



## Borneo

Adventure – Mountains & Jungles



# PIONEER EXPEDITIONS



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## ITINERARY

## Borneo Adventure • Malaysia

**12 DAYS • 11 NIGHTS**

Kota Kinabalu – Kiulu Valley – Kampung Sinasang – Rungus Mahaba – Nabalu – Kundasang – Mount Kinabalu National Park – Kinabatangan Wildlife Reserve – Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Sunrise on the summit of Mount Kinabalu
- Meet the Dusun people in the remote jungle villages
- Try the world's highest Via Ferrata
- The Kinabatangan River - an abundance of exotic wildlife endemic to Borneo

## TOUR ESSENTIALS

Tour Style	Multi Activity Adventure
Tour Start	Kota Kinabalu
Tour End	Kota Kinabalu
Accommodation	Hotel, Camping, Hut & Lodge
Included Meals	11 Breakfasts, 8 lunches, 9 Dinners
Difficulty Level	Very Difficult

## MALAYSIAN BORNEO ADVENTURE



This adventurous expedition takes us off the beaten track as we explore Borneo's remote jungle. We start by rafting down the Kiulu River and cycling back before setting off to the jungle. We will trek through the rainforest, camping in remote villages and summiting South East Asia's highest peak – Mount Kinabalu.



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# BORNEO, *an overview*

Sarawak and Sabah make up the more popular Malaysian portion of the beautiful nature playground - Borneo. This magical Island is draped in the richest and one of the most ancient equatorial rainforests on the planet. It acts as shelter to some incredible native wildlife including Orangutans and proboscis monkeys in the canopy above, pygmy elephants roaming the riversides and clouded leopards wandering the depths of the jungle. Borneo's extraordinary wilderness is made up of endless Rivers, dramatic Mountains, dense steamy Jungle, as well as some spectacular beaches. Borneo serves up true remoteness, wildlife and adventure.

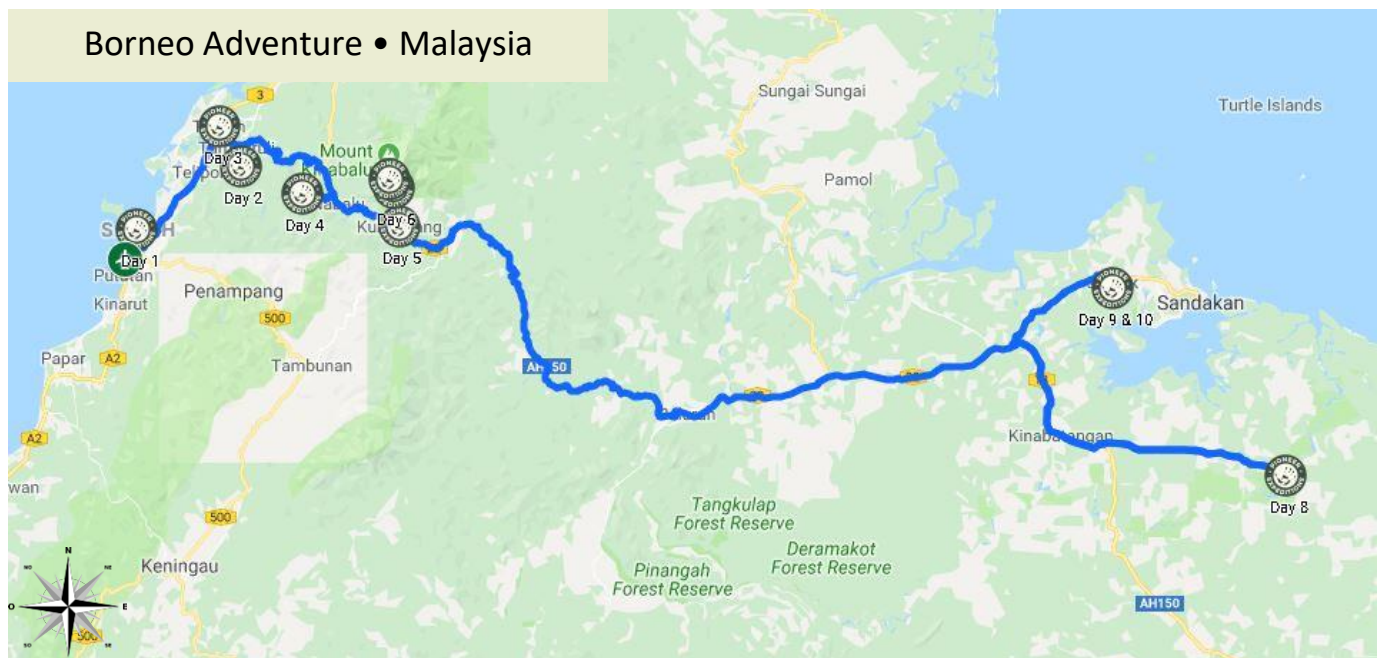
## WHY PIONEER EXPEDITIONS?

