

# **Location Overview**

# Brunei

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Brunei HIVE

Brunei Garrison, BFPO 11

Tel: 00 673 **3332309** (Mumong) or 00 673 **3223809** (Tuker Lines)

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Opening hours:

Mumong Mon, Wed, Fri: 0800 - 1130 hrs Tues & Thurs: 1315 - 1530

Tuker Lines Mon - Fri : 0800 -1100 hrs

### **LOCAL AREA**

Brunei is situated on the north-west coast of the Island of Borneo. Its 100 mile coastline faces the South China Sea and it covers a total area of 2226 sq miles, less than a quarter the size of the UK. Brunei is surrounded by Sarawak which borders Sabah. Sarawak and Sabah are states of Malaysia although both form component parts of the island of Borneo.

The country's full name is Negara Brunei Darussalam, meaning 'Abode of Peace'. Brunei is often described as the 'Venice of the East'. The country's capital Bandar Seri Begawan and international airport are located in the Brunei-Muara district, approximately 90 minutes drive from Seria where the Brunei garrison is located. Local sights include impressive mosques and a water village in the capital. For the more adventurous, there are opportunities to trek in the national parks and jungle.

Brunei Garrison is spread over three sites: Sittang Camp (jungle training facility), Medicina Lines where Garrison Support Services are located and Tuker Lines which houses Garrison Headquarters and the Resident Infantry Battalion (RIB). Apart from Sittang Camp, the garrison is located just outside Seria, in the Belait district.

The local towns of Seria and Kuala Belait, offer limited retail outlets, local fresh food markets, supermarkets, banking facilities, tourist offices, a variety of restaurants including Chinese, Indian, Italian and open air eating in fairly primitive surroundings. The government offices are located in Kuala Belait for processing paperwork associated with owning a car and the employment of domestic staff (amahs).

## **UNIT OVERVIEW**

Since domestic disturbances in 1962, a Gurkha Battalion from the British Army has been maintained in Brunei at the request of His Majesty the Sultan. There is, in addition a small number of Garrison Troops, who support the battalion in their mission and a British Army Jungle Warfare Training School (TTB).

**1st Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles:** The resident Gurkha unit is currently 1 Royal Gurkha Rifles (1 RGR). 1 RGR and 2 RGR arms plot every 3 years between Folkestone and Brunei. The most recent arms plot move was in mid 2013. 1 RGR consists of A, B, C, Sp and HQ Companies.

**Garrison Support Troops**: There are a small number of Garrison troops in support of 1 RGR in Brunei including: Transport Troop Brunei (QOGLR), Brunei Signal Troop (BST), Army Air Corps (7 Flight), RLD, DIO and Training Team Brunei (TTB).

#### **UNIT FACILITIES**

Brunei Garrison provides a wide variety of amenities including a gym, swimming pool, splash pool for small children, squash courts, tennis courts, library, education centre, a post office, sport complex, volley ball courts, basketball courts, youth centre for children, NAAFI and Ramdhani (convenience store, canteen, dry cleaners, laundry and tailoring service provided). Within the Garrison there are two community centres where different programmes such as mums and tots are run by the AWS team, SSAFA community events, coffee mornings and various social events are held. The community centres can be hired for private functions. The Patio bar and Chautari restaurant are the focus for evening social events within the garrison.

#### **Patio Club**

Mumong Community Centre Wednesday and Friday 1930 - 2300 hrs Quiz Nights and Bingo are run on alternate Wednesday evenings.

#### Ramdhani

Tuker Lines Service Family Accommodation 0700 – 2200 hrs Serving and delivering food and providing a wide range of other services Tel 3223670

#### **Post Office**

Located in BFB Community Centre Opening Hours:

Mon ,Tues, Thurs: 0800 - 1100 & 1200 - 1430

UPO Mail Collection: 1200 -1400
Wed : 0800 - 1130 & 1200-1400
UPO Mail Collection: 1200 -1330
Fri : 0800 - 1130 & 1200-1300
UPO Mail Collection: 1200 -1300
For further information please call on
Mil 9240 3218 or civil 00673 3224101 ext
3218

#### Chautari Restaurant

Tuker Lines

Lunch: 1230 – 1400 hrs

Evening: Sun- Thu: 1730- 2230

Fri – Sat: 1730 - 2330

Dine in, takeaway service, Private catering House delivery for parties etc with free loan of serving dishes/ utensils.

Tel 3225388 or 8799457

#### NAAFI

Sells a range of groceries, Iceland frozen food, camping/ survival/ military gear, travel accessories, body building supplement, Tesco value electrical/ bedding range, Bose/ Samsung audio/ visual range, Porcelain/ Glassware and kitchen wares, Fragrances and skin care, stationary/ cards/ magazines, Duty free alcohol/ cigarettes, Plush me 2 you range, Yankee candle range, bake & bite hot and cold savouries/ snacks Fashion Jewellery and many more.

