

2D1N Turtle Island Trip

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Description

An overnight trip to Selingan Turtle Island to see Turtles laying eggs. Turtles lay their eggs throughout the year but the best time to head there is between July and October when the sea is calmer. Observe the collection of eggs, tagging of mother turtles and releasing of baby turtles into the sea.

Itinerary

DAY 1

Pick up from any hotel within Sandakan ~ 0800 hrs or Sandakan Airport (recommended flight is MH2042 @ 0810 hrs). Transfer to the jetty for your boat ride to Selingan Turtle Islands Park. The journey to the Island will take approximately 45 minutes. Upon arrival, register at the Parks HQ and check into your chalet. At 1200 hrs enjoy lunch at the cafeteria. You are then free to enjoy swimming or snorkeling around the Island.

After dinner, Rangers will call you to observe turtles laying eggs. Watch the Ranger transfer the eggs to the hatchery and enjoy the opportunity to observe the release of baby turtles to the open sea. Then overnight at chalet (Common or Attached Bathroom). (L, D)

DAY 2

At 0700 hrs, depart the island to Sandakan. After breakfast, proceed to Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Center. At this world renowned center, come face to face with human's closest relative, the Orang Utans. Orang Utans share 97% of the same DNA as humans. The Orang Utans feeding time is at 1000 hrs. While Orang Utans rehabilitation is still the primary goal at Sepilok, present aims include public education on conservation, research and assistance to other endangered species (such as captive breeding of the rare and endangered Bornean Rhinoceros). You can also enjoy a walk in the surrounding tropical lowland dipterocarp forest.

At 1100hrs, depart Sepilok to the Sandakan Memorial Park. The Memorial Park is located within the suburb

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of Taman Rimba, the site of a notorious WWII prisoner-of-war camp, and is about 11km outside of Sandakan. The park, which includes a small museum, is a memorial to the thousands of Australian and British who lost their lives during the Japanese occupation. The rusting remains of an excavator, a generator and a boiler lie in their original positions, near steps leading up to a small Commemorative Pavilion.

Proceed to Agnes Keith English Tea House for lunch. The English Tea House is superbly situated within the grounds of the historic Agnes Keith House Museum and is housed in a meticulously renovated colonial house surrounded by 1.5 acres of perfectly manicured lawns. With enveloping greenery and cool breezes, you can enjoy the spectacular views of the town and Sandakan Bay as you relax for your lunch in the garden.

After lunch, transfer to either hotel or airport (recommended flight is MH 2709 @ 1415 hrs).

What to bring

Personal gear, insect repellent, raincoat, hat, binocular, torchlight and sunscreen. Use good walking shoes and comfortable cotton T-shirt, long sleeve shirt and long or short pants.

Included

- Return road transfer as mentioned
- Return boat transfers as mentioned
- Meals as mentioned
- Turtle island visit & entrance fee
- Accommodation at Turtle island in twin sharing chalet with common bathroom
- Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre visit & entrance fee
- English speaking guide

Excluded

- Camera fee not included in package, soft drinks, alcoholic drinks

Trip Pre-Requisites

The area you will be staying in is located in a low-risk Malaria area. However, we advise our clients to visit their physician/doctor for the latest recommendation on protection against Malaria.

Trip Notes

The Turtle Island Park is located some 40KM from Sandakan city. The boat ride from jetty to the island takes some 1 hour.

Please take note that Sabah Parks allow only camera of unaided flash to take photograph of the turtle. Video/Digital Video Camera are not allowed. Sabah Parks also forbid visitor from going around the island on their own from 6:00pm – 6:00am.

Triple sharing is only allowed for children below age of 12 years old with parents. 3rd adult will need to have his/her own room at an extra surcharge for single supplement.

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