Pioneer Expeditions are one of the few specialists that really *do* off the beaten track and unique adventures. The team have a real passion for wildlife and adventure travel which we love to share with our clients. We delight in searching the world for new destinations, new experiences and creating the most incredible adventures.

We like to introduce our clients to unique, the different, and the incredible. Whether it is through wildlife tracking, sea kayaking, snorkelling, trekking, rafting, cycling or observing wildlife in its natural environment, we want to give you the real Pioneer experience.

From the moment you choose to travel with Pioneer Expeditions until you return back home, you are supported by our dedicated team. We listen to what you want and can create an itinerary around your specific needs, working with your budget and with a commitment to responsible travel.

## ITINERARY



## DAY 1: KOTA KINABALU

We will be met at the airport and transferred to our 3\* hotel in the centre of Kota Kinabalu. Dinner this evening will be at a typical Malaysian restaurant featuring local food.

*Overnight Hotel (Best Western Kinabalu Daya or similar)*



Overnight:  
**Hotel**



Meals:  
**D**



Distance:  
**Approx. 15min drive**



Activities:  
**Arriving**

## DAY 2: RAFTING ON THE KIULU RIVER & BIKE IN THE KIULU VALLEY

This morning we have a short transfer to the beautiful Kiulu valley where we go white water rafting on the Kiulu River (Grade 2). Following a BBQ lunch and some time to relax by the river, we then set out on our bikes and cycle through the Kiulu valley to our campsite at Rangalau Camp.

*Overnight Camp*



Overnight:  
**Camp**



Meals:  
**B, L, D**



Distance:  
**Approx. 1hour drive**



Activities:  
**Rafting and Cycling**

## DAY 3: TREKKING

This morning we wake up to the view of Mount Kinabalu. After breakfast, we need a 25 minutes' transfer to begin trekking into a remote area of Sabah. Moving away from the river we set out into the jungle and pass through the occasional village. The trekking is hot and sweaty with some steep hills to climb. Tonight we sleep in tents or hammocks or the village community hall at Kampung Sinansang where the ladies in the village will cook us a typical Malaysian feast.

*Overnight Camp*



Overnight:  
**Camp**



Meals:  
**B, L, D**



Distance:  
**Approx. 25min drive**



Activities:  
**Trekking**

## DAY 4: TREKKING UNTIL RUNGUS MAHABA

We continue our trek from Kampung Sinansang through beautiful forest, to our next camp at a village called Rungus Mahaba. Again it will be a tough day as much of the terrain is hilly but the views are spectacular and we pass through a pretty village with very friendly local people. We sleep in tents or hammocks or the village community hall.

*Overnight Camp*



Overnight:  
**Camp**



Meals:  
**B, L, D**



Distance:



Activities:  
**Trekking**





## DAY 5: TREKKING IN THE JUNGLE & KUNDASANG

After breakfast we set off trekking again until we reach Pekan Nabal, a little market area on the road to Mount Kinabalu. From here, we will take a short bus transfer to Kundasang where we will overnight in a 2 star hotel with the most amazing views of Mount Kinabalu.

### Overnight Hotel



Overnight:  
**Camp**



Meals:  
**B, L, D**



Distance:  
**Approx. 1 hour drive**



Activities:  
**Trekking**

## DAY 6: CLIMBING MOUNT KINABALU

Today, we head to the National Park where we begin our 7 km climb up to the mountain hut on the slopes of Mount Kinabalu. Tonight we sleep in dorms at the mountain huts at Laban Rata, some 3280m ASL.

### Overnight Hut



Overnight:  
**Camp**



Meals:  
**B, L, D**



Distance:  
**N/A**



Activities:  
**Trekking**

## DAY 7: TREKKING TO THE SUMMIT & HOT SPRINGS

This morning we depart from our hut at 3am and trek up to the summit, as the sun is rising. It is a spectacular view of the foothills, down to the South China Sea. If the weather is fine, there is the option to do the Via Ferrata route on the mountain on the way back down to our rest house. From the rest house, we descend back to the park HQ and take a bus to poring Hot Springs to spend the evening relaxing our tired legs in the baths.



### Overnight – Hostel



Overnight:  
**Camp**



Meals:  
**B, L, D**



Distance:  
**N/A**



Activities:  
**Trekking**

## DAY 8: KINABATANGAN WILDLIFE RESERVE

Our next destination is the Kinabatangan Wildlife Reserve. On arrival, we will have time to settle in before heading out on an afternoon and sunset river cruise. This reserve is famous for its abundance of wildlife and we guarantee that you will see proboscis monkeys in the wild. There are also regular sightings of wild orangutan, elephants, gibbons, hornbills and crocodiles.

