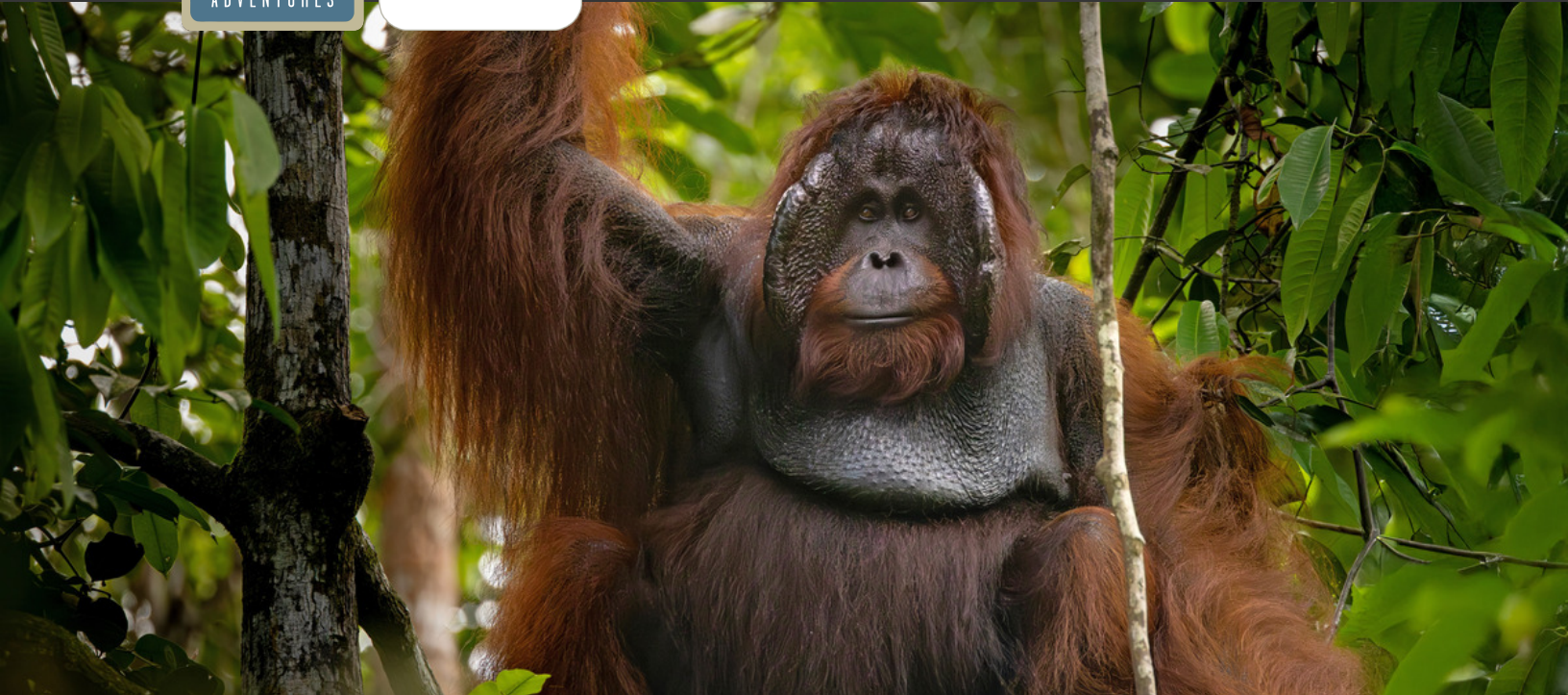




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# The Wilds of Borneo: Orangutans & Beyond

*A Quest in Search of Rare & Threatened Wildlife in the World's Oldest Rainforests*



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## Trip Details:

**Days:**  
12 Days /  
Mar–Nov

**Price:**  
From \$12995  
(+ Air)

**Physical  
Requirements:**  
Moderate

## The Wilds of Borneo: Orangutans & Beyond

### A Quest in Search of Rare & Threatened Wildlife in the World's Oldest Rainforests

Borneo, the world's third-largest island, harbors the tallest and most ancient rainforests on Earth. Sheltered beneath their dense canopies are jungle rivers, waterfalls and a host of wildlife that leaps, darts and crawls in the emerald depths. Endangered orangutans thrive in the lush vegetation, sharing branches and vines with leaf monkeys, wild gibbons, flying lemurs and more than 300 vibrant bird species. Rare proboscis monkeys are at home in coastal mangroves where hornbills and sea eagles soar above. In the forest beneath Mount Kinabalu's prominent peaks, pygmy elephants lumber through the underbrush while monitor lizards sunbathe on the banks of the Kinabatangan River. Wildlife flourishes in Borneo, and we safari in search of it on a matchless tropical nature adventure.

### Trip Highlights

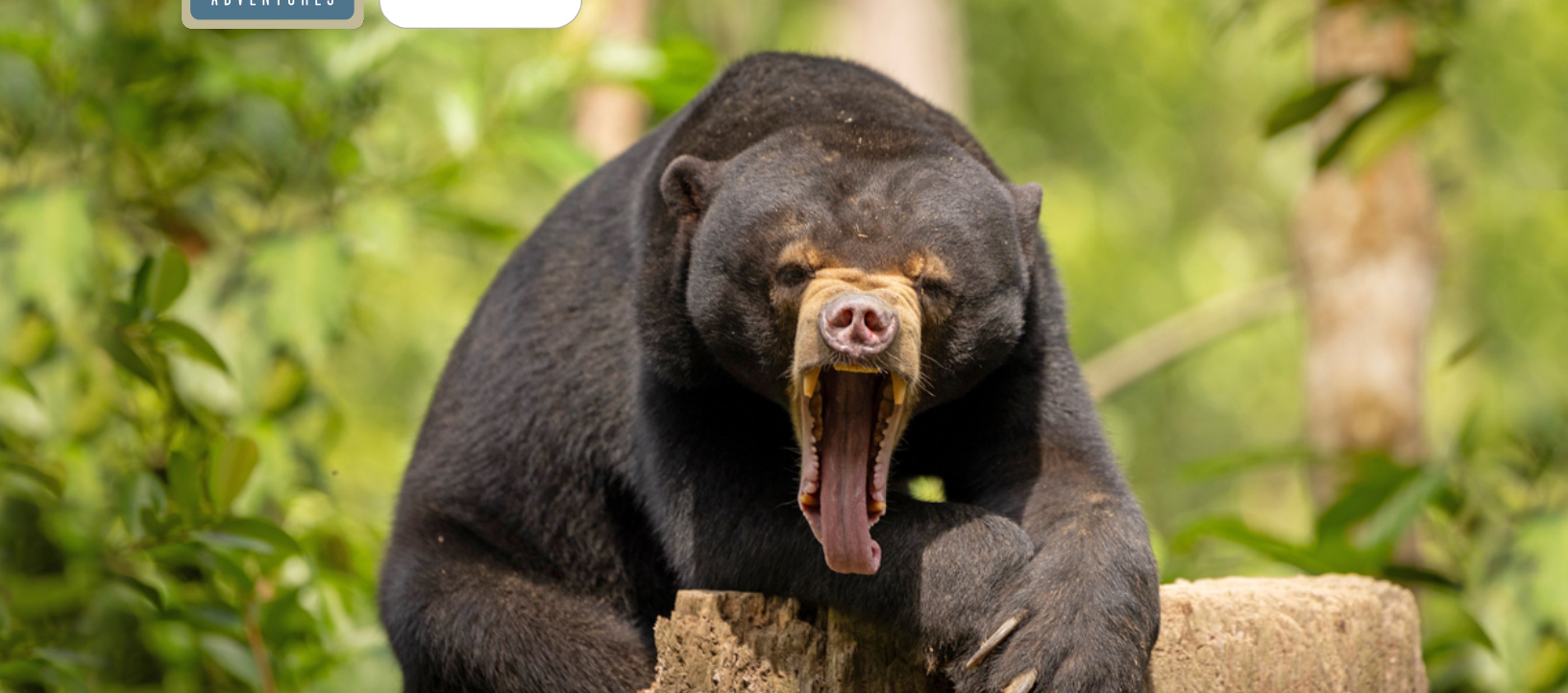
Observe wild orangutans living freely in the rainforest, and learn about crucial efforts to conserve them on visits to two different rehabilitation centers