For the family shop the opening times are:

Mon - Sat 0830 - 1900 hrs

Sun 1000 – 1900 hrs

Tel 3225388

#### **Mumona Community Centre**

HIVE office, Patio Club, Splash Pool, Thrift shop and Treetops Nursery is located in this community centre.

Contact details: (SCDW) on 00673 8711613 or 3224101 ext 3300

Activities and timings

Mums and tots: 0930 – 1130 (Tuesday and Thursday)

Youth Facilities Available: splash Pool and WIFI

## **BFB Community Centre, Tuker Lines**

It is a one-stop hub for various service providers in the garrison. It houses, AWS, HIVE, Library, Post Office, SSAFA Social Services, SSO Dept and Unit Welfare Office.

Activities

Parents and Toddlers: 0930 – 1130 (Wednesday & Friday)

5 - 7 Yrs Youth Club: 1600 – 1700 (Monday) 8 -11 Yrs Youth Club: 1600 – 1700 (Thursday)

Facilities available - WIFI

## **Gymnasium**

Location: Tuker Lines Camp

Contact details: Mil 9240 3701/9240 3246

Civil 00673 3224101 Ext 3701/3246

Gymnasium is open for all the Garrison personnel and dependants; however you are advised to fill the form and attend induction training before you join.

Access to weight room, squash courts etc.

Open for all to attend, specific booking can be made through the QMSI.

## **Garrison Swimming Pool**

The Garrison Swimming pool is located at Tuker Lines and opened in 2011. Within walking distance from Tuker Lines SFA and approximately 15 minutes drive from Mumong SFAs, this facility has a splash pool for younger children, large pool for confident swimmers and lane swimming. The pool also has diving blocks, diving board, showers, toilets and changing facilities. The pool is open to all Garrison Personnel, their dependants and Hornbill school children.

Garrison swimming pool opening times are:

Mon 1200-1800, Tues 1200-1800, Wed-Fri 1200-1800, Sat **CLOSED**, Sun 1300-1800 Pool is available to all Garrison Personnel and Families

For more information please contact QMSI on 00673 3224101 ext 3701

## Splash pool in Mumong

Splash pool at Mumong Community Centre is open 7 days a week from 0800hrs until 1800hrs, unless it has been pre-booked for private use, community events. Access to the gate is by security code which can obtained from HIVE on 3332309/3223809 or AWS on 8711613

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

## Service Families' Accommodation (SFA)

SFA for all Brunei serving personnel and their dependants is located between 5km and 15kms from Tuker Lines and Medicina Lines. Substitute Service Families' Accommodation (SSFA Private Hirings) is sometimes provided. SSFA is usually located in the area of Kuala Belait.

# Officers' SFA Istana Gardens

7 Senior Officers' semi-detached bungalows, 3 or 4 bedrooms, located within walking distance of the beach and Officers' Mess (10 minutes). Located 8km from Tuker Lines and Medicina Lines.

## **Istana Drive X1**

13 detached houses offering substantial modern accommodation (completed in 2007). Within walking distance of the Mumong Community Centre, splash pool, Treetops Nursery and HIVE office. 3-minute drive from the Officer's Mess and a short drive to access the beach.

### **Istana Avenue X2**

22 detached houses offering modern accommodation (completed 2008) .Co-located with the Mumong Community Centre, splash pool, Treetops Nursery and HIVE office. Children's play park easily accessible. 4 minute drive from the Officers' Mess. This patch provides access to the beach, via a short walk or drive.

#### G15

12 detached bungalows located within walking distance of Tuker Lines, the Medical Reception Station, NAAFI, Hornbill School and garrison swimming pool.

# Other Ranks' Service Families' Accommodation Istana Grove

42 semi detached bungalows. 37 with 3 bedrooms, 5 with 4 bedrooms. Located within walking distance of the Mumong Community Centre, splash pool, Treetops Nursery and HIVE office. Children's play park easily accessible. Approximately 7 km from Tuker Lines and Medicina Lines. This patch provides access to the beach, via a short walk or drive.

## **Mumong Flats**

24 three bedroom flats. Located within walking distance of the library, Mumong Community Centre, splash pool, Treetops Nursery and HIVE office. Children's play park easily accessible. Approximately 7 km from Tuker Lines and Medicina Lines. This patch provides access to the beach, via a short walk or drive.

#### G16. H16. JKR

These 3 patches comprise 149 2 bed roomed semi detached bungalows. They are within walking distance of Tuker Lines, the Medical Reception Station, Hornbill School, Naafi and Ram Dhani's store and facilities, the Medical Reception Centre, the garrison sports facilities including the gymnasium and swimming pool, football pitches and basket ball courts. Tuker Lines, the Gurkha WOs' and Sgts' Mess and the Unit Welfare Centre, Tuker Lines community centre are all within walking distance. There is a children's play park co-located with the flats.

