

Daytrip Sandakan Wildlife Experience

This Daytrip Sandakan Wildlife Experience tour package includes four (4) destinations:

1. Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre
2. Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre
3. Labuk bay proboscis Monkey Sanctuary
4. Sandakan Rainforest Discovery Centre (RDC)

Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre

- Close to the city of Sandakan, nearby the small town of Sepilok, you will find Sandakan's biggest (and Sabah's 2nd biggest) tourist attraction; Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre (SORC). The rehabilitation center was founded 1964 with the aim of returning orphaned, injured or displaced orangutans into the wild. The ground where the rehabilitation centre is located is part of the 4,300-hectare Kabili-Sepilok Forest Reserve. The Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre falls under the administration of the Wildlife Department of Sabah. Have you always dreamt about a close encounter with an orangutan? At this centre you're able to see the orangutans in their rehabilitation programs. At Sepilok the orangutans are divided in groups. The most independent ones are released in the wild after a certain period of time; you can watch them during feeding-time. Today up to 75 orangutans are roaming freely in the reserve.

Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre

- The Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre is a wildlife conservation and research centre for improving animal welfare and rehabilitation of the 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 BSBCC was established as a non-profit organisation in Sabah in 2008. It is a joint project between sun bear researcher Wong Siew Te, Land Empowerment Animals People (LEAP), the Sabah Wildlife Department (SWD) and the Sabah Forestry Department (SFD).
- Visit the world's smallest Sun Bear at the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Center at Sepilok, adjacent to Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre, there are about 44 rescued ex-captive sunbears residing at the centre. The centre is equipped with key facilities including an observation platform, boardwalk and a visitor centre. A visit to the centre is a must when in Sandakan, these bears are too adorable to resist!

Labuk bay proboscis Monkey Sanctuary

- Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary is located within an oil palm estate about 38 kilometres from Sandakan. In the mid-1990s this 400 acre site was going to be cleared for the development of oil palm when the owner discovered that proboscis monkeys were living in the mangrove forest. He decided to retain this relatively small pocket of forest as a sanctuary for the monkeys. Today Labuk Bay is home to around 150 free ranging proboscis monkeys.
- A local palm-plantation owner has created a private proboscis monkey sanctuary, attracting the floppy-conked locals with sugar-free pancakes at 9.30am and 2.30pm feedings at Platform A, and 11.30am and 4.30pm at Platform B, 1km away. An estimated 300 wild monkeys live in the 6-sq-km reserve. The proboscis monkeys are enticed onto the main viewing platform, which may put you off if you're looking for a more ecologically minded experience.

Sandakan Rainforest Discovery Centre (RDC)

- Sandakan Rainforest Discovery Centre (RDC) is the gateway to getting to know the uniqueness and importance of Borneo's rainforests. Situated 23 kilometres from Sandakan Town and not too far from 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.

Tour Itinerary

- Pick up from Sandakan airport or respective hotel and visit the Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary .You will be able to observe them at their feeding stations in the rainforest and at the nursery (if open).
- 10.00 - Watch the feeding session at
- 10.30 - proceed to the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre (BSBCC).
- 11.15 - depart the BSBCC and have lunch.
- 13.00 After lunch,proceed to Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary.
- 14.30 - The afternoon feeding time when groups of proboscis monkeys from the nearby forest and mangroves and head to the wooden platform for a free meal. Labuk Bay offers a unique opportunity to get close to these normally shy creatures. Silver leaf monkeys and hornbills are also sometimes seen at Labuk Bay.
- 1530 hours depart from Labuk Bay and proceed to Rainforest discovery centre (RDC)
- Enjoy a wonderful Centre where one can see, touch and feel the tropical rainforest up close. Don't forget the canopy, with unobstructed views of greens and trees.
- Transfer back to respective Hotel.

Package Includes:

- Entrance fee where applicable
- Tour guide
- Transportation
- Meals as stated in itinerary

Package Excludes:

- All airfares & airport taxes
- Camera & video fees where applicable
- Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages
- Travel insurance
- Tips, portage & items not stated

Thing to brings:

- Good walking shoes
- Light raincoat
- Insect repellent
- Sun block
- Sun hat
- Binoculars

Remarks:

- This tour package is for a minimum of 2 adults
- Private Tour: Additional 30% from the above rates
- Single Traveler: Additional 50% from the above rates
- Child (11 years old and below) 20% off