

SANDAKAN SAFARI ADVENTURE with ABAI (EX SDK)

Tour code : SBEX20

Pick up time : 0945 hours (depart from hotel in Sandakan)

Duration : 4 Days / 3 Nights

Meals packaged tour takes you to the Selingan Island for turtle watching and then to Sepilok Rehabilitation home of the Orang Utan among others. The highlights of the tour include:-

❖ **Day 01 (lunch/dinner)**

Pick-up from hotel in Sandakan or meet upon arrival at the Sandakan Airport for your transfer to jetty where you will embark on a 1 hour boat ride to Selingan Island. Check into the chalet, lunch and free at leisure to explore the island, swim or snorkel. After dinner, wait for signal from the Park Ranger before proceeding in a small group to watch Green Turtle lay eggs on the beach, transplanting of eggs to hatchery and release of baby turtles to the sea. Overnight at the Selingan Island Resort (twin sharing basis)

❖ **Day 02 (lunch/dinner)**

Depart Island for Sandakan. After breakfast, drive approximately 30 minutes to Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre. Proceed to the free roaming area and feeding platform to witness feeding time at 1000hrs. At this centre, observe man's closest relative "Orang Utan" being rehabilitated in their natural habitat and experience a walk in the Tropical Lowland Dipterocarp Forest of Borneo. Depart Sepilok and transfer to jetty in Sandakan. Take an hour's boat cruise up to the lower Kinabatangan River Sanctuary. The journey allows you to discover the magnificent scenery of the Mangrove Forest from the waters of Sulu Sea at Sandakan Town right to Abai Jungle Restaurant for your lunch. After lunch, free and relax at our nature board walk before cruising in search of other wildlife. After dinner, the night cruise leads you to admire as fireflies blink in mangrove trees along the river bank, almost like lights on a Christmas tree. Overnight at Abai Jungle Lodge

❖ **Day 03 (breakfast/lunch/dinner)**

Wake up to the calls of nature. Early AM, take a river trip to the Ox Bow Lake to observe wildlife and experience the uniqueness of Pitas. Return to the lodge for breakfast, an option to join our tree planting project with the locals and lunch with them at Abai Village. This project is specially designed to help the locals. After lunch, cruise up to Sukau village in search of primates especially the Endemic Proboscis Monkeys, birds and other wildlife. Arrive Sukau, check-in at the Lodge. Late afternoon, take another river cruise with electric motor to Menanggul river. Return to lodge Overnight at Kinabatangan Riverside Lodge

❖ **Day 04 (breakfast/lunch)**

Wake up to the calls gibbons and hornbills. After breakfast, depart overland to Gomantong Birdnest Caves. Upon arrival, 15 minutes walk on the plank walk to the cave. Explore the largest bird's nest cave in Sabah, home to millions bats and swiftlets. The nests of the swiftlets are collected for the famous Chinese edible birds nest soup. Then, continue journey by land to Sandakan, driver uphill to the Puh Jih Syh Chinese Buddhist Temple which offers a panoramic view of the Sandakan Bay. After lunch, transfer to the airport for flight back to Kota Kinabalu.

Note: Please bring along swim wear, binocular, sun block lotion, hat, personal toiletries, insect repellent, walking shoes, raincoat and torchlight. Photography of turtles are prohibited between 6 pm – 6 am.

Include: Tours, transfers, accomodation, specified meals and entrance fee

Exclude: Flight tickets Kota Kinabalu/Sandakan/Kota Kinabalu, camera entrance fees other not mentioned above



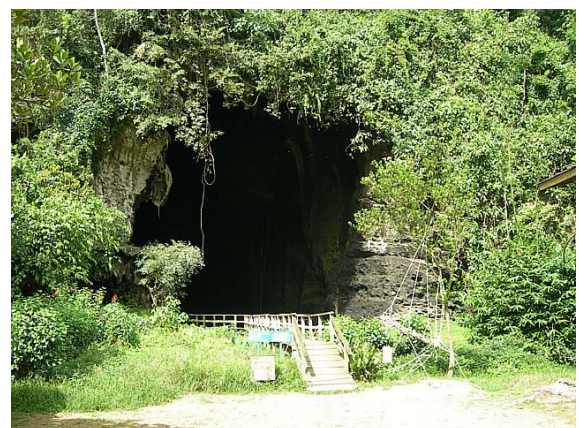
Turtle at Selingan Island



Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre



Proboscis Monkey



Gomantong Caves