

# Itinerary

## 6 Day Sarawak Discovery Tour

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

#### **DAY 1: Arrive Kuching**

Welcome to Sarawak: Where Adventure Lives! Upon arrival at the airport, meet our tour representative and transfer to your Hotel for check in. Rest or free & easy to explore Kuching City. **MEALS:** None

**OVERNIGHT:** The Meritin Hotel, Kuching

#### DAY 2: Bako National Park Day Trip

One of the best places in Sarawak to see wildlife in a natural setting. Commonly spotted at Bako are the Borneo endemic proboscis monkeys, silvered langurs (monkeys), long-tailed macaques, wild boar, monitor lizards and numerous species of birds. The park has an impressive range of forest types from mangrove to kerangas (heath forest), tropical swamp vegetation, cliff vegetation and beach vegetation. A trail network provides access to different parts of the depending on level of fitness and areas of interest. The park's spectacular coastline is dotted with small bays, coves and beaches.

Pick up from hotel, 35 minutes drive to Bako village, proceed by boat for approximately 30 minutes to the park headquarters. En route there is a chance to see crocodiles, sea eagles and other shore birds. Arrive at the park HQ and begin exploring the trails and searching for wildlife. Return to Kuching mid-afternoon.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

**OVERNIGHT:** The Meritin Hotel, Kuching

#### DAY 3: Semenggoh Orangutan Centre

Breakfast in the hotel. Pick up and depart for Semenggoh Wildlife Centre, located 24 kilometres from the centre of Kuching. This orangutan rehabilitation centre trains orphaned or rescued orangutans how to survive in the wild. Over 20 orangutans live in forest within the nature reserve and often return to the centre at feeding times. Upon arrival, head to the briefing area. After a brief talk from the rangers, take a short walk along a trail to the feeding area to watch the orangutans come down from the trees for a free meal. Return back to city and have the rest of the day at your own leisure.

**OVERNIGHT:** The Meritin Hotel, Kuching

### DAY 4: Kuching ~ Sibu ~ Countryside

Depart from Kuching to Sibu by flight, transfer to the Countryside. You'll get to savour local delicacies for lunch at local open air restaurant or coffee shop. View the hilly scenery on the way with some peppers vineyards, rubber trees, rice paddy even longhouses just by the roadside.

Upon arrival longhouse, a warm welcoming by your host and brief you some longhouse information and culture. Go for some village walk in the evening, see the friendly local community. Come back in time before sunset. Prepare local meals for dinner such as the Pansuh (chicken meat cooked in bamboo) and taste the Tuak (rice wine) together with your host. After dinner, relaxing and sharing stories & legends with the host in the Ruai (Veranda). Retreat for the night. Please bear in mind, the Longhouse is a traditional homestay which is meant to be a rustic experience.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Iban Longhouse Homestay (shared bathroom)

#### DAY 5: Countryside Longhouse ~ Sibu

Wake up early morning and join the villagers to experience local rubber tapping activity. Feel the tough job of how extract natural rubber latex come from and also process the rubber sheet. Back to longhouse for breakfast & rest. Embark on your journey through the still green and undisturbed forest, with sightings of flora and fauna all the way. Here, you can understand how the local people say "Rainforest is the biggest supermarket for free". View up close and personal with some of plants and herbs that the locals normally use for food or medical purpose and even for making ink as the base for Pua Kumbu. Enjoy some splashing moment and fun at the simple yet naturally beautiful water steam. Prepare and enjoy lunch in the middle of the rainforest while the sound of nature and gushing waterfall echoes in the background. Return back to longhouse and get yourself clean up and refresh before journey to Sibu.

Upon arrival Sibu, check-in Hotel for a rest. Join us on a tour to the mind boggling Sibu Night Market, which is opened every night except when there is heavy rain. Be amazed by the food, gadgets, textiles, utensils & all things interesting at this amazing place.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

**OVERNIGHT:** Kingwood Hotel, Sibu

#### DAY 6: Sibu Walking Tour ~ End of Tour.

After Breakfast, take a leisurely stroll on a beautiful esplanade alongside Malaysia's longest river – The Mighty Rajang River. See how the people use River Taxis (Express Boats, Speed boats, Sampans etc) of all sorts and forms to move along the river. Watch how the locals stock up their "Floating Grocery Stores" that serve riverine folks. Walk on to a beautifully crafted Chinese Temple, climb up the Seven Storey Pagoda and take a panoramic view of Sibu's waterfront life.

Then cut across the winding streets of Old Sibu Town and soak in the sights and smells of pastries baking in earthen ovens, alley ways small businesses that provides priceless photo opportunities. After this journey back into time, walk onto to the biggest Central Market in Malaysia – home to more than 1,200 stalls serving up a bedazzling variety of commodities. Seek out the live chicken stalls and find out how they are bundled with newspapers. You will get a real feel of how the people of Sibu live and get to see seasonal fruits, catches that are unique to Sibu.

Visit a village house to witness how locals make "Longevity Noodles" in the traditional way. The longevity noodles are an indispensable dish in birthday & wedding celebration and festival. Since noodles are long and continuous in shape, it symbolises good health and longevity to have noodles in birthday and traditional festival. From processing to pulling the noodles, drying under the sun and collect it back to store into the bag. The quality and portion of flour, weather and humidity will also affected the quality of noodles. Late afternoon transfer to Sibu Airport for your onward journey. End of Tour.

MEALS: Breakfast