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The Wilds of Borneo: Orangutans & Beyond

A Quest in Search of Rare & Threatened Wildlife in the World's Oldest Rainforests

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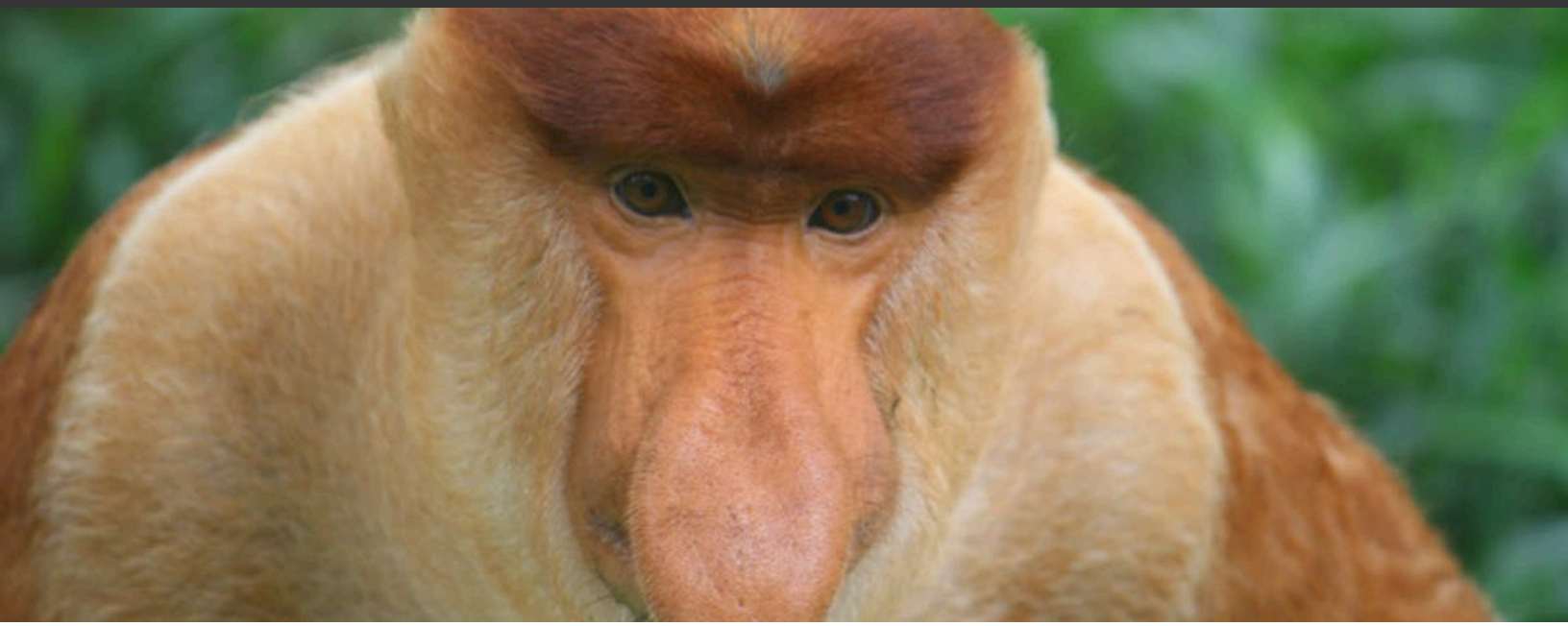
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Trip Details:

Days
12 Days / Mar–Oct

Price
From $14795 (+Air)

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Borneo, the world's third-largest island, harbors some of the tallest and most ancient rainforests on Earth. Sheltered beneath their dense canopies are jungle rivers, waterfalls and a host of wildlife that leaps, darts and crawls in the emerald depths. Endangered orangutans thrive in the lush vegetation, sharing branches and vines with leaf monkeys, wild gibbons, flying lemurs and more than 300 vibrant bird species. Rare proboscis monkeys are at home in coastal mangroves where hornbills and sea eagles soar above. In the forest beneath Mount Kinabalu's prominent peaks, pygmy elephants lumber through the underbrush while monitor lizards sunbathe on the banks of the Kinabatangan River. Wildlife flourishes in Borneo, and we safari in search of it on a matchless tropical nature adventure.

