

# borneo adventure



## trip highlights

- Summit Mt Kinabalu and witness the sunrise
- Discover orangutans and wildlife in their natural habitat
- Ascend Gunung Api for the limestone pinnacles
- Travel by longboat and explore cave formations
- Learn about the local indigenous communities



<b>Trip Duration</b>	14 days	<b>Trip Code:</b> BOP
<b>Grade</b>	Moderate	
<b>Activities</b>	Trekking, Wildlife Safari, Adventure Touring	
<b>Summary</b>	14 day trip, 5 day trek, 6 nights hotel, 2 nights jungle camp, 5 nights cabin/park lodge	

## welcome to World Expeditions

Thank you for your interest in our Borneo Adventure trip. At World Expeditions we are passionate about our off the beaten track experiences as they provide our travellers with the thrill of coming face to face with untouched cultures as well as wilderness regions of great natural beauty. We are committed to ensuring that our unique itineraries are well researched, affordable and tailored for the enjoyment of small groups or individuals - philosophies that have been at our core since 1975 when we began operating adventure holidays. Our itineraries will give you the very best travel experience, designed by people with incredible local knowledge who share our vision of authentic exchange and real exploration with a responsible tourism approach. Whether you like your adventures to include trekking, touring, cycling, mountaineering, kayaking or cruising World Expeditions can make it happen for you. We hope you will join us for a life changing experience!!

## why travel with World Expeditions?

When planning travel to remote and challenging destinations, many factors need to be considered. Our extra attention to detail and operations on the ground ensure that you will have a memorable experience. Our partners in Borneo continually work with us to review our itineraries to ensure we are taking the 'paths less travelled'. You will be accompanied by local guides whose knowledge and passion for this region will add a unique dimension to your trip. Their experience and enthusiasm ensures that we maintain the leading edge in adventure travel and therefore providing excellent value for money. We take every precaution to ensure smooth logistics, vehicles and equipment are the best available on the market. Most importantly, our adventures have always sought to benefit the local peoples we interact with, safeguard the ecosystems we explore and contribute to the sustainability of travel in the regions we experience. Our group size is small, never exceeding a maximum number of sixteen. Given our local knowledge, experience and excellent leadership, we are quite sure that this tour will be a trip of a lifetime and a fantastic adventure.

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## trip cost

Joining Kuching from: \$3999

All prices are per person

## options & supplements

Single Supplement: \$4440

World Expeditions does not require single travellers to pay a surcharge for travelling alone. We will arrange for you to share accommodation with another traveller of the same gender and if we can not match you up we will provide a single room at no extra charge. If you prefer not to share a single supplement is payable to guarantee your own room. The cost of the single supplement is listed above.

For competitive airfares and stopover ideas to join this adventure, contact our expert staff today to receive a detailed quote.

## the trip

Sarawak and Sabah, located in the north of Malaysian Borneo, offer the ideal base for exploration of indigenous cultures, limestone formations, jungles, forests and an array of wildlife. Sarawak is home to amazing limestone caves, headhunter trails and the razor sharp Pinnacles. Sabah is covered in impenetrable tropical rainforest where the rafflesia – the world's largest flowering plant, thrives together with an eclectic mix of other unusual plants. However, it is the wildlife for which Sabah is best known and we will wander trails through the forest reserves. Our adventure continues where we ascend high above the jungle canopy to the summit of Mount Kinabalu. It is unlikely that you could find a trip with more diversity and adventure.

