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## EXPLORE MALAYSIA BORNEO'S WILDLIFE

### 14 Days / 13 Nights

#### Day 1: Arrive in Kuching, Heritage Trail Tour

Welcome to Malaysian Borneo! Upon your arrival in **Kuching**, the capital of Malaysia's **Sarawak** state, a private transfer will take you to your hotel. Start your exploration at the iconic **Cat Statue**, a symbol of Kuching's endearing nickname, the "Cat City." This whimsical statue pays homage to the feline companions that once roamed freely in the city's streets. Then, continue your adventure to Kuching's **Chinatown**, where you'll be transported to a world of bustling markets, vibrant shops, and traditional Chinese architecture.

In the afternoon, explore historic sites along the **Kuching Heritage Trail**, like **Astana**, a majestic palace that was once the residence of the White Rajahs, and the nearby **Fort Margherita**, a stunning fortress overlooking the **Sarawak River**. Next, visit the **Sarawak Museum**, one of Southeast Asia's finest museums, before passing by heritage buildings such as the **Charles Brooke Monument**, **Pavilion**, **Square Tower**, and more.

#### Day 2: Cruise the Santubong River, Visit Kubah Wildlife Park

Experience the enchanting beauty of the **Santubong River** and encounter Irrawaddy dolphins on a river cruising adventure. As you glide along the river's calm waters, you'll be surrounded by lush mangroves and breathtaking vistas. The knowledgeable guides will regale you with fascinating stories about the river's history, wildlife, and local culture. You'll also be able to spot other wildlife, such as proboscis monkeys swinging from the trees, colorful kingfishers darting through the sky, and crocodiles sunning themselves on the riverbanks. Next, return to dry land and visit **Kubah Wildlife Park**, where you can connect with nature, witness captivating wildlife, and gain a deeper appreciation for the remarkable biodiversity found in Borneo's rainforests. As you explore the park's extensive network of trails, prepare to be greeted by a symphony of sounds from vibrant bird species, including hornbills and kingfishers. Take in the awe-inspiring sights of exotic flora, such as towering dipterocarp trees and delicate orchids painting the landscape with vibrant hues. In addition, keep an eye out for the tropical Kubah frog.

#### Day 3: Day Trip to the Wind & Fairy Caves

Depart Kuching this morning and head toward **Bau** on the city's outskirts. Sit back and enjoy the scenic drive through picturesque landscapes and rural villages, immersing yourself in the natural beauty of **Sarawak**. Upon arrival at the **Wind Cave**, be prepared to be awed by the impressive rock formations and unique stalactites and stalagmites. As you venture deeper into the cave, you'll feel a gentle breeze flowing through the chambers, hence its name, adding to the mystique of the experience. Not far from Wind Cave, proceed to the nearby **Fairy Cave**, named after the impressive stalagmite structure, which resembles a Chinese deity. Ascend the steps leading to the cave entrance, and once inside, marvel at the breathtaking limestone formations illuminated by natural sunlight seeping through the cavernous openings. Take a moment to absorb the serene atmosphere and appreciate the beauty of this hidden gem. After exploring both caves, enjoy a packed lunch in the tranquil surroundings, replenishing your energy for the return journey to Kuching.





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## Day 4: Visit a Bidayuh Village & the Semenggoh Nature Reserve

This morning, you'll visit the **Annah Rais Longhouse**, which offers a chance to connect with the vibrant Bidayuh culture. As you explore the longhouse, you'll witness daily activities such as weaving, bamboo craftsmanship, and farming. Participate in traditional ceremonies, try creating bamboo handicrafts, or learn the art of traditional cooking. The villagers will be delighted to share their stories, folklore, and legends with you. Later, visit **Semenggoh Nature Reserve**, located just outside of Kuching. This protected area is renowned for its efforts in rehabilitating and conserving orangutans. The reserve is home to a semi-wild population of orangutans, who roam freely here in their natural habitat. You'll have the opportunity to witness them up close during feeding times as they swing through the trees displaying their agility and intelligence. Through informative presentations and guided tours, you'll better understand the importance of protecting these magnificent creatures and their habitat.