With a guided look behind the scenes, hear the inspiring success story of how the world's smallest bear was brought back from the brink of extinction

In the biodiverse depths of the Danum Valley, search for proboscis monkeys, gibbons and the slow loris, and scout for pygmy elephants along the Kinabatangan River



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## Itinerary At A Glance

### Day 1

Kuching, Borneo—Semenggoh  
Orangutan Center

### Day 2

Private Boat Cruise to Bako  
National Park

### Day 3

Sandakan / Kabili-Sepilok  
Nature Reserve

### Day 4

Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary /  
Private Tour of Sun Bear  
Conservation Center

### Day 5

Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey  
Sanctuary / Kinabatangan  
Wildlife Sanctuary

### Day 6

Private Kinabatangan Wildlife  
Cruise / Sukau Rainforest

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## Itinerary At A Glance

### Day 7

Sukau—Private Sunrise River Cruise / Gomantong Caves

### Days 8–10

Exploring Virgin Rainforest in the Danum Valley

### Day 11

Danum Valley / Lahad Datu / Kota Kinabalu

### Day 12

Kota Kinabalu / Depart

## Day 1: Kuching, Borneo—Semenggoh Orangutan Center

Our adventure begins in Kuching, the capital of the East Malaysian state of Sarawak and the largest city on the island of Borneo. Kuching is one of the most multicultural cities in Malaysia, melding Chinese, Malay, Indian and Indonesian cultural groups and languages. Transfer to our 5-star hotel in the city center and have lunch, then visit Semenggoh Orangutan Center to observe the afternoon feeding. The center was established in 1975 to care for wild animals found injured or orphaned in the forest, or ones that were previously kept as illegal pets. Since its founding, the center has cared for more than 1,000 animals, and its orangutan rehabilitation mission has been so successful that the surrounding reserve has now reached its carrying capacity. While rehabilitation continues elsewhere, today Semenggoh focuses on the study of orangutan biology and behavior while providing a safe and natural haven for dozens of semi-wild orangutans that are graduates of the rehab program. It is also home to numerous babies, born in the wild to rehabilitated mothers, a further testament to the program's success. This evening, learn more about the adventures to come at a welcome dinner with our Expedition Leader.



## Day 2: Private Boat Cruise to Bako National Park

Embark on a short boat ride this morning to Bako National Park, reachable only by sea on the tip of a peninsula where the Bako and Kuching rivers meet. Millions of years of erosion have carved the sandstone cliffs and rocky headlands into fantastically shaped arches, striated with colored layers formed by iron deposits. White sandy beaches edge the coast below, while inland, the compact reserve abounds with wildlife. Look for proboscis monkeys in the trees, along with long-tailed macaques, silvered leaf monkeys and numerous tropical bird species. A walk along the lush mangrove trails may also reveal smooth-coated otters and Bornean bearded pigs. Though Bako is one of the smallest national parks in Sarawak, its multiple biomes harbor a great diversity of species. We'll explore rainforest, jungle streams and secluded beaches along a network of trails before returning to Kuching.



### **Day 3: Sandakan / Kabili-Sepilok Nature Reserve**

This morning, fly to Sandakan, Sabah. Our destination is the Kabili-Sepilok Forest Reserve, home to endangered orangutans. The 10,000-acre protected area, named for the two main rivers that flow through it, comprises tropical highland forest, sandstone ridges and lowland mangrove swamp. In addition to orangutans, search the forest for gibbons, macaques, mouse deer, wild boar and bright-colored kingfishers. We stay on the very edge of the reserve surrounded by huge trees and lush tropical plants. This afternoon we visit the Rainforest Discovery Center, an environmental education center run by the Sabah Forestry Department, to learn more about our intensely biodiverse environment. Explore the Plant Discovery Garden and get a look at life high in the canopy on an elevated walkway more than a third of a mile long. The area has been declared an Important Bird Area (IBA) and is often the host for the Borneo Bird Festival, which draws birders from around the world. After dark, head into the forest on a guided night walk to hear and see an array of nocturnal creatures.