## at a glance

DAY 1	ARRIVE KUCHING
DAY 2	TRAVEL TO NANGA SUMPA
DAY 3	TREK TO MAWANG CAMP
DAY 4	TREK TO SUNGAI MAWANG
DAY 5	TREK TO NANGA SUMPA LODGE
DAY 6	NANGA SUMPA TO KUCHING
DAY 7	FLY TO MULU NATIONAL PARK, DEER LANG AND CAVES
DAY 8	EXPLORE WIND AND CLEARWATER CAVES
DAY 9	GUNUNG API PINNACLES
DAY 10	TO MULU AIRPORT AND FLY TO KOTA KINABALU
DAY 11	TREK TO PANA LABAN
DAY 12	SUMMIT MOUNT KINABALU
DAY 13	FLY TO SANDAKAN, SEPILOK ORANGUTAN REHABILITATION CENTRE & KINABATANGAN RIVER
DAY 14	MORNING RIVER CRUISE, TRIP CONCLUDES

## additional deposits required

In addition to the World Expeditions deposit, you will also be required to pay an additional deposit of USD\$450 (paid in your local currency at the current rate of exchange). Accommodation fills very quickly so we require this additional deposit to secure rooms. This deposit is non-refundable and we recommend you take out travel insurance at the time of booking.

## what's included

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 9 dinners (and 1 supper/early breakfast before the summit climb)
- Airport transfers on Day 1 and Day 14
- Local guides (English speaking). You will have a different local guide for each major section of the trip including Kuching, Mulu and Kinabalu
- Comfortable hotels, simple park lodges/camps
- Private air conditioned vehicles
- National park permit fees
- Sightseeing and entry fees as per itinerary

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## trip dates

**2019**  
03 Mar - 16 Mar  
28 Apr - 11 May  
19 May - 01 Jun  
23 Jun - 06 Jul  
07 Jul - 20 Jul  
28 Jul - 10 Aug  
17 Aug - 30 Aug  
01 Sep - 14 Sep  
06 Oct - 19 Oct

**2020**  
01 Mar - 14 Mar  
26 Apr - 09 May  
17 May - 30 May  
21 Jun - 04 Jul  
05 Jul - 18 Jul  
26 Jul - 08 Aug  
15 Aug - 28 Aug  
30 Aug - 12 Sep  
04 Oct - 17 Oct

## important notes

**Note:** - Internal flights Kuching/Mulu not included

## fast facts

**Countries Visited:**  
Borneo, Malaysia

**Visas:**  
Please check visa requirements with your reservations consultant\*

**Vaccinations:**  
Please consult a travel vaccination specialist for up to date information

**Private Groups:**  
Private group options are available for this trip\*

**Singles:**  
A single supplement is available for this trip\*

**Leader:**  
Expert local leader

**Advice for people with limited mobility**  
This trip is not suitable for people with limited mobility.

**Brochure Reference:**  
Asia

\*Ask our staff for more information.

Local cash payments are becoming increasingly popular with many operators in the adventure travel industry. The policy seems to benefit the tour operators, more than the local economies or travellers, as it avoids local taxes and transfers the cost and risk of cash handling to travellers. In accordance with our Responsible Travel practices we have chosen a policy not to ask for such payments.

## what's not included

- International airfare, Visa, Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Flight Kuching / Mulu
- Meals and beverages not indicated in the program
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls, alcohol etc
- Tips and gratuities
- Porters for the trek to the Pinnacles or the Mt Kinabalu climb.
- Excess baggage charges

## detailed itinerary

### DAY 1 Arrive Kuching

On arrival in Kuching you will be greeted by our representative who will transfer you from the airport to your centrally located hotel. We will have an important tour briefing in the late afternoon, so check with reception for the time and location.

If you arrive early, you are free to discover the charms of the Kuching, a city established by Sir James Brooke, the first White Rajah of Sarawak. The White Rajahs refers to a dynasty that founded and ruled the Kingdom of Sarawak from 1841 to 1946, namely the Brookes, who came originally from England. In Kuching you can see buildings dating back to the days of the White Rajahs, ancient Chinese temples and colourful markets displaying the produce that first brought traders to Borneo. A visit to Kuching will not be complete without making a stop at the Sarawak Museum. Completed in 1891, the museum has an excellent collection of ethnological and archaeological artifacts and is reputed to be the best in South East Asia. There are plenty of eateries to choose from this evening and you will have an opportunity to wander around the city and explore. Local food here is quite economical and you will spend around MYR 10.00 for a good meal.

