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### Borneo's Best: The Land Below the Wind

(7 days/ 6 nights)



Travel to the Northern tip of the island of Borneo and you find a lush green tropical paradise: **Sabah**. If you feel adventurous enough you can climb its sacred mountain Kinabalu - the highest mountain in Southeast Asia. Or explore the coral reefs in the clear waters surrounding Pulau Sipadan - voted one of the best diving spots in the world. One day you might want to drift on the tributaries of Kinabatangan river watching wildlife: birds, elephants and especially the 'Man of the Forest': Orang-Utan. The next day laze on a beautiful white sandy beach and watch the world go by. All this is Sabah - between 5 and 7 degrees north of the equator and therefore below the typhoon belt of East Asia: **The Land Below the Wind**.

#### Day 1: Shanghai - Kota Kinabalu

Flight Shanghai (Pudong) - Kota Kinabalu (via Brunei, HongKong or Kuala Lumpur)

Meet & Greet at the airport and transfer to your hotel Night at 5-Star-City-Hotel, Kota Kinabalu

#### Day 2: Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre

Early start! Pick up from your hotel and transfer to the airport

## Morning flight Kota Kinabalu - Sandakan

Transfer to Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre. Trek ten minutes through the rainforest on wooden plank walks to



witness the feeding of the orang utans at 10.00am. Continue to Sandakan jetty for boat journey to Sukau Rainforest Lodge along Sabah's longest river, Kinabatangan with opportunity to view birds and wildlifes in virgin mangrove, wetland and rainforest habitats. Late afternoon take a river cruise using electric motor in search of some of the 10 primate species including Proboscis monkeys as they settle down on treetops along the Kinabatangan River. Return for solar heated hot shower, candle light dinner and slide show conducted by naturalist guide.

Night at Rainforest Lodge

### Day 3: Kinabatangan River Wildlife Watching

Breakfast

Wake up to the calls of gibbons and hornbills. A 6.00 am morning river cruise up the Kinabatangan River to view more birds and wildlifes. Proceed to the Kelenanap ox-bow lake for a



short jungle walk (if weather permits). Experience the wilderness of Borneo. In the afternoon, we proceed for another river cruise for more wildlife. After dinner an optional (at a surcharge) night safari cruise spotting nocturnal animals, crocodiles and birds. Overnight at Rainforest Lodge.

#### Day 4: Boat Journey to Sandakan

After breakfast, return to Sandakan by boat journey. After lunch, transfer to airport for departure flight

Flight Sandakan — Kota Kinabalu

Night at 5-Star-Beach-Resort, Kota Kinabalu



#### Day 5 - 6: Beach Life

Breakfast

Free days! Enjoy beach and sunshine!

Night at 5-Star-Beach-Resort, Kota Kinabalu



#### Day 7: Kota Kinabalu - Shanghai

Check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport **Flight Kota Kinabalu – Shanghai** (via Brunei, Hong Kong or Kuala Lumpur)

If you decide to travel with The Last Frontiers\* we will be happy to provide an extensive personalised package, including:

- √ Personal briefing
- Tips and hints on travelling in Borneo
- $\sqrt{\phantom{0}}$  Map of the region
- ✓ Addresslist in English



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This itinerary has been created through our personal travel experience in this region. It can easily be modified and combined with any other tour we offer. Sabah offers various opportunities for day trips, hikes, scuba diving, wildlife watching or simply relaxing spots. See some suggestions below.

Our objective is to suit your interests best. Talk to us and we will design the right trip for you.

#### **Summit of Mount Kinabalu**

The local Kadazandusun people believe Mount Kinabalu to be the resting place of the souls of their departed ancestors. The granite massif which rises to 4,095 metres high is the centrepiece of Kinabalu National Park and probably Sabah's main attraction. On your first day you drive 2 hours overland (88)



km) through padi-fields and Dusun villages over the ridges of the Crocker Range to the foothills of Mt. Kinabalu at 1600 metres, to arrive at the park's headquarter at Kundasang. Visit the Visitor Centre and Mountain Garden home to flowering rhododendrons, carnivorous pitcher plants, orchids, ferns, oaks and over 300 species of birds. Despite their abundance many are endemic only to this locality. Take a guided walk on one of the trails in the cool surrounding of the mountain forest. On the second day you transfer to Timpohon Gate at 1,800 meters to start a 4-6 hours trek with a mountain guide to your overnight accommodation Laban Rata (3,353 metres). Beautiful flowers and pitcher plants can be found along the trail. Start ascent at 3 am to reach the summit for the sunrise at 6 am. After lunch at the Headquarter you transfer back to Kota Kinabalu.

