

Miri

The gateway to
Northeast Sarawak



Miri, Sarawak's second-largest city, is a dynamic hub shaped by its rich history, thriving industries, and diverse culture. Once a quiet fishing village, it became Malaysia's first oil town with the discovery of petroleum in 1910. Today, it is a key business centre and a gateway to Sarawak's breathtaking natural wonders.

Home to over 356,000 people from more than 34 ethnic groups, Miri is often called Malaysia's 'Oil Town' due to its deep-rooted connection to the country's 100-year-old

petroleum industry. It is also known as Sarawak's 'Resort City' for its scenic coastal setting and proximity to world-renowned attractions.

With direct access to national parks like Niah Caves, Gunung Mulu, and Lambir Hills, Miri is a launchpad for adventure. The city also offers offshore dive sites, beautiful beaches, and a lively social scene, making it an exciting place to live, study, work, and explore.

A PLACE to **TRAVEL** and **STUDY**



From its stunning natural landscapes to its friendly community life, Miri provides students with a unique environment to study, connect, and explore.

The city enjoys warm weather year-round, with temperatures ranging from 23°C to 32°C. Well-connected by direct flights to Kuala Lumpur and Kuching, it offers students the perfect balance of city convenience and natural escape. Whether exploring lush national parks, strolling through local markets, or enjoying eco-friendly urban spaces, there's always something to experience.

The Miri City Council (MCC) secured the Best Sustainable City Award at the Malaysia Tourism Council Gold Awards 2022, reflecting the city's commitment to urban development.

Experience a world-class education

Miri offers a diverse learning environment, with education and training providers specialising in various fields, from business and the arts to engineering and technology. Students benefit from practical, hands-on learning that connects them to real-world industries.

As the hub of Malaysia's oil and gas sector, Miri is particularly well-suited for those pursuing careers in STEM fields, including engineering, energy, and environmental sciences. With access to industry placements, fieldwork, and cutting-edge research opportunities, students gain valuable experience that prepares them for high-demand careers.



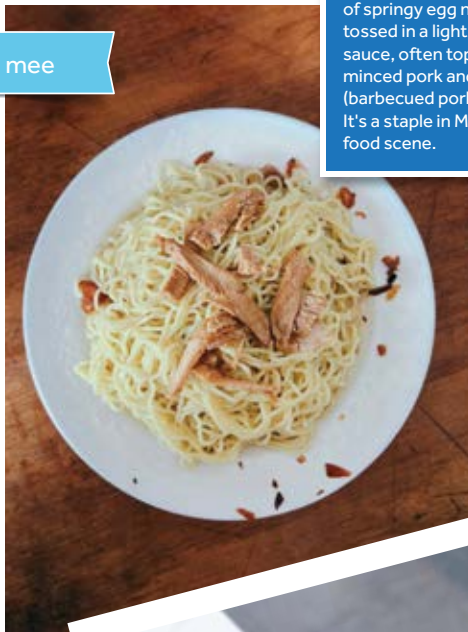
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Explore these unique local culinary delights while you are studying here!

Kolo mee



A beloved Sarawakian noodle dish consisting of springy egg noodles tossed in a light, savoury sauce, often topped with minced pork and char siu (barbecued pork). It's a staple in Miri's food scene.

Umai



A traditional Melanau dish consisting of raw fish slices or other seafood marinated in lime juice, shallots, and chillies. It's akin to ceviche and offers a refreshing taste experience.

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Manok pansoh



A traditional Iban dish where chicken is marinated with lemongrass, ginger, and tapioca leaves, then cooked inside bamboo over an open fire. This method imparts a unique flavour to the tender meat.

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This aromatic noodle soup features rice vermicelli in a spicy, tangy coconut milk-based broth, garnished with prawns, chicken slices, bean sprouts, and a squeeze of lime. It's a must-try for visitors to the region.

