



Family Borneo Wildlife Adventure

BORNEO, MALAYSIA - TRIP CODE FBN

FAMILY

Why book this trip?

An action packed adventure ideal for wildlife enthusiasts. The state of Sabah in Borneo boasts over 200 species of mammal, 450 species of bird and 8,000 plant species. Visit the world's largest Orang-utan Rehabilitation Centre, a Sun Bear sanctuary and cruise jungle waterways in search of proboscis monkey with time to relax on the coast at the end of the trip.

- **Pulau Tiga Island** - Boat trip to this protected tropical island with excellent snorkelling opportunities
- **Kinabatangan** - Stay in a jungle lodge and cruise the river to see proboscis monkeys
- **Longhouse** - Experience rural Borneo. Sleep in a traditional style longhouse with local families
- For active families we offer the trek to summit Mt Kinabalu, planned on 18th July 2021 and 1st August

2021. Due to the demanding nature of this trek these dates are open to children aged 11 and over.

					
INCLUDED MEALS Breakfast: 10 Lunch: 3 Dinner: 5	TRIP STAFF Explore Tour Leader Boat Crew Driver(s) Local Guide(s) Trek Crew	TRANSPORT Bus Boat Ferry Flight	ACCOMMODATION	TRIP PACE: Moderate	GROUP SIZE: 12 - 18

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

Trip information

Country information

Borneo

Climate

Temperatures are high all year round, between 23°C at night to 32°C during the day. Borneo is tropical and only lies a few degrees north of the equator. Rainfall can be expected at any time of year though will be greater between November and January. Seasonal weather patterns can be unpredictable.

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion	Language
+8	3 Pin Flat	Islam, Christian	Malaysian

Malaysia

Climate

Temperatures are uniform throughout the year, with conditions on the coast more humid. Day-time temperatures reach around 31°C and then drop at night to about 23°C. There is no clearly defined wet and dry seasons, though the southwest monsoon (September to November) and the northeast monsoon (November to February) bring rather more rain. On the west coast rain tends to fall mainly in short lived thunderstorms, and the sky clears quite quickly.

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Budgeting and packing

Optional activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations. Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

A selection of optional activities are listed below to help you budget for your Family adventure. Whilst the basic tour price you pay before you travel includes a great selection of highlights, we have also built in free time to allow you the flexibility to choose from a carefully selected range of additional excursions and activities or take time to relax, the choice is yours. At certain destinations along the way there may be several options to choose from and it may not be possible to fit all the activities in; your Explore Leader will be able to give advice on which are the most suitable for your family.

Day 2: Manukan Island

Snorkelling equipment rental - MYR 20 per person

Zip wire between Gaya and Sapi islands - MYR 68 per person plus MYR 45 per person for the return boat transfer to Gaya and Sapi islands.

Day 4: Sepilok

There's a small charge to use the swimming pool at our hotel of around MYR 6 per person

Camera Fees at the orang-utan rehabilitation centre in Sepilok MYR 10 per camera

Day 6: Poring hot springs

Camera Fees at the Poring hot springs MYR 5 per camera

Day 9 and 10: Pulau Tiga

Snorkelling equipment rental - MYR 20 to 30 per person

Clothing

Pack for hot conditions. There is year round humidity in the lowlands but you will also need a warm sweater/fleece and jacket for cool nights in the Highlands, especially November to January. Lightweight rainwear/umbrella is essential all year. Plastic ponchos can be purchased locally. Don't forget your swimming costume.

Footwear

Lightweight walking boots are the best for walking in jungle (though expect them to get wet and muddy), plus sandals or trainers.

Luggage

15Kg

Luggage: On tour

One main piece of baggage and a rucksack for the Kinabalu trek (we recommend at least 30 litres capacity). Please note: pack light. The international carrier will usually allow 44lbs/20kg or more and our preferred domestic airline in Borneo also allows 44lbs/20kg. However some domestic airlines allow a maximum of 33lbs/15kg for your checked in luggage and occasionally we may have to use these airlines so we recommend you stick to that limit to avoid excess charges. Remember you are expected to carry your own luggage so don't overload yourselves. Hard suitcases are not suitable.

Equipment

Bring a torch, a water bottle, insect repellent and a towel. Binoculars are useful for wildlife spotting.
Personal First

Tipping

Explore leader

Tipping isn't compulsory, and we work hard to ensure that our leaders all receive a fair wage. You may however, want to recognise a leader that's done a great job or really added to your trip by giving them a tip. We're often asked about the recommended amount. It's a tricky one, and down to personal preference, but we'd recommend between £15 to £20 per person per week as a guideline.

Local crew

In this region, tipping is a recognised part of life across the service industry. Local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided.

To assist with this your Explore Leader may organise a group tips kitty for included activities and meals, they will then account for kitty use throughout the tour.

For this we suggest £20 per family member.

For all non-included services and meals on your trip please tip independently at your discretion.

Borneo

Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price	Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£3.5	£6	£3	£0.25

Foreign Exchange

Local currency	Recommended Currency For Exchange
Malaysian Ringgit.	It's easy to change British pounds and USD into Ringgit once in Borneo

Where To Exchange	ATM Availability
Most major towns - your Tour Leader will advise you on arrival.	In all major towns.

