

11 DAY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

# UNBEATABLE BORNEO

**\$2599**

PER  
PERSON  
TWIN  
SHARE

TYPICALLY **\$5499**

KOTA KINABALU • SANDAKAN • KINABATANGAN RIVER

## THE OFFER

Animal lovers assemble! This 11 day discovery tour is full to the brim with local flora and fauna, landmark highlights, and plenty of free time to get out and explore the island's cities. It doesn't stop there, you will also be given the ultimate gift of visiting beautiful national parks and communities, enjoying a sneak peek into the local Bornean way of life.

This tour will bring you up close to an array of Borneo's amazing animals. See the way the locals care for the welfare of their native animals at wildlife sanctuaries across the island. See the world's smallest bear at the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre, experience an intimate morning orangutan feeding in the forest, and spend time exploring the Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary. Prepare to be visually blown away when driving through the Crocker Range, with great scenic visuals of the range's highest peak, Mount Kinabalu. Plus, enjoy leisurely days in exotic Kota Kinabalu, snorkel in translucent blue water at Manukan Island, and indulge in fish foot massages, plus enjoy up to three exciting river cruises where you have a chance to spot unique animals in the wild. Includes return international flights, nine nights quality hotel and lodge accommodation. 23 meals (including dinner in an English-style tea house), and more.

11 DAY STANDARD TOUR

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### THE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 New Zealand - Kota Kinabalu, Borneo

Today depart from Auckland for Kota Kinabalu, Borneo! Fly with Malaysian Airlines. Upon arrival you will be met by a tour representative and transferred to the hotel.

Please note: - Due to flight scheduling and availability, some customers will arrive at approximately 1:00am

**Overnight: Dreamtel Hotel or similar, Kota Kinabalu**

**Meals included: In-Flight**

#### Day 2 Kota Kinabalu Free Day

Today is yours to enjoy free at leisure. Perhaps explore the local markets or relax at the hotel.

**Overnight: Dreamtel Hotel or similar, Kota Kinabalu**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 3 Manukan Island

Today after breakfast you will transfer to Jesselton Point Jetty to catch a boat to Manukan Island. Enjoy a day of swimming and snorkelling around the tropical island, as well as a buffet lunch. At approximately 4:00pm you will return to the mainland and enjoy the evening at leisure.

**Overnight: Dreamtel Hotel or similar, Kota Kinabalu**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 4 Mari-Mari Cultural Village Tour

Today depart after breakfast to the Mari-Mari Cultural Village. The village is located about 25 minutes away from the city. The journey will explore tropical jungles and local villages. After arriving at Mari-Mari take in the colours of cultural diversity,

where you can savour the soul of Sabah. Enjoy a tour of the local ethnic communities' traditional homes, with culinary, craft and dance demonstrations.

Each home was built by descendants of the tribes they represent and offer a truly genuine experience. Not only does this village portray these tribes through the architectural genius of their traditional house, but also through a range of simulated lives of the olden epoch by the residents of the village. Acquaint yourself with each tribe as they welcome you into their house and simple yet intricate lives. While traversing the village, find demonstration huts along the main houses in which daily activities of old times come to life. There is plenty to do for everyone; the making of a blowpipe, starting a fire with just a bamboo tree, tattoo-making and more. Experience an unforgettable encounter of the Sabahan homeland. Lunch will be at Mari Mari Cultural Village.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure before visiting the night markets where dinner will be served at a local restaurant.

**Overnight: Dreamtel Hotel or similar, Kota Kinabalu**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 5 Kota Kinabalu - Kinabalu National Park - Kundasang War Memorial Park - Ranau (approx. 100km day)

This morning after breakfast, drive through the scenic Crocker Range to the Kinabalu National Park. On 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.

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Afterwards continue 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 and check into the hotel.

**Overnight:** Sabah Tea Garden or similar, Ranau

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

#### Day 6 Sabah Tea - Sukau - Kinabatangan River Cruise (approx. 250km day)

After breakfast, enjoy a fish spa (foot massage) at Kampung Luanti before transferring to the Sukau Jetty for your boat ride to Borneo Nature lodge. Enjoy a complimentary drink on arrival before lunch. Later, relax on a late afternoon river cruise in search of Proboscis Monkeys, Macaques and other fascinating wildlife that gather along the Kinabatangan River - the longest river in Sabah. On return to the lodge dinner will be served.

**Overnight:** Borneo Nature Lodge or similar, Sukau

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

#### Day 7 Sunrise Ox Bow River Cruise - Gomantong Cave - Afternoon Kinabatangan Cruise

Wake up early this morning for a sunrise Ox Bow cruise to search for more wildlife. Cruise for approximately one hour before enjoying a jungle walk into the rainforest. Then head back to the lodge for breakfast. Afterwards, you will visit Gomantong Cave, famed for its edible birds nests. Exploring further, arrive at the opening of Simud Hitam cavern and enter the cave system from the boardwalk. At midday, you will

return to the lodge for lunch and have the opportunity for a second river cruise in search of more wildlife. Alternatively, you can relax and enjoy leisure time at the lodge.