Trip Highlights

Close Encounters with Orangutans

Observe wild orangutans living freely in the rainforest, and learn about crucial efforts to conserve them on visits to two different rehabilitation centers

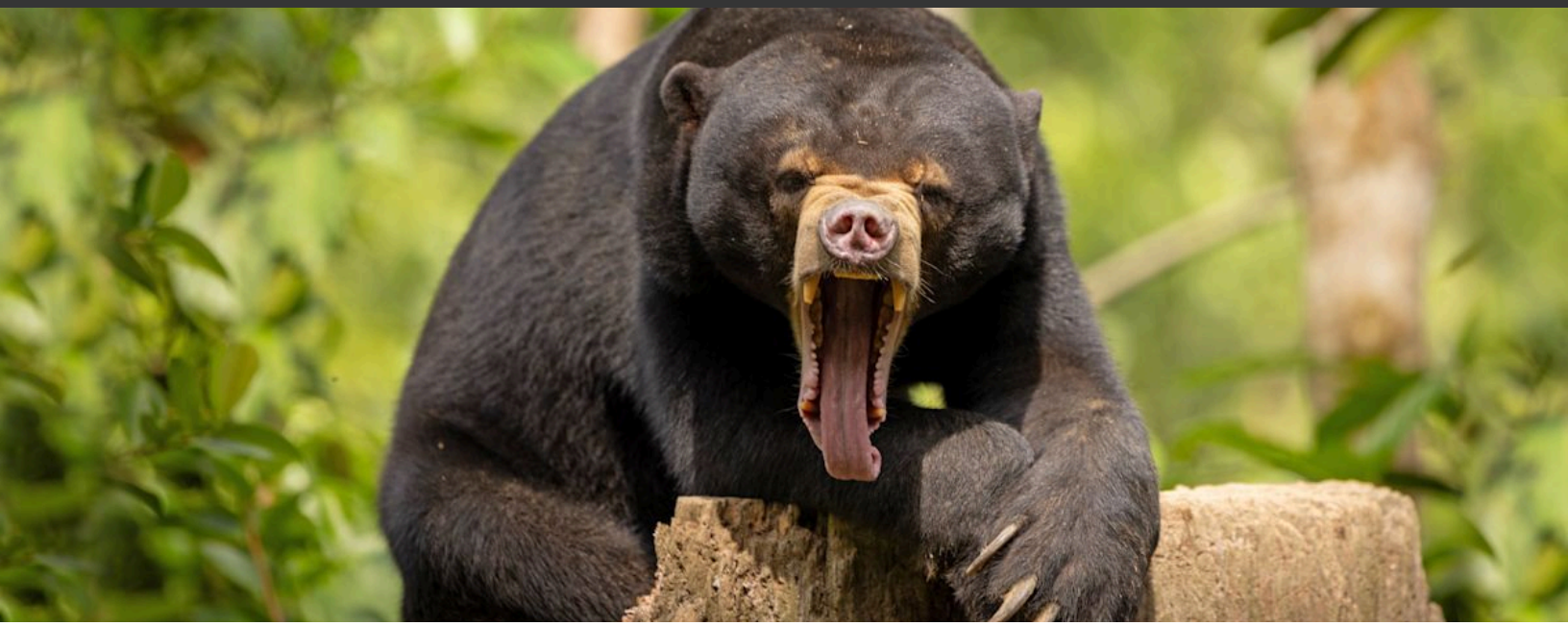
Private Tour of Sun Bear Rehabilitation Center

With a guided look behind the scenes, hear the inspiring success story of how the world's smallest bear was brought back from the brink of extinction

Explore Ancient Tropical Rainforests

In the biodiverse depths of the Danum Valley, search for proboscis monkeys, gibbons and the slow loris, and scout for pygmy elephants along the Kinabatangan River

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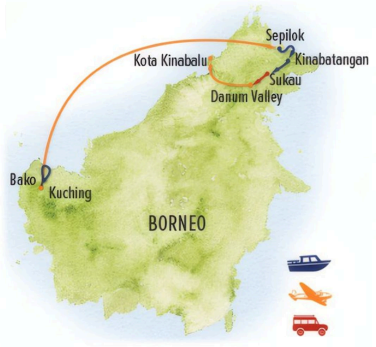


The Wilds of Borneo: Orangutans & Beyond Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Kuching
Day 2	Bako National Park
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Day 5	Labuk Bay / Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary
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Days 8–10	Danum Valley
Day 11	Danum Valley / Lahad Datu / Kota Kinabalu
Day 12	Kota Kinabalu



