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BORNEO INTENSIVE (with Tabin)
18 Days



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Package Price : RM11,111. per person x2 people = RM22,222.

Itinerary:

Day 1: ARRIVAL Transfer to hotel for check in and overnight. Imperial Riverbank Hotel (Superior)

Day 2: SEMENGOH & KUCHING CITY WALKING TOUR (6 Hours) (B, L)



At 08.15 a.m., pick up from your hotel lobby. Depart for the Semengoh Orang Utan Centre located a short drive from the centre of the city. Observe the feeding of orangutans requiring rehabilitation. If you are lucky you may see them walking quite close to you at the visitors waiting area or along the path to the feeding platform. Return to Kuching and commence the city walking tour. Break for lunch at approximately 12.00 noon.

After lunch, continue with the private off-the beaten path Kuching city walking tour.

(This tour was designed by Jodi and includes a lot of nooks & crannies that the standard city tours don't include.) Kuching has many diverse and interesting sites with buildings dating back to the colonial days, which are in contrast to the Buddhist & Hindu temples, and fruit and vegetable markets scattered around town overflowing with produce fresh from jungle farms. Visit India Street, Kuching's only walking street. Some of the old shops here are still displaying the products that first brought Indian traders to Borneo. At the other end of India Street you will drive again to Sarawak Museum. Completed in 1891, the museum has an excellent collection of Bornean ethnological and archaeological artefacts and is reputed to be one of the best in South East Asia. After visiting the museum, drive to the General Post Office. On some of the side streets you can see carpenters and tinsmiths working in front of their shops just as they did years ago. Your tour will end here and you can now either have a cup of coffee or tea at one of the cafés or go hunting for jewelry, gold or handicrafts in



the many nearby shops on your own. Or you can simply be driven back to your hotel in the late afternoon. Imperial Riverbank Hotel (Superior)

Day 03: FREE DAY. (B)

This day can be deleted, or kept as a free day to further explore some of the areas you saw yesterday on your city tour. **See Rafting option at end of program.** Overnight at Imperial Riverbank Hotel (Superior)

Day 04: KUCHING - BAKO NATIONAL PARK (B, L, D)

Drive about 35 minutes to Bako Village. From the village, take about a 25-minute boat ride (depending on the tide) to the park situated in a peninsula.

Bako is one of the best places in Sarawak to see wildlife in natural surrounding. The various types of animals that are commonly spotted at Bako include the proboscis monkeys, silver leaf monkeys, long tail macaques, wild boars, monitor lizards and numerous species of birds. Tropical rainforest ranges from mangrove to kerangas (heath forest), tropical swamp vegetation, cliff vegetation and beach vegetation. There are several trails inside the park depending on level of fitness and interest. There will be a possibility to enjoy the view of the waters of the South China Sea by one of the secluded beaches. This is subject to sea and weather condition. After dinner go for a night walk. Overnight at the park chalet.



Day 05: BAKO NATIONAL PARK - KUCHING. (B, L)

Following breakfast, depart for a final hike on one of the trails spotting rare migratory birds and searching for the rare and elusive proboscis monkey, a primate to be found only in Borneo. Return to Kuching mid-afternoon. (Schedule may depend on tide). Overnight at Imperial Riverbank Hotel (Superior)

Day 06: FREE DAY. (B)

This day can be deleted, kept as a free day, or used to extend your stay at Bako or the longhouse. **See Rafting option at end of program.**

Overnight at Imperial Riverbank Hotel (Superior)

Day 07: KUCHING - MENYANG TAIS IBAN LONGHOUSE. (B, L, D)

0800 hours pick up from hotel in Kuching and drive to Batang Ai reservoir. Along the way stop at Lachau Bazaar. Stroll around the shops and the small native market and have an early lunch in a local coffee shop. Then continue your journey, arriving at Batang Ai Lake around 1330-1400 hours. Then proceed by longboat (30 minutes) across the lake and upriver to Menyang Tais.

Arrive at the Menyang Tais longhouse jetty. Then take a 15 minute walk to the longhouse. Upon arrival meet your Iban hosts. In the evening, relax on the ruai (common verandah) and spend time with the





Iban people. Overnight in the longhouse.

