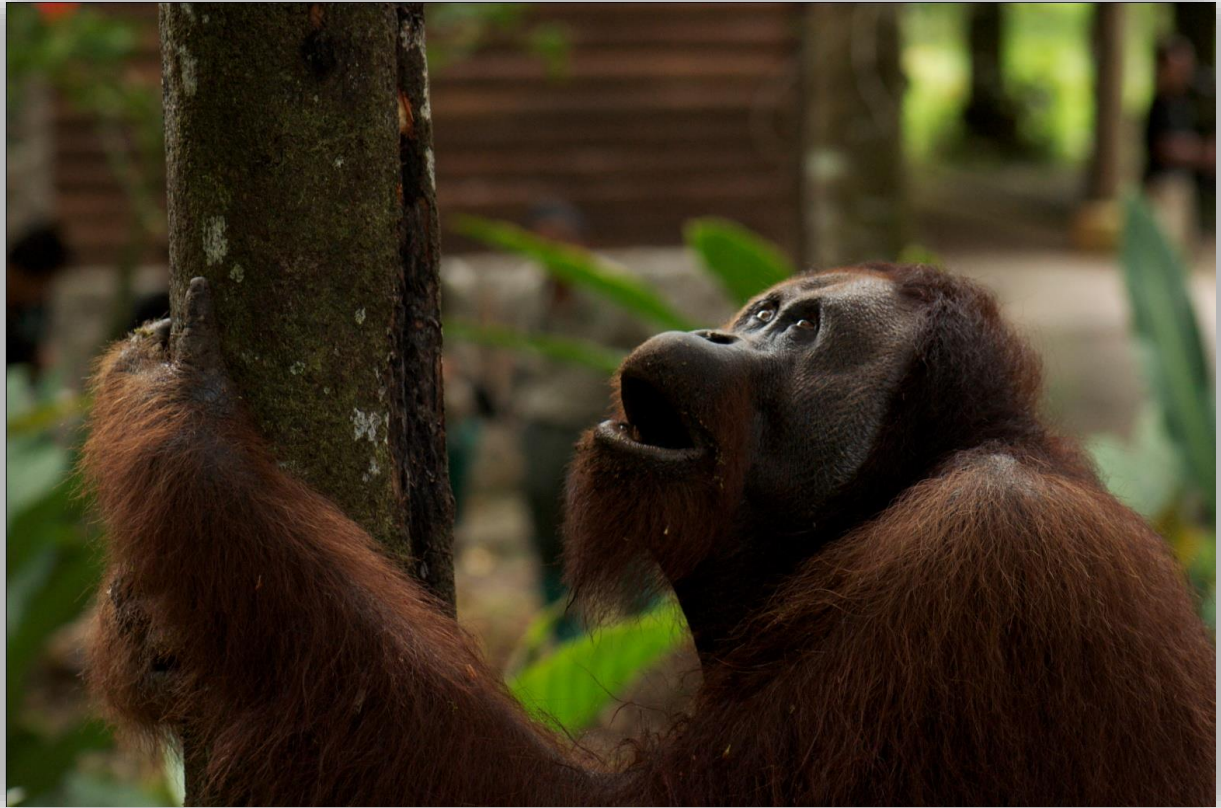


UNTAMED BORNEO ADVENTURE



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Itinerary Overview

Venture into the last vestiges of truly untamed tropical rainforest with some of the richest biodiversity on earth, and then relax, snorkel, and dive in the crystalline waters of the Celebes Sea, one of the world's more diverse tropical marine habitats. Based from well-appointed ecolodges and accompanied by expert naturalist guides, travel by 4WD and boat up coastal rivers and forests teeming with endemic wildlife of the Malaysian state of Sabah. Visit the Sepilok Orangutan Center to meet with bear biologists at the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre. Spend several days walking through 160-million-year-old primary forests of the Kinabatangan River Sanctuary and the Danum Valley Conservation Area. By day and by night explore forests brimming with ficus, ferns, flowers, and fungi while spotting rare and endangered wildlife including orangutan, silver leaf monkeys, wild elephant, flying frogs, giant squirrels, tarsiers, resident hornbills, and a host of other exotic forest creatures. [Consider extending your trip](#) to explore the rich underwater biodiversity at a small island ecolodge off the Western Malaysia coast where it's possible to arrange diving at the famous and protected Sipadan Island. Throughout the journey enjoy local cuisine that the complete cultural mélange of Malaysia has to offer.