\* This evening you will need to pack the clothing and personal items you need for the next 4 nights in a separate backpack. Please make sure you keep these items to the bare minimum, as you will be expected to carry your own pack.

Overnight: The Lime Tree Hotel, or similar  
meals: NIL

### DAY 2 Travel to Nanga Sumpa

Early this morning (08:00) we will be picked up from the hotel in Kuching and driven to Batang Ai Reservoir. Along the way we stop at the Lachau Bazaar. Here we stroll around the shops and the small native market and have an early lunch in a local coffee shop. We then continue our journey, arriving at Batang Ai Lake around 1330-1400 hours. Here we board a longboat and travel upriver to Nanga Sumpa, arriving at approx 15:30 hours, although the exact time will depend on river conditions. There's time to settle in at the lodge before we have dinner. The evening is free at your leisure. However if you would like, after dinner we can visit the Nanga Sumpa

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## thoughtful travel

The natural environments that you'll travel through are fragile; the cultures and traditions precious and often the communities we pass through are reliant on tourism. It is our responsibility as visitors to minimise the impact of our presence, protect what is precious and where we can leave a positive impact. Learn how you can do this by downloading the Thoughtful Traveller booklet from our website.

## trip grading Moderate

Our Borneo Adventure trip is rated as moderate but there are some challenging trekking days involved, including the Pinnacles climb and the summit of Mt Kinabalu. Remember the fitter you are the more enjoyable your experience will be. You will need a good level of fitness and be in good health. The majority of our moderately graded treks involve the carrying of a day pack only. Be prepared for potential variable weather conditions.

Suggested preparation; 1 hour of aerobic exercise, three to four times a week and extended periods of exercise during the weekend will accustom you to regular exercise. Hill walking with a pack in variable weather conditions will be beneficial if you are taking part in a trekking adventure, kayaking or road cycling is also recommended depending upon the activity you plan to undertake.

longhouse. Relax on the ruai (common verandah) and spend time with the Iban people. Interact with the community; learn about their culture and perhaps enjoy some local rice wine.

Overnight at Nanga Sumpa Lodge, or similar.

meals: B,L,D

### DAY 3 Trek to Mawang Camp

After breakfast (08:00) in the Nanga Sumpa Lodge, we depart Nanga Sumpa (approx. 09:00) and trek for about 2-3 hours through orangutan habitat to Mawang Rainforest Camp. This camp is located at an elevation of 195 metres. Spend time looking for wild orangutans and other wildlife like the pig-tailed macaques, giant squirrels and a variety of birds. While the orangutans are only occasionally seen, their nests can usually be observed. Upon arrival, we set camp and have lunch at Mawang Camp. After lunch we'll go trekking on one of the many jungle trails to search for orangutans and their nests. We return to camp and prepare for the evening meal.

Overnight at Mawang Rainforest Camp. (Accommodation at Mawang Camp is basic and comprises wooden shelters. Thin mattresses, bedding and mosquito nets are provided. There is a toilet block with western style toilets.)

meals: B,L,D

### DAY 4 Trek to Sungai Mawang

After breakfast (approx 07:00) in camp, we leave Mawang Camp and continue your exploration of the jungle in search of orangutans, orangutan nests and other wildlife. After 3-4 hours we return to the camp for lunch. In the afternoon we will go on another trek to search for orangutans and their nests. We will return to camp before dusk. Dinner and overnight at Mawang Rainforest Camp.

meals: B,L,D

### DAY 5 Trek to Nanga Sumpa Lodge

This morning begins with breakfast in camp. Then we will trek from Sungai Mawang to Nanga Sumpa (about 2-3 hours). Search for wild orangutans and other wildlife before arriving at Nanga Sumpa on the Delok River. Settle in at Borneo Adventure's lodge and have lunch. In the afternoon we'll go on a circular trek in the Nanga Sumpa area through primary and secondary forest that is known orangutan habitat. Alternatively you can take a boat upriver to Enseluai Waterfall for a swim. Return to lodge for dinner. After dinner you can spend the evening at leisure in the camp or proceed to the longhouse across the river. Spend some time "berandau" (talking) with the longhouse people before retiring for the night.