Credit Card Acceptance
In major restaurants and department stores.

Travellers Cheques
Can be exchanged at international banks in Miri and Kota Kinabalu.

Malaysia

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Lunch price	Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£4	£8	£2	£0.8

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Malaysian Ringgit.	GBP or USD.

Where To Exchange	ATM Availability
Most major towns - your Tour Leader will advise on arrival.	Major towns and cities.

Credit Card Acceptance	Travellers Cheques
In major restaurants.	Major towns and cities.

Transport, Accommodation & Meals

Transport Information

Bus, Boat, Ferry, Flight

Accommodation notes

Our first hotel in Kota Kinabulu is a 103 room four star hotel in the heart of the Kolombong district, just ten minutes from Kota Kinabulu International airport. The hotel features a fitness centre, an outdoor swimming pool and a spa and wellness centre. Free high speed WiFi access is available in all rooms and public areas.

Our base in Sepilok is the Sepilok Jungle Resort, an ideal base to visit the Orang-utan rehabilitation. We use the comfortable superior rooms which are air conditioned, have tea and coffee making facilities and en-suite bathrooms. The resort has a large swimming pool, two cafes and a restaurant in a jungle setting. Next stop is the Kinabatangan River basin. We stay in a lodge with spacious individual chalets, rooms are air conditioned and feature TV's as well as free wi-fi in the public areas. There are many hiking trails from the lodge and fishing rods available at reception.

Heading to Mt Kinabulu national park we spend two nights at the Sabah Tea Plantation, set on a working plantation. Our accommodation features traditional long house, typically a long narrow building normally made of wood and built on stilts. Bedrooms are simple with two or three beds in each room, ceiling fans, mosquito nets and wash basins. There are electric sockets to charge cell phones and cameras. Bathrooms are shared facilities (one between two rooms). The resort has a restaurant with wonderful views across to Mount Kinabalu.

The most basic accommodation is the homestay at Kampung Kiau Village, our homestay is simply furnished, featuring twin and double rooms with shared bathrooms. Hot water may not be available at this location.

Family swimming

Enjoy a dip in the sea at Manukan Island

Essential Information

Government Travel Safety Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Price Guarantee

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

Visa and Passport Information

Borneo: Visas are not required by UK, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian citizens. Malaysia: Visas are not required by UK, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian citizens. All passports must have at least 6 months validity after departure from Malaysia. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

You should confirm all visa related questions with the relevant Embassy prior to departure.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may be able to apply through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See www.travcour.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

Transfers

Find out more about [Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions](#) before you book.

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The complimentary transfers will be arranged from the Explore designated airport or train station to your trips joining point, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. Generally the airport or station that Explore have selected will be the one that is closest to the town or city where the trip starts, or the one nearest to the joining point. It will be either an airport or train station but not both.

The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. Read more about them here.

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

Altitude information

As this tour reaches altitudes of 4,095 meters, we strongly recommend that travellers with heart or lung conditions, anaemia, asthma, high blood pressure or on the pill should seek the advice of their GP.

You must have adequate travel insurance for your trip. Please ensure that your insurance policy covers you to the maximum altitude indicated above. If you have Explore insurance you will be covered to this altitude.

Ability to swim

An ability to swim is essential for your safe enjoyment of the water based activities on this trip. If you wish to participate in these activities then we insist that you are able to swim.

Borneo

Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend protection against malaria, typhoid, tetanus, diphtheria, infectious hepatitis and polio. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis

available against malaria. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

Malaysia

Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend protection against malaria, tetanus, infectious hepatitis, typhoid, diphtheria and polio. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against Malaria. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

Family information



Borneo rainforest

The state of Sabah in Borneo boasts over 200 species of mammal, 450 species of bird and over 8,000 plant species making this an ideal family holiday destination for wildlife enthusiasts. Add in traditional tribes, beautiful beaches, an exhilarating canopy walk through the treetops and the chance to bathe in hot springs as well as down time at the end of the trip on Pulau Tiga and you get an all round action packed family adventure.

Triple rooms: This trip allows the option for triple rooms to be included within the booking on all night stops within the holiday. Please ask our Sales team for further information.

Average Age: As a guide we have identified the actual average age of the children who have travelled on this trip over the the last 5 years, to help you decide whether it's the right one for your family. The average age on this trip is 14 years old.

Minimum age: This trip is suitable for children of all ages from 7 upwards. On certain trips there may be some flexibility to accept children from the age of 5 if travelling with older siblings, please speak to our reservations team for details.

Mt Kinabalu trekking version: For active families that want to trek to the summit of Mt Kinabalu we offer a dedicated trekking version of this trip on 18th July and 1st August 2021. Due to the demanding nature of this trek these dates are open to children aged 11 and over.

Additional Information



Why book this trip

The diversity of life on display on the island of Borneo is breath taking making this an ideal tour for families who are looking for a wildlife adventure. Get close to orang-utans, the gentle giants of the rainforest, visit a sun bear sanctuary and cruise the jungle waterways in search of proboscis monkeys. For those looking for a more active trip we offer selected departures with the option to trek to the summit of Mount Kinabalu.

Reviews



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