

10 Day Best of Borneo

Asia Vacation Group – Authentic Asia!

Local knowledge, adventures of a lifetime.

Discover Asia with our team of experts, and a carefully selected, value-packed exploration of Asia's most iconic destinations. Our tours offer must-visit sights, rich experiences and quality inclusions all at unbeatable prices. Your bucket list dreams are ticked off on these all-encompassing vacations.

Travel with the confidence. Your trip has been carefully crafted by our team with you in mind and it's that same team that takes you on the journey. One amazing team to help and guide you, not only as your local travel expert but also as a friend with helpfulness and sincerity.

Specialists in Asia touring since 2015, we are proud to be the people who craft your itinerary, help you at each step, plus guide and operate your tour.

7-day Change Of Mind	Domestic Flight Included	Australian Company Owned
Fully escorted by English-speaking local tour guide		

Day by Day Itinerary

Kota Kinabalu, Sandakan, Selingan Island, Sukau

HIGHLIGHTS

- Offer add-on returned flights from \$1,100 per person.
- Domestic flight included
- Domestic flight from Kota Kinabalu to Sandakan
- Soft trek through the jungle trail and swimming on Gaya Island, the biggest island of Tunku Abdul Rahman Park.
- Soak in the rejuvenating hot Sulphur public pools in Kipungit Waterfall
- Visit some of the most eminent centres including Sepilok Orang Rehabilitation Centre, Borneo Sun Bear Conservation Centre and Rainforest Discovery Centre
- View unique birds and wildlife along the Kinabatangan River, the Sabah's longest river
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles
- Daily Breakfast Buffet
- Fully escorted by English-speaking local guides
- In-depth sightseeing and all entry fees as per the itinerary

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Kota Kinabalu (Borneo Island - Malaysia)

Welcome to Malaysia.

Arrive in Kota Kinabalu this morning, where your friendly tour guide will be waiting at the airport. Transfer to the hotel for check-in, freshen up and spend the rest of the day at leisure exploring around town.

Meal: In-flight meals

Accommodation: Promenade Hotel Kota Kinabalu 4* or similar

Some flights may depart the night before and fly overnight, to arrive on Day.

Day 2: Kota Kinabalu - Gaya Island - Kota Kinabalu

After breakfast, you will be picked up at your hotel then take a 30-minute speed boat to Gaya Island, a Borneo's biodiverse treasure-house of jungle and marine life. On arrival, start your adventure on a jungle trail and explore the unique tropical plants. Enjoy lunch (picnic packed lunch box) by the beach then spend the afternoon at your leisure to go swimming, snorkel or just relax at the beautiful beach before returning to Kota Kinabalu.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch.

Accommodation: Promenade Hotel Kota Kinabalu 4* or similar

Day 3: Kota Kinabalu - Mount Kinabalu - Kota Kinabalu

After breakfast, you will take a 2-hour drive to the foothills of Mt. Kinabalu in the UNESCO World Heritage Kinabalu Park, one of the world's most important biological sites with more than 4,500 species of flora and fauna. Stop en route by Pekan Nabal Market to enjoy the various seasonal tropical fruits. On arrival at the foothills, get ready to stand astounded by the astounding view of Mt. Kinabalu, the highest mountain in the Malay Archipelago (4,095m). Later, head to Kinabalu Natural History Gallery and Mountain Garden. If weather permits, go on a guided tour to explore the verdant forest laced with cool montane air. Continue to Poring Treetop Canopy Walk where suspension bridges constructed with ropes, steel cables and a series of aluminum ladders bolted together at 41m high offer a different view of the jungle.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Promenade Hotel Kota Kinabalu 4* or similar

Day 4: Kota Kinabalu - Sandakan

After breakfast, you will take a flight to Sandakan in the morning. Arrival Sandakan transfer to the hotel drop off.

Rest of the day free and easy.

Overnight in Sandakan

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sabah Hotel 4* or similar

Day 5: Sandakan - Selingan Island

After breakfast, check out hotel after breakfast and transfer to Jetty for Selingan Turtle Island. Spend today at your leisure to go swimming or just relax at the beautiful beach. After dinner you will have a chance to observe Green Turtles lay eggs. Overnight in Selingan Island. Meals: Lunch & Dinner at Selingan Island.'

