

Borneo Adventure



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BORNEO - NATURE, WILDLIFE & RELAXATION

12 days / 11 nights

Departs: 14 March 2015

Prices: From \$4345 p/person inc all flights and taxes

TOUR ITINERARY

DAYS 1 - 4:

SANDAKAN

Pick up from Sandakan airport and transfer to the jetty for an hour's trip by speedboat to Selingan Turtle Island. Check in at one of the chalets on the island and have lunch at the restaurant. The afternoon is free for relaxing, bird watching or for snorkeling. In the evening, a Park Ranger will escort you to watch one of the green turtles that have come ashore to lay their eggs.

Depart Selingan for Sandakan by boat and transfer to Sepilok Nature Resort for a day free at leisure. Morning pick up for Sandakan Memorial's tour, this was one of the most tragic stories of World War Two, where out of only 2400 (mostly Australian) prisoners here only 6 survived and that is because they managed to escape. This is a rare opportunity to pay your respects for these often forgotten heroes. In the afternoon we will visit the Sun bear Conservatory.

This afternoon we visit the Rainforest Discovery Centre (RDC) which is a centre for environmental education situated within the famous Kabili Sepilok Forest Reserve, home of orang-utans of the Sepilok Orang-utan Rehabilitation Centre. The 147 m-long sturdy, steel canopy walkway is the most accessible in Sabah. This walkway enables you to have a spectacular view of the beautiful rain forest of Sepilok from up to 28m above the forest floor. Walk among rainforest giants like the mangaris tree and other large dipterocarps, and experience forest life high in the canopy. If time permits, visit the garden for some of the most interesting plants such as Sabah's native orchids (more than 250 species), slipper orchids, pitcher-plants, arid land plants, aquatic plants, economic crops, and some of the most spectacular tropical American plants, such as the bromeliads and the Venus flytrap. Make sure you spend some time in the exhibition rooms as this will give you a wonderful overview of the flora and fauna we hope to see over the coming days.

DAY 5:

SEPILOK ORANGUTAN SANCTUARY

Our day today will begin with a visit to the famous Sepilok Orang-utan Sanctuary, where rescued orang-utans are rehabilitated to enable them to eventually be reintroduced into the wild. You will have the opportunity to watch an educational video to learn about these magnificent 'men of the forest' before taking a short walk along the boardwalk rainforest trails to hopefully observe them at their feeding stations. Of course, where there is rainforest and plentiful food there is also several species of monkeys, birds and other wildlife that you may encounter.

Saying goodbye to Sepilok we travel by boat along the Kinabatangan River, home to pristine mangrove forests and abundant wildlife. Whilst on the river we are always on the lookout for proboscis monkeys, birds and reptiles. We have lunch at the Abai Jungle Restaurant before continuing by boat to Sukau and our home for the next 2 nights, the Kinabatangan Riverside Lodge. Early evening we will travel further along the Kinabatangan River to Menanggul River in search of many species of monkeys, Borneo pygmy elephants, birds, crocodiles and other wildlife. If you are lucky you may catch a glimpse of a wild orang-utan living high in the trees. Spend the evening relaxing to the sounds of nature.

DAYS 6 - 7

WILDLIFE RESERVES

Our early morning wake up is rewarded by a tranquil boat journey to a nearby Ox Bow Lake, all the time watching the river bank, the water and the sky for wildlife and birds.

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We will take a relatively short trek in the lush riverine forest along the lake and then return to the lodge for breakfast. Enjoy your lovely surroundings this morning before we venture on another river cruise down the Menanggul River and along the Kinabatangan River in the afternoon. After dinner tonight we venture onto the river for a night cruise (dependant on the weather) with the hope of seeing the nocturnal life that abounds. We depart early in the morning for Tabin Wildlife Reserve which is the largest wildlife reserve in Malaysia and home to the three largest mammals of Sabah, namely Borneo Pygmy Elephant, Sumatran Rhinoceros and Tembadau, nine species of primate, as well as three species of cats all of which are on the protected wildlife list. Of bird species, 42 families representing 220 species have been recorded. If you are very lucky you may even see wild orangutans as there are many living in the wilds of the reserve.

In the afternoon we visit the Lipad mud volcano which serves as a mineral salt lick for wildlife. After trekking through the jungle for twenty minutes, arrive at the elevated bare area of the mud volcano. Try to identify the multitude of animal footprints here. Those more adventurous can test the effects of the volcanic mud said to be responsible for fine complexion. Walk up the observation tower and admire the contrasting landscape of the bare area and its surrounding thick forest where birds are commonly sighted. After Dinner enjoy a trip to see nocturnal wildlife and birds.

DAYS 8 - 9

TABIN WILDLIFE RESERVE

You may opt to join the early morning bird watching walk to discover some of Tabin's rich collection of almost 300 bird species or just sleep in or relax on your balcony. After breakfast, we will trek through the lush green rainforest known for its rich diversity of plants and animal species to visit Lipad Waterfall. Take a dip in the natural pool and enjoy a refreshing shower under the waterfall. Alternatively explore the surrounding vegetation or simply relax. In the afternoon you may wish to try out the Tabin Rainforest Foot Soak made with a natural blend of herbs to relax tired muscles.

After breakfast on Day 9 stroll to the nearby rock pool or river side where groups of macaques and other small mammals can sometimes be seen. Choose to take a dip in the river or simply listen to the sound of nature or relax on the deck before saying goodbye to Tabin and transferring for our flight to Kota Kinabalu.

DAYS 9 - 11

KOTA KINABALU

We now have 3 days at leisure in a deluxe resort. Your choice of optional activities here. Ask Travel with Me for more details. We have time to spend at leisure before Pick up from our resort and transfer to Kota Kinabalu Airport for flight out.

INCLUSIONS

- All airfares and taxes included (Ex Perth, please ask for ex other cities)
- 11 nights accommodation, All transfers, 10 x Breakfast, 7 x Lunch, 5 x Dinner
- 1 night Sabah Hotel, 1 night Selingan Island, 2 nights Sepilok Nature resort
- 2 nights Kinabatangan Riverside Lodge, 2 nights Tabin Wildlife Resort
- 3 nights Pacific Sutera Resort (Golf View Room)
- entrance fees where applicable, English speaking guide

CONDITIONS

- Price is based on twin share
- Deposit of \$600 required within 7 days of booking
- Final payment due 10 Jan 15
- Subject to availability and subject to change without notice
- Please ask your Travel with Me consultant for a competitive Travel Insurance quote as insurance is compulsory for this tour