



Borneo Rainforests & Villages Wildlife Safari

Amazing Ecosystems & Comfortable Eco-Lodges

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with **Mountain Travel Sobek**

Unrivaled Expertise

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

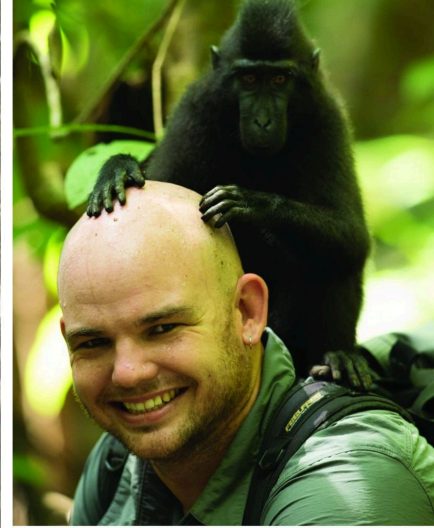
Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

This trip uniquely combines wildlife viewing with an island visit for snorkeling, beach time and the Bajau Laut!

REASON 2

With expert guides leading the way, you'll enjoy the fun of a Kinabatangan River cruise and spot orangutans in the Danum Valley.

REASON 3

The day's pace is perfect, enjoying nature at dawn and dusk — its most active hours — with plenty of time to swim or rest in between.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Rainforest wildlife walks, waterfall hikes, swimming, snorkeling, river cruising, and cultural touring — plus incredible orangutan-watching opportunities.



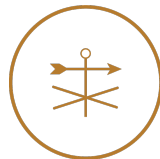
LODGING

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



CLIMATE

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



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.



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The island of Borneo offers an amazing range of ecosystems, from lush rainforests to pristine beaches, and is home to a magnificent display of rare and endangered wildlife. As you journey through Borneo on this unprecedented adventure, encounter orangutans, pygmy elephants, langurs, countless bird species, and more—and learn about their conservation efforts from your expert guides. Overnight in remote and luxurious eco-lodges, visit the Bajau Laut community, and take canopy walks through untouched Danum Valley. If you crave something new, head to Borneo!

11 Days

Start: Sandakan, Malaysian Borneo

End: Kota Kinabalu, Malaysian Borneo

Departing: June, July, August, September

Activities: Safari & Wildlife

Lodging: Comfortable Hotels, Luxury Hotels

Group Size: 4-14 Guests

ACTIVITY:



Check [mtsobek.com](https://www.mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

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"I recommend travelling with MT Sobek and I absolutely will again. The guides were amazing, the accommodations were great and all the details were handled. Thank you!"

- Taunya H.

The Itinerary

DAY
01

Arrive in Borneo

Welcome to Sandakan, a bustling city in the Malaysian state of Sabah on the island of Borneo! The island is divided into three countries — Malaysia, Brunei, and Indonesia — but your visit will focus on Sabah in Malaysian Borneo. Meet an MT Sobek representative at the airport and then transfer to the Sepilok Nature Resort, where you receive a brief orientation and a welcome dinner in the evening.

MEALS: Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 30-minute private van transfer

DAY
02

Visit the Sepilok Forest Reserve

Today begin by visiting the Sun Bear Center for a private tour with the project coordinator. Next head to the amazing facilities at Sepilok Forest Reserve and watch the morning feeding at the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center. After enjoying lunch back at the lodge, visit the Rainforest Discovery Center and learn about the rainforest ecosystem as you search for wildlife. Return to the lodge this evening for dinner and some relaxation.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

DAY
03

Explore the Kinabatangan River

Take a boat journey to the Kinabatangan Wetlands Resort, a beautiful eco-resort offering a wide range of jungle activities. At 340 miles long, the Kinabatangan River has Borneo's highest concentration of fauna, enabling you to see some local residents, including orangutans, pygmy elephants, silver leaf langurs, hornbills, and proboscis monkeys. After lunch, take a hike and then head out for a river cruise at dusk — the best way to view the amazing wildlife that comes down to the banks come evening. Later, take a walk in search of more nocturnal wildlife.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour boat journey

DAY
04

Cruise the Kinabatangan River at Dawn & Dusk

Watch the sunrise during an early-morning river safari cruise. Back on land, stop in a local village where you are treated to a home-cooked breakfast and learn about the Orang Sungai's culture. Return to the lodge for lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon away from the hot sun. At dusk, board a riverboat for a cruise to view more nocturnal wildlife while they are feeding.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2-3 hours river cruising in morning & 2-hours cruising in afternoon



Journey to the Beautiful Danum Valley

En route to the Danum Valley today, stop to explore Gomantong Caves, the region's largest limestone outcropping and home to serpent eagles, kingfishers, and Asian fairy bluebirds. Take a short trek to the giant cave opening, where millions of bats and swiftlets roost, and spot orangutans and red leaf langurs in the surrounding area. Continue to the five-star lodge in Danum Valley, a protected swath of rainforest where 320 different species of trees are found in just two acres! This evening, head out for a night safari in search of hunting mammals in the open areas along the roads.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 5-hour boat and vehicle transfer



