



Borneo with Travel Beans Tours



# Our Travel Style

Our global network of local experts deliver the types of experiences that can't be Googled. Immersive trips that enable you to explore authentic local culture in a sustainable, experience-rich way. We love the highlights, but the real magic for us happens well away from a beaten path, the real life experiences you won't find in a search engine.

## Original: the classic Intrepid experience

These are the trips we built our reputation on! They're the perfect choice for those after a great mix of included activities and insights from a local leader or guide, as well as free time to explore a destination on their own. Original trips use centrally located, locally run accommodation and include some meals.



### Accommodation

Local guesthouses and homestay experiences are featured on many itineraries and you may even camp from time to time. Expect 3-star accommodation on average.



### Transport

Uses a mixture of private and local transport like tuk-tuks, camels, private safari vehicles, buses, trains, canoes – whatever is the best and most sustainable way to get around.



### Inclusions

With a balance between free time and included activities, your experienced local leader or guide will help you discover things you won't find on your own. There are some meals included, but the rest are up to you!

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## 9 days / 8 nights

## About Your Trip

### Start Location

Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia

### Finish Location

Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia

### Accommodation

Hotel (4 nights)

Longhouse (1 night)

Jungle Camp (2 nights)

Chalet x 1 night

### Rooming Requirements

Twin share/Double/Single

### Included Meals

Breakfast (8)

Lunch (5)

Dinner (8)

### Transport

Air-conditioned vehicle transfers throughout, bus and plane

### Leader/Guide

1 English speaking leader throughout

### Included Activities

Refer to day by day itinerary below.

### Entrance/Admission Fees

Where applicable with included activities

### Airport Transfers

Arrival and departure transfers are not included

### Exclusions

- International Flights
- Any visas required
- Services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Late check out at hotels
- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Drinks with included lunches and dinners
- Tips for leaders, guide and driver
- Expenditure of personal nature
- Personal Insurance
- Optional activities

We offset these emissions on your behalf. But we know that is not enough, so we also have a [carbon reduction target](#).

## Safe and responsible travel, always.

As you look to get back on the road, we continue to ensure our trips are safe for everyone. That includes our travellers, our leaders and crew and the people we visit along the way. Our health and safety policies follow recommendations from the World Health Organization and the World Travel & Tourism Council's (WTTC) Safe Travel protocols for tour operators. Before we resume trips in any destination, our itineraries undergo a comprehensive risk assessment and audit, while leaders and suppliers will complete COVID-19 health and safety training. We have also introduced specific policies around testing and vaccination for your safety.



### Who we are

For over 30 years we've been taking travellers around the globe, on small group tours with like-minded Intrepid people. Our extensive COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines ensure your wellbeing is looked after during your travels.



### Safe travels

We're with you every step of the way through our value chain - from our suppliers, to our on ground operations and leaders.



### Certified B Corp

When we became certified as the world's largest travel B Corp in 2018, it was not only our official pledge to be a responsible business, but also a promise to be the best travel company for the world.

## About your Tour Leader

### Tour leader

On this trip you will be accompanied by one of our tour leaders. The aim of the tour leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible.

Your leader will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the places visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We aim to support local guides who have specialised knowledge of the regions we visit. If you were interested in delving deeper into the local culture at a specific site or location then your leader can recommend a local guide service in most of the main destinations of your trip.

# Borneo with Travel Beans Tours Itinerary

## Day 1 / Monday, 8th of September 2025

### Kota Kinabalu

**Meals Included:** Welcoming Dinner

Selamat datang! Welcome to Malaysia. Kota Kinabalu, the capital of Sabah, is an intriguing city located between the Borneo jungle and the South China Sea. Having survived WWII bombings, KK (as it's commonly known) has a charm unique to the frontier town. Your adventure begins with a welcome meeting at 5 pm at your hotel. Here you will meet your leader and fellow travellers. Following the meeting, later head out to the waterfront market. Here you'll find smoky stalls serving up grilled meat and fish and heaps of local delicacies. If you arrive with significant time before the welcome meeting, you can immerse yourself in history at the Sabah State Museum or explore the islands off Kota Kinabalu which are excellent for swimming or snorkelling.

### Special information

It's very important that you attend the welcome meeting as we will be collecting insurance details and next of kin information. If you are going to be late please let your travel agent or hotel reception know. Ask reception or look for a note in the lobby for more information on where the meeting will take place.

