

The Kinabatangan River is home to an ecosystem which supports a rich, and diverse, concentration of wildlife - Sabah



SANDAKAN EXPLORER SAFARI

(Soft Adventure)

3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS



Day 01 – Sandakan – Selingan Island (40 km)

Meet at 0800hrs at your hotel lobby or upon arrival ex- Sandakan airport [recommended MH2042] and transfer to the jetty. A 45 minutes boat ride will take us to Selingan Island where you can swim, sunbath or snorkel (gear can be hired and subject to availability). At night, witness the phenomenal sights of the famous Green and Hawks-bill turtles coming ashore to lay eggs, and the rangers transplanting the eggs to the hatchery, and the act of releasing baby turtles to the sea. Overnight at Selingan Turtle Island chalet with attached bathroom and basic facilities. (Meals: Simple meals are provided for lunch and dinner).

Note: Conservation fee of MYR60.00 per visitor is payable directly by clients upon arrival at the island.

Note from Sabah Parks:

- Usage of cameras is allowed but without flash.
- Video/Digital Video Cameras are not allowed.
- Visitors are not allowed to wander on their own from 1800hrs – 0600hrs.

Day 02 – Selingan Island – Sepilok – Kinabatangan River (195 km)

Breakfast. Depart for the Sandakan Jetty at 0700hrs boat, from there, depart overland to Sandakan to Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary to visit the Orangutans which have been orphaned, rescued from illegally captivity or injured. In the Sanctuary, they are being rehabilitated to prepare them to be sent back to the wild. Witness the feeding of the orangutans.

From here, we depart overland to Kinabatangan River. We will pass through scenic countryside, local villages and plantation. On arrival, check into a lodge along the Kinabatangan River. In the late afternoon go for a river cruise in search of wildlife. The lower reach of Kinabatangan River has the greatest concentration of wildlife in Borneo. The most famous creature of all is undoubtedly the bizarre looking, Proboscis monkeys. Overnight at Lodge (no air-condition) along the Kinabatangan River. (Meals : Breakfast, Simple Local Lunch, Dinner).

Day 03 – Kinabatangan River – Gomantong – Sandakan (155 km)

Wake up to the sound of Borneo. At 0600hrs, go on an early morning 1 ½ boat cruise on the famous Kinabatangan and its surrounding in search of more wildlife. The dramatic change of colors in the horizon as dawn sets in and beautiful birds of the Kinabatangan region make this boat ride an interesting one. Some of the bird species sighted are elegant egrets,

several species of kingfishers, and the oriental darter which dives under water to catch its prey, the swift and vividly coloured bee-eaters and hornbills. Return to the Lodge for breakfast. Check-out. Return to Sandakan (approx 3 hrs drive) through rustic countryside studded with villages en-route to Gomantong Caves located in the heartland of the Gomantong Forest Reserve, a home of millions bats and swiftlets. Explore the biggest bird's nest cave in Sabah and the best-managed edible birds' nest. After lunch transfer to Sandakan Airport or Hotel. (Meals: Breakfast and Lunch). ☒ *Tour ends* ☒

Note:

- Package does not include airfares.
- We recommend your onward flight on Day 3 to be after 1500 hours.
- Although daily sightings of turtles laying eggs have been reported, it is not guaranteed.

What to bring:

Raincoat, hat, insect repellent, torch, personal toiletries, cotton material clothing, swimming attire, towel, body soap, walking shoes with rubber soles, a pair of leech socks or thick socks, binoculars, anti-malaria tablets and suntan/block lotion.



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