## Day 5: Fly to Kota Kinabalu, Free Time

This morning, a private driver will pick you up from your accommodation in Kuching and transfer you to the airport, where you'll fly 1.5 hours to **Kota Kinabalu**, the capital of Malaysia's **Sabah** state. Upon arrival, transfer to your accommodation. Once you've settled in, enjoy a day of exploring at your own pace. You can visit the **Kota Kinabalu City Mosque** (also known as the Floating Mosque), go for a swim at **Tanjung Aru Beach**, or explore the galleries at the **Sabah State Museum**.

## Day 6: Day Trip to Kundasang & Kinabalu Park

Tucked away in the foothills of **Mount Kinabalu**, the highest peak in Malaysia, you'll find the charming town of **Kundasang**. It's cool climate and postcard-worthy scenery make it a must-visit destination for nature enthusiasts. The town is also famous for its agricultural activities, including vegetable farming and dairy production. On today's day trip, you'll visit the **Desa Cattle Dairy Farm** and have the chance to learn about dairy farming and indulge in fresh dairy products. Then it's time to work off some calories at Malaysia's first UNESCO World Heritage Site, **Kinabalu Park**. This magnificent park boasts a diverse range of flora and fauna and is a trekker's paradise offering some of Southeast Asia's best hiking experiences. Explore the park's numerous trails, ranging from easy walks to challenging treks, as you marvel at the rare orchids, carnivorous plants, and wildlife found here.

## Day 7: Snorkeling at Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park

Today you'll visit another UNESCO World Heritage Site near Kota Kinabalu—**Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park**—renowned for its remarkable biodiversity and pristine natural beauty. This marine park encompasses a cluster of stunning islands boasting vibrant coral reefs, diverse marine life, and breathtaking landscapes, making it a paradise for nature enthusiasts and conservationists. Discover the rich underwater world that exists here through a snorkeling adventure, where you'll see breathtaking sights beneath the crystal-clear waters of the **South China Sea**. The diverse and thriving coral formations provide a spectacular backdrop, showcasing nature's artistic uniqueness. You'll explore different snorkelling sites, each with its unique features and underwater landscapes, for an unforgettable, immersive experience that is accessible and enjoyable for all skill levels. The marine park is





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well-maintained, with a strong emphasis on conservation, ensuring the protection of its delicate ecosystem for generations to come.

## Day 8: Fly to Sandakan, City Tour

This morning, a driver will pick you up from your hotel and transfer you to the airport, where you'll board a domestic one-hour flight to **Sandakan**. Upon arrival, prepare to explore the **Sandakan Heritage Trail**, a pathway that links numerous historical sites within the city. As you walk along the trail, you'll encounter a fascinating collection of colonial-era buildings that have withstood the test of time. One notable landmark is **St. Michael's and All Angels Church**, an architectural marvel with intricate stained-glass windows and an elegant design. Another highlight is the **Agnes Keith House**, the former residence of an American author, which provides a captivating insight into the colonial lifestyle of the past. The trail also leads you to landmarks like the **Sandakan Memorial Park**, dedicated to the prisoners of war who suffered during World War II, and the **Buli Sim Sim Water Village**, where you can observe the unique stilt houses that line the waterfront. If you have extra time, visit the **Sandakan Rainforest Discovery Center** to observe wildlife in their natural habitat, embark on a jungle trek, or try a canopy walk.

