

11 DAY WILDLIFE TOUR

# BORNEO DISCOVERY

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PER  
PERSON  
TWIN  
SHARE

KOTA KINABALU • RANAU • SUKAU • SANDAKAN

## THE OFFER

Exotic jungles teeming with life, rugged mountains, and sapphire shorelines- Borneo is the wild, beating heart of the Malay archipelago. Home to some of the planet's most unusual creatures this colossal tropical island will dazzle even the most seasoned explorers and awaken a sense of wonder and joy for the natural world.

The magic of Borneo is yours to capture on this 11 day discovery package. Enjoy a night of leisure in vibrant Kuala Lumpur; snorkel the pristine reefs of Manukan island; witness a morning Orangutan feeding in the forest and marvel at the towering limestone of Gomantong Cave. Enjoy a guided walk in the shadow of Mount Kinabalu- one of the highest summits in Southeast Asia- and search the jungle canopy for hornbill birds and proboscis monkeys. Come face to face with adorable sun bears- the smallest in the world- and tour the fascinating Rainforest Discovery centre. Unwind on a river cruise along the mighty Kinabatangan and so much more!

This incredible adventure includes return international flights, nine nights quality accommodation, 20 meals, English-speaking guides and more.

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### THE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Australia – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Today, depart from either Sydney, Melbourne, \*Brisbane, \*Adelaide or Perth for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia! Fly with award winning Malaysian Airlines plus any codeshare partners. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to the hotel.

*Please note:*

- Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation which you will receive 4 - 6 weeks prior to departure.
- Brisbane and Adelaide customers may be required to fly via Sydney or Melbourne

**Overnight: Swiss Garden Hotel, Kuala Lumpur**

**Meals included: In-Flight**

#### Day 2 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Sandakan, Borneo

This morning check-out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for the flight to Sandakan, Borneo. Upon arrival, be met by a tour representative and proceed to lunch (not included) at a local restaurant before being transferred to the hotel. Mid-afternoon be collected from the hotel to explore the various landmarks of Sandakan such as Central Market, with the most amazing variety of fresh seafood and agricultural products. Afterwards, drive through Sim-Sim Water Village before visiting the Puh Jih Syh Buddhist Temple which offers a panoramic view of Sandakan Bay situated on the hilltop of Tanah Merah. This evening enjoy a local dinner before returning to the hotel.

**Overnight: Sabah Hotel, Sandakan**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 3 Sepilok Orangutan Rehab, Sun Bear Conservation centres & Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary

After breakfast, visit the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre. On arrival, proceed to the outdoor nursery to witness the amazing conservation work being done. The nursery is where young orangutans learn to socialise and play with each other, all under the close supervision of their human carers. Afterwards, head to the feeding platform for the morning feeding and then watch a video presentation to understand further the objective/purpose of the centre. Next you will visit the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre, which is home to rescued Sun Bears, the world's smallest bear. Afterwards, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch, drive to the Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary (approx. 30mins) and witness the feeding of these endemic animals in their natural habitat. On a lucky day, one might also see the silver leaf monkey or a Bornean Hornbill. Drive back to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the afternoon free at leisure. In the evening meet in the hotel lobby and proceed for dinner at The English Tea House (not included) before returning to the hotel. This is approximately a 30km day.

**Overnight: Sabah Hotel, Sandakan**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

#### Day 4 Rainforest Discovery Centre/Sukau Kinabatangan

After breakfast you will visit the Rainforest Discovery Centre and explore one of Sabah's finest examples of remaining

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tropical forest by experiencing the guided canopy walkway famed for bird watching or birding photography. After the guided canopy walk, proceed to the Botanical Gardens - home to at least several hundred both endemic and introduced plants - and conclude your visit at the exhibit centre. Mid-morning depart for Sukau at Kinabatangan (approx. 2.5 hours) and arrive in time for lunch and then check-in to the hotel.

Enjoy afternoon tea before a river cruise in search of Proboscis Monkeys, Macaques and other fascinating wildlife that gather along the Kinabatangan River - the longest river in Sabah. Return in time to freshen up for dinner at the lodge.

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

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

#### Day 5 Ox Bow River Cruise - Guided Jungle Walk - Afternoon Kinabatangan Cruise

Wake up early this morning for a sunrise cruise to search for more wildlife. Cruise for approximately one hour with the option of a short jungle walk at Ox Bow Lake before heading back to the lodge for breakfast.

After breakfast, depart Sukau for Gomantong Cave. Explore one of the largest limestone and bird's nest caves in all of Sabah. After visiting the cave, transfer back to the lodge to freshen up for lunch. Enjoy free time before meeting at the lodge restaurant for afternoon tea and embarking on the late afternoon river cruise to search for more wildlife, or alternatively relax and enjoy leisure time at the lodge.

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

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

#### Day 6 Sukau – Sabah Tea Plantation Cottage

After breakfast, check out of the lodge and depart for Sabah Tea Garden Plantation (approx. 4 hrs) in time for lunch at Sabah Tea Garden. Then, after lunch, indulge in some free time at your leisure before enjoying a fish spa (foot massage) at Kampung LuanTi. Enjoy dinner at Sabah Tea Garden Plantation.

