

Sabah Long-Weekend Planner

Every long-weekend combo left in 2026 and all of 2027 — which days of leave to take, and how many days off you get back. Sabah gets Good Friday, two days of Kaamatan, the Governor’s Birthday and Christmas Eve that the Peninsula does not, so a year of leave stretches further here.

About the 2027 dates. Fixed dates — Merdeka, Malaysia Day, Christmas — are certain. **Islamic holidays are estimates** until the Keeper of the Rulers’ Seal confirms them by moon sighting, and they can move by a day or two. The Sabah state gazette published the 2027 holiday list on **26 March 2026** (Warta Kerajaan Negeri Sabah, notice No. 100, sabah.gov.my/gazette/docs/003229.pdf, checked 7 October 2026). Anything marked **EST.** below depends on a Raya date, so do not book non-refundable travel on it yet.

We will email you the confirmed version in January. You are already on the list, so there is nothing to do.

Rest of 2026 — gazetted

11 combos from earlier in 2026 have already passed and have been left out.

<p>Sat 7 – Mon 9 Nov Deepavali (Sun 8 Nov) No leave needed</p> <p>Mon 9 Nov is the replacement holiday: in Sabah a holiday that falls on a Sunday moves to the next day.</p>	<p>3 DAYS OFF</p> <p>0 LEAVE USED</p>
<p>Thu 24 – Sun 27 Dec Christmas Eve (Thu 24 Dec — Sabah only) + Christmas Day (Fri 25 Dec) No leave needed</p> <p>Sabah’s Christmas Eve holiday makes this a free 4-day break.</p>	<p>4 DAYS OFF</p> <p>0 LEAVE USED</p>

2027 — gazetted, Raya dates estimated

Fri 1 – Sun 3 Jan New Year's Day (Fri 1 Jan) No leave needed Add Mon 4 Jan (1 day of leave) to make it 4.	3 DAYS OFF 0 LEAVE USED
Sat 6 – Mon 8 Feb Chinese New Year (Sat 6 + Sun 7 Feb), replacement holiday Mon 8 Feb No leave needed Both CNY days fall on the weekend. Day 2 is on Sunday, so Mon 8 Feb is the replacement holiday. Saturday holidays are not replaced in Sabah, so Day 1 gives no extra day.	3 DAYS OFF 0 LEAVE USED
Wed 10 – Sun 14 Mar EST. Hari Raya Aidilfitri (Wed 10 + Thu 11 Mar) Take leave: Fri 12 Mar Raya dates are confirmed by moon sighting and can move by a day.	5 DAYS OFF 1 LEAVE USED
Fri 26 – Tue 30 Mar Good Friday (Fri 26 Mar) + Sabah Governor's Birthday (Tue 30 Mar) Take leave: Mon 29 Mar	5 DAYS OFF 1 LEAVE USED
Sat 15 – Mon 17 May EST. Hari Raya Haji (Mon 17 May) No leave needed	3 DAYS OFF 0 LEAVE USED
Thu 20 – Sun 23 May Wesak Day (Thu 20 May) Take leave: Fri 21 May	4 DAYS OFF 1 LEAVE USED
Sat 29 May – Mon 7 Jun BEST OF THE YEAR Pesta Kaamatan (Sun 30 + Mon 31 May) + Agong's Birthday (Tue 1 Jun) + replacement holiday Wed 2 Jun + Awal Muharram (Sun 6 Jun) + replacement holiday Mon 7 Jun Take leave: Thu 3 + Fri 4 Jun The best of 2027: 10 days off for 2 days of leave. Kaamatan Day 1 and Awal Muharram both fall on Sunday, so each gets a replacement day. With no leave at all, Sat 29 May – Wed 2 Jun is already 5 days off.	10 DAYS OFF 2 LEAVE USED
Sat 14 – Mon 16 Aug Maulidur Rasul (Sun 15 Aug), replacement holiday Mon 16 Aug No leave needed	3 DAYS OFF 0 LEAVE USED

Sat 28 – Tue 31 Aug Merdeka Day (Tue 31 Aug) Take leave: Mon 30 Aug	4 DAYS OFF 1 LEAVE USED
Thu 16 – Sun 19 Sep Malaysia Day (Thu 16 Sep) Take leave: Fri 17 Sep	4 DAYS OFF 1 LEAVE USED
Thu 28 – Sun 31 Oct <small>EST.</small> Deepavali (Thu 28 Oct) Take leave: Fri 29 Oct Deepavali carries an asterisk in the Sabah gazette list, so check nearer the date.	4 DAYS OFF 1 LEAVE USED
Fri 24 – Sun 26 Dec Christmas Eve (Fri 24 Dec, Sabah only) + Christmas Day (Sat 25 Dec) No leave needed Christmas Day falls on Saturday, and Saturday holidays are not replaced in Sabah.	3 DAYS OFF 0 LEAVE USED

One rule worth knowing. In Sabah, a holiday that falls on a **Sunday** moves to the next day, or the day after if the next day is already a holiday. A holiday on a **Saturday** is not replaced (Sabah gazette holiday schedule notes, sabah.gov.my/gazette/docs/003106.pdf, checked 7 October 2026). Private-sector staff come under the Sabah Labour Ordinance (Cap. 67), which also moves a holiday that falls on a rest day to the next working day (Bernama, quoting the Sabah Labour Department, checked 7 October 2026).

Dates come from the Sabah and federal gazettes via our full calendar at sabahguide.com/essentials/public-holidays/. Holiday data last verified 7 October 2026. Planner generated 07 October 2026.