# JUNGLE JAUNTS

# Sabah Wildlife Tour: Version 2 with Tabin Resort

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Based on 2 passengers: RM5862, per person (reduced for 4 or more/ higher for 1)



\*\*Optional upgrades: see details at end : MY Nature Resort/ Turtle Island/ Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary

#### **ITINERARY**

Day 1 Arrival in SANDAKAN

Arrive in Sandakan airport. Transfer to Ibis Styles Sandakan Waterfront hotel for check in. (Standard)

## Day 2 -SEPILOK ORANGUTAN/SUN BEAR-KINABATANGAN - ABAI (B, L, D)

Pick up at your hotel after breakfast and drive to the Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary where captive orangutans are reintroduced into the wild. You will be able to observe them at their feeding stations in the rainforest and at the nursery (if open). Watch the feeding session at 1000 hours.

At 1100 hours proceed to the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre (BSBCC). This centre rescues captured sun bears

and is involved in sun bear conservation, welfare rehabilitation and education. Over 30 sun bears live at the centre in the bear house and outdoor enclosures. 11.45 hours depart the BSBCC and have lunch in the Sepilok area.

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Arrive at Abai Jungle Lodge around 1400 hours and check in. Free to relax or explore the surrounding area on the nature boardwalk. 1630 hours go on a cruise in search of proboscis monkeys, birds, reptiles and other wildlife. As night falls witness the glittering of fireflies on the mangrove trees. Return to the lodge for dinner. After dinner, go on a guided night walk

around the Lodge's nature boardwalk and search for insects, birds and other wildlife. Overnight at the Abai Jungle Lodge. Note: The nursery at Sepilok is sometimes closed to visitors. This occurs if any of the young orangutan are sick. As such there is no guarantee that the nursery will be open.

# Day 3: PITAS LAKE - ABAI VILLAGE - SUKAU (B, L, D)

Depart on another boat trip for birdwatching and viewing wildlife at the Pitas Lake nearby and then return to the lodge for breakfast. Visit the nearby Abai village and observed the tree planting project designed to help the locals with reforestation. Lunch will be served. Depart by boat to Sukau and after check-in go on a river cruise up Kinabatangan River to Menanggul River in search of proboscis monkeys, birds and other wildlife. Overnight at the Kinabatangan Riverside Lodge. Note: Option to switch to 2 nights at Abai Jungle Lodge & 1 night at Kinnebatagan Riverside Lodge. No change in time on river or price.

Day 4: OX-BOW LAKE (B, L, D)

Early morning, take a second boat trip for birdwatching and viewing wildlife at the Ox Bow Lake nearby. Trek the lush riverine forest along the lake and then return to the lodge for breakfast.

In the late afternoon, venture on another river cruise down the Menanggul River and along the Kinabatangan river. Return to the lodge at dusk. Evening at leisure. Overnight at the Kinabatangan Riverside lodge.

Optional RM 164 per person (minimum 2 persons per booking): In the early afternoon, depart overland to Gomantong Caves, the largest birds nests cave in Sabah and famous for their swiftlets and their edible nests.

## Day 5: SUKAU - TABIN WILDLIFE RESERVE. (B, L, D)

After breakfast, transfer overland in order to reach Lahad Datu at 09.00 a.m. at

which time you change vehicle and continue to Tabin Wildlife Reserve on a gravel road for about an hour and a half. Check into the charming timber bungalow of Tabin Wildlife Resort which comes complete with pri-

vate balcony and hot water shower, a real luxury in the forest.



A variety of birds, insects and even small mammals can be sighted quite easily within the resort which is set amongst the rainforest alongside the Lipad River. Discover the rich variety of jungle herbs, some endemic, used for generations by local folks for the treatment of various ailments. Spend the rest of the day at leisure or stroll in the resort's vicinity to enjoy nature at its best. In the evening, go on a dusk drive look for more nocturnal wildlife & birds coming out to feed at this time. After dinner, enjoy a presentation on Tabin's natural won-

ders. Overnight at Tabin. Note: Activities are subject to weather conditions and may be re-organised to best meet operational situations.

#### Day 6: LIPAD MUD VOLCANO. (B, L, D)

You may opt to take a dawn drive to look out for wildlife that is active at this time of the day (not included in package) or join the morning bird walk as Tabin has a rich collection of about 300 bird species. After breakfast, drive to the core area for animal-spotting before trekking through the lush green rainforest known for its rich diversity of plants and animal species to visit the Lipad Waterfall. Take a dip in the natural pool and enjoy a natural and refreshing shower under the waterfall. Alternatively explore the

surrounding vegetation or just relax. Lunch followed by a short break.





In the afternoon, visit the Lipad mud volcano which serves as a mineral salt lick for wildlife. After trekking through the jungle for twenty minutes, arrive at the elevated bare area of the mud volcano. Try to identify the multitude of animal footprints here. Walk up the observation tower and admire the contrasting landscape of the bare area and its surrounding thick forest where birds are commonly sighted. Your guides will set up camp for the night at the observation tower. (See note below) Stay quiet in order not to disturb wildlife which is more active in the cooler hours of evening and early morning. Stay alert during the night to observe any visits by wildlife to feed on minerals at the mud volcano.

Note: Overnight stay at Mud Volcano is optional and needs to be requested in advance. Alternative is to return to your cabin at night.

# Day 7: LIPAD MUD VOLCANO - TABIN WILDLIFE RESORT. (B, L, D)

Early in the morning, pack and return to Tabin Wildlife Resort.

After breakfast, stroll to the nearby Rock Pool or wander along the river where groups of macaques and other small mam-

mals can sometimes be seen. Choose to take a dip in the river or simply listen to the sound of nature, or spend the morning at leisure. In the afternoon you may wish to try out the Tabin Rainforest Foot Soak made with a natural blend of tropical herbs that help relax tired muscles after jungle treks. Dinner followed by a night safari to look out for nocturnal wildlife and birds. Overnight at Tabin Wildlife Resort.

## Day 8: TABIN WILDLIFE RESORT - LAHAD DATU - KOTA KINABALU. (B, L)

While enjoying your breakfast, you can enjoy the serene environment at the Café and observe birds, small mammals and insects that are active in the vicinity. Free at leisure before saying good bye to Tabin. Depart for the scheduled transfer to Lahad Datu airport for flight to Kota Kinabalu on MH 3019/16.00- 16.55.

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#### Inclusive of:

All airport transfers & all land and river transfers as described above 1 night at Ibis Styles Sandakan Waterfront hotel, with breakfast 4 days / 3 nights Sepilok/Abai/Sukau/Oxbow tour, full board (SIC basis) Overland transfer from Sukau to Tabin 4 days / 3 nights Tabin Wildlife Reserve tour, full board (SIC basis) Return trip airport transfers in KK Meals as indicated above (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner) Guiding on tours with English speaking guides Park Entrance Fees

#### Not included:

Gratuities to guides and long-distance driver
Alcoholic beverages
Domestic air tickets BKI — SDK and LDU - BKI
Optional tours etc. (Snorkeling/diving)
Unscheduled transfers to/from Tabin if required due to different flight times.
Camera fee at Sepilok (approx RM10.)

#### \*\*Optional Extras:

- Upgrade from Ibis Styles Sandakan Waterfront hotel to MY Nature Resort on day 1;
   Add RM 299. per person (MY Nature Resort will include dinner as well).
- Add 1 day and 1 night at Selingan Turtle Island for RM880.extra per person
- Add 1 day Labuk Bay excursion for RM391, per person

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