

SABAH WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

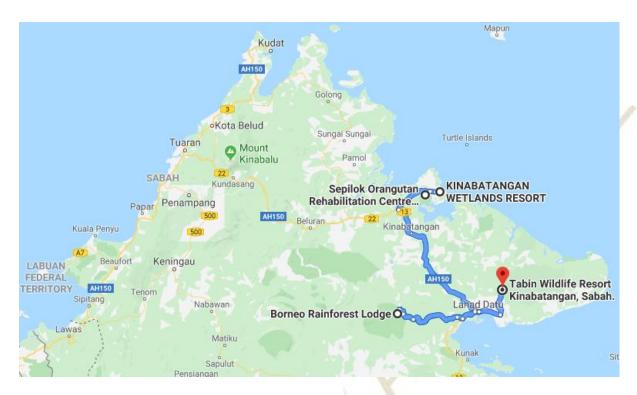
11 Days / 10 Nights

Day	Destination	Activity	Difficulty	Transfer	Meals	Hotels
1	Sandakan	-	-	20 mins	(-/-/-)	Sepilok Nature Resort
2	Sandakan	Sepilok Orangutan and Sun Bear	-	-	(B/L/-)	Sepilok Nature Resort
3	Kinabatangan	Transfer & River Cruise	-	Road 30 mins Road 2 hours	(B/L/D)	Kinabatangan Wetlands Resort
4	Kinabatangan	River Cruise	-	2 hours each	(B/L/D)	Kinabatangan Wetland Resort
5	Tabin Wildlife	Boat and vehicle transfer		1 hour & up to 4.5 hours	(B/L/D)	Tabin Wildlife Resort
6	Tabin Wildlife	Transfer and trekking	Easy	Up to 20 mins & up to 1 hour	(B/L/D)	Tabin Wildlife Resort
7	Danum Valley	Transfer	-	1.5 hours & 2.5 hours	(B/L/D)	Borneo Rainforest Lodge
8	Danum Valley	Trekking	Easy	Up to 3 hours & 2 hours	(B/L/D)	Borneo Rainforest Lodge
9	Kota Kinabalu	Transfer and flight	-	Road 2.5 hrs Flight 55 mins Road 20 mins	(B/L/-)	Grandis
10	Kota Kinabalu	Kayak, Snorkeling & Zipline	Easy	15 mins	(B/L/D)	Grandis
11	Kinabalu Departure	-	-	Transfer 20 mins	(B/-/-)	-

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Up close and personal with wildlife
- Cruise the Kinabatangan River
- Explore the ancient tropical rainforest
- Stunning aquamarine of Kota Kinabalu





Day 1: Arrival, Sandakan transfer to Hotel

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After meeting with the guide at Sandakan Airport, head by private minivan to Sandakan Memorial Park for a quick stopover to learn about Sabah's fascinating role in WWII after walking through this very well maintained and beautifully landscaped park to the museum, hop back in the vehicle and transfer to Sepilok.

After late afternoon, check in and evening at leisure.

Overnight Sepilok Nature Resort

<u>Distances and journey time</u> Sandakan Airport to Sepilok (17km) 20 min

Day 2: Sepilok (B/L/-)

After breakfast at 09:00 in the morning, depart for Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre in time for the morning feeding session at 10:00 then head to the Sun Bear Conservation Centre nearby. This centre aims to increase awareness of this endearing, but little-known bear species – named after the crescent shaped patch of fur on their chests that resembles the rising sun.

Walk back to the hotel for lunch and this afternoon walk the jungle canopy walk of the Rainforest Discovery Centre. The Canopy Walkway is about 347 m long providing great opportunities for nature watching and fantastic views over the rainforest. Spend time walking some of the many nature trails before returning to the lodge for the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight Sepilok Nature Resort



<u>Distances and journey time</u>

Sepilok Hotel to Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre: 5-minute walk

Day 3: Sepilok to Kinabatangan River

(B/L/-)

This morning at 10:30 transfer by private air-conditioned minioun with the guide to Sandakan Jetty to meet the boat to transfer to the Kinabatangan River. This two-hour boat journey passes by local villages and lush rainforest.

