

A top-down view of a wooden table with coffee-related items. In the center is a white cup filled with coffee and foam. To the top left is a small bowl of dark coffee. Above the cup is a pile of dark coffee beans. To the top right is a brown paper bag. At the bottom is a black coffee machine. The text 'Brunei Coffee Trail' is overlaid in white, with 'Brunei' in a script font and 'Coffee Trail' in a serif font.

Brunei Coffee Trail

A guide to cafes around the famous landmarks
in Bandar Seri Begawan and beyond.

Time for Coffee

Brunei Darussalam has seen a rise in speciality coffee shops in recent years, particularly in the capital Bandar Seri Begawan, where the coffee scene has grown from a sleepy handful of cafes and roasters to a lively community of coffee shops serving gourmet coffees to the growing local coffee enthusiasts and travellers to this sunny sultanate.

Cafes serving speciality coffees offer a whole other experience from the beloved old-school coffee shops, affectionately called *kopitiam*, that serve a strong coffee brewed from Asian-grown beans steeped in hot water and poured through a coffee sock to get a concentrated coffee base used to make milky beverages sweetened with condensed milk or evaporated milk and sugar.

These traditional shops are still popular with the seniors and baby-boomers: they are lively, bustling and often loud with conversations and service staff shouting customer orders across the shop floor. A *kopitiam* is usually the best place for a taste of traditional local snacks and simple stir-fried one-dish meals, and a feel of nostalgia.



Whether it was curiosity or a desire to continue to enjoy gourmet coffee in one's home, coffee-brewing became a popular activity in Brunei. For some, this hobby turned into a passionate home enterprise and eventually, blossomed into businesses that could bring their creations and knowledge to the public, birthing a gourmet coffee scene played by both drinkers and makers, and a host of sidekicks who add their talents to this story.





The burgeoning cafe scene in Brunei has grown a community that brings together cafe owners, roasters, certified baristas, coffee-drinkers, purveyors of all-things-coffee-related, as well as bakers and chefs who collaborate to showcase their creativity.

This coffee connection has created a support system that reaches out to small businesses around the country, lending a hand to help them survive and thrive. Cafes in Brunei are increasingly collaborating with popular home bakers and a new wave of restaurants helmed by young chefs to offer a dynamic menu, changing the offerings from time to time to keep things fresh and exciting.

Bruneians are avid travellers. Sojourns across the seas can make the heart yearn for the familiar scenes and tastes to re-live the memories of their trips overseas. Many cafes in Brunei are reminiscent of the cafe owners' experiences abroad.



Travellers to Brunei will find a myriad of stops for a caffeine fix within the city as they explore historical, religious and cultural places of interest in the capital city and other districts where cafes are concentrated in the main towns and usually within walking distances of each other.

For travellers, this guide highlights some of the cafes that are located within the vicinity of the famous landmarks in Bandar Seri Begawan and in the main towns of the districts beyond the capital. Others will find it useful to have a list of cafes to try, week after week.

*All the cafes featured in this guide are ABCI-approved independent cafes. Note that all cafes and restaurants throughout the country are closed every Friday from noon to 2pm.

Cafes on the map



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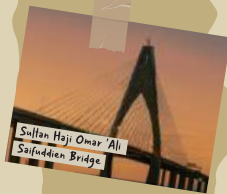
Tutong



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Cafes in Bandar Seri Begawan



Masjid Omar Ali Saifuddien

In the heart of the capital by the Brunei river, there are a few major places of interest that one should not miss: the vast water village on stilts known as Kampung Ayer, the Masjid Omar Ali Saifuddien with its shimmering gold dome, the Taman Mahkota Jubli Emas, also known as the Eco-Corridor Park, and the waterfront. Being a major touristy part of the city, a growing number of cafes have conveniently popped up to serve walking tourists visiting the area and many of these cafes are just a short walk from each other.



