

Mayuri House of Art

was founded by an art enthusiast in 2008. The gallery's theme is Contemporary Art. Here, you will find daring and imaginative creations by talented up-and-coming young artists, using various media such as oil, acrylic, water colour and soft pastel on canvas, paper, ceramics, white canvas shoes and practically any surface of items that can be drawn on.

This is also where the unique stone painting are found. Stone painting is a unique form of art on which stones are painted with acrylic and transformed into beautiful artworks, featuring wildlife, insects and other natural wonders.



ProArt Gallery

is an art space dedicated to contemporary digital-age works, showcasing local and international contemporary visual artists. This art space allows interaction between artist and audience, whilst encouraging creativity, discovery and experimentation. It was established to help promote local contemporary artists and showcase their works in an environment which provides the most desirable conditions for free artistic expression.

ProArt organises regular solo and group exhibitions. Shows run for a given period of time and they change frequently, featuring exciting new works and encouraging the evolution of art in the community.

Art Market at Sunday Gaya Street Fair

No visitor to Sabah will want to miss the delights of the famed Gaya Street Fair, open every Sunday from 6am to 1pm. Immerse yourself in local culture as you check out the bustling collection of colourful stalls selling local souvenirs, decorative items, clothing of all types, antique collectibles, bags, local produces and many more.

Mingle with the local people and enjoy street performances. Check out local artists at work amidst all the hustles and bustles, sight and sounds. Marvel at their talents captured in works featuring street scenes, Borneo wildlife, abstract works and a myriad of fascinating subjects. Take your time to walk through even as you decide on whether to buy a charcoal, water colour, acrylic, oil, soft pastel or digital artwork.

Don't forget to check out the intricate works of art you can wear – from dainty beadwork necklaces and bracelets to metal trinkets and modern jewellery with an ethnic flavour.



For booking or enquiry, please contact us at :

Special Interest Tour

Borneo ART TOUR

Art aficionados will be awed by what local artists have to offer here in Borneo. Native masterpieces, like hidden gems, are waiting to be discovered in art galleries scattered across Sabah's striking landscapes and exotic villages.

Find out what inspires our local artists and learn how their art is created. Mingle with Borneo's gentle people in the Sunday fairs and art market. Purchase an original work direct from the artist and bring a piece of Borneo back into your home.

Creativity abounds in artwork that ranges from paintings, textiles, photographs, stone paintings and ceramics to T-shirts.

Day 1 Arrival / Kota Kinabalu by Night / Dinner with Cultural Dance

Arrive Kota Kinabalu International Airport. Meet and greet and transfer to your hotel in Kota Kinabalu.

In the early evening, we will pick you up from your hotel for your Kota Kinabalu by Night tour. Discover the allure of Kota Kinabalu as dusk falls. Soak up the colourful culture and electrifying atmosphere as we visit the Sabah handicraft market and the night market where all kinds of local arts and crafts, trinkets, souvenirs, crystal jewellerys, clothing, bags, shoes etc are sold. The food market beckons with sights, sounds and smell of a variety of mouth-watering local food cooked in the open air. View the city from the Observatory atop Signal Hill before we transfer you to a local restaurant for a scrumptious dinner with cultural show featuring native traditional dances. After dinner, return to your hotel (D)

- Day highlight :
- Sabah Handicraft Market
 - Night Market
 - View of Kota Kinabalu City from Signal Hill Observatory
 - Local dinner
 - Traditional cultural dance performance

Day 2 Optional Modules: Visit to Private Art Gallery & Meet the Artist

Today you may choose from our optional modules to visit private art galleries where you will meet the resident artist and learn about their sources of inspiration, techniques and discuss with them about their latest masterpieces.

- Day highlight :
- Visit to Private Art Gallery
 - Meet the Artist
- Optional Modules :
- Lavinia Private Art Gallery
 - Borneo Sunrise Home Gallery & Artist Studio

Day 3 Art Day Out

This morning, you will have the chance to do any one of the following depending on the day of your visit and /or the calendar of local events:

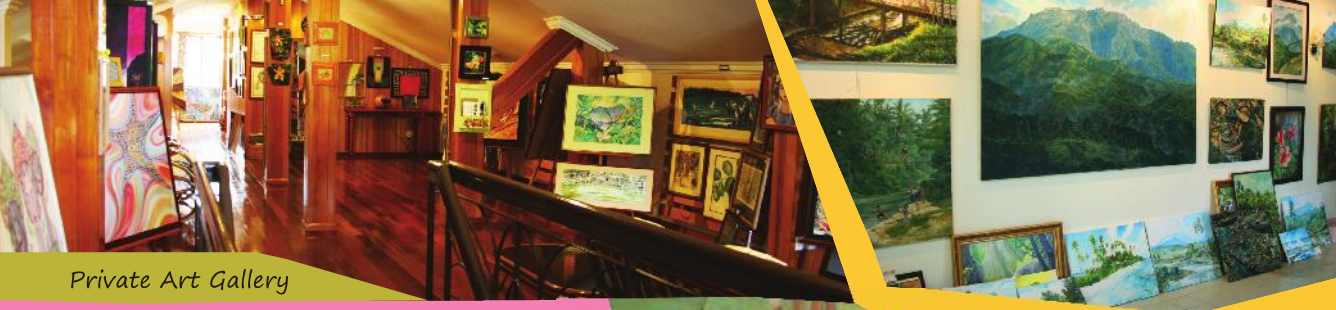
- Visit a local art gallery – the Sabah Art Gallery, Mayuri House of Art or Digital ProArt Gallery
- Visit a local art market – the Sunday Gaya Street Fair, Art Site (Laman Seni), Art Corner etc
- Visit an art exhibition

Day highlight : ● Chance to visit a local Art Gallery, an Art Market or an on-going Art exhibition.