Arrive at the lodge at 13:00, check in and enjoy lunch. The Local guide will conduct a briefing on the upcoming activities and advice on recommended gear. Time in the afternoon to relax.

Late in the afternoon at 16:30, hop on a riverboat for a cruise up the Kinabatangan River to search for wildlife -

most notably, the proboscis monkeys which is endemic to Borneo. Other fauna likely to be spotted in the Lower Kinabatangan Reserve includes elephants, hornbills, gibbons, and many birds.

Return to the lodge for dinner before mid-evening take a stroll along the boardwalk on a lookout for nocturnal animals and interesting insects.

Overnight at Kinabatangan Wetlands Resort

Distances and journey time:

Sepilok to Sandakan Jetty (26km): 30mins

Sandakan Jetty to Kinabatangan Wetlands Resort by boat: 1.5hrs

Cruise times: PM – 16:00

Cruise duration will depend on wildlife spotting: approx. 2 hours

Day 4: Kinabatangan (B/L/-)

Rise early at 06:00 in the morning along with the birds and other animals of the river for a cruise to Kelenanap Oxbow Lake, a crescent shaped lake that formed when the river's meander became so wide that it cut itself off. The stillness of the lake and relative protection provides a haven for animals and plants making for an ecosystem that's completely distinct from that of the river.

Continue to visit the local fishing village, Kampung Abai. Interact with local Orang Sungai, river people and observe daily activities in the fishing village.

Return to the resort for breakfast and the rest of the day is at leisure before heading out in the late afternoon to watch the river activities of many primate species that become active during this time. The afternoon is a particularly advantageous time to spot wildlife and the light is perfect for photography.

After dinner at 20:30, take a night river safari on a look out for target species.

Overnight at Kinabatangan Wetlands Resort



<u>Distances and journey time</u>

Cruise times: AM - 06:30, PM - 16:00. EVE - 20:00

Cruise duration will depend on wildlife spotting: approx. 2 hours

Day 5: Kinabatangan – Tabin Wildlife Reserve

(B/L/D)

This morning at 07:00, wake early for departure to Tabin Wildlife Reserve. Transfer one hour by boat to Sukau Jetty to pick up overland transportation to Lahad Datu. From Lahad Datu depart at **1330** for an overland transfer by 4WD. (*Private transfers can be scheduled earlier to arrive in Tabin for lunch*)

Upon arrival, check into a charming wooden cottage within the reserve and take some time to freshen up or relax before heading out for a bit of exploration. In the afternoon enjoy a short trek through the jungle to Tabin's mineral rich mud volcano. After dinner, head out for a night nature walk under the star-studded sky.



Overnight Tabin Wildlife Reserve

Distances and journey time

Kinabatangan Wetlands Resort to Sukau Jetty by boat: 1hrs Sukau Jetty to Lahad Datu (Tabin Wildlife Reserve Office): up to 3hrs

Lahad Datu to Tabin Wildlife Reserve: 1.5hrs

Day 6: Tabin Wildlife Reserve

(B/L/D)

Join an early morning bird walk in search of some of Tabin's 220 species of birds. After breakfast, take a drive to a bird watch tower before a short trek through the lush green rainforest, which is known for its rich diversity of plants and animal species, and visit Lipad Waterfall. Take a dip in the beautiful naturally occurring pool at its base or, alternatively, explore the surrounding vegetation or just relax.

In the afternoon, relax in the beautiful natural surrounds of the lodge and enjoy the area's splendid serenity.

After dinner, go for a night walk along the trail near the resort to search for sleeping frogs and nocturnal wildlife.

