



## Itinerary

### 13 Day Absolute Borneo Tour W/Flights

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.

#### DAY 1: Depart Australia

Depart from either Melbourne, Sydney or Perth for your flight to Borneo! From most cities, this will be an overnight flight.

**NOTE:** Due to flight scheduling, you may need to depart on either Day 0 or Day 2, with arrival on Day 2.

**MEALS:** In Flight

**OVERNIGHT:** In Flight

#### DAY 2: Arrive Kota Kinabalu, Borneo

Upon arrival at Kota Kinabalu airport, you will be met by our tour representative and transferred to your city centre hotel. The remainder of day is at your own leisure. Relax after your flight or explore the city at your own pace.

A fabulous way to start your holiday is to take an optional sunset dinner cruise on board North Borneo Cruises. Sail into your first sunset while enjoying an all-you-can-eat buffet, live music and the breathtaking sunsets Kota Kinabalu is famous for.

**MEALS:** In Flight

**OVERNIGHT:** Grandis Hotel, Kota Kinabalu

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- Sunset Dinner Cruise with North Borneo Cruises

#### DAY 3: Kota Kinabalu Free Day

Spend the whole day at your leisure exploring this modern city. Take a stroll along the waterfront stopping in the numerous bars and restaurants. Wonder through the local markets for souvenirs or the evening fish market and try some local seafood.

Take an optional day tour including a City Tour of Kota Kinabalu and Mari Mari Cultural Village. The city tour includes the following sights: Kota Kinabalu City, Atkinson Clock Tower, Observatory Tower (Signal

Hill), Tun Mustapha Building, bypass City Mosque, Sabah State Museum, Handicraft Market.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** Grandis Hotel (Superior Room), Kota Kinabalu

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Mari Mari Cultural Village & City Tour (Full Day)
- Sunset Dinner Cruise with North Borneo Cruises

**NOTE:** Cannot do both optional tours in one day

#### DAY 4: Pulau Sapi & Manukan Island Hopping Day Trip

Today you will enjoy a full day trip to the stunning islands of TAR National Park. Embark on an exciting 20 minute boat ride across the bay to Pulau Sapi to lounge on the soft sands and swim in the pristine blue ocean. Next continue on to Manukan Island for more beach time, soaking up the sun or enjoying a spot of snorkelling. Return to Kota Kinabalu in the afternoon and enjoy your evening free at leisure.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch

**OVERNIGHT:** Grandis Hotel (Superior Room), Kota Kinabalu

#### DAY 5: Overland to Kinabalu National Park ~ Kundasang War Memorial

In the morning at 0830 we will depart overland towards Kinabalu National Park. En route we stop at Nabalun Native Market for a spot of souvenir shopping, before continuing on to Kundasang War Memorial. The Kundasang War Memorial is a memorial dedicated to the British and Australian soldiers who died in the Sandakan POW camp during their death marches to Ranau. Besides that, it also recognises the suffering and sacrifice of the native population of Sabah. Afterwards, continue on to Kinabalu National Park and in the late afternoon we check in to Mount Kinabalu Perkasa.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Mount Kinabalu Perkasa Hotel (Superior Room), Kundasang

#### DAY 6: Sabah Tea Garden & Tea Factory ~ Sepilok

This morning after breakfast and checkout we continue overland to Sabah Tea Garden for a tour around the Tea Factory and tea plantation with a tea plucking activity. After a local lunch we continue towards Sepilok, stopping en route to enjoy a tantalising fish foot massage in the river at Kumpung Lunanti. Arriving at Sepilok in the late afternoon, the remainder of the day is at your leisure. You will spend the next 3 nights at Sepilok Jungle resort.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Sepilok Jungle Resort (Superior Room), Sepilok

## DAY 7: Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre ~ Sun Bear Conservation Centre

This morning we visit Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre in time for the morning feeding and learn about the conservation and rehabilitation efforts of Sepilok. Witness the majestic Orangutan swing through the forest towards the feeding platform and watch as these beautiful creatures enjoy their breakfast. Afterwards we make a visit to see the World's smallest bear in their natural habitat at the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre. Enjoy lunch back at the resort and spend the afternoon at leisure, relaxing in the resorts pool and tropical surroundings.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Sepilok Jungle Resort (Superior Room), Sepilok