Overnight at Nanga Sumpa Lodge.

meals: B,L,D

### DAY 6 Nanga Sumpa to Kuching

Following breakfast, we depart the lodge to travel for a couple of hours downstream to the Batang Ai Lake jetty. From here we then travel overland back to Kuching with lunch enroute. We arrive in Kuching in the late afternoon to check in to the hotel. Kuching, a city established by Sir James Brooke, the first White Rajah of Sarawak. The White Rajahs refers to a dynasty that founded and ruled the Kingdom of Sarawak from 1841 to 1946, namely the Brookes, who came originally from

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## adventure travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. In remote and developing countries do not expect standards you are used to at home. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may be altered. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability for this trip we recommend that you speak with your consultant or travel agent.

## important note

These trip notes represent the most current information for this itinerary, and may supersede any information in the current brochure, including but not limited to the itinerary and price.

England. In Kuching you can see buildings dating back to the days of the White Rajahs, ancient Chinese temples and colourful markets displaying the produce that first brought traders to Borneo.

Note: Leeches are found in the forest along the Red Ape Trail. Insect repellent is effective against leeches. Weather conditions and the water level of local rivers may force our guides to modify the trip in the interests of safety. For example, some trekking activities are not possible during heavy rain or a thunderstorm. No refunds will be offered if a trek is cancelled or boat transfer delayed due to bad weather or river conditions.

Overnight Hotel  
meals: B,L

### DAY 7 Fly to Mulu National Park, Deer Lang and Caves

Upon arrival at Mulu airport, you will be transferred to your accommodation. In the early afternoon, we venture on a guided tour of the impressive Deer Cave and the Lang's Cave. First we stop at the Park Headquarters for registration. Visitors are not permitted to enter any of the caves within the Park without a Licensed Park Guide. Important both for its high biodiversity and for its karst features, Gunung Mulu National Park, is the most studied tropical karst area in the world. The 52,864-ha park contains seventeen vegetation zones, exhibiting some 3,500 species of vascular plants. Its palm species are exceptionally rich, with 109 species noted. The park is dominated by Gunung Mulu, a 2,377 m-high sandstone pinnacle. A wooden plankwalk leads from the National Park headquarters to the cave entrance (approximately 1 hour walk). The Lang's Cave is the smallest of the 4 show caves of Mulu, but boasts some of the most beautiful stalactites and stalagmites. Further on we will find the entrance to the Deer Cave, the longest cave passage in the world. The main chamber is 174 meters wide and 122 meters high. Follow a winding path deeper into the dark cave passage (don't forget your torch light!) to reach the "Garden of Eden", where a hole on the cave ceiling lets in sunlight and a jungle grew inside the cave. It truly deserves its name! It is also in Deer Cave that you will see the famous rock formation resembling the profile of Abraham Lincoln. After the cave exploration, you will wait for the impressive exodus of bats. Most evenings at sundown (between 5.30-6.30pm), a spectacular exodus of about 2-3 million wrinkled-lipped freetail bats can be observed as they leave the cave in search of food. (Weather-permitting, you may witness millions of bats leaving the cave just before sun sets in order to hunt for food.) We walk back to the Park Headquarters, by torchlight accompanied by the calls of hundreds of creatures that spring to life as night falls. The return trip is a wonderful time to move through the forest, listening to the calls of the frogs and insects and often seeing fireflies and stick insects. Dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Shared Dormitory with shared bathroom

NB: Flight times from Kuching to Mulu via Maswing MH3823 may change (Dep 1120, Arr 1255).