**Overnight:** Borneo Nature Lodge or similar, Sukau

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

#### Day 8 Depart to Sandakan - Sepilok/SunBear - Sandakan (approx. 30km day)

After breakfast, depart to Sandakan to visit the Sepilok Orangutan Centre. Upon arrival proceed to the outdoor nursery to witness the amazing conservation work being done for orangutans. The nursery is where young orangutans are taught valuable life skills under the close supervision of their human carers. Then head to the feeding platform to witness the semi-wild orangutans who are at the final stage of the rehabilitation process before they will return into the wild. Next visit the audio visual room where you will enjoy a short video presentation to further understand the objective of Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre.

Afterwards proceed to the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre, home to the world's smallest bear. Enjoy lunch back at the hotel before enjoying a city tour to explore the various landmarks of Sandakan. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the English Tea House.

**Overnight:** Sabah Hotel or similar, Sandakan

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

#### Day 9 Labuk Bay Proboscis Sanctuary and Rainforest Discovery Centre

After breakfast, depart to the Labuk Bay Proboscis Sanctuary. Witness the morning feeding of the proboscis monkey and



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afterwards continue onwards to the Rainforest Discovery Centre to enjoy a guided walk of the botanical gardens and the canopy walkway. This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight: Sabah Hotel or similar, Sandakan**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

### **Day 10 Sandakan, Borneo - New Zealand**

Today at the appropriate time you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight back to New Zealand.

**Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight**

### **Day 11 Arrive in New Zealand**

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## TOUR INCLUSIONS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Kota Kinabalu, Ranau, Sukau and more
- Enjoy a day free at leisure in exotic Kota Kinabalu
- Go snorkelling at serene Manukan Island in Sabah
- Delve into Borneo's past at Mari Mari Cultural Village
- Enjoy the scenic views on a drive through Crocker Range
- Shop for handicrafts and souvenirs at Nabalu Village markets
- Enjoy a guided walk in Kinabalu National Park
- Search for exotic flora and fauna native to Borneo
- Visit the historic Kundasang War Memorial Park
- Experience a fish spa (foot massage) at Kampung Luanti
- Enjoy up to 3 cruises along the Kinabatangan River
- Search for Proboscis Monkeys, Macaques and more
- Marvel at the spectacular limestone Gomantong Cave
- Visit the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre
- Witness a morning orangutan feeding in the forest
- See the world's smallest bear at the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre
- Enjoy a guided city tour of Sandakan
- Visit the Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkeys Sanctuary
- Tour the fascinating Rainforest Discovery Centre

### FLIGHTS

- Return international flights (economy class) ex AKL

### ACCOMMODATION

- 9 nights quality hotel and lodge accommodation

### DINING

- Enjoy 23 meals, including a dinner in a English style teahouse

### TOUR ESSENTIALS

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

### TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private A/C vehicles

### TRANSFERS

- Return airport transfers

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\*Please note: all information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

## 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 in NZD (unless otherwise stated).*

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 21st October 2020.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$530 applies.

### Departure Dates (2020)

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

### Departure Cities

Auckland

## FLIGHTS

### Full Service Airline(s) Used

Malaysian Airlines plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

*Please note: One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.*

### Arrive early in Kota Kinabalu, Borneo

\$220 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.

- Blackout dates apply between the below date ranges:

- \* 28th March – 27th April 2020

- \* 20th June – 19th July 2020

- \* 17th September – 11th October

### Stay behind in Sandakan, Borneo

\$220 per person, subject to availability

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- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

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- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

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## Stopover Packages

Not available.

## Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy: Not available.

- Business Class (International sectors only): Buy now for \$3699 per person

*Please note:*

- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).

- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights, Trans-Tasman, and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

3-4 Star (self-rated)

- Kota Kinabalu: Dreamtel Hotel or similar

- Sandakan: Sabah Hotel or similar

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

- Ranau: Sabah Tea Garden Cottages or similar

- Sukau: Borneo Nature Lodge or similar

*Please note: Accommodation/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

Not available.

### Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

### Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.





# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- 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

Not available.

## Bedding Configuration

Twin or Double bedding (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 16, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A 30 day tourist visa will be granted upon arrival into Borneo if travelling on an New Zealand passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Malaysian Tourism Tax: 10 RM (approx. \$4 NZD) per room per night collected on tour.
- 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.*

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### 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.*

### CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

#### 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.

## FLIGHTS

### Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

### Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals:

23 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. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements.

*Please note: we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.*

### 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 the luggage from the coach.

## OTHER



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## 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 general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

## Yellow Fever:

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also quite common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate on your arrival back home.

It is your responsibility to check with your doctor well in advance of leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

## Gratuities / Tipping:

### Land

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 while on tour.

Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

## Sightseeing:

*Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.*

## Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information. <https://www.tripadeal.com.au/terms>

## VISAS

A 30 day tourist visa for Borneo is granted on arrival if travelling on a New Zealand passport.

*Please note: Passengers who are not New Zealand citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.*

## INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Post-Purchase Change

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

- \$50 NZD per change request post-purchase + any additional charges applied by the travel partners associated with the order.