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Selingan Turtle Island Chalet

Day 6: Selingan Island - Sandakan - City Tour

Return to Sandakan. Stroll through a town market selling local fishes, assorted snacks and seasonal tropical fruits. Visit Puu Jih Shih Buddhist Temple located on the top of the hill, St. Michael's and All Angels Church, then visit Agnes Keith House. Continue Sim Sim Floating Village and Sandakan War Memorial Park. Lunch then headed to the Rainforest Discovery Centre. Overnight at hotel in Sandakan.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Sabah Hotel 4* or similar

Day 7: Sandakan - Sepilok - Sukau.

After breakfast, transfer to Sepilok Orang Rehabilitation Centre and afterwards, to the Borneo Sun Bear Conservation Centre. Later, embark to Sandakan and check in the fascinating Borneo Nature Lodge (or equivalent) nestled on banks of Borneo's Kinabatangan River. In the evening, you will hop on a short River Safari Cruise.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Borneo Nature Lodge or similar

Day 8: Sukau - Kanabatangan River - Oxbow Lake - Sukau.

In the morning, take a Safari River Cruise on Kanabatangan River to Oxbow Lake to explore the Borneo's diverse wildlife. Continue to Hornbill Boardwalk for an educational tour. In the afternoon, spend your free & easy before continuing your cruise trip to discover the wildlife.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Borneo Nature Lodge or similar

Day 9: Sukau - Sandakan - Home

Return to Sandakan by land, transfer to Sandakan airport for flight back home.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: On Plane

Day 10: Home

Arrive home today and we hope you enjoy your trip with Asia Vacation Group.

INCLUSIONS

- Domestic flights from Kota Kinabalu to Sandakan as the itinerary
- Accommodation and breakfast in the category chosen or similar (subject to availability)
- Meals as mentioned in the program
- All local boat rentals as mentioned in the program
- Water bottles during tours
- All land Transportations based on Private basis except the boat ride in Sukau on SIC basis.
- All entrance and sightseeing fees as mentioned in the program
- Local English speaking guides in Malaysia

EXCLUSIONS

- International Flights (Remark: We offer add-on flights from \$1,100 per person)
- Meals and drinks are not mentioned in the program
- Visa fees on arrival in Malaysia
- Tipping for driver and tour guide (suggestion: 10AUD/pp/day)
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (we strongly recommend you hold a valid travel insurance policy for all domestic and overseas travel)
- Trip delay or interruption by airline schedule change
- Extra cost or missing tour caused by flight delay or cancel
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program
- **Malaysia Tourism Tax: MYR 10.00 per room per night for each destination will be collected directly by hotels**

DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN AU\$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Wednesday 15 May 2024	Friday 24 May 2024	AU\$1,999		Book
Wednesday 12 Jun 2024	Friday 21 Jun 2024	AU\$1,999		Book
Wednesday 10 Jul 2024	Friday 19 Jul 2024	AU\$2,499		Book
Wednesday 07 Aug 2024	Friday 16 Aug 2024	AU\$2,299		Book
Wednesday 04 Sep 2024	Friday 13 Sep 2024	AU\$2,499		Book
Wednesday 02 Oct 2024	Friday 11 Oct 2024	AU\$2,199		Book
Wednesday 13 Nov 2024	Friday 22 Nov 2024	AU\$1,999		Book

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Wednesday 11 Dec 2024	Friday 20 Dec 2024	AU\$2,999		Book
Tuesday 24 Dec 2024	Thursday 02 Jan 2025	AU\$3,099		Book
Wednesday 08 Jan 2025	Friday 17 Jan 2025	AU\$2,999		Book
Wednesday 05 Feb 2025	Friday 14 Feb 2025	AU\$1,999		Book
Wednesday 05 Mar 2025	Friday 14 Mar 2025	AU\$1,999		Book
Wednesday 19 Mar 2025	Friday 28 Mar 2025	AU\$1,999		Book
Wednesday 02 Apr 2025	Friday 11 Apr 2025	AU\$2,499		Book
Wednesday 16 Apr 2025	Friday 25 Apr 2025	AU\$2,499		Book
Wednesday 07 May 2025	Friday 16 May 2025	AU\$1,999		Book
Wednesday 21 May 2025	Friday 30 May 2025	AU\$1,999		Book
Wednesday 04 Jun 2025	Friday 13 Jun 2025	AU\$2,099		Book
Wednesday 18 Jun 2025	Friday 27 Jun 2025	AU\$2,099		Book
Wednesday 16 Jul 2025	Friday 25 Jul 2025	AU\$2,499		Book
Wednesday 06 Aug 2025	Friday 15 Aug 2025	AU\$2,299		Book
Wednesday 10 Sep 2025	Friday 19 Sep 2025	AU\$2,499		Book
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OPTIONAL TOURS

FINE PRINT

FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package excludes international flights and we offer an add-on flight from \$1,100 for any flight from Sydney/Melbourne and \$1,400 for flights from Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth. Other city if requested when selecting your departure city.