### **Day 4: Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary / Private Tour of Sun Bear Conservation Center**

Make two visits today to Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center, established in 1964 to protect orphaned baby orangutans and rehabilitate them for return to the wild. We go early for the orangutans' morning feeding, then return for their afternoon feeding. Most orphans were seized from illegal captivity after having been taken from their mothers as infants to be kept as pets. Staff help them learn basic survival skills such as how to find food, build nests and climb trees. The center also aids adults that have sustained injuries or require medical care before being returned to their natural habitat. Since the center was established, more than 100 orangutans have been successfully released. Its mission has grown to include research, conservation education and support for other endangered species. During our visit we'll see orangutans up close, learn about the rehabilitation process, and hike on boardwalks through the rainforest as we watch youngsters swing from vines to feeding areas where they receive their daily fruit and milk. Keep an eye out, too, for long- and pig-tailed macaques leaping through the treetops.

We also visit the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Center. Founded in 2008, the center provides care, rehabilitation and release of orphaned and captive sun bears, and increases awareness about the plight of this little-known bear. We have a private tour of the center—either with founder Wong Siew Te, whom CNN lauded as a Hero of 2017, calling him a “Superman saving the sun bears of Malaysia,” or one of his close conservation colleagues. The Malayan sun bear, found only in Southeast Asia, is the world's smallest bear species. While Borneo remains a stronghold for this vulnerable animal, it is seriously threatened if not extinct in many areas of mainland Asia, where forest destruction and poaching have dramatically reduced its numbers.



### **Day 5: Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary / Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary**

This morning we visit Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary, a coastal mangrove reserve that offers a close-up view of these leaping primates named for their large, fleshy noses—and which are found nowhere outside Borneo. Then depart by boat for the dense mangrove forests of Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary. The Kinabatangan River at the center of the reserve is the longest river in Sabah, providing a lifeline for inhabitants of this vital ecosystem. Our remote jungle lodge along the riverbank is inaccessible by road, offering exceptional privacy and solitude. We set out for a guided nature walk in the surrounding rainforest, then cruise the Kinabatangan River at dusk to view and hear nocturnal creatures such as crocodiles and night birds. There are no villages for miles, and the only human presence is a few local shrimp fishermen on the river, whose catch often provides a fresh dinner at the lodge.

### **Day 6: Private Kinabatangan Wildlife Cruise / Sukau Rainforest**

Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary is home to one of the highest animal concentrations in Southeast Asia. Lush vegetation provides camouflage for many species, but we'll hope to see plenty of the wild residents including the elusive orangutan, proboscis and leaf monkeys, gibbon, macaque, pygmy elephant, wild boar, otter, river crocodile, monitor lizard and a great array of birdlife—rhinoceros hornbill and kingfisher are common sightings. Since palm oil plantations surround the reserve on all sides, it provides especially critical habitat for these species threatened by habitat loss.

After a morning wildlife cruise followed by breakfast, board a boat for a 90-minute cruise up the Kinabatangan River to Sukau Rainforest Lodge, surrounded by some of the very best wildlife viewing in Borneo. As we travel upstream, we notice the vegetation around us changing from swampy mangrove habitat to lowland rainforest. On arrival, we have lunch and check in to our deluxe jungle villas, then cruise the river in search of more wildlife along the banks—the Sukau region offers our best chance to spot pygmy elephants, as we are in the very heart of their range. Plenty of animals live in close vicinity to the lodge, and we often see orangutans, proboscis monkeys, silvered leaf langurs and macaques on the property. We return in time for dinner, then head into the forest on a night walk with our Expedition Leader, in search of nocturnal wildlife.



