

EATING OUT

Miri's multi-ethnic population means visitors are assured of a wide variety of local noodle dishes. Most also serve economical mixed rice dishes at lunchtimes.

2020 Café, 557/558 Pelita Commercial Centre. Wide selection of dim sum in the mornings and fast food, rice and noodle dishes lunchtime. Open 6 am – 2.30pm.

Didi Café, 948 Jln Perry (near Imperial Hotel). Popular coffee shop with stalls selling laksa, kolo mee, claypot noodles and chicken rice. Open 6 am – 4.30pm.

Dynasty Chinese Restaurant, Dynasty Hotel. Gourmet Chinese restaurant (non halal). Open 11 am – 2.30pm, 6pm – 10pm.

Good Taste Bak Kut Teh Restaurant, Jln Krokop-Miri. Serves some of the best bak kut the (herbal pork rib soup) in town. Open 8am – mid afternoon.

Han Palace Restaurant, Grand Palace Hotel. Extensive Cantonese menu, including popular dim sum served from 8am to 2pm (Thurs – Sun). Open daily, lunch 10am to 2pm, dinner 6pm to 10pm.

Jing Wood Café, 612 Pelita Commercial Centre. Very popular amongst locals for its fried oyster kway teow. Open from 7.30am to 1am.

Kok Chee Restaurant, Park Building next to Park Hotel. Tel: 433814. Gourmet Chinese cuisine, booking advisable at weekends and public holidays. Open 9 am – 12pm.

May Jin Restaurant, Lot 1134-1136, Waterfront Commercial Centre. Tel 085-421691. Open 10.20pm – 2pm and 5pm – 10pm.

Michael Steamboat, next to Boulevard Shopping Mall. Steamboat and BBQ buffet dinner. Eat as much as you want for RM20 per head. Open 5pm – 10pm.

Ming Café, Jln Yu Seng Selatan opp. Mega Hotel. Very popular and busy corner café with a variety of Chinese stalls plus Indian and Malay curries. Open late.

Miri City Food Court, 2563 South Piasau, Jalan Bulatan Miri. Stalls with a selection of Chinese, Malays and Indian food. Good beef noodles and dim sum. Open from 6am to 11pm daily.

Open Air Market, Jln Brooke. Centre of Miri Old Town, with famous local dishes whose recipes have been passed on for generations. Look out for the curry rice and fried kway teow. Food sells out fast so go in the morning to avoid disappointment. Non-halal.

New Kuok Kee Café (at Metro Hotel), Jln North Yu Seng. Chinese coffee shop selling kolo mee and good beef noodles.

Pelita Hai Ma Food Centre, 553-554 Pelita Commercial Centre. Busy coffee shop selling Chinese and Western food (steak, fish and chips, etc). Famed as a night-owl place due to its cheap beer and wide screen TV showing live football. Free Wi-Fi. Open 24 hours.

QQ Restaurant, 539 Pelita Commercial Centre. This coffee shop boasts some of the best roasted duck in town. Open 7am – 10.30am

The Coffee Bean, Outdoor Ground Floor, Bintang Plaza Shopping Complex. Miri branch of the international chain, serving a range of coffees, teas, a la carte meals and pastries. Free Wi-Fi access. Open 8.30am – 1.30am.

San Francisco Coffee, Unit 1-22, Miri Square Shopping Complex. An indoor and outdoor terrace overlooking the streets of Miri. Offers a wide selection of coffee, specialty teas, pastries and sandwiches. Free Wi-Fi access. Open Mon-Thurs 9am-11pm, Friday 9am-midnight, Saturday & Sunday 8am-midnight.

Fast Food

Pizza Hut & McDonalds are in Bintang Plaza Shopping Complex. KFC has branches dotted around town including Bintang Plaza, Jln Bendahara, Imperial Mall and Boulevard Hyper Market. Local chain Sugar Bun has branches at the Imperial Mall, Bintang Plaza, Wisma Pelita and Boulevard Hyper Market.

