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Malaysia

Borneo Orangutan Adventure



Join with other Year 12 & 13 students on this unique primate conservation adventure and tribal experience in the jungles of Borneo, Malaysia

- Visit 2 orangutan rehabilitation centres and 3 national parks in Sarawak, East Malaysia
 - Volunteer behind the scenes at an orangutan rehabilitation centre
 - Experience Dayak tribal life searching for wild orangutans in Batang Ai National Park
- Learn how deforestation and palm oil farming is threatening the orangutan with extinction
- Track the endangered proboscis monkey in the beautiful Bako National Park
- Snorkel in search of green turtles at Tanjung Datu National Park (season depending)
- Join Hindu worshippers at the unique Batu Caves temple complex
- Visit Kuala Lumpur's popular Petaling Street night market



18 days - NZ\$5,950

All Inclusive fully escorted tour. Minimal additional costs.

Includes flights, transfers, insurance, accommodation, meals and listed activities*



*Terms & Conditions apply
Final itinerary, activities
and price subject to change.

ONLY 14 PLACES! Email: info@betterworldadventures.com

NZ\$5,950 What's Included?



Wherever possible, known costs that will be incurred by all participants have been included up-front. Additional costs are minimal, and mostly personal. No surprises, no significant extras!

- 18 day fully escorted tour
- 2 tour leaders, including a teacher from your high school
- Tour leaders available to students 24/7
- Economy-class return airfares to Malaysia ex Auckland
- All airport transfers (including to and from Auckland)
- Malaysian entry (for New Zealand passport holders)
- Comprehensive Travel and Medical Insurance
- All accommodation (single gender, twin or multi-share basis)
- 3 meals per day (excluding weekends when breakfast/lunch will be replaced with brunch)
- Tour tipping (drivers, guides, group waiters)
- Malaysian SIM card with data (for unlocked devices)
- Volunteering at Matang Wildlife Centre, Kubah National Park
- Entry into Semenggoh Wildlife Centre, Kuching
- Traditional longhouse accommodation with Bidayuh Community
- Traditional longhouse accommodation with Iban community, Batang Ai
- Jungle trekking in Batang Ai National Park
- Visit to Bako National Park, including night rainforest walk
- Visit to Telok Serabang Green Turtle Conservation project
- 1 day escorted tour of Kuala Lumpur
- Visiting major attractions including *Merdeka Square, Petronas Towers, Royal Selangor Pewter Centre, Malaysian Batik Centre, Batu Caves*
- Visit to Petaling Street Chinatown night market
- Extensive pre-departure orientation

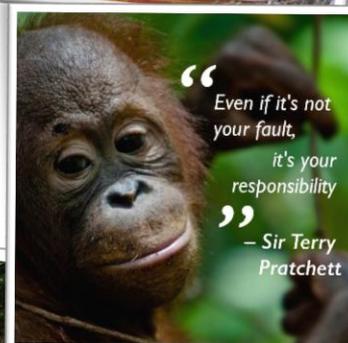
Includes all meals



18 Breakfasts
16 Lunches
17 Dinners



Hostel (8 nights)
Longhouse (8 nts)
Night flight (2 nt)



Exclusions

- Passport fee
- Vaccinations
- Public transport
- Personal spending
- Petronas Towers Skybridge entry



* Suggested itinerary only. Itinerary amendment and activity substitutions may be made at the discretion of the tour organisers. Supplier costs and currency fluctuations prior to departure may increase or decrease the total trip price.

Borneo Orangutan Adventure Itinerary*

By joining Better World Adventures' Borneo Orangutan Adventure, you will learn about the numerous and complex issues facing the environment in fragile rainforest ecosystems, and why work to conserve these areas is so important to the future of our planet.

Borneo is the third-largest island in the world and the largest island in Asia. Its dense tropical rainforest has been one of the largest, most biodiverse and important of the world's "green lungs." Over the past fifty years, Borneo's jungle cover has been drastically reduced, due to illegal timber logging, oil and gas exploration, and agriculture. Palm oil plantations are rapidly encroaching on the last remnants of primary rainforest. This has had dramatic consequences for the rainforest ecosystem, wildlife including the orangutan, and the indigenous tribes living within the rainforest.