meals: B,L,D

### DAY 8 Explore Wind and Clearwater Caves

After breakfast, we embark on a boat ride up the Melinau River to the Wind Cave and Clearwater Cave. Along the way you will stop at a Penan village. Formerly nomadic people, some Penans have settled here, looking for a less strenuous way of living and trying to adapt to the changing world of modern days. Visit the handicraft market, to see the products of the skilled craftsmanship of the Penan. Further upriver you will reach the Wind Cave. Explore the beautiful cave chambers with its spectacular rock formations and try to find out how this cave got its name. Wind Cave, with its

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impressive 'King's Chamber' is where, stalactites and stalagmites with delicate lace-like patterns are found. A 10 minutes' walk along a wooden walkway will lead you to a nice natural pool. From here you need to climb 200 steps to reach the entrance of the Clearwater Cave, which is Asia's longest cave with a subterranean river system. And as the name suggests, the water is crystal-clear. A wooden walkway leads you deeper inside the cave. The size of this cave will make you feel like a dwarf, although you actually just get to see a tiny part of the real dimension of this breath-taking cave system. Like most caves in Mulu, Clearwater Cave is the habitat of unique species of plants. One of them, the one-leafed plant, can only be found at Mulu; rare species of orchids and pitcher plants can be seen in many locations and photo-sensitive algae grow on certain rocks and have produced needle-like formations that point towards the source of light. Back at the natural pool outside the cave you will have a simple picnic lunch and enjoy the rainforest around you. If you wish you may take a cooling dip in the fresh water before you continue the boat ride to Long Litut (1-2 hours depending on water level). Here is the starting point of the 8 km trek through the rain forest to Camp 5, our camp for the night. After a simple dinner, retire for the night in the dormitory-like accommodation of the camp.

Overnight: Shared Dormitory at Camp 5 with shared bathroom (basic dormitory accommodation, in open space, with basic common toilet facilities. Bedding - foam mattresses and blankets - and mosquito nets are provided. Lights are powered by solar energy. Although not required, for more comfort please bring your own sleeping bags.)  
meals: B,L,D

## DAY 9 Gunung Api Pinnacles

After an early breakfast, get into your trekking footwear with proper grip and start your climb of Mount Api. Although the length of the trail is only 2.4 km, you will cover 1,200 metres of altitude! Therefore a good physical condition and high level of stamina is required! The last part of the trail is almost vertical, with ropes and aluminium ladders strategically positioned to help with the climb. After this tough challenge you will be rewarded with stunning views of the Pinnacles, a series of 45 meter high, razor-sharp limestone spikes that tower majestically above the surrounding forest. Recover some of your energy with a simple picnic lunch before you climb back down to Camp 5, where the river in front of the camp will invite you to cool off after this great adventure. Dinner and overnight at Camp 5.

Overnight: Shared Dormitory at Camp 5 with shared bathroom  
meals: B,L,D

## DAY 10 To Mulu airport and fly to Kota Kinabalu

After a simple breakfast, we return to the National Park headquarters (our expected time of arrival is around noon). From here we transfer to the Mulu airport for a flight to Kota Kinabalu. Upon arrival we transfer to hotel.

Overnight: Hotel

NB: Flight times might change, Mulu to Kota Kinabalu. Maswing flight, MH3254 depart at 1445hrs to Kota Kinabalu.

meals: B,L

## DAY 11 Trek to Pana Laban

It is an early breakfast and transfer to Kinabalu Park HQ (approximately 45 minute drive). You will meet your Mountain Guide and transfer to Timpohon Gate (the starting/ending point). There will be a short briefing by the mountain guide and then we set off for the climb. We commence our climb to Laban Rata and along the way enjoy a packed lunch. Ensure you do not climb too fast, try to aim for 6 hours or more to

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reach Pana Laban, this is to reduce the risk of altitude sickness. At approx 4:30pm we arrive at Pana Laban (3272.7M). After checking into our overnight accommodation the remainder of the day can be spent exploring the surrounding area, or just relaxing and resting in preparation for your early morning ascend tomorrow morning.

