

Borneo, Malaysian & Thai Islands by land & sea

Depart Cairns 07 February at 10.55AM arrive Singapore 3.35PM – Silk air

Depart Singapore 07 February at 4.25PM arrive Phuket 5.25PM – Silk air

Commence the following land and sea journey in Phuket on the 07 February and ending in Kota Kinabalu on the 26 February

Itinerary

Day 1: Embarkation in Phuket

Sa-wat dee! Welcome to Thailand. Embarkation takes place between 2 and 4 pm. After meeting your leader and attending a welcome meeting and safety briefing on board, set sail at 5 pm. Enjoy dinner on arrival in Ko Yao Yai, relaxing and taking in the sunset.

Accommodation

- M/Y Panorama II (1 night)

Included Activities

- Welcome Dinner

Meals Included

- Dinner

Special Information

An arrival transfer is included from the airport to the port if you are arriving today. If you are arriving earlier, a transfer is included from the airport to our Phuket hotel. Please make your own way from the hotel to the port or a transfer can be arranged at an additional cost.

Day 2: Koh Yao Yai to Ao Nang

Climb aboard a songtheaw for a tour with a local guide. Ko Yao Yoi is known for beautiful beaches, friendly Muslim fisherman and diverse birdlife, not to mention some delicious local seafood. We set off in the early afternoon for the short sail to Ao Nang, a lively beachside town in the Krabi province. The night is yours to enjoy – perhaps kick back with a cold drink in one of the local bars. This evening, half of the group will head to Bung Ae House Homestay for an authentic, home-cooked Thai dinner.

Accommodation

- M/Y Panorama II (1 night)

Included Activities

- Bung Ae House Homestay dinner with local family
- Guided songtheaw tour of the island

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch

Day 3: Ao Nang

With a full day in Ao Nang, you're free to partake in a range of optional activities. Whip up some local specialties in a Thai cooking class, spot colourful tropical fish on a snorkelling trip, take the adventure to the next level with some diving or rock climbing, unwind with a traditional Thai massage, or make tracks on two wheels to a local waterfall. Another great option is to take a longtail boat to Railay Beach. Alternatively, simply stay on the Panorama II, which can take you around Phang Na bay for some snorkelling and swimming. Tonight, the second group will enjoy the hospitality and delicious Thai food at Bung Ae House.

Accommodation

- M/Y Panorama II (1 night)

Included Activities

- Bung Ae House Homestay dinner with local family

Optional Activities

- Ao Nang - Rock Climbing - THB1800
- Ao Nang - Longtail Boat Taxi to Railay Beach - THB100
- Ao Nang - Thai Massage - THB300
- Railay - Half day Eco Cycle - THB1500
- Snorkelling from the Panorama II - Free
- Thai Cooking Class - THB1200
- Diving Phi Phi Island - THB3900
- Stand Up Paddleboarding from the Panorama II - Free
- Kayaking from the Panorama II - Free
- Fishing from the Panorama II - Free

Meals Included

- Breakfast

Day 4: Koh Rok Noi

Arrive at around 7 am in beautiful Koh Rok Noi, one of many beautiful islands with white sands and blue-green waters against a jungle backdrop. You'll transfer to the island by Zodiac (a motorised inflatable boat). A full day of beach time is on the agenda, so enjoy some snorkelling, kayaking or paddleboarding. Otherwise, relax on

shore and take in the postcard-perfect scene. Late tonight, set sail overnight for Tarutao National Park.

Accommodation

- M/Y Panorama II (1 night)

Optional Activities

- Kayaking from the Panorama II - Free
- Stand Up Paddleboarding from the Panorama II - Free
- Snorkelling from the Panorama II - Free
- Fishing from the Panorama II - Free

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 5: Tarutao National Park to Langawi

Head over to Adang Island for some swimming and snorkelling. Set sail in the afternoon for Langkawi. You'll see this is a town that has retained its everyday local life and spectacular natural beauty despite its popularity among travellers. The evening is yours to explore the town as you please, so perhaps dabble in the nightlife.

Accommodation

- M/Y Panorama II (1 night)

Included Activities

- Beach BBQ

Optional Activities

- Stand Up Paddleboarding from the Panorama II - Free
- Kayaking from the Panorama II - Free
- Snorkelling from the Panorama II - Free
- Fishing from the Panorama II - Free

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch

Day 6: Langkawi

Join a local guide for a tour of idyllic Langkawi. This includes a visit to the beautiful Telaga Tujuh Waterfalls – a lovely spot to relax and take in the jungle ambience. In the evening, set sail overnight for Penang.

