

# The heart of BORNEO

## A Journey of Discovery

15 August - 5 September • 22 Days



Experience Borneo in its many glorious forms. From a **sunset river cruise** at **Kuching** to **orangutan encounters**. Discover the traditional way of life at a **Dayak longhouse** and explore the jungles and **caves** of **UNESCO-listed Mulu National Park**. Breathe in the cool, refreshing air atop **Mount Kinabalu's highlands** and enjoy the hot springs of Poring. Witness **turtles nesting** on **Selingan Island** and visit the world-renowned **Sepilok orangutan** and **sun bear** centres, not to mention many other rare and endangered species at the **Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary**. This is a journey filled with unique wildlife encounters, traditions still practised, and unforgettable natural wonders.



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\$ 19,775

per person share twin

### NEW ZEALAND – KUALA LUMPUR

two nights Kuala Lumpur

**Day 1** We fly to Malaysia's dynamic capital, Kuala Lumpur, for a two-night stay, before we depart for Sarawak.

### KUALA LUMPUR

**Day 2** Kuala Lumpur is a city of glittering skyscrapers, leafy parks, and a rich blend of cultures. Today is yours to explore at your own pace from our centrally located hotel. Immerse yourself in bustling markets, heritage enclaves, and of course, the iconic Petronas Towers. The city also has a legendary food scene.

### KUALA LUMPUR - KUCHING

four nights Kuching

**Day 3** Today we fly to **Kuching**, the vibrant riverside capital of Sarawak on the island of Borneo. We're warmly welcomed by our local guide and transferred to our centrally located hotel to settle in. This afternoon we'll wander and explore the neighbourhood and surrounds.

### KUCHING

**Day 4** After a leisurely morning we embark on a **Sarawak River Sunset Cruise**. Glide past colourful Malay villages, the striking **City Mosque**, **Fort Margherita**, and Kuching's lively waterfront. Watch locals go about daily life as we pass painted water taxis and fishing boats and witness the colourful transformation as the evening lights bring the river to life.

### KUCHING

**Day 5** This morning we meet the gentle giants of Borneo at the **Semenggoh Wildlife Centre**, where **orangutans** are rehabilitated before being released back into the wild. In the afternoon we journey to **Kampung Annah Rais Longhouse**, home to the Bidayuh people. Witness the function of the longhouse and ancient traditions that are kept alive today.

### KUCHING

**Day 6** A full-day tour takes us into **Bako National Park**, the oldest in Sarawak and a haven of biodiversity. We'll cruise by boat to this rainforest sanctuary, home to the rare **proboscis monkey**, **macaques**, **silver leaf monkeys**, **bearded pigs** and **monitor lizards**. Wander forest trails, spot pitcher plants, and relax on sandy bays before returning to Kuching.

### KUCHING – MULU

three nights Mulu

**Day 7** After breakfast we fly to **Gunung Mulu National Park** famed for its dramatic caves and rock formations. Our lodge is situated in the heart of Borneo's rainforest.

### INCLUDED

- Economy class airfares ex AKL & CHC
- Economy class airfares for internal flights
- Quality 4 & 5 star hotels situated in well appointed locations
- All gratuities and taxes
- Local English speaking guides
- All transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- Breakfast daily
- Dinners & lunches to be confirmed
- Private touring coach
- Services of a Travel 2U tour leader
- Travel 2U tour kit

### NOT INCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature
- Meals and drinks other than mentioned
- Fuel surcharges

\$TBC

### OPTIONAL p/p subject to availability

- Single room supplement + \$ ????
- Upgrade to business class POA
- Upgrade to premium economy POA



*"Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer." - Anonymous*

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## MULU

**Day 8** Today we explore the extraordinary **Deer Cave**, one of the world's largest cave passages, with ceilings soaring over 100 metres high. Nearby, the smaller **Lang Cave** reveals delicate stalactites, and shimmering cave formations. As evening falls, we gather at the observatory to witness a breathtaking natural spectacle: millions of bats spiralling out of the cave in search of food, darkening the sky in a swirling ribbon.

## MULU

**Day 9** Travel by long-tail boat to a **Penan village** before continuing to **Wind Cave** and the vast **Clearwater Cave**, home to one of the world's longest underground rivers. Climb to the entrance, wander its cavernous chambers, then cool off in the crystal-clear spring-fed pool at its base. Surrounded by butterflies and rainforest, this is one of Borneo's most magical moments.



