

# Brunei

**Continent:** Asia

**Languages Spoken:** Malay (official), English, Chinese, Tamil

**Population:** 460,000

**Currency:** Brunei Dollar (BND)

**Area:** 5,765

## Main Landmarks:

- {'name': 'Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque', 'writeup': 'A stunning mosque in Bandar Seri Begawan, known for its golden dome and beautiful lagoon.'}
- {'name': 'Ulu Temburong National Park', 'writeup': 'A pristine rainforest park offering canopy walks and rich biodiversity.'}
- {'name': 'Istana Nurul Iman', 'writeup': 'The official residence of the Sultan of Brunei, one of the largest residential palaces in the world.'}
- {'name': 'Kampong Ayer', 'writeup': 'A historic water village built on stilts over the Brunei River.'}

## Head of State / Government:

Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah

## Main Cultural Events:

- {'name': 'Hari Raya Aidilfitri', 'writeup': 'A major Muslim festival marking the end of Ramadan, celebrated with prayers, feasts, and family gatherings.'}
- {'name': 'Brunei National Day', 'writeup': "Celebrated on February 23rd, commemorating Brunei's independence from British protection in 1984."}

## Food & Cuisine:

Bruneian cuisine features a blend of Malay, Chinese, and Indian influences, with popular dishes including Nasi Lemak, Ambuyat (a sago starch dish), and Satay.

## Brief History:

Brunei was a powerful sultanate in the 15th and 16th centuries. It became a British protectorate in 1888 and gained full independence in 1984. The country is known for its wealth derived from extensive petroleum and natural gas fields.

## Important People:

- Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah - current Sultan and head of state
- Pengiran Anak Saleha - Queen consort
- Dato Seri Setia Dr. Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Juned - State Mufti

## Current Conflicts:

Brunei is currently peaceful with no active conflicts.

## Youtube Links:

- Discover Brunei: The Hidden Jewel of Borneo
- Brunei Travel Guide | Top Things to Do in Brunei
- Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque - Brunei's Iconic Landmark
- Exploring Ulu Temburong National Park in Brunei
- Brunei National Day Celebrations 2023