



Kinabatangan River Adventure Tour



TRAVEL TYPE

Small groups and family friendly



EXPEDITION GRADE

Easy to Moderate



DURATION

5 Days



ACCOMMODATION

Hotels and jungle lodges



Expedition Overview

Discover a natural marvel of Borneo and Malaysia's second-longest river, the Kinabatangan Floodplain that stretches over 560 kilometres along the east coast of Sabah. This pristine waterworld is one of the best ways to encounter the wildlife of Borneo as you cruise throughout the mangrove and riverine forests in search of orangutans, pygmy elephants, crocodiles and proboscis monkeys. Experience remote villages that dot the landscape allowing you to enjoy traditional cultures, food and crafts of those who have adapted to living in this wild part of Borneo.

You will commence your tour from Sandakan along the east coast of Sabah and travel straight to your nature resort to experience an introduction to the tropical rainforest of Borneo. The Rainforest Discovery Centre provides comfortable wildlife viewing opportunities along the treetop canopy walkway and trails surrounding the education centre.

From here we travel to the riverine forests of the Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary where you will experience exploring the mangroves to keep an eye out for species who have adapted to this incredible landscape such as proboscis monkeys, silvered langurs, and crocodiles etc. Short jungle treks will connect you with villages where you can experience local culture and purchase arts and crafts.

From here, we return to Sandakan to visit the Sabah War Memorial and learn about Sabah's history during World War II and cease the trip in Sandakan Airport for onward travels.

EXPEDITION GOALS

Our goal is to provide our guests with a unique experience, to observe wild tropical biodiversity in their natural habitat. We will provide you with a safe platform to observe many endemic, rare and unique species of wildlife throughout Borneo. We will also provide you with comprehensive information about the destination you are in so that you are fully informed of your surrounds prior, during and following your expedition. Furthermore, Orangutan Odysseys has partnered up with The Orangutan Project which supports conservation programs in Borneo - so travelling with us you are directly supporting their orangutan conservation efforts and environmental programs. And finally by supporting ethical and eco-tourism you are helping support the locals and the environment.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the incredible Rainforest Discovery Centre within the Kabili Forest Reserve
- Cruise along the mangrove and riverine forests of Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary in search of species adapted to this unique waterworld
- Visit a local village to experience the local culture, including traditional food, crafts and music
- Visit the Sandakan War Memorial in Sandakan

ITINERARY

*Subject to change due to local conditions

Day 1: Arrive Sandakan - Rainforest Discovery Centre

Pick up from Sandakan airport/Sandakan area around lunchtime, transfer to Nature Resort for check-in. In the afternoon go for a bird walk at the Rainforest Discovery Centre. Return to the resort for dinner and optional night walk. Meals: D.

Day 2: Sandakan - Kinabatangan River

Early morning walk around your nature resort (NR), return for breakfast. Check out from NR and travel back to the Rainforest Discovery Centre for a short trail or canopy walk before continuing on to the Borneo Nature Lodge along the Kinabatangan River for lunch. Enjoy an afternoon river cruise (share-in basis), dinner at the lodge and optional activity see below. Meals: B, L, D. (River cruise locations will depend on current wildlife sightings, this can be discussed with your guide). Optional tours e.g. Night Cruise, Night Walk & Tree Planting can be arranged at the lodge with minimal rates depending on the weather condition

Day 3: Kinabatangan River

Early morning river cruise to Kelenanap Ox-bow Lake and then embark on a short jungle walk (weather permitting) back to the lodge for breakfast. Free for the day to visit the nearby village or explore the boardwalk surrounding the lodge. At 4:00 pm embark on another river cruise. Return for dinner at the lodge and enjoy an optional night cruise. Meals: B, L, D.

Day 4: Kinabatangan River

After breakfast, check out from Borneo Nature Lodge and return to Sandakan and drop luggage at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel then enjoy lunch at English Tea House before spending the afternoon free at your own leisure to explore Sandakan or swim in the rooftop pool. Overnight at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel. Meals: B.

Day 5: Kinabatangan - Sandakan - Tour ends

After a leisurely morning breakfast, check out from Four Points by Sheraton Hotel. Proceed to Sandakan War Memorial to pay respects and learn about Sabah's history during World War II before continuing onto Sandakan Airport for onward travels. End of services. Meals: B. Notes: Recommended departing flight would be from 2:00 PM onwards, earlier can be arranged

Life is
better in
the jungle!



INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation (Nature Resort / Borneo Nature Lodge / Sandakan Best Hotel) - Twin Share basis
- Experienced local guide for 5 days
- All land transfers
- All river cruises as stated in the itinerary
- Entrance fees and activities as per above
- All meals as stated in the itinerary
- Bottled water as needed
- Tourism taxes

EXCLUSIONS

- International airfares
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Soft drinks/alcoholic beverages
- Tips (optional)
- Personal expenses

ACTIVITIES

Orangutan & tropical wildlife viewing
Jungle Trekking
River Cruises
Experience local culture
Visit the Sandakan War Memorial

You will be supporting
The Orangutan Project
(TOP) in their work protecting orangutans
and their environment as well as
other vital environmental research.



COST

from \$2215.00 (AUD)
ex Sandakan (Sabah, Malaysian
Borneo) based on twin-share
accommodation

\$590 (AUD) single supplement



TRAVEL INFORMATION



WEATHER

Malaysia is a tropical climate with high humidity and hot temperatures throughout the year.

Temperature ranges from
20C/68F - 30C/86F

The Wet Season is Nov- Feb

The Dry Season is Apr-Oct



TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

A valid passport with at least 6 months validity from your return travel date is required by all visitors. Entry visas are NOT required for citizens of Australia, Germany and the United Kingdom, however we always suggest that you check visa requirements for your country prior to traveling.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is mandatory to take part in this trip and Emergency Medical Evacuation Insurance is required for all trekkers. If you are an Australian resident, this can be obtained from our website by clicking on the Insurance menu tab or emailing our office at hayley@orangutanodysseys.com.

We strongly recommend that you also take out trip cancellation, baggage loss and accident insurance.



HEALTH AND FIRST AID

No vaccinations are required for entry to Malaysia. However, you should consider cholera, typhoid and hepatitis vaccinations and make sure your tetanus cover is up to date. Please plan ahead and consult your doctor regarding personal health requirements as well as vaccinations and anti-malarial medication recommended for the area you are travelling to.



Orangutans share 97% human DNA making them susceptible to our diseases like the common cold and flu

MONEY

The currency in Malaysia is the Malaysian Ringgit (MYR).

Money can be changed at the airport and some hotels.

ATM's are also available in some areas while on tour.

Credit cards such as Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted whereas American Express is limited in its acceptance.

TIPPING

Tipping while not compulsory is encouraged to show your appreciation to our guides, drivers and assistants during your travel.



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