



Borneo Rainforests & Villages Family Adventure

10 Days



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➤ Borneo Rainforests & Villages Family Adventure

With untouched rainforest, ribbon-like rivers, and incredible plant and wildlife, Borneo is an unforgettable adventure destination for the entire family! So pack up the kids and journey with MT Sobek to the very heart of biodiversity in Malaysian Borneo. Explore mysterious caves, swim under hidden waterfalls, take easy jungle walks in Sepilok Nature Reserve, and enjoy beach time on stunning Gaya Island. Culture abounds, too, as you meet and dine with Murut villagers. And no trip to Borneo is complete without wildlife encounters-which you have in every way possible, from conservation center visits to nighttime forest walks.

Details

Arrive: Kota Kinabalu, Malaysian E
Depart: Kota Kinabalu, Malaysian E
Duration: 10 Days
Group Size: 4-14 Guests
Minimum Age: 6 Years Old
Activity Level: 

Testimonials

“Great experience every time with some of the most knowledgeable guides in their fields. We always come home with wonderful memories of the people we meet and things we see.”

Bob J.

“MT Sobek took care of everything for our extended family vacation. Not a hiccup in the planning, the itinerary, the lodging or the guide. Everything in life should be so easy.”

Kathy J.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

Borneo is an ideal family destination and MT Sobek knows how to show the best of Borneo to travelers of all ages.

REASON #02

With expert guides leading the way, you'll enjoy the excitement of wildlife watching, river cruising, cultural encounters and beach time on Gaya Island.

REASON #03

Only MT Sobek combines a village visit with the Muruts, swimming in waterfalls, sleeping in hammocks and the opportunity to participate in community work.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Family-friendly rainforest wildlife walks, waterfall hikes, swimming, snorkeling, river cruising, and cultural touring - plus incredible orangutan-watching opportunities.



LODGING

Remote and luxurious eco-lodges and rustic camps, allowing you to access some of the most rare and endangered wildlife on the planet.



CLIMATE

Temperatures stay around 80°F year round, with an average of 80% humidity. Expect quick changes in weather and be prepared for rain.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Charlie's passion for outdoor adventure, traveling, and nature has been strong his entire life. Hawaii's lush jungles first caught his attention, Central America's rainforests broadened his horizons and, finally, he found Borneo. Well-rounded in the ecology of the Bornean rainforest, he is experienced with species identification of mammals, birds, amphibians, and snakes. He has strong leadership abilities and is comfortable in any situation. He is also certified in Wilderness First Aid and has a good understanding of wilderness survival. Charlie lives in Borneo, speaks Bahasa Malay, and has strong connections with people working to save this beautiful region.

Charlie Ryan

Not many people can say they've introduced the royal couple to an orangutan and her baby, but Dean can! Fueled by a curious personality, with the jungle as his classroom, Dean started guiding in his late teens. From nature novice to jungle guru, Dean quickly excelled, which led him to win the esteemed Best Specialized Tour Guide award at The Sabah Tourism Awards in 2015. His knowledge and passion for the rainforest are contagious when traveling with him. Meet Dean on MT Sobek's Borneo adventures.

Dean Jais

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN SANDAKAN

Welcome to Borneo! Upon arrival, meet your driver, who transfers you to Sepilok Nature Resort. This quaint collection of wooden chalets surrounding a lake is set in an impressive landscaped area of manicured lawns and hills. After brief orientation and welcome dinner, retire for the night.

Meals: D

DAY 2

BE AMAZED BY THE WILDLIFE OF BORNEO

Walk to the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre, a wildlife conservation and research center for the world's smallest bear. After a private tour, visit the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre to meet rescued orangutans being trained to survive again in the wild. Return to the lodge for lunch before a visit to the Rainforest Discovery Center where you'll learn about the rainforest ecosystem as you search for wildlife along jungle trails and canopy walkways. Return to the lodge for dinner and relax or explore the grounds.

Activity: Wildlife watching, easy forest walks

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

CRUISE UP THE KINABATANGAN RIVER

After breakfast at the lodge, visit Labuk Bay, a sanctuary for the proboscis monkey. Watch for silvered leaf monkeys, otters, slow lorises, and hornbills in addition to the large-nosed monkeys which the refuge protects. After lunch at the lodge, transfer to Sandakan jetty and board speedboats to cruise up the Kinabatangan River, home to Borneo's highest concentration of fauna; look for orangutans, pygmy elephants, hornbills, and proboscis monkeys. After settling into your riverfront lodge, take an afternoon wildlife-watching river cruise. End the evening taking in an educational slideshow with a resident naturalist.

Activity: Wildlife-watching walk, river cruise

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

TAKE RIVER SAFARI CRUISES & HELP RESTORATION EFFORTS

Rise and shine for an early morning cruise to Kelenanap oxbow lake where you can view more birds and wildlife. Next, tour a local forest restoration project site and participate in tree planting while learning about the community's restoration efforts. Enjoy some traditional batik crafts at the lodge before heading out for walk along a jungle boardwalk and an afternoon cruise to check off your wildlife sightings. At dusk, get back out on the river to discover which creatures are active at this time of day.

Activity: Wildlife-watching, river cruises, batik crafts, tree planting

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

FLY TO KOTA KINABALU

After breakfast, soak in the sights and sounds of the jungle as you depart for a speedboat cruise along the Kinabatangan River back to Sandakan Jetty. You'll be met and transferred to the airport for your flight to Kota Kinabalu. You'll be met and transferred to your hotel for a late lunch. Head out with a local guide to find scenic viewpoints and the "floating mosque". After dinner you have the option to visit a night market packed with bustling stalls selling everything from food to handicrafts.

Activity: Guided city tour

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

JOURNEY TO A TRIBAL VILLAGE

Depart for Orou Sapulot, a community-based eco-tourism project at the jungle home of the Murut people. Discover the virtually unexplored Pungiton Cave, with an underground stream and beautiful limestone stalactite and stalagmite formations..

Activity: 2-hour cave walk, waterfall walk/swim

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

EXPLORE OROU SAPULOT

Wake up and enjoy breakfast at your guesthouse in Orou Sapulot. Today you and your family will get to work together with villagers at Kampung Naunduk Sapulot on a community project to help repair the water supply (community project work may change due to the needs of the village). It is a great way to learn about village life and the challenges faced by the community. In the late afternoon, return to the guesthouse for lunch and rest. After lunch, take a stroll at a nearby farm where you will be able to see various crops and learn more about the integrated farming concept and activities.

Activity: Community project, farm stroll

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8

ENJOY A GAYA ISLAND BEACH DAY AND DATE NIGHT

This morning, journey to beautiful Gaya Island via Kota Kinabalu. Spend the afternoon seaside, snorkeling, kayaking, or going for a jungle walk. Come evening, resort staff take the kids for fun activities while the parents have a romantic seaside dinner on their own!

Activity: Water activities or jungle walk

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 9

DISCOVER GAYA ISLAND

Relish an entire day on the remarkably biodiverse Gaya Island, a natural conservation area rife with jungle and marine life. Spend hours at your leisure, relaxing at the beach, lounging at the resort, or exploring the island. Tonight celebrate your memorable Borneo adventure with a group farewell dinner.

Activity: Water activities or jungle walk

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 10

DEPART FROM KOTA KINABALU

After breakfast and a relaxing morning on Gaya Island, say goodbye to the group and depart to the Kota Kinabalu airport for your flight back home.

Meals: B

Dates

Dec 20 - 28, 2023

Jun 11 - 20, 2024

Jul 11 - 20, 2024

Dec 11 - 20, 2024

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Inclusions & Exclusions

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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