

Wildlife Borneo 11 Days

\$2,999.00

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

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**

In stock

Category: Malaysia, Singapore, & Thailand Tag: Borneo

Departures

| 2018 | | Package Price | Single Supplement |
|---|---------|--|-------------------|
| 03 Mar | 22 Sep* | From \$2,999 per person twin share | \$600 |
| 07 Apr* | 27 Oct | | |
| 19 May | 24 Nov | | |
| Other departures available on request * = Peak season surcharge: \$300 | | | |

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:

- **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**.

Hotel Accommodation

| Location | Accommodation | Local Rating |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 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 | ★★★★ |

Optional Pre-Tour Extension

Colourful Malaysia 6 Nights

Kuala Lumpur, Malacca, Cameron Highlands, Penang

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- Discover the historical and cultural riches of UNESCO World Heritage Site **Malacca** colonised in turn by the Portuguese, Dutch, and British
- Hop on a **Beca** and speed through the bustling city streets of Georgetown in style

| Package Price | Single Supplement |
|---|-------------------|
| From \$1,399 per person twin share Tour will operate with a minimum of 9 persons | \$420 |

Inclusions:

- International airfares, taxes & fuel surcharges (Penang>Kota Kinabalu)
- 6 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch)
- Transportation & transfers
- Admissions to scenic attractions

- English-speaking tour guide(s)

Exclusions:

- Tipping prepaid in Australia: \$105
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal expenditure & anything not stated

| Location | Deluxe Accommodation | Local Rating |
|-------------------|---|--------------|
| Kuala Lumpur | Hotel Capitol Kuala Lumpur or similar | ★★★★ |
| Cameron Highlands | Heritage Hotel Cameron Highlands or similar | ★★★★ |
| Penang | The Wembley – A St Giles Hotel or similar | ★★★★ |

Optional Pre-Tour Extension

Singapore Stopover 2 Nights

Singapore is loved as a ‘hot’ destination, 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 a rich diversity of plants, as well as decorative lighting installations. Do not forget about the culinary delights of Singapore. 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.

| 4 Star Hotel | 5 Star Hotel |
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| <p>From \$399</p> <p>per person twin share</p> <p>—</p> <p>Single Supplement: \$350</p> | <p>From \$549</p> <p>per person twin share</p> <p>—</p> <p>Single Supplement: \$500</p> |

Upgrade your flights to Singapore Airlines to book this package

Inclusions:

- 2 nights hotel accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return transfers
- Unlimited rides on SIA Hop-on Bus
- Multi Pass

Multi Pass Inclusions (subject to change):

- Singapore Cable Car (Sky Pass)
- National Gallery Singapore
- Sentosa Admission + Admission to 2 out of 8 Attractions (Surrender Chamber @ Fort Siloso, Sentosa Merlion, Wings of time – Standard seat, Sentosa 4D Adventureland, GoGreen Bi-Pedal Bicycle Ride, GoGreen Segway Fun Ride, Tiger Sky Tower, Skyline Luge Sentosa)
- Alive Museum
- Gardens by the Bay (2 Conservatories)
- National Orchid Garden
- Singapore River Bumboat Tour
- Jurong Bird Park (tram not included)
- Singapore Zoo (tram not included)
- The Original Singapore Walks (choose 1 out of 5 Walking Tours)
- \$5 Chinatown Food Street Voucher
- Singapore Flyer
- Malay Heritage Centre
- Singapore Philatelic Museum

- ClimbMax (choice of 1 course)
- Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum
- 1-Altitude Gallery & Bar (entry after 6:30pm)
- Satay by the Bay
- Universal Studios Singapore

| Local Rating | Hotel Accommodation |
|--------------|---|
| ★★★★★ | Four Points by Sheraton Singapore, Riverview or similar |
| ★★★★★ | Hotel Grand Central or similar |
| ★★★★★ | Furama City Centre or similar |
| ★★★★★ | Mandarin Orchard Singapore or similar |
| ★★★★★ | Marina Mandarin Singapore or similar |
| ★★★★★ | Swissotel The Stamford Singapore 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.