### Arrival Transfer

Not Included

### Add on activities

Kota Kinabalu - Sabah Museum entrance fee - MYR15

Kota Kinabalu - Mari Mari Cultural Village (Entrance) - MYR130

### Accommodation

Dreamtel Hotel

## Day 2 / Tuesday, 9th of September 2025

### Poring Hot spring

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Head to the Poring Hot Springs to enjoy a scenic canopy walk and relaxing swim in the springs themselves, which the kids will love. The entrance to the hot pools themselves is optional as there are a few pools to choose from. You get to choose on the day whether you'd prefer the hotter pools or the cooler pools. Tonight you will spend the night in a reconstructed longhouse on the tea plantation. Rooms are twin/triple-share and have fans and shared bathrooms.

### Special information

Due to maintenance the slide pool at Poring Hot Springs will be closed on Mondays

### Included Activities

Poring Hot Springs - Canopy Walk

Poring Hot Springs - Conservation Fee

### Accommodation

Sabah Tea Garden (Longhouse – Non-A/C)

### **Day 3 / Wednesday, 10th of September 2025**

#### **Kinabatangan River**

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

This morning we visit a Sabah Tea Factory and learn the process of tea leaves before saying goodbye to the mountain and heading into the jungle. Travel by private bus to Batu Puteh, a small village on the banks of the Kinabatangan River (approximately 5 hours). Your hosts for the night are the local community-run conservation organization KOPEL whose aim is to provide villagers with the means of making a sustainable living from the forest. KOPEL are responsible for a reforestation project in which the community are actively involved in growing seedlings and replanting back degraded forested areas. Arrive in the afternoon meet your hosts and learn a little more about KOPELs work, before jumping in a boat and heading upriver to your accommodation in the jungle (approximately 30 minutes). This afternoon, you'll head out on a sunset cruise up the river in search of wildlife, including macaques, wild orangutan and proboscis monkeys. Be prepared for an adventure! Return to your jungle camp by an oxbow lake, freshen up for dinner and afterwards, let the cicadas sing you to sleep.

#### **Special information**

For some departures throughout the year we will only spend 1 night in the Eco Camp and 1 night in the Village in accommodation with attached bathrooms due to availability. You'll pack an overnight bag for the jungle camp and leave your main luggage at the KOPEL office. Stay in the jungle in a simple hut with basic facilities, including mosquito nets and cold bathing. You'll be in deep jungle, so as not to disturb the wildlife, there is solar power electricity at the camp. A torch, insect repellent and rain jacket are essential for tonight. Boots and leech socks are available for rent for the jungle night walk.

#### **Included Activities**

Kinabatangan River - Afternoon Wildlife Cruise

Sabah Tea Plantation - Tea factory tour

#### **Accommodation**

Kinabatangan Eco Camp

### **Day 4 / Thursday, 11th of September 2025**

#### **Kinabatangan River**

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wake up to the sounds of the jungle ready for a busy day. After breakfast you'll head upriver to the village where you take a walk around the village to learn more about the life of the local people. For lunch, it's all hands-on deck as you partake in a fun traditional cooking class, eating the fruits of your labour for lunch! The afternoon is free to relax, enjoy some boardgames or keep spotting wildlife, before heading back on the boat for another trip on the river. After dinner tonight, you'll don headtorches and head out into the jungle for a night walk in search of insects and nocturnal animals. See what happens to the jungle at night, and what creatures come out to play!

#### **Included Activities**

Kinabatangan - Night jungle walk

Kinabatangan - Cooking class

Kinabatangan River - Afternoon Wildlife Cruise

Kinabatangan - Cultural Performance

#### **Add on activities**

Kinabatangan - Tree Planting - MYR30

#### **Accommodation**

Kinabatangan Eco Camp

## **Day 5 / Friday, 12th of September 2025**

### **Sandakan**

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Dinner

Say goodbye to your Eco Camp and take a drive to Sandakan. On arrival, you will notice the strong Cantonese influence, seen in the lively harborside market, the many Chinese temples and the local cuisine. Here there is free time to catch up on your essentials, like laundry and banking, as well as to explore the city. Otherwise, just spend some time relaxing by the pool! Later in the evening you will go to a local seafood restaurant for dinner.

### **Accommodation**

Sabah Hotel

## **Day 6 / Saturday, 13th of September 2025**

### **Sandakan/Sepilok**

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today is an exciting day – here come the orangutans! It's a 45-minute drive by minibus to the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre. The centre was set up to help re-introduce these wonderful creatures back into the wild after a life of domestication or having been orphaned. From the viewing platform, you can see these charming creatures as they swing into view and eat a supplementary balanced diet of fruit, vegetables or milk, laid out for them twice a day. Human contact must be kept to a minimum and it's essential that you follow the instructions of the park, as directed by your leader, but you are free to snap plenty of photographs. You will also have the privilege of viewing a nursery where you can view young orangutans as they learn how to climb on a specially constructed jungle gym. The viewing area is behind one-way glass so as not to disturb the animals. We'll also walk to newly opened Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Center. Here rescued sun bears that have spent many years being mistreated and locked away in cages are cared for, with hopes of rehabilitation and reintroduction into the wild. Heading back to Sandakan you will have the afternoon free.

