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Wild Borneo Adventure

Secure your place by
15 Nov and take
advantage of \$200pp
off the tour cost!



Kuching – Mulu National Park – Kota Kinabalu

9 day/8 nights from \$3,199*pp | **departs Perth 15 May 2020**

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- International airfares Perth to Kuching and Kota Kinabalu to Perth
- Domestic airfares Kuching-Mulu-Kota Kinabalu
- 8 nights superior accommodation
- Airport transfers
- Breakfast daily and some lunches and dinners as specified
- Sightseeing by local guides and transport as per itinerary
- Your friendly tour host, Linda Power

HIGHLIGHTS

- A visit to Semenggoh Nature Reserve to see Orangutans in their natural habitat
- Wetlands Cruise
- Explore Borneo's largest caves in Mulu
- An opportunity to witness a bat exodus
- Visit semi-nomadic communities
- Travel the remote waterways by longboat
- Jungle Walks to see to see an array for flora and fauna
- Island hopping snorkelling day trip

Price based on per person twin share, single occupancy available at an additional cost of \$700. Price ex MEL/SYD/BNE add \$260 pp. Room upgrades eg. Poolview/Seaview also available upon request. Pricing subject to change until deposit paid at which time airline tickets will be issued. Deposit for travel ex PER \$1000 per person applies, deposit ex MEL/SYD/BNE \$1200 pp. Final payment due 60 days prior to departure. Travel Insurance compulsory.



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Your itinerary

Borneo Bound Adventure

An unforgettable journey to the heart of Borneo

Perth – Kuching – Mulu National Park – Kota Kinabalu - Perth

Day 1 – 15 May: Perth - Kuching.

Welcome to Kuching! On arrival, we'll be transferred from the airport to hotel. The rest of the day will be at your leisure to explore the colorful streets of this beautiful riverside city.

Tonight we'll be dining amongst the locals at one of Kuching's most popular rooftop restaurants- one that's known for its seafood and huge selection of fresh local produce. Afterwards we'll take a stroll along the riverside and watch as it comes alive with lights, buskers and pop up stalls.

MEALS (B, D)

Day 2- Semenggoh & Kayaking.

Today you'll get your first glimpse of what Borneo is very well known for- Orangutan's!

Just 20 minutes south of Kuching we travel to Semenggoh Wildlife Reserve. Since 1975 this centre has been accepting animals either orphaned, injured or rescued from captivity and reintroducing them back into the wild. We'll arrive early to give us the best opportunity to see the resident semi-wild Orangutans who live in the surrounding forest (literally) swing by park HQ for their free meal, often with their offspring in tow.

From Semenggoh, we head off for some fun filled adventure. This afternoon we spend an active, but relaxing day amongst nature exploring the Sungai Sarawak Kiri River by twin-kayak. As we leisurely paddle our way downstream, you'll have the opportunity to stop and bask in the serenity, admire the incredible scenery and even take a dip.

We'll also visit a traditional longhouse at Bidayuh Village which houses over 80 families. Here we'll enjoy a delicious traditional lunch.

Even though we're an hour from the city, it's a side of Kuching that most visitors usually miss.

MEALS (B, L)

Day 3: At Leisure.

Kuching has so much to offer and with so many activities to choose from, it's up to you what you'd like to do today!

You may like to sit by the pool, visit the local markets and temples, explore Bako National Park in search for the infamous Proboscis Monkeys, participate in a cooking class, join a cycling tour around the city or even volunteer at Matang Rehabilitation Centre. The choice is yours!

Around 4pm, we'll regroup as we're off to cruise the wetlands of Kuching and surrounding areas in search of Irrawaddy dolphins, crocodiles, proboscis monkeys and fireflies!

MEALS (B)

Day 4- Mulu National Park.

After breakfast we'll be transferred from our accommodation in Kuching to the airport, where we board our flight to Mulu! Buckle up as we're off to the jungle!

Welcome to Mulu National Park, the heart of Borneo. Few national parks anywhere in the world pack so many natural marvels into such a small area. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to caves of mind-boggling proportions, tropical rainforests and an array of flora and fauna. It will leave you speechless.

