



DISCOVER BORNEO (10 DAY TOUR)

Kuching - Kota Kinabalu - Sandakan - Kinabatangan River - Mt Kinabalu - Brunei



We begin this adventure in Sarawak, “Land of the Hornbills” where we first meet our distant relative, the orang utan. Visit a local Iban Longhouse community and enjoy Sarawak’s diverse cultures at the outdoor living museum of Sarawak Cultural Village. Continue North to Sabah the “land below the wind”, visit South East Asia’s highest mountain, Mt Kinabalu. Journey to the east to the Kinabatangan River, an area rich in wildlife. Return to Kota Kinabalu (KK) and visit the World Heritage National Park. This incredible tour ends with a day in Brunei.

Discover Borneo Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival (D)

Welcome to Kuching, the capital of Sarawak. Upon your arrival in Kuching, you will be met and transferred to the impressive Pullman Hotel where Dee will be waiting for you. Enjoy your afternoon relaxing before meeting your fellow travellers for an enjoyable evening cruising along the Sarawak River. Witness the unique architectural, religious influences that have impacted Sarawak's capital over the centuries. Be enthralled by the landmarks of a bygone era whilst enjoying a buffet dinner and traditional dancing.

Day 2: Kuching (B,L)

After a good night's rest and a sumptuous breakfast, it is time to explore Kuching, a picturesque riverside city. Our first stop will be to introduce ourselves to the city's most famous ambassador, the Cat Monument. We will then continue to stroll through the streets of old Kuching.

The Brooke Gallery enables us to step back into history where we learn the story of one of the most remarkable kingdoms in history: Sarawak and the White Rajahs. James and Charles Brooke forged a unique bond with the people and together built the foundations of today's Sarawak.

After lunch venture into the foothills of Mount Santubong to visit Sarawak Village. This living museum allows you to participate in everyday activities such as wood carving, sugar cane crushing, weaving. Our visit will conclude in the village amphitheatre witnessing a multicultural performance.

Day 3: Semenggoh Orang Utan & Annah Rais Bidayuh Longhouse (B,L)

Today we leave the city limits of Kuching to visit our closest and favourite cousins, the orang utan at the Semenggoh Wildlife

Rehabilitation Centre. Learn about their techniques developed for the rescue, rehabilitation, retraining and relocation of the orang utans by one of the dedicated rangers.

Afterwards, we will continue our journey to visit Annah Rais Bidayuh Longhouse that houses over 80 families. Learn about the 175 years of history of this Bidayuh tribe.

Day 4: Kuching - Kota Kinabalu (B,D)

Depart Sarawak and fly north to Sabah and the capital Kota Kinabalu, or KK as the locals call it. Enjoy some free time at the hotel before a buffet dinner at the hotel.

Day 5: Kota Kinabalu - Sandakan - Kinabatangan River (BB,L,D)

This morning we have an early morning flight to the eastern city of Sandakan. On arrival, we will spend the morning at the world famous Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre. Witness young orang utans playing and exercising in the nursery before moving to the feeding platforms to observe them in their natural habitat. Afterwards, we will venture next door to the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre.

Afterwards we will transfer to the Jetty for our thrilling boat ride up the Kinabatangan River. Enroute we will stop for lunch at the Abai Jungle Restaurant before continuing on to Sukau and the Kinabatangan Riverside Lodge.

This afternoon we will transfer into boats for a sunset cruise in search of wildlife along the river.

Day 6: Kinabatangan River (B,L,D)

Before breakfast, we will enjoy an early morning boat cruise to Oxbow lake. This is a great time for bird watching. This evening we will take another sunset cruise in search of wildlife.

Day 7: Kinabatangan River - Sandakan - Kota Kinabalu (B,L)

This morning we travel back along the river to Sandakan and visit the Sandakan Memorial Park. Here we will learn about the Sandakan prisoner of war camp and learn about the Sandakan Death March. We will take an evening flight back to Kota Kinabalu.

Day 8: Kota Kinabalu - Mount Kinabalu (B,L)

Today we journey up South East Asia's highest mountain and into the Kinabalu Park World Heritage site. The jagged granite peaks of Mt. Kinabalu (4095m) towers above one of the most biologically diverse areas in the world. Nominated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, Kinabalu Park is a natural wonder that offers day visitors a glimpse into the fascinating and often unique world of flora within the park. Enroute visit some local fruit stalls and market. Afterwards, visit the Ranau Monument before proceeding onto Poring Hot Springs. Walk through the rainforest and witness life in the treetops as you walk along the 100ft high Canopy Walkway.

Day 9: Kota Kinabalu - Brunei - Kota Kinabalu (BB,L,HT,LD)

This morning we take an early flight to Brunei's capital Bandar Seri Begawan. Be blinded by the golden chariot in the Royal Regalia, visit the Sultan Ali Saifuddin Mosque, Jame'Asr Hassanil Bolkih Mosque and Kampong Air (the largest water village in the world).

We finish this magnificent day with a hight tea at the Empire Hotel & Country Club before transferring to the airport for our flight home to Kota Kinabalu. Upon returning the hotel join your fellow passengers for a special farewell party to celebrate our wonderful adventure.

Day 10: Depart (B)

After breakfast, we say our sad farewells as you will be transferred to the airport for your journey home.



Highlights

- Visit Semenggoh Orang utan Rehabilitation Centre
- Visit an Iban longhouse
- Visit Sepilok Orang utan Rehabilitation Centre
- Visit the Bornean Sunbear Conservation Centre
- Search for wildlife on Kinabatangan River
- Sandakan War Memorial Park
- Visit Mt Kinabalu National Park
- High Tea at Empire Hotel and Country Club in Brunei

Inclusions

- 9 breakfasts (2 boxed), 7 lunches, 1 High Tea, 5 dinners & a farewell party
- Professional & experienced Tour Director, Danielle (Dee)
- Professional & experienced Local Guide and driver in Sarawak, Sabah & Brunei
- Entrance and Park fees (*as per itinerary*)
- All accommodation, meals and transport (*as per itinerary*)
- All economy flights as per the itinerary (*taxes included*)
- Return airport transfers (*arrival & departure*)
- All hotel & tourism taxes
- Tipping and gratuities to guides and drivers
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles (*excluding water-based activities*)