### **Day 7: Sukau—Private Sunrise River Cruise / Gomantong Caves**

Wake before dawn for coffee and a snack before departing on a private sunrise river outing, as the birds and other rainforest creatures are waking up. Return to the lodge for breakfast, then take a walk with our Expedition Leader on trails around the lodge to search for orangutans, proboscis monkeys, silver leaf langurs, colugos and more. After lunch, depart for Gomantong Caves, which we reach via a short boat ride and drive to arrive at the forest reserve. A resident orangutan population lives near this vast cavern system, and we keep an eye toward the trees in hopes of spotting them. After we explore the main cave chamber, it's time to prepare for Gomantong's most famous phenomenon: the nightly mass bat exodus at dusk. We witness it at eye level from a new boardwalk and viewing platform strategically positioned near the top of the cave. It's an exciting vantage point, as we also get a close-up view on the feeding frenzy by birds of prey picking off bats as they fly out of the cave. Wallace's hawk eagles, bat hawks, and occasionally pied hornbills wait to hunt them in mid-air as hundreds of thousands of bats exit the cave chamber. Return to the lodge for dinner, then take a night cruise in search of nocturnal wildlife along the riverbanks.

### **Days 8–10: Exploring Virgin Rainforest in the Danum Valley**

Rise early to leave the Kinabatangan region, driving on a logging road through the nearest town, Lahad Datu, then on to Borneo Rainforest Lodge within the Danum Valley. Danum Valley Conservation Area is Sabah's largest area of undisturbed lowland forest, with more than 200 species of trees that tower to 160 feet. This spectacular tract of ancient primary rainforest holds exceptional status. Before it received full protection in 1995, there were no human settlements within the area, meaning that hunting, logging and other human activities had not disturbed the habitat.

Danum Valley is one of the planet's most complex ecosystems, containing an astoundingly diverse array of flora and fauna, including clouded leopard, orangutan and proboscis monkeys. Amid dense vegetation, explore on foot via elevated walkways through the canopy and on the network of trails that surrounds our secluded lodge. The extensive system of boardwalks and paths provides varied options based on personal interests and fitness levels, with expert guidance from our Expedition Leader, local guide and lodge naturalists. One morning, we rise early to view sunrise from a watchtower, observing the mist drift across the rainforest canopy during the golden hour. On night drives in open safari vehicles, watch and listen to the rainforest's inhabitants become animated after dusk.

### **Day 11: Danum Valley / Lahad Datu / Kota Kinabalu**

This morning, enjoy an easy nature hike or birdwatching on the canopy walkway before we depart. Here in the treetops we may spy great slaty woodpeckers, black-and-red broadbills and giant pittas among a multitude of species. Then transfer by road to Lahad Datu, where we depart by plane for Kota Kinabalu, capital of Malaysia's Sabah state in the northern part of Borneo. This coastal city, partly surrounded by rainforest, is known for its classic markets, modern boardwalk, beaches and lively waterfront. Our Borneo adventure comes to a close this evening with a farewell dinner.





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**Day 12: Kota Kinabalu / Depart**

Transfer to the airport this morning for homeward flights.



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### Accommodation Details:

- Hilton Kuching
- Sepilok Nature Lodge
- Kinabatangan Wetlands Resort
- Sukau Rainforest Lodge
- Borneo Rainforest Lodge
- Hyatt Centric Kota Kinabalu

For detailed descriptions, visit [nathab.com/asia-adventure-travel/the-natural-wonders-of-borneo/accommodations/](http://nathab.com/asia-adventure-travel/the-natural-wonders-of-borneo/accommodations/)

## The Wilds of Borneo: Orangutans & Beyond Accommodations

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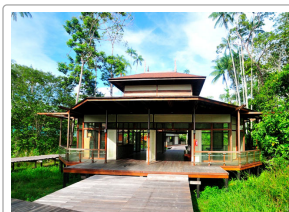
### Hilton Kuching

Set along the Sarawak River, this 5-star hotel features panoramic views, modern room, a riverside pool and diverse dining options including Cantonese cuisine and an award-winning steakhouse.