Day 1

Kuching

Arrive in Kuching and encounter your first orangutans

- Visit Semenggoh Orangutan Center and observe the afternoon feeding
- Join your Expedition Leader and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner

Our adventure begins in Kuching, the capital of the East Malaysian state of Sarawak and the largest city on the island of Borneo. Kuching is one of the most multicultural cities in Malaysia, melding Chinese, Malay, Indian and Indonesian cultural groups and languages. Transfer to our 5-star hotel in the city center. After lunch, visit Semenggoh Orangutan Center to observe the afternoon feeding. The center was established in 1975 to care for wild animals found injured or orphaned in the forest, or ones that were previously kept as illegal pets. Since its founding, the center has cared for more than 1,000 animals, and its orangutan rehabilitation mission has been so successful that the surrounding reserve has now reached its carrying capacity. While rehabilitation continues elsewhere, today Semenggoh focuses on the study of orangutan biology and behavior while providing a safe and natural haven for dozens of semi-wild orangutans that are graduates of the rehab program. It is also home to numerous babies, born in the wild to rehabilitated mothers, a further testament to the program's success. This evening, learn more about the adventures to come at a welcome dinner with our Expedition Leader.

Day 2

Bako National Park

Cruise by private boat to Bako National Park

- Visit Bako National Park, a compact showcase of Borneo's ecological diversity
- Search for proboscis and silvered leaf monkeys, long-tailed macaques and myriad tropical bird species
- Walk mangrove trails and look for smooth-coated otters and Bornean bearded pigs

Embark on a short boat ride this morning to Bako National Park, reachable only by sea on the tip of a peninsula where the Bako and Kuching rivers meet. Millions of years of erosion have carved the sandstone cliffs and rocky headlands into fantastically shaped arches, striated with colored layers formed by iron deposits. White sandy beaches edge the coast below, while inland, the compact reserve abounds with wildlife. Look for proboscis monkeys in the trees, along with long-tailed macaques, silvered leaf monkeys and numerous tropical bird species. A walk along the lush mangrove trails may also reveal smooth-coated otters and Bornean bearded pigs. Though Bako is one of the smallest national parks in Sarawak, its multiple biomes harbor a great diversity of species. We'll explore rainforest, jungle streams and secluded beaches along a network of trails before returning to Kuching.

Day 3

Sandakan / Kabili-Sepilok Nature Reserve

Search for endangered orangutans...and more!

- Look for orangutans, gibbons and macaques in a protected 10,000-acre reserve
- Stroll high above the rainforest on an elevated canopy boardwalk
- Search for nocturnal creatures during a nighttime rainforest walk

This morning, fly to Sandakan, Sabah. Our destination is the Kabili-Sepilok Forest Reserve, home to endangered orangutans. The 10,000-acre protected area, named for the two main rivers that flow through it, comprises tropical highland forest, sandstone ridges and lowland mangrove swamp. In addition to orangutans, search the forest for gibbons, macaques, mouse deer, wild boar and bright-colored kingfishers. We stay on the very edge of the reserve surrounded by huge trees and lush tropical plants. This afternoon we visit the Rainforest Discovery Center, an environmental education center run by the Sabah Forestry Department, to learn more about our intensely biodiverse environment. Explore the Plant Discovery Garden and get a look at life high in the canopy on an elevated walkway more than a third of a mile long. The area has been declared an Important Bird Area (IBA) and is often the host for the Borneo Bird Festival, which draws birders from around the world. After dark, head into the forest on a guided night walk to hear and see an array of nocturnal creatures.

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Day 4

Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary

Witness Borneo's conservation in action

- Watch orphaned orangutans climbing, foraging and preparing to survive in the wild
- Learn about orangutan rehabilitation on a guided walk through the sanctuary
- Take a private tour of the Sun Bear Conservation Center

Make two visits today to Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center, established in 1964 to protect orphaned baby orangutans and rehabilitate them for return to the wild. We go early for the orangutans' morning feeding, then return for their afternoon feeding. Most orphans were seized from illegal captivity after having been taken from their mothers as infants to be kept as pets. Staff help them learn basic survival skills such as how to find food, build nests and climb trees. The center also aids adults that have sustained injuries or require medical care before being returned to their natural habitat. Since the center was established, more than 100 orangutans have been successfully released. Its mission has grown to include research, conservation education and support for other endangered species. During our visit we'll see orangutans up close, learn about the rehabilitation process, and hike on boardwalks through the rainforest as we watch youngsters swing from vines to feeding areas where they receive their daily fruit and milk. Keep an eye out, too, for long- and pig-tailed macaques leaping through the treetops.

