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2 DAYS 1 NIGHT WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

DAY 1 \triangleright SANDAKAN \rightarrow SELINGAN ISLAND (L/D)

08:00-08:45 hours

Meet and greet from Sandakan airport or Sandakan hotel lobby (town area only). Transfer to jetty for one (1) hour boat journey to Selingan Island. (Boat depart sharp at 09:30am)

<u>Selingan Island</u> is located within the Turtle Islands, which lies in the Sulu Sea some 40 kilometres north of Sandakan of Sabah, east Malaysia. It consists of three (3) islands – Selingan, Bakungan Kecil and Gulisan, including the surrounding coral reefs and ocean. The Park is noted for its green turtles and hawksbill turtles which lay their eggs on the beaches of the islands. The Park covers an area of 17.4km².

09:30

Upon arrival on the island, check-in at the chalet and lunch at Selingan cafeteria.

The afternoon is spent free at your own leisure. You can swim or snorkel around the island or simply relax on its white sandy beach.

*After 6pm, the beach is off-limit to visiting guests and the Park Rangers begin their rounds looking out for turtle landing on the beach.

After dinner, at the signal from Park rangers, observe the process of a turtle laying eggs, the transfer of eggs to the hatchery and release of turtle hatchlings to the sea.

Return to chalets for overnight.

DAY 2 ► SELINGAN ISLAND → SEPILOK ORANG UTAN REHABILITATION SANCTUARY → BORNEAN SUN BEAR CONSERVATION CENTRE → RAINFOREST DISCOVERY CENTRE (B/L)

07:00

Depart from Selingan island back to Sandakan and drive approximately 30 minutes to;

<u>Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre</u> – established in 1964 to return orphaned "apes back to the wild". The centre was being administered by the wildlife section of the Forestry Department which in 1988 was upgraded as a department under the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Development. All administration and management was given to the new Wildlife Department of Sabah.

10:00

Proceed to Platform B; observe man's closest relative 'the Orang Utan's being rehabilitated to become wild in their natural habitat and experience a walk in the tropical Lowland Dipterocarp Forest of Borneo and later watch a 25 minutes scheduled video documentary show.

Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre – is to promote sun bear conservation in Borneo through animal welfare, conservation, rehabilitation, education and research – giving captured sun bears a better home and restoring their right to live in the wild, by:-

- creating the capacity to confiscate, rehabilitate and release suitable orphaned and ex-captive bears back into the wild & providing an improved long-term living environment for captive bears that cannot be released.
- Educate the public and raising awareness about this species.
- Achieving increased protection for sun bears and their habitat through ongoing research, increased knowledge and awareness, and further protection of habitat.

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<u>Rainforest Discovery Centre</u> – is the gateway to getting to know the uniqueness and importance of Borneo's rainforests. Situated 23 kilometres from Sandakan Town and not far form the Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre, the RDC's main highlights are its exhibition halls, the Plant Discovery Garden, the Kabili-Sepilok Forest Reserve, environmental education programmes and a small lake for boat rides. The RDC also gives visitors a chance to get intimate with nature through its Nature Experience programme which includes a guided walk to the Plant Discovery Garden, Rainforest Walk and indoor/outdoor activities.

Lunch at local restaurant and drop off at Sandakan airport or your respective hotel*. (Sepilok/Sandakan town area)

End of service.

Includes:

- $\sqrt{1}$ night chalet room at Selingan Island;
- $\sqrt{}$ Entrance fee where is applicable;
- √ Guide:
- $\sqrt{\text{Meals as stated:}}$
- $\sqrt{}$ Activities and return land & boat transfer;

Excludes:

- **★** All airfares & airport taxes;
- **★** Camera & video fees where applicable;
- **★** Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages;
- **×** Travel insurance;
- **✗** Tips, portage & items not stated
- i) Monsoon season (seldom thunder storm/strong winds/rough sea condition/heavily rain & etc.): Nov Mar
- ii) Nesting/laying egg sesason: Turtles come to shore throughout the year to lay their eggs. However, the peak season/hatchlings season is between July to October. The turtles can come as early as 7pm or as late at 3am and have also in advance (3-6 months before). The best time to visit however during the driest month and the calmest seas between the months of Mar Sep.

Recommended things to bring:

 \rightarrow 2 days clothing with small bag (lightweight clothing or cotton shirts, long sleeves/pant), walking shoes, sun block lotion, rain coat/poncho, insect repellent, camera* (*camera fee excluded) & personal toiletries.

Things to know:

- Tour is seat in coach basis. This tour is not private tour, you will share the trip with other guests come from different countries;
- The itinerary is for reference only, actual time may vary depends on the number of visitors, distance, season, weather and road conditions;
- There is not refund for cancellation or miss tour features including sightseeing, meals or accommodation;
- In the event of heavy rain, land slide, nature calamities, we reserve the rights not to conduct the boat rides for the safety of the guests;
- Encourage guest to purchase your own travelling insurance.