### Sepilok Nature Lodge

The consummate jungle lodge, Sepilok Nature Lodge's tall wooden bungalows are hidden amid dense tropical vegetation, within easy walking distance of Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary.



### Kinabatangan Wetlands Resort

This remote jungle ecolodge, inaccessible by road, offers an exceptionally secluded location from which to explore the wildlife-rich mangrove and forest wilderness of the Lower Kinabatangan region.



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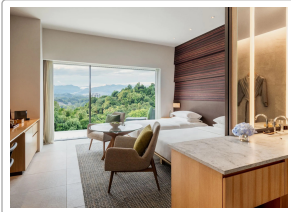
### **Sukau Rainforest Lodge**

Sustainably built on the Kinabatangan River, this deluxe ecolodge is an optimal base for exploring the adjacent wildlife sanctuary, home to orangutans, proboscis monkeys, pygmy elephants and more.



### **Borneo Rainforest Lodge**

Secluded luxury chalets in the remote Danum Valley overlook the last vestiges of Borneo's virgin primary forest, with a central lodge standing on columns of Borneo's famous ironwood.



### **Hyatt Centric Kota Kinabalu**

In the heart of the coastal capital's vibrant waterfront district, this new 5-star design hotel offers luxe amenities and stunning sea views.



## See More of Borneo's Natural Wonders When You Travel With Nat Hab

From watching free-ranging orangutans in their natural rainforest habitat to scouting for pygmy elephants along the Kinabatangan River, you'll experience the most varied and wildlife-centric Borneo itinerary on offer. Our multifaceted journey emphasizes a wide array of species, plus encounters with local cultures.

### 1 More Diverse Wildlife Viewing in Widely Varied Settings

This is a comprehensive nature survey of Borneo, encompassing diverse ecosystems: the jungle sanctuaries of Sepilok, Semenggoh and Kinabatangan, mangroves in Bako National Park, and virgin rainforest in the Danum Valley. In these contrasting locales, we explore from sunrise and don't stop until after nightfall, searching for the endangered orangutan, pygmy elephant, Bornean bearded pig, smooth-coated otter, long- and pig-tailed macaques, monitor lizard, proboscis monkey, rhinoceros hornbill, silvered leaf monkey, numerous tropical bird species, and an array of nocturnal creatures.

### 2 Visit Two Different Orangutan Sanctuaries

A chance to see orangutans is a big reason for coming to Borneo. We maximize your opportunities in two different locations: Sepilok and Semenggoh nature reserves. Semenggoh focuses on the study of orangutan biology and behavior while providing a safe and natural haven for dozens of semi-wild orangutans that are graduates of its original rehabilitation program. We also search for them in the wild along the Kinabatangan River and from our remote ecolodges.

### 3 A Private Guided Tour of the Bornean Sun Bear Center

An inspiring conservation success story, the center provides care, rehabilitation and release of orphaned and captive Malayan sun bears. Its mission is also to increase awareness about the plight of this little-known endangered bear, the world's smallest. We have a private tour of the center either with founder Dr. Wong Siew Te or one of his close conservation colleagues.

### 4 Explore One of the World's Oldest & Tallest Rainforests

The Danum Valley is a special inclusion on our adventure—to truly experience the primeval biodiversity of Borneo's deepest rainforest recesses, the Danum Valley is an essential stop—and not all itineraries include it.

### 5 Watch Bats Emerge from Gomantong Caves

Not included on typical Borneo itineraries, Gomantong Caves beckons exploration, with its resident orangutan troop and nightly mass exodus of bats at dusk, accompanied by the feeding frenzy of birds of prey from eye level as the bats take flight.



