

# Nature and Culture in Borneo

**Guaranteed departure  
with 2 persons  
Individual tour with  
private guides and  
drivers**

This package was designed to contrast the modern Malaysia with the culture of forest people on the Island of Borneo, in the province of Sarawak. Stay in modern accommodations while taking a step back in time when head hunters roamed the region. A unique look at human diversity. And no, you will not be served for dinner.

**Kuala Lumpur – Kuching – Batang Ai – Miri – Mulu – Kota Kinabalu**

Land only

**From \$ 2 952**

All taxes included

**11 days and 21 meals**

**Day 1**

**Kuala Lumpur**

Arrival, meet and transfer to the hotel

**Day 2**

**Kuala Lumpur**

Full day tour of the capital of Malaysia, a modern and cosmopolitan city. First stop on this tour is Masjid Jamek, the oldest mosque in Kuala Lumpur, then drive to the Tugu Negara, or War Memorial. Continue towards Chinatown to see its bustling activities. Other landmarks to be visited include the Moorish-styled Federal Court, the old Railway station, the Tudor-styled Cricket Club and the King's Palace. Stop at Kuala Lumpur City Center and the Kuala Lumpur Twin Towers. The centerpiece of the KLCC is the Petronas Philharmonic Hall, home of the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra and the Petronas Performing Arts Group. Lunch in a local restaurant. After lunch, leave for Putrajaya, new administrative capital of Malaysia built in 2001. It is still under development and its centre of attraction is the 650 acre Putrajaya Lake which gives it a peaceful atmosphere. Return to the hotel. (B.L)

**Day 3**

**Kuala Lumpur – Kuching**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Kuching. Arrival and transfer to the hotel. The tour of Kuching begins with the

gigantic cat statue, mascot of the city. Drive through Chinatown and stop at the Tua Pek Kong temple, the oldest in Sarawak. From there you can observe Fort Margherita, which now serves as a police museum. Pass in front of the Astana house, residence of the governor and the old Colonial Law Court. End of the tour with the Sarawak Museum, one of the best anthropological museums in the world. Return to the hotel. (B)

**Day 4**

**Kuching – Lemanak Longhouse**

Morning departure to Batang Ai for approximately 4 hours drive, passing by many rubber, oil palm and pepper plantations. In Batang Ai, I take a small boat to go up to the longhouse. Here the Iban families live under the same roof. After settling in, visits the longhouse and its common areas. During dinner, introduction to the village chief; your hosts will perform traditional dances through the evening. Accommodation at the Hilton Batang Ai. (B.L.D)

**Day 5**

**Kuching – Semenggok Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre**

After breakfast, witness cockfighting and blowpipe demonstration, followed by a jungle walk to learn about various plants which the natives use for food and for

traditional medicine; watch how the natives set up ingenious animal traps. Return towards the pier by boat and transfer to the bus for Kuching with lunch on the way. Stop at the Semenggok Rehabilitation center, where captured Orang Utans are trained to resume life in the wild. Arrival in Kuching in late afternoon. Transfer to hotel (B.L)

**Day 6**

**Kuching – Miri (by plane)**

Breakfast and transfer to the airport for the flight to Miri. Meet and transfer to the hotel. Following by a featuring Malaysia's first oil well or the 'Grand Old Lady', dating back to 1910. Continue on to the largest Taoist Temple in Southeast Asia, Miri City Fan, then to a handicraft center and the local market. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight. (B.L.D)

**Day 7**

**Miri**

Meet and depart for Niah National Park, famous for the oldest prehistoric human remains in Southeast Asia, some of which date back 40,000 years You will explore the Niah caves, then the museum and the very long bamboo poles used formerly to harvest swallow nests. Return to Miri and overnight. (B.L.D)





**Day 8**

**Miri – Mulu (by plane)**

Transfer to the airport for the flight to Mulu. On arrival in Mulu, transfer to the Royal Mulu Resort. Take a short overland transfer to the Mulu National Park, register with the rangers, and dinner. Proceed on the 3km-raised plank walk through the jungle to the Deer & Lang caves. Observe the exit of the bats on the observation platform outside the cave entrances before returning to the resort in late evening. (B,D)

**Day 9**

**Mulu**

Transfer in morning by open air longboats to the Wind & Clearwater Caves. Stop for a picnic lunch near the Clearwater Cave. Return to Mulu. (B,L,D)

**Day 10**

**Mulu – Kota Kinabalu (by plane)**

Transfer to the airport for the flight to Kota Kinabalu, meet and transfer to the hotel. Have a city tour of landmarks including The Signal Hill Observatory Pavilion, then visit the State Museum and State Mosque. Visit Poh Toh Tze Chinese Temple and its 150 Kg bell. See also the Sabah Foundation building, a polygon building and the offices of the government. (B)

**Day 11**

**Kota Kinabalu – Kuala Lumpur (by plane)**

Free at leisure for you to explore Kota Kinabalu on your own. Transfer to Kota Kinabalu international airport for your flight to Kuala Lumpur International Airport. (B)

**Price per person**

Period	Double Occ	Single Suppl
April 1, 2009 –March 31, 2010	\$ 2952	\$ 782
Except Dec 15, 2009 –January 10, 2010 Surcharges apply.		

**Customize your trip: Other hotels, and optional tours available on request**

**Your hotels**

- Kuala Lumpur :** Hotel Melia 4\*
- Kuching :** Hotel Hilton Kuching 4\*
- Batang Ai :** Hotel Hilton Batang Ai 4\*
- Miri :** Hotel Marriott 4\*
- Mulu ;** Hotel Royal Mulu Resort 4\*
- Kota Kinabalu :** Hotel Le Méridien 4\*

**Your package includes :**

- Round trip transfers between airport and hotel;
- Five domestic flights;
- Accommodation in double or single occupancy (with supplement);
- Hotel taxes and service charges;
- Private air conditioned vehicle;
- Local English guide;
- Visits and excursions according to itinerary;
- Meals according to itinerary;
- Handling of one piece of luggage (20 kg).

**Not included :**

- Meals not mentioned in itinerary;
- Drinks, gratuities and expenses of a personal nature;
- Travel insurance