We also visit the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Center. Founded in 2008, the center provides care, rehabilitation and release of orphaned and captive sun bears, and increases awareness about the plight of this little-known bear. We have a private tour of the center—either with founder Wong Siew Te, whom CNN lauded as a Hero of 2017, calling him a “Superman saving the sun bears of Malaysia,” or one of his close conservation colleagues. The Malayan sun bear, found only in Southeast Asia, is the world’s smallest bear species. While Borneo remains a stronghold for this vulnerable animal, it is seriously threatened if not extinct in many areas of mainland Asia, where forest destruction and poaching have dramatically reduced its numbers.

Day 5

Labuk Bay / Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary

Journey into Borneo's River Wilderness

- Visit Labuk Bay to observe endemic proboscis monkeys in a protected mangrove sanctuary
- Cruise the Kinabatangan River to a secluded jungle lodge accessible only by boat
- Search for crocodiles, hornbills, night birds and other wildlife on a dusk river safari

This morning we visit Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary, a coastal mangrove reserve that offers a close-up view of these leaping primates named for their large, fleshy noses—and which are found nowhere outside Borneo. Then depart by boat for the dense mangrove forests of Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary. The Kinabatangan River at the center of the reserve is the longest river in Sabah, providing a lifeline for inhabitants of this vital ecosystem. Our remote jungle lodge along the riverbank is inaccessible by road, offering exceptional privacy and solitude. We set out for a guided nature walk in the surrounding rainforest, then cruise the Kinabatangan River at dusk to view and hear nocturnal creatures such as crocodiles and night birds. There are no villages for miles, and the only human presence is a few local shrimp fishermen on the river, whose catch often provides a fresh dinner at the lodge.

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Day 6

Kinabatangan River / Sukau

Venture deeper into the Kinabatangan

- Look for pygmy elephants in the Kinabatangan's premier wildlife-viewing region
- Overnight in deluxe jungle villas where orangutans and monkeys are often seen nearby
- Join your Expedition Leader on a nighttime rainforest walk in search of nocturnal wildlife

Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary is home to one of the highest animal concentrations in Southeast Asia. Lush vegetation provides camouflage for many species, but we'll hope to see plenty of the wild residents including the elusive orangutan, proboscis and leaf monkeys, gibbon, macaque, pygmy elephant, wild boar, otter, river crocodile, monitor lizard and a great array of birdlife—rhinoceros hornbill and kingfisher are common sightings. Since palm oil plantations surround the reserve on all sides, it provides especially critical habitat for these species threatened by habitat loss.

After a morning wildlife cruise followed by breakfast, board a boat for a 90-minute cruise up the Kinabatangan River to Sukau Rainforest Lodge, surrounded by some of the very best wildlife viewing in Borneo. As we travel upstream, we notice the vegetation around us changing from swampy mangrove habitat to lowland rainforest. On arrival, we have lunch and check in to our deluxe jungle villas, then cruise the river in search of more wildlife along the banks—the Sukau region offers our best chance to spot pygmy elephants, as we are in the very heart of their range. Plenty of animals live in close vicinity to the lodge, and we often see orangutans, proboscis monkeys, silvered leaf langurs and macaques on the property. We return in time for dinner, then head into the forest on a night walk with our Expedition Leader, in search of nocturnal wildlife.

Day 7

Sukau / Gomantong Caves

Experience Borneo from dawn to dusk

- Watch the rainforest come alive at sunrise on a private river cruise
- Explore Gomantong Caves, one of Borneo's largest limestone cave systems
- Watch hundreds of thousands of bats emerge as hawks hunt overhead at dusk