DAY	OVERNIGHT	HOTELS	MEALS	HIGHLIGHTS
1	KOTA KINABALU	Horizon Hotel		Arrival in Kota Kinabalu and transfer to hotel
2	SEPILOK NATURE RESERVE	Sepilok Nature Resort	B	AM fly to Sandakan. Visit Sepilok Orangutan Center and Bornean Sun Bear Centre. Guided night walk at Sepilok
3	LOWER KINABATANGAN	Abai Jungle Lodge	BLD	Cruise to Lower Kinabatangan River Sanctuary. Afternoon river wildlife cruise. Optional evening night walk
4	LOWER KINABATANGAN	Abai Jungle Lodge	BLD	AM visit to oxbow lake. PM visit WWF tree planting project on Kinabatangan River
5	DANUM VALLEY	Borneo Rainforest Lodge	BLD	AM boat to Sukau and rainforest trek to Gomantong Caves. PM drive to Lahad Datu and then on to the Danum Valley Conservation Area
6	DANUM VALLEY	Borneo Rainforest Lodge	BLD	Guided nature hikes throughout the Danum Valley
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9	KOTA KINABALU	Horizon Hotel	BL	Return to Kota Kinabalu
10			B	Transfer to airport to fly home or begin extension

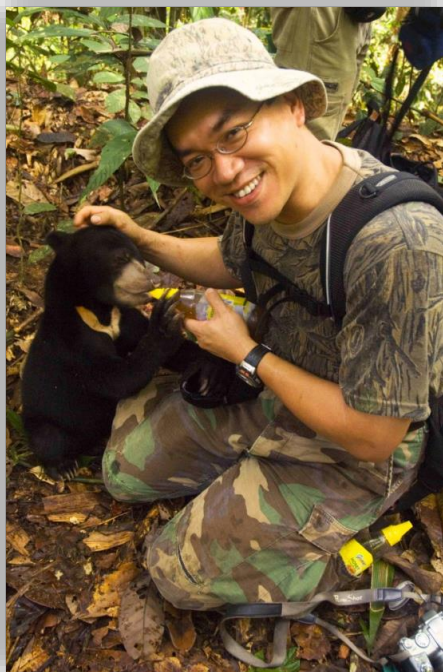
Itinerary in Detail

DAY 1: ARRIVE KOTA KINABALU

Arrive in Kota Kinabalu, the largest city in the state of Sabah, where you're met and transferred to downtown Kota Kinabalu. Spend the rest of day at leisure. Take a stroll along the wharf to sample freshly caught seafood grilled up at the night market and watch the sun dip below the calm waters of the Indian Ocean. Overnight at **Horizon Hotel** in downtown Kota Kinabalu.

DAY 2: SEPILOK

Take an early morning flight from Kota Kinabalu Airport to Sandakan, where you'll spend the morning at the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center. Located within the Kabili-Sepilok Forest Reserve and surrounded mostly by virgin tropical lowland Dipterocarp forest, the Center was created for the rehabilitation of orphaned baby orangutans whose parents had been killed because of contact with humans at logging sites, plantations, and through illegal hunting. After a brief video introduction, visit the free roaming area feeding platform to witness these furry "men of the forest" as they approach, providing unencumbered photographic opportunities.



Return to the tranquil forest setting of Sepilok Nature Resort for the remainder of the afternoon at your leisure. After dinner, join an outing into the forest trails surrounding the property to see Borneo come alive at night. Overnight at **Sepilok Nature Reserve**. [B]