Accommodation

- M/Y Panorama II (1 night)

Included Activities

- Telaga Tujuh Waterfalls Visit
- Guided Tour of Langkawi

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Dinner

Day 7: Penang

A leisurely sail brings you to Penang at around midday. Enjoy a delicious and fresh local Malaysian lunch at the market, and split up into smaller groups to join local guides for a walking tour around Penang's old town, taking in the historic shophouses, narrow streets and unique atmosphere of the island. Take a rickshaw back to the ship and enjoy a farewell dinner onboard with fellow travellers.

Included Activities

- Guided walking tour of Penang Old Town
- Local Lunch
- Farewell Dinner

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch

Day 8: Penang

Disembark as the adventure comes to an end after breakfast.

Meals Included

- Breakfast

Day 9: Kota Kinabalu

Welcome to Kota Kinabalu, the capital city of Sabah. An arrival airport transfer is included. Please advise your flight details at time of booking so as we can book this transfer for you. There is an important welcome meeting at 6 pm today, which you can find details about at the hotel's reception. If you have any free time beforehand,

perhaps explore this intriguing city that was born between the Borneo jungle and the South China Sea. Modern-day 'KK' is a lively modern metropolis, having recovered from World War II bombings. The Sabah State Museum is a great place to immerse yourself in its backstory.

Accommodation

- Mercure Hotel Kota Kinabalu or similar (1 night)

Included Activities

- Complimentary Airport Arrival Transfer

Optional Activities

- Kota Kinabalu - Sabah Museum entrance fee - MYR15

Meals Included

There are no meals included on this day.

Day 10: Mulu National Park

Fly from Kota Kinabalu to Mulu, travelling via Kota Kinabalu. In the late afternoon, visit Deer Cave and Lang Cave, which are reached by following a scenic jungle walk that follows a three-kilometre plank walk which passes through peat swamp, alluvial flats and limestone outcrops. At sunset you will watch the millions of bats fly out of Deer Cave and see the large ring shaped formations they make as they circle higher and higher up the cliff face before moving out across the rain forest in spiraling ribbons. You will want to have your camera handy for this magnificent sight.

Accommodation

- Mulu Marriot Resort & Spa or similar (1 night)

Included Activities

- Mulu National Park - Deer & Lang Caves guided walk
- Mulu National Park - Sunset bat experience

Meals Included

- Breakfast

Special Information

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Please note you will travel on low rise, long tail boats today. These can be difficult to get in and out of so a good level of balance is required. Today you will also be

walking up to 20 minutes through forested paths and some steep steps. Shoes with a good grip are recommended.

Day 11: Mulu National Park

Spend the day exploring the stalagmites and columns of Clearwater Cave and Wind Cave. Located along the Melinau River, Wind Cave is named for the cool breeze that blows through it- so make sure you pack a jacket. Later, explore the caverns and crags of Clearwater Cave, one of the longest caves in Asia. For lunch, enjoy a simple picnic with your fellow travellers.

Accommodation

- Mulu Marriot Resort & Spa or similar (1 night)

Included Activities

- Mulu National Park - Wind & Clearwater Caves guided walk

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch

Day 12: Kota Kinabalu

Travel from Mulu to Kota Kinabalu, arriving in KK at 4:30 pm. Enjoy dinner in a local family home, before returning to the Mercure Hotel.

Accommodation

- Mercure Hotel Kota Kinabalu or similar (1 night)

Included Activities

- Kota Kinabalu - Dinner with a local family

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 13: Kinabatangan River

Fly from Kota Kinabalu to Sandakan (approx 50 minute flight) and travel by private mini bus to Kinabatangan River (approx 2 hour road journey) . Your jungle lodge, located beside the river, is ideal for taking in the lush surrounds. At 560 kilometres, the Kinabatangan River is the second longest river in Malaysia. It's also a protected forest reserve, containing some of the highest concentrations of wildlife in Borneo. Later in the afternoon you take a river cruise, hopefully spotting some of the more

exotic local creatures. Wild elephants seldom reveal themselves, but crocodiles, macaques, wild orangutan, proboscis monkeys, hornbills and kingfishers are more easily seen. After this short adventure, head back to the lodge to enjoy dinner.

