

5 day/ 4 night EXPLORE SANDAKAN BORNEO WILDLIFE**Day 1: Sandakan – Turtle Island**

Early morning transfer to airport for flight to Sandakan. Upon arrival transfer to jetty for boat ride to Selingan Turtle Islands Park.

**Please take note standard boat departure time to Selingan is 1015hrs*

The journey to Island will take approximately 1 hour 15 minutes. On arrival, register at the Turtle Island Parks HQ and check into chalet. After lunch, free at own leisure e.g. swimming or snorkeling. After dinner, waiting for the rangers call to observe turtles laying their eggs, and the transfer of eggs to the Hatchery and if there is any young turtle hatchlings, an opportunity to observe the release of the turtles to the sea. Overnight at chalet. (L/D)

Day 2: Turtle – Sepilok – Abai

Early morning depart island for Sandakan and drive for approximately 30 minutes to Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre. Proceed to the free roaming/ feeding platform to witness feeding of the Orang Utans. At this centre, observe man's closest relative 'the Orang Utan' being rehabilitated to become wild in their natural habitat and experience a walk in the Tropical Lowland Dipterocarp Forest of Borneo.

Depart Sepilok and transfer to jetty in Sandakan to take a one hour boat cruise up to the Lower Kinabatangan River Sanctuary where you will take your lunch at the Abai Jungle Restaurant. This is a wonderful journey of discovery which starts from the waters of the Sulu Sea of Sandakan Town through the magnificent scenery of the Mangrove Forest. After lunch, free time to relax at our nature board walk before cruising / searching for other wildlife. After dinner, you can do a night cruise and perhaps get a chance to see the wonderful sight of fire flies in the forest Overnight at Abai Jungle Lodge. (B/L/D)

Day 3: Abai – Sukau

Waken up with the natural sounds of the jungle. Early morning take a river trip to Pitas oxbow lake to observe its wildlife and experience Pitas Lake. After breakfast, an option to join our tree planting project with the locals and lunch with them at Abai Village. These projects are specially designed to help the locals.

After lunch, cruise up river to Sukau village in search of the various primates especially the Endemic Proboscis Monkeys, birds and other wildlife. Arrive Sukau, check in at Borneo Nature Lodge. Late afternoon, take another river cruise by electric motorboat to the Menanggul River, a small tributary of the Kinabatangan. Return to lodge for dinner and overnight at Borneo Nature Lodge. (B/L/D)

Day 4: Sukau – Ox Bow Lake

Mornings start well with the sounds of the forest after breakfast we will take a river trip to the Ox Bow Lake and experience the early morning river ambience of the longest river in Sabah. Return to the lodge for freetime at own leisure, late afternoon, you will get a chance to go out on another river cruise to search for more wildlife. Dinner and overnight at Borneo Nature Lodge. (B/L/D)

Day 5: Gomantong – Temple – Airport

Your last morning of being woken by the sounds of gibbons and hornbills. After Breakfast, depart overland to the Gomantong Birdnest Caves. Upon arrival, it will take approx. 15 minutes to walk on the plank into the cave. Explore the largest bird's nest cave in Sabah, home to millions of Bats and Swiftlets. Then, continue by land to Sandakan, drive up to the Puh Jih Syh Chinese Buddhist Temple, which offers a panoramic view of the Sandakan Bay before enjoying lunch at a local restaurant or hotel. After lunch, proceed to airport. (B/L)

Recommended Personal items

Insect repellent, raincoat (umbrella not recommended), hat, binocular and sun screen (sweat proof). Use good walking shoes and comfortable cotton T-shirt with long or shorts.

Important:

Please take note that Sabah Parks allow only camera of unaided flash to take photograph of the turtle. Video/Digital Video Camera are not allowed. Sabah Parks also forbid visitor from going around the island on their own from 6:00pm - 6:00am.

**Call us to have the necessary international and internal flights required to operate this itinerary and have this included into your arrangements when visiting Borneo
This operates daily with morning departures**