

The South East Asia Specialists

Borneo – ‘Borneo Adventure’

All year round, 15 days/14 nights ex London, 13 days/12 nights Kuching to Kota Kinabalu

Borneo Adventure: spectacular landscapes, incredible flora and fauna, lush rainforest, local culture and cuisine and tropical islands in the South China Sea. From historic Kuching City we’ll visit the orang-utan sanctuaries of Semenggoh and Sepilok, the stunning national parks of Bako, World Heritage Mulu and Mount Kinabalu, stay in a traditional Bidayuh longhouse, go up river crocodile spotting in Kinabatang and discover the coral reefs of the Tunku Abdul Marine Park. A varied and truly unforgettable 2 week Borneo adventure!



Day 1 Departure from London.

Day 2 Morning arrival in [Kuching](#) and an afternoon tour of some of the sites of the scenic and historic town founded in 1872 by the famous ‘Raja’ Charles Brooke: Chinatown, the waterfront area, colonial buildings such as Fort Margherita and the excellent Sarawak Museum.

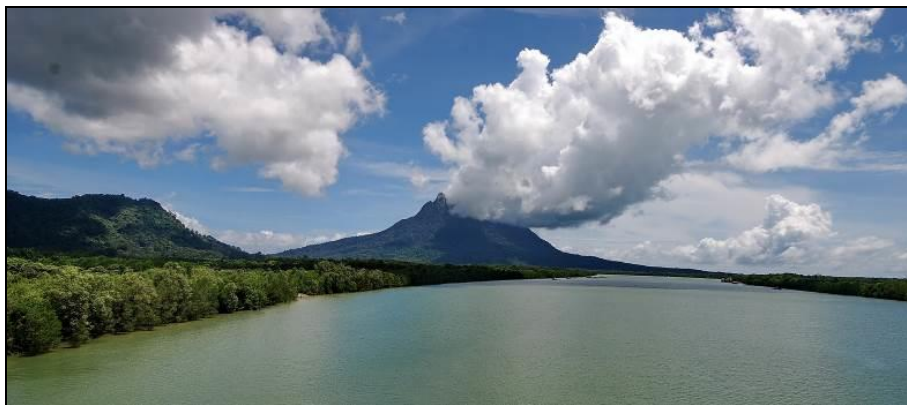
Day 3 Morning trip to the nearby Semenggoh orang-utan sanctuary and rehabilitation centre for a close up look at these incredible creatures before an afternoon visit to the traditional Bidayuh, (just one of the 27 ethnic groups of Sarawak). Staying overnight in their traditional longhouse sampling their amazing hospitality and colourful culture. Hike to a scenic waterfall as well as exploring the village to learn about the Bidayuh culture.

Day 4 After a longhouse breakfast we’ll head to nearby Bako National Park - one of the most diverse nature reserves in Sarawak - teeming with wildlife and boasting breathtaking scenery. Late afternoon return to our hotel in Kuching.



Day 5 Transfer by plane into the island's interior and the awesome World Heritage [Mulu National Park](#), where we'll stay in the well-appointed lodges of the national park itself. Afternoon canopy-walkway visit with an additional night hike for those who'd like to check out the sounds and sights of the rainforest after dark.

Day 6 'Garden of Eden' expedition - hiking amidst rainforest and through the world's largest cave chamber, Deer Cave, we'll emerge into an otherwise inaccessible jungle garden, complete with stream and waterfall, known locally as the 'Garden of Eden'. The return trip will take in some of the area's famous cave formations and a dusk viewing of the astonishing mass exodus of some 5 million bats from the caves. An evening riverside barbeque completes the day.



Day 7 A boat trip in the early morning mist takes us to Batu Bungan, a Penan settlement, (the Penans, now settled in more permanent villages, were one of the last nomadic tribes of Sarawak). We'll explore some more of Mulu's world famous caves before returning to the Park HQ and a flight to Kota Kinabalu in neighbouring Sabah State.

Day 8 Return into the interior with a two hour scenic drive to Mount Kinabalu National Park, where we'll hike along one of the Park's nature trails with spectacular views over the 13,436 ft mountain itself. Next up will be the fascinating Sabah Tea Plantation for tasting opportunities and the chance to learn about organic tea production with of course, more fantastic views of Kinabalu. Overnight in cottages in the plantation itself.



Day 9 Leisurely morning before a departure for Bilit in the [Kinabatangan Wildlife Corridor](#) where we'll check-in to our beautifully located riverside, jungle eco-lodge. A sunset boat cruise on the jungle lined Kinabatangan River and a night trek to discover the nocturnal wildlife completes our day's activities

Day 10 Today's programme includes a dawn river cruise, morning trek to an oxbow lake, night nature trail or relaxing at the lodge while listening to the sounds of the jungle. Proboscis monkeys, macaques, orang-utans, crocodiles, pygmy elephants and otters are just a few of the possible wildlife sightings you may make, whilst rare bird species found here include the lesser adjutant, Storm's stork, pitas and several species of hornbill, including the majestic and colourful rhinoceros hornbill.



Day 11 Morning departure for the nearby Gomantong Caves - well known for their valuable edible swiftlet nests. Explore the limestone caves and discover their unique eco-system and with luck spot some of the wild orang-utans that inhabit this area. Continue to Sepilok for lunch where we'll visit the famous orang-utan sanctuary and rehabilitation centre. Overnight by the Sanctuary at a [jungle lodge](#).

Day 12 A morning at leisure gives you the opportunity to visit the newly created sun bear sanctuary or the Rainforest Discovery Centre before an afternoon flight to Kota Kinabalu. From here a short boat ride takes us to [Manukan Island](#) in the South China Sea - located within the Tunku Abdul Marine Park - for a stay at a comfortable beach-side resort.

Day 13 An exciting day trip by boat through the spectacular Marine Park to check out some of the neighbouring islands as well as snorkelling on the region's vibrant coral reefs to discover the colourful marine flora and fauna.

Day 14 Morning at leisure on the island with an afternoon return to Kota Kinabalu. Farewell lunch and perhaps some souvenir shopping at the Filipino market before a transfer to the airport for your return flight.

Day 15 Arrive London



Note; this tour is offered with return flights from London. Those persons not wishing to include the flight would join the tour in Kuching on day 2 and depart in Kota Kinabalu on day 14

Highlights: Kuching, Semenggoh orang-utan sanctuary, overnight in a traditional longhouse, Bako National Park, Mulu National Park, Mount Kinabalu, Kinabatangan river expedition, jungle eco-lodge, Sepilok, jungle hiking, night hike, local food, island stay in a national marine park, snorkelling on coral reefs

Fitness: easy to moderate – all treks can be tailored to any level

Accommodation: hotel, jungle lodge, island resort, plantation cottage, eco-lodge. We have chosen Manukan Island and its resort for its beauty and the environment. It is a small resort with a limited number of chalets. One style of chalet has one room with en suite bathroom, the other is two bedroomed, one en suite and the other room having a bathroom off the lounge. We cannot guarantee all group members will have the same style of room but endeavor to allocate them as fairly as possible.

Transport: minibus, boat, internal flight (please note the maximum weight allowance for internal flights is 15kg and anything above that will be at the travellers own expense)

Meals: full board except for lunch on day 2 and dinner on days 4, 7, 12 & 13



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