



GLOBAL GYPSIES PTY. LTD.

JUNGLES OF BORNEO TOUR

September 6 – 17, 2008



Join us on this amazing excursion into the wilds of Borneo! Travel with people you know and trust as you experience the lush jungles, the tropical islands, the mystical mountains and the culture. Take river cruises, see incredible wildlife and spend time at a river 'long house' with the local villagers. A small, fortunate, adventurous group will join Jan and Jeremy on this once-only 12-day expedition to one of the most exotic and pristine destinations on the planet. If you're a nature lover and want to do something REALLY different on your next holiday, this tour is for you!

Day 1, Saturday, September 6

Fly to Kota Kinabalu, either with the group or independently, to arrive that afternoon. If on the group flight, you will be met and transferred to our hotel, Shangri-la Rasa Ria Resort, which is on the beach, 45 minutes from the city center. Special Welcome Dinner at hotel. **(D)**

Day 2, Sunday, September 7

Transfer to jetty for 20 minute boat journey to Gaya Island. Enjoy Gaya Island Rainforest Walk (2km jungle trail and learn about some of the unique medicinal plants, tropical hardwood trees, coastal vegetation, tropical dipterocarp rainforest and the ecology of the mangrove forest with our experienced guide.

Transfer to Sapi Island for a picnic lunch. Relax, snorkel and spend the afternoon at leisure - the best way to recover from jet lag and get into the jungle mood! (Snorkeling gear available for hire but recommend you bring your own. Please also bring towel, hat, walking shoes, insect repellent, water bottle, swim wear and sun block lotion). Return to hotel that afternoon, rest of day free. Optional visit to night markets after dinner at the hotel.

Overnite at Shangri-la Rasa Ria Resort. **(B/L/D)**

Day 3, Monday, September 8

After breakfast at hotel, we drive two hours overland (88 km) through paddy-fields and Dusun villages over the ridges of the Crocker Range to the foothills of Mt. Kinabalu at 5,000 ft. We pause at roadside stall to savour the taste of local fruits.

At Kinabalu Park World Heritage Site, we visit the Education Centre and Mountain Garden, home of various species of the flowering rhododendrons, carnivorous pitcher plants, orchids, ferns, oak trees and birds (temperature at the park is around 14 - 25° C) If time and weather permits, we take a guided walk on one of the trails to observe the montane forest. Overnite Kinabalu Park Lodge. **(B,L,D)**

Day 4, Tuesday, September 9

After breakfast, we make a 40 km overland journey in our coach to Poring, 500m above sea level, east of Kinabalu Park HQ. Vegetation here is tropical lowland rainforest. We explore the jungle trail leading up to the treetop canopy walkways, suspended 41ms above the forest floor.

We visit Kipungit Waterfall and soak in hot sulphur pools (excludes camera/video fee) then proceed to Kundasang Memorial Park to learn about Sabah's WWII history. The Memorial takes the form of a walled garden and was built to honour those killed in the death marches of the Second World War. The death marches were ordered by the Japanese in January to April 1945, whereby 2,500 prisoners-of-war (1,800 Australian and 700 British soldiers) were marched from Sandakan to Ranau, a distance of 240 km. Only six prisoners, who escaped with the help of locals, survived the torturous trek across mountainous and forested terrain. (Camera fee is not included. Please bring sunblock lotion, personal toiletries, insect repellent, hat, torchlight, walking shoes, raincoat, water bottle, swimming attire and towel.)

Return to Kota Kinabalu late afternoon. Overnite at Shangri-la Rasa Ria Resort **(B, L, D)**

Day 5, Wednesday, September 10

After breakfast we transfer to the airport for flight to Sandakan where we begin our three-day Kinabatangan Wildlife Safari. On arrival at Sandakan Airport by morning flight, we transfer to Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre for video show. Trek ten minutes through the rainforest on wooden plank walks to witness the feeding of the orangutans at 10H00. Continue to Sandakan jetty for boat journey to Sukau Rainforest Lodge along Sabah's longest river, Kinabatangan with opportunity to view birds and wildlife in virgin mangrove, wetland and rainforest habitats.

Late afternoon take a river cruise in search of some of the 10 primate species including Proboscis monkeys as they settle on treetops along the Kinabatangan River. Return for solar heated hot shower, candlelit dinner and slide show conducted by naturalist guide.

Overnite at Sukau Rainforest Lodge. **(B, L, D)**

Day 6, Thursday, September 11

Wake up to the calls of gibbons and hornbills. An early morning (06H00) river cruise up the Kinabatangan River to view more birds and wildlife. Proceed to the Kelenanap oxbow lake for a short jungle walk (if weather permits) and experience the wilderness of Borneo. You have the option to participate in our Kinabatangan Wildlife Corridor Regeneration Programme (KWICORP) by planting trees at our 64 acres adopted land.

In the afternoon, we proceed for another river cruise for more wildlife. After dinner at the lodge, there is an optional night safari cruise (at a surcharge) spotting nocturnal animals, crocodiles and birds. Overnight at Sukau Rainforest Lodge. **(B, L, D)**

Day 7, Friday, September 12

After breakfast, return to Sandakan by boat. Have lunch before then enjoy a short tour of Sandakan town including the Australian War Memorial. (Please bring sun block lotion, personal toiletries, torch, insect repellent, walking shoes, binoculars, hat & raincoat). Transfer to airport for late afternoon flight to Kota Kinabalu. On arrival, we are transferred to hotel for dinner. Overnite at Shangrila Rasa ria Resort. **(B, L, D)**

Day 8, Saturday, September 13

Depart early morning for a 2½ hour journey to Kudat, the land of the last longhouses in Sabah. After lunch, we set off on our journey to the 'Tip of Borneo' where the South China Sea meets the Sulu Sea. Proceed to our overnight guesthouse for check in. If weather permits, cycle (optional) through scenic villages, oil palm estates and farms to Mompilis Village Longhouse. Enjoy a fresh coconut drink and witness cultural activities while mingling with the friendly local villagers.



Return to longhouse homestay for shower. Enjoy a traditional-style dinner followed by colourful cultural performance by the local Rungus community. Overnite in twin share room. Mattress and mosquito net are provided. **(B, L, D)**

Day 9, Sunday, September 14

Wake up to the calls of roosters and enjoy the tranquility of the village. After breakfast we trek to the nearby rubber estate to test our skills at rubber tapping. Return to Kota Kinabalu with lunch en route. (Please bring sun block lotion, personal toiletries, insect repellent, hat, torch, walking shoes, raincoat, water bottle, swimming attire and towel). Dinner at hotel. Overnite at Shangrila Rasa ria Resort **(B, L, D)**

Day 10, Monday, September 15

Pickup at hotel and transfer to Manukan jetty and proceed to Manukan Island in Marine Park. Day free to enjoy at your leisure, swimming, snorkeling or just relaxing. Overnite at Manukan Island Chalet. **(B, L, D)**

Day 11, Tuesday, September 16

Day free at your leisure to explore this tropical paradise. Overnite Manukan Island Chalet. **(B, L, D)**

Day 12, Wednesday, September 17

Depart Manukan Island and transfer to Le Meridian Hotel in Kota Kinabalu for overnite stop. Day free to explore the town at your leisure. Special Farewell Diner that night at Atlantis Restaurant. **(B, L, D)** Tour ends here.

Thursday, September 18

P/up at hotel to join group flight out, or continue onto other destinations independently. **(B)**

Cost: AUD\$3600 per person

(Plus approximately \$1000 per person for air fare)

Maximum 16 people.



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