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- 6 A Small Group Ensures More Authentic Nature Encounters**

Wildlife encounters happen most meaningfully in an intimate context. Our groups are limited to just 12 travelers, enabling a quiet, low-impact experience.
- 7 Internal Flights Enhance Comfort & More Time with Wildlife**

Rather than subject you to long, winding, often bumpy drives, we use air transfers for comfort and efficiency. Two internal flights get you between destinations faster, giving you more time with nature and wildlife.
- 8 From Riverside to Rainforest, Stay Closer to Borneo's Wildlife**

Our accommodations are selected for their quality, atmosphere and secluded locations, getting you as close as possible to nature in the most comfortable settings. From our eco-resort near an orangutan sanctuary to a remote ecolodge on the Kinabatangan River and our lodge in Danum Valley that overlooks primary growth rainforest, you are immersed in wild Borneo.
- 9 Travel with An Expedition Leader Plus Top Local Guides**

Our Nat Hab Expedition Leaders are seasoned guides and natural history experts. In addition, they receive special training and resources provided by WWF scientists. They are also assisted by Borneo's best local guides during each segment of our trip.
- 10 Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures You'll Have an Outstanding Trip**

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive guarantee, which clearly states that we will meet the high expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company.
- 11 Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey**

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.
- 12 Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner**

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our small-group nature adventures, World Wildlife Fund, the world's leading environmental conservation organization, has named Natural Habitat Adventures its worldwide travel partner—a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!





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## Make It Private with Your Family or Friends

Travel privately, exclusively with your immediate family, multi-generational family or group of friends. And when you choose a private departure, you're assured the most exclusive and authentic Wilds of Borneo adventure on offer. Request your private departure by completing the form below.

Please note that on Borneo Make It Private departures we require a minimum group size of 6 travelers.

Also, please be aware that your per-person cost on a Make It Private trip will vary depending on the number of travelers in your group and may be as much as 10%-30% higher (ship-based trips may be even higher) than our normal trip cost unless you fill the trip.

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This **Make It Private** option is available on nearly every Nat Hab trip for family and friend groups. Call an Adventure Specialist at 800-543-8917 or look for the "Make It Private" icon in the **pricing section** of a trip online at [nathab.com](http://nathab.com) to see prices based on your specific group size.



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### Dates & Pricing Summary:

**Prices:**  
From \$12995  
(+ Air)

**Group Size:**  
Please note that on Make It Private departures we have a minimum group size of half the maximum size of our regularly scheduled departures.

**Physical Requirements:**  
Moderate

## The Wilds of Borneo: Orangutans & Beyond Dates, Pricing & Info

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### 2025 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Mar 18, 2025	Mar 29, 2025	
Apr 8, 2025	Apr 19, 2025	
May 6, 2025	May 17, 2025	
May 20, 2025	May 31, 2025	Habitat Club Pricing Available
Jun 17, 2025	Jun 28, 2025	
Jul 15, 2025	Jul 26, 2025	
Aug 6, 2025	Aug 17, 2025	
Aug 19, 2025	Aug 30, 2025	
Sep 17, 2025	Sep 28, 2025	



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Departure	Return	Notes
Oct 7, 2025	Oct 18, 2025	Habitat Club Pricing Available
Oct 21, 2025	Nov 1, 2025	Habitat Club Pricing Available
Nov 4, 2025	Nov 15, 2025	

### 2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Mar 3, 2026	Mar 14, 2026	
Mar 17, 2026	Mar 28, 2026	
Apr 7, 2026	Apr 18, 2026	
Apr 21, 2026	May 2, 2026	
May 5, 2026	May 16, 2026	
May 23, 2026	Jun 3, 2026	
Jun 23, 2026	Jul 4, 2026	
Jul 21, 2026	Aug 1, 2026	
Aug 4, 2026	Aug 15, 2026	
Aug 22, 2026	Sep 2, 2026	
Sep 22, 2026	Oct 3, 2026	
Oct 13, 2026	Oct 24, 2026	





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## Pricing

### 2023 Prices

➤ **Trip Price**

\$11395 to \$11495 (+internal air)

➤ **Special Photo Tour Price**

\$11995 to \$12295 (+internal air)

**Internal Air Cost:** \$417 per person (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

**Single Occupancy:** For a single room add \$1895.

**Deposit:** \$500 per person

with just you and your select travel companions on our

**Wilds of Borneo: Orangutans & Beyond** or **Wilds of Borneo Photo Departure**.

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars.

