



Borneo Explorer

12 DAY TOUR OF KOTA KINABALU, SANDAKAN, RANAU AND MORE, WITH FLIGHTS INCLUDED.

From
\$2499*
per person twin share
12 DAYS



At a glance

Borneo is full of surprises. From cheeky proboscis monkeys and spectacular limestone caves to jaw-droppingly gorgeous sunsets, this is the place to venture for a true slice of the exotic. Don't miss this opportunity to be delighted and inspired on an incredible 12 day wildlife adventure.

Embrace a sense of adventure with this unforgettable journey to Sabah, Sandakan, Kota Kinabalu and beyond. Witness adorable orangutans at the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre, see endangered sun bears at the Sun Bear Conservation Centre, and explore the extraordinary Gomantong Caves. Take in the sights of Kota, visits to Poring Hot Springs, Kundasang War Memorial, and more. Get a slice of local river life with three river cruises along the Kinabatangan River. Includes return flights, 10 nights accommodation in Borneo, 29 meals including a dinner in a colonial style teahouse, English-speaking guides, return airport transfers and A/C transport. Want to travel a little longer? Choose the 14 day package with 2 night Singapore stopover.

Visit Kota Kinabalu, Sandakan,
Ranau & More

See Orangutans & Cruise
Kinabatangan River

Includes Return International Flights

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Offer available for a limited time
or until sold out.



The itinerary

Day 1

Australia - Kota Kinabalu

Today depart from Sydney for Kota Kinabalu, Borneo. Fly with Malaysian Airlines.

On arrival into Kota Kinabalu be met by a tour representative and transferred to the hotel. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner with the rest of the tour group.

Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the night before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation which you will receive prior to departure.

Overnight: Avangio Hotel or similar, Kota Kinabalu

Meals included: In-flight meals, dinner

Day 2

Mari Mari Sepanggar Island - Mari Mari Cultural Village Experience

This morning after breakfast transfer to Jesselton Point Jetty to catch a ferry to Mari Mari Sepanggar Island. Enjoy swimming & snorkelling on this tropical island as well as a buffet lunch. In the early afternoon depart the island and return to the mainland. Upon arrival head to a market where you can shop for souvenirs before returning back to the hotel. In the late afternoon/early evening you will be picked up and transferred to the Mari Mari Cultural Village (MMCV). The village operates as a museum that preserves Borneo's ethnic cultures, which features 5 different ethnic tribes in one village. These tribes include the rice farmers, Kadazan-Dusun, the longhouse residents, Rungus, the hunters and fisherman, Lundayeh, the cowboy and sea gypsies, Bajau, and the famously feared head-hunting tribe Murut. Experience cultural performances from each tribe and enjoy a local dinner. Afterwards return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Avangio Hotel or similar, Kota Kinabalu

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 3

Kota Kinabalu - Kinabalu National Park - Ranau (approx. 100km day)

This morning after breakfast, drive through the Crocker Range with amazing scenic views along the way stop at Nabalu Village market to browse for local handicrafts, souvenirs and snacks. Continue onwards to Kinabalu National Park for a guided walk in the Botanical Garden in search of native plants and wild orchids. Afterwards continue onwards to the Kundasang War Memorial Park. The park is made up of four beautiful gardens: the Australian Garden, the English Garden, the Borneo Garden and the Contemplation Garden and Pool which represent the different nationalities involved in the Borneo campaign during World War 2. Afterwards travel onwards to Ranau.

Overnight: Sabah Tea Garden Cottages or similar, Ranau

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 4

Poring Hot Springs (approx. 50km day)

After breakfast this morning visit a tea factory to watch the steps involved in processing tea. Afterwards drive to the Poring Hot Springs and enjoy a guided walk to the Tropical Garden to see the unique flora and fauna which is native to this area. Then enjoy a relaxing sulphur bath at the hot springs. Enjoy a local lunch at Poring and then return to Ranau for an afternoon at leisure.

Overnight: Sabah Tea Garden Cottages or similar, Ranau

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner



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Day 5

Ranau - Bilit - Kinabatangan River Cruise (approx. 250km day)

After breakfast today depart Ranau for Bilit (approx. 4.5 hours). On the way enjoy a fish spa (foot massage) at Kampung Luanti. Arrive in Bilit in time for lunch and then check into the lodge. This afternoon enjoy a river cruise in search of Proboscis Monkeys, Macaques & other fascinating wildlife that gather along the Kinabatangan River, the longest river in Sabah.

