

EXPLORING MALAYSIA

DAY 1 DEPART FROM LONDON

Today we depart from London on an overnight flight to Malaysia.

DAY 2 ARRIVAL KUALA LUMPUR

This morning we will arrive at Kuala Lumpur International airport where we shall be met by your tour guide and private coach to take you to the hotel. The rest of the morning will be at leisure to relax from the journey over.

In the afternoon we depart on a city tour of the Batu Caves and Chinatown.

The first stop will be at King's Palace, the National Monument and the superb buildings at the Independence Square as well as the Moorish-style railway station. A visit to a local handicraft centre and a photo stop at the magnificent Petronas Twin Towers will also be included.

The next stop will be at the World famous Royal Selangor Factory; you will have a first hand view of how beautiful pewter products are manufactured. Visit the Batu Caves.

Finally, visit a night market at Petaling Street, fondly called Chinatown, and try your bargaining skills. Pick up trinkets, T-shirt, bags, audio-video cassettes, etc. Work up the appetite before proceeding on to a local restaurant for typical Malay buffet dinner and Malay cultural performances. Dinner will be at a local restaurant with cultural show performed by the locals.

DAY 3 KUALA LUMPUR / KUCHING

This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel's coffee house, before we check out from the hotel. Depart to Kuala Lumpur International Airport for onwards flight to Kuching. At the airport we will be met by the guide and the coach and will be directly taken to the hotel. Once we have settled into the hotel we will depart on a Kuching city tour. The highlights of this tour includes the gigantic Cat Statue (mascot of the city), Tua Pek Kong Temple (1876), a view the imposing Fort Margherita (1879), a stop at the cat museum and Sarawak Museum, which is acknowledged as one of the finest in the world, pass by Malay village and mosque, the old gambier spice street with their open air market, Kuching waterfront, view the Astana, the former resident of the White Rajah and visit the Weekend market.

DAY 4 KUCHING / IBAN

After breakfast at the coffee house we will depart for Lemanak River Safari.

En route we will get the chance to stop at a pepper garden before proceeding to Serian. After lunch, we will continue the journey until the banks of the Skrang River where the motorized boat ride begins. On the boat we will pass through cool, thick, overhanging jungle foliage before arriving at the Iban or Sea Dayak long house.

Observe the lifestyle of the natives as they go about with their daily chores such as basket or mat weaving, mending of fishing nets, feeding of livestock and fishing.

Dinner at guest house. Try the "tuak"(a potent rice wine) and witness the traditional "Ngajat" or War Dance. At Iban we will stay overnight at a Longhouse.

DAY 5 KUCHING

After breakfast, participate in the jungle walk with an Iban man who will also demonstrate his blowpipe skills. After a jungle walk we will head back to Kuching for an overnight stay and dinner at a hotel.

DAY 6 SIPILOK ORANG UTAN SANCTUARY

This morning we will depart for Sipilok Orang Utan Sanctuary where orphaned and captive Orang Utans are rehabilitated. Take a walk in the jungle to observe first hand the feeding of semi wild orang utan. Lunch will be at a local restaurant followed by a tour of Sandakan visiting the observation pavilion, Chinese temple and water village. In the evening we will have dinner and stay overnight in Kuching.

DAY 7 KOTA KINABALU

After Breakfast at the hotel's coffee house we will depart to Kuching International Airport for onwards flight to Kota Kinabalu. At the airport we will be met by a guide and coach and taken to our hotel.

After settling in to the hotel we will depart on a city tour and experience Kota Kinabalu, a city of many fascinating sights and culture. Including a bird's eye view of the city and coral islands. This tour will include Signal Hill, the majestic Sabah Foundation Building, Buddhist Temple and the unique State Mosque with its contemporary Islamic architecture. In the evening we will return to the hotel for an overnight stay.

DAY 8 KOTA KINABALU

This morning we will depart to Kota Kinabalu Park/Sabah Tea and Poring Hot Spring Kinabalu Park. Kinabalu Park is home to over 1000 species of orchids, 300 species of birds, 26 species of rhododendron, 450 species of ferns, and 9 species of pitcher plant including Nepenthes Rajah the largest in the world. After visiting the wildlife we will proceed to Poring Hot Spring, while passing Kundasang and Ranau. Experience the canopy walk and a spectacular view of the forest from 80m off the ground. In the evening we head back to the centre of Kota Kinabalu for an overnight stay and dinner.

DAY 9 GAYA ISLAND

In the morning after breakfast at the hotel's coffee house we will depart to Gaya Island.

Gaya Island is the largest island of Tunku Abdul Rahman National Park. The island attracts similar habitats of the lowland dipterocarp forest. Walk on raised planks and through a mangrove swamp forest. Then trek through unspoiled tropical primary rain forest. After the walk proceed by snorkeling, swimming and BBQ lunch at the island.

DAY 10 FLY BACK TO THE UK

After breakfast at the hotel's coffee house we depart to Kota Kinabalu International airport for the flight back to the UK.

DAY 11 ARRIVE THE UK

Arrive early this morning in the UK