Wake before dawn for coffee and a snack before departing on a private sunrise river outing, as the birds and other rainforest creatures are waking up. Return to the lodge for breakfast, then take a walk with our Expedition Leader on trails around the lodge to search for orangutans, proboscis monkeys, silver leaf langurs, colugos and more. After lunch, depart for Gomantong Caves, which we reach via a short boat ride and drive to arrive at the forest reserve. A resident orangutan population lives near this vast cavern system, and we keep an eye toward the trees in hopes of spotting them. After we explore the main cave chamber, it’s time to prepare for Gomantong’s most famous phenomenon: the nightly mass bat exodus at dusk. We witness it at eye level from a new boardwalk and viewing platform strategically positioned near the top of the cave. It’s an exciting vantage point, as we also get a close-up view on the feeding frenzy by birds of prey picking off bats as they fly out of the cave. Wallace's hawk eagles, bat hawks, and occasionally pied hornbills wait to hunt them in mid-air as hundreds of thousands of bats exit the cave chamber. Return to the lodge for dinner, then take a night cruise in search of nocturnal wildlife along the riverbanks.

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Days 8–10

Danum Valley

Discover one of Earth's most biodiverse rainforests

- Explore Danum Valley, an ancient rainforest that's never been logged
- Look for orangutans, gibbons, red leaf monkeys and rhinoceros hornbills amid towering dipterocarp trees
- Enjoy a quiet night drive in an open-air electric safari vehicle, searching for lorises, civets and flying squirrels

Rise early to leave the Kinabatangan region, driving on a logging road through the nearest town, Lahad Datu, then on to Borneo Rainforest Lodge within the Danum Valley. Danum Valley Conservation Area is Sabah's largest area of undisturbed lowland forest, with more than 200 species of trees that tower to 160 feet. This spectacular tract of ancient primary rainforest holds exceptional status. Before it received full protection in 1995, there were no human settlements within the area, meaning that hunting, logging and other human activities had not disturbed the habitat.

Danum Valley is one of the planet's most complex ecosystems, containing an astoundingly diverse array of flora and fauna, including clouded leopard, orangutan and proboscis monkeys. Amid dense vegetation, explore on foot via elevated walkways through the canopy and on the network of trails that surrounds our secluded lodge. The extensive system of boardwalks and paths provides varied options based on personal interests and fitness levels, with expert guidance from our Expedition Leader, local guide and lodge naturalists. One morning, we rise early to view sunrise from a watchtower, observing the mist drift across the rainforest canopy during the golden hour. On night drives in quiet, open-top electric safari vehicles, watch and listen to the rainforest's inhabitants become animated after dusk.

Day 11

Danum Valley / Lahad Datu / Kota Kinabalu

Savor a final morning in the rainforest

- Take a final rainforest walk or canopy birding excursion in Danum Valley
- Watch for great slaty woodpeckers, giant pittas and black-and-red broadbills
- Celebrate your Borneo adventure with a farewell dinner in Kota Kinabalu

This morning, enjoy an easy nature hike or birdwatching on the canopy walkway before we depart. Here in the treetops we may spy great slaty woodpeckers, black-and-red broadbills and giant pittas among a multitude of species. Then transfer by road to Lahad Datu, where we depart by plane for Kota Kinabalu, capital of Malaysia's Sabah state in the northern part of Borneo. This coastal city, partly surrounded by rainforest, is known for its classic markets, modern boardwalk, beaches and lively waterfront. Our Borneo adventure comes to a close this evening with a farewell dinner.

Day 12

Kota Kinabalu

Depart Kota Kinabalu after your Borneo wildlife adventure

- Transfer to the airport for homeward flights

Our wild Borneo nature odyssey comes to a close today. Transfer to the airport this morning for homeward flights.

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Sepilok Nature Lodge

The consummate jungle lodge, Sepilok Nature Lodge's tall wooden bungalows are hidden amid dense tropical vegetation, within easy walking distance of Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary.



Kinabatangan Wetlands Resort

This remote jungle ecolodge, inaccessible by road, offers an exceptionally secluded location from which to explore the wildlife-rich mangrove and forest wilderness of the Lower Kinabatangan region.



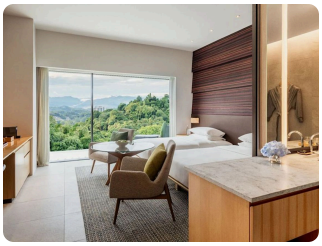
Sukau Rainforest Lodge

Sustainably built on the Kinabatangan River, this deluxe ecolodge is an optimal base for exploring the adjacent wildlife sanctuary, home to orangutans, proboscis monkeys, pygmy elephants and more.



Borneo Rainforest Lodge

Secluded luxury chalets in the remote Danum Valley overlook the last vestiges of Borneo's virgin primary forest, with a central lodge standing on columns of Borneo's famous ironwood.