Memorial Clock

Lanes Microbakery & Coffee

Lanes serves classic coffee favourites and pastries that are the talk of the town. This little cafe, located in a small lane hidden among tall buildings, is worth the search if you're in the mood for some fresh bakes, perfect for taking on-the-go while you stroll around Bandar town. They have a branch in Kuala Belait town too, just look for their signature decorative bicycle outside the cafe.

@lanemicrobakery

Rustique by Absolute

Like the name suggests, this cafe feels rustic and industrial, yet it is cozy and homelike. The cafe's distinct grey concrete is balanced with wooden furniture, greenery and warm lighting. They have a wide selection of customisable drinks to pair with their freshly made sandwiches and pastries. They also have pasta dishes for a more hearty meal.

@rustique.by.absolute

Monoco Coffee

If you love waffles, step inside Monoco Coffee for some freshly made waffles. Aside from the classic coffee drinks, they have chocolate, matcha and cool mocktails. The white minimalist furniture and hanging plants bring a fresh feel to this hangout spot. Combined with their array of delightful treats, this cafe is a place worthy of an Instagram post.

@monococoffee



Piccolo Cafe

Sitting across from the waterfront, this cozy cafe offers an extensive drinks menu of classic coffees, smoothies and their health & beauty tea range, you'll be spoiled for choice. It is close to the Eco-Corridor Park and the famous Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque - a very convenient spot for lunch and a bit of rest from all the walking around the sights.

@piccolocafebn



Ri's Cafe

Located near One Riverside, this cafe in a beige-coloured house offers more than just coffee in a cosy home setting. Get comfortable on their plush sofas in the house or park yourself outside for a dose of fresh air and enjoy their aromatic brews with a selection of pastries, pies and appealing desserts. Their beautiful surroundings will entice you to stay a little longer to soak in the ambience or lose yourself in a good book.

@riscafe.bn

Salt:ed

This Korean bakery cafe in Batu Satu have charmed a legion of fans with their vintage decor and Korean-style bakes and pastries. Salt:ed rolls out specialities like salted bread, twisted donuts and Korean bagels with sweet fillings to enthusiastic diners who like nothing more than to lounge in their cavernous interior, upstairs and downstairs, and sip a smooth coffee with a gleaming pastry that you might have seen in a K-drama.

@cafe.salted



Kiulap

Kiulap is a busy commercial and food district across from the Masjid Jame 'Asr where new eateries pop up and old favourites thrive. Kiulap has seen some active property development in recent years and this has led to some new names in retail, food and beverage setting up in shophouses around Kiulap.

Cafes in Kiulap



Noice

Gourmet coffee meets gourmet sandwiches at Noice and they make them both to please the palate. Ask them for their decadent signature drinks, breakfast sets and interesting sandwiches that pack a punch with unique fillings.

@noicebn

Dil's Cafe

Just only 5 minutes drive from Kiulap is Dil's Cafe. The owner, Dil, is a passionate coffee connoisseur with extensive knowledge and interest in the art of creating a coffee experience with premium beans just for you. Drop in for a tummy-pleasing meal of local favourites or a sweet indulgence. Their unique cakes are created from the owner's recipes - pretty to see and yummy to devour, even their vegan cakes are full of flavour and oomph!

@dils.cafe.bn

Bread Parlour

This is a popular brunch spot and you can expect classic favourites including breakfast sets and pasta dishes in satisfying proportions. They have pretty mille crepe cakes in various flavours and glistening pastries, and their coffee with cute latte art will draw nods of approval.

@breadparlour



Jerudong

Jerudong is a long stretch by the coast and the beachfront is where the luxurious Empire Hotel and Country Club is situated. The Jerudong Park amusement park is a short drive away and the food court attached is a great place to indulge in a variety of local and international cuisines. Jerudong also has a few popular cafes just a few minutes drive from the park.

Cafes in Jerudong

Kitani

From an early start in the morning, Kitani cafe brews all day till past 11pm so night owls who need caffeine need not fear, but if it's way too late to imbibe a caffeinated beverage, ask for their signature non-coffee options which include chocolate and matcha. They roast their beans from Indonesia themselves, ensuring freshness in every cup.