Sarawak laksa



Kek lapis Sarawak



Also known as Sarawak layer cake, this colourful dessert features multiple layers of flavoured sponge cake, meticulously arranged to create intricate patterns. It's both a visual and gastronomic treat.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES AND NATURE

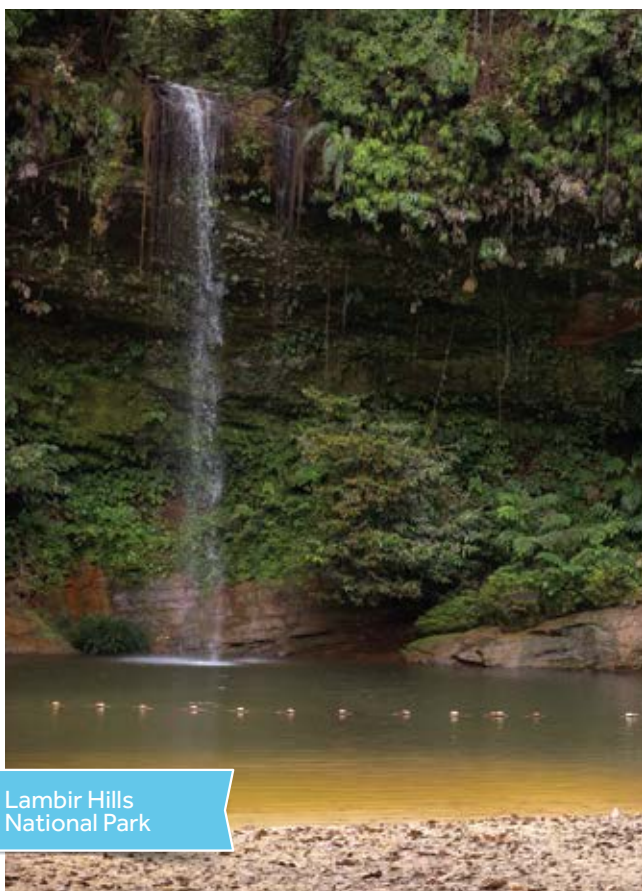
Students can explore Mulu National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its massive caves and trekking trails, or visit Niah National Park, home to prehistoric caves with ancient rock paintings. Lambir Hills National Park offers hiking trails leading to stunning waterfalls, while Canada Hill provides scenic city views, perfect for sunset watching. For a more laid-back outdoor experience, Miri City Fan and Taman Awam Miri are popular green spaces ideal for jogging, picnics, and casual strolls.



Niah National Park

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In 2024, the Niah National Park was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, joining Mulu National Park in this prestigious list. This recognition enhances the region's cultural and natural significance.



Lambir Hills
National Park

Mulu National Park



MIRI HAPPENINGS

Miri's vibrant event scene offers students the perfect mix of music, culture, and community experiences. Whether it's enjoying world-class performances, celebrating local traditions, or taking part in exciting festivals, there's always something happening in the city. Here are some of the top events that students can look forward to each year.



Borneo Jazz Festival

One of Southeast Asia's longest-running jazz festivals that brings world-class musicians to Miri for a weekend of live performances, workshops, and cultural showcases.

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Miri Christmas Parade

A massive annual procession that brings together thousands of people in a festive display of lights, music, and community spirit.

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Ramadan Bazaar



A must-visit cultural experience during Ramadan, where locals and visitors come together to enjoy a wide variety of traditional Sarawakian dishes and festive treats.

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STUDY IN MIRI



Beaches and water activities

Miri's coastline features several spots for relaxation and recreation. Tanjong Lobang Beach, Marina & Coco Cabana, and Esplanade Beach are popular for sunset views and social gatherings, while Bungai Beach offers a quieter setting for swimming and picnicking. For those interested in marine life, Miri-Sibuti Coral Reefs National Park is a prime location for snorkelling and beginner diving, showcasing vibrant coral reefs and diverse marine species.