## MULU – KOTA KINABALU

two nights Kota Kinabalu

**Days 10-11** A midday flight takes us to Kota Kinabalu our home for the next two nights. Enjoy a day at leisure to explore the local markets, sample regional flavours, or simply sit back, relax.

## KOTA KINABALU – KUNDASANG

one night Kundasang

**Day 12** Travel overland to the foothills of majestic **Mt. Kinabalu**, pausing at the colourful **Pekan Nabal market** where local crafts and fresh produce fill the stalls. Visit the **Kundasang War Memorial Park**, a moving tribute to those who lost their lives during World War II, before continuing to **Kinabalu National Park**. Explore the **Kinabalu Natural History Gallery** and wander through the enchanting **Mountain Garden**, home to many rare and endemic plant species.



## KUNDASANG – SANDAKAN

one night Sandakan

**Day 13** We stop at **Ranau** to visit the first **POW camp** and the **Quailey's Hill Memorial** at **Sabah Tea Garden**, commemorating the bravery of those who endured the Sandakan Death March. Continue through lush highland scenery to arrive in Sandakan.

## SANDAKAN – KINABATANGAN

three nights Kinabatangan River Lodge

**Days 14-17** We journey into the heart of **Borneo's wild east** to our riverfront lodge in the **Lower Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary**, one of Southeast Asia's richest wildlife corridors. Over two days, enjoy guided river safaris in search of **Borneo's "Big Five"** — **orangutans, pygmy elephants, hornbills, proboscis monkeys, and saltwater crocodiles**. Dawn and dusk cruises reveal unforgettable wildlife encounters, while even the lodge offers close-up moments with nature. Birdlife here is exceptional, with over 325 species recorded.



*"Don't listen to what they say - go see."  
- Chinese proverb*

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## KINABATANGAN – SANDAKAN

one night Sandakan

**Day 17** Cruise by boat to **Sandakan** to visit the **Rainforest Discovery Centre**, featuring a **scenic canopy walkway**, lush botanical gardens, and an impressive array of tropical birdlife.

## SANDAKAN – SELINGAN ISLAND

one night Selingan Island

**Day 18** This morning we board a boat to **Selingan Island**, part of the protected **Turtle Islands Park**. Spend the afternoon swimming, snorkelling, or exploring the sandy beaches. After dinner, join the park rangers to witness a moving wildlife experience – **a green turtle** laying her eggs, **the transfer of eggs to the hatchery**, and the **release of baby turtles** into the sea.

## SELINGAN ISLAND – SANDAKAN

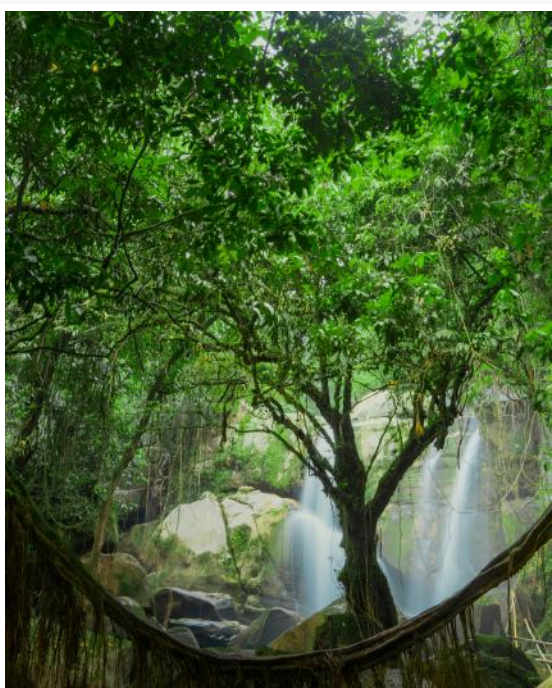
one night Sandakan

**Day 19** We return by boat to Sandakan to visit the renowned **Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre** to observe these gentle forest dwellers during their feeding time and learn about their vital conservation. We explore the **Sun Bear Conservation Centre** for an intimate look at the world's smallest bear.

## SANDAKAN – KUALA LUMPUR – NEW ZEALAND

one night Kuala Lumpur

**Days 20-22** We transfer to the airport to commence our homeward journey, flying to Kuala Lumpur, where we spend an overnight stop en route to New Zealand. Our journey through Borneo reveals a world of ancient rainforests, rich cultural traditions, and breathtaking natural wonders, where we come face to face with some of the planet's most critically endangered species. It's a voyage of discovery, connection, and awe, one that leaves us with indelible memories long after our adventure ends.



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