Your adventure will take you through the national parks of Sarawak, one of the Malaysian states on Borneo. You will visit two of the world's key orangutan rehabilitation centres including the esteemed Matang Wildlife Centre, where you will be allowed 'behind the scenes' with their expert staff to gain an insight into the complicated issues involved with the conservation of major ecosystems and the wildlife and people within them, in particular, the Bornean orangutan.

You'll then tour spectacular nature reserves including a night-time trek in Bako National Park and a snorkelling tour of the habitat of the endangered Green Sea Turtle at Telok Serabang beach on the edge of Tanjung Datu National Park.

An adventure highlight will be an extended stay in the isolated Batang Ai National Park, the only area of Sarawak that retains a population of wild orangutan. You will spend time with some of Borneo's indigenous people, and discover what it is like to live in remote areas of rainforest without power, phone or internet! Trek through the dense rainforest to try to catch sight of the iconic and gentle ginger giants in their natural habitat – a rare and precious experience! Finally, you'll head to the Semenggoh Nature Reserve to witness semi-wild orangutans that have been released back into their natural habitat, the ultimate goal in any wildlife rehabilitation effort! Learn about tribal life in the rainforest, get the chance to see orangutans in their natural environment, and help to protect these awe-inspiring animals on this amazing voyage of discovery.

Why Save Orangutans?

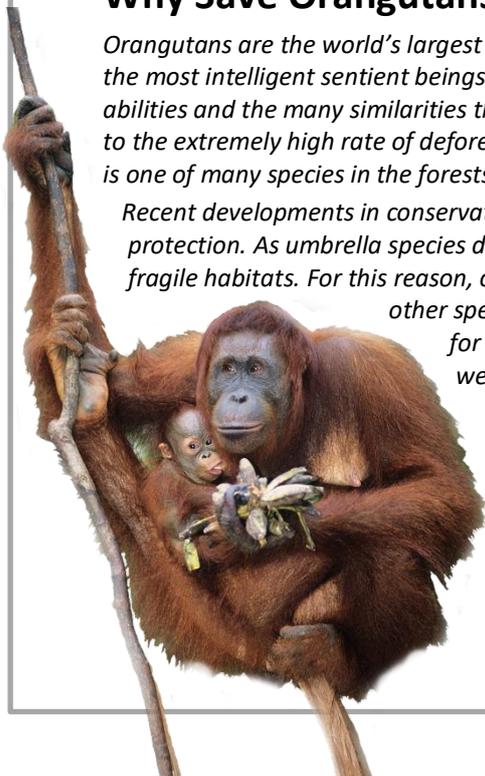
Orangutans are the world's largest arboreal (tree-dwelling) animals, and with the other great apes including humans, are the most intelligent sentient beings to have evolved on land. Apes are of great scientific interest due to their high cognitive abilities and the many similarities they share with humans. Unfortunately, the orangutan's forest habitat is under threat due to the extremely high rate of deforestation. Without forests, orangutans cannot survive in the wild, and Asia's only great ape is one of many species in the forests of Borneo whose populations are at imminent risk of extinction.

Recent developments in conservation have found that orangutans are an "umbrella" species that are integral to ecosystem protection. As umbrella species disappear, so too do thousands of other animals and plant species dependent on the same fragile habitats. For this reason, orangutan conservation actually goes beyond the orangutan species. Since the majority of other species can live sustainably within the large areas of forest needed for the survival of orangutan populations, by saving orangutans, we protect the many other species sharing their habitat.

No Contact Policy

Better World Adventures believe that tours with a stated mission to help endangered animals should do just that.