@kitani_bn

Tutong

The halfway point on the journey from Bandar Seri Begawan to the other end of the coastline is Tutong town. There are many nature and indigenous attractions beyond the town but a stop in Tutong town centre and the market is the best way to fuel up and stock up for your exploration of the Tutong countryside. Across from the town is the Pantai Seri Kenangan beach where the road along the coastline is interestingly sandwiched between the beach and the Tutong River.



Roasted Sip

Cosy and warm, the Roasted Sip in Jerudong has a great ambience for conversations and precious me-time. As a roaster, the beans are roasted on location here and brewed in 3 other branches around Bandar city. They start early in the morning so sunrise-chasers can enjoy their wide range of hot and cold brews, warmed pastries and delightful desserts in a jar.

@roastedsip

Reform

Cafe and roaster Reform is here to start your day bright and as early as 6.30 in the morning with simple baked goods and packed sandwiches for takeaway with their coffee or premium matcha. This little shop is perfect for busy bees who need only a grab-and-go service.

@reformcoffee



Cafe in Tutong

Kopifix

If you need to grab a cup of gourmet coffee and light bites before heading out to explore the rest of Tutong or drive on to the Belait district, Kopifix at the Berjaya complex has you covered. Muffins, cakes, sandwiches, scones or an ice cream sundae on a hot day, this is a good place to break up your journey, refuel and charge on.

@kopifix_



Seria



As you drive into the Belait district from Bandar Seri Begawan, your first town stop is Seria, the oil town of historical and economic importance to Brunei. On the beach front, you can see the Billionth Barrel monument, built to celebrate the one billionth barrel of oil produced at an oil field in Seria. Small but quaint, Seria town has a handful of speciality coffee places that has only sprung up in recent years. You can take an easy stroll and check most of them out without breaking a sweat.

Cafes in Seria

Bicara

This charming coffee place is set up in a house just outside Seria town. Their coffee menu, although small, offers the classics and are of the utmost quality. The friendly staff bring small town hospitality to this quiet coffee place. It is certainly a cozy spot to sip coffee and escape into your own peaceful bubble.

@bicara.lab

Thinking Cup Cafe

For lovers of good coffee, homemade cakes, sourdough pastries and freshly baked cookies, Thinking Cup could be your new go-to cafe. Hidden in the alleyways of Seria town, this cafe's sleek minimalist interior is a stand-out winner, a soothing place for a coffee stop.

@thinkingcup.bn

Coffee Industry

Located in the alleyways of Seria town, this minimalist cafe is where coffee and matcha thrive. Serving a traditional coffee menu alongside matcha blends by Niko Neko, this place is a natural stop for your coffee run, rain or shine. They also serve a wholesome selection of cakes and pastries perfect for pairing with your beverage of choice.

@coffeeindustry.bn

Cafe Hopping

Cafe Hopping serves a variety of sweet treats such as cakes, cookies, brownies, macarons. With a mix of marble-patterned furniture complemented by the gold accents around the cafe, this classy interior makes for an Instagram-worthy shot. Aside from coffee, they have pretty speciality drinks to match their aesthetically-pleasing cafe.

@cafehopping.bn

Kuala Belait

Kuala Belait is the furthest town on the northwest of Brunei and the closest to Seria. Discover the history and culture of the district at the Belait District Museum or take a stroll along the riverside for a snapshot of the Menara Cendera Kenangan monument. The Kuala Belait town centre is easily walkable and most of the cafes are conveniently a few hops away from each other.

Cafes in Kuala Belait

Beanery & Co.

The Beanery & Co. is the perfect pitstop for a full meal or just a coffee break. Their extensive menu of food and drinks includes speciality coffees, teas, ice-blended smoothies and healthy bowls. Their acai berry bowl, packed with fruits and healthy toppings, is not just pretty but also a guilt-free indulgence!