### Overnight – River Lodge Twins



Overnight:  
**Lodge**



Meals:  
**B, L, D**



Distance:  
**Approx. 5hrs drive**



Activities:  
**Wildlife**



## DAY 9: RIVER CRUISE & SEPILOK ORANGUTAN SANCTUARY

We wake up before the sun rises to embark on a dawn river cruise to watch the wildlife come to life. It is fascinating to watch the proboscis monkeys waken in their canopy homes. After breakfast, we transfer to Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary via Gomantong caves arriving in time for the afternoon feeding session.

*Overnight – Hotel Twins*



*Overnight:*  
**Hotel**



*Meals:*  
**B, L, D**



*Distance:*  
**Varies**



*Activities:*  
**Wildlife**



## DAY 10: RAINFOREST DISCOVERY CENTRE & CANOPY WALKWAY

Before we leave for our flight to Kota Kinabalu, we will have time to visit the Rainforest Discovery Centre and the canopy walkway. Tonight we stay in a small beach resort with a swimming pool.

*Overnight hotel – Hotel Twins*



*Overnight:*  
**Hotel**



*Meals:*  
**B**



*Distance:*  
**Short flight**



*Activities:*  
**Wildlife**

## DAY 11: FREE ACTIVITIES

Today is free from organised activities. However, there are many options to keep us busy including a mountain biking trip, a visit to a tropical island, adventure park or wildlife park. There is also the option to go into the city for any last minute shopping or you can simply relax by the swimming pool.

*Overnight hotel – Hotel Twins*



*Overnight:*  
**Hotel**



*Meals:*  
**B**



*Distance:*  
**Varies**



*Activities:*  
**Wildlife**

## DAY 12: FLIGHT HOME

Transfer to airport, expedition end.



*Overnight:*  
**N/A**



*Meals:*  
**B**



*Distance:*  
**Varies**



*Activities:*  
**Departing**



# WHAT OUR CLIENTS HAVE SAID

*'What a fantastic value for money trip. The staff were fantastic. Reaching the summit is much tougher than expected. I've been lucky enough to travel all over but this was the best holiday of my life. Thank you'*

-Spice

*'Really enjoyed the holiday - guides were outstanding, well balanced itinerary. Kinabalu climb was amazing and certainly recommend the via ferrata. Overall a fabulous holiday, beautifully organised and charming guide - thank-you'*

-Bingham Family

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## INCLUDED

- All meals as described (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Accommodation in hotel, lodges and camping as mentioned or similar
- All transfers in private vehicle
- English Speaking Guide from days 2 – 9
- Mountain guide for Mt Kinabalu
- Tours as mentioned with services of English speaking guide
- Rafting equipment
- Kayaks

## NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Meals other than mentioned
- Immigration fees
- Personal expenses
- Optional tours/activities
- Tips for porters



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACTIVITY DURATION	When trekking and climbing we will be active for 6 or more hours per day – other days are less active with 2 – 4 hours activities max
SEASON	March – December
BEST TIME TO GO	March to October (as these are usually the driest and most settled times of the year).
GROUP SIZE	We are able to arrange tailor made trips for 2 or more people (the price quoted is based on a minimum of 4 people, and a supplement may apply if less).
ALTITUDE	0 - 3,272 meters
LANGUAGE	Bahasa Malaysia is the national language in Borneo, English is also spoken widely.
DIFFICULTY LEVEL	Our grades have been designated based on our perception of the degree of physical activity you are likely to require to enjoy the adventure. These are only a guideline. This itinerary has a 'very difficult level' (challenging activities for more than 7 hours per day). This means that you will need to be fit and training will be required.
EXPEDITION SCHEDULE	We currently run this as a tailor-made itinerary so can schedule this to suit your dates.

## THE PIONEER BOOKING PROCESS

Where do you go from here? Well, you can feel free to email us at [info@pioneerexpeditions.com](mailto:info@pioneerexpeditions.com) if you're interested in this trip, or any of our other expeditions from around the world. Visit our website [www.pioneerexpeditions.com](http://www.pioneerexpeditions.com) to unearth all of our other equally amazing trips and destinations.

### 1. Contact us -

We will be happy to answer any questions or enquiries you may have. From here we will begin to plan and put together your dream adventure holiday! Alternatively, on our website you will find our booking and enquiry forms; once filled in, we will be notified of your enquiry and will get back to you ASAP.

### 2. Leave everything to us -

Everything will be arranged and booked by us, but we will make sure to keep you updated every step of the way. In addition, we can arrange your international flights if needed, as we have access to competitive airfares. We can also arrange any additional tours or additional night's accommodation.

### 3. Wait for your adventure to begin -

Sit back and count down the days until your trip of a lifetime with Pioneer Expeditions. We'll handle all of the last minute preparations and provide you with everything you need. All practical information will be sent out to you, prior to your trip.

If you feel like altering this itinerary to suit your personal preferences, we can arrange all of that and more – just get in contact with us and let us know your requirements and wishes. From here, we can simply tailor-make your dream holiday.