In line with international best practice, this tour has a strict **No Contact Policy** that includes maintaining distance between humans and wild or rehabilitating animals. If it has always been your dream to hold a baby orangutan, then this may not be the tour for you. Please refer to the Animal Welfare Policy on our website for information on Better World Adventures' ethical considerations around participation in wildlife conservation.



Day 1 - 2: "Selamat Datang" Welcome to East Malaysia

We fly from New Zealand to Kuching in the East Malaysian province of Sarawak, via Kuala Lumpur. Arriving into Kuching we transfer to our guesthouse and meet our guides.

Day 3 - 4: Matang Wildlife Centre

After breakfast you will travel to Matang Wildlife Centre in Kubah National Park which is home to 30 orangutans. Our group will receive an exclusive behind the scenes tour from the team who run the busy rehabilitation centre. Over the next two and a half days you will work alongside the staff assisting with animal husbandry, feeding, cleaning the wildlife cages and enclosures, and preparing animal enrichment food items that help to promote natural behaviours, dexterity and problem solving by orangutans prior to being released back into the wild.

Day 5-6: Bako National Park

In the afternoon we head to Bako National Park by boat, before having an incredible jungle night walk where there are opportunities to see some of Borneo's fascinating nocturnal species. Bako is Sarawak's longest established national park and with its beautiful rainforest, and abundant wildlife, streams and waterfalls, the park offers an excellent introduction to the rainforests of coastal Borneo. You will spend the second morning trekking in the rainforest in search of the famous proboscis monkey. In the evening you will transfer to the Malay coastal community of Telok Serabang.

Day 7-8: Turtles at Telok Serabang

(Weather permitting) You will spend two days at Telok Serabang, where you will have opportunities to snorkel with green turtles in their natural habitat, and ensure their natural habitat is safe by assisting with beach clean-ups. Part of each day you will be volunteering in the local community school. You will also participate in night-time turtle patrols, get sweaty on jungle treks to see gibbons and flying lemurs, and will learn to make traditional jewellery with artisans in the Malay community.

Day 9: Bidayuh Tribal Longhouse, Padawan

Our group is invited to spend time with a Bidayuh community, one of the indigenous Dayak groups from Sarawak. Your accommodation will be in a traditional bamboo longhouse, with shared bedrooms and amenities. You'll get to learn about the culture of the Bidayuh tribe, utilising bamboo in more ways than you knew were possible. You may even see sacred human skulls in their longhouse, kept from their long-past head-hunting days. Don't be surprised if you are encouraged to take part in cultural dancing during the evening!

Day 10-13: Borneo Jungle Experience

We head off-the-grid deep in the rainforests of the Batang Ai National Park, completely cut off from the trappings of technology and Western consumerism. Electricity is provided by generator just 3 hours per day. There is no other power, no telephone signal, no internet, and no hot showers. It's just you and the jungle. As well as searching for wild orangutans high up in the trees, there are lots of activities to get involved in including interacting with the local Iban tribespeople, learning traditional handicrafts, cooking, fishing, and swimming in jungle rivers. The financial benefits from eco-tourism provide the indigenous forest dwelling people with a source of income and makes them less dependent on illegal agriculture, hardwood logging, or wild animal trafficking, so your visit is an essential part of the ongoing conservation of wild orangutan in jungle areas.

Day 14: Semenggoh Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre

Today we return to the city of Kuching, spending time at the Semenggoh Rehabilitation Centre which was established in 1975 to care for wild animals that have been found injured in the forest, orphaned, or were previously kept as illegal pets. During its decades of operation, Semenggoh's role has changed and it is now a haven for semi-wild, rehabilitated orangutans who have been released into the wild but return to the Centre's food platforms to eat.

Day 15-17: Kuala Lumpur, Peninsula Malaysia

We fly to the Malaysian capital city of Kuala Lumpur. "K.L." is one of Asia's supercities, and we will spend a day exploring it before returning to New Zealand. Highlights will include visiting the Petronas Towers in the central city, exploring the fascinating Hindu shrines deep inside the Batu Caves, and shopping for souvenirs at the famous Petaling Street Chinatown night market.



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