## Day 9: Visit the Sepilok Rehabilitation Center, Boat to Kinabatangan, Evening Cruise

Depart this morning for the **Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center** in **Sabah**. This renowned center plays a vital role in rescuing orphaned, injured, or displaced orangutans and providing them with a safe environment for rehabilitation before reintroducing them into the wild. At Sepilok, you'll have the unique opportunity to witness these intelligent and endangered primates up close and observe their behavior during feeding times. The center also conducts educational programs, raising awareness about conservation and the importance of protecting their natural habitat. In the afternoon, transfer to **Sandakan Yacht Club Jetty** for a 1.5-hour boat ride to your resort, snapping photos of **Berhala Island's** sandstone cliffs along the way. Then, proceed toward the mangroves along the **Kinabatangan River**. Fuel up with lunch and don more formal clothes before embarking on an evening cruise. With a cup of tea in hand, enjoy the ride as you scour the area for macaques, proboscis monkeys, and various bird species. Afterward, stroll along the surrounding boardwalks with a guide, searching for nocturnal creatures and insects.

## Day 10: Explore the Kinabatangan River

Start today's tour at the crack of dawn, setting out on a morning cruise through the misty rainforest jungle. With luck, you may spot colorful birds, wild orangutans, proboscis monkeys, and pygmy elephants with their babyish faces and playful behavior. The Borneo pygmy elephant is the smallest elephant species and can only be found in Sabah. Before returning to the resort for breakfast, you'll also visit local villagers and learn about their unique way of life. After a midday break, it's time to set out again on a late afternoon cruise searching for mangroves and more wildlife. If you're lucky, you'll be treated to the mesmerizing sight of fireflies lighting up the trees along the river. Finish off your day with a nighttime river safari, keeping an eye out for nocturnal animals.

## Day 11: Transfer to Lahad Datu, Visit the Lipad Mud Volcano

Meet your private driver at your hotel today and transfer two hours to your accommodation in **Lahad Datu**. Upon





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arrival at your resort, check in and begin your exploration by visiting the **Trogon Hall Gallery**, where you'll learn about conservation efforts and the diverse wildlife of the **Tabin Wildlife Reserve**. In the afternoon, trek along the **Elephant Trail** to reach the active **Lipad Mud Volcano**. This unique geological feature serves as a mineral salt lick for wildlife and attracts a variety of animals. Spot fauna, examine footprints, and even try the beneficial volcanic mud on your skin. Then, trek back to the main road to return to the resort. After dinner, enjoy a slideshow showcasing Tabin's natural wonders. Following the presentation, you can embark on a night safari to observe nocturnal wildlife and birds. Take a moment to gaze at the clear, dark sky above Tabin, where you can identify constellations and perhaps make a wish.

## Day 12: Sunrise Bird-Watching Hike, Tabin Rainforest Foot Soak

Begin your day with an early morning bird hike, immersing yourself in the remarkable world of nearly 300 bird species. Then, enjoy a scenic drive through the rainforest, pausing to climb the bird-watching tower. Your guide will enlighten you about the **Orangutan Release Center** before leading you on a trek. The highlight of this adventure is a visit to the captivating **Lipad Waterfall**, offering a refreshing dip in the natural pool and the invigorating cascade of water. In the afternoon, indulge in the **Tabin Rainforest Foot Soak**, a rejuvenating blend of natural herbs to soothe your tired muscles after your jungle treks. Immerse your feet in a warm basin filled with a mix of natural herbs. The aromatic herbs release their essence, creating a calming and fragrant ambience. As you relax, the healing properties of the herbs work their magic, soothing and rejuvenating your feet. After dinner, embark on a night walk along the resort's nearby trail, observing sleeping birds, frogs, and other nocturnal creatures.

## Day 13: Wildlife-Spotting in the Tabin Rainforest

Spend your final day in Tabin immersing yourself in the wild wonders surrounding you. Feel the pulse of nature as you venture through the lush foliage, embracing the sights, sounds, and scents of this vibrant ecosystem. As the day draws to a close, prepare for a captivating night safari, where you'll have the chance to spot elusive wildlife and nocturnal birds.

## Day 14: Depart Lahad Datu

Snag a window seat as you depart Lahad Datu's time to say goodbye to Malaysian Borneo! At the appointed hour, a driver will pick you up and transfer you to the airport in Lahad Datu. Have a safe and comfortable journey home or to your next destination!

*Return Home with beautiful memories of tour!!*