### **Included Activities**

Sepilok - Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre

Sepilok - Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre

### **Accommodation**

Sabah Hotel

## **Day 7 / Sunday, 14th of September 2025**

### **Turtle Island**

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Leave your large bags at the hotel and transfer to a nearby jetty, then board a speedboat bound for Turtle Island. Travel past small fishing villages and bamboo fish traps, arriving at Turtle Island Marine Park after about an hour. The rest of the day is free for you to soak up the island life. Relax on the beach and take a swim or perhaps hire some snorkelling gear and investigate the underwater world. Under the cover of darkness, watch as giant green turtles coming ashore to lay their eggs under the moonlight. Witness the island researchers release protected hatchlings and guide them in their frantic dash to the ocean. It's a moving experience that is bound to be rewarding for you and your family, but please be aware that this is a very delicate environment and you must follow instructions from your leader and the local rangers to ensure minimal impact on the turtles. Spend the night on this beautiful island – even though the accommodation is quite basic, this will be a memorable experience.

### **Special information**

The accommodation on Turtle Island is very basic. Additionally, tonight may be a late night as sometimes the nesting turtles don't come to the beach until after 10 pm. You will wait together in the dining hall until your group is called by the rangers. We recommend bringing games, cards, art supplies, or other items to keep entertained.

Artificial light can disrupt the natural behaviour of female turtles and their young hatchlings. To avoid disturbing the turtles, we encourage you to bring red-light headlamps to witness the full experience. November – February is monsoon season in Borneo, and the journey to Turtle Island can get rough. On rare occasions, we may need to alter your itinerary if the boat journey becomes too dangerous or is cancelled.

**Included Activities**

Turtle Island - Turtle Night Nesting viewing

**Add on activities**

Turtle Island - Turtle Nest Adoption Program - MYR150

**Accommodation**

CQ Chalet

**Day 8 / Monday, 15th of September 2025**

**Kota Kinabalu**

**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Dinner

Today you will transfer back to the mainland. Once back in Sandakan the group will have the opportunity to visit the War Memorial before heading to the airport and for your flight back to Kota Kinabalu (approximately 1 hour). Keep in mind that the luggage allowance for this flight is only 15 kg, and any excess baggage may incur a further charge. Back at your hotel in Kota Kinabalu you will have time to relax before heading out for a last night dinner.

**Included Activities**

Sandakan - War Memorial

**Accommodation**

Dreamtel Hotel

**Day 9 / Tuesday, 16th of September 2025**

**Kota Kinabalu**

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

With no activities planned for today, you are free to depart the accommodation at any time following check-out.

**Departure Transfer**

Not Included



# Important Information

- There's a wide range of accommodation on this trip, from hotels and guesthouses to jungle camps. Some may be a little more basic than your standard Intrepid hotel, but their unique location and close proximity to wildlife is what makes them special.
- There are a few days that we cover long distances with some travelling times of 4–5 hours. A little bit of patience will go a long way towards your enjoyment of this beautiful land!
- Travelling light is essential, as there is a strict 15 kg maximum luggage limit due to the internal flight. Excess luggage will incur extra fees.
- Borneo is a tropical country so rain can be expected at any time. The wet period in Borneo runs from November to February. Temperatures remain fairly constant year round with averages of 27-32°C/80-89°F and relative humidity of around 80%. Consider bringing a portable small neck fan with you to keep you and your family cool.  
November to February is monsoon season for Selingan (Turtle Island) so if travelling during this time you should expect big waves and choppy seas. In cases of extreme weather, the trip to Selingan may be cancelled and alternative arrangements made.
- Many hotels outside of the big cities of Kota Kinabalu and Sandakan have been built so travellers can enjoy the countryside, forest/mountain views, where people can wake up to nature sounds not cars. Many of the hotels we use are in such locations and can be quite remote. So access to restaurants are limited.
- Borneo's food is known for being fairly mild, with high reliance on fresh fruit and vegetables. The cuisine is a mix of Thai, Malay and Indian. Cuisine staples include grilled fish, barbecued prawns, fried rice, noodles, and local vegetables seasoned with garlic, ginger, and rich sauces. Fish and chicken based soups with noodles cooked in a hot clay pot are very traditional.
- We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest information on travelling in Eastern Sabah before your departure and ensure that your travel insurance covers you for all areas of your itinerary. Further information can be found in our "Safety" section of the Essential Trip Information. You can find links to prominent government travel advisories our Travel Alerts page <https://www.intrepidtravel.com/au/travel-alerts>

# Package Price

All costs are per person in USD based on indicated number of passengers travelling together as one movement. No arrangements are being held at this point and the costing is subject to availability at time of booking. In order to proceed, a deposit of USD400 is required and the remaining balance will need to be supplied at 56 days prior to departure.

