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The Glory of Wild Sabah 13 days



HIGHLIGHTS

- Hanging out with the Orangutans
- Witnessing the Elephants playing on the banks of the Kinabatangan river
- Searching for the rare and elusive Clouded Leopard and many other nocturnal animals

JUST SOME OF WILD ANIMALS OF BORNEO YOU MAY ENCOUNTER

Orangutan - Pygmy Elephant - Clouded Leopard (very rare!) - Tarsier - Slow Loris - Leopard Cat - Marbled Cat (rare!) - Sun Bear - Rhinoceros Hornbill (and the other 7 species) - Proboscis Monkey - Bornean Gibbon - Civet Cats - Flying Squirrels - Estuarine Crocodiles - Sunda Skunk - Maroon Langur - Grey Langur and a variety of spectacular birds and reptiles.

Oct 13: Sepilok

Upon arrival at Sandakan airport you will make the 30 minute transfer to Sepilok Nature Resort, situated next to the world famous wildlife centres. After checking in, it will be time for lunch or a visit to the Rainforest Discovery Centre or possibly visit to the 3 pm Orangutan feeding, which are both located a short walk away.

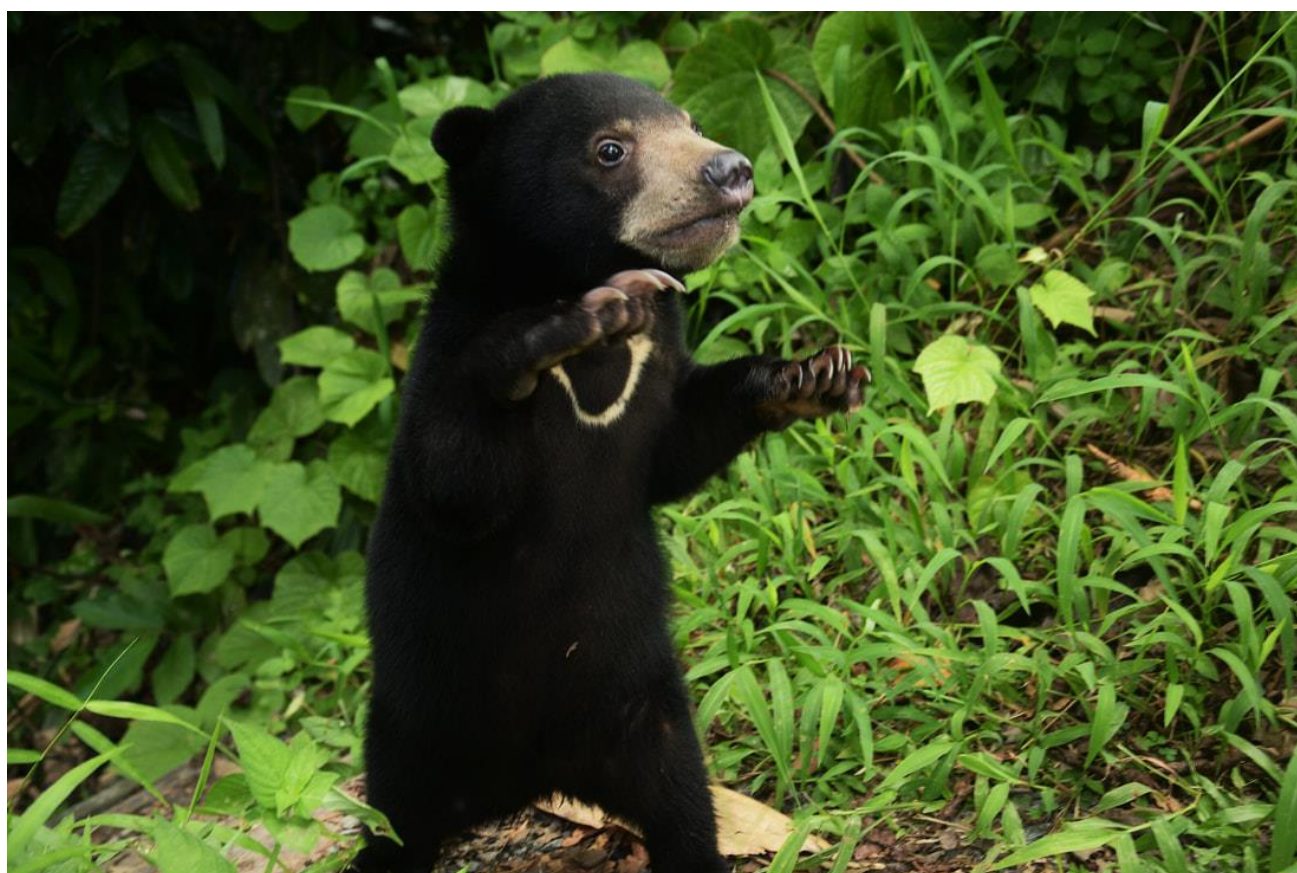
After dinner you will enjoy a night walk in the nearby forest. With luck you may spot the Western Tarsier and sleeping birds and frogs and snakes. Sepilok is one of the better locations to spot the endemic and iconic Borneo Bristlehead. A good nights' sleep awaits...

