

Borneo Explorer Tour

8 Day Tour to Kota Kinabalu, Sandakan, Sepilok & Sukau Kinabatangan



Day 1 Arrival Kota Kinabalu

Meal: Nil

Welcome to Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia! Kota Kinabalu is the capital of the East Malaysian state of Sabah. Upon your arrival at Kota Kinabalu International Airport, you will be met and greet by our representative and chauffeured to your hotel. You are free at own leisure after check-in.

Day 2 Kota Kinabalu

Meal: B

This morning is at leisure

1345hrs: Heritage Village and City Highlights: Visit the Heritage Village and Museum for a closer view of Sabah's ethnic diversity highlighted by the unique local architectural styles of homes in North Borneo and the colourful costumes display. Then, proceed for a city drive by major landmarks such as the State & City Mosque, Tg. Aru Beach & Tun Mustapha Tower and the highest building the Sabah State Administration Centre. Mingle with the local people at the Handicraft Market before stopping by a typical water village to capture the essence of life in Kota Kinabalu.

Day 3 Kinabalu National Park

Meal: B/L

0745hrs: 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 fascinating and often unique world of plant within the park. The montane oak and chestnut forest at park headquarters gives away to lowland dipterocarp forest at Poring on the eastern boundary. Enjoy a short trek through the rainforest and witness life in the treetops as you walk along the 100ft Canopy Walkway (If canopy walkway is closed, it will be replaced with a visit to the Poring Garden).

Day 4 Kota Kinabalu - Sandakan

Meal: B/L/D

Transfer to the Kota Kinabalu International Airport for your morning flight to Sandakan. Meet and assist upon arrival in Sandakan. Proceed immediately for tour of the Sandakan City which was the capital of North Borneo until the Second World War. Sandakan was also the starting point for the Australian Death

March to Ranau towards the end of the War in which only 6 men of a total of 2400 survived. (Refer to Australia in Borneo – During WW II for further information). Next, proceed to Labuk Bay Sanctuary to meet the long nose Proboscis Monkey which is endemic to Borneo. Other wildlife such as hornbills and Silver leaf monkeys can be seen occasionally. Check-in at My Nature Resort or similar, Sepilok. By 1800hrs, be ready at 'The Flying Squirrel' platform to witness these amazing creatures in action.

After dinner, Guided Night Walk at our nature board walk going up and down structure next to the Sepilok Protected Forest Reserve. Overnight at My Nature Resort, Sepilok.

Day 5 Sepilok – Sukau Kinabatangan Meal: B/L/D

Firstly, visit the renowned Sepilok Orang-utan Rehabilitation Centre for an audio visual presentation. The Walk ten (10) minutes through the rainforest on timber boardwalks to witness the feeding of the orang-utans at 1000hrs. You will have plenty of time to watch the orang-utans until they disappear back into the jungle. Next visit to the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre, a wildlife conservation and research centre for improving animal welfare and rehabilitation of the Malayan sun bear (*Helarctos malayanus*). The centre manages and improves the living condition of the rescued Sun bear to release their natural behaviours in the 2.5ha enclosed forest. Transfer to Sandakan Jetty for your scheduled boat transfer on combine basis along Sabah's longest river, the Kinabatangan River, with opportunity to view birds and wildlife in virgin mangrove, wetland and rainforest habitats. Check into the lodge on arrival. In the late afternoon, you will be taken on a jungle river tour along a tributary of the Kinabatangan River to see the Proboscis Monkeys readying themselves for the night. If you are lucky, you may even see a herd of elephant, together with a whole range of other animals - including wild orang-utans, and birds. Return to the Lodge for dinner. Overnight at Kinabatangan Riverside Lodge or similar.

Day 6 Sukau Kinabatangan Meal: B/L/D

05:45hrs: Wake up to the calls of gibbons and hornbills.

06:00hrs: Morning river cruise up the Kinabatangan River to view more birds and wildlife.

1000hrs: Proceed 27 km overland to Gomantong Caves. Trek 20 minutes through the rainforest to the cave entrance. Your guide will brief you on the cave fauna, including bats, swiftlets and crabs among others creatures, and their contribution to maintaining a balanced ecology and the significance of the caves to the local economy. When in season, witness the collecting of birds' nests by the local people using bamboo ladders and poles. (The nests are made from the saliva of swifts which inhabit the caves, and are the main ingredient in the famous Chinese delicacy - birds nest soup).

In the afternoon, proceed on another river cruise in search of more wildlife. Wild Orang-utan is often encountered on this cruise. Return to Lodge for dinner and the night is at leisure. After dinner an optional (at a surcharge) night safari cruise spotting nocturnal animals, crocodiles and birds. Overnight at Kinabatangan Riverside Lodge.

Day 7 Sukau Kinabatangan – Sandakan → Kota Kinabalu Meal: B/L

After Breakfast, depart from Sukau on scheduled combine boat transfer to Sandakan. Lunch and transfer to Sandakan Airport for your flight back to Kota Kinabalu. Meet and Assist upon arrival at Kota Kinabalu Airport and transfer to Grandis Hotels & Resorts. Overnight at Grandis Hotels & Reort or similar.

Day 8 Kota Kinabalu Departure Meal: B

Free time until in time transferred to the airport for your flight exit.

Tour Code	Group Size	Price pp	Single Supplement
MP20BEO2	2-3 people	\$3650	\$780
MP20BEO4	4-9 people	\$3350	

Inclusions:

Twin share at 4* hotel at Kota Kinabalu Grandis Hotels & Resorts; My Nature Resort, Sepilok; Kinabatangan Riverside Lodge or similar; fully inclusive tour with English speaking guide, all transfers, entrance fees and meals as per itinerary. Return domestic air tickets Kota Kinabalu – Sandakan.

Entrance fee to:

- Sabah Museum
- Photo stop at City Mosque
- Kinabalu Park
- Mt. Kinabalu Botanical Garden
- Poring Hot Spring
- Poring Canopy Walkway
- Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary
- Sepilok Orang-utan Centre
- Bornean Sunbear Centre
- Kinabatangan Wetland
- Gomantong Cave

Exclusions:

Any International air tickets; personal expenses, insurance, tipping, camera/ video camera fees, etc.

Remarks: A minimum of 2 participants requested for guaranteed departure. This package combines private tour while in Kota Kinabalu and shared tour while in Sadakan & Sukau provided by the resort. Higher deposit may be required for this package.

Peak Season Surcharge: Sucharge of \$150 pp apply for travelling period of 15 July – 31 August; 30 Sept – 7 October; 22 December – 1 January; 24 – 30 January.

Tourism Tax: Foreign tourists will be charged a flat rate of RM10 per room per night for all TTx registered hotel classifications. This Tourism Tax (TTx) is NOT included in the package cost. Hotels/Lodges acting as an authorised collecting agent for Royal Malaysian Customs Dept. will be collecting this TTx at the resort locally upon check in.