In this packages, we will use some different airlines such as: Malaysia Airlines or similar (20/23kg for checked baggage per passenger and 7kg hand luggage per passenger, 01-piece check-in baggage).

- Some flights will require a minimum of 1 transit (maximum 2).
- All tickets will include 23 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable. Any changes will be subject to the airline rules, Airline change fees and an Asia Vacation Group change fee of \$250 per person.
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required. Any error in the names submitted will be subject to an Asia Vacation Group name change fee of \$150 plus any applicable fees charged by the airline, or the ticket may be non-refundable with the purchase of a new ticket required.
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control. It is important that you, as the customer, stay up-to-date with the latest airline schedule information prior to your departure. If a schedule change results in extended transits or an earlier/later departure from your destination, any additional accommodation or alternative arrangements will be at the traveler's expense.
- Any airline 'extras' such as pre-allocated seating is at your own arrangement (additional charges apply)
- After booking, the price payable may be subject to change as a result of factors beyond the control of Asia Vacation Group. Asia Vacation Group reserves the right to increase the price payable and this will be reflected on the customer's invoice. Increases may be in relation to, but not limited to, currency fluctuations, airline taxes, airfare increases and fuel surcharges.
- Internal airfares (where applicable and included in the itinerary) will be using a local carrier and may include low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage will still be included for each passenger. Any additional baggage required is payable at time of check-in.
- If you are travelling with another party on a separate booking, we cannot guarantee that the same flights will be booked for all parties, as this strictly depends on availability.
- You will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included. If travelling over the recommended amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable directly.

In the event of that you no-show on your scheduled flight, please be aware the airline will require you to pay a no show fee, Airline reissue fee plus any additional airfare and taxes. Asia Vacation Group will also charge a \$250 admin fee to assist re accommodating you on the next available flight. Please note that depending on the airline's policy, purchasing a new ticket may be required.

Flight requests, amendments or preferences

We understand customers may wish to request changes to their included airfares. If you wish to fly with a certain airline, land at a certain time or change your flight in other ways we will gladly provide you with a personalized quote tailored to your specific requirements.

We would be more than happy to provide you with a quote for the following requests:

Airline Preferences – You may wish to fly with a particular airline

Cabin Preferences – These include upgrading to premium economy or business class

Extensions (start and end cities must remain the same) – You may request to extend your stay pre or post tour.

Meal Requests – You may request a specific meal for dietary requirements.

Seat Requests – If you would like to request particular seating. However please note, not all airlines allow the selection of pre-purchased seat arrangements.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COVID-19

Due to COVID there maybe disruptions to standard operating schedules of particular components of this itinerary. Should a component be effected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure.

Physical Requirements

A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Please be advised that tipping for tour guides, drivers and bellmen are required and will be collected by your travel consultant 7 days before you depart. A gratuity of 10AUD per person/day can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry as they have done an impeccable job to serve you through your holiday.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

Single supplement is **\$608 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

Paired Solo Traveler

Not available.

Group size: 4-15 pax

Triple Share

Upon your request except for cruises

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with SureSave to offer you competitive rates for your travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply to arrange your policy.

Visa & Passport information

It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

For Malaysia, Australian passport holders can get a 90-day tourism visa on arrival.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting

<https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/destinations/asia/malaysia> for up to date information in terms of entry requirements.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Children

Children must be 2 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land.

SPECIAL REMARK:

Compulsory Taxes – collected and pay directly to hotel

Malaysia Tourism Tax: MYR 10.00 per room per night for each staying hotel/ destination

How to extend your stay

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. On this tour you can pay extra for arriving early or extension your trip.

Arriving early | Extension your trip:

AU\$100 pp for trip extension or early arrivals. If you wish to extend your trip, please note in your Booking Form then we will provide quotations for you. The fee above is just administrative only, no service included.

HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY

This is available upon your request. Please select number of night for pre or post tour and our travel consultant will get back to you.

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