Note: Weather conditions and the water level of local rivers may force our guides to modify the tour in the interests of safety. For example, some trekking activities are not possible during heavy rain or a thunderstorm. No refunds will be offered if a trek is cancelled or boat transfer delayed due to bad weather or river conditions.

DAY 08: MENYANG TAIS LONGHOUSE - JUNGLE WALK - KUCHING (B, L)

Following breakfast depart for a short jungle walk around the village area or visit one of the local farms nearby. Return to the longhouse and have an early lunch around 1130 hours. Approx. 1230 hours depart by longboat and travel down-river to the Batang Ai Lake jetty, arriving approx. 1330 hours. Then travel overland back to Kuching. Arrive in Kuching approx. 1830 hours and be dropped off at your hotel. Highly suggested to drop off your jungle clothes at

the cleaners next door so they will be ready for your departure . Check in and overnight at Imperial Riverbank Hotel (Superior)

Day 09: FREE DAY. (B)

Suggest to keep this as an unscheduled day to have time to relax and have your clothes cleaned and repack for the next section of your trip. Overnight at Imperial Riverbank Hotel (Superior)

Day 10: KUCHING -SANDAKAN (B)

Arrive in Sandakan airport. Transfer to S'kran Style hotel for check in and overnight.

Day 11: SEPILOK ORANGUTAN & SUN BEAR - KINABATANGAN ABAI (B, L, D)

At approximately 08.00 a.m., pick up from Ibis Styles Sandakan Waterfront hotel and depart to the Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary where captive orangutans are reintroduced into the wild. You will be able to observe them at their feeding stations in the rainforest and at the nursery (if open). Watch the feeding session at 1000 hours. At 1100 hours proceed to the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre (BSBCC). This centre rescues captured sun bears and is involved in sun bear conservation, welfare rehabilitation and education. Over 30 sun bears live at the centre in the bear house and outdoor enclosures. 11.45 hours depart the BSBCC and have lunch in the Sepilok area.

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Note: The nursery at Sepilok is sometimes closed to visitors. This occurs if any of the young orangutan are sick. As such there is no guarantee that the nursery will be open.

Day 12: PITAS LAKE - ABAI VILLAGE - SUKAU (B, L, D)



Depart on another boat trip for birdwatching and viewing wildlife at the Pitas Lake nearby and then return to the lodge for breakfast. Visit the nearby Abai village and observed the tree planting project (optional). Lunch will be served together with one of the families. Depart by boat to www.junglejaunts.com

Sukau and after check-in go on a river cruise up Kinabatangan River to Menanggal River in search of proboscis monkeys, birds and other wildlife.

Overnight at the Kinabatangan Riverside Lodge.

Day13: OX-BOW LAKE (B, L, D)

Early morning, take a second boat trip for birdwatching and viewing wildlife at the Ox Bow Lake nearby. Trek the lush riverine forest

along the lake and then return to the lodge for breakfast.

In the late afternoon, venture on another river cruise down the Menanggal River and along the Kinabatangan river. Return to the lodge at dusk. Evening at leisure. Overnight at the Kinabatangan Riverside lodge.

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DAY 14: SUKAU – LAHAD DATU - TABIN WILDLIFE RESERVE. (B, L, D)

After breakfast, transfer overland in order to reach Lahad Datu at 09.00 a.m. at which time you change vehicle and continue by unscheduled transfer to Tabin Wildlife Reserve on a gravel road for about an hour and a half. Check into the charming timber bungalow of Tabin Wildlife Resort which comes complete with private balcony and hot water shower, a real luxury in the forest. A variety of birds, insects and even small mammals can be sighted quite easily within the resort which is set amongst the rainforest alongside the Lipad River. Discover the rich variety of jungle herbs, some endemic, used for generations by local folks for the treatment of various ailments. Spend the rest of the day at leisure or stroll in the resort's vicinity to enjoy nature at its best. In the evening, go on a dusk drive look for more nocturnal wildlife & birds coming out to feed at this time. After dinner, enjoy a presentation on Tabin's natural wonders. Overnight at Tabin Wildlife Resort.



Note: Activities are subject to weather conditions and may be re-organised to best meet operational situations. What to bring: Insect repellent, long sleeve shirts & long pants, raincoat, sun hat, swim wear, comfortable trekking shoes, torch light, water bottle & personal toiletries.