Hyatt Centric Kota Kinabalu

In the heart of the coastal capital's vibrant waterfront district, this new 5-star design hotel offers luxe amenities and stunning sea views.



Hilton Kuching

Set along the Sarawak River, this 5-star hotel features panoramic views, modern room, a riverside pool and diverse dining options including Cantonese cuisine and an award-winning steakhouse.

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/asia-adventure-travel/the-natural-wonders-of-borneo/accommodations.

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See More of Borneo's Natural Wonders When You Travel With Nat Hab

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From watching free-ranging orangutans in their natural rainforest habitat to scouting for pygmy elephants along the Kinabatangan River, you'll experience the most varied and wildlife-centric Borneo itinerary on offer. Our multifaceted journey emphasizes a wide array of species, plus encounters with local cultures.

1 **More Diverse Wildlife Viewing in Widely Varied Settings**

This is a comprehensive nature survey of Borneo, encompassing diverse ecosystems: the jungle sanctuaries of Sepilok, Semenggoh and Kinabatangan, mangroves in Bako National Park, and virgin rainforest in the Danum Valley. In these contrasting locales, we explore from sunrise and don't stop until after nightfall, searching for the endangered orangutan, pygmy elephant, Bornean bearded pig, smooth-coated otter, long- and pig-tailed macaques, monitor lizard, proboscis monkey, rhinoceros hornbill, silvered leaf monkey, numerous tropical bird species, and an array of nocturnal creatures.

2 **Visit Two Different Orangutan Sanctuaries**

A chance to see orangutans is a big reason for coming to Borneo. We maximize your opportunities in two different locations: Sepilok and Semenggoh nature reserves. Semenggoh focuses on the study of orangutan biology and behavior while providing a safe and natural haven for dozens of semi-wild orangutans that are graduates of its original rehabilitation program. We also search for them in the wild along the Kinabatangan River and from our remote ecolodges.

3 **A Private Guided Tour of the Bornean Sun Bear Center**

An inspiring conservation success story, the center provides care, rehabilitation and release of orphaned and captive Malayan sun bears. Its mission is also to increase awareness about the plight of this little-known endangered bear, the world's smallest. We have a private tour of the center either with founder Dr. Wong Siew Te or one of his close conservation colleagues.

4 **Explore One of the World's Oldest & Tallest Rainforests**

The Danum Valley is a special inclusion on our adventure—to truly experience the primeval biodiversity of Borneo's deepest rainforest recesses, the Danum Valley is an essential stop—and not all itineraries include it.

5 **Watch Bats Emerge from Gomantong Caves**

Not included on typical Borneo itineraries, Gomantong Caves beckons exploration, with its resident orangutan troop and nightly mass exodus of bats at dusk, accompanied by the feeding frenzy of birds of prey from eye level as the bats take flight.

6 **A Small Group Ensures More Authentic Nature Encounters**

Wildlife encounters happen most meaningfully in an intimate context. Our groups are limited to just 12 travelers, enabling a quiet, low-impact experience.

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7 **Internal Flights Enhance Comfort & More Time with Wildlife**

Rather than subject you to long, winding, often bumpy drives, we use air transfers for comfort and efficiency. Two internal flights get you between destinations faster, giving you more time with nature and wildlife.

8 **From Riverside to Rainforest, Stay Closer to Borneo's Wildlife**

Our accommodations are selected for their quality, atmosphere and secluded locations, getting you as close as possible to nature in the most comfortable settings. From our eco-resort near an orangutan sanctuary to a remote ecolodge on the Kinabatangan River and our lodge in Danum Valley that overlooks primary growth rainforest, you are immersed in wild Borneo.

