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Semengoh Orangutan Resesrve,
Kuching City Tour
& Menyang Tais Longhouse
an authentic experience of longhouse life,
very basic comfort level



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SARAWAK WILDLIFE & NATIVES TOUR. @ Menyang Tais Longhouse/ sleep on mat in Chief's 'living room'.. eat meals with the families (sitting on floor or small stools)

Price: RM2793. per person

Price includes 6% GST & RM45. per person for Charitable Contribution

## Day 01: ARRIVAL. SEMENGOH ORANGUTAN RESERVE & KUCHING CITY WALKING TOUR (6 Hours) (L)

Based on arrival in Kuching airport before 8AM, meet and depart for the Semengoh Orang Utan Centre located a short drive from the centre of the city. Observe the feeding of orangutans requiring rehabilitation. The orang utans are being nurtured to readapt themselves to the jungle life. You will have the chance to observe the Semi-Wild Orang Utans coming out of the forest for the feeding time. Before arriving at the feeding platform, you will have a brief experience walking through the amazing untouched rainforest.



Return to Kuching and commence the city walking tour. Break for lunch at approximately 12.00 noon. After lunch, continue with the Kuching city walking tour. On this tour you will discover the charms of this riverine city established by Sir James Brooke, the first White Rajah of Sarawak. Start your city tour with a short drive to the Cat Statue at the end of Jalan Padungan. In local language Kuching mean cat and therefore also know as 'cat city'. From the cat statue, take a walk through the street of Jalan Padungan to experience how an old part of the city has been partly transformed in to a modern and attractive district with many small restaurants and coffee bars that are a focal point for much of Kuching's younger set. You will end your walk at Tun Jugah shopping complex.

From this shopping complex, drive to Main Bazaar where your guide will point out a few recognised handicraft shops where you later can go for bargains if you wish. End the drive at the Old Court House dating back to the days of the White Rajahs. Walk again from the court house along Gambir Street which boost a number of old fashioned and interesting small spice market stalls. At the end of Gambir Street you will reach the Open Air Food Market. Here you will walk left in to India Street. This is Kuching's only walking street and some of the old shops here are still displaying the products that first brought Indian traders to Borneo. At the other end of India Street you will drive again to Sarawak Museum. Completed in 1891, the museum has an excellent collection of Bornean ethnological and archaeological artefacts and is reputed to be one of the best

in South East Asia. After visiting the museum, drive to the General Post Office. Walk to one of the many nearby jewelry shops to have a quick look at what is on display. Continue your walk through Carpenter Street, another of the narrow, old and interesting streets in Kuching.

Your tour will end here and you can now either have a cop of coffee or tea at one of the cafés or go hunting for jewelry, gold or handicrafts in the many nearby shops on your own. Or you can simply be driven back to your hotel in the late afternoon. Overnight at nice (new) 3 star hotel.

## Day 2: KUCHING - MENYANG TAIS LONGHOUSE. (B, L, D)

0800 hours pick up from hotel in Kuching and drive to Batang Ai reservoir. Along the way stop at Lachau Bazaar. Stroll around the shops and the small native market and have an early lunch in a local coffee shop. Then continue your journey, arriving at Batang Ai Lake around 1330-1400 hours. Then proceed by longboat (30 minutes) across the lake and upriver to Menyang Tais. Arrive at the Menyang Tais longhouse jetty. Then take a 15 minute walk to the longhouse. Upon arrival meet your



Iban hosts. In the evening, relax on the ruai (common verandah) and spend time with the Iban people. Overnight in the longhouse.

Note: Weather conditions and the water level of local rivers may force our guides to modify the tour 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.

## Day 3: MENYANG TAIS LONGHOUSE – TINTING EMPELIAU. (B/L/D)

Following breakfast walk to the river and continue upriver by longboat (subject to water level). Alternatively depart the longhouse for a long jungle hike. Our destination is Tinting Empeliau the lush forest where wild orangutans are occasionally spotted. Explore



Day 4: MENYANG TAIS LONGHOUSE - KUCHING. (B/L)

the rainforest and have lunch en route. Return to the longhouse mid-afternoon.

Overnight in the longhouse.

Following breakfast depart for a short jungle walk around the village area or visit one of the local farms nearby. Return to the longhouse and have an early lunch around 1130 hours. Approx. 1230 hours depart by longboat and travel downriver to the Batang Ai Lake jetty, arriving approx. 1330 hours. Then travel overland back to Kuching. Arrive in Kuching approx. 1830 hours and be dropped off at your hotel for check-in and overnight.

Day 5: Departure ..or extend your stay (B) Transfer to airport for your return flight.

\*\*\* END OF TOURS \*\*\*

Be prepared to get wet and have lots of fun as you explore this mystical island and discover for yourself a whole new world.