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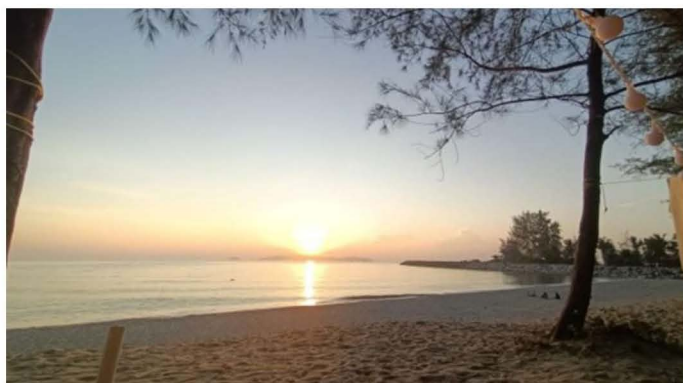
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# A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS AT PANTAI KEKABU, MARANG, TERENGGANU

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Pantai Kekabu is a public beach famous for its vibrant ambience and immaculate beauty. My family arrived as the sun was setting, a luminous ember fading into the horizon. Excited for the adventure that lay ahead, we slid our toes into the warm, golden sand as we unloaded our belongings and set up our tents.

Our tent was arranged in a perfect spot. The smell of the sea and the salty air that carried it lifted our spirits as we unfolded our sleeping bags and established our space. After setting up camp, my youngest son and I decided to take a stroll along the beach before it got dark. As the sky turned into a kaleidoscope of oranges and pinks, we dashed to the shore, where the refreshing waves were waiting to welcome us. We snapped pictures, frozen moments of happiness against the stunning backdrop of the beach, time seemed to fly by.

Dinner time we had a simple meal and we gathered around a fire pit that we had lit during the last rays of daylight as the sun dipped below the horizon. As time went by, the crackling fire warmed the night and threw shadows that danced over our faces and we were making our own Malaysian s'mores with roasted marshmallows and local cream crackers brought me even more joy in spending time with the kids.

After we finished eating, we sat down by the fire and listened intently as tales started to pour. The stories are hilarious anecdotes about me and my spouse's youth that brought tears of laughter to our eyes.

The mesmerising ambience created by the dancing flames drew us more into the present, as if our words had come to life. At last, sleep was in order. The lullaby-like rhythm of the waves lulled us into a restful sleep as we dove headfirst into our mattresses. We drifted into a peaceful condition as we whispered secrets and shared fantasies, lulled by the gentle ocean lull.

I was roused from my sound sleep when the first rays of morning light seeped through the tent's fabric. As I came to a halt, I beheld the warm rays of the sun streaming down from above the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scenery.



With the beach less crowded and the warm glow of the fire's embers lingering from the previous night, the salty air carried a sense of hope. We enjoyed a substantial breakfast prepared by my wife while we savoured the simple pleasure of being together in this enchanting location.

**Pantai Kekabu camping was an experience that brought true simple joy and served as a poignant reminder of the wonders of love and the natural world.**

We knew that the shore of Pantai Kekabu would always hold a special place in our hearts. The memories of laughter and starry skies will always be with us.



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