DAY 3: KINABATANGAN RIVER

Head to the Sandakan jetty this morning to start your boat trip through the delta and up the Lower Kinabatangan River Sanctuary. This is Borneo's longest river, famous for its high concentration of wildlife, taking you from the coastal waters of the Sulu Sea, through brackish mangrove forests, and into the dense interior forests. If luck prevails, see wild elephant and a wide variety of other Borneo wildlife, including orangutans, proboscis monkeys, and any of the eight species of resident hornbills known for their large, colorful, and uniquely shaped beaks. Arriving at Abai Jungle Lodge, enjoy lunch before embarking on an evening boat safari in search of local wildlife. The darkness of night reveals one of the most spectacular sites in Borneo; the synchronized spectacle of thousands of fireflies lighting up the trees on the river's edge. After dinner take an optional guided night walk on the 800-meter-long stilted trail system through the forest. Overnight **Abai Jungle Lodge**. [BLD]

DAY 4: ABAI

This morning take an early morning river trip to a nearby oxbow lake. This is an excellent location for observing the local troop of Proboscis monkeys. The Abai Jungle lodge has a very close working relationship with the local Orang Sungai villagers who share their traditions as part of your cultural experience in this region. The village of Abai lies just across the river and will host a truly authentic lunch of fresh water prawns (*Udang galah*), pandan flavored rice, and local steamed greens (*lang long*). Join in the lodge's tree planting project, an effort in conjunction with the World Wildlife Fund to create a continuous wildlife corridor along the banks for the Kinabatangan River. Logging activities and the agricultural development of the palm (for palm oil) has choked off existing wilderness areas near the river, hemming in the wildlife, and in some instances isolating them away from the river. Overnight **Abai Jungle Lodge. [BLD]**



DAY 5: DANUM VALLEY

Depart early this morning for a boat trip upriver to Sukau (1.5 hours), stopping to spot hornbills and other wildlife along the route. On arrival at Sukau, head out by 4 x 4 vehicles to the famous Gomantong Caves. It's about a 20-minute walk through the rainforest to the entrance of the caves, giving one a great opportunity to spot orangutans and silver leaf monkeys in the leafy treetops. Upon entering the caves, look up into the stunning cathedral of stone to see bats and swiftlets nesting in the upper recesses. Local communities also have a strong cultural and economic affinity to the caves: in season they collect birds' nests using bamboo ladders and poles. The nests are made from the saliva of swiftlets and are the main ingredient in the famous Chinese delicacy and aphrodisiac birds' nest soup! From the caves depart for the town of Lahad Datu (1.5 hours) taking lunch at a local restaurant and securing permits before continuing on to the Danum Valley Conservation Area (3 hours). Overnight **Borneo Rainforest Lodge. [BLD]**

Please Note: *The walkway in the cave is extremely slippery especially on the inclines and declines. Proceed with caution if you choose to walk within cave. Gloves are highly recommended.*



DAY 6-8: DANUM VALLEY

Far removed from human habitation and palm oil plantations, the Danum Valley is renowned for its rich biodiversity of flora and fauna. Covering 43,800 hectares, the Danum Valley Conservation Area is recognized as one of the world's most complex ecosystems, lying within the upper reaches of Sabah's second largest river, the Segama, and its tributaries. Fanning buttressed Dipterocarp trees dwarf the nearby chalets, rising nearly 230 feet in the air and comprising nearly 90% of the conservation area. This pristine rainforest is also home to more than 340 species birds, 124 species of mammals,

72 species of reptiles, 56 species of amphibians, and a staggering 200 species of plants per hectare. Overnights **Borneo Rainforest Lodge. [BLD]**

During your time at Danum you'll have the opportunity to:

- Hike to a panoramic overlook of the forest and swim in natural pool fed by a flowing waterfall.
- Explore the conservation area on nature walks with experienced resident naturalists through undisturbed riverine and lowland Dipterocarp forest.
- Explore the rainforest canopy and its abundance of birds on the 170-meter-long hanging bridges walkway.
- Take night drives and walks in search of nocturnal wildlife.
- Take in a jungle wildlife hike along the escarpment with panoramic views over the wild orangutan habitat.
- Inner-tube down the Segama River under the towering jungle canopy.
- Take advantage of the opportunity for extensive wildlife photography.



