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## Borneo Adventure • Malaysia

12 Days • 11 Nights • Various Dates • from £1750

**This adventurous expedition takes us off the beaten track as we explore Borneo's remote jungle.**

**We start by rafting down the Kiulu River and cycling back before setting off to the jungle. We will trek through the rainforest, camping in remote villages and summiting South East Asia's highest peak – Mount Kinabalu.**

### Highlights

- Sunrise on the summit of **Mount Kinabalu**
- Meet the Dusun people in the **remote jungle villages**
- Try the world's highest Via Ferrata
- The **Kinabatangan River** - an abundance of exotic wildlife endemic to Borneo
- Recuperate at **Poring Hot Springs**

### Overview

This expedition gives you the opportunity to trek through Borneo's dense tropical rainforests, through remote villages en-route to the spectacular Mount Kinabalu.

Our expedition begins with rafting down the Kiulu River, a cycle back up through the beautiful valley, before we begin our trek through the hot humid rainforest and traditional Dusun villages. We camp in villages where few tourists visit and the ladies love to cook for us with food from their farms and show us a little of their cultural dancing and songs.

The trek finishes with sun rise on the highest peak of South East Asia, Mount Kinabalu. The view from the summit is spectacular out over the South China Sea. A much rewarded bath in the hot springs is well deserved after the descent.

At the end of our trek we head south wildlife spotting at the Kinabatangan Wildlife Reserve and Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary.



## Itinerary

### Day 1

We will be met at the airport and transferred to our hotel in the centre of Kota Kinabalu. Dinner this evening will be at a typical Malaysian restaurant featuring local food.

**Hotel, Dinner**

### Day 2

This morning we have a short transfer to the beautiful Kiulu valley where we go white water rafting on the Kiulu River (Grade 2). Following a BBQ lunch and some time to relax by the river, we then set out on our bikes and cycle through the Kiulu valley to our campsite in Pukak.

**Overnight camp**

### Day 3

This morning we wake up to the view of Mount Kinabalu. After breakfast, we begin trekking into a remote area of Sabah. Moving away from the river we set out into dense jungle and pass through the occasional village. The trekking is hot and sweaty with some steep hills to climb. Tonight we sleep in tents at Kampung Sinasang where the ladies in the village will cook us a typical Malaysian feast.

**Overnight camp**

### Day 4

We continue our trek from Kampung Sinasang through beautiful forest, to our next camp at a village called Rungus Mahaba. Again it will be a tough day as much of the terrain is hilly but the views are spectacular and we pass through a pretty village with very friendly local people.

**Overnight camp**

### Day 5

After breakfast we set off trekking through the jungle again until we reach Nabal, a little market area on the road to Mount Kinabalu. From here, we will take a short bus transfer to Kundasang where we will overnight in 2 star hotel with the most amazing views of Mount Kinabalu.

**Overnight hotel**

### Day 6

Today, we head to the National Park where we begin our 7 km climb up to the mountain hut on the slopes of Mount Kinabalu. If we make good progress and the weather is fine, there is the option to do the new Via Ferrata route on the mountain.

**Overnight in hut**

### Day 7

This morning we depart from our hut at 3am and trek up to the summit, as the sun is rising. It is a spectacular view of the foothills, down to the South China Sea. We then descend back to the park HQ and take a bus to poring Hot Springs to spend the evening relaxing our tired legs in the baths.

**Overnight camp**

### Day 8

Our next destination is the Kinabatangan Wildlife Reserve. On arrival, we will have time to settle in before heading out on an afternoon and sunset river cruise. This reserve is famous for its abundance of wildlife and we guarantee that you will see proboscis monkeys in the wild. There are also regular sightings of wild orangutan, elephants, gibbons, hornbills and crocodiles.

**Overnight camp**

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## **Day 9**

Another early morning today as we wake up before the sun rises to embark on a dawn river cruise to watch the wildlife come to life. It is fascinating to watch the proboscis monkeys waken in their canopy homes. After breakfast, we transfer to Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary via Gomantong caves arriving in time for the afternoon feeding session.

***Overnight camp***

## **Day 10**

Before we leave for our flight to Kota Kinabalu, we will have time to visit the Rainforest Discovery Centre and the canopy walkway. Tonight we stay in a small beach resort with a swimming pool.

***Overnight hotel***

## **Day 11**

Today is free from organised activities. However, there are many options to keep us busy including a visit to a tropical island, adventure park or wildlife park. There is also the option to go into the city for any last minute shopping or you can simply relax by the swimming pool.

***Overnight hotel***

## **Day 12**

Transfer to airport, expedition ends

## **SCHEDULED DATES**

The best time of year to visit is March to October as these are usually the driest and most settled times of the year.

We are able to arrange tailor made trips for 2 or more people (the price quoted is based on a minimum of 4 people, and a supplement may apply if less). Our scheduled departures are.

9 Oct 11 – 20 Oct 11  
7 Oct 12 – 18 Oct 12

1 Apr 12 – 12 Apr 12

5 Aug 12 – 16 Aug 12