Walk Under the Rainforest Canopy

Rise and shine! Wake up early this morning for a canopy walk before breakfast. For the remainder of the morning, explore the forest, looking for birds and primates from the many trails and canopy walks that radiate from the lodge. Around noon, join your guide for a spectacular hike to a nearby waterfall, where you can take a refreshing dip in the rock pools. After dinner, take a night hike, exploring the forest and its nocturnal residents.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 3-5 miles walking with 500' elevation gain



Spot Wildlife & Swim in the Danum River

Enjoy another relaxing day exploring this amazing forest and searching for orangutans, gibbons, and possibly a herd of elephants. Your trip leader guides you on walks through the forest and takes you for a refreshing swim in the Danum River.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Journey from Danum Valley to Matakong Island

After breakfast, depart Danum Valley early in the morning to Semporna Jetty for your island retreat to Matakong Island known for its sandy beach and coral reef. Check into the resort and enjoy lunch before spending the rest of the day relaxing or snorkeling.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 4-hour private van transfer & 1-hour boat transfer



Hike Bohey Dulang

Cruise to Bohey Dulang Island and take a brief but challenging hike up its peak, enjoying the tropical flora and perhaps spotting some of the island's bird life. As you reach the top (weather permitting) you'll get a breathtaking view of the bay formed by a volcanic crater. Spend the rest of the day relaxing at the beach or snorkeling.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Fly to Kota Kinabalu

Check out of the beautiful resort and depart Matakang Island to board the speedboat back to Semporna. From there, drive to Tawau Airport for your flight to the coastal city of Kota Kinabalu on the South China Sea. Upon arrival, transfer to the Jesselton Hotel, a modern and elegant accommodation reminiscent of the colonial era. The afternoon is free to relax or explore the city. Choose from visiting its vibrant markets, strolling along the boardwalk, or lounging on the beach. Gather with the group tonight for a festive farewell dinner.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour boat transfer & 1-hour vehicle transfer & 1-hour flight transfer



Depart from Borneo

After breakfast, bid farewell to Borneo and transfer to the airport for your homeward-bound flights.

MEALS: Breakfast



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Sepilok Nature Lodge

Sepilok Nature Lodge is a luxurious outpost beside the world-renowned Kabili-Sepilok Forest Reserve. Wild orangutans reside in the backyard of this tranquil property, and the sounds of wildlife serenade guests day and night. Jungle bungalows combine beautiful organic architecture with high-end comforts. Enjoy tremendous service and comfort on the property while a rich wildlife experience lies mere steps away.

Kinabatangan Wetlands Resort

Kinabatangan Wetlands Resort is an organically constructed resort combining modern luxury with a beautiful location, built in the middle of a nature sanctuary. The surrounding wetlands have a tremendously rich ecosystem with a wide range of rare species. Boasting comfortable rooms, modern amenities, and great service, this jungle retreat is a modern pearl in the middle of an ageless forest.

Borneo Rainforest Lodge

Borneo Rainforest Lodge seamlessly combines the indoor with the outdoor, and the wild with the refined. Airy, open-beam common areas make for comfortable meeting places, while beautifully appointed guest rooms have modern amenities, outdoor soaking tubs, and balconies. Canopy walkways connect lodge to rainforest, where you can view an incredible variety of wildlife, such as orangutans, gibbons, and countless birds.



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Mataking Reef Dive Resort

Escape to a pristine private island ringed in white sand and turquoise waters teeming with marine life. Tucked among swaying palm trees, Mataking Reef Resort is an enticing getaway with a spa and gym, turtle hatchery, and peacock sanctuary on site. Rooms, chalets, and villas with private sun decks and thoughtful amenities overlook colorful gardens or the blue ocean. Open-air dining is complemented by spectacular sea views.

Jesselton Hotel

The oldest hotel in Kota Kinabalu, the Jesselton is a colonial gem. Well-appointed guest rooms include WiFi and modern en-suite bathrooms, while elegant decor, excellent service, and a fine restaurant round out the experience. The Jesselton Hotel is conveniently located near most major attractions, with restaurants, shops, and the Sunday market all within walking distance.

Luma Hotel

Located in Sabah's capital city, The Luma Hotel is Kota Kinabalu's first creative design hotel. Each room is nicely designed with modern furnishing and comfortable bedding, creating a cozy environment complimented by the use of natural materials and contours in the hotel's common areas. Unwind at the gym, or indulge in a tasty meal at Jojo Gastrobar, their rooftop dining hall and bar, after a day's adventure!

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: June, July, August, September

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.
Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

June 20-30, 2024

July 31-August 10, 2024

September 12-22, 2024

What's Included

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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