

## 4D3N Birding Package at Tabin Wildlife Resort

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### Description

Enjoy a 3 night stay at an exclusive rainforest resort located within Tabin Wildlife Reserve. Tabin Wildlife Reserve is the largest wildlife reserve in Malaysia, with a total land area of 123,000 hectare, and winner of the "Most promising tourist attraction" award.

Tabin Wildlife Resort complements a visitors stay at the wildlife reserve by providing facilities including charming timber lodges built and blended within the natural surroundings, and a comprehensive range of nature-based activities.

### Itinerary

#### DAY 1

Transfer from Lahad Datu airport and drive to Tabin Wildlife Reserve on gravel road for about one hour. Check into a charming timber lodge at Tabin Wildlife Resort.

Bird species you can expect to see include the Black-backed Kingfisher, Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker, Red-throated Sunbird, Malaysian Blue Flycatcher and the Black and Yellow Broadbills. Be entertained by the melodious calls of Black Magpie nearby. A bird hide facing the flowing Lipad river provides a wonderful site for viewing birds. Huge boulders in the river are a favourite perch for the Oriental Darter, Stork-billed Kingfisher and Lesser Fish Eagle, especially after rain. A happy family of otters have been seen up and down this part of the river, to the delight of guests.

Take a stroll along the road nearby the resort. White-bellied Munia can be commonly found in the bushes, and a family of large black and chestnut Lesser Coucal sometimes make an appearance here. The rare Storm's Storks have made Tabin their home and can sometimes be seen. You will most likely be able to spot one or more of Borneo's eight species of hornbill such as the Black, White-crowned, Rhinoceros, Wreathed, Oriental Pied and Wrinkled Hornbill either flying in groups across the sky, or in pairs perching on bare branches. Let the guide share with you the tales about the origins of the Helmeted Hornbill's calls.

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After dinner, enjoy a slide presentation on Tabin's natural wonders, followed by a trip to look out for nocturnal wildlife and birds. The Brown Wood-Owl and Savanna Nightjar are some of the species that you may sight along the reserve road. The Leopard Cat, Civet Cats, the Nomadic Bearded Pig, the Red Giant Flying Squirrel and perhaps even the Clouded Leopard and Slow Loris might be sighted. (L,D)

## DAY 2

After a simple early breakfast depart for the active Lipad mud volcano with packed lunch. The soccer field-sized Lipad mud volcano serves as a mineral salt lick for wildlife and birds. The endemic Black and Crimson Pitta have been sighted along the trail leading to the mud volcano.

After jungle-trekking for 20 minutes, arrive at the elevated bare area of the mud volcano where you can try to identify the multitude of animal footprints. The adventurous can try the effects of the volcanic mud, said to be responsible for a fine complexion.

Climb the observation tower and admire the contrasting landscape of the bare area and its surrounding thick forest. Finsch's Bulbul, endemic Bornean and Black-throated Wren-babblers, White-crowned Forktail, Dark-throated Oriole and the Malaysian Blue Fly-catcher are some of the species that can be seen around the area. A nearby fig-tree is a busy feasting place for hornbills and other birds and primates during the fruiting season. Across from the observation tower, bare branches of towering trees are a favourite perching place for Green Imperial Pigeons and the Jambu Fruit Dove with its wonderful coloured chest.

After dinner, go for a night walk to discover more nocturnal bird species. (B,L,D)

## DAY 3

After an early breakfast, you will depart for birding along the road leading to the Core Area of Tabin Wildlife Reserve. The fully regenerated secondary forest with its relatively lower canopy and good natural light provides a delightful birding experience. You will be entertained by wild bird songs and the calls of Bornean Gibbons. On some bare tree trunks, busy Dollar birds can be found. The Rufous Woodpecker, Bronzed Drongo, Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot, Speckled Piculet, Chestnut-capped Thrush, White-fronted Falconet, Long-tailed Parakeet, Temminck's Sunbird, Purple-throated Sunbird and are some of the other species that can be seen.

The abundance of wild ginger plant attracts a variety of colourful birds, including the Thick Bellied Flower Pecker. Picnic lunch will be set up overlooking the river or the valley, a truly enjoyable experience. If time permits, you will trek along the Tomanggong Road where the Giant Pitta has been sighted. The White-fronted Falconet, Long-tailed Parakeet and Orange-backed Woodpecker, Little Spiderhunters and Yellow-rumped Flowerpeckers may also be sighted. You will most likely also be able to observe Long-tailed Macaque and Orangutans along this road. (B,L,D)

## DAY 4

After breakfast either relax in the Sunbird Café while enjoying more birds in the surrounding garden, or venture to the riverside bird hide to discover further species. Early lunch and then depart Tabin. After lunch, depart for Lahad Datu airport for your transfer from the Resort. (B, L)

### What to bring

Binoculars, leech socks, insect repellent, long sleeve shirts & long pants, raincoat, sun hat, swim wear, comfortable trekking shoes, torch light, water bottle & personal toiletries.

### Included

Scheduled return transfer Lahad Datu / Tabin / Lahad Datu. Accommodations, meals as stated, guided tours and activities.

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**Excluded**

Those not mentioned above including:- unscheduled transfers.

**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 recommended flights to meet the scheduled transfers are as follows:

- BKI-LDU MH 3010 0700 /0755
- LDU-BKI MH 3023 1725/1820

Activities are subject to weather conditions, and may be re-organised to best meet operational situations.

Electric current is on a 240 Volts AC 50Hz cycle system using a square 3 pin plug.

Weather: Sabah is generally warm and fairly humid throughout the year, with temperatures ranging between 21 to 32 degrees centigrade in the lowlands. This can drop to as low as 21 degree centigrade in the highlands. Scattered unpredictable rains are common in Sabah and therefore difference in temperature is not extreme.

Medical: Hospitals, clinics and dispensaries are available in all major towns. It is advisable to take anti-malaria medication recommended by your doctor if you are visiting remote areas. Medical insurance is recommended.

Leeches are plenty on all trails. It is recommended you use leech socks during trekking activities.

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