

## Wildlife Borneo 11 Days

**\$3,999.00**

*Gaya Island, Kinabalu, Selingan Island, Sandakan, Sepilok, Sukau Rainforest, Kinabatangan River, Menanggul River*

### Tour Highlights:

- Marvel at the dramatic Mt. Kinabalu from UNESCO World Heritage **Kinabalu Park**
- See friendly orphaned orangutans at **Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre**
- Stay in award-winning **Sukau Rainforest Lodge**
- Experience the magic of seeing baby green turtles being released into the sea at **Selingan Island**
- Observe Borneo's diverse wildlife on a river cruise down the **Kinabatangan River**

As the third-largest island in the world and the largest island in Asia, Borneo is jam-packed with natural attractions for the adventurous traveller. Scenic trekking circuits, river safari cruises, and rainforest lodge stays are some of the main drawcards to this region. From shaggy orangutans swinging through emerald-green canopies, to the giant carnivorous Rafflesia flower – with 6% of the world's biodiversity, Borneo is truly remarkable.

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Category: Malaysia, Singapore, & Thailand Tag: Borneo

### Departure Dates

2019	Package Price Per Person
Contact us for departures dates (subject to minimum numbers)	From <b>\$3,999</b>

### Package Inclusions:

- China Southern Airlines or Malaysia Airlines return economy class international airfares, taxes and fuel surcharges departing Sydney, Melbourne or Perth
- 8 nights hotel accommodation
- Round trip airport & hotel transfers
- Daily meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Coach transportation
- Admissions to scenic attractions
- English speaking tour guide(s)

### Package Exclusions:

- Tour guide & driver tipping payable in Borneo: Average RM15/person/day
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal expenditure and anything else not stated

### Price Guide:

- **Seasonal Surcharges:** \* = Peak Season: \$300
- **Interstate Surcharge:** Brisbane/Adelaide \$300 (flights may be via Sydney or Melbourne)
- **Early Arrival/Stay Behind/Stopover Surcharge:** From \$250 (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)
- **Pre/Post Tour Accommodation (inc. breakfast):** From \$85/person/twin room or \$170/person/single room
- **Airline Upgrade (economy class international long haul sectors only):** Singapore Airlines from \$600 (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)

*Note: Singapore Stopover Package is available*

- **Child Price:** Same as adult
- **Visa:** Australian passport holders are visa exempt for stays up to 90 days

All prices, itineraries, airlines, hotels and cruise ships are subject to availability and change without prior notice. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar standard and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Itinerary and sites to be visited are subject to change due to local and seasonal conditions, minimum and maximum numbers, time and other unforeseen constraints beyond our control. Passengers must remain with the tour group at all times and must not deviate from the set itinerary. The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land. Please check all information before booking. By booking, you accept all **Booking Conditions**.

### Stopovers

#### Kuala Lumpur Stopover 2 Nights From \$399

Possessing a dramatic skyline with the iconic Petronas Towers, 'KL' is rated globally as affordable, highly liveable, and safe – and the food is incredible! Attractions modern and historical await, and the subtropical rainforest climate is comfortably warm. If a shaved iced dessert from a street hawker doesn't

help cool you down, you can seek refuge in one of the city's 66 shopping malls!

For details, tap the image above or click here.

### **Singapore Stopover 2 Nights From \$399**

*Upgrade your flights to Singapore Airlines to book this package*

Singapore is loved as a 'hot' destination, full of contrasts inside a small area. The shopping is incredible and the food culture is diverse; Chinese, Indian and Malay dishes such as stir-fried noodles, roti chennai, and laksa are well known. You will see hundreds of different street foods in Chinatown.

For details, tap the image above or click here.

## **Hotel Accommodation**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Local Rating</b>
Kota Kinabalu	Grandis Hotel or similar	★★★★
Selingan Island	Selingan Island Chalet or similar	★★★★
Sepilok	Sepilok Nature Resort or similar	★★★★
Sukau	Sukau Rainforest Lodge or similar	★★★★

## Day 1: Australia ✈ Kota Kinabalu

Fly to Kota Kinabalu via connecting cities. Note: Some flights may depart one day later on Day 2.

## Day 2: Kota Kinabalu

Arrive in Kota Kinabalu. Your friendly tour guide will be waiting at the airport to transfer you to the hotel.

## Day 3: Kota Kinabalu 🏞 Gaya Island 🏞 Kota Kinabalu (B, L)

Travel to **Gaya Island** today surrounded by protected mangroves, lush tropical rainforests and sheltered coral reefs just 30 mins away from Kota Kinabalu. On arrival, go on an adventure on a **jungle trail** and discover Borneo's unique tropical plants. Enjoy a picnic lunch box for lunch. Spend the afternoon at your own leisure on a beautiful beach, swimming, and snorkelling or just relaxing before taking a boat back to Kota Kinabalu.

## Day 4: Kota Kinabalu 🚌 Mt Kinabalu 🚌 Kota Kinabalu (B, L)

Today, travel to the foothills of **Mt. Kinabalu** at 1500m in the UNESCO World Heritage Kinabalu Park, home to more than 4,500 species of flora and fauna. En route, stop by **Pekan Nabal Market** and sample local and seasonal tropical fruit. At the foothills, marvel at the majestic views of Mt. Kinabalu, the highest mountain in Malaysia (4,095m). Later, visit the **Kinabalu Natural History Gallery** and **Mountain Garden**. If the weather permits, go on a guided tour to explore the verdant forest laced with crisp mountain air. Today's last stop is **Poring Treetop Canopy Walk** where bridges suspended across the canopy at 41m offer a different view of the jungle.

