

10 Days | Borneo Private Wildlife Tour | With Flights

Kota Kinabalu - Sandakan - Kinabatangan River - Selingan Island

From **\$3,999** Typically \$4,699 ✈ pp twin share



Return Economy Class Airfares from Australia to Borneo

8 Nights Accommodation with Daily Breakfast

Come face to face with the INCREDIBLE Orangutans

Enjoy City tours, Multiple River Cruises and MUCH MORE!

Description



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Embark on an extraordinary 10-day odyssey that promises to unfold the enchanting tapestry of Borneo and Malaysia before your eyes.

This immersive journey will sweep you through the very heart of these captivating regions, offering a rich symphony of natural wonders, encounters with exotic wildlife, and deeply immersive cultural experiences that will undoubtedly captivate your senses.

Our meticulously crafted itinerary invites you to step into the vibrant city of Kota Kinabalu, a place where modernity seamlessly converges with traditional Bornean charm. The journey then takes you into the untamed wilds of Sandakan, the gateway to Borneo's pristine wilderness, where a rendezvous with orangutans, proboscis monkeys, and sun bears awaits at the renowned Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre.

As the adventure unfolds, you'll navigate the picturesque Kinabatangan River, a haven for wildlife enthusiasts seeking rare bird species, elusive pygmy elephants, and a myriad of other fascinating creatures. The journey extends to the serene beauty of Selingan Island, where azure waters and pristine landscapes beckon, creating a perfect harmony between relaxation and exploration.

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Throughout this 10-day escapade, prepare to be entranced by the mesmerizing landscapes and wildlife-rich jungles that surround you. The warm hospitality of local communities will add an extra layer of authenticity to your experience. Whether you identify as an intrepid adventurer, a nature enthusiast, or a cultural explorer, this meticulously curated tour ensures a diverse array of activities that will immerse you in the natural and cultural wonders of Borneo and Malaysia.

What sets this adventure apart is not just the destinations it encompasses, but also the utmost comfort and seamless experience it promises. Carefully selected accommodations ensure you rest and rejuvenate in style after thrilling days of exploration. Our commitment to convenience extends to transportation logistics, allowing you to fully immerse yourself in the wonders of Borneo and Malaysia without the hassle of planning or navigating. This 10-day journey is more than a mere travel itinerary; it is an invitation to indulge your senses, broaden your horizons, and create lasting memories in the heart of some of the world's most remarkable landscapes.

Itinerary

Day 1

Australia ✈ Kota Kinabalu

Today you will check in for your flight. Enjoy the services of your airline as you make your way North.

Meals: Inflight Menu

Day 2

Kota Kinabalu

Welcome to Malaysia! Upon your arrival at Kota Kinabalu Airport, you will receive a warm meet-and-greet by our guide in the arrival hall. From there, we'll smoothly transition to your designated vehicle for a convenient transfer to your hotel. Once at the hotel, you'll complete the check-in process, and the remainder of the day is yours to unwind and enjoy at your own pace. Rest well for the night, as you anticipate the adventures that lie ahead.

Meals: None

Accommodation: Mercure Kota City Centre or similar

Day 3

Kota Kinabalu ✈ Sandakan 🏠 Kinabatangan River

Enjoy your morning meal (packaged for convenience). Our team will pick you up from the hotel to catch an early flight to Sandakan. Upon arrival, a representative will greet you at the arrivals hall, and you'll embark on a scenic 2.5-hour drive through the charming countryside adorned with villages.

A brief boat transfer will then take you to the Borneo Nature Lodge or a similar accommodation. Get oriented, savor a satisfying lunch, and complete the check-in process. Bask by the riverside, embracing the tranquil atmosphere, before setting off at 4PM on a boat journey up the Kinabatangan River, the longest river in Sabah. This expedition offers a chance to witness the vibrant wildlife and diverse bird species that inhabit the untouched rainforest surroundings.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Borneo Nature Lodge or similar

Day 4

Kinabatangan River

Awaken to the harmonious melodies of birds, insects, and creatures of the wild. Begin your day at 6AM with a morning cruise up the Kinabatangan River, extending your journey to the Kelenanap Ox-Bow Lake. Here, indulge in bird watching and the search for various wildlife species. Conditions permitting, embark on a brief jungle stroll, immersing yourself in the untamed beauty of Borneo's wilderness. Afterward, return to the lodge for a satisfying breakfast.