Overnight Tabin Wildlife Reserve

Distances and journey time

Transfer by 4wd: Up to 2<mark>0 minu</mark>tes Trekking time: Up to <mark>2 hour</mark>s

Day 7: Tabin Wildlife Reserve to Danum Valley

(B/L/D)

After breakfast at 07:30 in the morning, hop back in the private transport and transfer 1.5 hours to Lahad Datu for a pick up by 4WD, then head on another 2.5 hour transfer journey through thick virgin



rainforests of Danum Valley – one of the world's most complex ecosystems. Around 30km of this 85km journey is on sealed roads, and the last two hours are along a gravel road – so expect a bumpy but interesting ride!

Upon arrival at Borneo Rainforest Lodge, check in and enjoy lunch before a late afternoon walk at 15:00 along the trails and the 130-metre-tall, 300-metre-long canopy walk. From this vantage point, experience the magical hum of jungle sounds below which have been resonating through this rainforest for some 130 million years.

After dinner, board one of the open-top 4WD vehicles for an exhilarating night spotlighting tour. Accompanied by a local guide who shines a light into the jungle looking for nocturnal animals, spot a range of nocturnal animals that inhabit reserve, from samba deer to civet cats, leopards, and a stunning array of insects and frogs.

Afterwards, return to the chalet.

Overnight at Borneo Rainforest Lodge.

<u>Distances and journey time</u>

Tabin Wildlife Reserve to Lahad Datu(Borneo Rainforest Lodge Office to pick up 4WD): 1.5hrs Lahad Datu to Borneo Rainforest Lodge by 4WD(100km): 2.5hrs (bumpy unsealed road)

Day 8: Danum Valley (B/L/D)

Awake to a morning chorus of the jungle as birds, to primates and other jungle inhabitants announce to the world the coming of a new day.

Take a packed breakfast and travel to a 200-year-old Kadazandusun Burial Site, known as 'Coffin Cliff,' along the 2.6km Viewpoint Trail. The end of this trail results in spectacular views over an ocean-like million-year-old jungle — a truly spectacular sight. The return journey includes a trip to waterfalls!

Return to the resort for lunch.

The rest of the afternoon is at leisure; however, there is a range of optional activities available, such as private trekking, tubing on the Danum River and specialised guided tours. There is also a series of tracks leading around the Canopy Walk are free to discover at will. Enjoy an early dinner at the lodge at 19:00.

This evening venture into the jungle on foot with a local guide. Quietly entering the jungle reveals a stunning array of wildlife, not to mention the variety and size of the many insects that flourish in the evening hours.

Overnight at Borneo Rainforest Lodge.

Distances and journey time

Trekking time (day time): Up to 3 hours Trekking time (evening): Up to 2 hours



Day 9: Danum Valley to Kota Kinabalu

(B/L/-)

Breakfast and morning at leisure.

At noon, enjoy a scrumptious lunch before checking out and then transfer to Lahad Datu Airport to catch the flight to Kota Kinabalu.

Recommended Flight Schedule: LDU BKI MH3023 17:40 18:35 Flight

Arrival in Kota Kinabalu airport and transfer to the hotel for check in and evening at leisure.

Overnight at Grandis Hotel & Resort, Kota Kinabalu

<u>Distances</u> and journey time

Danum Valley to Lahad Datu Airport (96km) 2.5 hours Kota Kinabalu Airport to Kota Kinabalu Hotel (9km): 20 mins

Day 10: Kota Kinabalu Kayak, Snorkeling and Zipline

(B/L/D)

This morning at 08:00, take a short transfer from the hotel in Kota Kinabalu to Sutera Marina Jetty. Meet the guide for the day and together transfer by boat (20mins) to Gaya Island in Tunku Abdul Rahman National Park. Attend a short safety briefing and registration before snorkelling.

At 10:30, enjoy a coffee or tea at the island centre before being fitted with a life jacket and ready for kayaks. The paddle is usually smooth but expect some swell especially if there had been some wind

the day before. Distance for sea kayaks approximately 1km paddle by passing through mangrove area and back to starting point (U turn).

Options of Kayaks: Paddle to the house reef (Hornbill Bay) and make the same route back to the centre bay.