Accommodation: Sepilok Nature Resort

Meals: Dinner only

Oct 14: Sepilok

After breakfast you'll visit the nearby Sepilok orangutan rehabilitation center where you have an opportunity to enjoy these iconic primates at close quarters and learn more about the rehabilitation and conservation work that takes place here. Next, you visit the Sun Bear Conservation Center, a relatively new center established in 2008, which provides care and rehabilitation for orphaned and captive Malay sunbears with the long-term goal of releasing them to the wild and raising awareness of their plight.



Oct 15: Deramakot Forest Reserve

For those keen dawn birding is on offer, otherwise a relaxing morning before check out at 11.00 am and continuing 2 hours to Telupid town where you will take lunch at a local restaurant. Then proceed a further 2 hours to Deramakot forest reserve through oil palm plantations and forest reserves. The road can be wet and muddy.

Deramakot is the jewel in the Sabah Forestry Departments crown and spans an area of over 100,00 hectares with its adjacent Tangkulap reserve. It was the first tropical forest reserve to be recognised by the Forest Stewardship Council for good forest governance and since and it has rapidly become justifiably famous for its astonishing mammal and bird diversity. The exact program at Deramakot will depend on weather and recent animal sightings. Your guide will discuss fully with you after check in.

Deramakot has **simple rooms** split into two chalets on a small hill of 3 bedrooms in each. Although they have air con and hot water ensuite bathrooms these are by no means considered 'luxury'. Meals are cooked by in house cook so can be varied to suit requirements, and these are served in the restaurant area, consisting of local Asian dishes and fruits.

Accommodation: Deramakot Lodge

Meals: Full board



Oct 16,17 and 18: Deramakot Forest Reserve

Three full days in the reserve. Exact itinerary will be discussed with your guide but you will have dawn and night walking and 4*4 safaris each day, 2 hours are included each evening which can be extended for an extra 125 myr per hour, cash payment.

Oct 19: Kinabatangan River

Time for morning birding before breakfast and check out by 9am and return to the main highway and travel approximately 2 hours to the river village of Sukau. Sukau was the first village on the mighty Kinabatangan River to develop nature tourism and is now a busy hub of lodges and homestays. Enroute to the lodge you'll stop by Gomantong caves. This large cave chamber is famous for its swiftlets and bats but the surrounding jungle is home to maroon langurs and orangutan.

Check into Borneo Nature Lodge. Lunch is served upon arrival. Your first boat safaris begins at 4.30pm.

Dinner at 19.00 before a night-walk along the board-walks in search of nocturnal critters.

Accommodation: Borneo Nature Lodge <https://www.borneonaturelodge.com.my/>

Meals: Full board

Oct 20: Kinabatangan River

Wake up to the calls of birds, insects and animals as the pre-dawn chorus begins at 6.30am take a morning cruise. We will visit the nearby fishing village to learn about their way of life and enjoy a flexible itinerary to explore the river to maximise wildlife viewing opportunities. This will include longer river trips if required to try and view the migratory Borneo Pygmy Elephants.

Oct 21: Danum Valley

After breakfast, depart from the resort and head back up the river to Sukau and continue overland 4 hours to the Danum Valley. Once checked in and settled, discuss with your guide how you'd like to plan the next couple of days. Danum is full of interesting trails and different trails offer different wildlife opportunities. After dinner go on a night walk in search of any nocturnal activity.

Accommodation: Danum Valley Field Centre

Meals: Full board

Oct 22, 23 &24: Danum Valley



The next 3 days are basically the same activities. Changes can be made with the advice of your guide. At 6am, you will have a light breakfast before going on a morning wildlife walk at 6.30am. Spend the rest of the day exploring the trails or do some light walking around the accommodation which offer some good birding.

Oct 25: Depart

Following breakfast, the morning is at leisure before you will be transferred to Lahad Datu airport to connect with your onward international flight.

Meals: Breakfast only

Tour Cost: £2850 per person (based on two people sharing a twin/double room throughout) Based on travelling in a small group (maximum of 8 clients) and with a UK tour leader, Allan Blanchard and a private expert local naturalist. This tour is designed for clients who want to maximise their wildlife encounters during the day and night. The accommodation is mainly simple ensuite cabins or bungalows in prime wildlife areas and not really suitable for clients used to more luxurious wildlife lodges.

Cost does not include international flights.

Single room supplement: £690

Quoted costs are valid for travel in October 2021 and for bookings made in the next two months. Quoted costs do not include international flights, but we can quote on request.

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Best Wishes

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