Overnight: Bilit Adventure Lodge or similar, Bilit

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 6

Sunrise Kinabatangan River Cruise - Guided Jungle Walk - Afternoon Kinabatangan River Cruise

Wake up early this morning for sunrise cruise to search for more wildlife. Cruise for approximately one hour before heading back to the lodge for breakfast. After breakfast take a guided jungle walk through the riverine forest for more nature and wildlife sightseeing and then return back to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon, depart for a second river cruise to search for more wildlife, or alternatively relax and enjoy leisure time at the lodge.

Overnight: Bilit Adventure Lodge or similar, Bilit

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 7

Bilit - Gomantong Cave - Sepilok - Fisherman's Village Tour (approx. 120km day)

After breakfast, depart Bilit for Gomantong Cave. Explore one of the largest limestone & bird's nest caves in all of Sabah. After visiting the cave, drive onwards to the Sepilok Jungle Resort. Upon arrival check in and enjoy lunch. This afternoon relax before departing for a late afternoon drive to a local fisherman village. Upon arrival at the village, enjoy a simple welcome tea with local

snacks and enjoy an educational briefing about the area and village life. Houses in this village are built on stilts which makes for a fascinating experience when walking around and exploring the village. Afterwards enjoy a boat cruise to learn more about the mangrove forests in the area. While cruising, drop some fish/crab traps along the river and see if you are lucky enough to catch some for dinner. As it gets darker, you will be able to see the fireflies lighting up the trees around the forests and village. This tour will end with a local dinner before transferring back to your accommodation.

Overnight: Sepilok Jungle Resort or similar, Sepilok

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 8

Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre & Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre

This morning depart for a full day excursion to visit the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre which is conveniently located next to the resort. After a quick walk to the centre proceed to the feeding platform to witness the morning feeding of the Orangutans in their forest environment. Afterwards continue onwards to the outdoor nursery to view the young Orangutans then enjoy a guided tour of the phenology trails at Sepilok Forest. Afterwards visit a Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre to see the world's smallest bear in its natural forest environment. Afterwards return back to the resort for lunch then back to the Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre for the afternoon feeding of Orangutans. Afterwards head to the Rainforest Discovery Centre where you will enjoy a guided walk of the Botanical Gardens and the canopy walkway. This evening enjoy dinner and leisure time at the resort.

Overnight: Sepilok Jungle Resort or similar, Sepilok

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner



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Day 9

Sepilok - Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary - Sandakan War Memorial Park (approx. 30km day)

This morning enjoy a relaxed start before checking out and departing mid morning to visit the Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary. Witness the morning feeding of the Proboscis Monkeys and afterwards continue onwards to the Sandakan War Memorial Park. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant then continue onwards to your hotel in Sandakan. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure before heading to The English Tea House for dinner.

Overnight: Sabah Hotel or similar, Sandakan

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 10

Sandakan Half Day City Tour

This morning enjoy a tour of Sandakan and the surrounding area. Visit places such as Agnes Keith Museum, St. Michael's Church, Central Market, a local water village and the Buddhist Temple. Afterwards enjoy lunch at local restaurant then return to the hotel to enjoy an afternoon at leisure. This evening there will be a farewell dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Sabah Hotel or similar, Sandakan

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 11

Sandakan - Australia

Enjoy your last morning before transferring to the airport for your return flight back to Australia. Please note: on the return flight back to Australia some customers may fly via Kota Kinabalu. This flight is only operated by Malaysian Airlines. Some customers may also experience a stopover of up to 7 hours (up to 9.5 hours for Adelaide customers flying with Singapore Airlines) on the journey home. This will be in Kuala Lumpur for those on the 12 day package, and Singapore for those on the 14 day package. These customers will receive a complimentary 3-hour lounge pass.

Meals included: Breakfast, in-flight

Day 12

Arrive in Australia

14 Day Borneo Discovery with Singapore Stopover Pre Tour Extension

Day 1

Australia – Singapore

Today depart from Sydney for Singapore. Fly with Singapore Airlines. On arrival into Changi International Airport be met by a tour representative and transferred to the hotel.

Overnight: Furama Riverfront Hotel or similar, Singapore

Meals included: In flight

Day 2

Singapore Free Day

Today is free for you to explore Singapore at leisure.