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Day 3: Kuala Lumpur 🚗 Malacca 🚗 Kuala Lumpur (B, L)

This morning, travel to Malacca (listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site), a city with a history of colonisation by the Portuguese, Dutch and British. Many of the buildings including churches here are a cultural blend of 18th century European and Asian architectural styles. Visit **St. Peter's Church**, the oldest operational Catholic Church in Malaysia where various celebrations are held here. Afterwards, visit **Porta De Santiago**, a fortress that was built by the Portuguese to secure their position in Malacca. Later on, take a stroll through **St Paul's Church**, a historical church ruin on the summit of St. Paul's Hill. Proceed to the Dutch administrative building known as **Red Square** or 'Stadthuys' before exploring the finest temple in Malaysia – **Cheng Hoon Teng Temple**. The peaceful unity of Taoism, Buddhism and Confucianism found in the same complex is a unique feature of this temple. Take a stroll along **Malacca River** before returning to Kuala Lumpur.

Day 4: Kuala Lumpur 🚗 Cameron Highlands (B, L)

Begin your journey today to Cameron Highlands. Enjoy the crisp air and breathtaking views of verdant tea plantations at 5000ft above sea level. On the way, stop by **Iskandar Waterfall** passing by gurgling jungle streams. Some of the main attractions in this area include **Rose Garden**, green rolling hills of lush **tea plantations** as well as a **Butterfly Farm**. The cooler climate due to higher altitude and abundant water is perfect for cultivating tea and is also the perfect environment for unique flora and fauna species. Take a sip of your favourite tea (own expense).

Day 5: Cameron Highlands 🚗 Penang (B, L)

Enjoy breakfast with a free morning at your own leisure. Travel to Penang.

Day 6: Penang (B, L)

Explore Penang Island today. First stop will be **Tropical Spice Garden**, an award-winning landscaped tropical garden that is home to more than 500 species of tropical plants and herbs from around the world. Next, visit **Penang Craft Batik Factory** and learn how the pioneers of batik manufacturing create quality batik garments using complex prints and patterns. Afterwards, taste juicy tropical fruits at **Penang Tropical Fruit Farm**. The farm grows 370 edible fruits species including exotic ones, such as durians. Stroll through **The Weld Quay Clan Jetties Waterfront Settlement**, a living heritage that served as one of the main South Asia ports for trading before visiting **Khoo Kongsi**, the extravagant clan house of the most distinctive Chinese clan association in Malaysia. The building is most famous for its gorgeous gold decorations and detailed ornamental carvings. Walk down **'The Street of Harmony'**, a street with a variety of places of worship grouped together, including Kapitan Keling Mosque, Kuan-Yin-Ten; Chinese temple as a symbol of pride, compassion and love, and St George's Church; South East Asia's oldest Anglican Church. In the afternoon, visit **Kek Lok Si Temple**, where a magnificent 30.2m tall bronze statue of Guanyin and the temple's pagoda decorated with 10,000 statues of Buddha is the main drawcard for many Buddhist pilgrimages. Ride a **funicular train up to Penang Hill** for some fresh breeze and a stunning panoramic view of Georgetown.

Day 7: Penang (B, Food Sampling)

Free time during the day at your own leisure to explore Georgetown. Penang is the home of finest oriental cuisine and also a gourmet's paradise. Tour continues in the evening. **Hop on a beca**, an open-fronted pedal-powered ride, and speed through the bustling streets of Georgetown. Take a closer look at Kapitan Keling Mosque, Kuan Yin Teng and St George's Church. Afterwards, explore Penang's famous **'Red Garden Food Paradise'** offering a one stop destination for delicious local and international hawker food.

Day 8: Penang ✈ Kota Kinabalu (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Kota Kinabalu.

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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.