

7D6N Kinabatangan Voluntourism Package

Day 1: Sandakan – Sukau Ecotourism Research Centre (SERC), Sukau

Upon arrival at Sandakan Airport (*recommended flight to arrive BEFORE 0800HRS*) OR *pick-up from any hotel in Sandakan*, meet and transfer to Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre. We proceed to watch a video show about the plight of the Orangutans and the rehabilitation efforts ongoing at the Centre. Walk ten minutes through the rainforest on wooden boardwalks to witness the feeding of the orangutans at 1000hrs, and then we continue to the newly completed enclosed nursery area for young orangutans. Thereafter visit the Borneo Sun Bear Conservation Centre to learn about conservation of the world's smallest bear.

Note on Camera Use at Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre:

For any camera with zoom lens from 100 to 400mm, video camera or other video recording equipment for personal use are chargeable at RM10.00 per unit. For any camera (fixed-lens - 400mm and above) or any film-making equipment are chargeable at RM1,000.00 per unit. Mode of payment is cash only.

After lunch, transfer to Lepit jetty for 2½ hours overland journey and 5 mins boat ride to Sukau Ecotourism Research Centre (SERC). Take a river cruise in search of wildlife and birds. Stay overnight at **the SERC – ROH room. (L/D)**

Day 2 - 4: Sukau

After breakfast, start your morning with a briefing about your voluntourism program. Thereafter, take on the activities scheduled for the day, beginning from 9am till 5pm. Stay overnight at **SERC – ROH room. (B/L/D)**

Day 5: Sukau

After breakfast, continue with voluntourism activity from 9am till 5pm. After dinner, head out into the wild for night river cruise. Stay overnight at **SERC – ROH room. (B/L/D)**

Day 6: Sukau

After breakfast, continue your morning with voluntourism activity from 9am till 5pm. After dinner, gather for the sharing session and update about the group's progress made with the project. Stay overnight at **SERC – ROH room. (B/L/D)**

Voluntourism Activities:

- **SERC – Develop Trails, River Cleaning, Tree Tagging, Invasive weeds clearing, Jungle Trekking**
- **Rasig – Banana Tree planting, Develop Trails, Jungle Trekking.**
- **SRL – Environmental Education, Customer service English with Borneo Eco Tours staffs**

Note: Changes in the activities will be subjected to weather conditions, community and project requirements.

Day 7: Departure

After breakfast, return to Sandakan by overland journey. Enjoy a quick lunch before we proceed to the airport for the 1430hrs flight to Kota Kinabalu. For those who are taking the evening flight, we'll have time to visit the Rainforest Discovery Centre which has an impressive information center. Take a bird's eye-view of the centre from the canopy walkway and tower before exploring the botanical gardens, home to various species of flora including orchids and agricultural plants. For those interested, we then proceed to the Sandakan Memorial Park which is a memorial built to remember lost POWs during World War 2. Return to the Sandakan airport for your evening flight.

Please ensure that you are holding a morning air ticket to Sandakan on your first day and an evening air ticket from Sandakan to Kota Kinabalu on your final day.

Important Notes:

- *You will be working in a hot and humid environment, while shorts and tank tops are culturally acceptable, often long pants are required for trekking and trail maintenance. When working at or with Borneo Eco Tours and Best Society staffs, shoulders and knees should be covered, and a presentable appearance is required. Long sleeves act as the best protection against mosquitos.*
- *No crop tops or extremely revealing tops or shorts are permitted while volunteering.*
- *Please bring along sun block lotion, drinking water bottle, raincoat, watertight proof bags, walking stick, insect repellent, walking shoes, hat and personal toiletries.*

Facilities:

- Ceiling Fan Room with mosquito net
- Wooden Wardrobe with drawer
- Linens and bedding
- Clean Towels
- Hairdryer
- Shared toilet and Shower
- Common Kitchen
- Hot & Cold Filtered Water Dispenser
- Common area
- Shared Workstation
- Designated laundry area with washing machine

What's Included:

1. Single bed in same gender Twin Room
2. Entrance Fees & Tours as stated
3. Local Home-cooked food (three meals a day)
4. Sandakan Airport transfers
5. Transport to and from your work placement
6. Certification of project completion
7. Full induction and orientation by an experienced staff member on arrival
8. Conservation contribution to the project

What's not included?

1. International and domestic flights
2. Visa costs (where applicable)
3. Travel and medical insurance
4. Any items not stated

We are moving towards a plastic-free environment; so, please join our movement by bringing your own refillable water bottle during your time with us.