Overnight: Laban Rata Hut – Dormitory Bunk Bed with communal bathroom (accommodation is very limited and will be in multishare rooms with dormitory bunk beds)

meals: B,L,D

## DAY 12 Summit Mount Kinabalu

We will aim to reach the summit by sunrise however you will need to make an early start (2:30am). Supper (or early breakfast!) will be provided before you start the final climb to the summit. At 2:30am you will depart from your accommodation with your mountain guide for Low's Peak Summit (4095 m). Our goal is to reach the summit in time for sunrise (5:30am). You will commence climbing by torchlight (a head torch is most useful) and as you ascend the terrain becomes less vegetated. The final stages of the ascent crosses bare granite slabs before a steep section up to Lows Peak and the highest point of Mt Kinabalu at 4,093m. As the sun rises over Sabah the most extraordinary view unfolds (weather permitting). Contrasting with the pink tinged granite is the deep green of the forest below, stretching to the fertile croplands and beyond to the island dotted South China Sea. It's time to descend to Laban Rata for a well earned breakfast. At 9:00am we continue the descent to Timpohon Gate – we aim to reach the gate before 4:00pm to avoid late climber guide fees\*. At 1:00pm we will transfer back to Kinabalu Park's HQ and meet our driver. Here we enjoy lunch before transferring back to Kota Kinabalu. Mt Kinabalu, the majestic summit of Borneo has such importance that the state capital Jesselton was renamed Kota Kinabalu in 1964. There are plenty of eateries available nearby and you have a chance to visit a night market or try some local dishes which aren't very expensive (estimated MYR 10.00 for a good meal).

(NB: Times are approximate and will depend on your pace and progress. It can be very cold with strong winds at the summit. On many days clouds could obstruct visibility.)

Overnight: Dreamtel Hotel, or similar

meals: B,L

## DAY 13 Fly to Sandakan, Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre & Kinabatangan River

This morning we fly to Sandakan city, the second largest town in Sabah, on the northeast coast of Borneo. Today you will visit a most interesting location - the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre. Here a team of professionals work with orphaned or abandoned Orangutans to learn the survival skills they need to return to their natural habitat. Later we'll enjoy a boat safari along the Kinabatangan River where we search for wildlife among the rainforests. Borneo's wildlife is so unique and wonderful that it is very memorable day appreciating these natural treasures.

Overnight: Lodge

meals: B,L,D

## DAY 14 Morning River Cruise, trip concludes

After breakfast we take a cruise up the Kinabatangan River to spot proboscis monkeys, langur monkeys, macaques, gibbons, saltwater crocodiles, bearded jungle pigs, hornbills, a variety of birds, pygmy elephants and much more. Following lunch we transfer to the airport for your outbound flight. Trip concludes

meals: B,L

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This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

## country information

The island of Borneo, the world's third largest island, is host to three different nations. To the south and forming the bulk of the island is Indonesian Kalimantan, whilst in the north the small country of Brunei is wedged between the two Malaysian states of Sabah and Sarawak. Borneo's coastline is washed by the South China Sea on the west; and by the Sulu and Celebes Seas on the east.

Malaysian Borneo, in particular Sarawak, is covered in dense jungle with large river systems passing through. Mount Kinabalu, in Sabah, at 4093m is the highest peak between the Himalaya and New Guinea. Sabah and Sarawak between them have over 25 different ethnic groups. Both have populations made up of Malays (around 20%), Chinese and Dayak. Dayaks are non-Muslim Malays and there are said to be more than 200 Dayak tribes in the whole of Borneo. In Sabah, the main ethnic group is the Kadazan (25%) whilst Bajau (formerly Sulu Sea pirates) make up 10% and other smaller groups include Murut (5%), Sulu, Tidong and Orang Sungai (River People). Many of these ethnic groups have converted to Islam or Christianity and moved to the cities and towns. In Sarawak, the largest group is the Iban, formerly headhunters, now principally residing in long houses along the Rejang and Baram rivers.

## climate

The weather is like other tropical regions governed by the monsoons. The wet season lasts from October to March, peaking in December and January, although rain can occur at any time during the year. There is a higher level of rainfall in Sarawak than in Sabah.

