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Options

1. Orangutan Reserve & Iban Longhouse & Bako National Park (Wildlife)
2. Orangutan Reserve & Bidayuh tribe homestay.



OPTION 1 5days/4 nights

Day 1. SEMENGOH ORANGUTAN RESERVE & IBAN LONGHOUSE (B,L,D)

Pick up at Kuching airport and proceed to visit SEMENGOH NATURE RESERVE, Travel overland (30 min) followed by a brief hike through dipterocarp forest. Unlike in a Zoo, the Orang Utans are set free in a 653-hectare forest reserve. Here, young Orang Utans, who were either orphaned or rescued from captivity, are trained to survive in the wild.

Semenggoh is not set up as a tourist attraction but visitors are most welcome. Upon arrival at Semenggoh, you will be able to catch a glimpse of the Orang Utans during their feeding time. Spot their delicate nests, watch their skilful movements at the tree tops and also their interesting behaviour during feeding time. The guide will also narrate to you the behaviour, emotion and characteristics of this special primate called Orang Utan, meaning "Man of the Forest."



The continue your journey overland (4-5 hours) through rural Sarawak, passing through pepper gardens, cocoa and rubber plantations. Enroute, a few stops will be made. Visit the colorful native market in Serian town where a variety of jungle produce such as edible ferns, bamboo shoots and unusual tropical fruit are on display. Visit a pepper garden and stop by to view wild orchids and several species of carnivorous pitcher plants endemic to Borneo. Lunch en-route.



Upon arrival at the Batang Ai reservoir, proceed by longboat (approx. 1hr.) upriver to the longhouse, and settle in at longhouse.

After dinner, ready for cultural performance.

Relax on the Ruai (common verandah) and spend time with the Iban people. Interact with the community; learn about their culture and enjoy some local tuak (rice wine). Overnight at the long house.



Day 2. Tutong Waterfall – Nanga Ukom Longhouse (B, L, D)

Following breakfast, hike the jungle trails along the river and continue upriver till reaching your destination is the scenic Tutong Waterfall. Time to relax, swim, have lunch, ex-

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plore the rainforest or try fishing Iban-style. Return to the long house. Dinner is served in the long house with local delicacies to enhance the meal. After dinner, meet the tribe of longhouse. Woven blankets and handicrafts are available for display upon request and may be purchased directly from the longhouse people. Overnight at the longhouse

Day 3. Nanga Ukum Longhouse - Bako National Park (B,L,D)

Depart early morning and retrace your trip passing Kuching and on to Bako village (about 5 hr) . Then take about a 25-minute boat ride (depending on the tide) to the park situated in a peninsula.

Bako is one of the best places in Sarawak to see wildlife in a natural surrounding. The various types of animals that are commonly spotted at Bako include the proboscis monkeys, silver leaf monkeys, long tail macaques, wild boars, monitor lizards and numerous species of birds.



Tropical rainforest ranges from mangrove to kerangas (heath forest), tropical swamp vegetation, cliff vegetation and beach vegetation. There are several hiking trails inside the park depending on level of fitness and interest. These range from 1 hour to all-day treks. After dinner go for a night walk. Overnight at the park chalet.

Day 4: Bako National Park – Kuching (B, L)

Following breakfast, depart for a final hike on one of the trails spotting rare migratory birds and searching for the rare and elusive proboscis monkey, a primate to be found only in Borneo. Return to Kuching mid-afternoon. (Schedule may depend on tide) Have lunch and check into your hotel for overnight.

Day 5: Departure (B)

Transfer to airport for your flight back to KL

END OF OPTION 1

OPTION 2 5 days/4 nights

Semengoh Orangutan Reserve & Bidayuh Village homestay

Day 1 : Kuching - Orangutan reserve - Bidayuh Tribe homestay village. (L,D)

Airport pickup and transfer to Semengoh the orang utan wildlife sanctuary: (30 min drive) to witness the jungle feeding time at 9.30am.(alternatively there is an afternoon feeding time depending upon your flight arrival.

