Itinerary

10 Day Luxury Borneo Cruise & Wildlife Tour With Flights

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

Day 1: Depart Australia

Depart from Australia 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 1 or Day 2, with arrival on Day 2.

MEALS: In Flight

OVERNIGHT: In Flight

Day 2: Arrive Sandakan, Borneo

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

MEALS: In Flight

OVERNIGHT: Sepilok Nature Lodge, Sandakan

Day 3: 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 at Sepilok Jungle Resort and spend the afternoon at leisure, relaxing at the resort and taking in the tropical surroundings.
MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: Sepilok Nature Lodge, Sepilok

Day 4: Sepilok ~ Embark the Luxe Wildlife Voyager Liveaboard Cruise

After breakfast you will be picked up at 10am and transferred to Kampung Bilit, Kinabatangan to embark on your liveaboard Borneo Wildlife Cruise on the Luxe Wildlife Voyager. After check-in and information briefing enjoy lunch onboard before setting off on the Kinabatang River. Enjoy Happy Hour with drinks and local snacks between 16:00-17:00. Dinner and overnight onboard the cruise.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Onboard the Luxe Wildlife Voyager

Day 5: Luxe Wildlife Voyager Liveaboard Cruise

This morning you will embark on a scenic river cruise, exploring two smaller waterways by smaller boats as you travel alongside the main river. Enjoy breakfast and lunch onboard as you take in the surrounding scenery and experience the tranquillity of the waterways. Don't forget to keep an eye out for the diverse wildlife along the riverbanks.

In the evening, enjoy Happy Hour with drinks and local snacks between 16:00-17:00 followed by a BBQ dinner onboard before settling in for an overnight stay on the boat.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Onboard the Luxe Wildlife Voyager

Day 6: Disembark Cruise ~ Sandakan

After breakfast onboard, check out and depart from Kampung Bilit. After disembarking you will be transferred to you hotel in Sandakan. You will arrive at approximately 11:30am. The remainder of the day is free at your own leisure. Please note hotel check in is from 2pm, you are welcome to store your luggage and the hotel will be able to allow for early check-in subject to availability. Please feel welcome to use the hotel facilities and the roof top pool while you wait for your room.
MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Ormond Hotel, Sandakan

Day 7: Sandakan City Tour

After breakfast at the hotel, depart at 10:00hrs for a Sandakan City Tour. Your first stop is St. Michael's Church, followed by a visit to the historic Agnes Keith House and a local Buddhist Temple. Continue to the Sandakan War Memorial Park, an important historical site commemorating those who lost their lives during World War II. Afterwards, enjoy a visit to a local coconut farm where you will take part in a traditional cooking class and prepare your own lunch using local ingredients. After lunch, we continue to a traditional Fisherman's Village for an insight into the local coastal way of life, followed by a relaxing mangrove cruise. Enjoy the beautiful sunset before heading out for an evening firefly-watching experience, where thousands of tiny lights illuminate the mangroves. Enjoy a local dinner at the village before returning to Sandakan Ormond Hotel.
MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ormond Hotel, Sandakan

Day 8: Sandakan ~ Gaya Island resort

Enjoy your final morning in Sandakan at leisure before transferring to the airport for your domestic flight to Kota Kinabalu. Upon arrival, continue to Jesselton Point for a scenic speedboat transfer to Gaya Island Resort, nestled in the beautiful Malohom Bay on Pulau Gaya within Sabah's protected Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park. After a short boat ride, arrive at this luxurious eco-resort surrounded by lush tropical rainforest and pristine waters. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure, relaxing and enjoying the resort's tranquil island setting, with stunning views across the bay towards Mount Kinabalu. Nestled within Malohom Bay, where protected mangroves meet sheltered coral reefs, Gaya Island Resort rests upon a crescent of untouched shore. Part of the Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park, this sanctuary is cradled by ancient rainforest with Mount Kinabalu etched upon the horizon. Hillside villas offer ever-changing vistas of mangrove forests, emerald canopy, and the distant outline of Kinabalu, while interiors marry contemporary elegance with eco-conscious luxury accented by Sabahan craftsmanship. Guided by a deep commitment to preservation, the resort forgoes vehicles, allowing the whispers of the rainforest and the rhythm of the sea to remain undisturbed. Here, every moment invites connection to a world that is intimately and unmistakably Borneo.
MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Gaya Island Resort, Kota Kinabalu

Day 9: Gaya Island Resort Free Day

Enjoy a full free day at Gaya Island Resort, surrounded by lush tropical rainforest and the pristine waters of Malohom Bay. Take the opportunity to relax by the pool, unwind on the beach and enjoy a leisurely day in this tranquil island paradise at your own pace.
MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Gaya Island Resort, Kota Kinabalu

Day 10: Departure ~ End of tour

After breakfast, check out from the Resort and transfer to Kota Kinabalu International Airport for your onward flight back to Australia, bringing your memorable Borneo adventure to a close.
NOTE: Depending on flight scheduling you might arrive in Australia on Day 11.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: In Flight