

SHOPPING

Miri has a wide variety of shops, stores and street markets, selling everything from daily necessities to designer goods and Sarawak handicrafts. The Old Town area is particularly good for bargain hunting.

Shopping Malls

Bintang Plaza (City Centre, off Jln Merbau) offers over 100 shops and food outlets, plus a bowling alley, a food court, a Cineplex and an indoor archery range.

The Boulevard Shopping Complex on Jln Miri-Pujut (next to Pelita Commercial Centre) has over 80 retail outlets, a hypermarket, department store, and a rooftop food court, children's playground and video arcade.

The Imperial Mall (Part of the Imperial Hotel & Suites complex on Jln Yu Seng Utara/ Jln Pos) is Miri's largest mall with over 120 retail outlets and restaurants spread over four floors.

Miri Plaza (Pelita Commercial Centre, next to Grand Palace Hotel) features the Servay supermarket and department store and a good selection of small clothing outlets.

Handicrafts

Borneo Arts, Lot 548, Jln Yu Seng Selatan, has an excellent selection of local handicrafts.

Miri Heritage Centre (Jln Brooke, see Attractions) offers a wide range of authentic local handicrafts direct from the producers.

Rong Reng Heritage, 12B. Jalan Brooke, 98000 Miri.
A Royal Selangor Pewter shop is situated at 28F high St.

Tiang Heng & Sons, 51, Jln Bendahara, sells handicrafts, antiques and curios along with a full range of fishing nets and equipment.

Markets

See Attractions section.

Sports & Recreation

Angling: The Miri Anglers Club organizes deep sea game fishing trips and the annual Miri International **Deep Sea Fishing Tournament**. Tel: 413550 Fax: 414358 E-mail: nelson58@streamyx.com. The 90-foot MV Crystal Coral is available for live-board fishing charters (up to 10 anglers). Contact Mr. Wong Yung Min, Tel: 019-8841154, www.borneocoral.com.

Archery: An indoor archery range is located in the Bintang Plaza Shopping Mall (see Shopping).

Bowling: A 24-lane bowling centre is located in the Bintang Plaza Shopping Mall (see Shopping)

Diving: See separate Diving section

Fitness Centres: Well-equipped fitness centres are located in the Parkcity Everly, Marriot, Mega and Grand Palace Hotels (members and guests only, short-term membership is available).

Go-Karting: Miri is home to Sarawak's only international standard go-karting circuit. The circuit will be holding track days for visitors in the near future. Contact the Visitor's Information Centre in Miri for further details.

Golf: Miri has a choice of two excellent courses: the 18-hole Miri Golf Club course (Whose former pros include Vijay Singh) has an idyllic location between the Miri River and the South China Sea. Green fees (non-members) RM52.50 (9 holes, weekdays) to RM147 (18 holes, weekends). Tel: 416787 Fax: 417848 E-mail:admin@mirigolfclub. Net website: www.mirigolfclub.net. The new Eastwood Valley Golf and Country Club offers a par-72 18-hole course in an attractive forest setting 10 minutes drive from the city centre. Tel: 421010/472515/471775 Fax: 471814/432515.

Hash House Harriers: The Miri Hash (Tel: 656979) organizes regular runs in the surrounding countryside, followed by "on-ons" at some of the city's many pubs.

Mountain Biking: There are many challenging bike trails around Miri. Contact the Miri Mountain Bike Club (Tel: 423589 website: www.mmbc.com.my) for information.

Sailing: The new Miri Marina offers state-of-the-art berthing facilities for yachts up to 115ft (100m). Contact Capt. Ariffin for details, Tel: 019-3998570 E-mail: info@mirimarina.com website: www.mirimarina.com. The Piasau Boat Club, home of the Sarawak Sailing Association, offers dinghy sailing, as well as diving, tennis, squash, hockey, volleyball and a state-of-the-art fitness facility. For membership details call 655313 or check the website at www.piasaubaatclub.com.

Swimming: The Public Swimming Pool is located in the Miri City Fan recreation area (See attractions).

Useful Information

Banks & Money Changers: The following is list of centrally-located banks and money changers. Banks charge a service fee for changing travellers' cheques whilst money changers only deal with cash transactions.

Banks

Bumiputera Commerce Bank, Lot 507-508, Jln Permaisuri

EON Bank, Lot 725, Jln Merbau.

Hong Leong Bank, Lot 1090-1091, Jln Merpati.

HSBC Bank, Lot 1268-1270, Miri Commercial Centre, Jln Melayu.

Malayan Banking, 112 Jln Bendahara

Public Bank, 28 China Street

RHB Bank, Lot 362 Jln Nakhoda Gampar

Standard Chartered Bank, Lot 750-752 Jln Merpati

Money Changers

Asia Gangsa, Ground Floor, Imperial Mall, Jln Yu Seng Utara
Chin Guan, 1 High Street (in back lane)
Brilworth Trading, Lot 277 Taman Jade Manis
Instant Produce, 7 Jln Raja
PK Tho & Sons, 21 High Street
ST Sim, Lot 1156 Waterfront Commercial Centre
Teck Soon, Lot 355 Jln Brooke (in Khung Chung General Store).

Doctors and Dentists: Some hotels have doctors on call, while others will be happy to recommend doctors and dentists. Visitors may use the outpatients department at the Miri Hospital (Jln Lopeng, Tel: 420033. There are also two private hospitals, the ColumbiaAsia Medical Centre, (Jln Maigold, Tel: 665262) and the Miri City Medical Centre (Jln Hokkien, Tel: 426622).

Pharmacies: Pharmacies are dotted all over town and are open 7 days a week, usually from 9.00am to 6.000 or 7.00pm. Staff almost always speak good English and area able to advise on minor health problems.

Post Office: The Central Post Office is on Jln Kingsway. There is also a Post office in the Boulevard Shopping Complex (See Shopping).

Place of Worship: For other religions and denominations please check the local press or enquire at the Visitor's Information Centre.

Miri Mosque, Jln Merpati

Chinese Temples, Jln China & Jln Krokop 9 (see Attractions)

St. Columba's Church (Anglican), Jln Kubu

St. Joseph's Cathedral (RC), Jln Angsana, off Miri-Pujut Rd.

SIB (Evengelical Church of Borneo), Lot 67, Lrg. 2, Krokop

Sikh Temple, Jln Kubu

Useful Telephone Numbers

Central Police Station	433677
Emergency Service(Police/Ambulance	999
Fire Brigade	994
General Hospital	420033
Immigration (Jln Gartak)	432209
Miri Taxi Association (24hr)	432277
Resident's Office (Jln Raja)	433202