**Overnight: Sabah Tea Garden Cottages, Perkasa Hotel or similar, Ranau**

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

#### Day 7 Kinabalu Park National Park - Kota Kinabalu

This morning, you might like to rise early for a morning sunrise walk. After breakfast, tour 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 continue to Kinabalu National Park for a guided walk in the Botanical Garden in search of native plants and wild orchids. Enjoy lunch at the park restaurant before departing to Kota Kinabalu. On the way stop at Tamparuli to experience the traditional hanging bridge. Upon arrival into Kota Kinabalu, check into the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

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

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

#### Day 8 Manukan Island - Tanjung Aru Water Village Tour - Penampang Village

This morning after breakfast, transfer to Marina Jetty to catch a ferry to Manukan Island. Enjoy swimming and snorkelling

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on this tropical island as well as lunch. After lunch, depart the island and return to the hotel to refresh before proceeding to visit Tanjung Aru water village where the houses are built on stilts over the water. From the walkway, visitors can have a good view of the islands of Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park and the Shangri-la Tanjung Aru Resort. There are around 3,000 villagers staying in some 240 dwellings on stilts.

The tour will move on to Penampang, the hub of the Kadazandusun community. The main city of this area Donggongon is named from a kadazan word, tundo'ongon which means a 'shelter' or a 'resting area', referring to its historical role as a stop-over for people from the middle of the country who journeyed down the coast to trade goods at what is called a Tamu meaning 'market'. After visiting the market proceed to 'J Borneo Native Village' for dinner and a cultural show. After dinner, transfer back to the hotel.

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

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

#### Day 9 Free at Leisure - Kota Kinabalu

Today is free to explore the town of Kota Kinabalu at leisure. Alternatively, you can join an optional Mari-Mari cultural village tour.

Optional tour: Mari-Mari Cultural Village Tour - \$85 per person

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.

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

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 10 Kota Kinabalu - Australia

This morning check out of the hotel and, at the appropriate time, be transferred to the airport for your return flight back (via Kuala Lumpur) to Australia.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 11 Arrive in Australia

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# TOUR INCLUSIONS

## HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the best of Kota Kinabalu, Ranau, Sandakan, Sukau and more

Enjoy a night in the vibrant city of Kuala Lumpur at leisure

Go snorkelling at beautiful Manukan Island

Visit Tanjung Aru Water Village, Penampang Local Markets and Cultural Show

Enjoy a guided walk in Kinabalu National Park

Search for exotic flora and fauna native to Borneo

Visit the Kundasang War Memorial Park

Experience a fish spa (foot massage) at Kampung Luanti

Enjoy three river cruises along the Kinabatangan River

Witness the local way of life on a guided village walk

Marvel at the spectacular limestone Gomantong Cave

Tour the fascinating Rainforest Discovery Centre

Learn about orangutans at 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

Witness proboscis monkeys at the Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary

Go shopping in Sandakan's bustling Central Markets

## FLIGHTS

Return international flights (economy class) departing SYD/MEL/\*BNE/\*ADL/PER

1-way internal flight (economy class) from Kuala Lumpur to Borneo

## ACCOMMODATION

9 nights quality hotel and lodge accommodation

## DINING

Enjoy 20 meals including daily breakfast

## 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

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\*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 AUD (unless otherwise stated).*

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 29th November 2020.

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

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$500 applies.

### Departure Dates (2020)

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

### Surcharges

*Please note:*

- Dates/months with a \* incur a land high

season surcharge of \$100 per person.

- Dates/months with a ^ incur a flight high season surcharge of \$100 per person.

### Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, \*Brisbane, \*Adelaide or Perth

### Departure City Surcharges

\*Adelaide or \*Brisbane: \$50 per person

## FLIGHTS

### Full Service Airline(s) Used

Malaysian Airlines plus any codeshare partners.

*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 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

\$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.

- Blackout Dates:

\* 14 December 2019 - 31 January 2020

\* 28 March 2020 - 27 April 2020

\* 20 June 2020 - 19 July 2020

\* 17 September 2020 - 11 October 2020

\* 10 December 2020 - 20 January 2020

### Stay behind in Kota Kinabalu, Borneo

\$200 per person, subject to availability

*Please note:*

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

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### Stopover Packages

Not Available

### Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy : Not Available

- Business Class (International Sectors Only): Buy Now \$3199 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 and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

4 Star (self-rated):

- Kuala Lumpur: Swiss Garden Hotel & Residences or similar

- Sandakan: Sabah Hotel or similar

- Kota Kinabalu: Dreamtel Hotel or similar

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



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- Ranau: Sabah Tea Garden Cottages, Perkasa Hotel 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.

- Valid for Children 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.

## Optional Tours / Activities

Day 9: Mari Mari Cultural Village Tour - \$85 per person

*Please note:*

- prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions

- The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone prior to submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability)

- The above tour has a minimum number requirement of 4 people.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A 90 day tourist visa will be granted upon arrival into Malaysia/Borneo if travelling on an Australian Passport)

- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary

- Malaysian Tourism Tax: 10 RM (approx. \$3.5 AUD) 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.

### Kuala Lumpur:

March is the hottest month in Kuala Lumpur with an average temperature of 28°C and the coldest is January at 27°C with the most daily sunshine hours at 8 in September. The wettest month is November with an average of 290mm of rain.

## 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-



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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:

20 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

### 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.

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.

## VISAS

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

*Please note: Passengers who are not Australian 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

### Voluntary Changes

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

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/



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other travel provider.

- Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

## **Name Changes Due To Passenger Error**

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