9 **Travel with An Expedition Leader Plus Top Local Guides**

Our Nat Hab Expedition Leaders are seasoned guides and natural history experts. In addition, they receive special training and resources provided by WWF scientists. They are also assisted by Borneo's best local guides during each segment of our trip. **See Expedition Leader bios** and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

10 **Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures You'll Have an Outstanding Trip**

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive guarantee, which clearly states that we will meet the high expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company. **Read our important promise.**

11 **Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey**

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

12 **Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner**

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our small-group nature adventures, World Wildlife Fund, the world's leading environmental conservation organization, has named Natural Habitat Adventures its worldwide travel partner—a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Mar 8 - Mar 19, 2027	**$15195** +internal air	
Mar 14 - Mar 25, 2027	**$15195** +internal air	Natural Habitat Explorers Pricing Available
Apr 11 - Apr 22, 2027	**$15195** +internal air	
Apr 19 - Apr 30, 2027	**$15195** +internal air	
Apr 24 - May 6, 2027	**$17995** +internal air	Photo Expedition
May 2 - May 13, 2027	**$15195** +internal air	
May 16 - May 28, 2027	**$17495** +internal air	Photo Expedition
May 23 - Jun 3, 2027	**$15195** +internal air	

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Jun 13 - Jun 25, 2027	**$17995** +internal air	Photo Expedition
Jun 20 - Jul 1, 2027	**$15195** +internal air	
Jun 27 - Jul 8, 2027	**$15195** +internal air	
Jul 4 - Jul 16, 2027	**$17495** +internal air	Photo Expedition
Jul 25 - Aug 5, 2027	**$15195** +internal air	
Aug 8 - Aug 20, 2027	**$17495** +internal air	Photo Expedition
Aug 17 - Aug 28, 2027	**$14795** +internal air	
Aug 23 - Sep 3, 2027	**$15195** +internal air	
Sep 5 - Sep 17, 2027	**$17995** +internal air	Photo Expedition
Sep 12 - Sep 23, 2027	**$15195** +internal air	
Oct 3 - Oct 14, 2027	**$15195** +internal air	Natural Habitat Explorers Pricing Available
Oct 6 - Oct 18, 2027	**$17495** +internal air	Photo Expedition
Oct 17 - Oct 28, 2027	**$15195** +internal air	

2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Prices and dates not confirmed for 2028		
Mar 5 - Mar 16, 2028	**From $14795** +internal air	
Mar 26 - Apr 6, 2028	**From $14795** +internal air	
Apr 9 - Apr 20, 2028	**From $14795** +internal air	
Apr 16 - Apr 27, 2028	**From $14795** +internal air	
Apr 23 - May 5, 2028	**From $17995** +internal air	Photo Expedition

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May 16 - May 27, 2028	**From $14795** +internal air	
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Jul 30 - Aug 10, 2028	**From $14795** +internal air	
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Included

Trip price includes: Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s) and local guides, all meals from lunch on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, private boat cruises at Bako National Park and Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, camera fees for lenses 500mm and larger and professional video camera fees paid to the parks, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry, etc.), airline baggage fees, required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

Internal air: All flights within the itinerary (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

Important Information About This Trip

Most of our guests travel to Borneo for encounters with the island's wildlife. While the nature experiences here are indeed remarkable, there is a fundamental difference between a safari in the Bornean jungle and a typical safari in Africa. At times, guests lured to Borneo by tourist brochures promising "jungle safaris" can be disappointed to see fewer animals than they expected, or at least fewer than they might normally see in Africa. It is not that the surviving jungles are thinly populated with wildlife, but, similar to places like Costa Rica where the forest is thick with vegetation, the creatures have mastered the art of camouflage and deception and can be difficult to spot. At Nat Hab we design our itineraries to capitalize on the best conditions to spot orangutans and other wildlife. But various factors can affect potential sightings, including the occurrence of inclement weather. The secret to a successful Borneo nature adventure lies with the expertise of our Expedition Leaders and local guides, as well as knowing what to expect, and in understanding that the privilege of stepping into a wild and untouched natural realm is a reward in itself.

Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to on this trip are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require medical evacuation insurance for our guests' safety. If you decline the medical evacuation insurance coverage offered by Natural Habitat, we request that you send us documentation of the independent coverage you have selected. We will add the cost of a medical evacuation policy to your tour invoice until you provide our office with proof of coverage including your insurance company's name, contact number and your individual policy number. Thank you for understanding that our policy exists exclusively in the interest of our guests' safety.

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Getting There & Getting Home

This trip begins in Kuching and ends in Kota Kinabalu. Because this is a long international journey, **we recommend that you arrive the night before Day 1** to rest from your travels and begin the trip refreshed. For guests who come in early, recommended hotels will be included in your pre-departure materials.

If you plan to arrive on Day 1, you must arrive in Kuching by 8 am in order to meet your group at 10 am for an orientation and lunch, followed by afternoon guided activities.

You may depart Kota Kinabalu at any time on the final day.

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