DAY 9: KOTA KINABALU

Enjoy one final early morning walk before departing on a 3.5 hr drive to the town of Lahad Datu (3.5 hours) to catch an early afternoon flight back to Kota Kinabalu. Greeted upon arrival, transfer into town to hotel. Overnight **Horizon Hotel**. [BL]

DAY 10: DEPART FOR HOME

Transfer to the airport in Kota Kinabalu to catch your departing flight or consider [extending your adventure](#) in Malaysia with a visit to an offshore island, climbing Mt. Kinabalu or the cavernous Gunung Mulu caves in Sarawak. Please ask the Asia Program Director for more information on any of these exciting possibilities. [B]

END OF SERVICES

Actual routes and activities may vary. Local trip coordinators reserve the right to change accommodations to similar quality alternatives.

PRICING AND DATES:

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INCLUDED SERVICES

- All guided tours and excursions as described
- English-speaking naturalist guides
- Airport-hotel transfers, land and sea transportation
- Regional flights: (Kota Kinabalu/Sandakan and Lahad Datu/Kota Kinabalu)
- 9 nights hotel accommodation as indicated
- Entry permits and park fees
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Wildland Adventures travel consultation and pre-departure services

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES

- International Airfare: (USA/Kota Kinabalu/USA)
- Tips and gratuities
- Camera fees
- Airport departure taxes
- Drinks, alcoholic beverages, and meals other than listed above
- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Travel insurance for trip cancellation, medical services, or evacuation
- Any other items not mentioned above

Accommodations



HORIZON HOTEL, KOTA KINABALU

Set in the heart of the city of Kota Kinabalu, Horizon Hotel lies within 15 minutes from Kota Kinabalu International Airport and walking distance to the famous Gaya Street Sunday Market, Atkinson Clock Tower, shopping malls, restaurants and bars, and the commercial business district. This newly constructed hotel offers modern and spacious rooms as well as an onsite gym, outdoor swimming pool, cafés, and restaurants, and is the perfect location to recover from your long international flights before preparing for your adventures in Borneo.



SEPILOK NATURE RESORT

Hidden amongst a veritable treasure trove of tropical plants, grasses, huge trees, and spectacular orchids in bloom, the quaint bungalows of the Sepilok Nature Resort are within walking distance of the world-famous Kabili-Sepilok Forest Reserve, precious home to some of the last wild Orangutans of Northern Borneo. Set amid manicured lawns and rolling hills with beautiful lake or jungle views, the individual chalets are fully air-conditioned and furnished with twin beds and private bathrooms. The resort's main building is a truly tranquil setting, overlooking the green shimmering curtain of lowland

tropical rainforest. Guests enjoy sumptuous meals cooked with a fusion of local and western cuisines served in the central building under covered terraces overlooking the lake and rainforest.



ABAI JUNGLE LODGE

The newly built Abai Jungle lodge is located in a large swath of preserved secondary forest on the lower Kinabatangan River. The lodge features 24 stilted rooms with individual bathrooms, hot water shower, ceiling fan (no a/c), netted windows, and 24 hour electricity. An 800 meter long stilted trail system leads through the forest and offers excellent opportunities for spotting local wildlife such as hornbills, langur monkeys, orangutan, and the proboscis monkey.



BORNEO RAINFOREST LODGE

Deep in the primary rainforest, the Borneo Rainforest Lodge is a rustic comfortable ecolodge built beside the Danum River. Individual cabanas, dwarfed by massive buttresses of Dipterocarp trees, feature a private bath, fans (no a/c), and verandahs overlooking the forest. The lodge can accommodate a maximum of 60 people maintaining a high level of personal service and intimacy to the area. The spacious and airy central lodge houses dining and well-stocked lounge.

Booking your Wildland Adventure

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Full payment of the trip balance is due 90 days prior to departure. If you must cancel before departure, money will be returned less the cancellation fees charged by WA Inc. plus any additional non-refundable cancellation fees and payments already advanced to airlines, hotels and local operators:

Days Prior to Departure: Fee per person

61 or more: Initial deposit amount

31-60 days: 50% of land cost

30 or less: 100% of land cost

Pre-departure services

Upon receipt of your deposit and completed reservation form, we will send you a comprehensive Pre-departure Dossier. This contains important information to help you prepare including immunizations, visas, trip insurance, packing checklist, reading list, maps, cross-cultural information, optional trip extensions and more. You will receive a final trip packet including Final Reminders and local contact information in your destination 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

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