@beanery.co



The Slice by IA

The Slice by IA in a bright alley in Kuala Belait is known for their pretty pink interior. The pastel pink walls adorned with floral decor is sure to catch your attention. Their artistic drinks, creative latte art and pretty desserts match the eye-catching interior all too well - certainly worthy of a picture or two.

@theslicebyia

Corner House

The Corner House offers an unobstructed view of the Belait river so you can have a seat by the window and watch boats whizz by. The drinks list presents the usual coffee favourites, fragrant loose leaf teas and a selection of matcha drinks. Their food menu is as delightful as the view, with wholesome brunch sets and sweet pastries. It is a great place for afternoon high tea and chit-chat till the evening sun floods the room.

@thecornerhousebn

Temburong

Elpresso Coffee @ A9 Cafe

Pick up a Bangar Latte or El's Signature Latte at the first specialty coffee place in Bangar town. Awaken your mind and senses with their special brews before leaving for the natural wonders of Temburong.

@elpressocoffee.bn



Grindside Coffee Co.

This unit at the V Plaza is half speciality coffee shop and half barbershop, so you can get a cup of coffee at Grindside and a pampering next door. V Plaza is on the banks of the Belait river, great for a sunset stroll with a fresh Grindside brew in hand.

@grindsidecoffee

Monkey Bars Company

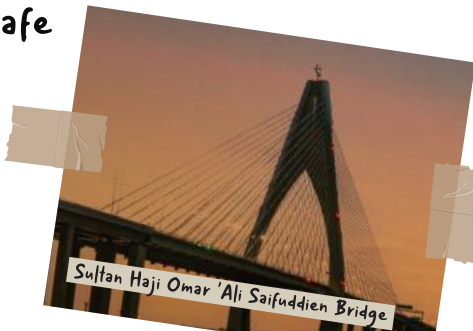
This is where you can get a cup of java, chill and watch your kids enjoy fun obstacles at their playground. Coffee and sensible meals for the adults, fresh cool drinks and snacks for the little ones, it is a place for the whole family.

@monkeybars.co.bn



Another day, another cup of coffee.

The green jewel of Temburong is Brunei's best kept treasure. Pristine rainforests lovingly preserved to ensure a balanced ecosystem and clean air in the country, this is the land that revitalises the soul.

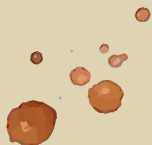




More Cafes

(According to
your vibe.....)

Here are more places to enjoy coffee
in Bandar Seri Begawan. Check their
social media site for details.



Keeping it Light and Sweet

From quintessential sandwiches and croissants to trendy cruffins and éclairs, these places serve light meals and beautiful cakes that pair well with premium specialty coffee.



7th Cup

@theseventhcupbn

On the Go Cafe at the Peak Club

@onthego.bn

Tranquility Cafe

@tranquilitycafe

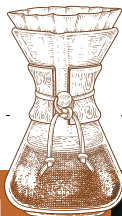


The Short Stop Cafe at the Curve

@theshortstop.bn

Th3ee Coffee

@th3eecoffee



Sip and Learn

Coffee workshops are a growing interest, while Coffee Ratio gives courses in all-things coffee, the University of Brunei Darussalam (UBD) caters to students' coffee needs with their own on-site cafes.

Coffee Ratio

@coffeeratio.bn

Milkstache at UBD

@milkstachecafebn

R&C Cafe at UBD

@rnccafe.ubd.bn



Till Late Do We Part

These cafes close later than most, some close at midnight, perfect if you need a late cup of coffee to burn the midnight oil.



Evoked Coffee

@evokedcoffee.bn

Somewhere at the Promenade

@somewherecoffee.bn

Ri's Cafe at the Promenade

@riscafe.bn



Unknown Cafe

@unknown_brunei



Shop and Sip

These coffee places give you shopping opportunities while you wait for your beverage to be brewed to perfection.