Indian

Bilal Islamic Restaurant. Taman Jade Manis (near Mega Hotel). An old Miri favourite, serving a variety of curries plus briyani rice and Indian bread dishes such as murtabak, roti canai and thosai. Open 7am – 9pm. Khan's Islamic Restaurant on nearby Jln Merbau is run by the same family, with an identical menu.

Indigenous (Kelabit)

Sultanah Café. 343 & 344, Block 7 MCLD, Pelita Commercial Centre. A warm, friendly restaurant offering traditional ethnic food and Western favourites. Serves genuine Kelabit dishes from the highlands of Bario. Recommendations include Nuba Laya Bario Rice Special and Fried Bario Rice Sultana's Special. Open 4pm – 11.30pm. Closed Sundays.

Japanese

Nikko, Lot 2407, Block 4, Piasau Business Park, Jln Bulatan. Tel: 654288. Open 12 noon – 2.30pm and 6pm – 10.30pm. Good service and an extensive menu of Japanese dishes (including excellent sushi). Located 10 minutes drive from the town centre hotels (take a taxi) but worth the trip.

Shiki, Lot 2410, Block 5, Ground Floor, Boulevard Commercial Centre. Tel: 422323. Serves a range of reasonable priced authentic Japanese cuisine. Mon – Fri 12 noon – 2.30pm, 6pm – 10.30pm. Sat & Public Holidays 11am – 10.30pm, Sun 11 am – 9.30pm.

Malay

Bulatan Café. Lot 234, Taman Jade Manis (near Mega Hotel). Tel: 085-413468. Mixed rice buffet of curries and vegetable dishes. Open 7am – midnight.

Cafenika & Catering, Lot 437Jln Bendahara. Roti canai, rojak, fried rice and noodles plus mixed rice. Open 5.30am – midnight. Closed Sun.

Gerai Wawasan Food Stalls, Jln China. Conveniently located in the centre of town, this busy food centre has a range of stalls selling Malay hawker favourites.

Irdyna Bistro, Lot 427& 428, Jln Bendahara. Large Malay corner café serving mixed rice, laksa, noodles and soups. Mon to Sat 7am – 4pm. Sun 7am – 2pm.

Madli Satay & Food Corner, Jln Merpati. Tel: 085-426615. Popular Malay restaurant serving a wide range of dishes, including roti canai, noodles, mixed rice, etc. Lunch buffet. Open 8am – midnight.

Nagaliar Nasi Lemak, Jalan Merpati, next to Standard Chartered Bank. The nasi lemak here is so popular the whole restaurant is dedicated to this special dish. The crispy chicken that comes with the nasi lemak and the hot sambal are the icing on the cake. Open mid-morning – 3pm.

Nur Zannah & Catering, Lot 429, Jln Bendahara. Mixed rice, nasi lemak, curries, tom yam soup and more. Open 6am – 5pm.

Ras Segar, Lot 324, Jln Cressandra (off Jln Bendahara). Mixed rice and nasi lemak. Open 7am – 9pm (mon-Fri), 7am – 7pm (Sat & Sun)

Restoran Sri Wangi, Lot 641 & 642, North Yu Seng Rd. Buffet of mixed rice dishes. Open 7am – midnight.

SEDC Food Centre, near Tua Pek Kong Chinese temple, Jln Oleander. A number of Malay stalls selling mixed rice, noodles, soups, curry dishes, etc.

Surabaya Restaurant, Lot 288 Jln Bendahara. 9am - 9pm. Chicken rice, mixed rice and range of Malay soup and noodle dishes.

Taman Seroja Food Stalls, Jln Brooke (Opp. Miri Hotel). Range of Malay food including mixed rice, laksa and noodles. Open daytime and evenings.