On arrival we make our way to our accommodation. To truly appreciate this incredible place you'll be staying in chalets located within the national park itself. These

chalets are surrounded by lush vegetation amongst the sounds of birdlife and cicadas! It's a change of pace and you're now in 'Mulu time' so enjoy some time to sit back and relax, or if you're itching to explore, feel free to wander some of the well signposted walking trails that weave their way through the National Park. This afternoon we'll enjoy an easy 3km leisurely walk to explore Deer and Lang Caves. Lang Cave is the smallest of the show caves but no less impressive with its display of stalactites and stalagmites. Deer Cave, located just a short distance from Lang Cave is known to be the biggest show cave in the world measuring at over 2km long with its main chamber measuring in at 174m wide and 122m high- it's simply huge! You'll notice a large concentration of bats that call Deer Cave home and if the weather is in our favour, be sure to keep an eye out for the millions of them that exit the cave each evening to feed- a truly fascinating experience.

Day 5- Long Iman.

Today we'll be travelling by longboat down the Melinau River to Long Iman, a village that is home to approx. 38 Penan families. The Penan people are the last remaining semi-nomadic tribes in Malaysia and Long Iman one of the most remote longhouses. Here you'll learn their way of life. Penan women are known to be the best weavers in Borneo and you'll know why when you see their handwork proudly displayed for you to purchase if you wish. After our visit to Long Iman, depending on water levels, we'll be travelling further upstream where we'll stop for lunch 'Borneo Style'. Bring your togs as it'll be also a great opportunity for a refreshing dip!

MEALS (B, L)



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Day 6- Clearwater & Wind Caves

This morning, for those wanting to experience a walk amongst the treetops-, it's your opportunity to participate in the Canopy Walk (optional). The Mulu Skywalk is the world's longest tree based canopy walk consisting of a 480 metre walkway, suspended 20 metres above the forest floor. It winds its way amongst the lush tree tops giving you incredible river views below and the soaring heights of the nearby limestone cliffs above.

This morning we set off via Longboat to Wind Cave and the prestigious Clearwater Cave- known to be the longest interconnecting cave in Asia. We stop enroute at Batu Bungan Craft Market, home to another local Penan tribe. Here you'll have the opportunity to shop up a storm with the locals showcasing their handicrafts and even get to try your luck at a blowpipe!

Further down stream we'll arrive at Wind Cave – you'll be mesmerised by how unique this cave is with its different stalactites and stalagmites. A short board walk that meanders along the cliff face will then take us to the Clearwater Cave Picnic Area. We'll catch our breath here for a moment before we tackle the 200 stairs to the entrance of the magnificent Clearwater Cave! Personally, my favourite cave of them all, I promise you won't be disappointed. It's literally jaw-dropping and unlike anything you

would have seen before. A picnic lunch will be provided afterwards and the opportunity to take a dip in the crystal-clear waters before we head back to HQ by longboat.

Afternoon at leisure.

MEALS (B, L)

Day 7- Mulu to Kota Kinabalu.

Enjoy your last morning in beautiful Mulu as this afternoon we say goodbye and after a short flight we'll be arriving into Kota Kinabalu, Sabah!

Our arrival mid afternoon will give you the rest of the day to explore and wander at your leisure.

MEALS (B)

Day 8- Island Hopping Cruise.

We've experienced city-life in Kuching, Jungle life in Mulu, now it's time to experience beach life in Kota Kinabalu!

Kota Kinabalu is known to have some amazing beaches and world class diving and snorkelling. Uncover the incredible underwater world off the coast of Kota Kinabalu as we embark on a snorkelling trip in Tunku Abdul Rahman National Park.

Our first stop is Manukan Island, a short 20 minute boat ride from the mainland. This island is a snorkelling, diving and even jungle walking sanctuary.

Our next stop is Mamutik Island- a quieter, less touristy island to laze around and unwind.

Lastly, Sapi Island, where we'll enjoy a sumptuous BBQ Lunch before we head back to the mainland.

Tonight is our last hoorah together, we'll enjoy rooftop drinks followed by a farewell dinner whilst watching our last incredible Borneo sunset.

MEALS (B, L, D) Drinks not included

Day 9- 23 May Kota Kinabalu- Perth.

This morning we check out early and head to the airport for our direct flight home.

MEALS (B)

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