## H15 Flats

240 flats (construction completed in 2010) with 3 bedrooms (180 flats) or 4 bedrooms (60 flats located within 5 blocks.) Each block comprises 12 individual flats. The flats are conveniently located for Hornbill School, Naafi, Ram Dhani's store, the Medical Reception Centre, the garrison sports facilities including the and swimming pool, football pitches and basket ball courts. Tuker Lines, the Gurkha WOs' and Sgts' Mess and BFB community centre are all within walking distance. There is a children's play park co-located with the flats.

#### J16 Flats

Consisting of 36 three bedroomed flats and 12 four bed roomed flats. These flats were completed in April 2011. The flats are conveniently located for Hornbill School, NAAFI, Ram Dhani's store, the Medical Reception Centre, the garrison sports facilities including the and swimming pool, football pitches and basket ball courts. Tuker Lines, the Gurkha WOs' and Sgts' Mess and BFB community centre are all within walking distance. There is a children's play park co-located with the flats.

## **Private Hirings**

There are a total of 14 Private Hiring's as new accommodation comes on line they will be handed back. They vary in type from 2 bedroom flats to 4 bed roomed houses and are between 8 to 15 kms commuting distance from Tuker and Medicina Lines.

Allocation of SFA is the responsibility of SSO who can be contacted on so3spvcs@hotmail.com (Military 9240 3253, Civilian 00 673 3224101 ext 3253)

# **Single Living Accommodation (SLA)**

## Officers' Single Living Accommodation

The Officers' Mess comprises 17 single rooms and a senior officer's room. There are 4 large en-suite bungalows within the Mess grounds that are used to accommodate senior officers (Major and above). The Mess is located approx 6km from Tuker Lines and Medicina Lines. It is located on the beach front and the garden is fringed by palms. There is a tennis court, basket ball court and atap for outdoor informal dining. A large patio is used for Mess functions.

## Gurkha WOs and Sgts' Mess

Located within walking distance of Tuker Lines, the NAAFI, garrison swimming this Mess accommodates 12 SNCOs. It is equipped with a bar, pool table and patio for Mess functions. The Accommodation is within walking distance of garrison facilities including the swimming pool, gymnasium, sports pitches and courts.

## **Garrison WOs and Sgts' Mess**

This Mess is located within Medicina Lines, close to Training Team Brunei and Brunei Signal Troop. It comprises single bunks, some are en-suite others share ablutions. All accommodation has WIFI.

## Other Ranks' Accommodation

Within Medicina Lines, there are 28 single bunks and one four man room which is usually allocated to visitors. All to accommodation has WIFI.

The RIB single soldiers are accommodated in new SLA. This comprises of either one or two-man rooms in blocks of flats that are located within Tuker Lines. Each block has capacity for 81 soldiers. The new SLA is within walking distance of garrison facilities including the swimming pool, gymnasium, sports pitches and courts. Some old SLA is retained. Each block accommodates 4 soldiers.

For details of SLA please contact the following for information:

Officers' SLA: mil: 9240 3820 civ: 00673 3224101 ext 3820

Gurkha WOs and Sgts' Mess: Mil; 9240 3255 Civ: 00673 3224101 ext 3255 Garrison WOs and Sgts' Mess: Mil: 9240 3348 Civ: 00673 3224101 ext 3348

Other Ranks: mil: 9240 3821 Civ; 00673 3224101 ext 3821

In all cases it is recommended that single personnel who are posted into Brunei phone their line manager to confirm date of arrival and accommodation requirements.

#### **Local Accommodation**

#### **Sea View Hotel**

Address: Lot 3678, 2.6km Jalan Maulana Kuala Belait, Brunei Darussalam 6013

Contact details including website: Tel: 00673 3332651

E-mail: <a href="mailto:seaviewhotel@brunet.bn">seaviewhotel@brunet.bn</a>

Distance from Tuker Lines and Medicina Lines: approx 15km.

Business and resort style hotel, fronting the south china sea, co located with the Soon Lee

department store, on the main roads between Seria and Kuala Belait.

### **TRAVEL**

On arrival in Brunei for the first time, you will be met at the airport by a representative of the Unit and driven to Seria in transport provided by the Garrison.

#### **Bus & Taxi**

The taxi stand in Kuala Belait is at the north end of Jalan Pretty opposite the local HSBC bank. The bus station is across the road from the taxi stand.

There are three scheduled bus services from the bus station, these are:

- twice daily to the immigration post at Sungai Tujoh (towards Miri)
- daily to the immigration post at <u>Kuala Lurah</u> in the <u>Brunei and Muara</u> district (towards <u>Limbang</u>) in Sarawak, Malaysia
- Thrice hourly to Seria town from about 0700 hrs to 1800 hrs, with a one hour break during lunch time from 1200 to 1300 hrs.

