



Country Profile: Brunei Darussalam

Brunei Darussalam is a small Islamic Sultanate on the northwest coast of the Island of Borneo. It is divided into four districts: Brunei/Muara, Tutong, Belait and Temburong. The capital, Bandar Seri Begawan, is its only major city. Brunei's official language is Malay, but English is widely understood and used in business. Tourist facilities and services are generally available throughout the country. For more information concerning Brunei, please see the Government of Brunei web site at <http://www.brunei.gov.bn>. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Brunei for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



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| Country Name: | Brunei or Brunei Darussalam |
| Continent: | Asia |
| Capital City: | Bandar Seri Begawan |
| Boundary Countries: | Malaysia |
| Recommended Hospitals in Capital: | Gleneagles Jerudong Park Medical Center |
| Main Cities: | Bandar Seri Begawan, Bangar, Sukang, Seria, Tutong, Muara, Kuala Belait |
| Country Size: | 5,770 sq km |
| Population: | 374,577 |

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

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| Language: | Malay (official), English, Chinese |
| Currency: | Bruneian Dollar (BND) |
| Predominant Religions: | Muslim (official) 67%, Buddhist 13%, Christian 10%, other (includes indigenous beliefs) 10% |
| National Holidays: | National Day, 23 February (1884); note - 1 January 1984 was the date of independence from the UK ; 23 February 1984 was the date of independence from British protection |
| Economic Status: | Brunei has a small well-to-do economy that encompasses a mixture of foreign and domestic entrepreneurship, government regulation, welfare measures, and village tradition. Crude oil and natural gas production account for just over half of GDP and more than 90% of exports. |
| Security: | Royal Brunei Armed Forces: Royal Brunei Land Forces, Royal Brunei Navy, Royal Brunei Air Force (Tentera Udara Diraja Brunei) |
| US Presence: | U.S. Embassy in Bandar Seri Begawan Simpang 336-52-16-9, Jalan Duta Bandar Seri Begawan BC4115 Brunei Darussalam Phone: 673-238-4616 Fax: (673) 238-7533 General Inquiries: Amembassy_BSB@state.gov Commercial Inquiries: BSBCommercial@state.gov |

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| | Consular Services: ConsularBrunei@state.gov Fulbright Exchange Program: FulbrightBSB@state.gov Human Resources: BSBHR@state.gov |
| Major Airports: | Airports: 2, Airports with paved runways: 1 Brunei-Bandar Seri Begawan Airport (BWN/WBSB) Brunei Airport, Brunei, Bandar Seri Begawan 2015, BRUNEI Tel: +673 2 330483, +673 2 330142/3 Fax: +673 2 331706 Email: info_can@civil-aviation.gov.bn Website: www.civil-aviation.gov.bn |

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