& Coffee

@andcoffee.bn

Soul Coffee

@soulcoffeebrunei

Cafe by Oui

@cafebyoui



Coffee on a Full Tummy

Stomach growling and hungry for anything? These cafes offer a menu to cover every level of hunger pangs and you can still finish off with a smooth coffee.

Mile

@mile.bwn

Flour & Butter

@flourandbutterbn

**Coffee Field Cafe
and Resto**

@coffeefieldcafe.bn

Kupipiks

@kupipiks

Coco Cafe

@cococafebn

**High Frequency
Lifestyle Cafe**

@highfrequencycafe



More Than Just Coffee

These places may have tea or oven-baked goods as the star of their establishment but a nice cup of coffee is always waiting for you.



Lulutea

@lulutea.bn

Mr Baker's Cafe

@mrbakerscafe



Simply Coffee

If all you need is a well-brewed cup of java, whether to slowly enjoy on a stroll or to deliver a quick perk-up as you dash out to your next appointment, these places are fully focused on bringing out the best of the bean for you.

Safa Bay Coffee

@safabaycoffee

Erti Kafe

@erti.kopi

**Shade Coffee at
the MOFE**

@theshadecoffee

7T1

@coffeeby7t1



De Coffee

@decoffee.bn

**Batches Handcrafted
Coffee**

@batchescoffee

Kapra Coffee Roasters

@kapracoffee

Glashaus Coffee

@glashaus.coffee



Whip Out the Camera

Right outside these cafes are views that are worthy of a few snapshots and you can sit outside to enjoy the fresh air or a bit of a tan.

Ximply Chriz

@ximplychriz

Two Sons Backyard

@twosonscoffee

One Sip

@onesip.bn



Cafes Checklist:



☐ **18grams**
@18grams.co

☐ **1902 Kopari**
@1902kopari

☐ **7T1**
@coffeeby7t1

☐ **A Little**
@alittle.bn

☐ **Abu Coffee**
@abu.oyen_coffee

☐ **Aezu Coffee**
@coffeebyaezu

☐ **Aurora's Café Tea Room**
@auroracafe.bn

☐ **Batches Handcrafted Coffee**
@batchescoffee

☐ **Beanery & Co.**
@beanery.co

☐ **Bicara**
@bicara.lab

☐ **Botany**
@botany.bn

☐ **Bread Parlour**
@breadparlour

☐ **Brim Brew**
@brimbrew.bn

☐ **Café by OUI**
@cafebyoui

☐ **Café Hopping**
@cafehopping.bn

☐ **Cawan Café**
@cawancafebn

☐ **Coco Café Brunei**
@cococafebn

☐ **Coffee Field Café & Resto**
@coffeefieldcafe.bn

☐ **Coffee Industry**
@coffeeindustry.bn

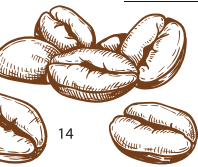
☐ **Coffee Ratio**
@coffeeratio.bn

☐ **Coffee Up**
@coffeeup.bwn

☐ **Dahaga Coffee Co.**
@dahaga.bn

☐ **De Coffee**
@decoffee.bn

☐ **De7bcoffee**
@de7bcoffee



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☐ **Dil's Café**
@dilscafe.bn