The taxi stand and bus depot in Seria are located at the south-east quarter of the intersection between Jalan Sultan Omar Ali and Jalan Bunga Pinang. There are also three scheduled bus services, these are:

- a regular shuttle towards Kuala Belait thrice hourly except lunch and at night
- hourly to <u>Bandar Seri Begawan</u> the last bus departs at about 1510 hrs
- an intermittent service to Sungai Liang

**Taxi:** Taxis fares start from B\$3.00. You are advised to negotiate the price for the trip before hiring the taxis.

#### **HEALTHCARE**

Medical Reception Station (MRS), located near Tuker Lines.

The Medical Reception Station (MRS) provides a primary care facility to all members of the Garrison and their entitled dependants.

## 1RGR/Garrison Sick Parade

 Mon - Thu
 0730 - 0900

 Fri
 0730 - 0830

 Doctors Clinics:
 0830 - 1230

1330 – 1600 1330-1600

Minor Surg Thu

SPN Clinics:

Mon - Fri 0830 - 1600 Nurses Clinic: 0800 - 1630

Physiotherapy: 0800 - 1700 Mon, Tue & Thu

Wed 0800 - 1230 Fri 0800 - 1330

Tel 3224101 ext 3226

Emergency calls outside the normal opening hours should be made to 8729081

### **Dental Centre**

Located within the Medical Reception Station, Tuker Lines.

The normal opening hours are

Mon - Thur 0800 - 1230 hrs 1330 - 1630 hrs

Fri 0800 – 1100 hrs 1200 – 1500 hrs

All patients are required to register by collecting a registration form from the Dental reception.

Tel Dental reception: 3224101 ext 3354 Practice Manager: 3224101 ext 3824

## **Midwifery Service**

Midwives in Brunei Garrison provide ante-natal, post-natal, home visit and pre conception advice. Tel 3224101 ext 3715 or for urgent matters call 8729096.

## **Health Visitor**

Health Visitors in Brunei provides home visit, runs immunisation clinic, drop in baby clinic and developmental check .Tel 3224101 ext 3781

## **Local Hospitals**

SSB Hospital, Kuala Belait (15 km distant from Tuker Lines) Tel 3335331

Jerudong Medical Centre (75km distant from Tuker Lines) Tel 2611433

RIPAS Hospital Bandar Seri Begawan (110km from Tuker Lines) Tel 2220114

#### SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE

## **Treetops Nursery**

Located at Mumong Community Centre Opening hours 0715 -1445 hrs Daily

Tel: 0673 3341031

Email: Kelly.Stones@sceschools.org

## **Schools and Colleges**

## **Hornbill School (Foundation Stage and Primary)**

Located at Tuker Lines HQ Brunei Garrison, BFPO 11 Opening hours 0745 - 1330 hrs daily Tel 00 673 3224101 ext 3214

Fax 3222133

Email hornbill.office@sceschools.org Website www.hornbillschool.com

## **Jerudong International School**

Located 75km distant from Tuker Lines

PO Box 1408

Bandar Seri Bagawan, Brunei

Provides weekly boarding for children of Service Personnel

Tel 00 673 2411000

Email office @jis.edu.bn Website www.jis.edu.bn

### **International School Brunei**

Located 96km distant from Tuker Lines Jalan Dato Haji Ahmad, Berakas Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Tel 00 673 2330608/2337445

Fax 00673 2337446

Email <u>enquiries@isb.edu.bn</u> Website <u>www.isb.edu.bn</u>

For information on secondary education contact SSO at HQ Brunei Garrison Tel 00 673 3224101 ext 3253, Email so3spsvcs@hotmail.com

## **USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS**

The International Dialling Code for Brunei is 00 673

The military exchange within Brunei Garrison is contactable on 3224101 or 3224111 you then request the exchange that you require

The military prefix for telephone numbers within Brunei is 9240

Note that Brunei is 8 hours ahead of GMT in the winter and 7 hours ahead in the summer.

	Mil	Civ	
HIVE		Mumong Office Tuker Lines Office	3332309 3223809
Guard Room Tuker Lines	9240 3225	00673 3224111ext 3225	
Guard Room Medicina Lines	9240 3260	00673 3224111ext 3260	
SO2 G1 Welfare and SSO	9240 3202	00673 3224111ext 3202	
Unit Welfare Officer	9240 3216/3273	00673 3224111ext 3216/3273	
QOGLR Duty Driver	9240 1111	00673 3224111ext 1111	
Medical Reception Station	9240 3226	00673 3224111ext 3226	
Hornbill School	9240 3214	00673 3224111ext 3214	

This is a brief overview of the area and facilities available in Brunei .The HIVE holds further information and will research information on your behalf.