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SARAWAK MY SECOND HOME PROGRAM PROGRAMME



Sarawak (with Sabah) is one of the two States of Malaysia located on the large island of Borneo. Once remote, it is now a short flight away from global air hubs in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Brunei. Linked to the world by high-speed internet and satellite television the cities offer modern conveniences with traditional ambience.

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RETIRE IN SARAWAK



Expat life in Sarawak has been compared to living in the relaxed, easy-going Hawaii of the the late 1950's. There is a low cost of living, affordable property, a global range of cuisines, diverse cultures living in harmony, excellent museums, and many national and state parks. Crime rates are extremely low; perhaps the lowest in Asia. Popular with nature lovers there are activities as wide-ranging as diving, caving, kayaking and trekking to golf and deep-sea fishing.





Sarawak is the ideal escape from the pressures and concerns of elsewhere. Enjoy a little bit of Paradise in the best kept secret

Sarawak annually hosts several large music festivals, including the famous Rainforest World Music Festival at the Damai Beach Resorts and the Miri International Jazz Festival.

Sarawak is gaining a reputation regionally for health tourism. Health care is affordable compared to the West and most doctors speak English and are trained in foreign universities. In fact, English is widely spoken in the cities, along with Malay, and Chinese dialects like Hokkien, Hakka, and Mandarin. Private schools and universities are affordable.

Although officially called the Sarawak-Malaysia My Second Home Program, it's commonly referred to a the Sarawak My Second Home to clarify its distinctiveness from the MM2H program on the Peninsula. One can only apply for the Sarawak version of MM2H in Sarawak through Sarawak Immigration. Only direct applications are allowed. The use of agents or middlemen to find sponsors is forbidden.

SARAWAK MY SECOND HOME "VISA"

Foreign Retirees who wish to live long term in Sarawak require a Sarawak My Second Home Pass (Visa) which allows them five years (renewable) of unrestricted in-and-out entry to the State. The visa is the only one that allows retirees to reside long-term in Sarawak, but it also allows residence in West Malaysia.



BENEFITS OF SARAWAK MY SECOND HOME:

Unlimited entry/exit to Sarawak for 5 Years (Fee RM90/yr). Easy renewal. Foreign income and interest from local bank accounts are not taxed. One may purchase property (in Kuching, Miri, or Sibu), or rent anywhere. Some use Sarawak as a home-base for world travel. Sarawak has the lowest floor for property purchase of all Malaysian states (RM300K). Spouses and dependent children are allowed under the married option.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE SM2H PROGRAM:

Over 50 years of age, but those under 50 with children attending local schools or adults on a medical treatment program can qualify. Singles have slightly lower financial requirements than families (see below).

Currently a Sarawak sponsor is required but this is under review. One cannot undertake salaried work in Malaysia under this program. A local health check for drug abuse and communicable disease required. Only direct applications are allowed. The use of agents or middlemen is forbidden.

TWO OPTIONS: Pension or Fixed Account: Unlike the Federal MM2H program there are **more** ways to qualify.

1) Pensioners can qualify if they have RM10,000/month guar anteed benefit (only RM7000 for single applicants) or proof of guaranteed monthly income. (@US\$2500/US\$1700) **OR**

2) Establish a RM150,000 interest-bearing Fixed Deposit in a Sarawak-branch bank (RM100,000 for singles). This option allows withdrawals for school fees, healthcare and purchase of car or property - down to RM60,000 (@US\$15,000)





The Tambang still carries "commuters" across the Sarawak River every day

The orangutan, proboscis monkey and hornbill are icons of Sarawak's forests





Kuching is acclaimed as one of the most beautiful and cleanest of Asia's cities

Mysterious Mt. Santubong has beckoned visitors to Borneos shores for millennia



Sarawak embraces its diverse Traditional Cultures



Sarawak's Caves ~ UNESCO World Heritage Sites