Day 4 Departure or optional extension tour

Free at leisure until we transfer you to the airport for your departure flight or you may choose to do extension tour from our many options of exciting tours of Borneo.





Private Art Gallery

Lavinia Art Gallery

Near the heart of Kota Kinabalu stands a 1960s bungalow housing a private art gallery in its attic. Lavinia, as the gallery is affectionately named, was launched in October 2010, managed by artist and gallery director, Christianne Goonting, better known as Tianne.

Tianne's major collection features elements of contemporary life inspired by the ethnic and natural heritage of Sabah. Her artwork embodies a spirit of uniqueness and showcases the individuality of her style. From the delicate water colour paintings of Sabah's countryside and flora to her bolder brighter contemporary artworks, Tianne's masterpieces are truly collector's items.

Tianne - The Artist



Tianne's artistic career began in 1981 with initial training in traditional Chinese brushwork. This training instilled spontaneity and boldness in her strokes. Capturing the spirit of life is the compelling force behind all her creations. Nature's refreshing beauty, cultural and ethnic practices, indigenous artefacts, people, everyday life and trends are only part of the enormous well from which she draws her inspiration. Through her works, Tianne strives to preserve the disappearing heritage of Borneo.

In creating her art, Tianne criss-crosses from medium to medium, style to style, series to series, art to craft and back again. Her style demands versatility, technical virtuosity, spontaneity and diversity which she finds invigorating, challenging and fulfilling.

In a celebration of pure artistic experience, Tianne's potpourri of spontaneous brushwork, sensitive water colours, vividly stunning acrylics and breathtaking collages embraces the freedom of expression and the unique images of her world.

Tianne strongly believes that living in an artistic environment (without focusing on the visual aspects only) is a more enriching and fulfilling experience. For her, artistic awareness and appreciation are integrated into our lives through our natural environment and our everyday interaction with the society through music, fashion, digital input, the daily items we use and so on.

Tianne's works to date fall under three major categories – tribute to nature, spirit within/ spirit of life and ethnic heritage. In a movement towards the preservation and conservation of the world as we know it, Tianne will also be featuring recycled materials in her art in the near future.



Private Art Gallery

Borneo Sunrise Art Gallery

is owned and operated by Adrian Ho, an established Malaysian artist based in Sabah. Situated in Kampong Lakut, a village in the picturesque and farming town of Papar, it is a pleasant 45-minute drive away, through unspoilt countryside, paddy fields, kampong houses, fruit orchards, birdlife and the occasional water buffalo.

Adrian is active in the Kuala Lumpur, Sarawak and Sabah art scene and is also gaining a name internationally. Artistically active since winning his first art competition in 1974 at the age of 7, Adrian has gone on to win 26 national and international art competitions. He has held 3 solo shows and participated in 36 group shows locally and internationally. Adrian's paintings are sought after by government and corporate bodies, prominent public figures, private and foreign collectors. Done in oil on canvas, his paintings depict themes from Borneo nature and wildlife.

Adrian Ho - The Artist



In my art I seek the purity of our great Malaysian natural heritage. The demands and depth of oil on canvas are the tools of my artistic quest. I am passionate in my search and nature's many forms and sensory nuances become part of my art. The vastness and sublimity displayed by our great Mount Kinabalu; the solitude of the unspoiled Maliau Basin water system and rainforest; the jagged landscape lit by sunlight with its unique luminosity and contrasting deep shadows, the ever-present hidden forces of nature – all richly inspire and steer my artistic quest.

The beauty of the great Malaysian outdoors inspires but also saddens me with its constant struggle with annihilation. However, in nature I find a redeeming sense of hope, endurance, peacefulness and affirmation which I seek to share with others in my art.



Art Day Out

Sabah Art Gallery

Established in 1984, the state-owned Sabah Art Gallery houses an impressive collection of local and international art pieces within its uniquely-shaped building. Resembling a basung, a traditional basket used by the ethnic Kadazandusun to carry their agricultural produce for generations, the Sabah Art Gallery building won the Silver Classification from the Green Building Index Assessment Panel, making it the first Green Building in Sabah and the first Green public gallery in Malaysia for its green design concept.

Famous and aspiring artists, whose works range from traditional to modern and abstract, are featured in the gallery's vast collection. You may be in for a treat during your visit as the gallery actively organizes art events such as monthly exhibitions, workshops and art competitions to keep Borneo's art scene alive and growing.