Pricing <u>per person</u> (twin share basis)	Price	People	Subtotal (USD)
Borneo with Travel Beans Tours Based on a group of up to 17 travelling together	\$2,750.00	1	\$2,750.00

Additional Services	Product Qty	Price Per product
Single Supplement Compulsory for all single room requests (unavailable on days 2, 3, 4 and 7)	1	\$140.00

## Payment Options

### Credit Card

Please contact the office to make a credit card payment.

### Direct Deposit in to our bank account

Bank: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Bank Address: 420 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94104 USA

ABA #: 121000248

SWIFT Number: WFBIUS6S

Account Number: 3342741422

Beneficiary Name: Intrepid US, Inc.

## Special Conditions

### Final Balance

- Final balance payment is required 56 days prior to travel.

### Cancellation by the traveller

- Cancellation prior to 56 days; will incur a loss of deposit
- Cancellation 55 days or inside prior to travel will incur 100% cancellation fees
- No shows will be treated as a cancellation and will incur 100% cancellation fees.

### Cancellation by Intrepid

- Cancellation is in line with those detailed in the standard Intrepid booking conditions in clause 8.

# How to Book

If you are happy with the quotation and itinerary please advise your names as per passport and your dates of birth for all travellers. Once we have this information we can send you an invoice. The next step is to pay a per person deposit. This allows us to go off and confirm the arrangements. Please note we require at least 1 week to confirm all tour services. Once the tour has been confirmed final payment will be due no later than 56 days prior to travel. We can only hold arrangements for a group once we have received deposit.

We would love you to travel with us so let us know if there is anything we need to change about this quote or if you have any questions. We will do our best to help!

Thank you,

Intrepid Travel Tailor-Made

# Booking Conditions

By booking this Intrepid Travel Tailor-Made Adventure, you agree to the Intrepid Standard Booking Conditions <https://www.intrepidtravel.com/au/booking-intrepid/booking-conditions> and any deviations specified below that apply to your Tailor-Made booking as set out below.

If you are making a booking on behalf of a group, you must ensure each traveller has read and agrees to our Booking Conditions before making the booking.

- You must provide a travellers' name list and details including name as per passport, passport number and expiration date, nationality, DOB, gender, rooming requirements, dietary requirements, medical concerns at least 60 days prior to departure of the trip.
- All rates are per person, based on indicated numbers travelling together as one movement. Any changes to the group size at any time before or after confirmation of services will require the trip to be repriced.
- The details set out in your proposal are a quotation only. The pricing and itinerary are subject to availability of accommodation, transport, leaders, and other suppliers at time of booking. We reserve the right to amend and requote itinerary if such suppliers are not available.
- By making your payment, you are agreeing to the most recent itinerary and price quote. All revisions will be subject to requote and additional approval.
- A contract will exist when we accept your deposit.
- If we, or a third-party operator, is required to make amendments to your original proposal, subsequent pricing may become applicable to your booking.
- Any changes to the itinerary made by you AFTER services have been confirmed will require a revised quote and may be subject to an additional charge (as levied by hotels, ground operators or airlines). No additional changes are permitted within 30 days prior to departure.
- Hotels listed in the quote are indicative only and are subject to change. If the hotel listed in the quote is unavailable, we will confirm an alternative hotel of similar standard.
- If complimentary transfers are included, (on a group basis) they are only applicable if going to accommodation booked through us. Please advise flight arrival details (flight number and arrival time) at least 30 days prior to departure if you wish to have this transfer provided. There is no guarantee we can arrange this transfer if we receive these details within 30 days of departure.
- Some Tailor-Made tours, such as our Tailor-Made Australia trips, may have cancellation terms that deviate from those set out in the Intrepid Standard Booking Conditions. Your Tailor-Made consultant will advise you of the cancellation conditions that apply to your booking prior to you paying your deposit.
- You acknowledge that you are choosing to travel at a time where you may be exposed to the COVID-19 virus. We will take all reasonable steps to ensure your safety and may require you to follow additional safety protocols before and during your trip. Depending on the most recent health information available to us, we may require you to comply with mandatory health policies, including the need for proof of vaccination or medical tests. More information can be found on our Covid-19 Customer Information page [here](#). Please note that these policy requirements are subject to change following advice from relevant authorities.