☐ **Elpresso Coffee**
@elpressocoffee.bn

☐ **Erti Kafe**
@erti.kopi

☐ **Evoke Coffee**
@evokecoffee.bn

☐ **Glashaus Coffee**
@glashaus.coffee

☐ **Grindside Coffee Co.**
@grindsidecoffeeco

☐ **High Frequency Lifestyle Café**
@highfrequencycfe

☐ **HWC Coffee**
@hwc_brunei

☐ **Junjung Majestic**
@junjung.majestic.delicacies

☐ **Kapra Coffee Roasters**
@kapracoffee

☐ **Kawas Lounge**
@kawas.lounge

☐ **Kazoku Kohi**
@kazoku.kohi

☐ **Kitani**
@kitani_bn

☐ **Koicha Matcha**
@koicha_

☐ **Kopi Dari Hati**
@kopidarihati.bn

☐ **Kopi Lain Hati**
@kopilainhati.brunei

☐ **Kopian**
@_kopian_

☐ **Kopifix**
@kopifix_

☐ **KREME de la creme**
@kreme.bn

☐ **Kulo**
@kulobrunei

☐ **Kupi Tu Wa Ga**
@kupituwaga.bn

☐ **Kupipiks**
@kupipiks

☐ **Lanes Microbakery & Coffee**
@lanemicrobakery

☐ **Lulu Tea**
@lulutea.bn



Cafes Checklist:



☐ **Melati Coffee**

@melati_coffee

☐ **Memo Coffee & Bakery**

@memo.bwn

☐ **Miko Coffee Lab**

@miko.coffeeelab

☐ **Mile**

@mile.bwn

☐ **Milkstache Café**

@milkstachecafebn

☐ **MonkeyBars Co**

@monkeybars.co.bn

☐ **Monochrome Coffee & Co.**

@monochromecoffee.co

☐ **Monoco Coffee**

@monococoffee

☐ **Mr Baker's Café**

@mrbakerscafe

☐ **Noice**

@noicebn

☐ **Oasis Café**

@oasiscafe.bn

☐ **One Sip**

@onesip.bn

☐ **OneStop Coffee**

@onestopcoffee.bn

☐ **Piccolo Café**

@piccolocafebn

☐ **Pisuk Café**

@pisukcafe

☐ **Pourtia**

@pourtia.bn

☐ **Qahwa**

@qahwabyattaqwa

☐ **R&C Café**

@rnccafe.und.bn

☐ **Reform Coffee**

@reformcoffee

☐ **Rev & Brew**

@revandbrew

☐ **Ri's Café**

@riscafe.bn

☐ **Roasted Sip**

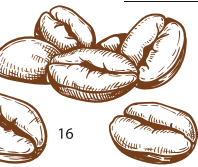
@roastedsip

☐ **Roastery Cup Café**

@roasterycup.bn

☐ **RPM**

@rpmcoffee.bn



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☐ **Rustique by Absolute**
@rustique.by.absolute

☐ **Safa Bay Coffee**
@safabaycoffee

☐ **Salted**
@salted.bn

☐ **Santuari**
@santuari.bn

☐ **Sense of Solace**
@sos_cafe_bn

☐ **Shade Coffee**
@theshadecoffee

☐ **Sift Patisserie**
@sift.patisserie

☐ **Signature 9 Café**
@signature9cafe

☐ **Signatus**
@signatus.bn

☐ **Six Hands**
@sixhands_

☐ **Somewhere Coffee**
@somewherecoffee.bn

☐ **Soul Coffee**
@soulcoffeebrunei

☐ **STAC Patisserie**
@stac_patisserie

☐ **Suka Coffee**
@sukacoffeebn

☐ **Th3ee Coffee**
@th3eecoffee

☐ **The Corner House**
@thecornerhousebn

☐ **The Drip Café**
@thedripbn

☐ **The Reef Café**
@reefcafe.bn

☐ **The Seventh Cup**
@theseventhcupbn

☐ **The Short Stop Café**
@theshortstop.bn

☐ **The Slice by IA**
@theslicebyia

☐ **Thinking Cup Café**
@thinkingcup.bn

☐ **Three Light Coffee**
@threelightcoffee

☐ **Top Grind Coffee Roasters**
@topgrindcoffee.bn



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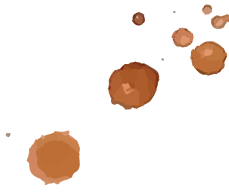
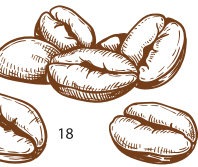
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☐ **Zus Coffee Brunei**
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