

## 4D3N Turtle Island & Kinabatangan River Cruise (Sepilok & Gomantong)

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### Description

Visit Selangan Turtle Island to see turtle laying eggs. Observe the collection of eggs, tagging of mother turtles and releasing of baby turtles into the sea. Enjoy an overnight stay in a twin sharing room on Turtle Island.

Followed by a visit to the Kinabatangan River and see some of the amazing, and often unique, wildlife of Sabah in their natural habitat. Enjoy two nights stay in an Agamid Detached Chalet at Kinabatangan Nature Lodge located near Kg. Bilit.

### Itinerary

#### DAY 1

Pick up from any hotel within Sandakan around 0830 hrs or Sandakan Airport (recommended arrival flight is the MH2042 @ 0810 hrs). Transfer to the jetty for boat ride to Selangan Turtle Islands Park. The journey to Island will take approximately 45 minutes. Upon arrival, register at the Parks HQ and check into your room. At 1200 hrs, lunch at the cafeteria and then free at own leisure. Enjoy swimming or snorkeling in the shallow waters surrounding the island.

After dinner, wait for the rangers call to observe a Turtle laying eggs. The Ranger will transfer the eggs to the hatchery and then you can observe the release of baby turtles to the open sea. Overnight at in a twin sharing room (Common or Attached Bathroom). (L, D)

#### DAY 2

At 0700 hrs after breakfast, depart Turtle island by boat transfer to Sandakan. Proceed to Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre. At this world renowned centre, 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

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1000 hrs.

Proceed for lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, transfer to the Nature Lodge Kinabatangan which is located at the Lower Kinabatangan River Sanctuary. The journey will take approximately 2 hours, passing by Kota Kinabatangan town and also oil palm plantation. Catch a glimpse of the curious Long Tail Macaques while on the last leg along Kampung Bilit road. Transfer from the Kampung Bilit jetty to Nature Lodge Kinabatangan, is just 3 mins by boat transfer across the River. Welcome drinks will be served upon arrival. After which, guests will be given a verbal orientation of the Lodge and the surrounding area. Proceed to check into the chalets within the Agamid wing of Nature Lodge Kinabatangan. Join a late afternoon boat cruise at 1600 hrs to search for wildlife and bird-life along the Kinabatangan River banks. Return to the Lodge for dinner. Join a guided night walk to enjoy the wilderness of the jungle right after dinner. Overnight at the Lodge. (BF, L, D)

### DAY 3

Catch the beautiful sight of the misty Kinabatangan River at 0500 hrs. Join the boat cruise at 0600 hrs and see the exciting wildlife as they awake from a night sleep. Various species of wildlife may be seen such as Proboscis Monkeys, Leaf Monkeys, Macaques, Gibbons and even the Orang Utans. Return back for breakfast at 0800 hrs. After breakfast at 0900 hrs, proceed on foot with our professional jungle guide to the Bilit Ox-Bow Lake behind the Lodge. This is the time to get an up close and personal glimpse of exquisite insects and birds life. You will also walk on the path of the newly discovered "Borneo Pygmy Elephants" (the smallest elephant in the world). Return to the Lodge for lunch at 1200 hrs. Rest after lunch and join another boat ride at 1600 hrs to cruise along the Kinabatangan River for more wildlife sight-seeing. Return before dinner at 1800 hrs. Dinner will be served at the Lodge. After dinner, there will be another guided night walk, this time using a different route. Overnight at the Lodge. (BF/L/D)

### DAY 4

Don't be surprised to be woken up by the calls of Gibbons and Hornbills. At 0600 hrs, take a morning river cruise to see more birds and wildlife. Return to the lodge for breakfast at 0745 hrs. Proceed to check out and at 0915 hrs, we will transfer you to Gomantong Caves, the largest limestone hill and the most important source of edible bird nest in Sabah. Then continue your journey back to Sandakan and transfer to either your hotel or airport (recommended departure flight is the MH2709 @ 1415 hrs). (BF)

\*All tours are subject to weather conditions

### 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

Inclusive of (4 days 3 nights):

- Return road transfer as mentioned
- Return boat transfers as mentioned
- 3 Breakfast, 3 Lunch & 3 Dinner
- Accommodation at Turtle island in twin sharing room with common bathroom
- Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre visit & entrance fee
- Gomantong Cave visit & entrance fee
- Accommodation in a detached chalet (twin beds, ensuite shower room and toilet, ceiling fan) within the Agamid Wing of Nature Lodge Kinabatangan
- English speaking guide
- River cruise ( 2 morning & 2 late afternoon)
- 2 guided night nature walk
- 1 guided trekking to Ox-Bow Lake
- Free flow of coffee & tea
- Tour based on seat in coach basis (it is not a private tour)

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**Excluded**

Camera/Video camera fee not included in package. Soft drinks and alcoholic drinks are excluded. Aircon in your Agamid chalet is available at a surcharge of RM50 per person, per day (subject to availability).

**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. Sabah Parks also forbid visitor from going around the island on their own from 6:00pm – 6:00am.

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

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