At the south-eastern corner of the park in the tropical lowland is Poring Hot Springs. Its water is channeled to bath tubs. After enjoying a relaxing bath you can wander through an orchid garden, a butterfly garden and a 1 km jungle trail leading to canopy suspension bridges 30 metres above the ground.

#### **Turtle Island**

Established in 1977 Pulau Penyu National Park comprises three small islands where turtles are nesting almost every night throughout the year.

From Sandakan you transfer by speedboat to Selingan Island (1 hour). After check into your chalet, you can spend a leisure day exploring the island, swimming and snorkelling. After dinner you proceed in small groups to the beach, where you can watch the Green Marine Turtles lay their eggs. Also, eggs are transplanted to

hatcheries and baby turtles released to the sea.



#### Scenic Steam Train Ride

On this twodays-trip you drive overland to Tambunan crossing the Crocker Range. Visit Rafflesia Centre and



admire the largest flower of the world. Have lunch at Keningau before continuing to Tenom (46km) for your overnight stay. The next day, after breakfast, enjoy the gardens, tropical fruits, beverages and spices of Lagud Sebrang's Agricultural Park. Then board a train to Beaufort via the scenic Padas Gorge past tropical lowland rainforest, rubber plantations and native villages. Return to Kota Kinabalu by coach.



#### Pulau Sipadan - World Best Diving

Acknowledged as one of the best diving and unique spots in Southeast Asia or even in the World, Pulau Sipadan is located off the small coastal town of Semporna on Sabah's eastern coast - only a 45-minute boat ride away. Just 5 meters from the beach, the water turns indigo blue as the sea drops abruptly to almost 1000 meters deep. Myriad of colorful tropical fish swim in the warm water near the surface whereas huge groupers nose about. Moreover, the water gets so dark that one would not really know what lurks below. Professional diving companies operate on the island and offer packages covering everything - for an unforgettable experience.



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Should problems occur during your trip, we are here for you in our office in Shanghai. Just call us and we will try to solve any glitch on your trip as fast as possible.

#### Tour includes:

- + Air tickets
- + Transfers as specified
- + Accommodation as stated (double occupancy) incl. breakfast
- + Private guide and car as stated in the programme
- + Entrance fees during guided tour

#### **Tour excludes:**

- Entrance fees, road and parking fees
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharge
- All meals not mentioned in the itinerary or marked as optional or suggested
- Camera fees (around USD 3/ Person)
- Personal expenses (laundry, telephone calls, drinks, tips...)
- Personal insurances (health, third party, cancellation, luggage...)



#### **Price on request**

For an exact quote we need to know travel dates, names of all travelers as per passport and birth date of children below the age of 12.

#### **Important Remarks**

This proposal has been prepared based on or experience and knowledge Compensation payments do not apply, where performance is prevented by case of your confirmation to go ahead and to book hotels, flights and other services, we will request those from our partners as per itinerary. Should hotels and flights not be available, we will endeavor to book services of similar quality. However, slight changes to our proposal above may be unavoidable.

#### Passports & Visas

When traveling, you must be in possession of valid papers. To avoid any risk, passports shall be valid for min another 6 months on the day of your return to your home. In case, Visas are required, The Last Frontiers\* would be delighted to support you organizing the visas. Please note however, that The Last Frontiers\* can not be held responsible for information on visa or immigration regulations, or in case visas are not obtained or visas are not accepted by local Authorities. In case, you plan to coma back to China, please check, that you are in possession of documentation to be able to reenter China (visa & entry permit).

#### **Payment**

Invoices payable prior to departure or latest one week after Invoice Date. China Trips payable to our accounts in China or Cash RMB. Credit Cards welcome (conditions apply). International services payable in US\$ or Euro to our accounts in Hongkong or Germany. Checques accepted (surcharges apply).

#### **Cancellation**

Cancellation fees apply, if you change or cancel the trip (or parts Copyright of the trip) after your verbal or written confirmation. We will attempt to reduce cancellation fees to a minimum and will calculate cancellation fees according to our actually incurred costs and time spent on your case. In any case, cancellation fees as per Confirmation Sheet apply.

#### Force Majeure

of the current situation locally. No bookings have been made yet. In risk of war or threat of war, riot, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist activity, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, adverse weather conditions, technical problems with transport, closure or congestion of airports or ports, cancellations or changes of schedules by scheduled airlines and similar events beyond The Last Frontiers' control.

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