Overnight: Furama Riverfront Hotel or similar, Singapore

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3

Singapore - Kota Kinabalu (Day 1 of 12 Day Itinerary)

Today check out and transfer to the airport for your flight to Kota Kinabalu, Borneo. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner with the rest of the tour group.

Overnight: Avangio Hotel or similar, Kota Kinabalu

Meals included: Breakfast and dinner



Tour inclusions

Highlights

- Discover the best of Kota Kinabalu, Ranau, Sandakan, Bilit and more
- Go snorkelling and enjoy a buffet lunch on Mari Mari Sepanggar Island
- Learn about Bornean tribes at Mari Mari Cultural Village
- Enjoy the scenic views on a drive through Crocker Range
- Shop for handicrafts and souvenirs at Nabalu Village markets
- Explore Kinabalu National Park on a guided walk
- Search for exotic flora and fauna native to Borneo
- Visit the Kundasang War Memorial Park
- Visit a traditional Tea Factory
- Soak in the natural Poring Hot Springs
- Experience a fish spa (foot massage) at Kampung Luant
- Enjoy three river cruises along the Kinabatangan River
- Experience a guided jungle walk in search of wildlife
- Discover the spectacular limestone Gomantong Cave
- Explore a local fishing village on stilts and enjoy a locally cooked dinner
- Learn about Orangutans at the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre
- Witness a morning and afternoon feeding of Orangutans in the forest
- See the worlds smallest bear at the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre
- Tour the fascinating Rainforest Discovery Centre
- See the unique proboscis monkeys at Labuk Sanctuary
- Enjoy a city tour of Sandakan; visit Sandakan War Memorial and St Agnes Keith Museum

Flights

- Return international flights (economy class) departing SYD
- Fly with award winning Malaysian Airlines

Accommodation

10 nights accommodation in Borneo

Dining

Enjoy 29 meals including a dinner in a colonial style teahouse

Tour essentials

- Sightseeing and entrance fees
- English-speaking tour guide
- Airline taxes and surcharges

Transport

Transportation by A/C vehicles

Transfers

Return airport transfers

14 day package inclusions

Highlights

- Explore Singapore on a free day at leisure
- Discover the best of Kota Kinabalu, Ranau, Sandakan, Bilit and more
- Go snorkelling and enjoy a buffet lunch on Mari Mari Sepanggar Island
- Learn about Bornean tribes at Mari Mari Cultural Village
- Enjoy the scenic views on a drive through Crocker Range
- Shop for handicrafts and souvenirs at Nabalu Village markets
- Explore Kinabalu National Park on a guided walk
- Search for exotic flora and fauna native to Borneo



Tour inclusions

- Visit the Kundasang War Memorial Park
- Soak in the natural Poring Hot Springs
- Experience a fish spa (foot massage) at Kampung Luant
- Enjoy three river cruises along the Kinabatangan River
- Experience a guided jungle walk in search of wildlife
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- Explore a local fishing village on stilts and enjoy a locally cooked dinner
- Learn about Orangutan's at the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre
- Witness a morning and afternoon feeding of Orangutans in the forest
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- Enjoy a city tour of Sandakan; visit Sandakan War Memorial and St Agnes Keith Museum

Flights

- Return international flights (economy class) departing SYD
- Fly with award winning Singapore Airlines (except for Sandakan - Kota Kinabalu domestic flight)

Accommodation

- 10 nights accommodation in Borneo
- 2 nights in 4 star hotel accommodation in Singapore

Dining

Enjoy 31 meals including a dinner in a colonial style teahouse

Tour essentials

- Sightseeing and entrance fees
- English-speaking tour guide
- Airline taxes and surcharges

Transport

Transportation by A/C vehicles

Transfers

Return airport transfers



Important information

Booking information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed **within 72 hours of purchase**.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras **MUST** be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: All additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant (unless otherwise stated).