The rest of the day is yours to explore the surroundings or venture into the nearby village at your own pace. As the afternoon mellows, embark on another boat cruise at 4PM, meandering along the river's gentle currents.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Borneo Nature Lodge or similar

Day 5

Kinabatangan River 🐢 Selingan Island

Following an early breakfast at the resort, set out from Sukau at 630AM to catch the scheduled 930AM boat bound for Selingan Island. Upon arrival, proceed with registration at the Turtle Island Parks HQ and complete the check-in process.

The afternoon presents a leisurely opportunity to unwind at your own pace. Embrace activities like swimming and snorkeling, immersing yourself in the island's natural beauty. As evening approaches, ensure you have your essentials, as the ranger will call you after dinner for the remarkable experience of observing turtle nesting. Witness the transfer of the precious eggs to the hatchery.

A helpful note: When packing for your overnight stay on Turtle Island, remember to bring only essentials, as there are no porters available on the island to assist with luggage.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Accommodation: Selingan Island Lodge or similar

Day 6

Selingan Island 🐢 Sandakan

Set off at 630AM after your check-out, enjoying a wholesome breakfast. Thereafter, embark on a boat journey back to the mainland of Sandakan. A drive of approximately thirty minutes takes you to the renowned Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre, a sanctuary for orphaned and injured orangutans.

By 2PM, post-lunch, prepare for a captivating city tour that uncovers the iconic landmarks of Sandakan. The exploration might encompass the bustling Central Market, where an astonishing array of fresh seafood and agricultural products await. Continue to the distinctive Sim-Sim Water Village.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sabah Hotel or similar

Day 7

Sandakan ✈ Kota Kinabalu

Savor a delightful breakfast to start your day. At the scheduled time, we'll arrange your transfer from Sandakan Airport to Kota Kinabalu. Upon your arrival at Kota Kinabalu Airport, our team will be ready to take you to your hotel, ensuring a seamless check-in experience.

By 6PM, your evening adventure begins as the sun sets. Immerse yourself in the vibrant ambiance of the colorful night market, a treasure trove of trinkets and souvenirs waiting to be discovered. Observe the city's nightlife come to life as it sparkles in all its glory. Following this, relish a delectable dinner that awaits you.

Meals: None

Accommodation: Mercure Kota City Centre or similar

Day 8

Kota Kinabalu 🚗 Mari Mari Cultural Village 🚗 Kota Kinabalu

In the morning, we embark on a voyage to the Mari Mari Cultural Village, nestled in a secluded forest enclave in Kionsom, Inanam, just 25 minutes from the city. Upon our arrival, we'll be guided through a diverse array of traditional homes representing Sabahan ethnic communities including the Dusun, Rungus, Lundayeh, Bajau, and Murut. Our friendly village guide will provide a comprehensive introduction to each house, revealing customs, and ceremonial practices that acquaint us with the distinct culture of each tribe.

By 1PM, we'll ensure your seamless return to your Kota Kinabalu hotel. The afternoon invites you to leisurely explore or unwind, setting the stage for a restful overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Mercure Kota City Centre or similar

Day 9

Kota Kinabalu

Today is a day to explore Kota Kinabalu at leisure. Kota Kinabalu is the capital of Malaysia's Sabah state in the northern part of the island of Borneo. Often referred to as KK, it's a coastal city partly surrounded by rainforest. It's known for its bustling markets, modern boardwalk, beaches and waterfront Kota Kinabalu City Mosque. It is also a gateway to Kinabalu National Park, the home of 4,095m-high Mount Kinabalu.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Mercure Kota City Centre or similar

Day 10

Kota Kinabalu ✈ Australia

Start your day with a hearty breakfast. Enjoy your free time at your own pace until it's time for your departure transfer to Kota Kinabalu Airport, approximately 3 hours before your estimated time of departure. A

As your journey through the captivating landscapes of Malaysia and Borneo comes to an end, take with you a treasure trove of memories until your next trip!

Meals: Breakfast and Inflight Menu

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- Return Economy Class Airfares from Melbourne, Sydney Brisbane Perth or Adelaide to Kota Kinabalu flying Malaysia Airlines, Royal Brunei, Singapore Airlines or Scoot Airlines
- 8 nights Accommodation at 4-star Hotels & Lodges
- 8 Breakfasts
- Transportation with A/C in a modern coach or mini-bus
- Airport Transfer Arrival and Departure transfers on the first and last day of the trip
- Tour Guiding - Services of experienced tour guides
- Domestic Flights from Kota Kinabalu to Sandakan & Sandakan to Kota Kinabalu
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary

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Exclusions

- Travel Insurance
- Seat reservations
- Optional recommended programs or tour extensions
- Any meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Personal expenditure
- Tips and Gratuities

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