Accommodation

- Borneo Nature Lodge or similar (feature stay) (1 night)

Included Activities

- Kinabatangan River - Wildlife spotting cruise

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 14: Kinabatangan River

You might awake to the call of a Bornean gibbon, or perhaps a hornbill. Enjoy an early morning cruise through the morning fog as the sun rises, searching for more birds and wildlife. Keep an eye out for long tail macaques and pig tail macaques – ask your leader about the difference. When it's all over, a second river cruise, in the afternoon, will be your last chance to photograph or simply marvel at your surrounds. Dinner tonight will be a BBQ in the open air, beside the river (weather permitting) followed by a Cultural performance by the local Orang Sungai people. Orang Sungai (Malay word for "River people") are a group of indigenous people native to the state of Sabah. There is 32 official tribes in Sabah and the Orang Sungai people live along the banks for the Kinabatangan River.

Accommodation

- Borneo Nature Lodge or similar (feature stay) (1 night)

Included Activities

- Kinabatangan - Cultural performance & BBQ dinner

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Day 15: Sandakan

Travel by private minivan to Sandakan (approx 2 hours). Once the capital of British North Borneo, Sandakan traditionally had strong trading ties with Hong Kong. The Cantonese influence is palpable in the lively harbour-side market, the many Chinese temples and the local cuisine. In the evening travel to the Rainforest Discovery

Centre to observe the beautiful red flying squirrels there. These fascinating creatures do not technically fly in the sense birds do, but rather glide from tree to tree with the help of their unique anatomy. With long tails to provide stability, they cover some impressive distances. Afterwards, journey back to your hotel in Sandakan for the evening.

Accommodation

- Four Points by Sheraton Sandakan or similar (1 night)

Included Activities

- Sepilok - Rainforest Discovery Centre

Meals Included

- Breakfast

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Day 16: Sandakan

In the morning, visit the orangutans at the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre. Watch and photograph these charming creatures as they swing into view on ropes and vines. It is important not to interrupt the orangutans, so as to aid in their successful re-introduction. A popular section at the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre, is the outdoor nursery where young orangutans are cared for if born in captivity or when their mothers have been killed. Entry here is included in your admittance. Take the chance to view these young orangutans as they learn how to climb on a specially constructed jungle gym. You also see the unique Sun Bears nearby today. Afterwards, visit the Sandakan War Memorial. Here you will learn about the city's past as you stand on the same ground of the former Japanese POW camp. This site also marks the starting point of the tragic Sandakan Death Marches.

Accommodation

- Four Points by Sheraton Sandakan or similar (1 night)

Included Activities

- Sepilok - Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre
- Sepilok - Bornean Sun Bear Centre
- Sandakan - War Memorial

Meals Included

- Breakfast

Day 17: Kota Kinabalu

Catch an early flight to Kota Kinabalu, arriving at 9:25 am. Travel by private bus to visit the intriguing Mari Mari Cultural Village, nestled deep in the countryside. Here you will see how indigenous ethnic groups of Borneo used to live. The trip there should take less than an hour. This is a rare opportunity to see what the culture and lifestyle was like here in a bygone era. Witness first hand how the tribes would cook their meals, ignite flame with bamboo, and use a blowpipe to hunt. It's a fun, interactive and educational experience. Later, enjoy a farewell dinner with the group.

Accommodation

- Mercure Hotel Kota Kinabalu or similar (1 night)

Included Activities

- Kota Kinabalu - Mari Mari Cultural Village

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Dinner

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Day 18: Kota Kinabalu

Say goodbye to your new companions as your trip ends after breakfast today.

Depart Kota Kinabalu on the 26 February at 11.45AM arrive Singapore 2.00PM – Silk air

Accommodation: Furama Riverfront IN: 26 February OUT: 27 February

Depart Singapore 27th February at 8.40AM arrive Cairns 5.20PM – Silk air

Cost per person \$8,638*pp and includes the following:

- Airfares
- Airport taxes
- 2 nights accommodation in Phuket
- 1 nights accommodation in Singapore
- 18-day tour including all breakfasts, 8 lunches and 7 dinners **Transport**
- Small cruise ship, zodiac, songtheaw, rickshaw, bus, Plane, Private minibus, 4WD vehicle, Longtail boat

Accommodation

Small cruise ship (7 nights), Comfortable Hotel (5 nights), Feature stay in Kinabatanhan River Jungle Lodge (2 nights), Resort (2 nights)

Included activities

- Welcome Dinner
- Bung Ae House Homestay dinner with local family
- Guided songtheaw tour of the island
- Beach BBQ
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