Seafood

Apollo Seafood, 4 Jln Yu Seng Selatan. A popular old Miri favourite, Apollo has been serving value-for-money seafood for as long as most of its patrons can remember. Open daily, 6pm-late.

Marina Seafood, 280, Brighton Centre, Jln Temenggong Datuk Oyong Lawai Jau. Breezy outdoor restaurant located near the Park City Everly Hotel, serving fresh seafood dishes. Open 7-m-11pm.

Maxim Restaurant, Lot 1062-1063, Bintang Jaya Commercial Centre, Jln Miri-Pujut. Long established Miri favourite selling a wide selection of seafood and the best curry fish head in town. Open 11am – 11pm.

New Tanjung Seafood, Brighton Road. Popular air-con seafood restaurant located near the Marriott.

Seaworld Seafood Centre, Jln Yu Seng Utara. Tasty and economical fish noodle dishes served during the day, and somewhat pricier fresh live seafood straight from the display tanks in the evenings. Open 9am – 2am daily.

Taman Selera, Brighton Beach. This popular hawker centre has a variety of Chinese stalls serving fresh seafood – as well as Malay stalls offering satay, rice and noodle dishes – to be eaten to the sound of waves breaking on the nearby beach. Open daily 4pm – 11pm (although most stalls open between 5 and 6pm).

Tanjung Seafood, Lot 1, Brighton Rd, opposite Marriott Hotel. Popular and friendly seafood restaurant set in and around an old wooden house. Steamed red snapper is the house specialty. Open daily 6pm – 11pm.

Tanjung Pak Hock Lin Seafood. Lot 720 & 721, Jln Brighton. Next to New Tanjung, with a similar menu and ambience.

Yi Hah Hai Seafood, 892-893 Miri Waterfront Commercial Centre. Choose from a selection of live seafood in aquarium displays. Reasonable prices and relaxing river views. House specialty is Assam Fish. Also serves great crab. Open 3pm-12.30am.

Thai

Siamese Secrets, Lot 513, Ground Floor, Jln Merbau. Tel: 085-431168. Popular city centre restaurant serving Thai food plus pasta & pizza, Western, Malaysian and Mexican dishes. Open 12pm-3pm & 6pm-4am.

Vegetarian

Convenient Vegetarian (Con-V), Lot 518, Ground floor, Pelita Commercial Centre. Tel: 085-430886. Serves both western and Chinese vegetarian food.

Western/International

Café Bavaria, 1150, Ground Floor, Jalan Bendahara. Tel: 429495. Cosy corner café serving, authentic German dishes and other western grills. House specialties are Mitternacht Schnitzel and Fish Normandy. Open 11am – 1am.

Café Miri Bar & Bistro, Lot 2120, Jln Bulan Sabit, Taman Yakin. Open air bar-cum-restaurant serving western food at reasonable prices. Open 3pm-11pm, closed Tues.

Dave's Deli, Ground Floor, Imperial Mall, Western style deli serving pies, roast chicken, coffees and desserts. Open 10am – 10pm.

Fratini's Restaurant, Block 5, Boulevard Commercial Centre, Tel: 431555. Popular family restaurant serving a range of pizza and pasta dishes. Kids can make their own pizzas – an added attraction for families. Open 10am to 11pm.

Piccolo Fratini, Lot 1399, Centrepnt Blvd, Phase 2, Jln Kabu. Tel: 430255. Located in the town centre, same menu and successful formula as Fratini's.

Seahorse Bistro, Taman Plasau Indah. Serves a wide selection of continental and local dishes, from fresh barbeques to fried finger foods. Quite a distance from town area, so take a taxi. Open 5pm – 1am. Halal.

Halo Café, Jalan Merpati, opposite The Imperial Mall, Miri. Serves a wide selection of Local (Chinese and Malay), Korean, Japanese and Western food.

Zest, Miri Marriot Resort & Spa. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. A la carte menu of local and international dishes plus the best buffet in town.