Lunc h at 13:00 at the island centre for 1 hour before trek to

Padang Point to experience an interisland zipline from Gaya Island to Sapi. Its 250-meter long and up to 60 kmh. Experience the ride and fun flying over the stunning aquamarine water. Take a boat back to Sutera Marina Jetty and transfer to the hotel by 16:00

Overnight at Grandis Hotel & Resort, Kota Kinabalu

Distances and journey time

Transfer from Hotel in Kota K<mark>in</mark>abalu City to Sutera Marina Jetty: (4.5KM) 15mins Transfer from Suter<mark>a Marin</mark>a Jetty to Gaya Island by boat: 20mins

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Day 11: Kota Kinabalu Departure

(B/L/D)

Today transfer to the airport for an onward flight or extend the experience in Sabah with climbing Malaysia's Tallest Mountain, Mount Kinabalu.

END OF SERVICES

"An itinerary may at times be altered by our guides due to local conditions, the skill of participants and other unexpected circumstances. Our priority is always the experience and safety of our clients."

RATES & CONDITIONS

ACCOMMODATION:

City	Hotel	Hotel Category	Room Category	
SEPILOK	Sepilok Nature Resort	First Class	Chalet	
KINABATANGAN RIVER	Kinabatangan Wetlands Resort	Superior	Deluxe Chalet	
TABIN	Tabin Wildlife Lodge	Superior	Standard Chalet	
DANUM VALLEY	Borneo Rainforest Lodge	Superior	Standard Chalet	
KOTA KINABALU	Grandis Hotel	Superior	Superior	

Check in time is from 14.00pm/ Check out time is at 12.00pm

PRICING: in US Dollars per person for shared twin/double

Rates are valid until 31 March 2021

No of ppl	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-10	11-15	SGL Supp
Price per Person USD	4,775	3,639	3,459	3,325	3,299	3,259	855

Notes:

- Seasonal Surcharge and blackout dates may apply
- Transfers between 23:00 07:00 hrs attract a midnight surcharge
- Children aged between 2 and 12 years at the time of travel will receive a 15% discount off the Adult Price with two full paying adults
- Legislation requires a Guide from 7+ people
- Limited Availability at Danum Valley and Tabin during high season (Jul Oct)

Our services include:

- Transfer by van and 4wd in air-conditioned Vehicle as mentioned
- Transfer by boat as mentioned
- Accommodation in a shared twin or shared double room in selected hotel
- Meals as mentioned (B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner)
- English speaking local guide (for other languages supplements apply)



- Kinabatangan boat transfers and activities based on Join In basis
- For kayak, snorkeling and zipline;
 - Equipment Rental
 - Coffee or Tea and refreshments at the island
 - 1 session of Zipline activity 1 ride
 - Park Entry
 - Jetty Fees

Our services do not include:

- Other meals than mentioned
- Other services than mentioned
- International and Domestic Flights
- Laundry, telephone calls and expenditure of a personal nature
- Tips, Travel insurance (must include helicopter evacuation for Borneo)
- Visa for Malaysia
- Camera/video entrance fees

Important Notes:

- We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance (covering emergency medical evacuation)
- Valid 30 days from date of offer. Past this date price and conditions may be readjusted
- This trip can be done by Road Bike as well, but clients need provide their own bikes.
- Reservations during peak times (Christmas, New Year, National Holidays) may be subject to supplementary charges
- Rooms at hotels are available only from 1400 on arrival day till 1200 on departure date. A supplement will be added if early check-in or late check-out is desired
- Please note that all the above services & tours have yet to be booked, they are proposed for your information only and we will not make any reservations before we receive your confirmation to do so
- If one or some proposed service(s) is (are) not available at the moment of booking, we will try to find other possibilities/options or other similar service(s) in order to avoid changes to the program.
- Payment/ cancellation: 30% non-refundable deposit at the time of booking, balance due 60 days prior to departure. All payments to be made in NZ\$ using latest exchange rates at the time of booking/ balance due date. Cancellation conditions/ charges per our <u>T&Cs</u>.

