

Borneo Trek

Summit Borneo's Mount Kinabalu



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Conquer the jungle and the highest mountain in South-east Asia

On this stunning trekking challenge we will discover some of the marvels that Borneo has to offer! We will experience two extremes in just 5 days – from trekking in the virgin forest, being taught survival skills the traditional Bornean way, culminating in climbing Mount Kinabalu at 4102 metres.

Once a British Outpost, the states of Sarawak and Sabah on the Islands of Borneo now form what is known as eastern Malaysia. This lush tropical paradise is South-East Asia at its most exotic and untouched, with vast areas of virgin forest and unspoilt coastline awaiting discovery.

The forest is home to thousands of endemic species and will prove not only a tough trek, but also a stunning experience as you trek through changing vegetation from mountain forest, low level forest, walking through rushing streams, rivers and isolated villages. A real jungle experience, you will be taught survival skills and spend a night sleeping in a survival camp.

As part of this amazing, once in a lifetime experience we then head to Mount Kinabalu Park and summit Mount Kinabalu at 4102m. A tough, adventurous challenge from start to finish .



Detailed itinerary

Day 1: Depart London to Kuala Lumpur

Depart London Heathrow on Malaysian Airlines to Kuala Lumpur to connect with the onward flight to Sabah, Borneo.

Day 2: Arrive Sabah, Borneo

Arrive in Kuala Lumpur early in the morning and connect with an onward flight to Kota Kinabalu. Once we arrive at the hotel we will have a free afternoon to explore the bustling cosmopolitan city and capital of Sabah and prepare for the trek. In the evening we will eat traditional Malaysian cuisine at the hotel and meet our guides for a full briefing about the challenges ahead.



Day 3: Kundasang to Kiau

8-10hrs

After an early breakfast we transfer to Kampung Kiau in Kundasang (at the foothill of Mount Kinabalu). Our trekking challenge starts!

From here we head across mountain ranges and through the jungle, via Miki Survival Camp to Kiau Village. We will stay with the local hill tribe of the Dusan in their homestays and experience what it's like to live in the heart of the Borneo jungle.



Day 4: Mount Kinabalu Climb

5-6hrs

After an early breakfast we have short transfer to Kinabalu National Park HQ (1892m) where we will register for the mountain climb and start our ascent of the highest mountain in South East Asia. The trail leads through thick jungle, which changes into cloud forest and then to alpine vegetation. It will be a slow climb up steep steps and over rocky sections. We spend the night in dormitories in the Laban Rata rest house (3272m).

Day 5: Mount Kinabalu Climb

13-14hrs

We depart the rest house early in the morning (approx. 2am) in time to reach the summit (4092m) for sunrise. The ascent is steep in places, with breathtaking panoramic views. There are ropes and ladders in places to assist us as we scramble up to the top of the granite rock. The views from the top are incredible and well worth the hard climb! Having reached the summit we return to the rest house for breakfast and then continue back down the mountain taking a scenic descent to Mesilau Gate .

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Day 6: Sabah Tea Longhouse circuit 7-8hrs

After breakfast, we head north-east to Nabutan where we will follow some of the route of the infamous World War Two Prisoner of War Sandakan-Ranau March (1942-1945) undertaken by British and Australian soldiers. After lunch in Nalapak we will continue to the village of Muruk. From here we will be transferred back to Sabah Tea Longhouse where we spend a second night in this traditional dwelling.



Day 7: Sabah Tea Garden to Ranau 4-5hrs

After breakfast, we will transfer back to Muruk for our final day of this stunning trekking challenge. We begin by trekking up Marakau Hill and across the Ranau Plain to the Ranau Prisoner of War Camp and Memorial - A full account of the Sandakan story is in 'Sandakan. A Conspiracy of Silence'. After an emotional finish we return to Kota Kinabalu to celebrate our achievements with a celebration dinner and experience a cultural show.



Day 8 : Kota Kinabalu to departure

We have the day free to explore the city and take in some local culture before transferring to the airport for our flight home.

Day 9

Arrive London early morning.

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This itinerary is complex and subject to change

Challenge grade

Tough

Best time of year

May to July

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