**WELCOME**

 **Package Purchased: - Sabah – Land of the Orang Utan
 8 days/7 nights (Package 21)**

**Itinerary: -**
**DAY 1    HOME / KOTA KINABALU**
Arrive at Kota Kinabalu airport (please advise flight number), transfer to hotel at city centre. Overnight 4-star city hotel in Kota Kinabalu.

**DAY 2   KOTA KINABALU / KINABALU PARK**Depart Kota Kinabalu and travel 2 hours along the ridges of the Crocker Range to Kinabalu Park. Enjoy superb mountain views as you travel to the Park at 1524 meters. Explore one of the many trails that lead through tropical Montane Oak and Chestnut Forest. Kinabalu is a botanist's paradise with over a thousand species of orchids, numerous different rhododendrons and pitcher plants. The bird’s life is equally fascinating with most species being montane, including a number of endemics. Visit Park HQ, explore a nature trail and see the collection of plants at the mountain garden.

En-route visit the well-known Nabalu Handicraft market which has varieties of handicraft from Sabah. Visit the local Dusun tribe and learn about their culture. They live in house made of bamboo a source that is abundant in this area. Visit their house and experience the local hospitality.

Check in and overnight Kinabalu Park. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner included)

**DAY 3    KINABALU PARK / PORING HOT SPRING**After breakfast, transfer 1 hour to Poring. En-route visit the Kundasang War Memorial which established in 1962 to commemorate the brave Australian and British prisoners of War who perished in Sandakan and during the infamous marches from Sandakan to Ranau during World War 2. The memorial is made up of four beautiful garden - the Australian Garden, the English Garden, the Borneo Garden and the Contemplation Garden and pool to represent the different nationalities.

Stopover at Kundasang Market where you will see the locals selling their daily harvest ranging from fruits, vegetables, flowers, raw honey etc.

 ALowland dipterocarp forest makes up most of the vegetation at Poring and it is an excellent place to view lowland birds and some mammals. Take a short trek into the forest to the Canopy Walkway for a bird's eye view of the tropical rainforest. The Canopy Walkway is suspended between trees at the height of 40 meters and offers an excellent opportunity to observe wildlife in the canopy.

Check in and overnight Poring Hot Spring. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner included)

**DAY 4   PORING HOT SPRING / KINABATANGAN RIVER**After breakfast, drive overland easterly to the district of Sandakan by the memorial route, where almost two thousand Australian and British POW last their lives along the way. The drive will take 4 hours passing through scenic countryside.

Continue the journey to the village of Sukau at the Kinabatangan River where the greatest concentration of wildlife in Malaysia and possibly all of Borneo, can be found. River cruise to Sungai Menanggol to watch the curious proboscis monkeys gather by the river bank. A good chance to see numerous species of birds and other wildlife until nightfall. Stay overnight at the riverside traditional style lodge.
(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner included)

**DAY 5   KINABATANGAN RIVER**Boat trips for the day at the river to view numerous species of wildlife such as orang utans, macaques, red and silver leaf monkeys, elephants, hornbills, crocodiles, civet cats, otters and the most famous creature: the proboscis monkey. Found only in Borneo, the male of this species has a large pendulous nose, fat belly, thick white tail and webbed feet. The bird life includes egret, kingfisher, oriental darter, bee-eater, hornbill and many more. Stay overnight at the riverside traditional style lodge.
(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner included)

**DAY 6   KINABATANGAN RIVER / GOMANTONG CAVES / LABUK BAY SANCTUARY / SEPILOK**Morning visit the Gomantong Caves where the bizarre edible bird's nest is harvested as they have been for hundreds of years. The caves are also home to more than a million bats. The birdlife around the cave is particularly rich, with crested serpent eagles, kingfishers, Asian fairy bluebirds and leaf birds often sighted.

Proceed to Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary. This privately-owned sanctuary located within an oil palm estate gives you the chance to observe the unique Proboscis Monkey up-close and personal. The remarkable males spot big dangling noses and pot bellies. You will have a chance to observe the Proboscis Monkeys both young and adults leaping from tree to tree and eventually coming down to feed on young leaves, plants and rice cakes.

Transfer to and overnight at a resort at Sepilok. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner included)

**DAY 7    SEPILOK: - ORANG UTAN CENTRE / BEAR CENTRE / RAINFOREST DISCOVERY CENTRE**Morning, depart to the famous Sepilok Orang Utan Centre. Founded in the Centre helps once captive orang utans learn to climb and fend for themselves in the wild with the hope that one day they may return to the forest. The semi-wild orang utans may return to the platform provided by the Centre for milk and bananas twice a day during the process of returning to the forest. Visitors will get a close up view of these orang utans and have the chance to photograph them at close range. Witness the feeding of the orphaned orang utans, visiting the information centre, exhibits and video presentation on the rehab of these remarkable primates.

Visit to the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre. It is a wildlife conservation and research centre for improving animal welfare and rehabilitation of Malayan Sun Bear (Helarctos Malayanus**).**It also aims to raise public awareness about the plight of the Sun bears and to raise conservation awareness about this species. The bears here are rescued and rehabilitated so they can eventually take their proper place in the rain forest.

Visitors will get to view from high level platform and see them going about their daily routines, playing, eating, climbing trees and other things. You might also have good opportunity to get some nice pictures from higher up.

Visit the information centre, AV room for video presentation on these endangered species and smallest bear on earth.

Visit the nearby Rainforest Discovery Centre (RDC) which has evolved has evolved from a small, cosy environmental educational centre in 1996 into one of Sabah's most popular centres. It is located within the famous Kabili-Sepilok Forest Reserve, home of the orang-utans Rehabilitation Centre. Here, you can walk along the network of beautiful trails and paths that are ideal for bird watching and discover the huge dipterocarp trees that are well known in Borneo. Discover the rainforest from the tree tops along a 343 metre-long Suspension Bridge and from the ground.

Overnight at a resort at Sepilok. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner included)

**DAY 8   SEPILOK / SANDAKAN / AIRPORT**
After breakfast, depart for brief City Tour of Sandakan. Transfer to the Observation Pavilion for a bird eye view of the town. Proceed to the Central Market where produce from the hinterland and fresh seafood are on sale here. The Market is also the focal point for socialising among the locals. Drive to the Chinese Temple where you can see the colourful interior decoration of this magnificent temple. Located on a hill it provides a commanding view. Continue the journey to St.Michael's Church where you can see a colonial style building where Christianity is preached. Drive to Sim Sim where you can see houses on stilts above the water occupied by local tribes.

Visits the Australian Prisoner of War Memorial, where the infamous Sandakan - Ranau Marches commenced in 1945. A commemorative pavilion holds educational material and includes a scale model of the original POW camp. A path winds through the park past preserved wartime relics and towards the obelisk of black granite, erected to commemorate those who has sacrificed.

Transfer to Sandakan airport (please advise flight detail) for your departure flight to Kota Kinabalu or Kuala Lumpur. (Breakfast/Lunch included)

**Include** – Accommodation, transfer, entrance fee, tour guide and meal as stated. **Exclude** – Airfare, meals not stated, expenses of personal nature.

**What to bring –** Insect repellent, sun block, hat/cap, raincoat, cotton shirts, trekking shoe, wet bags,
 long pants recommended.

**Flight Details:** Please advise your arrival and departure flight details by email: wildlife918@gmail.com
 , so that airport transfer can be arranged for you.

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