

WHERE TO GO WITHIN 45-MINUTE RADIUS OF BINTULU TOWN CENTRE

Fifty years ago, the town of Bintulu is a small fishing village but a lot has changed since then! Bintulu is considered one of Sarawak's most important industrial hubs, with offshore oil and gas production and reserve. Situated 624km away from Kuching, Bintulu is home to some of the Region's most underrated gems!

Here are some places that you can visit within a 45-minute radius of Bintulu town centre!



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See the animals at **Taman Tumbina**

Bintulu's Taman Tumbina is a particularly unique spot, as it has both a botanical garden and a zoo in hilly terrain of about 57 hectares. Opened in 1991, the park is home to animals and plants indigenous to Sarawak and is also the only park in the Region that keeps flamingos, and tigers! Open from 8am to 5pm, Tumbina is strategically located near the town centre, in an area overlooking the South China Sea and is a popular spot for some family time and exercise. Oh, did we mention that entrance is free?



Dip your toes at **Tanjung Batu Beach**

A favourite hangout spot among locals, Tanjung Batu Beach is a vast stretch of beautiful beach, complete with pavements, grassy fields, food stalls, playgrounds, washrooms and ample parking spaces. The beachside is also home to a number of food trucks and stalls, but you can even bring and have your very own picnic if desired! Tanjung Batu Beach is ideal for a fun day outside, so children running around blowing bubbles in the sea breeze are a normal sight. The beach itself is remarkably well maintained and very clean, and offers stunning sunset views! Families often frequent.



Experience the fishing village of **Kampung Jepak**

Kampung Jepak is a traditional fishing village located near the Bintulu Airport, and is home to mostly Melanaus and Malays. Separated from town centre via the Kemena River, the villagers live on wooden stilt houses and still embrace the traditional lifestyle through fishing, sago processing, fish drying as well as the making of belacan and cincaluk! Only a half hour drive from town centre, you can spend the day wandering around this quaint town or hitch a boat ride out to the river for a little fishing!



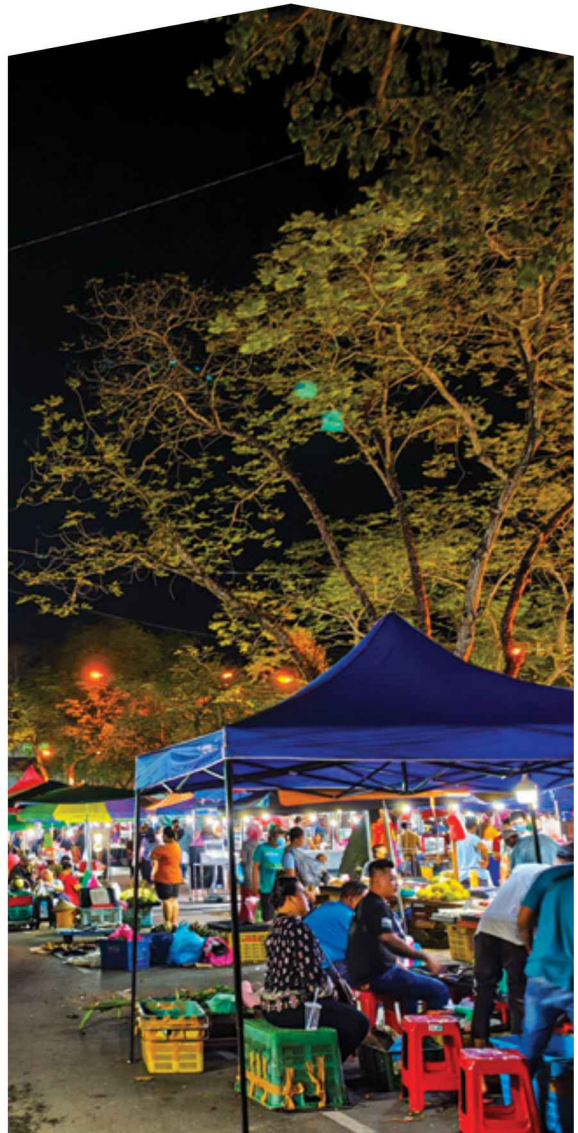
Explore the ancient Tua Pek Kong Temple

Located opposite the Bintulu Esplanade, the majestic Tua Pek Kong temple has been a part of the town's landscape since the 1890s, surviving a bombing and fire during the Second World War and a second fire in 1975. After major renovations, the temple is now a beautiful, well-maintained landmark, expertly crafted with a waterfall rock garden and a dragon fence. The temple is open to visitors and worshippers daily from 6am to 7pm.



Eat your way around Bintulu Night Market

An adventure is not complete without trying out some local delicacies. Unlike other night markets everywhere else, the Bintulu Night Market is held every day from 4pm to 10pm and is a feast for the senses! You can find the best of Sarawak's local produce like durian or even local street food like deep fried squid or mini doughnuts. From pickled fruit and ice cream sundaes to grilled chicken and live seafood, the night market has it all and is a must-visit during your time in Bintulu!



Dive the waters of Patricia Reef

Just off the coast of Bintulu lies Patricia Reef, a relatively untouched coral reef just bursting with life! Patricia Reef is popular among local divers thanks to impressive underwater visibility and the sheer diversity of marine life, including breath-taking coral reefs. Whether you're a first-time diver or a seasoned pro, the Patricia Reef is a must visit if you're looking for an underwater adventure!

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Walk around Pasar Tamu Bintulu

If you're curious about Sarawak's local produce, there's no better place to be! Pasar Tamu Bintulu is open daily from 6am to 4pm and sells everything from vegetables, seafood, fruits and sago worm to Bintulu belacan, *terubok masin*, *gula apong* and *kek lapis*! You can also find a large range of native and seasonal produce sold at reasonable prices within the large compound.

