



Perhentian Island at dusk

LEGEND OF PERHENTIAN ISLAND

In ancient times, there was an enormous and powerful dragon called *Naga Pulau Berjuang* residing in Tanjung Basi of Perhentian Besar Island. One day, as he was basking at the highest point of the isle, another male dragon suddenly attacked his beloved island. The other dragon's severe assaults were threatening to sink the island. All ablazed, *Naga Pulau Berjuang* swiftly descended upon his annoying rival and shortly a tremendous battle of epic proportion arose. As *Naga Pulau Berjuang* descended, he left a marked trail on the island presently known as The Dragon's Trail (*Jalan Naga*).



Fishing boats
at Perhentian Island

Another remarkable local legend pertaining to this exotic island is it is free from any species of poisonous snakes. The existence of a powerful guardian

dragon as well as *keladi lekir* (Araceae *Amorphophallus*) and *akar cina putih* (white Chinese roots) completely neutralises the poison of any straying venomous species.

Located 21 kilometres from the coast of Terengganu, the islands of Perhentian Besar and Kecil offer amazing snorkelling spots in their boulder-encrusted bays. The aquamarine waters with excellent visibility and spectacular underwater reefs make Perhentian the preferred choice of veteran divers. Plunge in and experience the thrill of seeing manta rays, reef sharks and barracudas. Arrangements can also be made for jungle trekking, island cruising and boats can be hired to look for small bays and secluded coves in which to swim, snorkel or scuba dive.



The battle of *Naga Pulau Berjuang*