Offer essentials

- Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 16th November 2018.
- Travel offer is valid for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies:

- 12 Day Package: \$400
- 14 Day Package: \$750

Departure dates (2018)

August: 24

September: 7, 14

October: 19

November: 16

Departure cities

Sydney

Flights

Full Service Airline(s) Used

- 12 Day Package: Malaysian Airlines plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).
- 14 Day Package: Singapore Airlines (International sectors only) and Malaysian Airlines (domestic sectors only) plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Arrive early in Kota Kinabalu, Borneo (12 Day Package only) or Singapore (14 Day Package only)

\$200 per person, subject to availability:

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Stay behind in Sandakan, Borneo (12 day and 14 day packages)

\$200 per person, subject to availability:

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Stopover packages

Not available

Flight class upgrades

Please note: Upgrades are subject to request only. Availability and pricing will be confirmed once your Passenger Information Form is returned to NRMA.



Accommodation

Accommodation Used

12 day package:

4 Star Hotel Accommodation (self-rated):

- Kota Kinabalu: Avangio Hotel
- Sandakan: Sabah Hotel

2-3 Star Adventure Lodge/Jungle Resort (self-rated):

- Ranau: Sabah Tea Garden Cottages
- Bilit: Bilit Adventure Lodge
- Sepilok: Sepilok Jungle Resort

14 day package:

4 Star Hotel Accommodation (self-rated):

- Singapore: Furama Riverfront Hotel
- Kota Kinabalu: Avangio Hotel
- Sandakan: Sabah Hotel

2-3 Star Adventure Lodge/Jungle Resort (self-rated)

- Ranau: Sabah Tea Garden Cottages
- Bilit: Bilit Adventure Lodge
- Sepilok: Sepilok Jungle Resort

Please note: Rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra nights

- Kota Kinabalu (pre tour): \$100 per room including breakfast
- Sandakan (post tour): \$90 per room including breakfast

Please note: Extra nights are subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.

Maximum Room Capacity

3 people (subject to availability).

Child policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children/infants 8 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple share

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

Bedding configuration

2 x Single Beds or 1 x Queen/King Bed (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

General tour information

Minimum group size 10, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements (A 90 day tourist visa will be granted upon arrival into Borneo if travelling on an Australian Passport).
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary.
- Malaysian Tourism Tax (approx. \$3 AUD per room per night collected upon checkout).
- Optional gratuities/tipping.
- Optional activities/tours.
- Personal expenses.
- Travel insurance (Mandatory).

Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.



Important information

Other important information

Flights:

Singapore Airlines Stopover: If you purchase the Singapore Airlines option, please note the flight between Sandakan and Kota Kinabalu (at the end of the tour) will be operated by Malaysian Airlines. You will connect with Singapore Airlines in Kota Kinabalu for the International Flight.

Malaysian tourism tax:

The Malaysian Customs Department (“RMCD”) is imposing a Tourism Tax on non-Malaysian guests at the sum of RM10 (approx. \$3 AUD) per room per night (approx. \$27 AUD total) with effect from 1st September 2017. This Tourism Tax will apply no matter if the booking was made before or after the announcement. The Tourism Tax is not applicable on Malaysian citizens (MyKAD holders) & Malaysian Permanent Residents (MyPR card holders). Kindly please take note that the Tourism Tax will be collected directly from the tourist(s) locally upon check out from the resort/hotel/lodge/chalet.

Recommended things to bring:

Raincoat, hat/cap, insect repellent, sun lotion, towel, torch light or head light, good walking shoes, comfortable cotton T-shirt with long or short pants, camera, personal toiletries and medications.

Climate and average temperature Kota Kinabalu

As part of the Sabah area, Kota Kinabalu features a typical equatorial climate with constant temperatures. Kota Kinabalu’s average temperature ranges from 26 °C to 28 °C. April and May are the hottest months, while January is the coolest one. The average annual rainfall is around 2,400mm and varies markedly throughout the year. February and March are typically the driest months while rainfall peaks in October.

Tour Guide vs Tour Leader

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.



Important information

Coach tour

Meals:

29 meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. You can also enquire about any allergies and food and if necessary advise meals to be prepared with any medication you require.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of their luggage from the coach.

Gratuities:

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. Tipping is optional and at the customer's discretion and is provided when on tour.

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: A average level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Visas

A 90 day tourist visa will be granted upon arrival into Borneo, Malaysia if travelling on an Australian Passport.

Please note: A average level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Schedule of fees

Voluntary changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- **1st Change** - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.
- **2nd Change** - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.
- **Subsequent changes** - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.
- **Changes within 30 days of departure** \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.
- **Changes within 14 days of departure** \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.

Name changes due to passenger error

If the incorrect name has been advised to NRMA, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider will apply.