

SABAH'S HIGHLIGHTS & MOUNT KINABALU EXPEDITION 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



I. HIGHLIGHTS

- The challenging trek to Mount Kinabalu's summit, Low's Peak, offers breathtaking panoramic views, creating an unforgettable mountain adventure.
- Explore the paradise-like islands of Tunku Abdul Rahman Park, with crystal-clear waters, vibrant coral reefs, and pristine beaches for a perfect blend of relaxation and adventure.
- Immerse yourself in the rich biodiversity of the Kinabatangan River during a wildlife-filled cruise, spotting proboscis monkeys, pygmy elephants, and other fascinating creatures in their natural habitat.
- Experience the thrill of walking among the treetops on the Danum Valley Canopy Walkway, gaining a unique perspective of the ancient rainforest.
- Visit the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre in Sandakan for a heartwarming experience, witnessing orangutans during feeding sessions and exploring the Rainforest Discovery Centre.

II. ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrival in Kota Kinabalu

As you touch down in Kota Kinabalu, the vibrant capital of Sabah, you'll feel the excitement of the adventure awaiting you. Check into your comfortable hotel and take some time to rest and freshen up. As the sun begins to set, you have the evening at leisure to explore the lively city. Whether you choose to stroll along the waterfront, sample local cuisine at a night market, or immerse yourself in the city's bustling atmosphere, the first day sets the tone for an unforgettable journey.

DAY 2

Kota Kinabalu City Tour

Embark on a captivating journey through Kota Kinabalu's rich history and culture. In the morning, wander through local markets, where vibrant colors and aromatic scents will awaken your senses. Discover the city's historical sites, each with its tale to tell. The afternoon brings a visit to the Sabah State Museum, providing insights into the region's diverse cultural heritage. Cap off the day with a visit to Signal Hill Observatory for a breathtaking sunset, offering panoramic views of the city and the South China Sea.

DAY 3

Island Excursion - Tunku Abdul Rahman Park

Escape to paradise as you board a boat for a day of island exploration in Tunku Abdul Rahman Park. Immerse yourself in the beauty of crystal-clear waters, pristine beaches, and vibrant marine life. Snorkel in the coral reefs, swim in the warm ocean, and bask in the sun on the sandy shores. This island excursion promises a perfect blend of adventure and relaxation.

DAY 4

Kinabalu Park

Journey to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kinabalu Park, a haven of biodiversity and natural wonders. Explore the park's lush landscapes, diverse flora, and the unique Mountain Garden. As the day unfolds, settle into a lodge nestled in the heart of this ecological masterpiece, anticipating the adventures that lie ahead.

DAY 5

Mount Kinabalu Summit Trail

The highlight of your expedition begins with an exhilarating trek to the summit of Mount Kinabalu, Low's Peak. Marvel at the breathtaking scenery as you ascend, surrounded by panoramic views of the Sabah region. Spend the night at Laban Rata for an immersive mountain experience, where the starlit sky above is as awe-inspiring as the landscapes below.

DAY 6

Mount Kinabalu Descent - Poring Hot Springs

Descend from the heights of Mount Kinabalu and reward yourself with relaxation at Poring Hot Springs. Soothe your muscles in the rejuvenating hot springs, surrounded by the lush greenery of the Malaysian jungle. Take a stroll along the canopy walk, offering a bird's-eye view of the rainforest.

DAY 7

Sandakan - Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre

Fly to Sandakan and embark on a visit to the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre. Witness the incredible work being done to protect and rehabilitate these endangered creatures. During feeding sessions, observe the orangutans in their natural habitat. Continue your day at the Rainforest Discovery Centre, where the wonders of Borneo's rainforest come to life.

DAY 8

Kinabatangan River Cruise

Embark on a cruise along the Kinabatangan River, a wildlife haven teeming with biodiversity. Keep your eyes peeled for proboscis monkeys swinging through the trees and pygmy elephants grazing on the riverbanks. This immersive experience offers a chance to witness nature's spectacle up close.

DAY 9

Borneo Rainforest Lodge

Travel to Danum Valley and check into the Borneo Rainforest Lodge, a luxurious haven surrounded by ancient rainforest. Guided by experienced naturalists, explore the wonders of this pristine environment. Listen to the symphony of the jungle and encounter rare and endemic species in their natural habitat.

DAY 10

Danum Valley Canopy Walkway

Experience the thrill of walking among the treetops on the Danum Valley Canopy Walkway. Gain a unique perspective of the rainforest as you traverse suspended bridges high above the ground. The afternoon is yours to relax and absorb the natural beauty surrounding you.

DAY 11

Departure

Savor a leisurely morning, reflecting on your Borneo adventure's incredible moments and encounters. As you bid farewell to Lahad Datu airport, carry with you the memories of an enriching journey through Kota Kinabalu, Mount Kinabalu, Sandakan, and the untamed wonders of Borneo.

Tour extensions: pre-tour or post-tour extensions are available, which would include accommodation and private transfers, please speak to Focus Asia travel consultant for further details.