Bidayuh lunch : After a short coffee stop drive up to our village (1hr 15min) for an authentic bidayuh lunch (all the foods are either grown locally in the family farm or collected/sourced from the jungle/wild).

Longhouse visit: After lunch we will visit the top of the hill original bidayuh longhouse to see & experience how the natives live in their habitat, which has been passed down

through the generation. Here you will see how bamboo plays an integral part in their lives.

Boarding school & Mat weaver house: Visit the local ala-resort christian missionary primary boarding school (St Bernard, Sadir) and also the basket/mat weaver house*.



Night trek : After dinner we will go for a short night walk to see small creatures of the night. Fire flies with their blinking lights are always the favorite even among locals. Your choice to mingle with the locals or have a free and easy time at our 'surrounded by trees' balcony.

* no obligation to purchase.

Day 2: Hunter trail trek

Go on a hunter trail deep into the jungle accompanied by our expert guide. You will learn how the native set animal traps (no animals are harmed) and how they survived in the jungle for days on end until they are successful with their hunts and returned to the village with their prize.

You will also get to see first hand the wild flora & fauna and you pick survival tips from the guide. Learn about the wild plants & herbs that you see along the way. Head back to our village stay for dinner and mingle with the local villagers.

Day 3: Jungle trek & bamboo cooking (B,L,D)

After breakfast we will trek through the forest & jungle to the family farm (1hr walk). Along the way you will be introduced to the local flora & wild herbs/veggie and their use. Here you will have the chance to carry out jungle shopping (i.e collecting & gathering edible fruits, shoots & leaves to be cooked and consumed at the farmhouse).

You will also see all the local varieties of crops planted for local consumption as well as commercial cash crop sold for daily sustenance by the locals. At the farmhouse you will witness & participate in bamboo cooking. All the dishes are prepared and cooked in the specially prepared bamboo utensils. Even our herbal tea are sourced locally from the jungle, cooked in bamboo & served in bamboo cups. Those delicacies cannot be found in any restaurant!

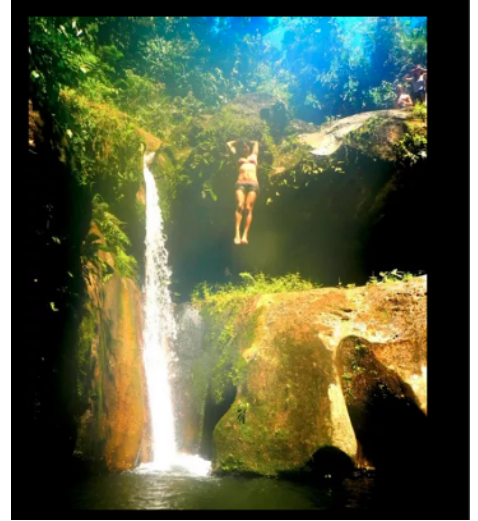


You can either take a refreshing dip in the cool mountain stream and see the local fish species or you can participate in the farm work or you can just relax in the farm house. Trek back to our village stay, after dinner we will go for a short night walk to see small creatures of the night, fire flies with their blinking lights in the dark of the night are always the favorite even among locals. After that you can laze around with the local to listen to their stories. For those who want to stay up longer, there are rice wine & beer on sale at the village shop.

Day 4 : Waterfall trek (B,L,D)

After breakfast, we will trek to the waterfall (35 min) walk for a refreshing swim or just to marvel with awe at mother nature's creation. You will get the chance to listen to the beautiful symphony of the forest & rivers which are just like music to the ears. Here, you will also be introduced to the local flora & wild herbs and their use. If you are lucky and you come at the right time you will get to see the beautiful colour of the jungle and blooming wild flowers.

Trek back to the village stay for lunch and then drive down to Kuching (stop at the orangutan reserve if we weren't able to stop there upon your arrival.)
Overnight in Kuching.

**Day 5: Departure (B)**

Transfer to airport for your flight back to KL

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