady, the oil well still remains on the site today as a reminder of what made Miri the city that it is today. Just opposite the old well is the Petroleum Museum, where one can learn more about Miri's oil discovery and how it helped in the development of Sarawak's second largest city after Kuching.

Canada Hill is also famous among hiking enthusiasts, with various trails to choose from.







4. WATCH THE SUN GO DOWN AT TANJUNG LOBANG BEACH

About 15 minutes' drive from the city is the scenic Tanjung Lobang Beach, considered to be one of the best spots in Miri to watch the sun go down. Take a leisurely stroll along the sandy beach and just enjoy the evening breeze while you wait for the sunset. When the sun finally sets, head over to one of many F&B joints in the area for a hearty meal before you make your way back. From seafood and barbecues to Japanese cuisine and halal steamboat, there's plenty to choose from.





5. TEE OFF AT MIRI GOLF CLUB

If you're all about golf, the beautiful Miri Golf Club is located just 20 minutes or so from the city centre by car. Set atop a picturesque setting between Miri River and the South China Sea, and a charming Malay village just adjacent to it bordered by ancient casuarinas trees, the 18-hole Miri Golf Club is an idyllic escape for those seeking solace as well as some serious golfing action.

Facilities include driving range with resident teaching golf professional, pro golf shop, function hall with 300 (dinner setting) or 600 (conference setting) seating capacity, terrace with refreshments, 25-metre swimming pool, and karaoke room.

mirigolfclub-sarawak.com

6. CHILL OUT AT MIRI TIMES SQUARE

One of Miri's newest places of interest is the glitzy new Miri Times Square (MTS). If exploring the outdoors isn't really up your alley, this would make a great option for places within a 45-minute radius from Miri city centre. Part of the Marina Parkcity development, MTS enjoys an unbeatable location just seven minutes from the city centre.

MTS is a vibrant commercial development with office spaces, specially designed to also serve as a social gathering space. You can just relax here or visit one of the many cafés and restaurants offering a variety of local and international cuisines. The clock tower and water feature in the middle of Victoria Plaza on Block A is one of MTS' most popular attractions. It is set in the middle of a beautifully designed public space that is just begging to be highlighted in your social media posting!

www.marinaparkcity.com/ miritimessquare.html

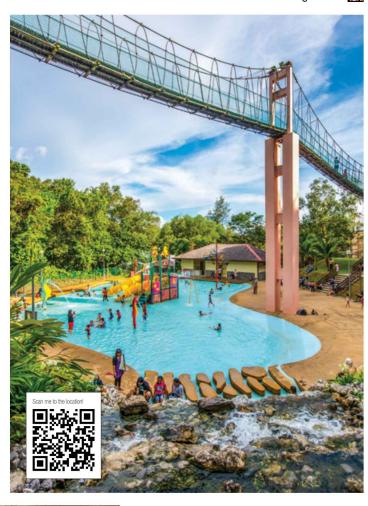


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fun, relaxation ATTAMAN AWAM MIRI

Head to Taman Awam Miri (Miri Public Park) to enjoy a relaxing evening, with plenty of things to do. Just 15 minutes from the city centre, the park offers everything for everyone, including gardens, observatory, children's playground, sculptures, waterfalls, suspension bridge, jogging track, water playground for kids with scenic bridges built over it, skate park, and many more.

Make your way through the overhead bridge with two seahorse statues. At the end of the bridge with piano keys for its floor there is a staircase with multiple colours, lovingly known as rainbow stairs. The staircase has become one of many hotspots for selfies among the locals as well as visitors.



STROLL THE AISLES OF MIRI CENTRAL MARKET

Miri Central Market is popular with both the locals and visitors. Not sure how to get there? Just ask the locals for the direction to the "open air market", as Mirians call them. Miri Central Market offers a good mix of vendors from different racial and religious backgrounds is known for its cleanliness.

You can find a huge array of fruits, vegetables, fresh fish and meats, as well as jungle produce, just to name a few. This particular market is also known for its cheap eats, such as char kway teow (fried flat rice noodles) priced at less than RM5 per plate! The market is especially fun to visit on weekends, where you get to see the vendors at their most busy attending to customers looking for the best bargains.