### 2024 Prices

➤ **Trip Price**

\$12295 to \$12595 (+internal air)

**Internal Air Cost:** \$524 per person (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

**Single Occupancy:** For a single room add \$1995.

**Deposit:** \$500 per person (nonrefundable)

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Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars.

### 2025 Prices

➤ **Trip Price**

\$12995 to \$13295 (+internal air)

**Internal Air Cost:** \$524 per person (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

**Single Occupancy:** For a single room add \$2095.

**Deposit:** \$500 per person (nonrefundable)

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Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars.

### 2026 Prices

➤ **Trip Price**

\$13995 to \$14295 (+internal air)

**Internal Air Cost:** \$574 per person (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

**Single Occupancy:** For a single room add \$2895.

**Deposit:** \$500 per person (nonrefundable)

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### Included

- ▶ **Trip price includes:** Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s) and local guides, all meals from lunch on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, private boat cruises at Bako National Park and Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.
- ▶ **Internal air cost includes:** All flights within the itinerary (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

### Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, camera fees for lenses 500mm and larger and professional video camera fees paid to the parks, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry and internet, etc.), airline baggage fees, required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

### Physical Requirements

#### *Moderate*

Travelers must be able to tolerate heat and humidity while walking unassisted (without the use of walking aids) for a minimum of two miles over uneven ground at a steady pace, as well as participate in daily active excursions in extremely hot and humid rainforest conditions—the average temperature throughout our season is nearly 90°F and average humidity is approximately 90%. The itinerary involves a number of medium- to longer-length walks (typically 2-3 miles each) over a variety of terrain, including boardwalks and unpaved forest trails that can be rough, muddy, slippery and uneven with roots, with some steep inclines. These walks can be quite taxing in the hot and humid climate and while this is the minimum consecutive distance, you must also be prepared for a daily cumulative total of up to five miles per day over the course of 4-6 hours. Shorter walks are available in some areas in place of more strenuous activities for those who choose. We also travel by vehicle and boat over variable terrain and water conditions that can sometimes be quite bumpy. Those with back problems or other health issues that could be exacerbated by such conditions should take this into consideration. We spend most of our time outdoors and travel days are typically quite long, often starting at sunrise and sometimes concluding with a night walk after dinner, although there is usually time for an afternoon "siesta" between activities. Our itinerary also includes multiple flights, which can be taxing, and internal flights may require travelers to climb up and down several sets of stairs. On custom or private departures with smaller groups, our ability to accommodate varying levels of physical abilities or interests is limited, since these trips are staffed with a single Expedition Leader who may be assisted, pending availability, by local guides.

### Important Information About This Trip

Most of our guests travel to Borneo for encounters with the island's wildlife. While the nature experiences here are indeed remarkable, there is a fundamental difference between a safari in the Bornean jungle and a typical safari in Africa. At times, guests lured to Borneo by tourist brochures



promising “jungle safaris” can be disappointed to see fewer animals than they expected, or at least fewer than they might normally see in Africa. It is not that the surviving jungles are thinly populated with wildlife, but, similar to places like Costa Rica where the forest is thick with vegetation, the creatures have mastered the art of camouflage and deception and can be difficult to spot. At Nat Hab we design our itineraries to capitalize on the best conditions to spot orangutans and other wildlife. But various factors can affect potential sightings, including the occurrence of inclement weather. The secret to a successful Borneo nature adventure lies with the expertise of our Expedition Leaders and local guides, as well as knowing what to expect, and in understanding that the privilege of stepping into a wild and untouched natural realm is a reward in itself.

### **Mandatory Insurance**

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least \$250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

### **Getting There & Getting Home**

Please arrive in Kuching by 8 am on Day 1 in order to meet your group at 10 am for an orientation and lunch, which will be followed by afternoon guided activities. You are free to depart Kota Kinabalu at any time on the final day.

We can best serve you if our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk makes your reservations, as we are intimately familiar with the special requirements of this program and can arrange the most efficient travel. Please call us at 800-543-8917. Note that while we offer you the best possible rates available to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may find special web rates or better fares online.



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