Temperatures vary little throughout the year and reach a maximum of 31°C (88°F) and drop to low 20's°C (68°F) overnight. Inland temperatures can vary particularly in the more mountainous areas where it can fall to freezing on the summit of Mount Kinabalu.

## dietary requirements

Provided we are advised in advance of your departure we are able to cater for vegetarian diets and can assist with medically recommended diets (allergies and intolerances). Please ensure you discuss your requirements with us well in advance (at least 1 month prior to your trip) to determine whether we can cater to such dietary requirements on your chosen adventure. Please note that options are likely to be limited in very remote locations or alternatives may be more expensive or unavailable. There may be times when those with special requirements may need to provide their own food. We are unable to guarantee a peanut-free or allergen-free trip, and therefore, we strongly encourage that travellers with life-threatening or severe allergies take all necessary medical precautions to prepare for the possibility of exposure. Passengers must travel with all necessary medications for food allergies and be capable of self-administering these medications.

## accommodation on the trip



Enjoy our fully supported camping in quality two person tents erected in scenic wilderness. Homestays are where a local family will open their home providing a wonderful insight into the local culture. Our lodges provide basic but comfortable accommodation that is well maintained

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and with good facilities. In cities or large towns you will be accommodated in 3 to 4 star, twin share properties that are centrally located, atmospheric and reliable.

The Royal Malaysian Customs Department has introduced a mandatory Tourism Tax of 10MYR per room, per night in hotels for all foreign passport holders. The Tourism Tax will be collected by hotels upon check-in on behalf of the government. Late check outs after 2 pm will also be subjected to an additional MYR 10.00 tourism tax for the day.

## pre and post tour accommodation

World Expeditions can assist you with booking your pre and post tour accommodation.

On occasions, your pre or post trip accommodation may be different to the trip accommodation and you may be required to change rooms for these extra nights.

## what you carry

Recommend that you pack very light for this trip in a small backpack. You are expected to carry with you the gear that you need for the during rainforest trek, at Mulu Park and again for the night of the Mt Kinabalu climb. This will include clothes, toiletries and sleeping bag (if you wish to bring one). It is possible to hire a porters for certain sectors only.

## equipment required

Specialist gear required include walking boots and day pack (a comprehensive gear list is provided in the pre-departure information provided on booking).

## vehicles & safety

During the course of your trip, we will use a variety of vehicles, all of which are fit for purpose and the conditions encountered. It should be noted that laws governing transportation safety may differ from those in your home country and whilst wherever possible, vehicles with seatbelts are provided, on occasion some vehicles may not have seat belts fitted.

## visas

Australian, British, Canadian, US and New Zealand passport holders travelling for the purposes of tourism do not require a visa for entry into Malaysia (Borneo) for stays of up to 90 days, provided you have proof of onward travel and at least 6 months validity on your passport.

All other nationalities should check with your nearest embassy or consulate.

Please bear in mind that visas may be required for countries you are visiting en route or transiting through on the way to your destination. It is important that you check the requirements of all countries you will visit. Visa costs and requirements do change regularly so we suggest you check with your travel agent or World Expeditions reservations consultant. It is your responsibility to obtain all necessary visas.

## info nights

World Expeditions invites you to attend our inspiring adventure travel information nights. These special evenings are designed to inform and entertain and are hosted by our most experienced and passionate adventure travellers and mountaineers. Ask our staff for a info night schedule or register on our website - [www.worldexpeditions.com](http://www.worldexpeditions.com). Shows can fill early so it is important to register your attendance so we know to save a seat, or two!

## private groups

The adventures featured in our brochures, and on our website, are just a starting point for many of our private group travellers. Working closely with our Groups Department we can organise

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custom designed itineraries for groups of friends, clubs, charity's, schools or even work colleagues. Our team will assist you with all aspects of your private group adventure from itinerary design to group flights. Contact our team today.

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## how to book

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