Day15: LIPAD MUD VOLCANO. (B, L, D)

You may opt to take a dawn drive to look out for wildlife that is active at this time of the day (not included in package) or join the morning bird walk as Tabin has a rich collection of about 300 bird species. After breakfast, drive to the core area for animal-spotting before trekking through the lush green rainforest known for its rich diversity of plants and animal species to visit the Lipad Waterfall. Take a dip in the natural pool and enjoy a natural and refreshing shower under the waterfall. Alternatively explore the surrounding vegetation or just relax. Lunch followed by a short break. In the afternoon, visit the Lipad mud volcano which serves as a mineral salt lick for wildlife. After trekking through the jungle for twenty minutes, arrive at the elevated bare area of the mud volcano. Try to identify the multitude of animal footprints here. Walk up the observation tower and admire the contrasting landscape of the bare area and its surrounding thick forest where birds are commonly sighted. Your guides will set up camp for the night at the observation tower. Stay quiet in order not to disturb wildlife which is more active in the cooler hours of evening and early morning. Stay alert during the night to observe



any visits by wildlife to feed on minerals at the mud volcano. Note: subject to availability. Maximum capacity for overnight at tower is 8 pax.

Day 16: LIPAD MUD VOLCANO – TABIN WILDLIFE RESORT. (B, L, D)

Early in the morning, pack and return to Tabin Wildlife Resort. After breakfast, stroll to the nearby Rock Pool or wander along the river where groups of macaques and other small mammals can sometimes be seen. Choose to take a dip in the river or simply listen to the sound of nature, or spend the morning at leisure. In the afternoon you may wish to try out the Tabin Rainforest Foot Soak made with a natural blend of tropical herbs that help relax tired muscles after jungle treks. Dinner followed by a night safari to look out for nocturnal wildlife and birds. Overnight at Tabin Wildlife Resort.

Day 17: TABIN WILDLIFE RESORT – LAHAD DATU – KOTA KINABALU. (B, L)

While enjoying your breakfast, you can enjoy the serene environment at the Café and observe birds, small mammals and insects that are active in the vicinity. Free at leisure before saying good bye to Tabin. Depart for the scheduled transfer to Lahad Datu airport for flight to Kota Kinabalu. Upon arrival in Kota Kinabalu, meet and transfer to Grandis Hotel for check in and overnight. (Superior)
(Recommended Flight LHD – BKI by MH 3019 ETD 16.00 / ETA 16.55).

Day 18: DEPARTURE. (B)

Transfer to Kota Kinabalu airport for departure flight.

INCLUDES:

All airport transfers

7 nights at Imperial Riverbank Hotel, Kuching, with breakfast (Superior room)

Full day Kuching City Walking Tour/Semengoh, with lunch (private basis)

2 days / 1 night Bako National Park tour, full board (private basis)

2 days / 1 night Menyang Tais Longhouse tour, full board (private basis)

1 night at Ibis Styles Sandakan Waterfront hotel, with breakfast (deluxe town view room)

4 days / 3 nights Sepilok/Abai/Sukau/Oxbow tour, full board (SIC basis)

Overland transfer from Sukau to Tabin

4 days / 3 nights Tabin Wildlife Reserve tour, full board (SIC basis)

1 night at Grandis Hotel, Kota Kinabalu, with breakfast (Superior room)

Meals as indicated above (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

Guiding on tours with English speaking guide

EXCLUDES:

Alcoholic beverages

Air tickets

Gratuities

Optional tours etc.

SUGGESTED OPTION FOR ONE OF THE FREE DAYS

BAMBOO RAFTING / DAY TRIP ---can be extended to overnight (B,L)



Pick up from your hotel and transfer to the Bidayuh village for your rafting adventure. Option to try poling the raft yourselves or relax and let our skilled crew steer you through the waters. Break for a delicious traditional BBQ cooked in bamboo by your hosts. Transfer back to Kuching and overnight Hotel

Not included:

hotel upgrade

Gratuities to guides and long-distance drivers

Alcoholic beverages

Domestic air tickets KCH- BKI – SDK and LDU - BKI

Optional tours etc.

Camera fee at Sepilok (approx RM10.)

West Malaysia portion needs to be arranged before full estimate can be given

Be prepared to get wet and have lots of fun as you explore this mystical island and discover for yourself a whole new world!