## DAY 8: LABUK BAY PROBOSCIS MONKEY SANCTUARY

Spend the morning visiting the fascinating long nose Proboscis monkeys at Labuk Bay Sanctuary. Only found in Borneo, the Proboscis monkey is weird yet wonderful; the males have super long noses and the bigger they are, the more attractive they are to the ladies! Spend the afternoon at your own leisure. We suggest you visit the nearby Rainforest Discovery Centre (2km) learn about local flora and fauna and enjoy a canopy walkway among the treetops, giving you a birds-eye view of the park [entrance fee approx. \$10). Alternatively, return to visit the Orangutans one last time for their afternoon feeding [At your own expense]

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Sepilok Jungle Resort (Superior Room), Sepilok

## DAY 9: SEPILOK ~ KINABATANGAN RIVER

After breakfast we travel overland to our wildlife lodge on the banks of the Kinabatangan River. On arrival into Bilit we have a spot of lunch before jumping on our first wildlife boat cruise down the river. Keep your eyes peeled for wild Orangutans, Proboscis Monkeys, Pygmy Elephants and lots of exotic birdlife! Evening free at leisure or take an optional guided night jungle walk to spot the nocturnal wildlife.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Bilit Adventure Lodge (Superior Room), Sepilok

### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- Wildlife night jungle walk RM10 (approx \$5)
- Tree Planting RM10 (approx \$5)

**NOTE:** Pay on arrival

## DAY 10: KINABATANGAN RIVER ~ WILDLIFE RIVER CRUISES

Early morning start as we cruise along the Kinabatangan River at 6:00am in search for more wild and wonderful wildlife, then back to the lodge for breakfast. After breakfast you will have two choices; for trekkers: a guided jungle walk through the riverine forest. For non-trekkers; we participate in the batik painting. Relax for the afternoon and then just before dusk we embark on another river cruise in search for more wildlife. Spend the evening at leisure enjoying a cold beer and sharing your photos from the day with fellow travellers.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Bilit Adventure Lodge (Superior Room), Sepilok

#### DAY 11: BILIT ~ POW CAMP ~ SANDAKAN

Morning departure from Bilit at 0830 back to Sandakan. En route we stop at the Sandakan War Memorial Park. The site is dedicated as a memory for all prisoners in the camp who died during the Sandakan Death Marches, and to those died during a march to Ranau. Then, we go for lunch and in the afternoon continue with a city tour of Sandakan. We visit Puu Jih Buddhist Temple, St Michael's Church and Australian War Memorial. After the tour we check in to Sabah Hotel. Tonight the group will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Sabah Hotel, Sandakan (Deluxe Room)

#### DAY 12: Departure ~ End of Tour

Today you will be transferred to Sandakan airport for your onward journey. Alternatively, you can extend your trip with our Turtle Island Extension (3D/2N).

**MEALS:** Breakfast, In Flight

**OVERNIGHT:** In Flight

#### DAY 13: Arrive Australia

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**MEALS:** In Flight

#### \*\*\*TURTLE ISLAND EXTENSION\*\*\* [Subject to availability]

#### DAY 12: Sandakan ~ Turtle Island

After breakfast you will be picked up at your hotel and transferred Sabah Park Jetty in Sandakan where you will take a 1-hour boat ride to Selingan Turtle Island. Located only 40 kilometres from North Sandakan, you will have the opportunity to see the main nesting areas of the Green Turtles and Hawksbill

Turtles.

Upon arrival, lunch will be served.

Check in to your basic but clean accommodation. The rest of the day you are free to stretch out by the beach or jump right into the sea for a snorkel round the nearby reefs. Dinner will be served on the Island. After dinner, a Park Ranger will inform you on the right time to encounter turtle laying their eggs along the beach. Get the chance to witness the collecting of eggs from the nestling site and into a safe hatchery and watch baby turtles scrambling out into the open sea upon their release on shore. An adorable sight not to be missed!

It's time to hit the hay and rest up with an overnight stay at your Selingan Turtle Island Chalet.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Selingan Island Chalet

### DAY 13: Turtle Island ~ Sandakan

After breakfast and check out say goodbye to the little turtles and head back to Sabah Parks Jetty via boat. Upon arrival transfer to the Sabah hotel for your final afternoon and night in Sandakan.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** Sabah Hotel, Sandakan

### DAY 14: End of Tour ~ Departure

Today you will be transferred to Sandakan airport for your onward journey. Alternatively, you can extend your trip with our Turtle Island Extension (3D/2N).

**MEALS:** Breakfast, In Flight

**OVERNIGHT:** In Flight

### DAY 15: Arrive Australia

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**MEALS:** In Flight