## Day 5: Kota Kinabalu ✈ Sandakan 🏞 Selingan Island (L, D)

Board a flight from Kota Kinabalu Airport to Sandakan. Travel to **Selingan Island** by boat. Spend today at your own leisure. You may go on a walk and explore the island or go swimming and snorkelling (rental gear is available on the island). Selingan Island is known as Turtle Island for its efforts in rescuing the endangered green and hawksbill turtles. After dinner, **observe Green Turtles** lay eggs and rangers transplanting the eggs to the hatchery and releasing the baby turtles out on their first journey into the sea.

## Day 6: Selingan Island 🏞 Sandakan 🚌 Sepilok (B, L)

Return to Sandakan by boat today. Stroll through a **town market** lined with stands that sell local fish, assorted snacks and seasonal fruits. Next, visit **Puu Jih Shih Buddhist Temple**, a relatively new Buddhist temple adorned with elaborate golden Buddha statues and dragons. As the temple is situated on top of the hill, enjoy panoramic views of Sandakan Bay. Later, learn the history of one of the oldest buildings in Sandakan at **St. Michael's and All Angels Church**. Also, visit **Agnes Keith House**, the former residence of the famous American author. Learn about her books and her family life as you explore the house furnished with reproduced colonial furniture, genuine antiques and other objects of significance. Afterwards, explore a unique floating village on stilts – **Sim Sim Water Village**. Before lunch, proceed to **Sandakan War Memorial Park** erected to commemorate those who lost their lives during World War II. Final stop is at the **Rainforest Discovery Centre** where you can wander through the botanical wonderland and catch a bird's eye view from the canopy walk bridge.

## Day 7: Sepilok 🏞 Sukau (B, L, D)

Head to **Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre** this morning and learn how orphaned orangutans are cared for and rehabilitated. You may have the chance to see them during feeding time. Next, visit **Borneo Sun Bear Conservation Centre**, where you can see the world's smallest bear. Transfer to Sandakan by boat to check in to the multiple award-winning **Sukau Rainforest Lodge** accommodation nestled on the banks of Borneo's Kinabatangan River, which is home to a host of extravagant wildlife. Hop on a short **River Safari Cruise** in the evening.

## Day 8: Sukau 🏞 Kinabatangan River 🏞 Sukau (B, L, D)

Take a **Safari River Cruise** on Kinabatangan River to Oxbow Lake to see Borneo's diverse wildlife refuge: saltwater crocodiles, colourful birds and occasionally the Asian elephant can be sighted. Proceed to **Hornbill Boardwalk** for an educational tour. In the afternoon, join an **Orangutan Talk Activity** before taking **another river cruise** to spot more wildlife.

## Day 9: Sukau 🏞 Menanggul River 🏞 Sukau (B, L, D)

Take an early morning **Safari River Cruise** along the **Menanggul River** in search of **proboscis monkeys** and other wildlife. After, travel on land to **Gomantong Caves** soaring up to 90 m high where various bats and birds can be seen. Return to Sukau.

## Day 10: Sukau 🏞 Sandakan ✈ Australia (B)

Return to Sandakan by boat before transferring to the airport for your homebound or onward flight via connecting cities.

## Day 11: Australia

Arrive home this morning.

### Optional Pre-Tour Extension

#### Singapore Stopover 2 Nights

Singapore is loved as a 'hot' destination with full of contrasts inside a small area. Gardens by the Bay is a must see attraction in Singapore. It is a massive garden with 101 hectares of reclaimed land with rich diversity of plants as well as light up decorations. Do not forget about culinary delights in Singapore. Their food culture is diverse; Chinese, Indian and Malay dish such as Stir Fry Noodles, Laksa and are also well known. You will see hundreds of street foods in China Town.

## Day 1: Australia ✈ Singapore

Fly to Singapore via connecting cities and transfer to your hotel for rest.

## Day 2: Singapore (B)

Today is free at your leisure. You may choose from a variety of activities covered by your Multi Pass (Note: transportation is not included, however, most venues are covered by the SIA Hop-on Bus).

## Day 3: Singapore ✈ Kota Kinabalu (B)

After breakfast, fly to Kota Kinabalu. Upon arrival, you will be warmly greeted and transferred to the hotel.

### Optional Pre-Tour Extension

#### Kuala Lumpur Stopover 2 Nights

Kuala Lumpur is the diverse first city of Malaysia. Possessing a dramatic skyline with the iconic Petronas Towers, 'KL' is rated globally as affordable, highly liveable, and safe. And the food is incredible! Local Malay ingredients and dishes fuse with Indian and Chinese influences, creating a food culture that by itself is enough to draw people from around the globe.

Arising from settlements of Chinese tin miners and later merging into the British colonial system, Kuala Lumpur is named for the muddy confluence of the Klang and Gombak rivers. Attractions modern and historical await, and the subtropical rainforest climate is comfortably warm. If a shaved iced dessert from a street hawker doesn't help cool you down, you can seek refuge in one of the city's 66 shopping malls!

## Day 1: Arrive Kuala Lumpur

On arrival at Kuala Lumpur Airport, you will be warmly greeted by a tour representative and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the evening is free at leisure.

## Day 2: Half Day Kuala Lumpur City Tour (B)

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll be picked up for a **Half Day Kuala Lumpur City Tour**. A must for first timers to the city, this tour unveils the beauty and charm of the old and new Kuala Lumpur, 'Garden City of Lights'. Visit **Petronas Twin Towers** (photo stop), **Cocoa Boutique**, **King's Palace** (photo stop), **National Monument**, **National Museum** (entrance at your own expense), **National Mosque** (photo stop) & **Sultan Abdul Samad Building**. After the tour, you'll transfer back to hotel and spend the remainder of the day free at leisure.

## Day 3: Depart Kuala Lumpur (B)

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy time at leisure until transfer to the airport for your onward international flight.