

BNL 013 - 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS SELINGAN, SEPILOK ORANGUTAN, SUKAU, OX-BOW LAKE, GOMANTONG CAVE & SANDAKAN CITY TOUR

DAY 1

We meet our guide at the hotel or Sandakan airport and transfer to the jetty. At 0930am, we get the 1 hr boat to Selingan Island (also called Turtle island). Selingan Island is the main nesting area for the green turtles. The rest of the day is for us to relax and enjoy the island swim or snorkel. After dinner, it is usually a long wait for the Park Rangers to call us if they manage to sight turtles laying eggs. We learn about the conservation effort done here, and witness the collecting of eggs from the nesting site, planting them in the hatchery and see baby turtles scrambling to the open sea upon release on the shore.

We overnight stay at the island chalet, room with attach bathroom (L,D)

Note: Sabah Parks only allow taking photos of turtles at night with camera with unaided flash, and taking videos is strictly prohibited.

DAY 2

We check out at 0630hrs, have breakfast and head back to the mainland. We then drive about half an hour to Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre to see the amazing work they are doing there for orphaned and injured orangutans. We watch them feeding. There is a very informative 25 minutes video showing the efforts put by the centre. We then drive for 2.5hrs through rustic countryside studded with villages to our riverside lodge on the mighty Kinabatangan River. A quick welcome briefing and it's lunch. We take a quick breather and then we go on a wildlife cruise to see Borneon wildlife. There are the endemic proboscis monkeys, langurs, macaques, lizards, crocodiles, hornbills, wild orangutans, and if lucky, even pygmy elephants. The Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary is teeming with wildlife. We overnight at our River lodge (B,L,D)

Note: Optional tours - If weather permits, we can go on a night cruise or a jungle walk, and this can be arranged at the lodge with minimal rates.

DAY 3

We wake up to the calls of birds, insects and animals. At 6am we go on a morning cruise up to the Kinabatangan River and onto Kelenanap Ox-Bow Lake for bird watching and in search of other wildlife. We take a short jungle walk (if weather permits) and experience the wilderness of Borneo before returning to the lodge for breakfast. We are then free at leisure. As an option we could explore the surrounding areas or nearby village or go on a tree-planting session (*which needs to be arranged in advance for a small fee*). At 4pm, we go on another wildlife cruise to hopefully see more Kinabatangan wildlife. Again we overnight at river lodge (B,L,D)

Note: Optional tours include a night cruise or a night walk, weather permitting.

DAY 4

We leave early to visit Gomantong Cave, famed for its edible birds' nests. There is a 15 minutes boardwalk to the opening of Simud Hitam cavern and we explore the cave system on boardwalk. We then return to Sandakan, stop for lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch we go on a city tour and explore the various landmarks of Sandakan like the bustling Central Market, Sim-Sim Water Village where houses are all built over the water, visit Puh Jih Syh Buddhist Temple which sits on a hilltop offering an amazing panoramic view of Sandakan Bay. We get dropped off at our hotel or Sandakan airport (B,L)

End of tour.



Tour Price
From RM2580/person (ex-Sandakan)